

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**OF THE**  
**ASSOCIATE REFORMED**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
(arpchurch.org)

**TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIRST**  
**STATED MEETING**



**JUNE 10-12, 2025**  
**BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER**  
**FLAT ROCK, NC**

**PROCEEDINGS**

The 221st Annual Meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) was held at Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, NC, on June 10-12, 2025.

A Pre-Synod Conference was held on Monday afternoon and evening. Various events and gatherings were sponsored by different groups during the week.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

Registration and sign-in for the General Synod 2025 was held in the Patrick Room of The Young Lodge from 8 A.M until 12 Noon. The Moderator's Committee on Memorials met at 10 A.M. Several presbyteries met during the morning hours. The Opening Worship began at 1:15 P.M. in the Youth Activity Building.

**OPENING WORSHIP**

**221<sup>ST</sup> Annual Meeting General Synod of the  
Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Prelude Music Rob Roy McGregor, III, Organist

Call to Worship

Song: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (Hymnbook 368)

The Constituting of the General Synod Alan Broyles

Welcome Chip Sherer

Memorial Service Bob Elliott III

Listing of Deceased Ministers,  
Synod Moderators, and Ruling Elders

## MINUTES OF SYNOD

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Sermon: *This is the Day...*(Psalm 118)

Bob Elliott III

Song: *Blessed Assurance* (Hymnbook 139)

Administration of the Lord's Supper

Bob Elliott III

Song: *Let Them Praise His Name* (The ARP Psalter #204)

Benediction

(See **Appendix** for the tributes and the list of deceased Elders.)

Following Opening Worship, Synod's Business Meeting began. Vice-Moderator Elect, Frank Hunt III, presented the proposed program for the 2025 Meeting of the General Synod. The Program was approved.

Special acknowledgements were made for Bonclarken hosting Synod 2025, Rob Roy McGregor III as musician, and Synod Pages (Scottie Crawford, Will Phillips, Rufus Terry, and Elijah Hoyer)

Kyle Sims made the following announcement:

*This is a statement that has been prepared by the lawyer that Synod hired this spring to deal with a situation. Earlier this year, a complaint was filed by an employee alleging discrimination concerning compensation. This has been an exceedingly difficult time but the administrative committee and executive board have given it its full attention. While we do not believe there was any wrongdoing or liability for any of the claims, we were informed that litigating the claims would be very costly in terms of legal fees, time, and other resources. The situation also presented a strong likelihood that the ARP would receive unwelcome public attention. To address this situation, the Executive Board declared an emergency and voted to resolve this situation through mediation. Due to the obligations placed on both parties during this process, details will be sparse at this time.*

*I will share the following. Mrs. Cindy Scott is no longer at Central Services, and Susan Tanner has been named Interim Executive Director. This is a very recent development within the last 10 days. I apologize for the verbal report. The moderator and I went to the office. We met with the staff, and I want to take a moment to say how much I appreciate our staff at Central Services and how they have kicked in the last 10 days and how we are able to do Synod. I appreciate them and how they do so much for us.*

Vice-Moderator Hunt proceeded with introductions. The following were called forward to introduce themselves: Ministers who have been received and/or ordained since the 2024 General Synod Meeting.

New Missions/Congregations which have joined the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church since the 2024 General Synod Meeting.

Seminary and special students under care of presbytery since Synod 2024.

Honorably Retired ARP Ministers in 2024.

Principal Clerk Kyle Sims constituted the Roll. A quorum was established. (See **Appendix** for the Official Roll of Synod.) Overture results: 319 for, 38 against, 1 abstention.

Retiring Moderator Alan Broyles gave his Retiring Moderator's Address.

*These are the notable events of the last 12 months in the ARP Church:*

*Last month I had the honor of attending the General Assembly meeting of the Free Church of Scotland, held in Edinburgh. The moderator of the Assembly, Rev. Alistair Mcleod, was most gracious, and he asked me to convey his greetings and prayers for a successful meeting of our Synod. We thank Moderator Mcleod for his kind wishes and hospitality.*

*We say goodbye to our dear brothers in Canada – we understand why*

*you need to leave and form your own Synod, but we will truly miss you and your contributions to the Kingdom.*

*In early December, a group including Sam Cotten, Martha Margaret Cotten, David Galetta, Kyle Sims, Justin Brickey, Lee Shelnuitt, and Alan Broyles attended the first graduation ceremony of forty-six (46) students in the Global Diploma Program in Theology and Christian Leadership, which is a joint effort by World Witness and Erskine Theological Seminary.*

*Second Presbytery was officially dissolved in September of 2024, and 27 churches were absorbed into either Catawba or Tennessee-Alabama presbyteries, with a remarkable lack of intrigue or drama.*

*Concerning the events that led to the dissolution of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery, I have a warning and an admonition: Hear me, Fathers and Brothers - WE DARE NOT EVER EVER EVER let this happen again! Too many people were hurt, and the Church – our Church! - was subjected to years of scandal, ineptitude, indifference to the Gospel, and a general moral collapse for which we will all have to answer for one day. I tremble at the thought of standing before God Almighty and having to account for my personal failure in this matter. I only rejoice in the fact that the Lord put several faithful men in particular places of influence who were able to help us see the way forward. So, I will say it one more time: **Never ever let this happen again.** We need to spend more of our time with activities like the Global Diploma program and less time on internal discipline issues.*

*Now let us move forward with a renewed sense of purpose to take the gospel message to the ends of the earth – together.*

Alan Broyles

Following his address, Alan Broyles presented the Moderator-Elect, David Walkup, to the Synod and transferred the Moderator's Shield. Mr. David Walkup then presented the Retiring Moderator's Bible to Mr. Broyles.

Moderator Walkup presented his Moderator's Challenge to the Synod.

*Throughout the year, I've had people say, "Hey, you're going to be the moderator, and I said, Well, there's still time for Jesus to come back." I appreciate the honor and appreciate your kind words, phone calls, cards of*

*encouragement, and prayer. It's with a bit of fear and trepidation that I'll take on this service and ask for your continued prayers.*

*The emphasis that I've chosen for the year is called the "Whole Counsel of God. This is from Acts 20:27, "For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God." I think it plays right along with Moderator Broyles' theme, taking the Gospel, "To the ends of the Earth." Because it has to do with sticking to the Gospel. Paul, as you know, spoke to the Ephesians Elders, encouraging them to hold strong to the preaching of this incredible, true, and trustworthy work. We know through scriptures from whether it's Paul or Peter or James, or even our Lord that we are not to waver from this indispensable word. We see so many denominations that have messed around with this word. We were walking around Bonclarken campus before Synod, and I was overwhelmed with the sense of blessing that has come to our denomination in light of so many denominations that have turned away from God's word. I kept thinking the blessing that we have is because we preach the whole counsel of God, and we don't turn to a man-pleasing gospel. We have seen denominations that have done away with the gospel. A denomination that has done away with missionaries. In one sense, that saddens me, and in one sense, I am happy because if you aren't going to send missionaries with the gospel to the nations, then don't send them at all. A false gospel is no gospel; hence, the command for us to rightly handle this word of Truth to preach it in season and out of season. A gospel that we would die for.*

*Some of you may remember years ago in the chapel when we were meeting, Doug Jones, who had attended a chaplain's conference, said that the gentleman who was speaking was announcing, of all the chaplains that were there, to introduce themselves and what denomination they were from. When they got to this name, Doug Jones said Associate Reformed Presbyterian. He paused and said, "Now there is a man who will die for the gospel. Let us be that way. Let us be brave and not cowards.*

*You will see the emphasis in the next ARP Magazine Edition, my first article, and throughout the year. I'm going to write other articles based on the same emphasis. Speaking of this at one of our Men's breakfast Bible studies recently was going through my emphasis and one of my Deacons said, "Wow this call from the Apostle Paul to not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God brought to his mind, Revelation 21: 8, 'But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers,*

*idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”*

*I thought, thank you, Peter, and I think that is the basis of my next article. We are called not to be cowards. To boldly, powerfully preach and live out faithfully the whole counsel of God. What a joy to be able to stand before our Christ and King. Well done, good and faithful servant. How horrible to stand before him and have him say, “Depart from me. I never knew you.”*

*So together let us recommit ourselves if we haven’t to preaching the whole counsel of God.*

David Walkup

Moderator Walkup introduced Vicki Marsh, President of ARPWM, who brought greetings to the Synod.

*What do women do in the ARP denomination? Let me count the ways... Women’s Ministry looks different in each church. In some, there are circles where women meet for Bible study, fellowship, projects, and sometimes, food. Others call themselves Bible study groups and might meet weekly, bi-weekly or monthly to study God’s Word. Other churches may not have an organized Women’s Ministry, but the women at those churches still serve in many capacities.*

*Our denomination was organized in 1782. By 1818, women’s groups began to be formed at various churches. Presbyterian Unions began to be organized in the early 1900s, and today, we have eight Presbyterials that are part of ARPWM. Our first ARP missionary was Mary Galloway Giffen, who was sent to Egypt in 1875. This year, the women are celebrating because it has been 150 years since our first missionary was sent, and how so many have followed to so many different countries since then! Our women have always been “mission-minded”. In 1925, 50 years after Mary Galloway Giffen left, Women’s Ministries began to celebrate the Jubilee (50 years) of missionaries by organizing Jubilee Birthday events at their churches. Money was raised to support two Jubilee Birthday ladies, and that tradition remains today. Back then, it was suggested that ladies donate a nickel or dime for every year that they had lived. Today, hopefully, more is given—inflation!*

*On November 7-8 this year, a super women’s retreat will be held at Bonclarken to celebrate Jubilee 3. It is sponsored by First, Catawba, and Tennessee/Alabama Presbyterials, and more information will be sent out to churches soon. It will feature several missionary speakers, a panel discussion,*

*food, fellowship, activities, and possibly a visit from “Mary Galloway Giffin”. Please encourage your ladies to attend this event!*

*In 1963, the women began planning to build a building owned and used by the women, and on August 9, 1970, Synodical Hall was dedicated. Today, it is used by the women, Camp Joy, and other groups. After several years of raising money for new floors at Synodical Hall (donations, selling calendars, etc.), our floors, including new hardwood floors in the hallway and back room, have been finished. The Silver Tea, which is held on Wednesday afternoon of the Family Bible Conference at Synodical Hall, is an opportunity for men, women, and children to enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and a chance to donate to Synodical Hall’s upkeep.*

*The ARPWM board meets four times a year and uses offerings from Presbyterials and local churches to support the Family Bible Conference, a Christmas bonus for retired missionaries, the ARP Magazine, and our two Jubilee Birthday ladies (Shelia Osborne and Rebekah Carson). In addition, they plan the WM Annual Meeting, retreats, distribute information on upcoming events, and are available as a resource for anyone with questions about Women’s Ministries. To contact someone on the ARPWM board, use [arpwomensministry@gmail.com](mailto:arpwomensministry@gmail.com).*

*On the Presbyterian level, retreats and other events are planned, and the Presidents distribute information from the ARPWM board on the recommended study book for the following year and upcoming events.*

*Women in local churches are busy in so many ways. Look around and you will probably see them staffing the children’s programs, helping with VBS, serving on the Benevolence committee, writing cards to sick or injured members, sending birthday cards to congregational members, singing in the choir, serving meals for the congregation, serving on church committees and filling boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They are also donating their time and talents to local missions such as Boys & Girls clubs, providing and packing bags for Backpack ministries to provide food for children over the weekend, mentoring children in local schools, giving hygiene supplies and clothing to low income schools, delivering Meals on Wheels and these are only a few of the things that our women are doing. If your church does not have an organized Women’s Ministry, I encourage you to encourage the ladies at your church. They are ready and willing to serve.*

*In conclusion, I hope that each of your churches celebrates Pastor Appreciation in October with cards and gifts. But, don’t forget that most good*



*men have a good woman supporting their efforts, and April is a good time for a Pastor's Wives Appreciation event!*

Vicki Marsh  
ARPWM President

A motion **CARRIED:**

**That the Retiring Moderator's address, the Moderator's address, and the Women's Ministries address be printed in the Minutes of Synod.**

The report of the **Special Committee on Canadian Synod** was presented.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN SYNOD**

The Special Committee on the Canadian Presbytery was made up of: Rev. Jonathan Cowan, Rev. GJ. Gerard, Rev. Henry Bartsch, Rev. Bryan Bult, Mr. Jerry Brewer, and Rev. Alan Avera. Our committee met December 19, 2024, and February 18, 2025.

Our mandate was as follows:

*That the Moderator form a Special Committee to develop a documented framework of practical denominational cooperation which reflects the unique and special relationship between the proposed Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church which will enable both Synods to maintain and work in a unique and close fraternal partnership in areas of common evangelical interests and, further, that this report be presented to the General Synod in June 2025 and further, that there be at least two members of the Canadian Presbytery serving on this committee.*

From our meetings and discussion with the Canadian Presbytery, our recommendations are below. Thank you to all who served on this committee.

Rev. Jonathan Cowan, Chairman

**Recommendations:**

1. We recommend that the Committee on Inter-Church Relations recommend to General Synod of the ARP that the highest level of fraternal relationship be established between the General Synod of the ARP Church and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Canada. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
2. We recommend that the General Synod of the ARP concur with the agreement between World Witness and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Canada to have a Canadian member serve on the World Witness Board. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
3. We recommend that the General Synod of the ARP Church sponsor the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Canada to be a member of NAPARC. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
4. We recommend that the General Synod of the ARP Church direct the Committee on Inter-Church Relations to study the establishment of a formal relationship between the American ARP Synod, the Mexican ARP Synod, the Pakistan ARP Synod and the Canadian ARP Synod similar to the Global Alliance established by the RPCNA church bodies. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
5. We recommend that the General Synod of the ARP Church encourage the General Synod and the Associate Reformed Church in Canada to work together as much as possible having joint participation in conferences, pulpit exchanges, mission works, and other avenues of church ministry. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

The report of the **Special Committee to Investigate Allegations Against Tom Shoger** was presented.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS  
AGAINST TOM SHOGER**

**Moderators Committee to investigate the charges against Rev.  
Tom Shoger.**

Submitted on Jan 17, 2025 by:

Chairman: Rev. R. Garison Taylor - Minister of  
Frostproof ARPC, Florida Presbytery  
Rev. Gil Martin - Minister of Sharon ARP, Catawba  
Presbytery

Rev. Phillip Mayberry - Minister of Covenant Reformed  
Church, First Presbytery

**Regarding the Charges Against Rev. Tom Shoger:**

**Introduction:** Our committee conducted multiple interviews and met seven times throughout our investigation. Although two of those who brought the charges refused to meet with us and fled the denomination after bringing charges (Seth Yi and Brian Holtzberger), the other accusers were cooperative and informative. During our investigation, the committee found it necessary to examine Tom Shoger's claim of bias, made against the Minister and His Work Committee (M&HWC) of Second Presbytery. It is our belief that Tom Shoger's guilt or innocence in that particular hinges upon whether the Second Presbyteries M&HWC committee conducted itself equitably.

**Original charges:**

*In the Matter of: Mr. Tom Shoger Before Second Presbytery*

*Date: September 1, 2023*

*To: The Clerk of Second Presbytery*

*We, the undersigned, file this Allegation against Mr. Shoger, pursuant to Book of Discipline 4.1*

*On Feb. 21, 2023, Mr., Shoger violated the Ninth Commandment when he claimed that the Second Presbytery Committee on the Minster and His Work and the acting Moderator, Mr. Seth Yi, an ex-officio member, was biased concerning the Committee's investigation of allegations against Mr. Chuck Wilson. In stating that to Committee and Mr. Yi were biased, Mr. Shoger prejudiced the truth, prejudiced the good names of the undersigned, slandered the undersigned, misconstrued intentions, and spoke too meanly of the undersigned (See Larger Catechism Q&A 145).*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brion Holzberger  
John Calvin Grier  
John Cook  
RJ Gore  
Seth Yi*

**Timeline of events leading up to this investigation that were found to be relevant to the case can be found at the end of this report.**

**1) The Committee is of the opinion that Tom Shoger at times used rhetoric that was charged, but did not rise to the level of sin.**

However, as this report will demonstrate, the level of rhetoric used by Tom Shoger is *equivalent to or less than* the level used by other members of Second Presbytery, and especially by Chuck Wilson, who was at that time a minister in good standing, but who was never charged for such rhetoric. This does *not* excuse Rev. Shoger from using said rhetoric, but it does demonstrate a

lack of equity by those bringing charges of “speaking too meanly.”

Examples of this kind of rhetoric by Tom Shoger include:

“Seth Yi is in bed with Chuck Wilson.”

“Seth Yi would rule things out of order if he didn’t like them.”

“If the allegations (against Chuck Wilson) were sent to the clerk, they would never see the light of day.”

Rev. Shoger testified that Rev. Matt Miller told him that he should have spoken more carefully.

*Our committee finds, and Rev. Shoger admits, that he perhaps should have chosen different rhetoric in some instances. However, to recommend censuring Rev. Shoger on these grounds, we would have to also recommend charging the men who brought the charges on the same grounds.*

**2) Rev. Shoger did *not* slander the court by stating that they were biased. This is due to the following:**

**1. The court was declared to be biased by Synod, thereby substantiating Rev. Shoger’s allegation of bias.** We believe that Synod did not err in its assessment, as was demonstrated in Index 11 of Synod Packet 2024.

**2. The existence of bias has been evident in our own investigation. Evidence includes:**

**a. Rev. Shoger’s allegation corroborated by R.J. Gore:**

-Rev. Shoger’s allegation that there was bias in Second Presbytery is corroborated by the following statement(s) from R.J. Gore: “Chuck was a guy who knew how to work his way

into a situation, and he did a good job of that. When he went to the finance committee and started bringing in all that money people said 'wow, who else could do this?' Nobody. So that's how Chuck got a pass. He got a bye." Jesus expressly condemns this kind of favoritism in Matthew 6:24 (cf. James 2:1-4).

The repeated emphasis on money led us to the discovery that Chuck Wilson used Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC, which is owned by Robert Brissie, who is married to Chuck's daughter, Tanisha, who is listed as one of the two selling agents at the company. This arrangement monetarily benefited Mr. Wilson's family members, who testified in favor of him before 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery's M&HWC (**see Exhibit A**). Meanwhile, members of Second Presbytery, whom we have interviewed, were unaware of this family/business connection.

Our committee wishes to emphasize that Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC (noted as CCP in the rest of this document) and their agents did nothing wrong or illegal by selling properties that were passed to them by Second Presbytery, and we are in no way making such assertions or allegations. We are including this information to demonstrate the connection between Chuck Wilson and his family members who benefited monetarily from his influence and position in Second Presbytery as the head of Stewardship and Finance Committee. Our committee noted admissions of bias towards Chuck Wilson by members of the M&HWC that were directly connected with his ability to raise money for Second Presbytery by selling churches. We also discovered that many members of Second Presbytery, including some members of the M&HWC, were unaware of the family connection with CCP (although we know at least Scott Cook and Seth Yi were aware of this connection, but Harper Price was not), and we find it *at best* inappropriate that the chairman of Stewardship and Finance benefited his family members

monetarily by passing them sales. Moreover, these same family members were included as positive witnesses for Chuck Wilson even though they benefited monetarily. This at least should have been made known publicly to Second Presbytery and every member of the M&HWC, and at most, their testimonies should not have been considered. It's hard to speak negatively of a man who is responsible for filtering hundreds of thousands of dollars into your pockets. Therefore, we find this information further justification for why " Shoger was justified in suspecting the M&HWC was biased.

**b. Testimony from Rev. Tom Shoger**

At Katie Holcomb's deposition before Second Presbytery's M&HWC, Mr. Shoger testified that even the Scripture passage chosen was meant to intimidate Mrs. Holcomb (the M&HWC chairman, Rev. Scott Cook, read Matthew 5:9-12, ending with "blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account, rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." *Recorded testimony indicates the absence of devotional readings or prayer in the interviews that were in favor of Chuck Wilson (Gayle Perrie, Tanisha Brissie, and Matt Wilson). Our committee believes this contrast is evidence of bias.*

Rev. Shoger testifies that he never agreed to separate the charges against Chuck Wilson into two issues (one public- regarding the gym worker; one private, regarding the daughters), but the M&HWC report from October 2022 states that Rev. Shoger *did* agree to this. Rev. Shoger agreed that there were two categories in the BOD, but not that this case was to be separated along those lines.

The M&HWC of Second Presbytery stated that they needed more than one witness at the gym, or else they had to throw out the charges, but no one ever went to the gym to investigate according to R.J. Gore and John Cook. Meanwhile, Meredith Melton was being *slandered within a week* by Chuck Wilson, and her name was already known to him (after the committee had promised complete confidentiality). Scott Cook told her that if anyone else came forward, their names would also be revealed to Mr. Wilson, and they would have to be in a room with him, testifying against him; etc. (See Exhibit B). Our committee believes this was at most an intimidation tactic, and at least evidence of a lack of dedication to thoroughness. Our committee believes that if an unbiased investigation was taking place, the committee members should have gone to the gym, secured testimony from other witnesses while protecting their anonymity and testifying to the truth of their words as members of the committee.

**c. Evidence from Rev. Harper Price's Testimony:**

Rev. Shoger cites Harper Price's statement that "we never had permission to do a preliminary investigation." Rev. Price later confirmed this idea to our committee. The M&HWC, according to Rev.'s Shoger and Price (citing BOD 4.2), should have appointed an investigator.

Instead, the entire committee assumed jurisdiction of the case, with Chairman Scott Cook, a close friend of Chuck Wilson, conducting the bulk of the interaction with witnesses on both sides. Rev. Shoger's and Rev. Price's testimony on this point was corroborated by R.J. Gore and John Cook, members of the M&HWC.



Rev. Price stated that he wasn't even aware of the charges against Rev. Shoger, or the conversations among the other members of the committee regarding these charges, until he read the charges in his presbytery docket.

Upon seeing the charges, Rev. Price then called Chairman Scott Cook, and inquired as to why he, an active member of M&HWC, was not informed of these charges or the committee's handling of these charges to that point. Mr. Cook responded that the other committee members didn't think Harper wanted to be bothered with this kind of thing. Rev. Price stated that he was the only committee member who was not informed of the charges. Upon learning of these charges, Rev. Price then wrote a letter to Second Presbytery defending Rev. Shoger.

Rev. Price testified to our committee, "There was clear bias on the part of the committee." He went on to state that the M&HWC sought to entrap Rev. Matt Miller in order to make an example of him, by "intentionally asking him questions that they knew the answer to, in order to get him to lie."

**d. Questions surrounding the origin of the charges:**

None of the men we interviewed, whose names were on the charges, knew who authored the charges against Rev. Shoger. R.J. Gore doesn't even remember seeing the document. John Cook believes it was likely Scott Cook who authored the document, but didn't sign it. Harper Price testified that he was never *shown* the document because, in his opinion, the other committee members knew he wouldn't agree to it. The first time he saw it was in the presbytery packet, as stated above. Rev. Price was excluded from the email chain regarding these charges, which was sent to the other committee members, and was not part of the conversation at all. Our committee believes this to be a clear indication of bias.

**e. Evidence arising from the flight from discipline by some of the accusers:**

One of the accusers, Seth Yi, fled the ARPC and was divested of his ordination (Matt. 18:18). Furthermore, he refused to meet with our committee to gather his testimony. This refusal demonstrates a flagrant, Pharisaical willingness to ignore and subjectively apply Matthew 18. For a man to bring charges openly against a minister of the gospel, “telling it to the church,” and then to refuse to cooperate with the Church to which he ostensibly submitted himself for judgment is a clear violation of BOD 4.1. Whenever anyone brings charges, they do so with the explicit understanding and warning that if they have troubled the Church unjustly or frivolously, they themselves are subject to discipline. It is certainly the opinion of our committee that the former Rev. Yi is deserving of discipline, but he has fled from the Church, broken his vows, drawn disciples after himself, participated in an unnecessary and ungodly schism. He also slandered the brethren publicly, while excusing himself from the weightier measures of the Law (Matthew 23:23), or from following the explicit teachings of Jesus Christ, who commands brothers to reconcile; not to flee (Matthew 18:15-18).

The former Rev. Yi, as Moderator of Second Presbytery, imposed himself into the judicial proceedings concerning Rev. Matt Miller and Chuck Wilson. He allegedly *broke civil law* and acted in an ecclesiastically abusive, dishonorable manner by contacting Mike Whitehurst (Chairman of the Board at Erskine) and Dr. Adamson (President of Erskine), in an attempt to coerce Erskine to terminate their employer/employee relationship with Rev. Miller, *after the matter was judicially referred to Synod by Second Presbytery*. See **Exhibit C**. Mr. Yi’s actions indicate that he abused his position as Moderator of Second Presbytery to threaten and intimidate Rev. Miller and pressure Erskine

Seminary. As Harper Price testified: “one of the clearest examples of bias from this committee is the way we went after Matt Miller. It was believed that he needed to be made an example of.” Our committee believes this to be a clear indication of bias.

**f. Evidence of M&HWC’s inequitable treatment of various parties**

Mr. Miller received six different charges for bringing the allegations to the court in an irregular manner (circumventing the Clerk). He was threatened with the possibility of rebuke, definite suspension from ministry (that is, being divested of his status as a gospel minister perpetually), and even the possibility of excommunication by the committee and chairman Scott Cook. The M&HWC’s rationale for these six charges was a parsing out of the WLC’s handling of the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment. By contrast, Mr. Wilson, in his deposition to the M&HWC breaks the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment by using foul language and justifying the use of foul language as a way of life. Every member of the committee, except Harper Price, either excused or defended Mr. Wilson’s foul mouth as being “just the way he was.” Mr. Wilson also called another ARPC minister in good standing “a thief” (breaking the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment) in the presence of the very same men who charged Rev. Miller. Rev. Miller violated *man-made procedure*, for which he repented, while Mr. Wilson routinely violated clear Scriptural mandates.

According to John Cook, when asked why Chuck Wilson was allowed to use foul language and slander publicly on his blog, the response was, “Once or twice we met with him about how he wrote in ARPTalk. He responded in typical Chuck fashion that he has freedom of the press.” Our committee rhetorically asks, “*Why then does Tom not have freedom of the press?*” Sin is sin. The difference simply cannot be that slander is ok as long as it’s on a public

*blog, but it's not OK if it's before a private committee. Moreover, the rhetoric Chuck Wilson uses on his blog far exceeds any statement made by Tom Shoger. Yet, in John Cook's words, "No one ever brought charges against him." It is simply biased for the M&HWC to charge one minister with a single instance of sin, while at the same time turning a blind eye to another minister who perpetuates the same sin as a daily way of life. Again, our committee sees this as another indication of bias.*

**g. Evidence from the Contumacy of John Calvin Grier, elder at Lower Long Cane**

At the time the charges were filed, Mr. Grier was a member of the M&HWC of Second Presbytery. After Mr. Wilson was excommunicated and branded an apostate by our Synod, Mr. Grier continued (and still continues to this day) to allow Mr. Wilson to preach at Lower Long Cane.

According to John Cook, the M&HWC corrected Mr. Grier and dissolved their session, but was told, "We didn't submit to King George III, and we aren't going to submit to you." This type of flagrant disregard for church authority, in spite of solemn vows to the contrary, speaks for itself.

John Cook indicates that when it became apparent to the M&HWC that there were leaks from someone on the committee to Chuck Wilson, and that Chuck was publicly attacking peoples' reputations, on three occasions he asked the other committee members directly, "Are you keeping your vow of confidentiality?" Mr. Cook testified that 5 out of the 6 men answered "yes," but that Mr. Grier refused to answer. Moreover, this demonstrates a willingness by the entire M&HWC committee to overlook the obvious: an existing leak with close ties to the perpetrator, and an almost certain source of

that leak, by which they failed to protect the weak and vulnerable.

Mr. Grier evaded our questions regarding whether he answered the aforementioned question by John Cook. He denies sharing information with Chuck Wilson, but he also sought to eclipse the fact that Chuck Wilson is preaching regularly at Lower Long Cane, a church which he says only has “eight living members.” When asked about his relationship with Mr. Wilson, Mr. Grier stated that he was “acquainted with him from presbytery and conversation,” but failed to mention anything about him preaching at the church Mr. Grier attends (which according to Mr. Grier has “withdrawn from the ARPC”). When this omission was pointed out to Mr. Grier, his response was, “Well, it is what it is.”

Mr. Grier also stated repeatedly that he “knew for sure” that there was a private meeting with Tom Shoger *before* Tom received the email from Seth Yi on Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in which the committee gave him until Friday evening to agree to a private meeting, else they would bring charges against him. Mr. Grier repeatedly expressed his disgust with Mr. Shoger, stating that “Tom” had agreed in this supposed private meeting that he was in sin and would repent, but then “suddenly changed course.”

Against Mr. Grier’s adamant insistence on this point is the *evidence itself*, which demonstrates that *no one met with Tom privately before the email was sent on August 30<sup>th</sup>*. In point of fact, an email was sent on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by Mr. Brion Holzberger (notably to all the committee members *except* Harper Price), in which Mr. Holzberger suggests that two or three members meet with Tom as a first step to handling the issue itself. On August 30<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Seth Yi responded to the same group, stating

that they will make that offer to him, and then bring formal charges if he didn't respond by Friday.

There's simply no way that Mr. Grier is being truthful concerning this supposed other meeting, which none of the other men mentioned. This slanting of the facts of the case against Mr. Shoger is troubling to the committee, and evidence of bias.

**h. Evidence arising from the inclusion and consideration of Matt Wilson's testimony by Second Presbytery.**

Tom Shoger stated, "Matt Wilson was a witness, and spoke in filthy, vile ways" ... and "wrote filthy, vile, vindictive things." Rev. Shoger noted that not only the number of the witnesses, but their *character* matters.

It is a matter of record that Matt Wilson was reinstated to "full Christian fellowship" by the session of White Oak ARPC, with Rev. John Cook, a member of the M&HWC, presiding, on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. (Exhibit D), *the same date as his own deposition*, which was also the date of Rev. Matt Miller's deposition.

During this same time period, Matt Wilson sent threatening messages to Rev. Nathan Frazier, his wife Sara, and Katie Holcomb, also attached, as well as using crude language (e.g. "f\*\*\*\*\*") in the presence of the committee, *with no correction*.

Likewise, within a month of being reinstated, Matt Wilson was writing vile, filthy letters to his sisters, insulting their husbands, and degrading women (Exhibit E). Not only should Matt Wilson's testimony have been dismissed due to his unchristian character, but he should have been (and still should be) disciplined by the church that reinstated him at this same time.

The level of tolerance for flagrant sin, as long as it was committed by a party that defended or promoted Chuck Wilson stands in stark contrast to the *intolerance* of even the slightest infraction of the extrapolations of the commandments by those who pointed out Mr. Wilson's sin. The bias was virtually tangible.

**i. Evidence arising from John Cook's Deposition**

-We wish to state that we do not believe Rev. Cook was malicious or misleading in any way. It is Rev. Cook's belief that if the process had been properly followed by Tom Shoger and Matt Miller, things would have been handled differently. Mr. Cook expressed grief concerning the situation, and also testified that he called upon Synod's moderator to step in and settle down both sides. Likewise, Mr. Cook complains that no one ever came to the M&HWC committee with concerns of bias *directly*.

However, while objecting to allegations of bias, Rev. Cook states and admits the following:

1. "Tom is entitled to his opinion, but he is not entitled to go around slandering his brothers."

While we agree with the statement, this ignores the fact that the statements Rev. Shoger made were to an investigating committee from Synod with assurance that his comments would be kept private. Neither Mr. Cook nor anyone else we interviewed could tell us how these private statements came to them. Mr. John Cook stated when asked, "It was public knowledge, it was just given around to the committee. I believe Scott (Cook) as chairman asked for a copy of it. But it also 'trickled back from other sources' and 'was being circulated around

the Presbytery.” *This “trickling back” from a private meeting is simply not the same as “going around slandering.”*

Mr. John Cook also gives statements of his negative opinions of the way the M&HWC handled the investigation to our investigating committee. For instance:

2. Mr. Cook stated that he was not Chuck Wilson’s friend, and that to his knowledge Chuck didn’t really have any friends except the people who drove him around (referring to Scott Cook).

However, he immediately stated, “Scott Cook was the one who spoke to the sheriff; he was the interface... but everything was above board.” This certainly could lead people to the suspicion of bias. Mr. Cook states, based on the closeness of the relationship between Chuck Wilson and Scott Cook, “If I were Scott, I would have begged to be recused from this. Would that have been less of an appearance of a problem? Absolutely. But it wasn’t a practical problem.”

Our committee believes that *because* a member of the committee can see the *appearance of bias* in this situation, it was not wrong for Rev. Shoger to suspect the same, or to verbalize his concerns and beliefs to the Executive Board *in confidence*. This also seems to be a prevailing thought throughout Second Presbytery, as many members of that court verbalized on the floor of Synod.

3. “We could have gotten Chuck for being a lewd mouthed person, but we felt that wasn’t the issue at stake.” Our committee believes that this is yet another example of turning a blind eye to Chuck Wilson’s sins,



while being overly scrutinous towards those who seek to address Mr. Wilson's behavior. The M&HWC should have addressed Mr. Wilson's lewd mouth. *Our committee believes that this demonstrates bias and a lack of equity.*

4. Mr. Cook states that the witnesses contradicted each other. Mr. Cook was asked, "So, did the favorable witnesses... did they deny that he walked around in his underwear in front of children?"

He responded, "So, you have to understand that the cousins came into the family later so they didn't see it. Katie says these things happened around ages 4-6."

How can a witness who doesn't witness an event be a witness (a conflicting witness)? All the parties did in fact admit to Chuck walking around in his underwear in front of minor children, talking about their bodies, their breasts; etc., as will be shown below.

5. Mr. Cook (like R.J. Gore) emphasized that there was a leak from their committee to Chuck Wilson: "As soon as Matt Wilson heard that his father was being charged, he told me 20 things that were supposed to be in confidence."

How did he receive this information from an unbiased committee?

In any case, Mr. Cook's session reinstated Matt Wilson during the same time that the investigation was being conducted (August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022), and treated his testimony as credible, despite his lewd, shameless, and degenerate

demeanor and speech (August 8<sup>th</sup> was the *same date* as Matt Miller's deposition, and Matt Wilson's deposition).

6. Mr. Cook states that "Chuck Wilson was entitled to a fair trial, and we tried to give it to him" (but it was repeatedly insisted that this was **not a trial, but rather, a "pre-investigation listening endeavor"**).

7. Mr. Cook states that the five committee members who signed the document "could easily see Chuck saying these (sexual) things."

In fact, one of our committee members pointed this inconsistency out to Mr. Cook, stating, "You charged Matt Miller with breaking the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment in every possible way, but CW breaks the third commandment, the fifth commandment, the ninth commandment as a way of life and he was never charged."

Rev. Cook replied, "I'm not disagreeing with you, brother."

The committee member responded, "Ok, but to me that feeds into the narrative that Second Presbytery was broken. And that's the kind of thing that moves me from the outside to think 'why can't they get rid of this man or discipline him or reign him in? He's spewing all kinds of filth about people as a way of life...'"

Rev. Cook then said, "I'm not even telling you that in the past that there haven't been people who have protected Chuck Wilson... but even in those cases, because I knew the past two M&HWC chairmen, they told people to level charges against him, but the charges never came."

This speaks of a culture of bias and intimidation.

7. Mr. Cook pointed out that Chuck Wilson “was the mouthpiece for truth for other people that were being lied about, so they loved him or hated him but used him for their own benefit.”

**j. Evidence arising from R.J. Gore’s Deposition**

-As with Mr. Cook, our committee does not believe that R.J. Gore was malicious, or knowingly engaged in a coverup or in protecting Chuck Wilson. Rev. Gore does not recall at all the allegations against Rev. Tom Shoger, upon which his name appears. He has no recollection of even *seeing* the document. However, we do believe, based on Mr. Gore’s own testimony, that it was not unreasonable of Rev. Shoger to suspect the M&HWC of bias.

1. Mr. Gore, in the midst of his testimony, mentioned yet another woman who could have collaborated Meredith Melton’s testimony. He stated as follows: *“No one doubted the (Meredith’s) testimony. In fact, and I’ll tell you this because it’s a mute point; it’s over and done with, I didn’t find out about it until it was too late, and we can’t do anything about it now anyway, but, one of the young ladies, she’s not there now, but she was working at Erskine Seminary full time, after this stuff had kind of hit the fan and was out there all over the place, she made a comment to one of her colleagues that she said, ‘wow I wish somebody had asked me; I could have told them some things.’ So apparently her comment was, Chuck had said some things in her presence that she thought were inappropriate. Now again I didn’t know that at the time it was afterwards and way late in the*

*game, but what that says is that there was some stuff out there; we just couldn't find enough of it, and as a result you really can't take action against things that you can't nail down."*

Our committee finds several significant issues with this situation and statement:

1. How could this be used to "collaborate" Meredith's testimony, since according to the M&HWC, they needed *more than one witness for each instance of inappropriate behavior; NOT more than one witness for behavior per se?*

2. Mr. Gore should have made this publicly known on the floor of Synod, while people were still advocating for Chuck Wilson's innocence. This might have helped to clarify the issues and preserve unity in our denomination. Moreover, this fact should have been included in the public writings bearing Mr. Gore and Mr. Cook's names, that have been presented to Second Presbytery, and published on the internet (on the Aquila Report, for instance), wherein the reader can still come away with the idea that Chuck Wilson is the victim. These writings publicly detract from the reputation of the ARPC. This demonstrates a continued willingness to omit the most pertinent issues regarding Mr. Wilson, and the inequitable treatment of the M&HWC of 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery... which speaks of bias.

2. Mr. Gore admitted to receiving Katie Holcomb's confidential testimony to Synod's committee, but has no idea who sent him the document. "I don't know, *somebody* sent it to me. But I get all kinds of stuff." How did Mr. Gore receive this confidential testimony?

3. Speaking freely concerning the disorderly way Second Presbytery ignored the ARPC standards and the division within the presbytery, Mr. Gore stated, "Please understand this. I said before Synod that Second Presbytery is fractured and broken and needs to be taken apart. But not what we did at Synod; that's not the way you do it."

*If Mr. Gore can state that an entire Presbytery is "broken," our committee finds it difficult to validate the idea that Tom Shoger sinned when he said the same regarding a committee of that same presbytery.* Again, this is the kind of information that would have been helpful when presenting Second Presbytery's situation to the presbytery itself, at Synod, and publicly.

4. Mr. Gore objected to the statement by Rev. Shoger that the document "would never see the light of day because the committee is biased." He demanded evidence, but immediately (again) **called the entire presbytery biased** and used this as rationale for referring the matter to Synod rather than adjudicating the case within Second Presbytery.

Mr. Gore stated, "Show me that! Give me proof that this committee was biased. We did not cover for Chuck, what we did was say that this needs to be investigated by a church body that doesn't have five factions in it waiting to kill each other. We were not convinced that we could find enough people in 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery to vote with integrity to work this thing out."

Our committee wishes to emphasize that Mr. Gore's opinion of his own former presbytery is that it was not populated *even with a majority of men who had enough "integrity" to do what the apostle says "the least in the church" should be capable of doing (1 Corinthians 6:4).* Our committee asks: *how is Mr. Gore's opinion of his own (former) Presbytery incongruent with's opinion of the M&HWC? If one statement is censurable, so is the other.*

5. The below exchange is evidence in itself of pragmatism and bias within 2<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery.

Our committee asked how Chuck Wilson's lewd, slanderous conduct could be permitted for so long in Second Presbytery. The response from Dr. Gore: *"You have three minutes? I'll tell you the answer." (11:44). "A little church history." (Gore went on to describe the situation at Erskine Seminary in 1976, that there was a conservative battle against "mistakes in the Bible," which another professor published. He stated that Chuck Wilson fought the battle for conservatism. He stated that Erskine hired a Barthian in 1980. In 1996 Rev. Gore was hired to fight against the Barthian professor at Erskine. He stated that he found himself in the midst of "a shooting war for the Bible." He stated, "Second Presbytery surrounded Erskine... so in that presbytery you had all the liberal leftist types and where you have the conservatives coming in." He referenced the 2008 (inerrancy statement) and referenced 2010 when the Greenville church launched a lawsuit and "it all hit the fan". "In the midst of all of this Chuck Wilson was constantly getting involved.... so there were all kinds of factions at war in Second. So my role in all this was I went to war and contributed to the factions. If you declare war on me I'm going to fight until it's over. And where is it now? Well the*

*Seminary has faculty members that are all evangelical.*

*Summary: a left leaning church which is now more conservative... but lots of factions... and that's why you have a presbytery that was broken."*

Again- we ask the same questions as a committee: why is this ok, but it's "sinful" for Rev. Shoger to state substantially the same about a committee of that presbytery?

Mr. Gore continued, "So where was Chuck in all this? Chuck was a guy who knew how to work his way into a situation. And he did a good job of that. When he went into the finance committee and started bringing all that money in people said 'wow, who else could do this? Nobody. So *that's how Chuck got a pass. He got a bye.*"

Committee member: "So Chuck basically got a pass, to use your language, he got a pass because there was so much conflict over the years and he was on the right side, if we could say so, of some of these conflicts?"

Gore: "Yes, he put himself on the right side, for example, on the Bible issue and the trustee issue, he stood on the right side. It doesn't mean that anyone was particularly thrilled with having Chuck there... it was like 'OK, maybe you're hurting our case by being over here with us, but the point was that not all of his decisions were wrong. And the bottom line is that we are a better institution now than we were *however we got there.*"

Our committee sees this justification of pragmatism as evidence of bias within Second Presbytery, the presbytery which populated the M&HWC.

**k. Evidence arising from the *falsehood* that the testimonies conflicted in substance.**

Second Presbytery's M&HWC had knowledge of the following facts, but glossed over them rather than reporting them fairly. This speaks of bias towards Chuck Wilson.

It has been repeated by numerous individuals and reports that "the testimonies conflicted" (Sarah Frazier and Katie Holcomb supposedly said one thing, and Matt Wilson, Gail, and Tanisha Brissie said another, with Chuck and Erline denying the allegations outright).

For instance, in the article by John Cook and R.J. Gore, read publicly before Second Presbytery and later published on the Aquila Report, not only was our Synod presented as "rushing to judgment" and showing no concern for reconciliation, but also in writing and in verbal statements, the idea has been propagated that there was outright denial of inappropriate behavior or lewd comments by those witnesses who were positively inclined toward Chuck Wilson.

However, this is an egregious gloss at the very least. While it is *true* that the latter five parties spoke *positively* about Chuck Wilson, it is *not true* that there was substantial conflict in the testimonies *when it came to some of the offenses alleged by the Sarah Frazier and Kati Holcomb*. It is flabbergasting that the following statements *by those witnesses in favor of Chuck* were glossed over by the committee as though the testimonies were in conflict:

**Regarding Inappropriate Sexual Behavior:**



**Matt Wilson:** Concerning whether or not his father walked around in his underwear, “But who didn’t walk around in their underwear in our house? My sisters did too.”

**Tanisha Brissie:** Defends Mr. Wilson walking around in his underwear on the grounds that it was his house.

She states that they would watch movies and TV together on the floor with her in his underwear, scratching each other’s backs for prolonged periods of time. “I’d scratch his back until a commercial came on, and then he’d scratch my back until the next commercial came on.”

*-This corroborates rather than contradicts the testimonies of Sarah Frazier and Katie Holcomb, regardless of the interpretations of the behaviors themselves by the victims.*

**Regarding Inappropriate Comments about His Daughter’s and Adopted Daughter’s Bodies:**

**Gail:** “He talked about all of our bodies. And we were like, ‘shut up’, if we didn’t want him to.

It was normal though. It wasn’t sexual or scary.”

**Chuck Wilson:** Admits to talking about his daughters’ breasts while they were children, but says, “Here’s the thing, Katie did too!”

Second Presbytery’s Sexual Harassment policy reads, “Sexual harassment may include... sexual jokes and innuendo... commentary about an individual’s body; etc. Instances of sexual harassment must not be excused on the grounds that the perpetrator was ‘joking’ or

‘meant no harm’.” Why was this policy not enforced against Chuck Wilson? Would it have been enforced against any other minister?

*-This corroborates rather than contradicts the testimonies of Sarah Frazier and Katie Holcomb, to say nothing of Meredith Milton’s testimony.*

**Regarding Physical/Emotional Violence:**

**Matt Wilson:** “This boy on the bus grabbed her t\*\*\*\*\* and my dad went after the guy in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Should he have? No. Did that boy do that again? No.”

-States that his dad “left marks pretty bad” (sic). Says he is thankful to have had a dad who “whipped his a\*\*.”

**Chuck Wilson:** Admits to threatening suicide in front of his kids.

*-This corroborates rather than contradicts the testimonies of Sarah and Katie.*

**Regarding Foul/Sexual Language:**

**Matt Wilson:** “It could be more heated than in other households, which I learned later that not everyone was like us. He admits to Chuck Wilson frequently using profanity. “We kind of said what was on the tip of our tongue in our house. We didn’t hold back; we should have.”

“We were all thick-skinned. You wouldn’t survive in our house without being that way.”

**Tanisha Brissie:** Admits that Chuck Wilson often told obscene and dirty, crude jokes.

**Gail:** Admits that Chuck Wilson frequently cursed in the presence of the children (and there are *audible chuckles* among the committee members when she admits this).

**Chuck Wilson:** Stated that he “learned dirty jokes from his kids” and repeated them.

-In the interview itself, in the presence of the committee, states that he said, “Shut your d\*\*\* mouth” and “you can kiss my a\*\* and go to h\*\*\*\*” to his daughter. He went on to state, “Every one of you knows that I cuss.”

*This corroborates rather than contradicts the testimonies of Sarah and Katie.*

At no point during these interviews does any member of the committee call Chuck Wilson out for breaking the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment or the 5<sup>th</sup> Commandment (he calls another minister “a thief” in their presence... which is itself a breach of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> commandments).

Tanisha Brissie states to Scott Cook, “And according to you there has been no sexual misconduct... so...” (This indicates the existence of side conversations *between Scott Cook and Tanisha prior to Tanisha’s testimony to the whole committee*). It also demonstrates that Scott Cook had already concluded the matter, and spoken to witnesses about his conclusion while the investigation was yet ongoing.

#### **Regarding Favoritism:**

-Chuck Wilson told a story to the M&HWC about how he could get Katie a degree from Erskine for free since he knew R.J. Gore. No one asked a single question about either the impropriety of this, its truthfulness, or the fact that R.J. Gore was on the committee.

**Summary:** Our committee believes, in light of the evidence contained in this report, that Rev. Shoger did not sin in expressing his view, privately, that the M&HWC of Second Presbytery was biased towards Chuck Wilson, and biased against those who sought to expose his sins. As stated above, the committee believes Mr. Shoger could have chosen his words more carefully. However, the belief that the M&HWC was biased is well founded, as the above evidence demonstrates.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the allegations against Rev. Shoger be dismissed.

**SYNOD APPROVED.**

2. That this report be received as information. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

3. That the committee be dissolved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

**Exhibit:** Timeline of information collected by the Committee to investigate charges against Rev. Shoger.

**August 2021**

Second Presbytery sells property in Lawrenceville, GA using Cardinal Commercial Properties. No information found to who are for how much.

**October 2021**

Oct. 8, Harrison Bridge Road Church facility sold by Cardinal Commercial properties on behalf of Second Presbytery. Property sold for \$2.23 Million Dollars to Bible Baptist Church of Simpsonville.

**November 2021**

Nov. 8, Tucker ARP Church facility sold by Cardinal Commercial Properties on behalf of Second Presbytery to Maktab Tarighat Oveyssi Shahmaghsoubi (an Islam Sufism school). Property sold for \$640,000.

**June 2022**

In June, Matt Miller filed charges against Chuck Wilson on behalf of Sarah Frazier Fraser the Friday before Synod.

- June 7, at an evening called meeting of Second Presbytery. Presbytery deals with Matt Miller filing charges in an “out of order” manner.
- June 8, Miller responds to Dr. Cook and M&HWC in a letter with his reasonings for why he submitted the allegations in the way he did.
- June 7-9, Synod
- June 25 - Sarah Frazier deposition before Second Pres. M&HWC.
- Matt Miller brought up on charges for filing charges in an improper way.
- It was also during the June meeting that Mr Andrew Dilulio made a motion that Mr. Scott Cook recuse himself from the M&HWC because of his close relationship with Mr. Chuck Wilson and his wife Erlene who was a member of the Oconee ARP Church. Mr. Seth Yi would rule this motion out of order.

**July 2022**

- June 12 - Katie Holcomb deposition before Second Pres. M&HWC.

**August 2022**

- August 6 - Matt Wilson’s proposed date for deposition (delayed until the 13th).

- August 8 - Matt Miller deposed by M&HWC at Ocone, ARP Church.
- August 8, 7:00 pm -Matt Wilson reinstated to membership at White Oak ARP
- August 13 - Matt Wilson has a deposition before Second Presbytery M&HWC.
- August 22 -Tanisha Brissie and husband Robert Brissie have depositions before Second Presbytery M&HWC. (Robert Brissie is the president/owner of Cardinal Commercial Properties, Tanisha Brissie is a realtor in this group.)
- August 24 - Begins Scott Cook and Meredith Melton's email back and forth about other witness and their remaining anonymous as Chuck Wilson has been spreading rumors around the area about her and others. Scott Cook's response (Sept. 7, 2022) states that the committee could keep those names anonymous, but they would not once the trial began.
- August 26 - Gail has deposition before Second Pres. M&HWC.

Scott Cook seeks to have charges separated into public and private categories with the daughters being of a private nature and the gym worker, Meredith Melton, as a public nature. Rev. Tom Shoger states that he was not in agreement to separate. He states that they are two different offenses, but that they should be taken as one. Rev. Shoger says that Scott Cook twisted his words. (Deposition 1 and 2 of Rev. Tom Shoger).

### **September 2022**

- September 12, texts sent by Matt Wilson that are vindictive, crude, "too mean" themselves breaking the

Ninth Commandment. Also texts hateful and ugly things regarding Matt Miller's wife.

- Sept. 13, 8:18 pm - Sarah Frazier sends email to Scott Cook with concerns that Matt Wilson and Chuck Wilson have received information regarding the process and content of the investigation (See Email in - Executive Board Doc. Regarding Second Presbytery, B. Record of Case, 03. Communication, 03A - Sara Fraizer ).
- Sept.13, 10:55 pm Scott Cook responds to Sarah Frazier's letter regarding her concerns. (See Email in - Executive Board Doc. Regarding Second Presbytery, B. Record of Case, 03. Communication, 04. Scotts response ).
- Sept. 20 - Allegations brought up against Matt Miller for procedure by M&HWC of Second Pres.
- Sept. 28 - Report concerning Matt Miller finalized by M&HWC of Second Presbytery. Confidentiality clause lifted regarding this matter.

#### **October 2022**

- Oct. 4 - M&HWC lifts the confidentiality clause regarding the Chuck Wilson case.
- Oct. 8 - Scott Cook communicates with Sarah Frazier that the committee recommends counseling for Chuck Wilson with his two daughters (Sarah Frazier and Katie Holcomb).
- Oct. 10 - Sarah Frazier responds that she is not agreeable to counseling. ( See Email in - Executive Board Doc. Regarding Second Presbytery, B. Record of Case, 03. Communication, 03. Sara Fraizer's response to M&HWC)
- Oct. 11 - Second Presbytery meeting: Motion made by the M&HWC is passed to refer the allegations against Rev. Chuck Wilson and Rev. Matt Miller to General Synod to assume original jurisdiction over the matters

(as noted by Eric Skaar, stated clerk of Second Presbytery).

- Oct. 13 - Mike Whitehurst receives email from Seth Yi regarding the Matt Miller case with a desire for Erskine to dismiss Matt Miller (though there was no decision on the case as it had been passed to Synod the Tuesday before).
- Oct. 15, 5:41 pm - Dr. Adamson wrote to Matt Miller: "I am getting legal advice as we may want in the future to hold them accountable for intimidation of Erskine. But you most definitely have a case of third-party workplace interference."
- Oct. 22 - M&HWC drafts a letter speaking of the nature of moving the investigations of Matt Miller and Chuck Wilson from the Court of Second Presbytery to Synod Executive Committee as unconstitutional and should not be done.
- Oct. 30 - Scott Cook sends email to Seth Yi about having a called meeting of M&HWC to be able to put their motion about being investigated on the floor of the called presbytery meeting.

### **February 2023**

- Katie Holcomb 's deposition before Synods Investigation Committee (a confidential deposition).

### **May 2023**

- Chuck Wilson demitted himself from the ARPC.
- Katie Holcomb 's deposition was made public on Chuck Wilson's blog by linking the Synod's closed Google Drive for anyone of the public to access.



**June 2023**

- Synod receives charges and testimony on the floor in regard to the case against Chuck Wilson.

**July 2023**

- July 28, 9:40 pm - Scott Cook sends email to Brion Holzberger, John Grier, John Cook, R. J. Gore, and Seth Yi stating that he had received a copy of Katie Holcomb's testimony. He says that there is nothing wrong with him having a copy because he was given the copy from someone who was supposed to have the copy, but tells them to "keep this one close to their vest because it gives us a window into how we have been slandered and how we need to defend ourselves."

**Aug. 2023**

- Aug. 22 - Seth Yi sends an email to Brion Holzberger, John Grier, R. J. Gore, and John Cook that he (Seth Yi) "has been talking to Scott Cook and Eric Ruschky about how to handle Tom's slanderous testimony against us."
- Aug. 27, 2:52 pm - Tom Shoger was informed that charges of slander were to be filed against him by members of the M&HWC.
- Aug. 28 – Tom Shoger requests more time to consider.
- Aug. 30 - Seth Yi plans to email Tom Shoger with allegations requesting that he meet with 2 or 3 of those on the list, giving him until Friday, Sept. 1 to respond or charges will be filed with presbytery.

**Sept. 2023**

- Sept. 1 - Charges filed with Second Presbytery against Tom Shoger.
- Presbytery votes to refer charges against Tom Shoger to Synod.

- Synod receives charges and holds until the meeting of the 2024 Synod meeting.

**January 2024**

- Jan. 11 - 4850 Sweetwater Valley Rd in Austell, GA sold by Cardinal Commercial properties on behalf of Second Presbytery to Word Assembly Dominion House. Sold for \$1.2 million.

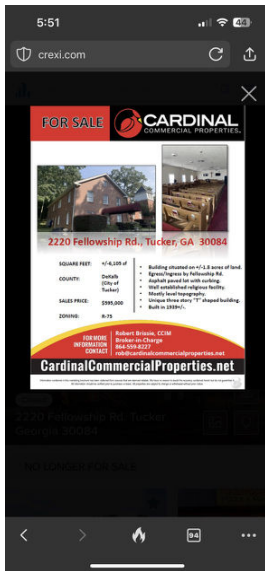
**June 2024**

- Synod dissolves Second Presbytery.
- Synod sets up a special committee to investigate charges filed agent Tom Shoger.

**July 2024**

- Committee is formed by Moderator Alan Broyles: Garison Taylor of Florida Presbytery, Gil Martin of Catawba Presbytery, and Phillip Mayberry of First Presbytery. Committee begins its investigation starting in August 2024. First investigation interviews begin in September and end in October 2024.

**Exhibit A:- Cardinal Commercial Properties:A.**



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SC for their corporate headquarters.

January 11, 2024

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC represented Second Presbyterian of the ARP Church in the sale of 4850 Sweetwater Valley Rd., Austell Georgia to Word Assembly.

January 5, 2024

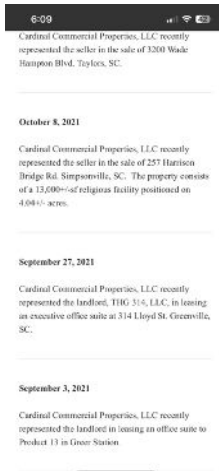
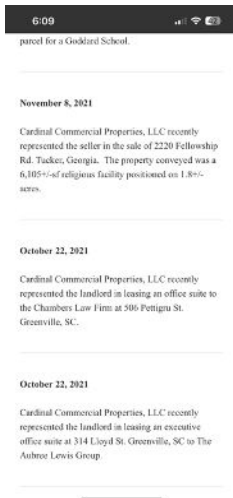
Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC represented Taylors Boat & RV Storage in leasing a storage bay to Bob C.

December 28, 2023

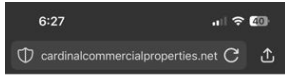
Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC represented the Landlord in leasing an office suite at Park Center Easley, SC to Linhart Realty Group, LLC.

December 24, 2023

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently



Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC represented



**March 4, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing an office suite to VW International.

**March 1, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing a 6,100+/-sf religious facility positioned on 1.8+/- acres in Tucker, Georgia.

**February 15, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing a Class A executive office suite to Enok Collective, LLC.



**February 14, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing a Class A office suite to Greer Development Corporation.

**February 4, 2019**

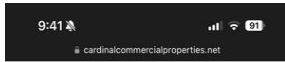
Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing a church facility positioned on 10.84+/- acres on Buford Dr. in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

**January 30, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing an office space to Quality Labor Management "QLM".

**January 15, 2019**

Cardinal Commercial Properties, LLC recently represented the landlord in leasing an executive office suite to RingoFire Studios in the Historic Chamber of Commerce Building



ROBERT BRISSIE, JR., CCIM

ROBERT LELAND  
BRISSIE, JR., CCIM

Broker-in-Charge

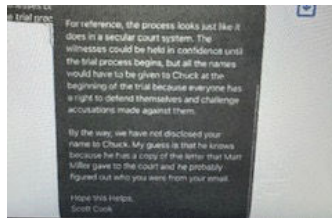
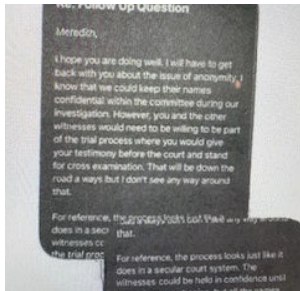


TANISHA KIM BRISSIE

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Tanisha grew up in the Upstate of SC and graduated from Anderson University with a B.A. in Painting & Drawing. While attending A.U. she served in several leadership positions including: Vice President of

## Exhibit B:- Scott Cook text to Meredith Milton:



**Exhibit C: Emails between Seth Yi and Erskine Officials**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 8:43 AM**

Mike,

On Tuesday at our Second Presbytery Meeting, we approved the following motion: “Per BoD 6.1, Second Presbytery judicially references the allegations against Rev. Chuck Wilson and the allegations against Rev. Matt Miller to General Synod so that it may assume original jurisdiction and adjudicate the allegations with finality.” Book of Discipline 6.1.A. reads as follows: Reference is a written request from a lower court to a higher court for advice or instruction on matters pending before the lower court (non-judicial reference), or the transfer of the entire matter to the higher court for action or decision (judicial reference). A. The matter referred may be delicate or difficult, not previously resolved in the lower court, involve conflicts of interest that make it improper for the lower court to sit in judgment, or involve disagreements between two or more lower courts.” The attached document details the allegations against Mr. Miller. Will the Board of Erskine respond to this issue before Mr. Miller teaches two courses in the Spring Semester. One of them even entitled, “Resilience & Navigating Conflict in Ministry.” Furthermore, Mr. Miller’s Call from Erskine Seminary has not been voted and approved by our Presbytery.

Let’s talk about this soon. Thanks.

*Soli Deo Gloria,*

Seth Yi

Pastor, Newberry ARP Church

**Thursday, October 13, 2022 1:51 PM**

Seth,

Good afternoon.

Thank you for your email.

We respect the sensitivity of this situation and our prayers are with all involved. We will continue to monitor the situation and once it is adjudicated properly, we will determine if any action is necessary on our part or that of the institution. Enjoy your afternoon.

All the best,

*Mike*

**15 minutes after the response from Mr. Whitehurst, Mr. Yi copied Dr. Adamson, and sent the following:**

**Thursday, October 13, 2022 2:06 PM**

Mike and Steve,

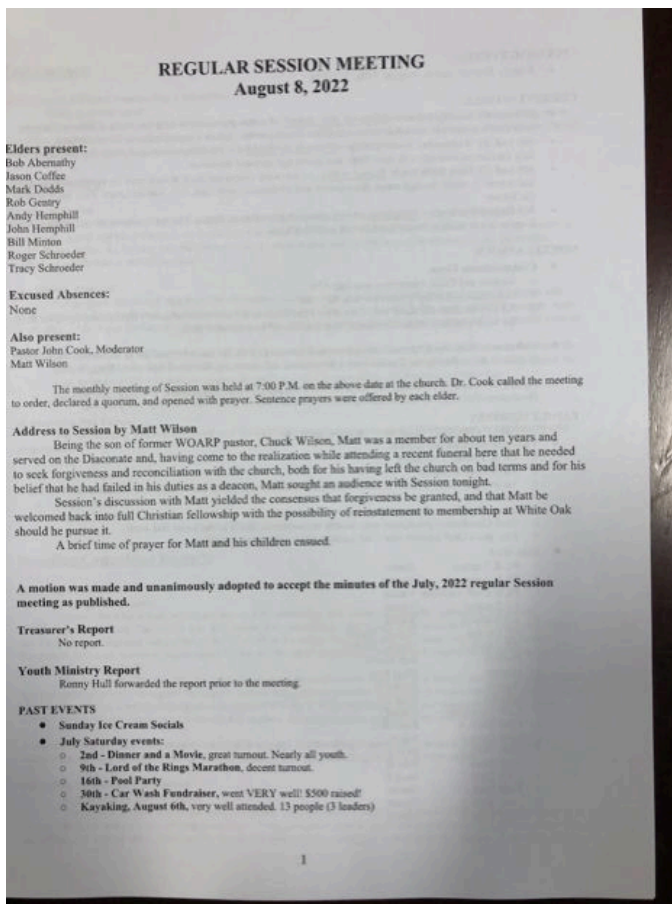
So, is the Board and the administration willing to have a faculty who is undergoing a judicial process teach potential ministers a class on “Resilience & Navigating Conflict in Ministry” when he is being alleged of not properly following the biblical process of managing conflict (Matt 18:15-20)? This inconsistency will be raised as a concern at the Synod level. Moreover, it is hard for me as a minister in the ARP and the Moderator of the Second Presbytery to express much support for Erskine College and



Seminary when such obvious concerns are not addressed. Thank you.

By His grace,  
Seth

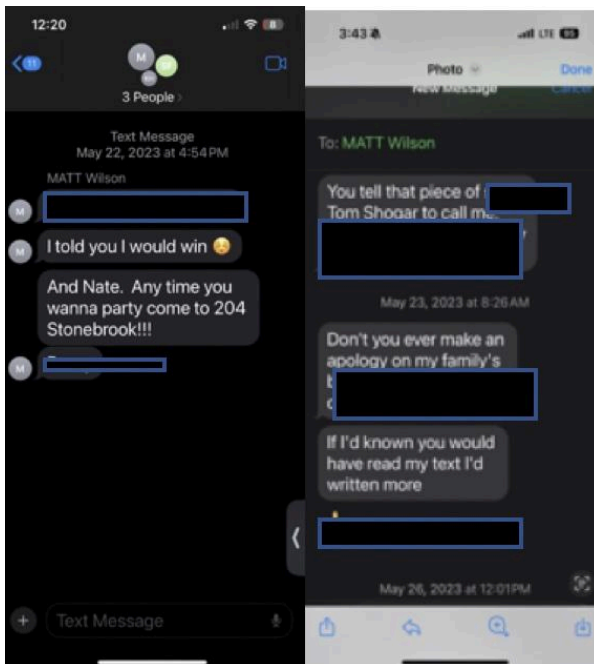
**Exhibit D:** Matt Wilson's reinstatement concurrent with Second Presbytery M&HWC investigation; Texts from Matt Wilson during the same time period



**Exhibit E:** Sent 9/12/2022 (a month after Matt Wilson was reinstated by White Oak, by a member of the M&HWC).

9-12-22

[redacted] is wrong w yall?? Katie I know you're batshit [redacted] crazy and need to be put in a straight jacket. But Sara you know better. Spreading our family issues all over the [redacted] world. You want daddy to go to counseling... Well why the hell didn't you ask him?? What do yall really want??? You ain't fooling me. I know there is more. Sara why didn't you just stay away?? This is your chance to say what you want? Dont have either one of your [redacted] husband's call me... What do you want?? Counseling for daddy lol... Stay the [redacted] away if yall don't like us. We actually have great family functions now. Probably because Katie's bat [redacted] crazy [redacted] ain't there... Tell Matt Miller hes a [redacted] and his wife is one [redacted] And [redacted] both of you for speaking against your mother. You both make me want to vomit. Whatever it is you want. Promise you my life goal is to make sure you never get 255



A motion **CARRIED:**

**It was moved to obscure the language found in the Index 11 report, Investigate Allegations Against Tom Shoger.**

There was no report from the **Special Committee to Investigate Second Presbytery's Handling of Allegations Against Wilson.**

There was no report from the **Special Committee on Net Asset Reallocation.**

The report of the **Special Committee on Revising *The Standards*** was presented.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISING *THE STANDARDS***

At the 220<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the General Synod of the ARP Church, the following motion was approved: *That the Moderator appoint a committee to review and revise The Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church with special emphasis on the church discipline process in the Book of Discipline and special emphasis on the Form of Government, as it relates to judicial commissions.*

This committee was convened on August 5, 2024, comprised of the following members: Benjamin Carver, David Duncan, Greg Delleney, Patrick Malphrus, Bill McKay, Kyle Sims, and Jeremiah Thomas.

The first order of business that the committee took up was **scope**. With the wording of the Synod approved motion, there were two options facing the committee: 1) emphasize the broader range of the first portion of the motion (review and revise *The Standards*) or 2) emphasize the narrower range of the second portion of the motion (with special emphasis on... judicial commissions). After much fruitful discussion as to how

to best fulfill the intended purpose, the committee chose the narrow scope of the guiding motion.

With that decision came the second order of business: **specifically reviewing and revising language in the *Form of Government* and *Book of Discipline* pertaining to the discipline process and judicial commissions.** Upon review, it became clear that language on this topic could benefit from revision. These revisions come in two basic categories: 1) the language of consent and 2) the definition of Advocate.

**(Note: these proposed changes can be found at the end of this report)**

First, and particularly in *Form of Government* 13.7.C, the language of consent proves problematic. In what the committee believes to be an unintended way, the phrasing of the current *FoG* allows for the disciplinary process to be hindered or even halted altogether, depending on the circumstances. Therefore, this language has been removed. However, in hopes for the maintaining of grace and charity, the language of *consent* was replaced with *consultation*. Likewise, and more importantly, the striking of *consent* does not remove the right of the accused to appeal the decision of a commission to the appealing court.

Second, and particularly in the early chapters of the *Book of Discipline*, the language surrounding the advocate of one accused proves problematic. *Form of Government* 2.1 states that “Government rooted in and defined by Scriptural example and instruction is the means of accomplishing such necessary direction and order.” With this in mind, the revisions below seek to articulate a deeper Scriptural definition of advocate as opposed to a lesser one, where the lesser could be utilized as what might be called a “defense attorney.” The Lord reveals all in due time, and every Christian’s desire is to see the truth come to light. This is the intent of the proposed language surrounding the advocate in *The Book of Discipline*.

In addition, take note of the sentence added to *Book of Discipline* 2.3. Once again, rather than seeing the functions of the church hindered or halted, the committee sought to add language to help these functions along in a right way, that God may be glorified.

In conclusion, this committee recognizes the immense task given to it by the General Synod. These proposals are by no means meant to be a proclamation of completed work *in toto*. Rather, this committee humbly puts forward a continuation of the collective work of many who have come before, recognizing that many may come after, too. Therefore, with these things before the court, the committee recommends that which can be found below.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeremiah Thomas, Chairman

**Recommendations:**

1. That the proposed revisions to the *Form of Government* and *Book of Discipline* be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
2. That this committee be dissolved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

**Appendix A: Revisions of the *Form of Government* and *Book of Discipline***

(All proposed revisions can be found in bold, and all removed language can be found struck through)

Current FoG 13.7.C. A judicial case brought before a court of the ARPC may, with the consent of the parties, be committed to the judgment of a commission. In such cases the commission appointed must be satisfactory to both parties. The decision of a commission appointed for judicial purposes may be appealed to the appointing court.

**Proposed Revision FoG 13.7.C.** After consultation with both parties, a judicial case brought before a court of the ARPC may, ~~with the consent of the parties,~~ be committed to the judgment of a commission. ~~In such cases the commission appointed must be satisfactory to both parties.~~ The decision of a commission appointed for judicial purposes may be appealed to the appointing court.

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**Current BoD 2.3 - ADVOCATE.** An elder in good standing in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who assists or represents an alleged offender or victim in the disciplinary proceedings.

**Proposed Revision BoD 2.3 - ADVOCATE.** An elder in good standing in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church who ~~assists or represents~~ **acts in support of** an alleged offender or victim in the disciplinary proceedings. ~~The Advocate~~ **This person may act as a representative if the alleged offender is judged to be incapable of representing themselves (subject to the approval of the court).**

**A.** The advocate is not a replacement for an attorney nor to be treated as a replacement for an attorney.

**B.** The Advocate's assistance and representation of an alleged offender or victim in the disciplinary proceedings is to be guided by the principles of God's Word. He is to operate in the light rather than darkness, bring sin into the light rather than hide it, encourage the alleged offender or victim to do the same, and thereby glorify God (John 3:19-21).

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**Current BoD 4.2.A.2(a)** To be represented by an advocate, who shall be a member in good standing of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church;

Proposed Revision BoD 4.2.A.2(a) To be ~~represented~~ **supported** by an advocate, who shall be a member in good standing of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church;

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Current BoD 4.4 – Disputed Cases:

B. Pre-Trial Hearing: The charges shall be delivered to the alleged offender along with a summons to appear before the court so that he may plead guilty or innocent to the charges. At this pre-trial hearing, if the alleged offender pleads “guilty,” he shall be dealt as if it is an undisputed case. If the alleged offender admits that he committed the offense without any sense of repentance or confession, the court shall forego the trial and proceed to censure him. If the alleged offender pleads “not guilty,” the court shall assign him an advocate and shall set a date for the trial. The trial date should be set so as to give the investigator(s) and the alleged offender and his advocate enough time to prepare for the trial. But the trial shall be held no less than 14 days from the date of the pre-trial hearing. If the alleged offender does not appear, the court may continue to pre-trial hearing at another date if the alleged offender was providentially hindered. If the alleged offender refuses to come to the pre-trial hearing, the court may declare him contumacious and impose censure upon him.

Proposed Revision BoD 4.4 – Disputed Cases:

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**appointed someone to serve as his advocate**, the court shall assign him an advocate and shall set a date for the trial. The trial date should be set so as to give the investigator(s) and the alleged offender and his advocate enough time to prepare for the trial. But the trial shall be held no less than 14 days from the date of the pre-trial hearing. If the alleged offender does not appear, the court may continue to pre-trial hearing at another date if the alleged offender was providentially hindered. If the alleged offender refuses to come to the pre-trial hearing, the court may declare him contumacious and impose censure upon him.

The report of the **Moderator's Committee on the Referral: Should the NFHS become a Standing Committee of Synod** was presented.

**MODERATOR'S COMMITTEE ON THE REFERRAL:  
SHOULD THE NFHS BECOME A STANDING COMMITTEE  
OF SYNOD?**

The Moderator's Committee was charged to consider the following motion: That the Moderator appoint a committee to include members of the Nancy Fulwood Hospital Society Board and the Board of World Witness to study the advisability and feasibility of the formation of the Nancy Fulwood Hospital Society as a standing committee of the General Synod, and to formulate a plan to accomplish that purpose if the committee so recommends, and to report back to the annual meeting of Synod in 2025.

The Committee met and discussed the motion before them and that discussion occurred in the broader context of frustration that was felt on the part of both World Witness (WW) and the Nancy Fulwood Hospital Society (NFHS).



The Christian Hospital Sahiwal has grown and prospered in ways that would have seemed unimaginable fifteen years ago. That success brings with it increasing complexity and challenges on many levels. The changes in the School of Nursing becoming a BScN program have also added to the complexity of the mission. The committee acknowledges the incredible ways in which Dr. Keith and Mrs. Rhoda Ackerman have been used of the Lord in this growth and development.

Both the WW and the NFHS representatives recognized that, based on existing formal WW and NFHS governing documentation, the current management structures are unclear and this is creating issues of communication and accountability. The Committee feels that it is unwise to change the overarching structures when what is needed first is a clarification of, and change in, management operations. Adopting the motion with which we were charged to examine would mean changing the organization so that the NFHS reports directly to a Synod Committee. This would entail WW continuing to hold the property in Pakistan. Changes to the management structure of CHS must be submitted to the Pakistani government in an amended Memorandum of Association, which must be reviewed and approved by their Federal Board of Revenue. There is a concern that any such action would introduce an opportunity for additional litigation against WW, or government interference. This should be avoided at all costs and, as such, if this motion were to be approved, WW would move to divest itself of the property.

It was also recognized that there is a need for Western missionary doctors and nurses to be staffing positions rather than relying on majority community medical personnel to fill gaps in areas where there are no qualified Christian personnel. It was suggested that we need to seek assistance and cooperation from within the broader reformed community (eg: NAPARC, ICRC).

The current and ongoing financial challenge of raising sufficient funds to offset the effects of rampant inflation in Pakistan, and the negative impacts on CHS operation that result from it, were also a part of our discussion. The committee feels that to seek to duplicate the financial structures now in place in WW would complicate dealing with these issues.

The current governing documents which describe the NFHS Board policies, its relationship to World Witness, and all associated responsibilities and accountabilities are inadequate to clearly establish lines of authority and communication. The practice of WW appointment/approval of the majority of board members, and the Hospital Director continuing to submit reports to the Director of WW were also points of discussion. Because of a lack of clarity in these structures, friction exists between the different organizations, and persons within the organizations, who are working under different expectations.

Although this is beyond our remit, as we found that both the WW and NFHS governing documents are woefully inadequate, we would submit that an individual familiar with the work of the NFHS be appointed to collect all pertinent documentation and revise as it necessary to clarify lines of authority, duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities between WW and the NFHS.

In conclusion, the committee decided that while the formation of the Nancy Fulwood Hospital Society as a standing committee of the General Synod may be feasible, it is not advisable at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

Jeff Kingswood, Chairman

Sam Cotten

Norman Kent

Matt Kuiken

Rob Patrick

Glen Smotherman

**Recommendations:**

1. The committee recommends that the motion be denied.

**MOOT POINT**

There was no report from the **Special Committee on the Study Work of Office of Deacon.**

The report of the **Special Committee on Trinitarian Concerns in the Position Paper on “Women in the Life of the Church”** was presented.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TRINITARIAN CONCERNS IN  
THE POSITION PAPER ON “WOMEN IN THE LIFE OF THE  
CHURCH”**

The 220<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of the General Synod adopted the following motion:

That Memorial #1 from First Presbytery be referred to a committee to be appointed by the Moderator to consider issues related to ESS and eternal subordination in the paper and to bring recommendations to the 2025 ARP Synod for action and that the Moderator direct the Principal Clerk to edit the 2005 position paper, “Women in the Life of the Church,” so that every line of said paper questioned in this memorial be replaced with bracketed ellipses.

Consequently, the Moderator appointed the committee mandated by the motion. The committee consists of elder Phillip Williams and ministers Robert J. Cara, Mark Miller, Mark Ross,

and David Smith. The Rev. Dr. Christopher Crain, professor at Erskine Theological Seminary and minister in the Presbyterian Church in America, was appointed an advisory member. Mr. Miller was elected recording chairman. The committee met five times by ZOOM (09/25/2024, 10/16/2024, 11/13/2024, 12/11/24, and 01/29/2025).

At the time the position paper was adopted by General Synod (2005), one of the arguments that some conservative evangelicals were making in support of the complementarian view of the roles of males and females was an aberration that came to be known as “Eternal Subordination of the Son (ESS)” or “Eternal Functional Subordination (EFS).”

ESS or EFS is an unbiblical belief which affirms that Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Son of God, is eternally subordinate to God the Father. It is a belief regarding the doctrine of the Trinity that fails to make the biblical distinction between the way the Persons of the Trinity relate to one another within Their being (*ad intra* or the *essential* Trinity) and the way the Persons of the Trinity function to accomplish the works of creation and redemption (*ad extra* or the *economic* Trinity). The belief has been most recently propagated by those who have sought to use the doctrine of the Trinity as the basis for teaching that wives should be submissive to their husbands, even as Jesus, the Son, is submissive to God the Father. It asserts that God the Father holds a place of supremacy within the Trinity, while the Son and Spirit hold lesser positions than the Father. It is a teaching that not only fails to do justice to what is revealed in God’s written word regarding the relations between God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, but also misreads the ancient creeds of the church and the writings of the early church fathers that helped lead to those creeds, and the church’s historic doctrine of the Trinity.

Roughly a decade after the 2005 position paper was adopted, conservative evangelicals largely rejected ESS as an

argument for complementarianism, although some continue to hold on to it. Being a product of its time, the position paper likely did not take as much care to avoid even the slightest hint of ESS as it would have if it had been written later. It contains several statements that could be interpreted along the lines of ESS. It also relies significantly on an article that, while containing much excellent exegesis, clearly and self-consciously espouses and promotes ESS.

The position paper is currently displayed on the official website of the ARP Synod at the following web address: <https://arpchurch.org/learn/what-we-believe/>. While a position paper is not a constitutionally binding standard of the church, holding one out to the public in such a way gives the impression that the ARP Church believes what is contained therein. As such, the church must take care to ensure that no position paper teaches – or could reasonably be interpreted to teach – anything at odds with our supreme (the Bible) or subordinate (Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms) standards. The committee, therefore, recommends that the position paper be amended in several places in order to remove any possible suggestion that the ARP Church holds to ESS.

At the commencement of its work, the committee chose the working title of “Special Committee on Trinitarian Concerns in the Position Paper on ‘Women in the Life of the Church.’” This name was intended to reflect the narrow scope of the committee’s mission. Although there are any number of revisions the committee might have wished to make throughout the position paper, the Synod’s directive restricted the committee to Trinitarian concerns, i.e., ESS.

The committee did determine, however, that there was one statement in the paper that, although not directly addressing the Trinity or ESS, rises to the level of seriousness that a revision must be proposed (see recommendation 7).

**Recommendations:**

1. That p. 3, final paragraph, sentence 2,

“That is, Paul sees an analogy or connection between the relationship of headship involving male and female, and the intra-trinitarian relationship of Christ and the Father”

be revised to read:

“That is, Paul sees an analogy or connection between the relationship of headship involving male and female, and the relationship between the incarnate Christ and the Father.”

**SYNOD APPROVED.**

2. That p. 4, first full paragraph, sentence 2,

“By rooting his teachings in theology proper (the doctrine of God) and in the order of creation, Paul articulates a truth that transcends local need or peculiarity, and so Paul adds, ‘we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God’ (v. 16)”

be revised to read:

“By rooting his teachings in the order of creation, Paul articulates a truth that transcends local need or peculiarity, and so Paul adds, ‘we have no other practice—nor do the churches of God’ (v. 16).” **SYNOD APPROVED.**

3. That p. 6, first full paragraph, sentence 3,

“Moreover, this teaching is grounded, not in temporary circumstances or in the effects of the Fall, but in the order of creation, in the redemptive relationship between Christ and the church, and in the relationship between the persons of the Trinity,”

be revised to read:

"Moreover, this teaching is grounded, not in temporary circumstances or in the effects of the Fall, but in the order of creation and in the redemptive relationship between Christ and the church. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

4. That p. 10, first full sentence,

"Here, of course, we must again note that Paul does not primarily ground male headship and priority in the post-Fall situation (although the Fall narrative is referenced in 1 Timothy 2:14), but in the (pre-Fall) order of creation (1 Corinthians 11:3-9; 1 Timothy 2:13), in the intra-trinitarian relationship of the Father and the Son (1 Corinthians 11:3), and in the church's experience of redemption in Christ (Ephesians 5:23-24),"

be revised to read:

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**SYNOD APPROVED.**

5. That the entire subsection entitled "The Polemic Against Trinitarian 'Subordinationism'" (pp. 12, 13), excepting the concluding paragraph (which is the conclusion to the entire main heading), be deleted. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

6. That the final clause of the first sentence of "IV. Does This Issue Really Matter?" (bottom of p.13) be deleted:

"We have already seen that the arguments for women's ordination to all offices tend to undermine, both explicitly and

implicitly, the doctrine of the full authority of Scripture, ~~and that a persistent connection has been drawn between the gender issue and the doctrine of the Trinity.~~ **SYNOD APPROVED.**

7. That p. 1, first paragraph, sentence 5,

"This must be resisted if God's Word is to continue to speak with full authority to us,"

be revised to read:

"This must be resisted or else we shall fail to submit to the authority of God's Word." **SYNOD APPROVED.**

8. That the Special Committee on Trinitarian Concerns in the Position Paper on Women in the Life of the Church be dissolved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Miller, chairman (Catawba Presbytery)  
Robert Cara (First Presbytery)  
Mark Ross (Catawba Presbytery)  
David Smith (Grace Presbytery)  
Phillip Williams (Grace Presbytery)  
Christopher Crain, advisory (PCA)

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the Committee to Study the Office of Deacon and the Committee to Study the Nancy Fulwood Hospital be dissolved.**

The report of the **Committee on Conferences** was presented.

## **COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES**

Officers for 2025-2026:

Rev. Garison Taylor, Chairman



Rev. Matt Lucas, Vice-Chairman  
Mrs. Emily Woodard, Secretary

Other Committee Members: Rev. Brad Anderson, Rev. Rhett Carson, Rev. Philip Bunch, Mr. John Meachum.

The Committee on Conferences has the privilege of overseeing Horizon, Quest, and Family Bible Conference, all of which are held at Bonclarken. During the Summer of '24, these conferences served 1088 people.

Quest (Middle School)- 319

Horizon (High School)- 434

Family Bible Conference- 335

Each conference has its own planning team that oversees the day-to-day logistics and details of each conference, and our committee oversees these planning teams to keep within the vision of the ARPC at large. We approve the recommended speakers and themes and oversee the directors and financial distribution of money given by Synod to facilitate these conferences.

A few months ago, Rev. Mike Chipman asked to be released from serving on our committee. We are thankful for his service and his love for these conferences over the years. With Synod's approval, we hope to fill his remaining two-year term with Luke Grigsby of Coddle Creek ARPC.

We are currently working with other ARPC agencies to develop a policy for FBC, Horizon, and Quest conferences regarding handling any reports of sexual abuse and/or misconduct and the steps that must be taken to protect all individuals and entities involved. We hope to bring this report to Synod in 2026.

We are thankful for the leadership of the Directors and Assistant Directors: Rev. Brad Anderson - Director of Horizon and Quest, Rev. Rhett Carson, Assistant Director of Horizon and

Quest, Rev. Philip Bunch - Director of Family Bible Conference, and Mr. John Meachum - Assistant Director of Family Bible Conference.

Horizon & Quest Report:

We count it an honor to serve the students of our denomination through the conference ministries of Quest and Horizon. For Quest 2024, the speaker was Rev. Clint Davis, Pastor of Chester ARP Church (SC), and he spoke on the topic "You Belong Here," with the key text being Ephesians 2:11-22. For Horizon 2024, the speaker was Rev. Zack Keuthan, Pastor of Fletcher ARP Church plant (NC), and he spoke on the topic "Jesus is the Same: Yesterday, Today, & Forever," with the key text being Hebrews 13:8. Attendance for each week (including students, leaders, and conference staff): Quest – 319, Horizon – 434.

For Quest 2025, the speaker will be Rev. Rhett Carson, Pastor of Pinecrest ARP Church (NC), speaking on the theme "My Only Comfort", with the focus text being Psalm 73:23-28. For Horizon 2025, the speaker will be Rev. Mackay Smith, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales (FL), speaking on the theme "United to Christ", with the focus text being John 15:4.

Family Bible Conference Report:

The 2024 Family Bible Conference theme was *Having Full Joy*, with John 15:11 as our theme verse. We were grateful to have Dr. Chuck Barrett and Dr. Derek Thomas lead our morning and evening worship. In addition, we heard seminars from many others on various topics in the Christian life. There were 185 adults and 150 children who attended. This was an increase of 29 attendees, with an additional 47 children from the previous year. It was nearly record attendance for the conference. Praise the Lord!

FBC 2025 is planned for July 28 – July 31, 2025. We look forward to hearing from our two keynote speakers as they present in the morning and evening on the topic of *Worship and the Psalms*. Rev. Ben Glaser, Pastor serving at Bethany ARP Church (Clover, SC), will cover themes in the book *Learning to Love the Psalms* by W. Robert Godfrey. Rev. Jeff Kingwood, Pastor at Grace Presbyterian Church (Ontario, Canada), will be preaching in the evenings.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report and budget of the Committee on Conferences be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Garison Taylor, Chairman

**Note: All budget information is located on page 80.**

The report of the **Committee on Inter-Church Relations** was presented.

**COMMITTEE ON INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS**

The Committee on Inter-Church Relations of the ARP Church (ARP ICRC) met via Zoom on August 14, 2024 at 10 am, via Zoom on December 12, 2024 at 10 am, and via Zoom on March 5, 2025 at 2 pm.

**Ecumenical Organizations**

The ARP ICRC was able to send representatives to the 2024 meeting of the North American Presbyterian and Reformed Council held at Kansas City, Missouri, from November 12-14, 2024. It was hosted by the RCUS. The ARP delegation consisted of Rev. Benjamin Glaser, Rev. Kyle Sims, Rev. Billy

Barron, and Rev. Richard Vandervaat. The 2025 meeting will be hosted by the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America and will be held in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania.

The ARP will be hosting NAPARC in 2027. The ARP ICRC continues to discuss our future membership in the WRF. The next meeting of the International Conference of Reformed Churches will be in 2026 in South Korea.

The ARP ICRC was also contacted by the *Confraternidad Latinoamericana De Iglesias Reformadas* based out of Central America. Rev. Justin Brickey and Rev. Mark Witte are in dialogue with this group and more information will be provided at a later date.

#### Churches in Fraternal Relations

The churches in fraternal fellowship with the ARPC are the Korean-American Presbyterian Church (KAPC), the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC), the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), The Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA), the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales (EPCEW), and the Free Church of Scotland (FCoS). At the ARP Synod of 2023 action was taken to extend fraternal relations to the United Reformed Churches and the Canadian Reformed Churches. The ARP is waiting on action by those two communions before any further action on our part is taken on this matter. Rev. Richard Vandervaat attended the Synod meeting of the URC last summer and reported that the URC is continuing to work through their process to advance the ARP to a similar status. Rev. Vandervaat also came to the committee with an encouragement from the URC for ARP churches to look into a book by Christopher Yuan titled: "Holy Sexuality and the Gospel" and the video series based on it. Rev. Aaron De Boer attended the meeting of the CanRC in May of 2025 and testified to the steps being taken in the

CanRC to advance relations. We ask the Synod to continue to be in prayer for matters.

Relatedly, with the future formation of the Canadian ARP Synod, the ARP ICRC at her three meetings this year discussed and prayerfully asks the Synod to pray for the beginnings of a conversation to possibly set up a world-wide global ARP fellowship between the ARP Synods in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Pakistan modeled after the RP's Global Alliance.

It has been our practice to exchange delegates annually with the OPC and RPCNA. Our practice is to alternate years of sending and receiving delegates with the EPC and PCA. We exchange delegates with the KAPC, EPCEW, and FCoS on an occasional basis. The committee continues to review our relationship with the EPC and we will not have a representative from them this year. The ARP ICRC has instructed our representatives to have open and frank discussion with their EPC brothers about the situation in the EPC and to be in prayer with them. For several years, we have been discussing and monitoring the situation in the EPC. We continue to ask the Synod as a whole to prayerfully consider our future fraternal relations with the EPC. We also continue to encourage presbyteries and churches to invite local NAPARC churches to their meetings and events.

Another matter for prayer is the burgeoning opportunities we have coming in Rwanda. Due to the Lord's blessings on the Global Diploma Program, Rev. Glaser and Rev. Sims along with members of the SEED ministry have had early conversations with local leaders who are interested in an indigenous ARP denomination in Rwanda. We must impress upon the Synod the early stages of this conversation and ask for patience and encouragement as these matters in Christ's kingdom progress.

Lastly, the RPCNA has expressed interest in holding another concurrent Synod as we did in 2015 and 2019. The ARP ICRC committee endorses this idea and would like to encourage the ARP Synod to prayerfully consider welcoming the RPCNA to Bonclarken at a future date to be determined.

#### Fraternal Delegates / Representatives

In 2025, we have approved the sending of fraternal delegates to the meetings of the OPC, RPCNA, and the Free Church of Scotland General Synod/Assemblies. We also have invited IPAR, the OPC, PRCC, and the RPCNA, to send a fraternal delegate to our General Synod. As has been our practice for several years now, we have invited the Canadian Reformed Churches, URC, IPAR, LERC, and the Bible Presbyterian Church to send observers. Bonclarken is working with us to be able to host our fraternal delegates for supper together on Tuesday evening of Synod. Rev. Benjamin Glaser was approved by our ARP ICRC to be the representative of the ARP at the 2025 General Assembly of the OPC. Rev. Nick Robison will be our representatives at the RPCNA assembly. Moderator Alan Broyles was approved to be our representative at the assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

#### Other Relationships

The 2024 ARP General Synod asked our committee to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the IPAR seminary, *Comunidad Reformada De Estudios Superiores*. Rev. Benjamin Glaser, Rev. Scott Moore, Rev. Kyle Sims, and Rev. Lee Shelnutt attended. The trip was an excellent time of renewing acquaintances, making new friends, and witnessing the beauty of Christ's gospel with fellow brothers in the Lord. There is much to be encouraged by in the work of IPAR in Mexico. While due to visa issues our IPAR brothers could not be with us this year, we continue to give thanks for the

renewing and renewed relationships with IPAR. The ARP ICRC continues to investigate the nature and existence of our relations with the ARP Synod of Pakistan and hopes to have a fuller report at a later date.

**Officers for 2025-2026:**

Chairman	Rev. Benjamin Glaser
Vice-Chairman	Rev. Nick Robison
Secretary	Rev. Richard Vandervaart

**Recommendations:**

1. That Synod authorize the following as our fraternal delegates: RPCNA – June 17-20 at Indiana Wesleyan, Marion, Indiana – Rev. Nick Robison and Rev. Richard Vandervaart and reaffirm the following: OPC – June 4-10, Palos Heights, Illinois – Rev. Benjamin Glaser, CANRC – May 6-12 at Aldersgate, BC – Rev. Aaron De Boer, FCoS – May 19-22 at Edinburgh, Scotland – Moderator Alan Broyles, PCA - June 23-27, 2025 at Chattanooga, TN - Rev. James Hakim. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
2. That the ARP General Synod welcome the meeting of NAPARC to Bonclarken in 2027 and move the ARP ICRC to meet with the necessary Synod boards and agencies to coordinate this event. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
3. That the ARP General Synod direct the ARP ICRC chairman to communicate with his compatriot in the ARP Synod of Pakistan to encourage relations. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
4. That the ARP General Synod approve the deletion of a Women's Ministries representative to the ARP ICRC and change the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* to reflect this change. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

5. That the ARP General Synod pause for prayer for the growing opportunities in Rwanda. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
6. That the ARP General Synod pause for prayer for LERC. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
7. That the ARP General Synod pause for prayer for the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
8. That the ARP General Synod authorize the ARP ICRC to assign fraternal delegates for the meetings of NAPARC and any other fraternal situations as needed. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
9. That the attached budget be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
10. That the report be approved as a whole. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Benjamin Glaser, Chairman

**Note: All budget information is located on page 81.**

The report of the **Board of Stewardship** was presented.

### **BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP**

General Synod has given the Board of Stewardship “responsibility for working cooperatively with the congregations and agencies of General Synod to:

- develop and administer programs and ministries to secure financial resources to meet the operating needs of the General Synod;
- present to the General Synod a recommended allocation of those resources;
- receive, maintain, and administer funds given to the General Synod and/or the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Foundation, Inc., and



- expend income for the furtherance of the work of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church” (*Manual of Authorities and Duties*).

The members of the Board of Stewardship also serve as the Board of Directors of the ARP Foundation. The Boards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Foundation, Inc. and Stewardship have a united mission of promoting stewardship and increasing the assets of the ARP Church and ministries. Synod’s Investment Committee serves as Investment Advisor to the Foundation board.

### **ARP Foundation**

The Board of the ARP Foundation greatly appreciates the generous gifts of assets and bequests made by members to strengthen churches, agencies, ministries and special projects far above their regular giving commitments. The ARP Foundation regards it an honor as a board to be entrusted with the management of gifts to help meet current financial needs and build resources for the future of local churches and ministries important to our denomination.

Since the ARP Foundation has some monies in reserve, the Board is not requesting monies from the Denominational Ministry Fund (DMF) for 2025.

In seeking to be faithful stewards, the Board is allocating a portion of funds in the Cash Investment account to other investment portfolios to earn a higher rate of return.

As reported in 2024, retired Minister and Missionary, Ken Lotze, is now working alongside the ARP Foundation in the area of planned giving to the ARP Synod.

### **Stewardship**

General Synod created agencies, boards, and committees to serve the entire ARP Church in the proclamation of the Gospel of God by every means possible. **Every agency, board, and committee depends upon the free-will giving of every**

**congregation to the Denominational Ministry Fund in the financial support of our ARP Ministries. We understand that some congregations are not able to contribute as much as others, but we pray the Lord will lead all to give as they are able.**

The Board of Stewardship was asked in 2020 by the Special Committee on Net Assets Reallocation (also known as Moderator's Blue-Ribbon Committee) to dedicate 20% of Denominational Ministry Fund allocations to contribute toward funding the retirement plan actuarial deficit until the recapitalization of the pension plan is secured. For the 2026 fiscal year, the DMF has budgeted \$556,000 in continuation of that support effort.

**Special Offerings**

Easter Offering:	2024	Thanksgiving:	2024
ARP Foundation	\$ 8,257	Erskine Seminary	\$8,206
Bonclarken	\$17,316	Erskine College	\$14,115
ONA	\$17,655	Christmas Benevolent Fund	\$52,704
World Witness	\$26,486		
Subtotal	\$69,714	Subtotal	\$75,025

Beginning with Easter 2026, the fixed percentages going forward will be adjusted to the following in order to include Brice Sanders/Camp Joy in the allocation:

Easter Offering:		Thanksgiving:	
ARP Foundation	20%	Christmas Benevolent	70%
Bonclarken	20%	Erskine College	15%
Brice Sanders (Camp Joy)	20%	Erskine Seminary	15%
Outreach North America		20%	
World Witness		20%	

Under the oversight of the Executive Board of Synod, the Office of Central Services serves as an accounting and finance resource for all agencies of the denomination, particularly Synod's committees, Board of Benefits, William H. Dunlap Board of Directors, Board of Stewardship and Outreach North America. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance as a non-profit and 501(c)(3) religious organization.

The Board has engaged the independent auditing firm SuggsJohnson LLC, for the December 31, 2024 audit which includes the books of the Treasurer of Synod, the ARP Foundation's custodial funds, the ARP Foundation's gift annuity funds, and Outreach North America's revolving loan fund.

#### Administrative Information

Officers for July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026

Trent Gazzaway, Chairman

Sam James, Vice Chairman

Paul Matthews, Secretary

Jamey Dagenhart, Treasurer

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the proposed 2026 Board of Stewardship budget be adopted. **SYNOD APPROVED**
2. That individuals, congregations and presbyteries across the ARP denomination be encouraged to contribute toward the replenishment of the ARP Defined Benefit Recapitalization Plan. **SYNOD APPROVED**
3. That Synod encourage congregations to contribute to the DMF for the glory of God and the advance of the gospel and the building up of his church through the boards, agencies and committees of the ARP Church. **SYNOD APPROVED**
4. That Synod encourage all churches to visit the [arpchurch.org](http://arpchurch.org) website for a fuller explanation of the Denominational Ministry Fund. **SYNOD APPROVED**

5. That Synod committees analyze their reserves at the end of the year to determine if they are justified, and those reserves that are unjustified be returned to the General Synod reserve. **SYNOD APPROVED**
6. That the Thanksgiving and Easter offerings be continued for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 based on the allocations approved by the Board of Stewardship. **SYNOD APPROVED**
7. In keeping with the suggestion of the Committee on Investment, that Synod boards, agencies and committees with monies in the Cash Investment allocate a portion of these funds to other investment portfolios to earn a higher rate of return. **SYNOD APPROVED**
8. That General Synod pause for prayer, thanking God for His provision for our denomination, asking that all current and future ministry needs be met and seeking His wisdom to be faithful stewards of His provisions for the advancement of His kingdom and glory. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Trent Gazzaway, Chairman

#### CHURCH DENOMINATIONAL MINISTRY ANALYSIS

Churches meeting or exceeding 20%	2
Churches giving 10% -19%	17
Giving percentage not determined	118
Remaining at same percentage	72
Increased percentage level	43
Increased by at least 1%	19
Decreased percentage level	20
Decreased giving but 10% or above	1
Churches reporting but no pledge recorded	11
Churches not reporting	69
Churches with pledges	134

Note: The figures reported are based on information recorded in the Statistical Reports for calendar year 2024 from individual congregations. Total churches = 253 (does not include the Canadian Presbytery churches.)

Note: All budget information begins on page 79.



**All budgets for Synod's agencies, boards and committees are consolidated in this document in this order:**

**Committees:**

Conferences  
Inter-Church  
Investment  
Minister & His Work  
Revisions  
Nominations

**Boards:**

Stewardship/Foundation  
Benefits  
Bonclarken  
World Witness  
Outreach North America  
Dunlap  
Erskine  
Executive Board  
Brice/Sanders (Camp Joy)

Account Description	Committee on Conferences							Committee on Conferences							Committee on Conferences						
	2024 Synod Approved							2024 Actual Results							2025 Synod Approved						
	70	60	80	90	Conf Committee	Total		70	60	80	90	Conf Committee	Total		70	60	80	90	Conf Committee	Total	
Revenues																					
DM Allocation	6,000	6,000	9,325	3,675		25,000	6,267	6,267	9,809	3,815			26,158	6,000	6,000	15,000	3,000			30,000	6,000
Merchandise Sales							3,317	3,317					6,634								
Contributions						-	1,376	1,376	6,452				9,204								
Registration	35,000	49,000	25,000			109,000	34,680	47,425	20,975				103,080	36,000	50,000	26,000				112,000	36,000
Total Revenues	41,000	55,000	34,325	3,675		134,000	45,640	58,385	37,236	3,815			145,076	42,000	56,000	41,000	3,000			142,000	42,000
Expenses																					
Total Conference Exp.	35,000	49,000	25,000	-		109,000	28,689	33,936	16,236	-			78,861	36,000	50,000	26,000	-			112,000	31,000
Total DM Exp.	6,000	6,000	9,325	3,675		18,435	24,217	25,797	18,004	923			68,941	6,000	6,000	15,000	3,000			30,000	11,000
Total Expenses	41,000	55,000	34,325	3,675		134,000	52,906	59,734	34,240	923			147,802	42,000	56,000	41,000	3,000			142,000	42,000
Net Income	-	-	-	-		-	(7,266)	(1,349)	2,996	2,892			(2,726)	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Beginning Reserve Balance	12,482	12,272	9,699	628		35,082	17,482	17,272	9,699	628			45,082	10,216	15,924	12,695	3,521			42,356	10,216
Ending Reserve Balance	12,482	12,272	9,699	628		35,082	10,216	15,924	12,695	3,521			42,356	10,216	15,924	12,695	3,521			42,356	10,216



## COMMITTEE ON INTER-CHURCH RELATIONS

	<u>Actual</u> <b>2024</b>	<u>Synod</u> <u>Approved</u> <b>2025</b>	<u>Synod</u> <u>Proposed</u> <b>2026</b>
Denominational Ministry Allocation	\$ 12,534	\$ 11,910	\$ 11,910
<b>Expenses:</b>			
General Office Expense	\$ -	\$ 210	\$ 50
Committee Travel	1,527	0	1,500
Synod Planning	0	300	300
ARP Fraternal Delegates/Representatives	3,963	4,500	4,500
Hosting Fraternal Delegates	1,696	2,400	2,000
World Reformed Fellowship Dues	0	500	500
NAPARC Dues & Meeting Travel	8,492	4,000	3,060
ICRC Dues & Meeting Travel	0		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 15,678	\$ 11,910	\$ 11,910
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,144)	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Begginning Balance</b>	\$ 9,745	\$ 6,601	\$ 6,601
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$ 6,601	\$ 6,601	\$ 6,601

## COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT

	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Approved</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Denominational Ministry Allocation	\$ 3,542	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 3,542	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Expenses</b>			
Committee Travel & Meeting	\$ 2,723	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300
General Office-Copy, Etc	-	200	200
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 2,723	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 819	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Balance-Investment	\$ 9,344	\$ 10,164	\$ 10,164
Ending Balance-Investment	\$ 10,164	\$ 10,164	\$ 10,164

## COMMITTEE ON MINISTER AND HIS WORK

	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Approved</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Proposed</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Denominational Ministry Allocation	\$ 4,632	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
Presbytery-PRCC \$1,000/minister	21,100	19,200	24,100
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 25,732</b>	<b>\$ 23,700</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Committee Travel & Meeting	\$ 1,290	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500
General Office-xfer to Minister Relief	\$ 2,500		
Presbyterian and Reformed Joint Commission	21,100	19,200	24,100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 24,890</b>	<b>\$ 23,700</b>	<b>\$ 28,600</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 842</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Beginning Balance-MHWC Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 5,058</b>	<b>\$ 3,400</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>
<b>Ending Balance-MHWC Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 5,900</b>	<b>\$ 3,400</b>	<b>\$ 1,500</b>

## COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS

<b>ARP Synod</b>			
<b>Revisions Committee</b>			
	<u>2024</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Approved</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Synod</u> <u>Proposed</u>
Revisions Committee-DM Alloc	1,907	1,800	100
Revisions Committee-Expenses	-	1,800	100
<b>Net Income-Revisions</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Beginning Balance-Revisions</b>	<b>7,129</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ending Balance-Revisions</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>9,036</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Return to GS reserve</b>	<b>9,036</b>		

## NOMINATIONS

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Synod Approved</u>	<u>2026 Synod Approved</u>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Denominational Ministry Allocation	\$ 4,087	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 4,087	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
<b>Expenses</b>			
Committee Meeting	\$ -	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,900
General Office-Copy, Etc	-	100	100
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 4,087	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,781	\$ 11,868	\$ 4,000
Ending Balance	\$ 11,868	\$ 11,868	\$ 4,000

## STEWARDSHIP/FOUNDATION

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Synod Approved</u>	<u>2026 Synod Proposed</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
General Synod Allocation-Stewardship	\$ 14,986	\$ 21,400	\$ 17,900
Special Offering	8,257	8,500	8,500
Interest and Dividends	67,817	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 91,060	\$ 29,900	\$ 26,400
<b>Expenses</b>			
Board Travel & Expenses		\$ -	\$ -
Administrative Support	-	5,000	
General Synod Audit & Legal	15,000	15,000	16,500
General Office	1,202	1,400	1,400
Bank Fees	\$ 8,322	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500
Commercial Insurance	\$ 1,667	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Intra-Fund Transfers (Endowment)	\$ 27,000		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 53,191	\$ 29,900	\$ 26,400
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 37,869	\$ -	\$ -

## BENEFITS

	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>2025 Synod Approved</u>	<u>2026 Synod Proposed</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
<b><u>Unrestricted for Operations</u></b>			
General Synod DM Allocation-Board	1,223	4,835	4,835
General Synod DM Allocation-DC Plan	5,453		6,000
General Synod DM Allocation-DB Plan	14,441	15,500	16,370
General Synod DM Allocation-DB Retmt Debt	544,937	523,185	523,185
Total Unrestricted	566,054	543,520	550,390
<b><u>Retirement Plan Resources</u></b>			
Ola B. Hunter Trust for Retirement	4,380	4,210	4,620
ARP Retirement Plan Contributions	27,300	-	-
Total Retirement Plan	31,680	4,210	4,620
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 597,734</b>	<b>\$ 547,730</b>	<b>\$ 555,010</b>
	-		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<b><u>Board and General</u></b>			
Board Travel & Meeting	1,223	4,435	4,435
Office and Miscellaneous	-	400	400
Total Board and General	1,223	4,835	4,835
<b><u>ARP Retirement Plan</u></b>			
Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP)		5,000	-
Legal	490	-	-
Administrative Support	14,441	15,500	16,370
Direct Contribution Fudiciary Ins'r	5,453		6,000
Transfer to Trustee-DB Plan	576,127	522,395	527,805
Total ARP Retirement Plan	596,511	542,895	550,175
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 597,734</b>	<b>\$ 547,730</b>	<b>\$ 555,010</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

# MINUTES OF SYNOD

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## BONCLARKEN

	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Approved</u>	<u>2026 Proposed</u>
<b>Revenue</b>			
<b>Operating Revenue:</b>			
Rooms	\$ 1,341,762	\$ 1,496,208	\$ 1,515,000
Meeting Room rental	8,903	8,250	8,500
Food Service	869,003	923,000	935,000
Conference Fee	62,590	64,000	67,000
Programs	17,235	18,000	18,000
Camps	135,786	140,000	144,000
Gift Shop/Nibble Nook	59,510	59,000	59,000
Property Owners	54,921	53,900	53,900
Miscellaneous	68,416	68,500	70,000
<b>Total Op. Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,618,126</b>	<b>\$ 2,830,858</b>	<b>\$ 2,870,400</b>
<b>Non-Operating Revenue:</b>			
Synod's DMF	\$ 96,681	\$ 93,000	\$ 93,000
Mountain Club/Churches/ARPWM	556,720	512,514	525,000
Easter Offering	18,302	18,000	18,000
<b>Total Non-Op. Rev.</b>	<b>\$ 671,703</b>	<b>\$ 623,514</b>	<b>\$ 636,000</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,289,829</b>	<b>\$ 3,454,372</b>	<b>\$ 3,506,400</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Cost of Sales:</b>			
Food - Revenue Meals	\$ 328,261	\$ 357,663	\$ 364,650
Food - Nonrevenue Meals	29,663	30,000	30,000
Gift Shop/Nibble Nook	19,107	20,000	20,000
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>\$ 377,031</b>	<b>\$ 407,663</b>	<b>\$ 414,650</b>
<b>Payroll &amp; Benefits:</b>			
President	\$ 89,860	\$ 92,556	\$ 94,407
President Taxes & Benefits	52,300	54,986	55,536
Administration	396,159	399,339	405,329
Maintenance	208,405	211,817	214,994
Food Service	327,247	321,498	326,320
Guest Services	376,851	396,259	402,203
Recreation	72,981	73,800	74,907
Taxes & Benefits	365,378	414,559	424,054
<b>Total Payrl/Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 1,889,181</b>	<b>\$ 1,964,814</b>	<b>\$ 1,997,750</b>
<b>Other Expenses:</b>			
Administration	\$ 180,101	\$ 181,500	\$ 182,000
Camps	94,255	97,000	98,000
Finance	40,203	43,000	44,000
Food Service	29,913	34,000	35,000
Guest Services	82,701	82,000	83,000
Maintenance	244,312	248,000	249,000
Marketing	20,253	30,500	31,000
Prop and Liab Insurance	97,417	111,895	114,000
Recreation	33,336	33,000	34,000
Utilities	217,202	221,000	224,000
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,039,693</b>	<b>\$ 1,081,895</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,000</b>
<b>Total Op. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,305,905</b>	<b>\$ 3,454,372</b>	<b>\$ 3,506,400</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (16,076)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>
Extraordinary Expense or Revenue			
plus Supplement from Internal Reserve			
plus Business Interruption Insurance Claim	\$ 48,526		
<b>Revised Net</b>	<b>\$ 32,450</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (0)</b>

## WORLD WITNESS

	Actual 2024	2025 WW Board Approved Budget	2026 Proposed Budget
<b>SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE:</b>			
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>			
Public Support	\$ 1,104,438	\$ 1,045,643	\$ 1,124,021
General Synod	492,623	475,000	\$ 490,000
	\$ 1,597,061	\$ 1,520,643	\$ 1,614,021
<b>DESIGNATED INCOME:</b>			
Missionary Direct Support	\$ 3,223,075	\$ 2,764,499	\$ 2,595,273
Field Ministries	997,134	361,000	361,000
ASHA Grant for Hospital	-	-	-
ST Trips and Other Ministries	144,161	-	-
	\$ 4,364,370	\$ 3,125,499	\$ 2,956,273
<b>OTHER:</b>			
Other Income	\$ (33,830)	\$ -	\$ -
Investment Income (loss)	166,898	122,500	122,500
	\$ 133,068	\$ 122,500	\$ 122,500
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$ 6,094,499</b>		
Less: Non Budgeted Income:	\$ (852,196)		
<b>TOTAL CORE SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE:</b>	<b>\$ 5,242,303</b>	<b>\$ 4,768,642</b>	<b>\$ 4,692,794</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>MINISTRY SERVICES:</b>			
Missionary Direct Support	\$ 3,146,617	\$ 2,744,499	\$ 2,572,273
Field Ministries	1,437,292	748,969	810,332
ASHA Grant for Hospital	-	-	-
ST Trips and Other Ministries	127,137	-	-
	\$ 4,711,046	\$ 3,493,468	\$ 3,382,605
Director Salary	\$ 107,733	\$ 98,598	102,276
Director Housing Allowance	8,000	24,000	24,000
Director Social Security Allowance	3,777	9,425	9,706
Director Insurance	\$ 29,690	\$ 30,104	32,813
Director Retirement	\$ 14,599	\$ 14,712	15,153
Staff and Other Office Expenses	1,109,394	1,098,335	1,126,241
Total Supporting Services (Office)	\$ 1,273,193	\$ 1,275,174	\$ 1,310,189
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 5,984,239</b>		
Less: Non Budgeted Expenses:	\$ (1,114,552)		
<b>TOTAL CORE EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$ 4,869,687</b>	<b>\$ 4,768,642</b>	<b>\$ 4,692,794</b>
<b>TOTAL NET INCOME OR (LOSS):</b>	<b>\$ 110,260</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS):</b>	\$ 67,113	\$ -	\$ -
<b>TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$ 177,373</b>	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets, Beginning of year	\$ 4,480,252	\$ -	\$ -
Net Assets, End of year	\$ 4,657,625	\$ -	\$ -

<b>World Witness</b>		
<b>2026 Preliminary Budget Summary</b>		
	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
<b>Unrestricted Income</b>	\$ 789,276	\$ -
<b>Investment Income</b>	\$ 82,500	\$ -
<b>Barnabas Ministry</b>	\$ 778,413	\$ (778,413)
<b>Bridge Europe</b>	\$ 836,686	\$ (836,686)
<b>Candidates</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Ethne Outfitters</b>	\$ 396,088	\$ (395,088)
<b>Germany</b>	\$ 1,000	\$ -
<b>Home Office</b>	\$ 887,745	\$(1,126,241)
<b>Director Salary and Benefits</b>		
<b>Salary</b>		\$ (102,276)
<b>Housing Allowance</b>		\$ (24,000)
<b>Social Security Allowance</b>		\$ (9,706)
<b>Insurance</b>		\$ (32,813)
<b>Retirement</b>		\$ (15,153)
<b>Total Director Salary and Benefits</b>		\$ (183,948)
<b>Latin America Ministries</b>	\$ -	\$ (4,800)
<b>Lithuania</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Pakistan Hospital</b>	\$ 209,000	\$ (341,532)
<b>Pakistan Mission</b>	\$ 145,500	\$ (310,000)
<b>Short Term Trips</b>	\$ 91,651	\$ (91,651)
<b>Spain</b>	\$ 137,859	\$ (137,359)
<b>Turkey</b>	\$ 4,000	\$ (4,000)
<b>United Kingdom</b>	\$ 333,076	\$ (333,076)
<b>US Ministry</b>	\$ -	\$ (150,000)
<b>Volunteers</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>2026 Preliminary Budget</b>	<b>\$4,692,794</b>	<b>\$(4,692,794)</b>

## OUTREACH NORTH AMERICA

	2024 Actual	2025 Synod Approved	2026 Synod Proposed
<b>Revenues</b>			
<b>Projected Increases</b>		0%	0%
<b>Denominational Ministry Funds</b>	\$ 416,604	\$ 397,447	\$ 405,978
<b>Contributions for Ministry</b>	57,722	64,000	64,000
<b>Earnings (Loss) on Reserves</b>	64,005	750	32,000
<b>Other Revenues</b>	13,543	20,200	201,777
<b>Invested Fund Transfers for Operations</b>	242,134	106,105	34,105
<b>(Increase)/Use of Operations Reserve</b>	-	-	25,941.10
<b>Total Revenues for Operations</b>	<b>\$ 794,007</b>	<b>\$ 588,502</b>	<b>\$ 763,801</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b><u>New Church Development (NCD)</u></b>			
<b>Total Explorers Supplement Expenses</b>	72,000	72,000	72,000
<b>Total Church Plant Supplements</b>	144,000	162,000	128,100
<b><u>NCD Support Expenses</u></b>			
<b>Total Development Coordinator</b>	-	-	48,443
<b>Total Training</b>	32,401	38,000	45,000
<b>Total Other NCD Support Exp</b>	1,380	33,000	60,000
<b>Total NCD Support Expense</b>	33,781	71,000	153,443
<b>Total New Church Development (NCD)</b>	249,781	305,000	353,543
<b>Total Evangelism/Multi-Cultural Exp</b>	20,903	17,500	12,500
<b>Total Church Strengthening</b>	9,919	74,572	30,000
<b>Total National Presence</b>	25,530	39,859	48,883
<b><u>Administration Expenses</u></b>		3.5%	0%
<b><u>Director of Outreach North America</u></b>			
Salary	79,583	86,117	85,000
Housing Allowance	3,333	30,000	40,000
SS Allowance	5,546	8,883	-
Insurance	-	28,000	34,900
Retirement	-	15,000	15,000
Part-Time Director/Consultant	138	6,542	
<b>Director of Outreach North America</b>	<b>88,601</b>	<b>174,542</b>	<b>174,900</b>
<b>Support Staff</b>	<b>135,998</b>	<b>133,471</b>	<b>63,105</b>
<b>Payroll &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>224,599</b>	<b>308,013</b>	<b>238,005</b>
<b>Total Adm. Support Exp (includes Board Exp)</b>	<b>42,417</b>	<b>78,650</b>	<b>80,870</b>
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>267,016</b>	<b>386,663</b>	<b>318,875</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 573,148</b>	<b>\$ 823,594</b>	<b>\$ 763,801</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>220,860</b>	<b>(235,092)</b>	<b>-</b>



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## DUNLAP

Allocation and Fund Balances	2024 Actual	2025 Synod Approved	2026 Synod Proposed
Anticipated Revenue	\$ 277,394	\$ 183,200	\$ 233,800
Beginning Fund Balance	29,028	6,300	3,783
<b>Total Available</b>	<b>\$ 306,423</b>	<b>\$ 189,500</b>	<b>\$ 237,583</b>
Less: Reserve for Potential Revenue Shortfalls	(10,700)	(5,900)	(7,500)
Percentage of Revenue	3.9%	3.2%	3.2%
Administration	(4,794)	(4,800)	(5,150)
Erskine & Barker Scholarships	(25,200)	(25,300)	(35,300)
<b>Remaining for Allocation</b>	<b>\$ 276,429</b>	<b>\$ 153,500</b>	<b>\$ 189,633</b>
<b>Summary of Dunlap Fund Balances</b>			
Dunlap Ministry Operations-Cash @GS SSB	106,429	106,029	7,503
Dunlap Ministry Operations-Ultra Short @Schwab	115,656		
ARP Adoption	146,697	136,100	136,100
Dunlap Orphanage Ministry	1,066,685	1,049,100	1,098,700
James Barker Erskine Scholarship	31,854	30,100	32,900
McGregor Memorial Fund	205,517	183,500	211,700
Will Ministry	353,020	347,600	363,600
Bada & Robert Helms Children Fund-Recommended	64,444	62,100	66,300
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$2,090,302</b>	<b>\$ 1,914,529</b>	<b>\$ 1,916,803</b>
Operations	2024 Actual	2025 Synod Approved	2026 Synod Proposed
<b>Income</b>			
Denominational Ministry			
Miscellaneous Gifts	14,500	4,000	4,000
Interest Allocation-Stewardship	17,658		
B. J. Wade	279,216	103,200	203,000
<b>Transfer (to)/from Investment (Wade Growth Fund)</b>	<b>(115,000)</b>		<b>(50,000)</b>
Ola B. Hunter	4,380	4,100	4,300
McGregor Memorial	7,954	7,700	8,400
Orphanage Fund	49,634	45,200	45,100
Will Ministry Fund (min bal of \$255,022)	16,422	15,000	14,900
<b>Bada &amp; Robert Helms Children Fund-set % of \$18k</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>2,800</b>
Barker Scholarship	1,200	1,300	1,300
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 277,394</b>	<b>\$ 183,200</b>	<b>\$ 233,800</b>
<b>Ministry Expenditures</b>			
Barker Scholarship to Erskine	1,200	1,300	1,300
Erskine-guaranteed	24,000	24,000	34,000
<b>Ongoing Relationships (50% max of remaining unless unanimous)</b>			
Collins Home	27,000		
Palmer Home	24,000		
<b>WW-Mabel Lowry Pressly home/Girls' Hostel</b>	<b>11,500</b>		
French Camp Academy	27,000		
<b>Total Ongoing Relationships Expenses</b>	<b>89,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Discretionary-these relationships are reviewed annually</b>			
Calvary Home	17,875		
Boys Farm	3,000		
Miracle Hill	2,500		
Hope for the Fatherless	18,000		
RCRI (Reach Children of Rwanda Int'l)	10,500		
King's Kids/Throwing Seeds	25,500		
Committed for 1st Qrt next year	3,125		
Remaining for allocation	-	<b>153,500</b>	<b>189,630</b>
<b>Total Discretionary Expenses</b>	<b>80,500</b>	<b>153,500</b>	<b>189,630</b>
<b>Sub-Total Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 195,200</b>	<b>\$ 178,800</b>	<b>\$ 224,930</b>
<b>Total Administration Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,794</b>	<b>\$ 4,800</b>	<b>\$ 5,150</b>
<b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 199,994</b>	<b>\$ 183,600</b>	<b>\$ 230,080</b>
Net Income over/(under) expenses	\$ 77,401	\$ (400)	\$ 3,720
Beginning Fund Balance	\$ 29,028	\$ 106,429	\$ 3,783
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 106,429</b>	<b>\$ 106,029</b>	<b>\$ 7,503</b>

Erskine College

	FY24-25 Budget	FY24-25 Projection
<b>Total Operational Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 24,768,415</b>	<b>\$ 24,126,572</b>
<b>Total Operational Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 23,778,917</b>	<b>\$ 23,871,838</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 989,499</b>	<b>\$ 254,734</b>

All donations from the Synod ~\$390,000 are allocated (100%) for Undergraduate/Seminary Scholarship support, this represents approximately 1.8% of our Institutional Aid Discount for FY24-25.

Thank you for your continued support of Erskine College!

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

	2024 Actual	2025 Synod Approve	2026 Synod Propose
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>		0.0%	0.0%
General Synod Allocation	\$ 87,190	\$ 83,900	\$ 83,900
Misc Income	2,139		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 89,329	\$ 83,900	\$ 83,900
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<b><u>General Synod Officers</u></b>			
Moderator	\$ 3,141	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Vice-Moderator	-	1,500	1,500
Moderator-Elect	1,436	1,000	1,000
Vice-Moderator Elect	-	500	500
Principal Clerk	5,642	5,000	5,000
Treasurer	3,600	3,675	3,600
<b>Total General Synod Officers</b>	\$ 13,818	\$ 19,675	\$ 19,600
<b>Net General Synod Meeting</b>	\$ 4,566	\$ 3,600	\$ -
<b>Total Ex. Board Meeting &amp; Office</b>	\$ 15,302	\$ 5,900	\$ 6,400
<b>Total General Synod Contingency</b>	\$ 5,766	\$ 13,935	\$ 29,970
<b><u>Communication &amp; Operations</u></b>			
<b>The ARP Net</b>	\$ (2,057)	\$ 3,000	\$ (250)
<b>Net Adult Quarterly</b>	\$ 446	\$ 700	\$ -
<b>Net ARP Bookstore</b>	\$ 8,375	\$ (2,000)	\$ (2,000)
<b>Total Website &amp; Internet</b>	20,420	18,600	17,600
<b>Net Copier, Postage &amp; Banking</b>	\$ 4,045	\$ 5,800	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	\$ 9,933	\$ 14,690	\$ 8,580
<b>Total Communication &amp; Operations</b>	\$ 41,163	\$ 40,790	\$ 27,930
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 80,615	\$ 83,900	\$ 83,900
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 8,714	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>Beginning Reserve</b>	\$ 66,386	\$ 75,100	\$ 75,100
<b>Ending Reserve</b>	\$ 75,100	\$ 75,100	\$ 75,100

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## CENTRAL SERVICES

	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>2025 Synod Approved</u>	<u>2026 Synod Proposed</u>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>			
<b>Current Funds</b>		3.0%	5.4%
Denominational Ministry Funds	\$ 510,334	\$ 504,308	\$ 531,422
Miscellaneous Gifts	800	0	0
Total Current Funds	\$ 511,134	\$ 504,308	\$ 531,422
<b><u>Agency Support</u></b>			
Board of Benefits- 13% of total Dis	\$ 59,700	\$ 77,600	\$ 81,850
Retirement Support-DB Plan 2.6%	14,441	15,500	16,370
Total Agency Support	\$ 74,141	\$ 93,100	\$ 98,220
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$ 585,275	\$ 597,408	\$ 629,642
verify	-		
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<b>Executive Director Central Services</b>		3.5%	3.5%
Salary	\$ 92,144	\$ 95,150	\$ 98,480
Retirement	11,031	11,418	11,818
Insurance-AS Director	16,423	9,707	9,980
Employer Tax-SS	5,713	5,899	6,106
Employer Tax-Medicare	1,336	1,380	1,428
Total Exec. Director Central Service	\$ 126,647	\$ 123,554	\$ 127,812
Total Salary and Benefits	\$ 533,809	\$ 571,347	\$ 600,911
<b><u>Staff &amp; Program</u></b>			
Worker's Compensation	\$ 611	\$ 1,242	\$ 1,186
Director Travel & Expenses	71	1,000	200
Staff Travel & Expenses	1,343	800	1,300
Training	-	1,000	500
Dues/Subscriptions	-	100	100
Total Staff & Program	\$ 2,024	\$ 4,142	\$ 3,286
Total Equipment	\$ 2,840	\$ 750	\$ 1,000
<b><u>General Office</u></b>			
Software Maintenance	\$ 8,628	\$ 8,700	\$ 9,700
Bank Fees-Net	1,651	200	200
Bank Fees Allocated	(401)		
Communication	5,497	4,344	7,120
Office Supplies	6,339	7,500	7,000
Commercial Insurance	208	425	425
Total General Office	\$ 21,921	\$ 21,169	\$ 24,445
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 560,595	\$ 597,408	\$ 629,642
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 24,680	\$ -	\$ -
Beginning Fund Balance	20,547	45,228	43,177
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	\$ 45,228	\$ 45,228	\$ 43,177

## ARP CENTER FACILITY

	<u>D e s c r i p t i o n</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Proposed Budget</u>
<b>Receipts</b>				
	Denominational Ministry	\$ 91,005	\$ 87,360	\$ 87,360
	Misc Gifts	11,621		
<b>Total Rental Income</b>		159,794	111,026	81,303
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 262,420</b>	<b>\$ 198,386</b>	<b>\$ 168,663</b>
		<b>\$ -</b>		
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Facility Repairs	22,653	25,000	25,000
	Facility Management	80,880	78,742	82,434
	Utilities	36,218	31,000	32,340
	Facility - Other	139,144	63,645	28,889
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 278,895</b>	<b>\$ 198,386</b>	<b>\$ 168,663</b>
<b>Net Income (Loss)</b>		<b>\$ (16,475)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Beginning Facility Fund Balance		30,226	13,751	13,751
<b>Ending Facility Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 13,751</b>	<b>\$ 13,751</b>	<b>\$ 13,751</b>
		-		
<b>Plant Sinking Fund #800000-013</b>				
Beginning Balance		\$ 83,644	\$ 166,866	\$ 181,866
Contributions		131,000	45,000	20,000
Expenses		(47,778)	(15,000)	(85,000)
<b>Ending Plant Sinking Fund Balance</b>		<b>\$ 166,866</b>	<b>\$ 196,866</b>	<b>\$ 116,866</b>
<b>PSF Shortfall vs Estimated Target</b>		<b>\$ 136,874</b>	<b>\$ (21,451)</b>	<b>\$ 116,866</b>

*Minimal new lessors assumed. More rental revenue would lower shortfall*

## BRICE SANDERS (CAMP JOY)

<b>Camp Joy Consolidated Financial Summary</b>			
Includes all camps and Brice Sanders Foundation			
	Actual 2024	Synod Approved 2025	Synod Proposed 2026
<b>Revenues</b>			
Contributions	243,170	206,138	206,508
Total Other Revenue	69,547	35,684	59,288
ARP Women's Ministries Contributions	8,713	6,000	8,100
Total Registration and R&B	118,710	133,121	132,500
Earnings on Investments	51,164	-	18,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>491,304</b>	<b>380,943</b>	<b>424,396</b>
verify	-	-	-
<b>Expenses</b>			
Total Room/Board & Admin Expenses	293,435	277,839	320,538
Total Conference Honorariums/Fees	23,925	27,750	26,250
Total Other Camp Expenses	71,079	67,474	77,608
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>388,439</b>	<b>373,063</b>	<b>424,396</b>
Verify	-	-	-
<b>Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<b>102,865</b>	<b>7,880</b>	<b>-</b>
Beginning Reserve Fund	400,091	476,119	502,956
<b>Ending Reserve Fund-Camp Joy</b>	<b>502,956</b>	<b>483,999</b>	<b>502,956</b>

The report of the **Committee on Investment** was presented.

**COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENT**

The Investment Committee oversees various investments owned by General Synod, presbyteries, agencies, congregations, and individuals. The committee meets at least quarterly with its investment consultants to review portfolio performance and asset allocation and make any necessary changes in investment

managers or investment strategies. Representatives of Synod agencies and boards with funds invested under the oversight of the committee are invited to participate in Investment Committee meetings in an advisory capacity.

Duties as prescribed in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* are:

a. **Developing guidelines for the work of the committee.**

The Investment Committee reviews their Investment Policy Statement for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Trust on an annual basis to revise as needed. The Cornerstone Management model asset allocations are reviewed periodically and adjusted as required.

b. **Management of all investment funds under the oversight of the ARP Foundation/Stewardship (including the funds of the General Synod) and the Board of Benefits.**

These funds represent three distinct types of investments: The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan Trust, Endowment & Endowment-type Funds, and Charitable Remainder Trusts & Gift Annuities.

- (1) **Associate Reformed Presbyterian Retirement Plan Trust.**  
The Investment Committee meets on a quarterly basis with financial advisor The Corpening Group of Alex Brown, a subsidiary of Raymond James, to receive reports, evaluate the performance of the ARP Retirement Trust Fund, and make recommendations as to the management of our portfolio.

The value of assets invested as of December 31, 2024, was approximately \$45.3 million. The value of assets invested as of December 31, 2023, was approximately \$44.9 million.

(2) Endowments and Endowment-type Funds. The Investment Committee also meets on a regular basis with financial advisor Cornerstone Management to receive reports, evaluate the performance of these funds, and make recommendations as to the management of our portfolio. These individual accounts belong to churches, presbyteries, and agencies of the General Synod. Conservative, Moderate, Moderate Aggressive, and Aggressive investment models are available based upon the risk profile of each account holder. As of December 31, 2024, endowment and endowment-type funds totaled approximately \$29.8 million. As of December 31, 2023, endowment and endowment-type funds totaled approximately \$28.2 million.

(3) Charitable Remainder Trusts and Gift Annuities. The Investment Committee provides investment oversight over the ARP Foundation's charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities on behalf of the ARP Foundation Board of Directors. Each charitable trust is a separately invested entity, with a combined total value on December 31, 2024, of approximately \$232,000 versus \$227,000 for the prior year end. The balance in the Gift Annuity Fund on December 31, 2024, was \$105,000 versus \$103,000 for the prior year end. The Gift Annuity Fund assets exceed the liabilities as of December 31.

**c. Reviewing all current investment relationships for funds currently invested under the oversight of the ARP Foundation/Stewardship and funds of the Board of Benefits.**



As stated above, The Corpening Group serves as the investment consultant on the ARP Retirement Plan Trust, and Cornerstone Management, Inc. serves as consultant for the endowment and endowment-type funds as well as the charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities.

The Corpening Group reported on the performance of the Retirement Fund investments, indicating in the overall report a 14.3% annual gain for 2023. For the 5-, 7-, 10-, and 15-year periods the ARP Retirement Trust Fund's performance has exceeded its benchmark. The return also exceeds the actuarial target of 5.25% for the same periods.

Cornerstone also reported that individual portfolio allocations combined for an average 8.5% annual gain for 2024. The average is influenced by the models selected by the investing entities.

**d. Discuss with other boards and agencies the possibility of including their funds in those under management.**

The committee is available to assist any church, presbytery, or agency of the General Synod, both in an advisory capacity and to exercise responsibilities authorized by asset owners. Contact the Executive Director of Central Services with your questions regarding the financial services that may be available to your respective church, presbytery, or agency.

The Committee respectfully requests that representatives of Synod keep in mind the following important considerations when evaluating investment performance:

Performance for the calendar year was in-line relative to the benchmarks established in the Investment Policy Statement. The investment models utilized by financial advisors and money

managers are not predicated upon the cyclical difficulties of financial markets, but rather upon a long-term strategy. Evaluations of negative returns or less than average performance in the financial markets must always remain tempered by the market's long-term track record, which often reverts back to the mean. Long-term financial strategy as it pertains to prudent Biblical stewardship, and not market volatility, is the primary focus of the Committee's considerations.

Officers for 2025-2026:

Stewart Hurst	Chairman
John Windley	Vice-Chairman
Jamey Dagenhart	Treasurer
Cindy Scott	Secretary/Administrative Officer

**Recommendations:**

1. That this report be received as information. **SYNOD APPROVED.**
2. That the committee be granted \$5,500 for committee travel and expenses. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Wylie, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 81.

The report of the **Committee on the Minister and His Work** was presented.

**COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTER AND HIS WORK**

First, a motion was made to amend the *FOG* 9 by adding a "Concerning Theological Change" category at 9.68. The amendment would read, "If a minister's views on the Standards of the ARP Church change after ordination, such that they rise to

the level of a possible exception(s), the minister is required to report and explain those changes in writing to his Presbytery's Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work. The Committee shall then report this change to the Presbytery and make a recommendation to the Presbytery regarding the minister's standing in the Presbytery, and with that recommendation shall include the minister's written explanation."

Second, the United Reformed Churches in North America (URCNA) are requesting full membership to the PRCC-MP for chaplaincy endorsement. According to the PRCC-MP constitution, each member denomination must approve the request at the Synod or GA level.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the *FOG* be revised with a new category at 9.68 titled "Concerning Theological Change" to read, "If a minister's views on *The Standards of the ARP Church* change after ordination, such that they rise to the level of a possible exception(s), the minister is required to report and explain those changes in writing to his Presbytery's Standing Committee on the Minister and His Work. The Committee shall then report this change to the Presbytery and make a recommendation to the Presbytery regarding the minister's standing in the Presbytery, and with that recommendation shall include the minister's written explanation."

**REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS**

2. That the URCNA receive full membership to the PRCC-MP for chaplaincy endorsement. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Respectfully submitted,  
James Brown, Chairman

All budget information can be found on page 82.

The report of the **Committee on Revisions** was presented. For clarification reasons on the four recommendation items, the moderator moved the Committee on Revisions report until the end of business.

The report from **Bonclarken Conference Center** was presented.

### **BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER**

The Board of Bonclarken is honored to serve the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church through our conference center ministry.

Bonclarken's Mission to *"provide and promote a Christian environment for inspiration and renewal"* continues to guide our decision making. The purpose of this report is to update Synod on the activities of our Board since the last meeting of Synod, to share the ministry impact of Bonclarken, and to make recommendations for consideration by Synod.

In many ways, the response Bonclarken received following Hurricane Helene's devastation in Western North Carolina on September 27 exemplified our ministry impact. Not only did Bonclarken receive an outpouring of support from friends throughout the denomination, but also guest group leaders expressed interest in helping us reopen as soon as we could. These leaders knew the Spirit-filled retreats of their groups and wanted to be sure the opportunity to have a retreat at Bonclarken was available for them and other groups as quickly as possible. What a blessing.

Our President, Chip Sherer, was elected to serve a four-year term on the national Board of the Christian Camps and Conferences Association (CCCCA), representing the Southeast region. Based in Colorado Springs, CO, the CCCC has a mission of helping camps and conference centers maximize ministry.

Through this position, Mr. Sherer has visited numerous other facilities in the southeast and networked with their leaders, further strengthening Bonclarken's presence and influence in the camp and conference ministry community.

Looking ahead, our Board has begun the process of developing our next Strategic Plan. A vital task of our Board is planning for our future, with sustaining our Mission as our chief goal. Our previous Plan, launched in 2016, successfully met most of its objectives. A Steering Committee, in collaboration with our Administration and an external consultant, is working toward presenting a new Strategic Plan to our Board for consideration in May 2025.

### Duties

The Board of Bonclarken is responsible for oversight of the management and ministry of the Conference Center, which includes all properties and facilities. In the exercise of this responsibility, the Board implements the five duties as reflected in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties*.

#### **Duty #1:**

"To be responsible for carrying out the PURPOSE of Bonclarken: 'To serve God through the ministry of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod by providing for the denomination opportunities for Christian worship, education, recreation, and fellowship; by assuring a wholesome atmosphere for Christian development; and by making facilities available to the agencies and institutions of Synod, its Presbyteries, and local congregations to fulfill their missions and goals.' In the interest of oneness with God, the facilities may be shared with other Christian and educational groups when scheduling permits."

#### **Response to this duty:**

Providing *opportunities for Christian worship, education, recreation, and fellowship* is the primary mission of Bonclarken.

The Board and the Administration work together to keep this mission as the focus of our efforts.

*Christian development* is fostered when guests are open to the call of the Holy Spirit, and the Bonclarken staff works diligently to *assure a Christian atmosphere* for this development.

Bonclarken is open year-round, thereby *making facilities available to the agencies and institutions of Synod, its Presbyteries, and local congregations to fulfill their missions and goals.*

*In the interest of oneness with God, the facilities may be shared with other Christian and educational groups when scheduling permits.*

Bonclarken has hosted many other like-minded Christian and educational groups in the past, and we pray these friends will continue to be interested in holding their events at our conference center.

**Duty #2:**

“To elect officers and employ and supervise the president of Bonclarken, who in turn will employ and supervise such persons as may be necessary for carrying on the work of Bonclarken in accordance with the policies established by the Board.”

**Response to this duty:**

Officers elected for 2024-2025:

Jim Ashburn	Chairman
Dan Eller	Vice Chairman
Blake Moore	Treasurer
Catherine Davis	Secretary

The Board employs and supervises Chip Sherer as President of Bonclarken. The Board entrusts Mr. Sherer with the duty of carrying out the policies of the Board and managing the day-to-day operations of the Conference Center.

**Duty #3:**

“To make such rules and regulations for its own governance as may be consistent with the Constitution of Bonclarken Conference Center and the policies of Synod.”

**Response to this duty:**

The Board regularly reviews its By-Laws and Board policies as to current applicability and makes revisions when deemed appropriate.

**Duty #4:**

“To manage, sell, lease or purchase real property as determined appropriate by the Board to carry out the mission of Bonclarken.”

**Response to this duty:**

The Board continues to ensure that all property owned by Bonclarken is appropriately managed and took the following significant actions from May 2024 through March 2025:

May 2024 Board meeting:

- Received a detailed report from Will Hendricks, Bonclarken’s insurance agent, on all our insurance coverages and the factors impacting the current insurance market. The Board appointed a special committee to study various insurance matters related to conference center guests, homeowners, and guests of homeowners.

October 2024 Board meeting:

- President Sherer shared in depth the impact of Hurricane Helene on Bonclarken. The Board paused to pray for the thousands of families impacted by the flooding from the hurricane.

- Amended the Wedding Policy to include that the Order of Service must conform to the ARP Directory of Public Worship.
- Selected Carl Shaw, CPA, to perform the 2024 Financial Review.

January 2025 Board meeting

- Approved use of funds for significant pool repairs needed to the pool due to damage from Hurricane Helene.
- Approved the 2025 Operating Budget.
- Approved the 2025 Endowment Income Budget and Withdrawal Schedule.

**Recommendations:**

1. 2027 meeting of General Synod: We recommend that the 2027 meeting of General Synod be held at Bonclarken beginning Tuesday, June 8, 2027. (*The meeting of General Synod for 2026 was approved by the 2024 Synod to be held at Bonclarken beginning Tuesday, June 9, 2026.*) **SYNOD APPROVED.**
2. Ongoing Financial Support: We request that General Synod continue its financial support of Bonclarken through the allocation of funds from the Denominational Ministry Fund and through the annual Easter offering. **SYNOD APPROVED**
3. Promote Participation: We recommend that General Synod ask all presbyteries, boards, and churches to encourage and assist their members in attending the various camps, conferences, and retreats hosted by Bonclarken throughout the year. **SYNOD APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,  
James P. Ashburn, Chairman



Note: All budget information is located on page 85.

Retired Reading Clerk, Charles Edgar, read the recommendations in the Bonclarken report in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 51<sup>st</sup> Synod. Edgar took a moment of personal privilege.

*We received this trinitarian report. It mentioned the submission of women. I have been fooling around with theology for 60 years. Fought my church when I was a teenager. I have heard numerous papers and reports on the submission of women. In addition to my pastoral duties. I was a private investigator for 35 years. I interviewed at least 500 women going through divorces. Probably 90 percent were the fought of an erring husband. In all of these years that I am talking about, I have not seen any papers or any reports that have to do with loving their wives the way Christ loved the church. I wish that we would spend as much time instructing ourselves as males and the husbands in our churches as we do on requiring submission. I would venture to say that in most of the cases I dealt with, these women, if they had a husband who loved them as Christ loved the church, they wouldn't be involved in the divorces they are in.*

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the retired reading clerk's, Mr. Charles Edgar, comments be included in the minutes.**

The Order of the Day at 5:00 P.M., James McManus closed the session with a prayer and blessing.

## **TUESDAY EVENING**

Tim Phillips opened the evening session with a sermon.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the 221st General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church do on this solemn day condemn without distinction any theological or political teaching which posits a superiority of race or ethnic identity born of immutable human characteristics and does on this solemn evening call to repentance any who would promote or associate themselves with such teaching, either by commission or omission.**

A motion **CARRIED**

**That this language be adopted as a position statement and be posted on our website and in other appropriate documents.**

The report from **Erskine College & Seminary** was presented.

#### **ERSKINE COLLEGE & SEMINARY**

Officers:

Mr. Alan Runyan	Chairman
Mr. Phillip Cook	Vice Chairman
Mr. Darrell Proffitt	Treasurer
Mrs. Margaret Kiser	Secretary/Administrative Officer
Dr. Steve Adamson	President

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Erskine College submits this report to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, affirming that the Synod's Philosophy of Christian Higher Education guides and directs the Board in its responsibilities.

During the past twelve months, the Board of Trustees has served Erskine College with continued commitment and

dedication. Foremost in their service has been diligence in prayer and applying their time, talent, and treasure. All board members contributed personally or via networking relationships to Erskine's fundraising efforts, which is an absolute requirement of Erskine Trustees. Additionally, the Trustees have been involved in overseeing the financial investments of the Institution, reviewing the College's audit report, providing fiscal governance, and supporting President Adamson in achieving the Institution's vision *"to equip students for lives of service and leadership, building Christ's church and influencing society for God's glory."*

Erskine wishes to thank the Sub-Committee on Nominations for Erskine (SCONE) for supporting the Institution by vetting Trustee candidates. Finding trustees of deep faith and exceptional business, finance, networking, fundraising, legal, and other critical governance skills is paramount for Erskine's survival in a highly competitive higher education business environment.

This report is structured around Erskine's strategic plan based on four pillars (Missional Fidelity, Financial Stewardship, Educational Excellence, and Expanding Reach.)

## **PILLAR 1: MISSIONAL FIDELITY**

Through the leadership of President Dr. Steve Adamson, VP of Finance Mr. Darrell Proffitt, and Seminary Dean and Accreditation Liaison Dr. Seth Nelson, the College completed a historic year of financial success, resulting in the removal of sanction by its accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). Reaffirming its accreditation until 2032 is essential for Erskine to continue fulfilling its mission as a Christ-centered college.

As in previous years, Erskine continues the lengthy process of updating its controlling documents, policy

manuals, and handbooks. Ensuring these documents' harmony, consistency, and accuracy is essential in protecting Erskine's missional focus, legal standing, and religious exemptions, without which the College would be at risk from secular pressures.

## **PILLAR 2: FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Erskine's fiscal year 2024-25 budget, which ends June 30, 2025, calls for \$24.77M in revenue and \$23.78M in expenses, resulting in an operational surplus of \$989K. As of February, Erskine is on track to finish with revenue exceeding expenses. This level of financial stewardship marks the second consecutive year of operational surplus, something not achieved in over 30 years.

While the 2024-25 fiscal year results will not be finalized until after June 30, having financial stewardship as one of the four pillars of the strategic plan focuses attention and produces results. Erskine anticipates its 2024-25 audit will again show positive values on the Institution's Statement of Activities, Operational Cash Flow, and Unrestricted Net Assets.

A portion of Erskine's 2024-25 revenue comes from contributions raised through the Advancement Office and investment resources from the Endowment. As of February 2024, the fiscal year funds that have come through the Advancement Office (\$3.5M) and the Endowment (\$1.2M) reflect diligent fundraising and the exercise of care in financial stewardship.

Erskine continues to be grateful to the ARP Synod for their annual support of more than \$380,000. The economics of higher education today places significant emphasis on non-student revenue sources; as such, Erskine's future annual fundraising goals will increase, leading to requests to seek more substantial support from our long-time supporters.

**PILLAR 3: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Within the Pillar of Educational Excellence, Erskine has modified its undergraduate CORE curriculum and developed new Institutional learning goals. These changes, led by Erskine's Provost, Dr. Ed Clavell, have resulted in a more streamlined and biblically oriented CORE and six learning goals (critical thinking, ethics and morals, communication skills, relationship development, global awareness, and Christian faith and academic inquiry) that impart classically influenced skills on Erskine's undergraduates. These same Institutional learning goals also supported the refinement of the graduate and seminary programs, spiritual formation efforts, and residence/student life, thus ensuring both excellence and adherence to a common mission.

**PILLAR 4: EXPANDING REACH**

Enrollment at the undergraduate level was again near 800, marking the third year in a row that the College has seen strong enrollment. Through its sponsorship of the Charter Institute at Erskine, the College has a pipeline of charter school graduates, which can provide enrollment stability.

Dr. Adamson, Erskine's Executive Cabinet, faculty/staff, and the new Director of Church Relations and Seminary Admissions (Rev. Dr. Kyle Sims) are regularly involved in efforts to expand the reach of Erskine. These efforts include 1) leveraging the Columbia and Greenville campuses; 2) developing an identity as America's preeminent pastor/shepherd seminary; 3) focusing on relationships with the ARP and other Reformed congregations; and 4) partnering with World Witness for the expansion of the highly successful Global Diploma in Theology and Christian Leadership.

Finally, the expanding reach pillar of the strategic plan is not just concerned with increasing total enrollment but also with

expanding the visibility of Erskine as a kingdom-minded institution committed to serving the global community for God's glory. Within this vein, Erskine's annual Garnet and Gold Forum, now housed within the newly created Erskine Center for Worldview Studies, hosted the well-known Christian Apologist Mr. Greg Koukl in an exceptional series of lectures on practical apologetics.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Steve Adamson, President  
Erskine College & Seminary

Note: All budget information is located on page 90.

The report from **World Witness** was presented.

### **WORLD WITNESS**

Officers for 2025 – 2026:

Rev. David Walkup	Chairman
Rev. Matt Kuiken	Vice-Chairman
Elly Keuthan	Secretary

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Fall Meeting	October 7-9, 2025
Spring Meeting	March 4-6, 2026

### **Introduction**

*“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that*

*those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.”* (2 Cor. 5:14-15) It is the love of Jesus Christ, demonstrated in the cross and resurrection, that compels us to bring the gospel to the nations. Empowered by the Spirit, we are to resist self-centered complacency and to advance the cause of Christ. It has been the work of the Church in every age to make Christ known across every linguistic, cultural, and geographic boundary. This is not an easy task. We face worldly opposition, spiritual darkness, and our own natural weakness. Yet, it has always pleased God to place the *“treasure of the gospel in jars of clay to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”* (2 Cor. 4:7) As the ARP Church, small in number and mighty in faith, we demonstrate the surpassing power of God. Today, all our churches are called to play a role in praying, sending, giving, or going to extend God’s kingdom on earth. As you read this report, please consider what part God would have you play in this vital part of our ministry as a denomination.

The ARP church has a long faithful history of boldness in missions. In 1819, our Synod sent John Taylor Pressly on an eight-week, horseback journey of over 900 miles throughout the southeast states, as the first home mission effort. In 1875, the Synod sent Mary Galloway Giffen on a 3,000-mile journey by boat to Egypt, as our first foreign mission effort. These bold mission movements eventually birthed the rapid growth of our denomination nationally and globally.

This year, World Witness celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sending out our first missionary! In modeling Mary Galloway Giffen’s bold efforts, our theme is “Bold Beginnings, Bold Future.” The pinnacle of this celebration will be at the 2025 General Synod.

Ms. Giffen served in Egypt and is buried there today. Her life would go on to inspire Rev. Neil Pressly to begin church planting in Mexico and Ms. Minnie Alexander to start evangelism efforts in a territory of India that is today Pakistan.

While Mary's work in Africa seems like a distant memory, God wastes nothing in his economy as World Witness begins to come full circle, having returned to Africa to train and mobilize pastors to plant churches and evangelize among unreached peoples. Why Africa?

Not long ago, a prominent mission network leader told a group of mission agency CEOs, "You need to get to Nigeria." Nigeria, like much of Africa, is experiencing a population growth of an unbelievable proportion as it becomes wealthier through the advancement of technology and natural resources. Militant Islam is equally on the rise there. Nigeria mirrors much of the growth of Africa as the continent sees new wealth and new wars of faith spreading like wildfire. Conclusion? We need to get to Africa to mobilize the African church and plant new ones! But what will it take to serve in Africa?

In considering her calling, Mary Galloway Giffen reflected on what it would take "to stand upon the threshold of a new and strange life, filled with hardship and self-denial, in a semi-heathen land, that land seven thousand miles away and two oceans rolling between, and only a frail, lonely woman." She considered it, and she went anyway. Talk about bold beginnings!



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A motion **CARRIED**

**That the program be amended to hold the World Witness presentation after the morning sermon on Wednesday.**

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the appropriate committee be asked to consider making a gift to the nurses' scholarship fund of the Sahiwal Hospital from the assets of the former Second Presbytery.**

The report from **Outreach North America** was presented.



### **OUTREACH NORTH AMERICA**

Outreach North America (ONA) is the Home Missions agency of Synod that helps presbyteries plant and strengthen Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches.

#### **A 2025 Challenge from ONA to the ARPC**

With great moral upheaval in our land, secularism on the rise, and mounting division across denominations, now is the time for the ARP Church to step up and be the Lord's instrument in spreading the gospel of grace.

We need solid, Reformed, means-of-grace church planters to start ARP churches—humble shepherds who love the flock and preach the Word with conviction and power.

We need ARP churches that sense the urgency to daughter new churches, encouraging the work with prayer, finances, and people who are willing to go and serve.

We need the grace of the Holy Spirit to empower the ARPC to do the work of ministry: expanding the Kingdom through our efforts and blessing our earnest prayers for revival.

Here is what the Lord is doing so far:

#### **New Personnel**

Last year, the Board of ONA established a search committee to find and recommend a new Executive Director. The search process concluded last fall, when the committee recommended the Rev. Morrie Lawing to the full Board. The Board approved the call to Rev. Lawing in November, and he began his service as Director at the beginning of this year. Please pray for Rev. Lawing in his new role as he seeks to extend God's Kingdom by growing the ministry of home missions within the ARP.

ONA has also recently hired a full-time Office Administrator

and Events Coordinator. Mrs. Eve Huffman began on May 1. Eve's previous service on the ONA Board (2017 to 2023) gives her a vast knowledge of the ministry. Additionally, she formerly worked as the executive assistant to two senior pastors at First Presbyterian ARP in Columbia, SC. She is a great asset to the ONA team.

Mrs. Tessa Taylor continues her excellent work as part-time Communications Coordinator. Tessa has served with ONA for 17 years, faithfully supporting our mission through a wide range of responsibilities. She manages all publications and communications, including the monthly and weekly prayer emails, the quarterly printed newsletter, and articles for the *ARP Magazine*. Tessa also handles design and layout for brochures, banners, flyers, and other promotional materials. She maintains the Constant Contact email list of almost 2,000 subscribers and manages updates to the ONA website. Her behind-the-scenes work ensures that the mission and vision of ONA are communicated clearly and effectively. We are deeply grateful for her long-standing commitment and professionalism.

### **Naming Our Work – Home Missions**

Throughout our denomination, there is a strong passion for foreign missions, but it is the great desire of our Board that there be increased awareness and passion for **Home Missions**. When we think of ONA, we should think of Home Missions—specifically, church planting and strengthening—all to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Serving Our Presbyteries**

Outreach North America exists to serve our presbyteries. ONA does not start churches. It is our presbyteries that ordain men to the gospel ministry, start churches, and seek to

strengthen congregations. The question the Board should always be asking when considering any action is, “Does this decision serve the presbyteries well?”

### **Planting More Churches**

We need to start more ARP churches!

All ARP churches should consider how they might be involved in church planting. Every congregation should, at the very least, support the work through prayer and financial gifts. Many should also consider the possibility of daughtering a church. Even smaller churches have successfully done so. Every minister and elder should prayerfully consider having their church participate in church planting. May the Lord impress this vision upon ministers and sessions!

### **Needing More Church Planters**

We need more gifted, godly men who are willing to heed the call to plant ARP churches! In fact, several ARP churches are ready to daughter congregations but are waiting for a church planter. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to raise up workers for these fields.

In the meantime, we are actively developing a pipeline of future church planters. Through seminary events, personal meetings, and ongoing recruitment efforts, we are compiling a list of men who, while not yet ready, may become church planters once they complete their education or gain ministry experience. We are building long-term relationships with these men—our pipeline for the future.

### **Supporting Financially**

ONA financially supports new church development through supplements, grants, and loans. We provide financial assistance

over a total of four years, including one exploratory year. ONA supplements are only one source of funding; additional support comes from presbyteries, local churches, and the fundraising efforts of the church planter.

Currently, ONA funds support the following mission churches:

**First Presbytery**

- Fletcher, NC – Rev. Zack Keuthan

**Florida Presbytery**

- Christ's Community Church, ARP, Chuluota, FL – Rev. Mark Nelsen
- Christ Presbyterian, Fernandina Beach, FL – Rev. Tom Hawkes
- First Presbyterian, Sebring, FL (restart) – Rev. Karl Davis
- Faithful City Presbyterian, St. Cloud, MN – Rev. Scott Smith
- Redbud Church, Claremore, OK – Rev. Scott Mitchell

**Tennessee/Alabama Presbytery**

- Macon, GA – Rev. Josh Garrett

**Mississippi Valley Presbytery**

- Little Rock, AR – Rev. James Ritchie
- Burbank, CA – Rev. Brooks Pipher

**Currently Receiving Exploratory Funds:**

**First Presbytery**

- Hickory, NC – Rev. Tripp Castell

**Grace Presbytery**

- Raeford, NC – Rev. Tim Phillips

**Florida Presbytery**

- Auburndale, FL – Rev. Patrick Daugherty

*Note: ONA is hopeful to revise our funding model to better assist presbyteries in their church planting efforts.*

### **Strengthening Our Churches**

ONA encourages presbyteries to utilize the **Lampstand Ministry**, a teaching, coaching, and mentoring initiative that equips church leaders in pursuing church vitality. Based on principles from Dr. Harry Reeder's *From Embers to a Flame*, Lampstand includes three components:

1. A conference in Birmingham, AL, for primary church leadership
2. A follow-up spiritual foundations retreat for the entire church leadership and congregation
3. Vitality coaching

Several ARP churches sent leaders to the January 2025

Lampstand Conference:

- **Florida Presbytery:** Trinity, Tampa – Rev. Charlie Lewis
- **Northeast Presbytery:** Faith, Olney – Rev. Bill Sutherland

### **Lampstand Opportunities**

The ONA Board aims to provide financial assistance for our presbyteries' churches to benefit from the Lampstand Ministry. One option is for church leadership teams to attend the Lampstand Conference in Birmingham with participants reporting back to their presbytery. Furthermore, Lampstand leadership is ready to work closely with the ARPC to provide direct resources to our denomination; for example, having Lampstand hold a church vitality conference exclusively for our churches in the ARP.

**Requesting Second Presbytery Funds**

The ONA Board approved a letter to be sent to the Commissioners of the Second Presbytery Commission. For Synod's information, the letter is included below:

Dear Commissioners of the Special Commission on Second Presbytery:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We, the Board of Outreach North America, write to you regarding the funds from Second Presbytery, and in particular, your commission's task to "study the best use of the remaining funds for the furtherance of the Gospel in our denomination" (2024 Minutes of Synod, pg. 49). Thank you for your work on this important endeavor.

It is the understanding of the ONA Board that Second Presbytery intended these "remaining funds" to be used for church planting and church strengthening within the bounds of Second Presbytery. Outreach North America is the agency tasked with significantly aiding all our presbyteries with financial resources for church planting and strengthening.

For this reason, the ONA Board respectfully requests that a large portion, if not all, of the remaining funds from Second Presbytery be given to Outreach North America. This would allow these funds to be used to plant many new churches and strengthen existing churches throughout our denomination for generations to come to the glory of our Savior, King Jesus.

The establishment of new congregations will largely shape the future of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. We believe that ONA's financial support of all our presbyteries' church planting and church revitalization efforts "is the best use of the remaining funds for the furtherance of the Gospel in our denomination."

Thank you for your consideration of our request, and may the Lord give your commission wisdom and the guidance in your decisions.

Humbly,

The Board of Outreach North America  
Rev. Andy Webb, Chairman

### **Envisioning Our Future**

Surely, the ARP—and all the churches in our land—are in great need of revival. We must ask our gracious God to pour out His Spirit upon the ARP, that many would come to know Jesus as Savior through the ministry of His Bride, the Church.

In addition to this general prayer, we must ask the Lord to bless our denomination with renewed awareness, interest, and passion for New Church Development in the ARP.

Would you pray with us that our Sovereign Lord would bless the ARP with a growing number of churches fulfilling the Great Commission and impacting lives for eternity, all for the glory of our King? Thank you for your prayers.

### **Closing**

#### **ONA Board Elected Officers for 2025–2026:**

- Andy Webb – Chairman
- Howard Wheeler – Vice Chairman
- Chip Maley – Secretary

#### **Upcoming ONA Board Meetings:**

- November 18–19, 2025

- April 7–8, 2026

**Recommendations**

1. That Synod approve the Outreach North America budget for 2026. **SYNOD APPROVED**
2. That Synod approve this report and the actions reported herein. **SYNOD APPROVED**

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Rev. Andy Webb, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 88.

Rev. Scott Mitchell, Redbud, OK, gave an update on his church plant.

Rev. Andrew Shoger shared Coddle Creek is looking for someone interested in planting their daughter church.

The report from **William H. Dunlap Orphanage, Inc.** was presented.

**WILLIAM H. DUNLAP ORPHANAGE, INC.**

The William H. Dunlap Orphanage, a ministry of the ARP Church, has been providing care for children since 1905. It was founded in the West Tennessee town of Brighton in 1905 by Annie Belle Dunlap to honor the memory of her father, William H. Dunlap, and her aunt, Elizabeth Dunlap Spain. The orphanage cared directly for children until 1978, when it was closed by the General Synod. Assets and proceeds of the property sale were turned over to Synod and invested as an endowment to provide funds to continue to care for orphans.



Significant contributions made by other individuals over time have increased the endowment to provide funds for annual distribution.

The Board appreciates new contributions to the Trust and the several endowments which allow us to increase our support for children. The social and spiritual ills of today's society have left many children in untenable situations where there are dangerous living conditions and no care. The need is great to provide these children with a safe and loving Christian environment. **Dunlap receives no assistance from General Synod's Denominational Ministry Fund or Synod's Annual Special Offerings (Easter and Thanksgiving).** Resources for Dunlap's work are provided solely from gifts, endowment earnings, and trust funds naming Dunlap as the beneficiary. The Board encourages giving to the Dunlap ministry and using the services of the institutions Dunlap supports for children in need.

Dunlap's purpose is stated in the bylaws, which states that the "object of the corporation is to provide care, support, maintenance, and education of orphaned, or fatherless, or helpless, or needy children, and to support projects related to such children." The corporation fulfills this duty through the Board of the William H. Dunlap Orphanage. Synod's Treasurer serves as treasurer of the corporation and works closely with Brian Such, Director of Finance in Central Services. The Executive Director of Central Services serves as administrative officer for the Board.

The Dunlap Board typically meets two times each year. The March meeting is devoted both to receiving updates from our residential facilities that have ongoing relationships with Dunlap and to considering grant applications for discretionary grants from other ministries for the upcoming year. Grants are paid out from April 1 through March 31, of the following year. The Board

meets again in November to receive updates from funded institutions and to consider any interim business.

Dunlap grants are provided in a three-tiered manner:

1. Erskine College receives a minimum of \$24,000 per year (\$12,000 per semester) to be given to eligible students.
2. The Dunlap Board has established with the following homes a relationship which guarantees yearly funding as monies are available: Collins Home Family Ministries - Seneca, South Carolina; Palmer Home for Children - Columbus, Mississippi; French Camp Academy - French Camp, Mississippi; and Mabel Lowry Pressly Hostel - Sahiwal, Pakistan. These homes make a report to the Dunlap Board at the March meeting. The reports of what these organizations are doing to impact children's lives are inspiring and prove the worthiness of the denomination's endeavor.
3. Other qualified ministries to orphans submit grant applications each year and are considered on a year-to-year basis. These are discretionary grants and are allotted as funds are available.

All supported ministries must agree with the Dunlap Statement of Biblical Christian Belief and, for the coming year, they have the aid of the ARP members or ARP churches which are involved in their work.

For the year 2025-2026, the Dunlap Board is pleased to be able to provide \$268,000 for financial assistance to the following organizations:

Ongoing Grants:

Erskine College: \$34,000

Collins Children's Home (Seneca, SC): \$30,000  
French Camp Academy (French Camp, MS): \$28,000  
Mabel Lowry Pressly Hostel (Sahiwal, Pakistan): \$36,000  
Palmer Home for Children (Lake Cormorant, MS): \$24,000

Discretionary Grants:

Boys Farm (Newberry, SC): \$12,000  
Calvary Home for Children (Anderson, SC): \$21,000  
Hope for the Fatherless (Ethiopia): \$26,000  
King's Kids (Nigeria): \$27,000  
Miracle Hill (Greenville, SC): \$10,000  
Reach the Children of Rwanda International (Kigali, Rwanda):  
\$20,000

Dunlap has two other ministry funds which have been established to provide assistance to adoptive families and to orphans studying at Erskine College:

1. The Dunlap Adoption Assistance Fund was established in 2011, to assist families of ARP pastors, elders, and members in good standing who are in the process of adopting children, a process that is often long and expensive. With income from this fund, the Board has been able to provide 17 adoption assistance grants since 2017, for a total of \$60,900.
2. The Jim Barker Fund was established in memory of ARP Minister Jim Barker, who served on the Dunlap Board. It will provide a yearly scholarship for an eligible Erskine College student who exhibits characteristics of Christian leadership. Disbursements from this fund began in 2022. As of December 2024, this fund had a balance of \$31,854. Any and all contributions to this fund will be greatly appreciated.

The Board of the William H. Dunlap Orphanage, Inc. is grateful for the ongoing and past support and gives thanks to our heavenly Father for His provisions and guidance in this exciting, worthy and compassionate ministry. We encourage the congregations of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to continue to support prayerfully and financially the many needy and precious children whose lives are touched through the Dunlap ministry.

Due to the dissolution of Second Presbytery in 2024 and the departure of Canadian Presbytery to form a sister Synod in June 2025, the bylaws of the Dunlap Board are in need of adjustment regarding total board membership and the quorum requirement. In addition, some presbyteries have not appointed a representative to the Dunlap Board.

Currently, the bylaws state:

**Membership:** Thirteen members elected by the General Synod, with one (1) person selected by ARP Women's Ministries and with each presbytery represented by a person selected by the presbytery.

**Article VII-Quorum**

Seven (7) members of the voting members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum, one of whom shall be an officer, effective July 1, 1989.

We request that the membership and quorum requirements of the Dunlap Board bylaws be amended as recommended below.

**Recommendations:**

1. That all presbyteries, sessions, and congregations be encouraged to participate in this vital ministry by giving to the ARP Adoption Assistance Fund **as a practical**

**statement of the denomination's stance on the value of human life. SYNOD APPROVED**

2. That interested individuals be encouraged to consider making gifts of assets and assigning such funds as beneficiaries in their will or trust. **SYNOD APPROVED**
3. That the Dunlap Board bylaws be amended and reflected in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties*:
  - a. To change the membership requirement to:  
*Eleven (11) voting members: One (1) selected by ARP Women's Ministries*  
*One (1) representative from each presbytery*  
*Two (2) At-Large members*
  - b. To change Article VII—Quorum to: *A simple majority of voting members (half + 1) will constitute a quorum.* **SYNOD APPROVED**
4. That all presbyteries appoint a representative to the Dunlap Board. **SYNOD APPROVED**

William H. Dunlap Orphanage, Inc. Officers for 2025-2026:

- Chairman: Robby Bell
- Vice Chairman: William Kidd
- Secretary: Diane Clowers

Sincerely,

Robby Bell, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 89.

The report from the **Executive Board** was presented.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Executive Board of the General Synod is the agency empowered to carry out the work of the General Synod in the interim period between meetings of Synod. It provides oversight for the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Center Facility, Central Services, and the promotional work of the General Synod.

This report reflects its activities since Synod 2024 and presents the recommendations of the Executive Board to the General Synod for 2025. In its duty to implement directives of the General Synod, coordinate the work of the Synod and supervise Central Services and the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Center Facility, the Executive Board submits the following report.

In addition to monthly meetings of the Committee on Administration (CoA), the following Executive Board meetings were held since the 2024 Meeting of Synod:

**A Called Meeting of Executive Board was held on Friday, March 7, 2025 via Zoom**

A motion CARRIED:

**That the Executive Board authorize the Principal Clerk to sign the letter of engagement with the Jackson Lewis Law Firm and handle any other matters related to engaging this law firm to represent the Synod.**

**A Spring Meeting of Executive Board was held on March 27, 2025 via Zoom**

**The EXECUTIVE BOARD APPROVED:**

1. Moderator-Elect David Walkup's Proposed Theme and Monthly Theme and Emphases. (See Appendix A)

2. That the Executive Board make a recommendation in their Synod report to approve the *MAD* revision in the Rules of Order Section. (See Appendix B)
3. That the Executive Board make a recommendation to Synod that the Moderator appoint a Special Committee to review the Rules of Procedure in the Minutes of Synod and the Index B which is included in the Synod report packet to determine whether they are obsolete/outdated, if they have merit and should be added to the Rules of Order (*MAD*) or if they need to be updated and maintained and that the Special Committee report back to Synod 2026 with their recommendation.
4. That the Executive Board report to Synod include a recommendation that the Special Committee to Investigate Second Presbytery's Handling of Allegations Against Chuck Wilson be dissolved and that the committee be thanked for their work.
5. That the Executive Board report to Synod include a recommendation that Duty #12 on pg 11 of the *Executive Board Duties in the MAD* regarding the appointment of the Erskine College Chaplain be deleted and the section on the Executive Board duties be re-numbered to reflect the change. (See Appendix C)
6. That the Executive Board allocate \$400 to help with childcare for ARPWM events during Synod.
7. That Brian Such, Director of Finance, be authorized to make disbursements from the Historical Concerns account as he recommended.

The Archivist Report to Executive Board was received as information. (See Appendix D) In a separate electronic vote following the spring meeting, the Executive Board **APPROVED**

the contract renewal from The Presbyterian Heritage Center (Montreat College) for the storage of the ARPC Archives.

Recommendations:

1. That Synod approve the budgets for Executive Board, The ARP Center Facility, and Central Services. **SYNOD APPROVED**
2. That Synod endorse the Moderator's proposed theme and monthly emphases. (Appendix A) **SYNOD APPROVED**
3. That Synod approve the proposed revision to the Rules of Order section of the *Manual of Authorities and Duties (MAD)* (Appendix B). **SYNOD APPROVED**
4. That Synod approve the *Manual of Authorities and Duties (MAD)* revision to the Executive Board Duties to strikethrough Duty #12 and re-number. (Appendix C) **SYNOD APPROVED**
5. That Synod direct the Moderator to appoint a Special Committee to review the Rules of Procedure in the Minutes of Synod and the Index B which is included in the Synod report packet to determine whether they are obsolete/outdated, if they have merit and should be added to the Rules of Order (MAD), or if they need to be updated and maintained and that the Special Committee report back to Synod 2026 with their recommendation. **SYNOD APPROVED**
6. That the actions of the Executive Board reported herein be received as information. **SYNOD APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle E. Sims, Principal Clerk

Note: All budget information is located on page 91.



**APPENDIX A: MODERATOR'S THEME AND MONTHLY  
EMPHASES**

**2025-26 Moderator's Theme and Monthly Emphases**

Theme: The Whole Counsel of God Acts 20:27

**Monthly Emphases:**

July - "Shepherding Christ's Flock" Acts 20:24-30

August - Outreach North America: "I Will Build My Church"

September - World Witness: "Every Nation, Tribe, People, and Language"

October - Erskine Theological Seminary: "Stewards of the Mysteries of God"

November - Erskine College: "Teach me your ways, O Lord"

December - "The First Advent"

January - Bonclarken: "Good Clear Vision"

February - Dunlap: "Father of the Fatherless"

March - Camp Joy: "Tend My Sheep"

April - "I Am The Resurrection"

May - ARP Women's Ministries: "Strength and Dignity"

June - ARPC Central Services: "Each Part...Working Properly"

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## RULES OF ORDER (Manual of Authorities and Duties)

## D R A F T

(Text to be omitted have ~~strike through~~. Text to be added in **bold type**.)

It has been said that if there were no rules or established customs to guide an assembly of persons, and if each could talk on any subject as long and as many times as he pleased, and if all could talk at the same time, it would be impossible in most cases to ascertain their deliberate judgment on any particular matter.\* Certainly, therefore, important business such as that relating to our Lord and Saviour should be carried out with decency and order as the Apostle Paul has indicated.

The following Rules of Order are written primarily for use during the meeting of Synod, but are to be observed by all Courts of the Church, insofar as they may be applicable.

- I. Constituting the Court. At the time appointed, the Moderator, or his alternate, shall call the court to order and the Court shall be constituted with prayer. At the opening service the retiring moderator will present a sermon, or if he is a ruling elder, will present an appropriate address. At the first business session the Principal Clerk shall constitute the Roll of Voting Members in a manner approved by the Court. For the meeting of the General Synod, the roll shall be prepared in the following manner:
  - A. Each Presbytery shall submit a list of ministers who are to be enrolled as voting members for the current meeting according to the Form of Government, Chapter XIII, C. Ministers must ~~register~~ **sign-in** at Synod's Registration to be recorded as present on the Official Roll of Synod.
  - B. Each elder-representative shall present from his Session a statement signed by the moderator and clerk, in the form specified in Form of Government 12.5 – 12.8.
  - C. Former Moderators of Synod who are in attendance at Synod, and who are in good standing as members of an Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church are granted the right to sit, deliberate and vote at subsequent meetings of the General Synod. (2012 Synod)

- II. Officers of the Court: The officers of the Court shall be the Moderator, Vice moderator, a Principal Clerk, a Reading Clerk, a Bill Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, and a Parliamentarian.
- A. Election of Officers.
1. Moderator. A Moderator-elect shall be elected by the Court for a specific period. The Moderator-elect must be a Teaching or Ruling Elder and shall be nominated from the floor, and shall previously have assured his nominator of his willingness to serve, if elected. Voting shall be by secret ballot if more than one person is nominated. In the absence of any nomination from the floor, the Moderator will submit a name to the Court. In the event of the Moderator's death or his inability to perform the duties of his office within the first 180 days of his term of service, the Vice Moderator shall automatically become Moderator and shall nominate a Vice Moderator to the Executive Board of Synod which shall, acting on behalf of the General Synod, elect a Vice Moderator to fill the unexpired term. The records of the Synod shall certify that the initially elected Moderator and his successor, the Vice Moderator, were both Moderators of Synod for the year they served.
  2. Vice Moderator. A Vice moderator-elect shall be elected by the Court for a specific period one year before service. The Vice moderator-elect must be a Teaching or Ruling Elder and shall be nominated from the floor, and shall previously have assured his nominator of his willingness to serve, if elected. Voting shall be by secret ballot if more than one person is nominated. The Moderator-elect shall be allowed to submit a name to the Court. The Vice moderator-elect shall become the

Moderator-elect in the event of the death, resignation, or other incapacities of the Moderator-elect.

3. Clerks. The clerks will be nominated to the body by the Committee on Nominations and upon election serve for a specific period.
  4. Parliamentarian. The Parliamentarian shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected for a ~~three (3)~~ **four (4)** year period. ~~He may succeed himself.~~ **No officer of the court shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any single office.**
- B. Duties of Officers. (These duties are limited to duties during Court Sessions.)
1. Moderator.
    - a) Open the Session. At the hour appointed, the Moderator shall take the chair, call the house to order, and open the meeting with prayer, unless a worship service has been held. If a quorum is present, the Court shall proceed to business.
    - b) Announce the business before the Court in the order in which it is to be acted upon, keeping in mind any “order of the day.”
    - c) State and put all questions properly brought before the Court.
    - d) Take the vote and announce the result.
    - e) Decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the house by any two members. He may, without appeal, submit the question to the Court.
    - f) Appoint Moderator’s Committees, subject to the approval of the Court.

2. Vice Moderator. The Vice moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator, and assist in his official duties if desired.
3. Principal Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Principal Clerk to keep a roll of the members and call it whenever required by the Court; to record the proceedings; to receive and record documents act- ed upon by the Court; to make record of all unfinished business to come before the Court; to sign all orders and official papers; to provide a presbytery a written report on disposition of its memo- rial to include a statement, if any, from the Moderator's Committee; and to publish the minutes of the proceedings.
4. Reading Clerk. It will be the responsibility of the Reading Clerk to present the business to the Court in the order determined by the Moderator and agenda. In the absence of a directive from the Moderator or an order of the day, the Reading Clerk will determined the order in which busi- ness is to be taken from the table and presented to the court. The Reading Clerk will present re- ports to the body, except in those cases where the reports are presented by particular representa- tives of a board or committee.
5. Recording Clerk. The Recording Clerk will receive, record, and distribute matters to come before the Court. It is his responsibility to see that papers and reports referred are placed in the hands of the proper committees, and properly returned by such committees. **In the absence of any clerk, the Recording Clerk will perform the functions assigned to the absent clerk.**
6. ~~Assistant Clerk. In the absence of any clerk, the Assistant Clerk will perform the functions as- signed to the clerk in absence.~~

~~7.~~—(7 becomes 6. Parliamentary. The Parliamentary should be a person with expert knowledge of the rules and use of adopted parliamentary procedures. He should be a person who is impartial, systematic, knowledgeable, and reliable. He should see to it that the business procedures are carried out according to these Rules of Order. He should call attention to an improper procedure and on request advise the Moderator on procedural matters.

- III. Quorum. No business may be conducted without the presence of a quorum as prescribed in the Form of Government. If a quorum has not assembled at the hour appointed, and if two or more members are pre- sent, the Court may adjourn to a set time to provide an opportunity for a quorum to assemble.
- IV. Moderator's Committees. ~~At the first business session and immediately following unfinished business,~~ **At his discretion,** the Moderator shall appoint committees to consider the reports of boards and records and reports of lower courts. These shall be referred without reading unless there is a request for reading. The Moderator is encouraged to direct memorials which address concerns that have been assigned to a particular board of the General Synod to the Moderator's Committee which will be considering that board's report. Reports of committees shall be considered by the Court as a whole, unless referred by the Moderator to a moderator's committee.
  - A. Membership. The Moderator will appoint the members, subject to the approval of the Court, and will designate a chairman and a vice chairman. Voting members of the Committee must be voting mem- bers of the Court. Advisors and observers may be appointed by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Court.
  - B. Duties. Moderator's committees are to carefully consider and make recommendations on all matters referred to them. Moderator's committees are not to change or alter the content of the matters referred to them. In those circumstances where the moderator's committee recommends that a Memorial NOT BE

ADOPTED or where the moderator's committee recommends SUBSTANTIVE ALTERATIONS, the moderator's committee shall draft a statement explaining its actions and submit the statement with its official report.

- C. Discharge. Action of the Court on a report from the moderator's committee discharges the committee. If the report is recommitted, the committee is to reconvene and resubmit recommendations until such report is accepted by the Court.
  
- V. Order of Business. Subsequent to the opening service described elsewhere, and following prayer or worship, the following order of business is to be observed:
  - A. Declaration of Quorum
  - B. Presentation of Minutes from the previous session
  - C. Special Order of the Day, if there be such
  - D. Unfinished Business
  - E. New Business
  
- VI. Matters to be Considered by the Court.
  - A. Reports from boards, commissions, standing committees, and special committees of the Court and reports and memorials from lower courts will be filed with the Bill Clerk through Central Services no later than six weeks prior to the first business session. These reports should be submitted in editable electronic form by the Chairman, Secretary, or Clerk. These communications will be distributed by Central Services electronically ~~and/or in print~~ one month prior to the first business session and considered in the ordinary routine of business.
  - B. Reports of boards, committees, commissions and memorials of presbyteries which are received by Central Services too late to be distributed ~~in print prior to the meeting~~ **according to VI.A above, along with the Official Changes and Additions document (which includes any supplements and additions other than editorial corrections)** will be distributed ~~electronically not later than two weeks before the first business session.~~ **to delegates when**

**signing in at the Registration Office. These late reports and additions, along with** matters received directly **during the business session,** will be filed with the Recording Clerk at the Call for Reports, to be considered in the ordinary routine of business only if approved by a two-thirds majority.

- C. All other matters to be considered by the Court must be brought before the assembly by a motion of a member to that effect and seconded and then announced by the Moderator. If the matter is not to be considered at the time of the motion, it must be reduced to writing and submitted to the Bill Clerk. If the matter is to be considered by the Court at the time of the motion, the motion must be reduced to writing and submitted to the Principal Clerk. (This applies only to main motions and motions to amend, to include substitute motions.)
- D. All requests for funding from the unrestricted funds of Synod are expected to be presented to the Board of Stewardship in time for the Board to give careful consideration to the request and to make recommendation in its report to the General Synod. Requests brought before the General Synod that have not been considered by the Board of Stewardship will be referred to the Board of Stewardship for consideration and for reporting its recommendation at the next meeting of the General Synod. Emergency requests may be made a matter of business at that meeting of the General Synod by two-thirds of the representatives present and voting and shall be referred to the chairman of the Board of Stewardship or in his absence the Treasurer of Synod or the administrative officer of the Board of Stewardship for review and comment prior to a decision of the court.

- VII. Deliberations of the Court. Matters to be presented to the Court which were submitted to the Bill Clerk will be presented to the Court by the Reading Clerk or if they so desire, by a member of the committee or board making such report. Matters not considered by moderator's committees will be read to the Court while matters considered by the moderator's



committees will have only the Report of the Moderator's Committee read, unless the moderator's committee or the Court determines that the original report be read. Following reading, the person presenting the report will make a motion that the Report be approved. Debate may then ensue. Other deliberations of the Court will be by motion and second as per paragraph VI, C.

A. Motions, General Classification. Motions range from the "Main Motion" which is the lowest in rank to "To Fix the Time to Which to Adjourn," the highest. Motions fall into four (4) general classifications.

1. Main Motions. The object is to introduce business, such as accept or adopt reports and ratify or confirm action. No main motion can be made when any other question is before the Court. It is debatable, takes precedence of nothing, and yields to all privileged, incidental, and subsidiary motions. Motions to adopt a report are main motions. The "Motion to Reconsider" is a main motion and can be made only by one who voted on the prevailing side. Anyone may second the motion. The "Motion to Reconsider" is undebatable. If the motion is carried, the original motion is again open to discussion and vote. No question can be twice reconsidered unless it was materially amended after its first reconsideration. Certain affirmative votes and certain negative votes cannot be reconsidered.
2. Subsidiary Motions. These are such as are applied to other motions for the purpose of most appropriately disposing of them. They take precedent of a main motion and must be decided before the main motion can be acted upon. They yield to privileged and incidental questions and are as follows (being arranged in their order of precedence among themselves):

- a) Lay on the Table. The object is to postpone the subject in such a way that it can be taken up at any time, and if decided in the affirmative on the main motion or any amendment or substitute, remove the whole subject from before the Court until it is taken up again. This motion is undebatable and unamendable and may be applied to main motions, to questions of privilege, to specific orders of the day (but not as a whole), to appeals, and to reconsider when immediately pending. It cannot be applied to unfinished business or formal reports of boards,

#### EXHIBIT C

MAD PG 11 - EXEC BD DUTIES – Strikethrough #12 and re-number.

shall be entitled to vote. The Executive Board has no authority to over-ride or act on any Presbytery matters. (1995 Synod)

The corporate powers, business, property, and affairs of the Corporation shall be entrusted to and managed by the membership of the Executive Board when constituted as General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Inc. (2004 Synod)

In the exercise of its authority the Executive Board shall comply with *The Standards of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*, and its policies and programs shall be consistent with the purpose of the General Synod.

**Duties:**

1. To act on behalf of Synod in emergency situations.
2. To implement all directives of Synod not specifically assigned to another board or committee.
3. To coordinate the total work of the General Synod.
4. To supervise the Office of Central Services and, through it, to provide administrative support for all boards, committees, and operating agencies of the General Synod.
5. To promote the work of General Synod.
6. To plan and arrange for the annual meeting of the General Synod and to encourage attendance with a pastoral letter from the Incoming Moderator to those churches that did not send a Ruling Elder to the previous meeting. This letter should be sent no later than January each year. (2002 Synod)
7. To approve a denominational theme and monthly emphases for the year of service of the incoming Moderator (July-June) according to the "Guidelines for the Committee To Plan Yearly Emphases." (2004 Synod)
8. To prepare and recommend to Synod each year a budget for the work of the Executive Board.
9. To make an annual report to Synod.

10. To appoint such administrators as are necessary for the work of the Executive Board.
11. In an advisory capacity to:
  - a. Provide continuity in the leadership of the denomination.
  - b. Suggest denominational policies, goals, and organizational structure. (1995 Synod)
  - c. Facilitate the implementation of Synod's goals and directives by the boards and agencies of the General Synod.
  - d. Promote harmonious relations between boards and agencies of the General Synod.
12. ~~To represent the General Synod in the process of selecting and employing the Chaplain of Erskine College by appointing two (2) former moderators presently serving on the Executive Board to serve on the Committee to Employ The Chaplain. (1993 Synod)~~
13. **12.** When constituted as the board of the Corporation, to manage the business and affairs of the Corporation. (2004 Synod)
14. **13.** To determine the suitability of any translations of the *Standards* previously authorized by the General Synod and prepared in accordance with the procedures approved by the General Synod. (2004 Synod)

EXHIBIT D

**2024 Archivist Report to ARPC Executive Board**

**Submitted March 27, 2025**

**Actions taken by the Archivist:**

- Last visited archives @ the Presbyterian Heritage Center (PHC) in April 2024. Met w/ Executive Director Anne Chesky and staff member Lisa Harold
- Numerous correspondences w/ Mr. Alan Pitts of Erskine College Archives and Museum regarding transfer of various ARPC historical documents for deposit into our archive
- Authorized Ms. Nancy Porter to access Archives in order to research her great-grandfather, Rev. Thomas Stephen Lee
- Advised Session Clerk Dave Juda how to deposit Session records (2007-2024) for the dissolved congregation of Faith Fellowship ARPC of Cypress, Texas
- Advised Rev. Andrew Toth how to deposit records related to his work w/ ARPC Mexico Mission
- In May 2024, advised Second Presbytery Stated Clerk how to deposit Session records of The Bridge ARPC congregation that was dissolved some years ago
- Assisted Ms. Bonnie Briggs, Secretary of Rosemark Historical Archives, in locating info. related to Tipton Rosemark Academy adjacent to Richland ARPC in Rosemark, TN
- Unsuccessfully attempted to assist a Mr. Pete Pressly of Three Rivers, MI. He desired to arrange the disposition of Pressly relatives remains in the Cedar Springs ARPC cemetery of Abbeville, SC. No helpful responses from

Session or Provisional Moderator about whether new burials are allowed.

**Information reported by the Archivist:**

- While the town of Black Mountain and Montreat College received extensive damage from Hurricane Helene, the Presbyterian Heritage Center received minimal damage. Our archives were unaffected.
- Ms. Anne Chesky is the new Executive Director of the PHC. Staff member Lisa Harold remains our primary point of contact. A volunteer named Bill Caruso began working exclusively in our archives in September 2024. A draft of new agreement regarding ARPC Archives has been requested. Our last agreement was only for storage of archives. Denning has requested an estimate of what records management of our archives would cost. Records management is cataloging, organizing and researching info. requests within our archive.
- Congregations may deposit Session minutes, Diaconate minutes, congregational meeting minutes, membership rolls, lists of marriages, baptisms and member deaths with the archives. Presbyteries may deposit minutes of their meetings. Generally, the archives do not have room for three dimensional objects or financial records. Archivist is willing to consider **unique** three dimensional objects on a case by case basis. Pictures must be removed from frame and labeled on the rear.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend M. J. Denning

**Status Report submitted to ARPC Archivist by Bill Caruso,  
PHC Volunteer, in March 2025**

- I am a retired PCUSA Director of Christian Education, 1979 graduate of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. I have authored two history books, and was Editor of another: *Appointed to Serve: 100 Years of Memories*, a centennial history of Assembly's Training School/Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA.
- I started volunteer work with the ARPC collection in August, 2024 and have completed 200 hours.
- Using the 2024 update version of former ARPC Archivist Mrs. Edith Brawley's master index, my first task was to try to find everything in that document. These archives have had quite the journey over the years, some apparently from Montreat to Greenville to Erskine College to Columbia Seminary to Montreat, and permutations of these locations. I finally found everything in the master index, as well as many, many more records and items.
- I have completely re-shelved and ordered most everything. A few examples: all things Bonclarken are now together; all Mexico mission items and records are now together; all Pakistan/India/Egypt items are now together; things related to General Synod are shelved together, as are Presbytery records, and congregational records; all Women's Ministry records are together, beginning with Synodical things, then Presbyterian things, then congregational women's ministries.
- I have made lists of various holdings, in order to be able to find things more easily. Eventually, I will have a comprehensive document of everything, with cross-references, as in churches which have changed names.

- Even with 200 hours of work under my belt, I still have not yet searched every single thing in every single box; I will eventually get there! Some of the fun is in finding undocumented treasures.
- A recent new treasure came from the President of Erskine College. It was the gift of the original, handwritten minutes of the 1782 formation of the Associate Reformed Synod; the minutes are from 1782-1802.
- As boxes are subdivided, and as more records arrive from congregations and from Women's Ministries at every level, there is a need for more archival storage boxes, folders, and large 3-ring binders. Other incidental office supplies are also needed. It is my understanding that, since the Presbyterian Heritage Center does not own the ARPC archives, these kinds of supplies are the responsibility of the ARPC. I hope that money can somehow be found for such things.
- Thank you for the privilege of working with this very interesting collection of archives.

Bill Caruso  
March, 2025

The report from the **Brice-Sanders Foundation (Camp Joy)** was presented.

**BRICE-SANDERS FOUNDATION (Camp Joy)**

Officers for 2025-2026:

Bob Elliott      Chairman



Neal Stroup	Vice Chairman
Brian Such	Treasurer
Kylie Carroll	Secretary/Administrative Officer

2025-2026 meetings:

September 25-26, 2025

February 19-20, 2026

Report from Mr. Jeff Lesslie, Executive Director:

Camp Joy has been busy since the last Synod report! In 2024, we had a total of 8 week-long sessions of camp, including a weekend Family Retreat serving a total of **206** campers! That's 11 more campers than 2023, and each location is working hard to get campers off of the waiting list and into camp. We have also had a waiting list for counselors, which is a great sign (we are still always in need of male counselors, though!). I am now clearly seeing the 'rhythm' of a whole year, in terms of how it is split up. Meetings, planning, travel, church/organization visits, camp sessions, etc. all have their allotted time during the year, and I have enjoyed the tempo of each. Each season has me longing for the next, which keeps things exciting and my eyes to the future.

As the Executive Director, one of my main goals continues to be building, supporting, and cultivating *relationships*. I believe it all comes down to that. I continue to seek out speaking/writing engagements to grow the Camp Joy family and always love meeting new campers and staff each year! I once read that "people give to people, justified by the cause." Whether it is their time, prayer, or money, I have found this to be true with people wanting to give to Camp Joy. This ministry is an easy thing to get behind, but it is equally important that people know and trust me personally. I take that very seriously but am continually comforted by the 45 years of Camp Joy behind (and around) me! God is good, and the Holy Spirit is most certainly moving within

this ministry. I am very grateful for the people who have served before me and those around me now.

We have continued to evaluate and refine our 'internal systems' as we look at how to grow intentionally and responsibly. One thing of note we have done that has been very fruitful is to work with Mark Hill, an elder at First ARP Rock Hill. He has led the Board and me through a 'Camp Joy Vision Planning' program. Specifically, over a number of months, we have gone back to the basics of looking at Camp Joy's mission, vision, core values, etc. with keeping our eye on where the Lord may take us. It has been great, and I personally have learned a lot digging into these questions. I also served with Mark on a Vision Team with our church doing something very similar.

Last year, the Board had meetings on February 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> followed by a Director's meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The time between the February and September Board meetings consisted of planning team meetings throughout our four locations. As I hoped, 2024 was a great year for me, and I am continuing to learn something new each week. I continue to be excited about what our Lord does through this great ministry and pray to have the eyes and ears to follow His guidance as we serve our special friends together.

I am still very humbled to be in this role and want to do everything I can to strengthen B-SF as we move together into the future. 2025 has been great thus far, as we have been evaluating last year, while planning for this year. Lord willing, we will have the same number of camp sessions in all four states and hope to serve as many campers as possible. The Lord continues to call the equipped and equip the called with this great ministry of His. I'm so happy to be along for the ride! I can make myself available to visit your church, so please reach out for opportunities. Additionally, I would love to share three new promo videos we did last year with your church. One is from the perspective of a counselor, one from a camper's family, and the

other is geared towards growing new partnerships with churches/organizations. I would encourage each church to view them and share with your members! Thank you for your prayers and support.

**Recommendations:**

- 1.** That Synod approve our budget. **SYNOD APPROVED**
- 2.** That Synod continue to pray for our ministry. **SYNOD APPROVED**
- 3.** That Brice-Sanders Foundation (Camp Joy), as an ARP Agency, be considered for inclusion in one of the two special offerings received annually by the denomination. **SYNOD APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Elliott, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 94.

The 8:50 P.M. Order of the Day was reached. Fraternal delegate greetings from Jeff Temple, Canadian Reformed.

The 9:00P.M. Order of the day was reached. Mark James offered a closing prayer.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

The morning sermon was given by Bryan Bult, followed by fraternal delegate greetings, Matt Filbert, RPCNA.

Business continued with a special presentation from World Witness celebrating 150 years from the first missionary going into the field.

The 10 A.M. Order of the Day for a short break was reached.

After the break, business continued with fraternal delegate greetings from the representative from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Rev. Jeremiah Montgomery.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the 221<sup>st</sup> General Synod make the director and the assistant director of the Appalachia Mission ex officio members of the Camps and Conferences Committee and change the MAD to reflect these changes.**

A motion **CARRIED**

**The following motion be referred to the Second Presbytery commission handling the finances of the former Second Presbytery. Move that an account be established in the name of the Second Presbytery Fund for Bonclarken, the Second Presbytery Fund for Brice/Sanders (Camp Joy), the Second Presbytery Fund for the William H. Dunlap Orphanage, the Second Presbytery Fund for Erskine College and Seminary, the Second Presbytery Fund for Outreach North America, the Second Presbytery Fund for World Witness, the Second Presbytery Fund for the Nancy Fulwood Hospital Sahiwal for the School of Nursing, and that Second Presbytery's current account be distributed equally to the accounts, and I further move that no more than 75% of the annual income be to insure growth.**

Fraternal delegate Dwight Horn with the Presbyterian and Reformed Council on Chaplains brought greetings.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the Moderator appoint a study committee focused on the theological errors commonly called “kinism” or “race realism” in order to provide a resource to equip the Church and that they report back to the 2027 General Synod.**

The report from the **Board of Benefits** was presented.

### **BOARD OF BENEFITS**

The Board of Benefits oversees the benefit programs of the ARPC. The Board works to provide financial support for eligible individuals and families in the areas of benevolence, insurance, and retirement benefits administered through the Office of Central Services.

#### **Benevolence**

The ARPC has a long history of benevolence to our retired ministers, their widows, families of ARPC ministers who died while serving a congregation, and retired ARPC agency employees. These faithful servants of God are not to be forgotten by the church they loved and served.

The Christmas Benevolent Fund distribution is funded by the annual Thanksgiving Offering, the J. C. Lott Endowment, the Helen W. Carson Fund and by special gifts and offerings. A full 100% of the money collected is distributed annually to qualified recipients. The Christmas Benevolent Fund distribution for 2024 was as follows:

Need-Based Assistance	\$ 6,000.00
Christmas Gifts	<u>\$49,925.00</u>
Total Distribution	\$55,925.00

The Board of Benefits appreciates all who contributed to the Christmas Benevolent Fund last year to assist those who have faithfully served our denomination. Please continue your generous contributions.

The Board of Benefits also administers the Ministerial Relief Fund which was approved by General Synod in 2023. There was no activity in the fund in 2024.

### Insurance

#### Medical Plan

The ARPC Medical Insurance Plan (Plan) is self-funded. Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina serves as Third Party Administrator of the Plan.

Alera Group (formerly named Forum Benefits) of Greenville, SC serves as benefit advisor to the Board of Benefits. Alera Group reviews and recommends design changes in the Plan, evaluates potential providers and competitive bids on an annual basis to control the cost of premiums, maintains the legal compliance of the Plan, provides “Open Enrollment” for members through their *Employee Navigator* Benefits portal and supports Central Services in the daily administration of the Plan.

In addition, Alera Group has developed cost savings and income producing programs with our new Medicare HRA Plan for members that continue to be employed past their Social Security retirement age and a Prescription Benefit Manager Rebate Plan, respectively.

Alera Group reviews the market for network, administration, and stop loss fees. Blue Cross continues to be the most competitive provider. Administrative fees are in rate lock until January 1, 2027.

Eligibility

Eligible employees include all employees of an ARP church or agency working at least 30 hours per week and any retiree meeting the requirements specified in the contract.

Dental Plan

Synod's dental program is also a self-insured plan. For the 2024 plan year, dental claims are expected to increase, therefore a 3% premium increase was recommended by Alera Group. Administration Fees are locked in until January 1, 2027.

Vision Plan

Synod's vision program is fully insured. For the 2024 plan year there was no increase. These rates are locked until January 1, 2027.

Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, and Long-Term Disability

These three benefits are *fully insured* and *mandatory* for all full-time employees. The employing church or agency pays for the coverage. This premium is mandatory even in the event the employee declines the offer of medical and/or dental coverage. There are no exceptions under the insurance contract. If premiums are not paid it will be directed to the presbytery to address.

HIPAA Privacy

As a self-insured Plan, the primary privacy focus is on the protection of Personal Health Information. Plan participants are given a Privacy Notice and Plan Document. Security policies and procedures are in place, including Business Associate Agreements that conform to HIPAA requirements.

Enrollment

Medical, dental, and vision coverage is conditional on eligible

employees enrolling within the first 31 days of eligibility. Late enrollment is not allowed under the Plan and will result in the denial of benefits. Eligible employees who desire to enroll after the annual “open enrollment” period may do so upon a “qualifying event”. Contact Alera Group at [employeeecare@aleragroup.com](mailto:employeeecare@aleragroup.com) or Central Services for specific eligibility and enrollment.

#### Post-Retirement Medical Coverage

General Synod’s medical, dental and vision coverage terminates at retirement for those who qualify at the age of Medicare eligibility. Persons retiring prior to attaining Medicare eligibility may continue coverage pursuant to certain requirements outlined in the Plan.

#### Termination of Insurance Benefits

Pursuant to policy adopted by the Board of Benefits, when insurance premiums of an employee are 60 days in arrears, Central Services will write to the appropriate church or agency stating that the account is delinquent giving that church or agency 120 days from the date of the notice to bring the account current. *If the account balance is not a zero (0) within the 120 days, insurance coverage for the employee of the church or agency will be terminated.* The employee’s insurance coverage may *only* be reinstated secondary to a qualifying event as stated in the Plan plus payments of all past due premiums.



Insurance Premiums, Fees, and Reserve Balance				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total Insurance Premium Collected	\$5,451,533	\$5,519,098	\$6,206,178	\$6,456,200
Fees Paid to Third Party Administrators	\$1,131,316	\$551,317	\$1,070,699	\$1,294,771
Paid Insurance Benefits Claims	\$4,210,196	\$5,833,905	\$4,838,797	\$4,498,244
Administrative Costs	\$122,063	\$195,300	\$157,900	\$59,700
Claims Reserve Investment (Gain/Loss)	\$259,660	\$297,622	\$147,383	\$142,187
Balance of Claim Reserve	\$3,197,317	\$1,838,271	\$2,124,436	\$2,870,108

### Additional Alera Group Services

Alera Group continues to offer the benefit portal to General Synod at no cost and maintains all eligibility data for ease of administration and compliance. Alera Group also handles the Affordable Care Act tax forms for each church/location and mails them to all employees.

### Withdrawal from the ARP Plan

At its Spring Meeting, April 10, 2025, the ARP Board of Benefits was informed that Erskine College & Seminary intends to formally leave the denominational health plan effective July 1, 2025 and begin participation in a new plan. In response, the Board of Benefits sent a motion to the Executive Board recommending that Erskine College not be allowed to terminate participation in the denominational health plan mid-year based on the following:

The Board of Benefits entered into a contract with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of South Carolina for coverage through the 2025 calendar year. The contract has certain participation minimums and with Erskine's departure, the plan will be well below those minimums. Subsequent to these discussions, Blue Cross and Blue Shield elected not to re-rate the plan now as they could

have done. However, it raises a number of concerns about the plan renewal.

The Board of Benefits motion was ruled out of order.

A subsequent meeting was held on Thursday, May 1, 2025, between the Board of Benefits voting members and a few members of the Executive Board to discuss how the withdrawal of a substantial number of participants will affect the other participants in the Plan and to explore options to minimize the negative impact.

The Board of Benefits members unanimously passed a motion to:

**Recommend to Synod that we terminate the group medical plan as of December 31, 2025. The Board of Benefits will have the discretion to terminate the plan sooner if it becomes necessary.**

The rationale for termination of the Plan is as follows:

\*It is an opportune time to terminate the plan as enrollment has been decreasing slowly and the plan reserves are positioned to make the change.

\*Sustaining the plan long term is financially unsound.

\*Most presbyteries do not mandate participation, undermining the integrity of the group plan.

\* Some younger pastors are using ACA marketplace plans instead.

\* A long-term exit strategy is needed to avoid financial and administrative disarray.

Synod's Board of Benefits has requested Alera Group to develop a transition plan to assist individual churches and

members well ahead of the termination date and to provide ongoing support. There is a tax complexity around who is paying the insurance premium and Alera will address those options in the plan. The plan will also address the other coverages – dental, vision, long-term disability and group life.

### **Retirement**

#### **ARPC 403(b) Plan (Defined Contribution Plan)**

The ARPC 403(b) is provided in partnership with Geneva Benefits (formerly PCA RBI). Geneva provides the administration and investment capabilities for the plan. The ARPC 403(b) is the ongoing retirement plan for ministers and eligible employees.

The *Form of Government* requires a Call to have provisions for the church to make contributions at a designated percentage of a participant's earnings to the minister's retirement plan. General Synod has set this as 12%. It is recommended that these contributions be made to the ARPC (403(b)) plan. However, if a church decides to secure their own retirement plan for a minister they need to sign and return the form from Central Services acknowledging the risks and responsibilities associated with an individual church plan.

Key statistics for the plan at December 31 are below.

	2022	2023	2024
Assets	\$11,420,000	\$15,520,000	\$19,610,000
Individual Participants	239	256	261
Participating Churches and Organizations	150	155	148

The plan offers additional flexibility to churches. Some of the additional areas in which the plan can be used by churches

include the items below. Please contact Geneva Benefits for more information.

- Can be used by churches for other staff to have voluntary withholding.
- Churches can make contributions to staff accounts.
- Part-time ministers such as bi-vocational or supply can participate, and churches can contribute if they so choose.

### **Associate Reformed Presbyterian Plan (Defined Benefit Plan)**

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Plan (Plan) is a qualified, noncontributory, defined benefit plan. As of July 31, 2021, benefits under this plan were frozen and active and vested terminated employees received lump sum payouts. Remaining participants in the plan are those receiving benefits or that were eligible to retire as of July 31, 2021 and elected to remain in the plan. For those electing to remain in the plan, their benefit in this plan was frozen but they would receive contributions under the ARPC 403(b). The Synod remains responsible for the obligations related to retirees.

The Board of Benefits Retirement Committee serves as Administrator for the Plan. Copies of the Plan are available through the Office of Central Services. The Board of Benefits (Board) monitors the financial health of the Retirement Plan Trust on an ongoing basis by reviewing changes in the demographics of the Plan's participants, investment outlook, and refinement of actuarial methods used to determine the value of assets and costs. USI of Columbus Ohio serves as actuary to the Board.

Synod's Committee on Investment oversees the ARP Retirement Plan Trust portfolio. Alex.Brown Institutional Consulting manages the retirement plan assets. Truist Bank of Atlanta serves as Trustee and Custodian of the Plan assets. The Board works closely with the Committee on Investment

concerning portfolio performance and setting target rates of return on investments. The Chairman of the Board of Benefits Retirement Committee serves as an advisory member of the Committee on Investment.

	Jan 1 2023	Jan 1 2024	Jan 1 2025
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$51,600,000	\$47,800,000	\$44,400,000
Actuarial Liability	\$51,500,000	\$49,400,000	\$47,100,000
(Unfunded) Actuarial Liability ("UAL")	\$100,000	(\$ 1,600,000)	(\$2,700,000)
Percentage Funded	100.1%	96.8%	94.3%
Market Value of Assets	\$43,000,000	\$44,900,000	\$45,400,000
UAL Funded % on Market Value of Assets Basis	83.6%	91.0%	96.4%
Participants	227	220	210
Beneficiaries	45	45	49
Total	272	265	259
<b>Key Actuarial Assumptions</b>			
Valuation Interest Rate	5.25%	5.25%	5.25%
Mortality	PRI-2012 /MP-2021	PRI-2012 /MP-2021	PRI 2012/ MP-2021
Funding Method	Pure Unit Credit	Pure Unit Credit	Pure Unit Credit

Asset Smoothing Period	4-years	4-years	4-years
Amortization Period for Gains/Losses	15 years	15 years	15 years

With the freezing of the plan in 2021, the assumptions were adjusted for the remaining population and the asset smoothing was reset.

The UAL recognizes the volatility of the markets and spreads asset gains and losses over 4 years.

The Retirement Trust has exceeded the actuarial valuation rate of 5.25% for the 5-, 7-, 10- and 15-year periods.

**The plan remains at risk for the impact of market changes.**

#### Retirement and Disability Housing Allowance Resolution

The Board of Benefits updated the Retirement and Disability Housing Allowance Resolution to cover both the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Plan (Defined Benefit) and the ARPC 403(b) plan. This resolution can be found on the ARP church website under Resources\Employee Benefits\Annual Housing Resolution 2025.

#### Financial Review

Suggs Johnson, LLC of Columbia, South Carolina, an independent certified public accounting firm, conducts the formal review and agreed upon procedures of the Plan. The financial activities of the Board of Benefits are included in the audit of General Synod.

#### Ministers Opting Out of Social Security

General Synod has taken the position that there is nothing in

the Standards of the Church that would support the “**religious principles test**” in the event a minister opts out of Social Security as provided for in Section 1402(e) of the Internal Revenue Code.

To opt out of Social Security a minister must file an exemption application (Form 4361) certifying that he is “conscientiously opposed to, or because of my religious principles I am opposed to, the acceptance (for services I performed as a minister...) of any public insurance that makes payments in the event of death, disability, old age, or retirement, or that makes payments toward the cost of, or provides services for, medical care.”

A minister must base his filing on religious conscientious objection alone, not on a desire to personally invest funds that would otherwise be paid to Social Security. The deadline for filing an exemption is the due date of the federal tax return for the second year in which a minister has net earnings as a minister of \$400 or more. A minister who plans to file for exemption must inform “the ordaining...body of the church...that he is opposed” prior to the time the exemption is filed. Ministers planning to opt out of Social Security must notify the ordaining presbytery.

Applicants for exemption should be aware that the exemption is not official until the IRS has confirmed it in a written response to the individual’s application. Bi-vocational pastors should note that the exemption applies only to monies received in exchange for ministerial services; monies earned through non-ministerial employment are subject to Social Security laws.

IRS rules regarding opting out of Social Security are stringent. Infractions can result in significant retroactive financial penalties to the pastor. Therefore, the Board strongly encourages that ministers exercise great care before making such an important decision.

### Role of Central Services

Central Services is responsible for the administration of the benevolence, insurance, and retirement benefits for eligible

employees. Central Services receives, records, and disburses gifts for benevolent purposes, insurance premiums, and retirement contributions. Central Services provides each church with a detailed invoice for insurance premiums monthly.

Officers for 2025-2026

Chairman: Louie Cason

Vice-Chairman: Ed Lamb

Treasurer: Treasurer of Synod

Administrative Officer: Cindy Scott, Executive Director  
of Central Services

Recommendations:

1. That the Christmas Benevolent Fund Offering continue to be taken during Thanksgiving and that the churches encourage the members of each congregation to support those in need who have served the Church so well. **SYNOD APPROVED**
2. That presbyteries direct their churches (except Canadian Presbytery) to enroll and make contributions for the minister's retirement. (It is recommended that these contributions be made to the ARPC (403(b)) plan. However, if a church decides to secure their own retirement plan for a minister they need to sign and return the form from Central Services acknowledging the risks and responsibilities associated with an individual church plan.) **SYNOD APPROVED.**
3. That we terminate the group medical plan as of December 31, 2025. The Board of Benefits will have the discretion to terminate the plan sooner if it becomes necessary. **SYNOD APPROVED**
4. That General Synod approve the call guidance related to insurance coverage (Exhibit A) and that General Synod recommend the Presbyteries make this a call requirement. (Effective with termination of existing group medical plan). **SYNOD APPROVED.**
5. That the proposed budget for 2026 be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED**



Respectfully submitted,  
Louie  
Cason, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 84.

A motion **CARRIED**

That as remaining funds of the group medical plan become available, the Board of Benefits strongly consider the recapitalization of the defined benefit plan as a top priority.

The report from **Committee on Memorials** was presented.

## **MEMORIALS**

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Memorial #1

### **Re: Denominational Ministry Fund**

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church website contains a link to information concerning the Denominational Ministry Fund which reads as follows:

The goal for the Denominational Ministry Fund is 20% of the last published general fund receipts. If the church is below the 20% level the goal is to increase the percentage rate at the rate of 1 percentage point each year until the 20% level is reached. Recognizing that certain churches will be unable to reach that goal, all churches are expected to support the Denominational Ministry Fund at a minimum level of 10% of such receipts. Presbyteries are expected to counsel with the churches which are below the 10% minimum and report their findings at their next stated meeting. (*Minutes of Synod 1998*, p. 94).

However, for many years the reported giving by our congregations shows that very few churches give 20% of their receipts. The goal is clearly not supported by our churches. To continue year after year to ask for giving at this level is therefore not going to be achieved.

**Therefore, the Provisional Session of the River City Reformed Presbyterian Church asks that the Board of Stewardship reduce the goal from 20% to 10%, which is both a Biblical and more practical goal.**

The **Moderator's Committee on Memorials** recommended that the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Memorial on Denominational Ministry Funds be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

The Camp Joy Singers shared special songs followed by remarks from Jeff Lesslie.

Mississippi Valley Presbytery Memorial #2

**Re: Inclusion of State of Indiana within the bounds of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery**

Whereas no churches in the State of Indiana are currently in the bounds of any Presbytery of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and

Whereas, the First Presbyterian Church of Jasper, Indiana has applied for membership in the Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and

Whereas the Mississippi Valley Presbytery would like to explore other opportunities to plant ARP Churches in southern Indiana,

**Therefore, we, the Mississippi Valley Presbytery, petitions the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to include the State of Indiana within the bounds of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery.**

The **Moderator's Committee on Memorials** recommended that the Mississippi Valley Presbytery Memorial on Inclusion of the State of Indiana be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery Memorial #3

**Re: Presbytery Name Change**

WHEREAS Second Presbytery has been dissolved;

WHEREAS Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery has received ministers from Second Presbytery who have requested transfer and have passed examination;

WHEREAS many of those members are outside of the states of TN and AL;

WHEREAS Tenn-Alabama Presbytery's name no longer reflects the geographic area of its members and churches;

WHEREAS Tenn-Alabama Presbytery has voted to change our name to reflect our new geographic area of its members and churches;

**THEREFORE be it resolved that the Tenn-Alabama Presbytery memorializes the 221st General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to change the name of the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery to the Cumberland Valley Presbytery.**

The **Moderator's Committee on Memorials** recommended that the Tennessee-Alabama Memorial on the Presbytery name change be approved. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

The 11:55 A.M. Order of the Day was reached. The blessing and closing prayer was given by Patrick Daugherty.

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

John Shearouse led the afternoon session with a sermon.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the 221<sup>st</sup> General Synod approve the sending of the Moderator, the Principal Clerk, and the Chairman of Inter-Church to represent the ARP Synod in fraternal relations at the inaugural meeting of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Canada in September 2025 hosted by Covenanters ARP in Cambridge, Nova Scotia, on the shores of the Bay of Fundy, in the beautiful province of Nova Scotia in the Dominion of Canada.**

Rev. Mark James, First Presbytery Memorial #4

**Re: Amendment to the Manual of Authorities and Duties on special committees**

**Whereas** in recent times special committees have been formed to study important topics and issues facing the ARP Church, such as, but not limited to:

- Revision of Book of Discipline <sup>1</sup>
- Addition of a Directory of Private & Family Worship <sup>2</sup>
- The office of Deacon <sup>3</sup>

- Membership in Secret Societies <sup>4</sup>
- ARP Retirement Plan <sup>5</sup>
- Homosexual Orientation <sup>6</sup>

**Whereas** it belongs to synods to set down rules and directions for the government of God's church (WCF 31.3),

**Whereas** nothing currently prevents a Synod special committee being comprised of only men from one or two presbyteries (*Manual of Authorities and Duties*, 53), whereby the committee would not necessarily represent all presbyteries of the General Synod,

**Whereas** the topics Synod's special committees address affect the entirety of the ARP Church,

**Therefore, be it resolved that First Presbytery memorializes the General Synod of the ARPC to amend page 53 of the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* to add a sentence at the end of the Special Committees paragraph that reads, "Such committees shall be comprised of an equitable number of representatives from each Presbytery, barring circumstances dealing with allegations or investigations."**

<sup>1</sup>2013 Minutes of Synod, 23.

<sup>2</sup>2020 Minutes of Synod, 420ff.

<sup>3</sup>2018 Minutes of Synod, 543-44. Cf. 2023 Minutes of Synod, 40.

<sup>4</sup>2019 Minutes of Synod, 124. Cf. 2023 Minutes of Synod, 45.

<sup>5</sup>2020 Minutes of Synod, 366-84.

<sup>6</sup>2019 Minutes of Synod, 30-37.

The **Moderator's Committee on Memorials** recommended that the First Presbytery Memorial on the Amendment to the MAD

on Special Committees not be approved. **SYNOD DID NOT APPROVE.**

Mark James, First Presbytery Memorial #5

**Re: Amendment to the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* on a new Standing Committee**

**Whereas** General Synod is charged with reviewing the records of Presbyteries (FOG 12.22.B),

**Whereas** General Synod has the power to establish measures for strengthening the ARPC (FOG 12.24.A),

**Whereas** General Synod has the power to require all lower courts to observe the Standards as well as how to conform to the Standards (FOG 12.24.D-E),

**Whereas** General Synod last month dissolved a presbytery, part of which involved refusing to comply with Synod directives,

**Therefore, be it resolved that First Presbytery memorializes the General Synod of the ARPC to amend the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* to create a Standing Committee to Review Presbytery Minutes with composition and duties as below:**

**Committee to Review Presbytery Minutes**

**Membership:** At Large: (8) members, with every presbytery having a representative. **Advisory:** Principal Clerk of Synod.

**Terms of Service:** At Large: Four (4) year term, no more than two consecutive terms. **Advisory:** As determined by the office

to which appointed.

**Manner of Selection:** At Large: Shall be nominated by the Synod Committee on Nominations and approved by Synod. Special consideration will be given to those who are or have previously served as presbytery stated clerks.

**Stated Meetings:** At least two (2) stated meetings per year, and others as needed.

**Organization:** Officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary.

**Authority:** The Committee to Review Presbytery Minutes is authorized to collect and review digital copies of each presbytery's minutes, both stated and called stated meetings, from the previous year. This includes the ability to contact the stated clerk of a presbytery for clarification or to ask questions.

**Duties:** 1. Report to the General Synod any items in a presbytery's minutes that are out of accord with *The Standards* or other items of concern. The report shall include the following:

a.) Actions out of Accord: These would include but not be limited to actions approved by the presbytery that violate Scripture, ministerial exceptions that could strike at the system taught in *The Standards*, disregard of the processes found in the *Form of Government* or *Book of Discipline*, disregard of Synod directives, or refusal to submit presbytery

minutes for review.

b.) Notations: These would include typographical errors, grammatical errors, missing supporting documentation, and other mistakes in kind.

c.) None: an indication in the report that the committee did not find either of the two points above in a particular presbytery's minutes.

The **Moderator's Committee on Memorials** recommended that the First Presbytery Memorial on the Amendment to the MAD on a new Standing Committee not be approved. **SYNOD DID NOT APPROVE.**

A motion **CARRIED**

**That Memorial #5 be referred to Synod's Minister and His Works Committee.**

The report from the **Nominations Committee** was presented.

## NOMINATIONS

Since the last meeting of Synod, the Committee on Nominations (CON) met by zoom on February 18, 2025 and April 8, 2025.

The following officers were elected for the Committee on Nominations 2025-2026:

Rev. G.J. Gerard, Chairman

Rev. Ike Hughes, Vice Chairman

Mrs. Brandy Glaser, Secretary

The 2026 stated meeting of the Committee on Nominations is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 10:00 am (EST) by zoom.



The deadline for submitting names to the Committee on Nominations (excluding Erskine) will be Friday, January 15, 2026.

The Committee on Nominations, by consensus, presents to the Synod the persons listed in our report as nominees to serve on Synod's boards and committees and as officers or representatives of the General Synod. The terms of service will begin July 1, 2025, and will expire June 30 of the year indicated. All nominees have indicated a willingness to serve, if elected.

The committee expresses appreciation for those who submitted nominations, and for those who were nominated and are willing to serve.

**Recommendations:**

1. That those persons listed in this report be approved for service in the positions indicated. **SYNOD APPROVED**
2. That each presbytery appoint an alternate representative to Synod's Committee on Nominations in the event that the chairman of a presbytery's committee on nominations is not able to attend Synod's committee meeting. **SYNOD APPROVED**
3. That presbyteries consider making recommendations for service during their fall meetings. **SYNOD APPROVED**
4. That sessions consider making recommendations for service during their November and December meetings. **SYNOD APPROVED**
5. That recommendations for the Board of Erskine College and Seminary be made by October 31 each year. **SYNOD APPROVED**
6. That those making Recommendations for Service to the Committee on Nominations (by mail or online) use the proper form and provide helpful information concerning

qualifications for each person recommended. **SYNOD APPROVED**

7. That various boards, committees and commissions of Synod provide both a clear and concise Needs Analysis and a Recommendation for Service form to the CON following their Fall stated meetings and that they clearly communicate their ministry and needs to pastors, sessions and presbyteries through in-person presentations, video, *Minutes of Synod* or other social media in order to educate the larger connectional church regarding opportunities to serve.

**SYNOD APPROVED**

8. That all persons resigning from Synod boards and agencies be reminded to submit their resignation request to the Principal Clerk of General Synod and the chairman of the board or committee from which they are resigning. **SYNOD APPROVED**

9. That the General Synod authorize \$4,000.00 for committee expenses for 2025. **SYNOD APPROVED**

10. That the Nominations Committee be empowered to fill remaining, open, unexpired terms, beyond the 2025 stated meeting of the General Synod and up until the 2026 stated meeting. **SYNOD APPROVED**

Respectfully submitted,

G.J. Gerard, Chairman

Note: All budget information is located on page 83.

<i>Board/Committee/ Commission</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Nominee</i>
Benefits	2030	
Benefits	2030	John Hipp

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Benefits	2030	Jacki Collins
Benefits	2030	
Benefits		Faith Wallace
Bonclarken	2031	Parker Barnes
Bonclarken	2031	Eric Riley
Bonclarken	2031	Lucas Young
Bonclarken		Jane Shelton Dale
Brice/Sanders (Camp Joy)	2031	Bob Elliott
Brice/Sanders (Camp Joy)	2031	Bob Whittett
Brice/Sanders (Camp Joy)		
Dunlap	ARPWM	Kim Hosket
Dunlap	PR (A)	*
Dunlap	PR ( C)	Billy Barron
Dunlap	PR (F)	Joe Rolison
Dunlap	PR (L)	Trevor Raborn
Dunlap	PR (G)	John Kimmons
Dunlap	PR (M)	Diane Clowers
Dunlap	PR (N)	Peter Lee
Dunlap	PR (T)	William Kidd
Dunlap	PR (V)	Andrew Groth
Erskine	2028	Karen Wicks
Erskine	2028	Jerry Brewer
Erskine	2028	Chris Neiswonger
Executive Board		Vicki Marsh
Executive Board	PR (A)	Kevin Carter*
Executive Board	PR ( C) 2026	Bob Elliott/David Lauten

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Executive Board	PR (F)	
Executive Board	PR (L)	Matt Joyner/Kent Adrian
Executive Board	PR (G)	Randy Foster
Executive Board	PR (M)	Larry Littlejohn
Executive Board	PR (N)	GJ Gerard/Jack Van Dyk
Executive Board	PR (T)	Seth Philbrick/James Hakim
Executive Board	PR (V)	Max Bolin

Outreach North America	2031	Justin Westmoreland
Outreach North America		Judy Buis
Outreach North America	PR (A)	Peter Lindsay*
Outreach North America	PR (C)	Sean Henderson
Outreach North America	PR (F)	Matt Carr
Outreach North America	PR (L)	Tanner Cline
Outreach North America	PR (G)	Jamie Brunson
Outreach North America	PR (M)	Howard Wheeler
Outreach North America	PR (N)	Peter Kemeny
Outreach North America	PR (T)	Nathan Eldridge
Outreach North America	PR (V)	Ken Bush
Stewardship	2028	
Stewardship	2029	
Stewardship	2030	
Stewardship		Brandy Glaser
Stewardship	PR (A)	Simon Oosterhof*
Stewardship	PR (C)	David Lauten
Stewardship	PR (F)	Jason Strong
Stewardship	PR (L)	
Stewardship	PR (G)	Scott Cornelius
Stewardship	PR (M)	John Scott
Stewardship	PR (N)	Paul Matthews
Stewardship	PR (T)	Ron Derksen

Stewardship	PR (V)	Randy Brevard
World Witness	2031	Ashton Stewart
World Witness		Beth Smith
World Witness	PR (A)	Henry Bartsch/Bill McKay*
World Witness	PR (C)	Sean Henderson
World Witness	PR (F)	Ken Jackson
World Witness	PR (L)	Randall Anderson
World Witness	PR (G)	Phil Williams
World Witness	PR (M)	Joey Donahue
World Witness	PR (N)	GJ Gerard
World Witness	PR (T)	Charles Edgar
World Witness	PR (V)	Frank Heinsohn
Inter-Church	2030	Mark Witte
Inter-Church	2027	Abraham YoungIn Kim
Investment	2030	Joshua Lorenzetti
Minister & His Work	PR (A)	John Shearouse*
Minister & His Work	PR (C)	Buzzy Elder
Minister & His Work	PR (C)	Jon Oliphant
Minister & His Work	PR (F)	Nick Napier
Minister & His Work	PR (F)	Ken McMullen
Minister & His Work	PR (L)	David Walkup
Minister & His Work	PR (G)	Bryan Crofts
Minister & His Work	PR (M)	Aaron DeBoer
Minister & His Work	PR (N)	Steven Badorf/Ryan Mowen
Minister & His Work	PR (T)	James Brown
Minister & His Work	PR (V)	Stephen Laughridge

Nominations	PR (A)	Simon Oosterhof/Bill McKay*
Nominations	PR (C)	Dean Franklin/John Rogers
Nominations	PR (F)	Rob Roy McGregor III
Nominations	PR (L)	Justin Westmoreland
Nominations	PR (G)	Rob Dykes
Nominations	PR (M)	Gary Jones
Nominations	PR (N)	G.J. Gerard
Nominations	PR (T)	Bernard Sanderson
Nominations	PR (V)	Ike Hughes
Nominations		Brandy Glaser
Revisions	PR (A)	Kevin Carter*
Revisions	PR (C)	Jim Mitchell
Revisions	PR (F)	Dan Hazen
Revisions	PR (G)	Andy Webb
Revisions	PR (L)	Gilbert Moore
Revisions	PR (M)	David Dively
Revisions	PR (N)	G.J. Gerard
Revisions	PR (T)	Jeremiah Thomas
Revisions	PR (V)	
Conferences	2029	Luke Grigsby
Conferences	2029	

\* denotes Canadian representative

Mr. Beard McAulay was nominated for the office of Moderator to take office at the 2026 General Synod meeting.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That Mr. Beard McAulay be elected by acclamation.**

Rev. Rhett Carson was nominated for the office of Vice-Moderator to take office at the 2026 General Synod meeting.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That Rev. Rhett Carson be elected by acclamation.**

The report from the **Committee on Revisions** was presented.

### **COMMITTEE ON REVISIONS**

The Committee on Revisions met once in 2025, via Zoom, having been convened by Principal Clerk Sims, due to the lack of a committee chairman. Upon meeting, the committee elected a new chairman, vice-chairman, and secretary, and proceeded to handle the four items that had been sent to it by the General Synod. The following 4 items were considered:

**1. The report on the Special Committee to Study Church Officers and Secret Societies.**

Regarding item #1, the committee did not find that its adoption would create any conflicts with our governing documents. **SYNOD APPROVED.**

**2. The request for revising the section on the Committee on Revisions in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties* for greater clarity.**

Regarding item #2, the committee believed that this request would be made moot by item #4. If the presbyteries do not ratify the change, then the Committee will act on this item. **MOOT.**

**3. The First Presbytery Memorial #2 on the *Book of Discipline* (involving the removal of language of “self-excommunication”)**

Regarding item #3, the committee did not find that its adoption would cause any conflicts with our governing documents. **OVERTURE**

#### **4. The abolition of the Committee on Revisions.**

Regarding item #4: Its adoption would require the removal of Form of Government paragraphs 14.8 and 14.9 (with current 14.10 becoming new 14.8), and the chapter on the Committee on Revisions in the *Manual of Authorities and Duties*. There is one paragraph in that MAD section of the Committee on Revisions that addresses editorial changes. The mere deletion of this section will be problematic; its content will need to be moved to another section of the MAD. That paragraph reads as follows:

*Editorial changes for purposes of clarity not affecting the substance or intention of constitutional documents may be made by Synod's Principal Clerk or the General Synod or the Committee on Revisions. Editorial changes such as grammatical, syntactical, and spelling do not require a General Synod vote. All boards and agencies of the General Synod have authority to make non-substantive changes (changes that do not require General Synod approval) to their documents as needed.*

If the Committee on Revisions is abolished, the paragraph could have the phrase "or the Committee on Revisions" struck from it, and the paragraph could be moved to MAD Introduction, constituting item #7 of "guidelines pertinent to all agencies." It would then read as follows:

*Editorial changes for purposes of clarity not affecting the substance or intention of constitutional documents may be made by Synod's Principal Clerk or the General Synod. Editorial changes such as grammatical, syntactical, and spelling do not require a General Synod vote. All boards and agencies of the General Synod have authority to*



*make non-substantive changes (changes that do not require General Synod approval) to their documents as needed.* **OVERTURE.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Dan Hazen, Chairman

All budget information can be found on page 82.

Brad Anderson asked for prayer for the 700-800 youth attending camp the next two weeks. Rhett Carson is preaching to the Middle School and Mackay Smith is preaching to the High School.

A time of prayer was held through the laying of hands for the Canadian Presbytery.

A motion **CARRIED**

**That the final reading of the Minutes and the final roll call be waived.**

Rob Roy McGregor, Jr, made a motion to adjourn and closed the meeting in prayer.

The Synod sang Psalm 133, *The Song of Christian Unity*.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Walkup, Moderator  
Frank Hunt, III, Vice-Moderator  
Kyle Sims, Principal Clerk  
Mark Miller, Reading Clerk  
Benjamin Glaser, Recording Clerk  
Patrick Malphrus, Parliamentarian



Rev. James 'Jim' Coad, III  
8-25-1950 – 12-8-2024

James "Jim" Coad III, 74, of Huntersville went to be with the Lord on December 8, 2024. He was born on August 25, 1950, in Statesboro, Georgia, to the late James Coad, Jr. and Evalyn Coad.

Jim was a godly Christian man who brought laughter and the love of Christ to everyone he encountered. As a boy, Jim grew up, in his own words, "all over Georgia," and he was an active, adventurous youth. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was part of the Order of the Arrow, two of the highest achievements given by the Boy Scouts of America. But Jim was both an avid outdoorsman and an exceptional scholar, attending the Georgia Governor's Honor Program, a summer program for "skilled, knowledgeable, and talented" students, and graduating from Franklin County High School with Top Student awards from all but one of his subjects. He graduated from Covenant College in 1972 with his B.A., briefly attended Erskine seminary from 1974-1975, and transferred to Covenant Theological Seminary where he received his M. Div. degree in 1979. He served in both the Due West area and at Mt. Zion ARP church during his years in seminary and pursued additional studies in missions at Columbia International University.

During his final year at Covenant College, Jim went on a short term mission trip with his father to Mexico where he quickly fell in love with the culture, the people, and a lovely local girl named Gala, or as her friends and family called her, "Galita." After graduating, he returned to Mexico to learn more about the country and culture and ask Galita to be his girlfriend. Jim continued to return to Mexico during his summer and winter breaks, learning Spanish, continuing his studies, and further falling in love with Mexico, the indigenous people and

children of the Huasteca region, and his bride-to-be. They were married in Mexico in the summer of 1981 while Jim was still pastoring at Mt. Zion ARP Church in Missouri. They served there until 1982 when they decided to return to Mexico as missionaries through World Witness. Jim took mission-oriented classes at Columbia Bible College and language classes at Rio Grande Bible Institute in preparation to return to Mexico full time in January 1984.

For the next 28 years, Jim and Galita would faithfully serve the church in Mexico working with local churches, hosting American missions groups, and raising their three girls. Jim additionally worked in the Huasteca by assisting lay pastors in receiving their theological degrees, teaching classes at the seminary in Tampico, and assisting church plants in the states of Veracruz, Tamaulipas, and San Luis Potosí. They moved to part-time mission work in 2012 and retired in 2016, but Jim continued to faithfully serve his church, his community, and all he came in contact with throughout his life, most recently serving as a visitation pastor at Huntersville ARP.

Not only was Jim a spiritual leader and faithful witness on the mission field, but he was also a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather. He loved to go for walks and explore, work outside in the yard, and every Saturday during the season, he would set aside the afternoon to watch Georgia football. He was always ready to volunteer his time, to share his wisdom, to serve as a spiritual mentor, and to talk about his Savior Jesus Christ.

Survivors include his wife Galita Coad; daughters, Evalyn Coad (Gamaliel Pozos) McAllen, TX, Wendy Wells (Daxell) of Albania, Michele Taylor (Nate) of Huntersville; siblings, Kathy Capps (Phil), Jac Coad (Debbie) and 7 grandchildren. His sister Anne Waid preceded him in death.



Rev. Carlos Leonardo Concha  
5-3-1939 –11-22-2024

Carlos Leonardo Concha de Rosado child of God and servant of the Lord, 85, passed away on November 22, 2024 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law in Mooresville, NC, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. He could not have left this world from a better place with his wife, Betty, daughter Crystal,(David Lloyd) and sons Tony (Darcy) and Kevin by his side. He was loved by so many and had the thoughts and prayers of other family members and friends with him.

Carlos was born in Yucatan, Mexico and graduated from Colegio Americano in Merida. After graduating High School, he came to the United States to attend college. He was a graduate of Columbia Bible College (Columbia International University) with a B.A. degree in Biblical Education. He met and married Betty (Hampt) with plans to join the mission field. Carlos obtained a Textile Engineering degree and worked in textile manufacturing before hearing the call to serve once again.

As an Ordained Presbyterian minister, he pastored a Hispanic congregation (El Buen Pastor) in the Washington D.C. area for many years. Always looking for ways to help others, he later obtained a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling and finished his career as a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counselor.

His guidance and mentoring impacted so many lives. He led youth groups, continued missionary trips to Mexico, building churches and spreading the word of the Lord. He always remained active with the Church and his call to serve the Lord. He remained a sitting Elder with the Presbytery. After retiring, he reviewed biblical courses for

students attending Seminary and helped with Translations and Interpretations for Hispanics. His easy-going manner and infectious personality gave him a connection with those he met even up to the time of his passing. His faith in God and dedication to the Lord was prevalent throughout his life.

He is survived by brothers Luis, Tommy, Daniel, Feilpe, and his sisters Josefa ( Mexico), Ada, Carmen and Gloria. He had two granddaughters Claire and Paige who he lovingly helped raise, and many nieces and nephews all who loved him dearly.



Rev. Michael Garvey  
9-6-1940 – 9-22-2024

Rev. Michael Lee Garvey, age 84, went to meet his Lord and Savior on September 22nd, 2024. He is preceded in death by his youngest daughter, Chandra Irene Garvey; younger brothers, Terry & Ted Garvey; his mother, Gertrude Kauffman; father, Lloyd Garvey; and grandmother, Vinnie "D.D" Garvey.

He is survived by loving wife of 61 years, Bonita Garvey. Other surviving members include older daughter, Colleen Handly & husband Robert Handly, younger daughter, Corinne (Cori) Cathey; grandchildren, Jason Handly, Ashley Cathey, Britney Cathey, Craig Handly & his wife Laura; & great-granddaughters Megan & Isabella "Izzy" Handly; sister, Sue Lawrie & husband Mike Lawrie, younger brother, Pat Garvey & wife Ginger, and many other family members & friends who loved him dearly.

Rev. Garvey was born September 6th, 1940, in Charlotte, MI. He was a devout ARP Presbyterian pastor, being in the ministry for 50 years. He was a loving husband to "his Bonnie", Bonita C. Garvey, whom he married in 1963. He also was a wonderful father to his three daughters, Colleen, Corinne, & Chandra, and wonderful "Papa" to all of his grandchildren.

Michael was a very involved man of the community; being involved in the Lion's Club, which he was a part of for many years. He was District Governor in 2004 & received the Melvin Jones Fellow Award in 2007. He spent the majority of his time researching and preparing for his next sermon, which he was a proud minister for many years at Wood Avenue ARP Church in Monticello, AR & Hickory Springs ARP Church in Warren, AR.

He would also spend his time collecting things such as stamps, coins, books, and many trinkets that were related to owls or Michigan State. He also donated to many organizations. Anyone that knew him knew that he was a very religious man you could always talk to about the Holy Spirit. For many, especially family, he was the glue holding everything together; and now, his life should be celebrated as he would want it to be.



Rev. Gerald R. "Jerry" Hallman  
3-10-1950 - 6-16-2024

A native of Rock Hill, SC, Gerald R. Hallman (Jerry) was born to the late Ray and Myrtis Hallman on March 10, 1950, and passed away on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, 2024.

He was a graduate of Rock Hill High School, Erskine College, and Erskine Theological Seminary. He was the Associate Minister of Tabernacle Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Church in Charlotte, NC, and was the first mission developer of First Presbyterian ARP Church in Hardeeville, SC, before his call to Mooresville, NC. There, he served as minister of the Mooresville ARP Church for 27 years, from 1983-2010. The Hallmans moved to Mount Pleasant, SC after Jerry retired to be near their daughters and family. While there, he served as the Interim Minister at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charleston, SC from 2012-2015. Following this, he served as Minister to Belle Isle Presbyterian Church in Pineville, SC. Jerry was Stated Clerk of First Presbytery of the ARP General Synod from 1997-2006 and was active with the Christian Education ministry of First Presbytery and the General Synod throughout his career. He dedicated decades of his life to providing leadership at Bonclarken, Conference Center for the ARP denomination, through various roles and served on the Bonclarken Board of Trustees as both a member and as Chairman. Jerry earned a membership in Bonclarken's Honor Roll - Visionaries and Servant Leaders in 2023. As a lover of music, he enjoyed working as a radio DJ with his lifelong friend, Ervin Robinson, for WARP in Due West, SC. He was an excellent writer and felt privileged to be able to contribute to the



Rock Hill Herald as a journalist. Jerry was a talented athlete and an excellent baseball and softball player.

He is survived by his wife, Rita Landis Hallman, a native of Covington, VA, and two daughters and their spouses: Dr. Sarah Phelps (Mark) and Jennifer Dixie Norris (John Tugwell). Also surviving are two grandchildren, Gus and Adam Phelps, as well as brother Phillip Hallman, sisters Cathy Hallman Welch and Susan Hallman, and many dear friends.

Rev. Christopher Hardeman

3-19-1948 – 4-15-2025

Dr. Christopher Alan Hardeman passed away on April 15, 2025, after a long illness. He served the Lord for over 40 years as a Minister in the Presbyterian Church. He was a beloved husband, father, Man of God, and Patriot. Christopher will be placed in a private ceremony at Florida National Cemetery, in Bushnell, Florida.



Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Martin Harris, Jr.

4-9-1938 – 3-16-2025

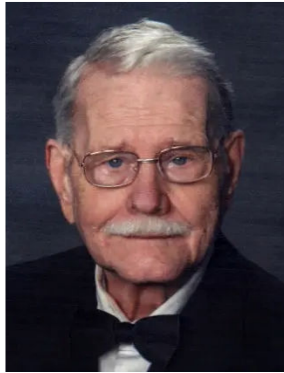
The Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Martin Harris, Jr. 86, of Raphine Va., passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by family, on Sunday, March 16, 2025.

Bill was born April 9, 1938 in Spottswood, Va., son of the late William Martin and Nellie Brown Coyner Harris. He grew up in the historic Old Providence Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and enjoyed working the family dairy farm with his brother, Charlie, their parents and grandparents, driving their Model A John Deere Tractor and raising many 4-H animals. He graduated from Spottswood High School in 1955 and then from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1959 with a degree in Dairy Science. He married Reta Fullen in July of 1959, and they worked in the family dairy business for five years. Sensing the call to ministry, he, his wife and children then moved to Due West, SC where he attended and then graduated from Erskine Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity degree in 1967.

In May of 1992, Bill was presented with the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity from Erskine College in Due West, SC. Bill served Wildhurst Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Va. from 1967 to 1971; New Sterling and Elk Shoals ARP Churches in Stony Point, NC from 1971 to 1978 and Edgemont ARP Church in Covington, Va. from 1978 to 1997, when he had to retire due to health reasons. In May of 1998, a generous family chose to share organs from their loved one. Bill received a heart transplant, and for nearly 27 full years, he

protected this heart. He cared for so many people in so very many ways during these gifted years. He served as interim minister at Wildhurst ARP Church and then at Ebenezer ARP Church until the fall of 2024. Bill was a leader at every level of the Church. He served in First Presbytery and Virginia Presbytery on various committees and in leadership roles. On the denominational level he served on numerous committees of the General Synod and served as chairman of the Board of Christian Education. One of the many ministries he supported was the establishment of Camp Joy at Bonclarken. Camp Joy is a ministry for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. He served on the Board of Trustees of Erskine College for 12 years, serving on various committees, including serving as chairman of the Presidential Search Committee in 1989-90. Bill was also active in the communities in which he and his family lived, serving as a leader in 4-H clubs and the PTA. He was one of the founders and later president of the Chaplaincy Program at Alleghany Regional Hospital, and he was involved in the development of a Hospice program in Alleghany County Va.

Bill was a minister every day. He found joy in communicating with others in all places and with purpose. He was intent on hearing the stories of people's lives, connecting with them, and sharing genuine concern. He was humble and kind, a man of integrity and a devoted, loving and faithful church leader, husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle and friend. He will be deeply missed by so many. Bill is survived by his wife and ministry partner of 65 years, Reta Fullen Harris; son, Douglas Harris and wife, Teresa; daughter Kathryn Trout, daughter Karen Valente and husband, Michael; granddaughter Krysta R. Trout; grandson Marty Harris, wife Jessica and great-grandson Liam; granddaughter Megan Caravas, husband Scott and great-grandson Ethan; grandson Elijah Trout and wife, Laura; grandson Alister Valente; sister-in-law Evelyn Harris, and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dr. Charles C. Harris.



Rev. Dr. James Lewis "Doc" MacLeod  
4-27-1937 – 8-19-2024

Dr. James Lewis "Doc" MacLeod, formerly of Sylvania, died at his residence in Augusta, Georgia on August 19, 2024. He was 87.

Dr. MacLeod was born in Louisiana, the son of Presbyterian minister William Lassiter McLeod, Sr. and Sara Macaulay McLeod. He is predeceased by his parents and one brother, the Honorable William Lassiter "Bill" McLeod, Jr. and sister-in-law, Lady Marilyn "Cissie" McLeod. He is survived by nieces Sara Nelson McLeod Judson (Mark) of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Martha Ellen McLeod Livanec of Galveston, Texas, and Ruth McLeod Rohs (Stephen) of Denver, Colorado. He is also survived by grand nieces and nephews Rachel McLeod Judson, Marie Louise Livanec, William McLeod Livanec, Caroline Isabel Livanec, William McLeod Rohs, and Katherine Elizabeth Rohs.

Dr. MacLeod was an ordained minister, and he pastored at Sylvania Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and most recently at Lyndon Grove Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Georgia. He taught at Screven County High School and later at Glynn Academy and Brunswick High School where he headed the gifted students program. He was named Star Teacher, and he coached the debate teams in both counties. He also served as a city councilman and later as mayor pro-tem for the city of Brunswick.

He was formerly the owner of Brunswick Gallery Antiques and co-owner and president of Brunswick Finance Company. He also purchased, restored, and resold multiple Victorian houses.

Dr. MacLeod was a prolific writer, and he penned several books, mostly of a religious, political, and philosophical nature. His writings included *The Presbyterian Tradition in the South*, *A Season of Grace*, *Going Beyond Literalism*, *The Great Dr. Waddle*, and *Let the People Rule*.

He held degrees from Washington and Lee University, Emory University, Princeton Seminary, and Mississippi State University. He also studied in France and India, and he was a Fulbright Scholar. He was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and a fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

Dr. MacLeod provided leadership and support for many up and coming young men as they worked to obtain higher education. He was a scholar, a devout Christian, and a true southern gentleman.



Rev. Robert "Bob" Sherer

3-17-1931 – 9-6-2024

Rev. Robert "Bob" Sherer, 93 of Troutman passed away on Friday, September 6, at his home.

Rev. Sherer was born on March 17, 1931 in Sharon, South Carolina, at home to the late William Thomas Sherer, Sr. and Jean Phillips Sherer. He graduated from Sharon High School and Erskine College. Rev. Sherer continued his education in graduate study of history at the University of South Carolina.

He proceeded to Erskine Seminary to receive his divinity degree. Rev. Sherer's 62 years of pastoral service began in 1957 and concluded on June 23, 2019. He served several churches: Sandy Plains ARP Church, Unity ARP Church, New Perth ARP Church and Stony Point Church. He began his service in Iredell County in October 1962 and preached his last sermons at Stony Point and New Amity ARP.

On May 31, 1957, Robert married the love of his life, Sara Jane Earle Sherer, who passed away on October 15, 2021.

Rev. Sherer had several passions in life: faith, teaching, God's word, family, history, sports, a good story, a good joke, writing, and love of his heritage in the farm and family. He loved taking time to listen, taking time to share a story or knowledge or his brilliant wit.

Rev Sherer found a place to show these loves through community service being very active in his community. The Town of Troutman honored him with Citizen of the Year award in 2011. For many years he was very active in the Lion's Club promoting all their charity work for the sight impaired. He served at different times in

various officer roles. He took great joy in being the fundraiser auctioneer.

Rev. Sherer's love of sports began early with baseball and going to games with his father and brothers. He was involved with baseball and softball most of his life. Rev. Sherer loved telling stories from each especially playing softball in college.

The service of youth was very important to Rev Sherer. He served the community's youth through coaching Babe Ruth and Little League baseball. His teams won many championships. He was very involved with church softball for the most time in Troutman. He played coached and was at times commissioner of the league. When he crossed those white lines Rev. Sherer was famously known as, "The Rev".

The joy of sports and friendship drew him to golf. He had many precious memories of time on the links with his friends. He always had a group, over time moving from the youngest to the oldest. They played every week. He enjoyed trips to Pinehurst, trips to North Myrtle Beach and The Erskine Open.

Rev. Sherer enjoyed trips to Bonckarken, sightseeing trips to the mountains finding good food along the way. He enjoyed dinner theatre trips and trips to the State Fair to see pigs, cows and tractors.

Rev. Sherer loved time with his family. He loved gathering all around the table for good food, stories laughter and a dish of his homemade ice cream. Over the years he enjoyed playing in the backyard with his children, grandchildren and greatchild. Rev. Sherer took great joy and pride in watching granddaughters play soccer, son play basketball and tennis, daughter play piano. He took joy and pride in coaching his son in baseball. He loved telling stories about those days.

His love of stories led him to write his books: "Bob's Pen I " and "Bob's Pen II " He loved taking images in his head and crafting them into words.

Those left to honor his memory are his daughter, Sara Lynn Sherer; his son Robert Blane Sherer; granddaughters, Amber Sherer and Celeste Sherer Farmand (Christopher); numerous nieces and nephews, and brothers- in- laws and sister-in-laws.

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DECEASED MINISTERS			
Rev. James "Jim" Coad III		8-25-1950 -- 12-8-2024	
Rev. Carlos Leonardo Concha		5-3-1939 -- 11-22-2024	
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Rev. Gerald R. "Jerry" Hallman		3-10-1950 -- 6-16-2024	
Rev. Christopher Hardeman		3-19-1948 -- 4-15-2025	
Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Harris		4-9-1938 --3-16-2025	
Rev. Dr. James MacLeod		4-27-1937 -- 8-19-2024	
Rev. Robert "Bob" Sherer		3-17-1931 -- 9-6-2024	
DECEASED RULING ELDERS			
CATAWBA		FLORIDA	
Cannon's Creek	Andrew John Pugh	Chapel by the Sea	Brad Roshto
Cannon's Creek	Richard Ansel Martin Sr	Chapel by the Sea	Dave Grover
Grace	John Edward Schooler Sr	First ARP Avon Park	Robert Brock
Rock Hill First	William Carey Harper III	First ARP Lake Wales	Dale Bourdette
Edgemoor	Robert Morrison	First ARP Sebring	Allen Ratzlaff
Greenwood First	Marshall Long		
Louisville	John T. Sparks		



Hopewell	Thomas McKeown	GRACE	
FIRST		Covenant (Jacksonville)	David Gregg Hall
Huntersville	Buddy Nash	Covenant (Burlington)	James Mitchell Knox
Boyce Memorial	Doug Burton		
Boyce Memorial	Bob Shell		
Linden	Robert Harwell	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY	
Coddle Creek	Monty Reid Sharar	Brighton	Richard Moore
New Sterling	Jim Dagenhart	Salem	Bob McFarland
First Gastonia	Ron Kirkpatrick		
Pinecrest	Andrew Scott		
Pisgah	John Lutz Jr	VIRGINIA	
Pisgah	Titus Greene	Ebenezer	Carl Knick
Pisgah	Ed Pearson	Old Providence	Gary W. Gearhart
New Amity	Jimmy Mack-Combs		
Stony Point	Joe Driesse		

## OFFICIAL ROLL OF SYNOD

The Official Roll includes the following delegates who were checked in and present at Synod 2025. Ministers entitled to sit as members of the court as set forth in the *Form of Government*, Ch 12.5-12.8 and those others certified by Presbytery; Elder representatives; Virtua; delegates approved by Synod, and Ruling Elders serving as Moderator, Vice Moderator, or Past Moderator.

(Alphabetical by Last Name)

PIN	Present	Last Name	First Name	Status	Church Name
F150	P	Adams	Robert	Elder	Gastonia First
L040	P	Adams	Robert	Minister	Faith
FPXX	P	Albuquerque de Freitas	Daniel	Minister	Gaston Community
F074	P	Alghrary	Joseph	Minister	Cornerstone
C078	P	Allison	Matthew	Minister	Ebenezer
F345	P	Almond	James	Minister	Trinity Reformed
C100	P	Anderson	Brad	Minister	Cayce
FPXX	P	Anderson	James	Minister	
N087	P	Anderson	Rick	Minister	Tri-State Community
CPXX	P	Andes	Scott	Minister	
M128	P	Andrepoint	James	Elder	Hope, LA
CPXX	P	Arrington	Drew	Minister	

L020	P	Atteberry	Matthew	Minister	Community Chapel
L089	P	Avato	Michael	Minister	Risen City
NPXX	P	Avera	Alan	Minister	
C280	P	Bailey	Gene	Elder	Union
T090	P	Baker	Michael	Elder	Prosperity (TN)
C210	P	Barron	John	Elder	Rock Hill First
CPXX	P	Barron	Billy	Minister	
FPXX	P	Basie	Mike	Minister	Chaplain
N030	P	Beard	Nathan	Minister	Fairmount
CPXX	P	Beaudrot	Leland	Minister	
F089	P	Began	Keith	Elder	Covenant Reformed
CPXX	P	Bell	Robert	Minister	
C078	P	Bernard	Jordan	Minister	Ebenezer
F190	P	Bigham	Kenneth	Elder	Mint Hill
N064	P	Bills	James	Minister	Lifeline Community
C038	P	Blackman	Brett	Minister	Cannon's Creek-Prosperity
C198	P	Blakely	Lesslie	Elder	Ora
L075	P	Bolhofner	Mark	Minister	North Creek
F310	P	Bollinger	Austin	Minister	Reformation
N020	P	Boukamp	John	Elder	Church of the Atonement
N020	P	Bouwkamp	John	Elder	Church of the Atonement

C117	P	Bowyer	Bob	Elder	Greenwood First
F330	P	Bradford	Jim	Elder	Statesville First
C065	P	Brewer	Jerry	Elder	Columbia First
CPXX	P	Brickey	Justin	Minister	World Witness
TPXX	P	Brown	James	Minister	
C078	P	Broyles	Alan	Elder	
G015	P	Buffaloe	Kelley	Minister	Antioch
C065	P	Bult	Bryan	Minister	Columbia First
C116	P	Bunch	Philip	Minister	Greenville
L020	P	Burch	Mike	Elder	Community Chapel-By-The-Sea
CPXX	P	Burklin	Heiko	Minister	
V027	P	Bush	Kenneth	Minister	Church of the Harvest
L060	P	Cameron	Raymond	Minister	Lake Placid First
M130	P	Campbell	Al	Elder	New Albany
C137	P	Campbell	David	Elder	King's Church
C053	P	Campbell	Alexander	Minister	Christ Reformed
FPXX	P	Cara	Robert	Minister	
G316	P	Carr	Aaron	Minister	Grace Hill
F010	P	Carr	Matthew	Minister	Back Creek
C010	P	Carroll	Randy	Elder	Bethany
C290	P	Carter	Richard	Elder	Unity ARP Church
C233	P	Carver	Benjamin	Minister	Shem Creek

C065	P	Cease	Carl	Elder	Columbia First
M050	EXC	Cheatham	Conrad	Minister	Elsberry
G088	P	Chetty	Krishna	Elder	Covenant ARP Church
F335	P	Choi	Song	Minister	Statesville Korean
F360	P	Claxton	Bradley	Elder	Westminster
G055	P	Clement	Marshall	Elder	Christ Covenant
V050	P	Clemons	Jerry	Elder	Fairlea
L054	P	Cline	Tanner	Minister	King's Cross
MVXX	P	Coblentz	Alex	Minister	
F210	P	Cooper	Artie	Elder	Living Hope
G055	P	Cornelius	Scott	Elder	Christ Covenant
CPXX	P	Cotten	Samuel	Minister	
M058	P	Covington	Charles	Minister	Gumtree
L010	P	Crawford	Hugh	Elder	Bartow
G030	P	Crotts	Bryan	Minister	Covenant Presbyterian Church
C160	P	Culp	Jeff	Elder	Neely's Creek
CPXX	P	Dagenhart	Barry	Minister	
L010	P	Daugherty	Patrick	Minister	Bartow
C050	P	Davis	Clint	Minister	Chester
L085	P	Davis	Karl	Minister	Sebring
M052	P	De Boer	Aaron	Minister	Bethany
CPXX	P	Delleney	Greg	Minister	

A019	P	Dendekker	Martin	Minister	Covenanters
T060	P	Derksen	Ronald	Elder	Lincoln Memorial
CPXX	P	Derrick	Allen	Minister	
C058	P	Di Iulio	Andrew	Minister	Devenger Road
G030	P	Dieball	Wayne	Elder	Covenant Presbyterian Church
M170	P	Donahue	Joseph	Minister	Providence
C030	P	Donald	Mark	Minister	Blacksburg
V090	P	Dowling	Benjamin	Minister	Lauderdale
CPXX	P	Draffin	Calvin	Minister	
C230	P	Duncan	David	Elder	Sharon
F280	P	Duran	Bobby	Minister	Pisgah
TPXX	P	Edgar	Charles	Minister	
LPXX	P	Edwards	Stephen	Minister	
CPXX	P	Elder	Buzzy	Minister	
T097	P	Eldridge	Nathan	Minister	Redeemer
C090	P	Elliott	Bob	Minister	Edgemoor
FPXX	P	Evans	Charles	Minister	
M130	P	Ewing	Stephen	Minister	New Albany
CPXX	EXC	Flick	Chris	Minister	
C065	P	Folks	Steven	Elder	Columbia First
F210	P	Forbes	Mark	Minister	Living Hope
G210	P	Foster	Randall	Minister	Maupin Avenue
C250	P	Franklin	Dean	Minister	Shiloh

C160	P	Frazier	Evan	Minister	Neely's Creek
NPXX	P	Galletta	David	Minister	
TPXX	P	Garrett	Joshua	Minister	Redeemer Community Church
F180	P	Gazzaway	Trent	Elder	Huntersville
T028	P	Gentry	Scott	Elder	Christ The King Presbyterian
NPXX	P	Gerard	G.J.	Minister	
F344	P	Ginn	Keith	Minister	Trinity Chapel
F330	P	Gladden	Ryan	Minister	Statesville First
C010	P	Glaser	Benjamin	Minister	Bethany
L040	P	Good	Roy	Elder	Faith
FPXX	P	Goodman	Drew	Minister	
NPXX	EXC	Gore	Ralph	Minister	
F100	P	Grier	Jack	Elder	Crowders Creek
C116	P	Griffin	David	Minister	Greenville
F060	P	Grigsby	Luke	Minister	Coddle Creek
FPXX	P	Grimm	Joshua	Minister	
C198	P	Gunderson	Watson	Minister	Ora
L042	P	Hade	Bill	Elder	Faith
C100	P	Hair	Bobby	Elder	Cayce
T050	P	Hakim	James	Minister	Hopewell
FPXX	P	Hamer	Gregory	Minister	
T040	P	Hamilton	Mack	Elder	Fayetteville ARP Church

C290	P	Hammond	Charles	Minister	Unity
C134	P	Hardy	Steve	Minister	Iva
C300	P	Harkins	Robert	Elder	White Oak
C240	P	Harless	Russell	Minister	Sherwood Forest
G210	P	Harrison	David	Elder	Maupin Avenue
T050	P	Hartley	Kevin	Minister	Hopewell
L060	P	Hartzell	Frank	Elder	Lake Placid First
T150	P	Harvey	James	Elder	Hopewell
G008	P	Harvey	Warren	Minister	Ambassador
L016	P	Hawkes	Tom	Minister	Christ
F250	P	Hazen	Richard	Minister	New Perth
MPXX	P	Heathman	Matthew	Minister	N/A
VPXX	P	Heinsohn	Frank	Minister	
C078	P	Heinzl	Randy	Elder	Ebenezer
C065	P	Henderson	David	Minister	Columbia First
C065	P	Henderson	Sean	Minister	Columbia First
F150	P	Hjemvick	Josh	Minister	Gastonia First
G173	P	Holbrook	Harrison	Minister	Hope Chapel
MPXX	P	Holiman	William	Minister	
T290	P	Holst	Jonathan	Minister	White Oak
M057	P	Holt	Jack	Elder	Grace Presbyterian Church
F070	P	Hoover	Gray	Elder	Concord



F056	P	Hopple	John	Elder	City Church Asheville
C250	P	Hornack	Mat	Elder	Shiloh
G005	P	Howard	Brian	Minister	Adams Farm Community
CPXX	P	Huffman	David	Minister	
V050	P	Hughes	Ike	Minister	Fairlea
S290	P	Hull	Ronny	Minister	White Oak
C105	P	Hunt	Billy	Elder	Effingham Presbyterian Church
FPXX	P	Hunt	Jamie	Minister	
L070	P	Hunt, III	Frank	Elder	
A065	EXC	Jaatinen	Michael	Minister	Mt. Zion ARPC
FPXX	P	James	Mark	Minister	
C065	P	Jeffcoat	Harry	Elder	Columbia First
F280	P	Jenkins	Scott	Minister	Pisgah
F060	P	Johnston	Victor	Elder	Coddle Creek
NPXX	P	Johnston	David	Minister	Lifeline
C065	P	Jones	Boyd	Elder	Columbia First
C090	P	Jordan	Brad	Elder	Edgemoor
C075	P	Jordan	Herb	Elder	Due West ARP
CPXX	P	Jordan	Stephen	Minister	
CPXX	P	Joyner	Paul	Minister	
N037	P	Kemeny	Peter	Minister	Good News
C114	P	Kent	Ransom	Minister	Grace
F135	P	Keuthan	Zachary	Minister	Fletcher

N017	P	Kim	Hyeon Seob	Minister	Christ
F015	P	Kim	John	Minister	Bethel Korean
GPXX	P	Kimmons	John	Minister	
G265	P	King	Charles	Elder	Providence
A043	P	Kingswood	Jeff	Minister	Grace
T235	P	Kirkland	Michael	Elder	Peachtree Corners
F250	P	Knox	JJ	Elder	New Perth ARP Church
T028	P	Kornegay	Soren	Minister	Christ The King Presbyterian
MO53	P	Kruger	Erick	Minister	Faith
F150	P	Kuiken	Matthew	Minister	Gastonia First
LPXX	P	Lago	Samuel	Minister	Hope - Tampa
V135	P	Laughridge	Stephen	Minister	Wellspring
C065	P	Lauten	David	Minister	Columbia First
FPXX	P	Lawing	Morrie	Minister	
F269	P	Lee	Eung	Minister	Peace Korean
L090	P	Lewis	Charlie	Minister	Trinity
FPXX	P	Lewis	Richard	Minister	
FPXX	P	Linderman	Earl	Minister	
MPXX	P	Littlejohn	Larry	Elder	French Camp
G055	P	Lockhart	Kyle	Minister	Christ Covenant
F040	P	Lott	Alex	Minister	Starmount
FPXX	P	Lotze	Ken	Minister	

L070	P	Loveless	Chuck	Elder	Lakes Wales First
F310	P	Lucas	Matthew	Minister	Reformation
V040	P	MacDougall	James	Minister	Edgemont
C270	P	Maloney	Steve	Elder	Tirzah
FMXX	P	Malphrus	Phillip	Elder	
V110	P	Malphrus	Patrick	Minister	Old Providence
T050	P	Mangum	Charlie	Elder	Hopewell ARP Church
FPXX	P	Mantooth	Matthew	Minister	
FPXX	P	Markwat	Leo	Minister	
C230	P	Martin	Gil	Minister	Sharon
C116	P	Matocha	Todd	Minister	Greenville
F089	P	Mayberry	Phillip	Minister	Covenant Reformed
F260	P	McAulay	Boone	Minister	New Sterling
C065	P	McCain	Rick	Elder	Columbia First
F070	P	McClamrock	Mark	Minister	Concord
N080	P	McClellan	Thomas	Elder	Piney Creek
VPXX	P	McCormick	Seth	Minister	
F300	P	McCoy	Phillip	Minister	Providence ARPC
C117	P	McCoy	Todd	Minister	Greenwood First
FMXX	P	McGregor III	Rob Roy	Elder	
CPXX	P	McGregor Jr	Rob Roy	Minister	
FMXX	P	McKay	Bill	Elder	

L070	P	McKinney	Myers	Minister	Lake Wales First
C020	P	McManus	James	Minister	Bethel
FPXX	P	McMullen	Kenneth	Minister	
NPXX	P	Meberg	Erik	Minister	
F056	P	Meyer	Ross	Minister	City Church Asheville
C058	P	Miller	Chris	Elder	Devenger Road
C060	P	Miller	Mark	Minister	Clover
CPXX	P	Miller	Matthew	Minister	
L045	P	Milliken	George	Elder	Frostproof First
C130	P	Mills	Thomas	Elder	Hopewell
C152	P	Mitchell	Ali	Elder	Crossings Community
C116	P	Mitchell	Dick	Elder	Greenville
V055	P	Mitchell	Jeff	Elder	Redeemer
C228	P	Mitchell	James	Minister	Scots Kirk
L081	P	Mitchell	Scott	Minister	Redbud
C075	P	Moore	Scott	Minister	Due West ARP
M180	P	Moorlach	Kent	Minister	Richland
N020	P	Mowen	Ryan	Minister	Church of the Atonement
NPXX	P	Muldoon	Kevin	Minister	
F075	P	Nance	Mantle	Minister	Ballantyne PC
F180	P	Napier	Nick	Minister	Huntersville
C310	P	Neeley	Jim	Elder	York ARP

M055	P	Neiswonger	Christopher	Minister	Graceview
CPXX	P	Nelson	Seth	Minister	Ersine Theological Seminary
C210	P	Oliphant	Jonathan	Minister	Rock Hill First
G085	P	Pagan	Hector	Elder	Covenant Fellowship
M055	P	Paris	Mark	Elder	Graceview Presbyterian Church
F020	P	Patrick	Robert	Minister	Boyce Memorial
F230	P	Payne	Legrand	Elder	New Amity
CPXX	EXC	Pearson	Dwight	Minister	
V040	P	Persinger	John	Elder	Edgemont Presbyterian Church
F360	P	Petersen	Douglas	Minister	Westminster
CPXX	P	Pettett	Alex	Minister	
T040	P	Philbrick	Seth	Minister	Fayetteville
G265	P	Phillips	Tim	Minister	Providence
M026	P	Pipher	Brooks	Minister	Covenant Church Burbank
T235	P	Price	Norman	Minister	Peachtree Corners
NPXX	P	Pritts	Ronald	Minister	
C270	P	Putnam	Andrew	Minister	Tirzah
FMXX	P	Query	Gordon	Elder	Columbia First
L072	P	Raborn	Trevor	Minister	Morning Star

C065	P	Reading	Ted	Elder	Columbia First
C228	P	Reed	Joel	Elder	Scots Kirk
C040	P	Reeder	Christopher	Minister	Centennial
M210	P	Regan	Kerry	Elder	Salem
F310	P	Reid	Glen	Elder	Reformation
F080	P	Richards	Jeffrey	Minister	Covenant
C256	P	Richardson	Matt	Minister	Skylyn Drive
M190	P	Ritchey	James	Minister	River City Reformed
M210	P	Robison	Nick	Minister	Salem
CPXX	P	Rogers	John	Minister	
F358	P	Rolison	Joseph	Minister	Rehobeth
C078	P	Roper	Gene	Elder	Ebenezer
N037	P	Rothermel	Greg	Elder	Good News
C053	P	Routszong	Steve	Elder	Christ Reformed
T080	P	Sanderson	Bernard	Elder	Prosperity (AL)
F020	P	Sealey	Evan	Elder	Boyce Memorial
CPXX	P	Setzer	David	Minister	
L060	P	Severance	James	Minister	Lake Placid First
A018	P	Shearouse	John	Minister	Covenant Reformed
FPXX	P	Shelnutt	Lee	Minister	
C060	P	Sherrill	Jimmy	Elder	Clover
F060	P	Shoger	Andrew	Minister	Coddle Creek

CPXX	P	Shoger	Thomas	Minister	
CPXX	P	Sims	Kyle	Minister	
L058	P	Smart	Chris	Minister	Hope - Tampa
F150	P	Smith	David	Elder	Gastonia First
CPXX	EXC	Smith	Guy	Minister	
G085	P	Smith	David	Minister	Covenant Fellowship
C137	P	Smith	Joshua	Minister	King's
L070	P	Smith	Mackay	Minister	Lake Wales
N020	P	Spoon	Logan	Minister	Church of the Atonement
M057	P	Stark	David	Minister	Grace Presbyterian Church
C053	P	Stauffer	Jack	Minister	Christ Reformed
F358	P	Stephens	David	Elder	Rehobeth
C065	P	Stewart	Neil	Minister	Columbia First
M056	P	Stidham	Bruce	Elder	Heritage ARP Church
L075	P	Stitzer	Ted	Elder	North Creek
G167	P	Stone	Darin	Minister	Grace Reformed
F100	P	Strong	Jason	Minister	Crowders Creek
F131	P	Sul	Dae Eog	Minister	First Korean
N035	P	Sutherland	Bill	Minister	Faith

F041	P	Tankersley	Mark	Minister	Gaston Community
L045	P	Taylor, III	Garison	Minister	Frostproof First
C146	P	Tell	Jeff	Minister	Lexington First
C210	P	Templeton	Tim	Elder	Rock Hill First
T090	P	Thomas	Jeremiah	Minister	Prosperity (TN)
F010	P	Threatt	David	Elder	Back Creek
C078	P	Titus	Randle	Elder	Ebenezer
G088	P	Tracy	Eric	Minister	Covenant
C065	P	Tribble	Reid	Elder	Columbia First
NPXX	P	Turner	Brent	Minister	
C005	P	Turner	Robert	Minister	Arsenal Hill
L015	P	Tvenstrup	Chad	Minister	Christ
V055	P	Vance	David	Minister	Redeemer
APXX	EXC	Vander Vaart	Richard	Minister	
C207	P	Wages	John	Elder-Alt	Providence
C065	P	Walker	Joe	Elder	Columbia First
GSXX	P	Walkup	David	Minister	Community Chapel (L020)
F074	P	Ward	Anthony	Minister	Cornerstone
G265	P	Webb	Andrew	Minister	Providence
C256	P	Welch	David	Elder	Skylyn Drive Presbyterian



L092	P	Westmoreland	Justin	Minister	Trinity
M190	P	Wheeler	Howard	Minister	River City Reformed
NPXX	P	Whittet	Bob	Minister	
C020	P	Wilkes	Adrian	Elder	Bethel
C116	P	Williams	Dan	Elder	Greenville
C140	P	Williams	Jonathan	Minister	Lancaster
CPXX	EXC	Wilson	Boyce	Minister	Catawba Presbytery
L010	P	Witte	Mark	Minister	Bartow
M112	EXC	Wohlers	Tim	Minister	Good Shepherd
F150	P	Wood	Brian	Minister	Gastonia First
G173	P	York	Brent	Elder	Hope Chapel
F025	EXC	Young	Larry	Minister	Brookside
F107	P	Zappone	Ken	Elder	Christ Church
F090	P	Zenthoefer	Scott	Elder	King's Cross Church

### **PRESBYTERY REPORTS**

The information included herein is taken from the Presbytery Reports submitted to the Principal Clerk. The names of the congregations, names of ministers, names of seminary students, and the names of elders lost by death appear elsewhere in the Minutes of Synod. Information in this section is for the period January 1-December 31, 2024.

### **CANADIAN PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery: 11.**

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:**

Riverside ARP.

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Churches:** Trinity, Hope, Reformation.

**Churches Added to Roll:** Faith.

**Churches Deleted from Roll:** None.

**Churches Organized:** None.

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 19.

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** Jordan David VanAmerongen (10-12-2024).

**Ministers Restored:** None.

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** None.

**Minister and Date of Installation or Commission:** Jordan David VanAmerongen (10-12-2024).

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** None.

**Ministers Lost by Death:** None.

**Ministers Lost by Certificate:** None.

**Ministers Lost by Removal from Roll:** None.

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** None.

**Ministers Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** None.

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Nic Otten, Nathan Oblak, Jaderson Coreiro.

**Elders Demitted or Removed for Cause:** None.

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Students of Theology Under Care:** 4.

**Number of Licentiates Under Care:** 4.

**Name of Student and Date Received:** Zachariah Murray (4-12-2024).

**Students/Licentiates Removed from Care of Presbytery:** None.

**CATAWBA PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 59\*

\*Ebenezer (Old Brick Church) included for historical purposes.

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor, Mission Developer, or Evangelist:** Cedar Springs, Ebenezer (Fairfield, Historic Church), Faith,

Hickory Grove\*, Hopewell\*(Chester), Iglesia Biblica\*, Iva\*, Johnston\*, Living Waters, Louisville\*, New Hope, Oak Ridge, Providence, Rogers Memorial\*, Rowan, Smyrna\*, Union\*, Westminster, White Oak\*, York.  
**(NOTE: \*=with Stated Supply).**

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Churches:** First Lexington, Iglesia Biblica.

**Churches/Missions Added to Roll:** Abbeville (9-1-2024), Cannon's Creek/Prosperity (9-1-2024), Cedar Springs (9-1-2024), Christ Reformed (9-1-2024), Devenger Road (9-1-2024), Due West (9-1-2024), Greenville (9-1-2024), Greenwood First (9-1-2024), Iva (9-1-2024), Johnston (9-1-2024), Louisville (9-1-2024), Ora (9-1-2024), Providence (9-1-2024), Redeemer (9-2-2024), Skylyn Drive (9-1-2024), Village (9-1-2024).

**Church Changed Name:** None.

**Church Deleted from Roll:** Newberry (9-25-2024), Lower Long Cane (9-25-2024), Unity (Greenville Co.) 9-25-2024, Young Memorial (9-25-2024), Troy (9-25-2024), Hill City (3-12-2024), Lemira (7-1-2024).

**Mission Developers who began work during the year:** Jeff Tell (First Lexington) 8-11-2024.

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 124.

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** None.

**Ministers Restored:** None.

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** (From Second Presbytery 9-1-2024: Mike Horne, Brett Blackman, Alexander Campell, Philip Bunch, Scott Moore, Andrew Di Iulio, Todd Matocha, Todd McCoy, Bill Cain, Watson Gunderson, James Bond, Gary Pierstorff, Tom Shoger, Bill Blakely, Rob Roy McGregor Jr, Don Elliott, Alex Pettett, David Griffin, Sam Roper, Robert Bell, William Barron Sr, Paul Joyner, Bill Slattery, Matt Richardson, Jay Crout, Matt Miller, Chris Flick, Brandon Barrett, Bill Letchworth), Seth Nelson (3-12-2024), Jeff Tell (3-12-2024), Neil Stewart (1-21-2024).

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Bill Cain (11-30-2024), Watson Gunderson (6-11-2024), Jonathan Williams (3-12-2024), Jordan Bernard (8-1-2024), Stephen Jordan (2-11-2024).

**Minister and Date of Installation:** Philip Bunch (11-8-2024), Neil Stewart (1-21-2024), Jonathan Williams (4-21-2024), Evan Frazier (7-28-2024), Jordan Bernard (9-22-24), Jeff Tell (8-11-2024)

**Minister Lost by Certificate:** Matt Awtrey (3-12-2024).

**Minister Lost by Other:** Bill Cain (12-31-2024).

**Minister Lost by Suspension:** None.

**Minister Deposed:** None.

**Minister Lost by Death:** Kim Payne (4-27-2024).

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** Mel Wines (9-1-2024), David Griffin (10-8-2024).

**Minister Serving as Evangelist:** Greg Delleney.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** Stephen Hardy (Iva), Carl Geisik (Louisville).

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Effingham (Ronnie Knight), Grace (Ryan Judd), Arsenal Hill (Brian Mesimer), First Lancaster (Stewart Screpetis), Greenville (Jake Bostrom, Alex Pettett), Neely's Creek (Michael McManus), Clover (Jay Young, Greg Starnes, Alan Abernathy), Rock Hill (Jeffrey Rutland), Shiloh (Jim Montgomery), Edgemoor (Brian Jordan), Greenwood First (Michael Moore, Ainsley Wiles), Smyrna (William Faulkner).

**Elders Demitted, Removed or Resigned:** Shem Creek (James Evans), Blacksburg (Joe Ross), Roger Memorial (Terence Kendrick), Greenville (Alex Pettett), Bethel (Thomas Mann).

**Elders Elected Emeritus:** Tom Earle (Sherwood Forest).

**Number of Students and Licentiates Under Care:** 21.

**Names of Candidates Licensed:** Filip Sylwestrowicz (6-11-2024)

**Names of Student and Date Received:** Avery Sirmons (3-12-2024), David Campbell (3-12-2024), Jack Stauffer (10-8-2024), Myles Burns (10-8-2024), Edward Manger (10-8-2024), Don Walker (10-8-2024), Dakota Flannery (10-8-2024).

**Names of Student and Date Dismissed:** None.

**Special Student Under Care:** None.

### **FIRST PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 44.

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor, Mission Developer, or Evangelist:** Christ Church, Covenant Presbyterian\*, Elk Shoals\*, First ARP Statesville\*, Garrison Memorial, Gilead\*, Hephzibah, Linden\*, Matthews Korean, Mint Hill\*, New Amity, Pressly Memorial, Sandy Plains\*, Stony Point, Westminster\*, Westview. (NOTE: \*=with Stated Supply).

**Mission Churches:** Brookside, Fletcher, Starmount, Trinity Chapel Charlotte.

**Congregations/Missions Deleted From Roll of Presbytery During Calendar Year:** None.

**Church Changed Name-Merged:** None.

**Church Deleted from Roll:** None.

**Churches/Missions Added to the Roll:** Living Hope (April 28, 2024)

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 99.

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** Paul Chung (3-31-2024), Austin Bollinger (4-7-2024), Boone McAulay (11-24-2024).

**Ministers Restored:** None.

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** None.

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Rick Lewis (5-31-2024), Tae Gun Han (6-9-2024), Matt Mantooth (8-31-2024), Daniel Albuquerque de Freitas (12-31-2024), Morrie Lawing (11-30-2024).

**Minister and Date of Installation:** Mark Forbes (4-28-2024), Paul Chung (3-31-2024), Auston Bollinger (4-7-2024), Ross Meyer (1-21-2024), Boone McAulay (11-24-2024).

**Minister Lost by Certificate:** Ed Fleagle (2-29-2024), Michael Hill (8-12-2024).

**Minister Lost by Removal:** None.

**Minister Lost by Suspension:** None.

**Minister Deposed:** None.

**Minister Lost by Death:** Robert (Bob) Sherer (9-6-2024).

**Minister Lost by Other:** John Jackson (1-1-2024), Mark Brooks (1-1-2024).

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** Rick Lewis (5-31-2024), Dean Turbeville (1-7-2024), Ron Eastes (11-12-2024).

**Minister Serving as Evangelist:** None.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** Brant Wilke (Hephzibah).

**Mission Developers:** Zack Keuthan (Fletcher Presbyterian 11-12-2024), Alex Lott (Starmount 11-12-2024).

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Reformation (Ben Oldham, Glen Reid), Coddle Creek (Benjamin Keisler, Monty Sharar), First ARP Gastonia (Robert Adams, Adam Forbes), Southern Korean (Kim Kwang Sup, Yang Seung Doo, Chang Hyun Ho), Christ Church (Jason Lund), Gaston Community (Ty Witt), Covenant Reformed (Walt Parsons, Brett Snyder), Living Hope (Matt Adams, Vinnie Cherry, Artie

Cooper, Tim Daniels, Bill Sevy), City Church of Asheville (Scott Schindler), Pisagah (Barry Rubenstein, Jonathan Merrill).

**Elders Elected Emeritus:** None.

**Elders Resigned, Demitted, Removed:** New Perth (Todd Nesbit 6-2024), Gaston (Don Duff 4-2024).

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Students and Licentiates Under Care:** 9.

**Names of Candidates Licensed:** Paul Chung, Boone McAulay.

**Names of Student and Date Received:** David Erwin (7-23-2024), Insoo (Isaac) Han 11-12-2024), Chris Price (11-12-2024), Chuck Sammons (3-12-2024).

**Names of Student and Date Dismissed:** Josh Feimster (12-31-2024), Jacob Jastrembski (11-12-2024), Chris Wiker (3-12-2024).

**Special Student Under Care:** None.

#### **FLORIDA PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 26.

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:** 1.

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Churches:** Christ Community ARP Church of Chuluota.

**Exploratory Works:** None.

**Church/Mission Added to Roll:** None.

**Church/Mission Deleted from Roll:** St. Augustine Presbyterian Church (10-22-2024).

**Church Organized:** None.

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 51.

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** Mark Nelsen (1-21-2024), Patrick Daugherty (3-24-2024).

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** John Garrisi (4-23-2024), Ed Fleagle (3-12-2024), Mark Witte (5-19-2024), James (Mike) Hendrick (8-16-2024), Matthew Atteberry (11-24-2024).

**Minister and Date of Installation or Commission:** Mark Nelsen (Christ Community 1-21-2024).

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Mark Soud (St. Augustine Presbyterian 10-22-2024).

**Minister Lost by Death:** None.

**Ministers Lost by Certificate:** None.

**Minister Lost by Removal from Roll:** None.

**Minister Demitted:** None.

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** None.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** None.

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Christ Presbyterian (David Dash, Matt Davis, Doug Robey), First Frostproof (Eric Malmquist), Grace Presbyterian (Curt Wendt), Trinity (Steve Whitmer), Bartow (Abel Putnam), King's Cross (Felix Belanger, Eric Freeman, Jack Lee, Tanner Taber).

**Elders Elected Emeritus:** None.

**Elders Demitted, Removed or Resigned:** Christ (Terek Mekhail), Grace (Dan Thorne).

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Students of Theology Under Care:** 6.

**Name of Students Received:** None.

**Students/Licentiates Removed:** None.

**Special Student Under Care:** None.

#### **GRACE PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 17.

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:** Covenant of Grace. (NOTE: \*=Stated Supply).

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Churches:** Grace Community (Exploratory)

**Church Name Change:** First ARP Burlington became Covenant Presbyterian (4-27-24).

**Church Added to Roll:** None.

**Church Deleted from Roll:** None.

**Church Organized:** None.

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 36..

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** None.

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** Rob Dykes (6-1-2-24).

**Minister and Date of Installation or Commission:** None.

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Eric Hancox (10-26-24), Michael Hunter (10-26-24).

**Minister Lost by Death:** None.

**Ministers Lost by Certificate:** Kyle O'Donnell (11-19-24).

**Minister Lost by Removal from Roll:** None.

**Minister Demitted:** None.

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** None.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** None.

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Hope Chapel (Ben Cooper), Maupin Avenue (Max Dry), Adams Farm Community (Derek Hansen), Providence (David Mullen).

**Elders Elected Emeritus:** None.

**Elders Demitted, Removed or Resigned:** Covenant of Grace (Ben Holmes)

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Students of Theology Under Care:** 7.

**Number of Licentiates Under Care:** Alex Yonjoff.

**Students/Licentiates Removed:** None.

**Special Student Under Care:** None.

**Students/Licentiates Removed from Care of Presbytery:** None.

#### **MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 29.

**Churches Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:** Bethany, Ebenezer\*, Elsberry\*, French Camp, Helena\*, Hopewell\*, Midlane Park\*, Mt. Zion\*, New Geneva\*, Sharon\* . (NOTE: \*=Stated Supply).

**Names of Missions:** River City Reformed, Covenant (Burbank).

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Churches Added to Roll:** Grace Presbyterian (3-4-2024).

**Church Deleted from Roll:** Ellisville (10-8-2024), Hickory Spring (10-8-2024), Wood Avenue (10-8-2024).

**Church Organized:** None.

**Church Name Change:** Friend of Sinners to Bethany ARP Church (8-6-2024).

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 40.

**Ministers Received:** 6.

**Ministers Restored:** None.

**Ministers Received by Ordination:** Stephen Ewing (4-7-2024), Jonah Laclos (7-28-2024).

**Ministers Received by Certificate:** Brent Easton (10-8-2024)

**Minister and Date of Installation or Commission:** Stephen Ewing (4-7-2024), Jona Lanclos (7-28-2024).

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Alex



Coblentz (6-30-2024).

**Minister Lost by Death:** 2.

**Ministers Lost by Certificate:** None.

**Minister Lost by Removal from Roll:** None.

**Ministers Honorably Retired:** Alex Coblentz (6-30-2024).

**Ministers Serving as Evangelist:** None.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** Randy Kolb (Hopewell), Leslie Rhodes (Helena).

**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** New Geneva (Daniel Morrow), Salem (Sloan Regen).

**Elders Demitted, Removed or Resigned:** Calhoun (Kensill Brewer).

**Number of Students of Theology Under Care:** 4.

**Number of Licentiates Under Care:** None.

**Special Student Under Care:** None.

**Students/Licentiates Received Under Care of Presbytery:** None.

**Students/Licentiates Removed from Care of Presbytery:** None.

#### **NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 28.

**Church Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:** Flock\*, Calvary Reformed\*, New Vision\*, New Windsor\*, Piney Creek\*.  
(NOTE: \*=with Stated Supply).

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Churches:** All Nations, Flock, Global Vision, Holy Covenant, Hope Reformed, Iranian Christian, JuAhn Commnity, New Covenant, Somang, Washington Vision.

**Church Added to Roll:** None.

**Churches Organized:** None.

**Churches Deleted from Roll:** Christian Center Ministries (10-18-24).

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 68.

**Minister Received by Ordination:** Samuel Gunshik Yang (10-17-24).

**Minister Received by Certificate:** John Cook (8-20-24), Robert N. Anderson (8-20-24), R.J. Gore (8-20-24), Donald Holloway (8-20-24), George McBane (8-20-24), Brent Turner (8-20-24).

**Minister and Date of Installation or Commission:** None.

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Jack Van Dyk (Christian Center Ministries), Changteok Jeong (Joyful NY).

**Ministers Lost by Death:** Carlos Concha (11-22-24).

**Ministers Lost by Certificate:** Mansour Khajehpour (6-6-2023).  
**Ministers Removed from Roll:** None.  
**Ministers Honorably Retired:** Jonathan Marsh (6-11-24).  
**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** None.  
**Elder Elected Emeritus:** None.  
**Elders Ordained or Received by Certificate:** Fairmount (Stewart Bair),  
Good News (Greg Rothermal).  
**Elders Resigned:** Fairmount (Tony Atkinson), Good News (Andy  
Ludlum),  
**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.  
**Number of Students of Theology/Licentiates Under Care:** 8.  
**Students and Date Received/Dismissed During Calendar Year:**  
Nicholas Haushalter (3-15-24).

**SECOND PRESBYTERY: Dissolved in September 2024**

**TENNESSEE-ALABAMA PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 23.  
**Church Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:** 4  
**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.  
**Mission Church:** Hanmaum, Redeemer Community Church, Nashville  
Korean, Sharon.  
**Church or Mission Added to Roll:** None.  
**Church or Mission Deleted from Roll:** None.  
**Churches Organized:** None.  
**Church Deleted from Roll:** None.  
**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 19.  
**Minister Received by Ordination:** None.  
**Minister Received by Certificate:** Andrew Flatgard (11-3-2024)  
**Minister and Date of Installation:** None.  
**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** Philip  
Bunch (8-30-2024).  
**Minister Lost by Death:** None.  
**Minister Serving as Evangelist:** None.  
**Minister Lost by Certificate:** Philip Bunch.  
**Minister Lost by Removal from Roll (Demitted):** None.  
**Minister Honorably Retired:** Mark Hornby.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** David McMillan (Pressly Memorial).

**Elders Ordained:** Bethel (S.J. Henderson, Dale Kennedy).

**Elders Received by Certificate:** None.

**Elders Demitted, Resigned or Removed for Cause:** None.

**Elder Emeritus:** None.

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Licentiates:** None.

**Number of Students of Theology:** 1.

**Name of Student/Licentiate and Date Received:** None.

**VIRGINIA PRESBYTERY:**

**Number of Congregations and Missions on Roll of Presbytery:** 13.

**Church Without Regular Installed Pastor or Mission Developer:**

Ebenezer\*, Broad Creek\*, Johnson Creek\*, New Lebanon\*, Timber Ridge\*, Wildhurst\*. (NOTE: \*=with Stated Supply).

**Churches Served by an Evangelist:** None.

**Mission Church:** Church of the Harvest.

**Church or Mission Added to Roll:** None.

**Church or Mission Deleted from Roll:** None.

**Churches Organized:** None.

**Church Deleted from Roll:** None.

**Number of Ministers on Roll:** 17.

**Minister Received by Ordination:** Seth McCormick, Frank Heinsohn.

**Minister Received by Certificate:** None.

**Minister and Date of Installation:** None.

**Minister and Date of Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship:** None.

**Minister Lost by Death:** None.

**Minister Serving as Evangelist:** Frank Heinsohn.

**Minister Lost by Certificate:** None.

**Minister Lost by Removal from Roll (Demitted):** None.

**Minister Honorably Retired:** None.

**Minister Not on Roll of Presbytery Serving as Stated Supply:** Ron Ellis (Timber Ridge), Jim Giles (Johnson Creek), David Deskins (New Lebanon).

**Elders Ordained:** Wildhurst (Jim MacAfee), Edgemont (Carl Dressler Jr, Tony Lewis, Cecil Wilton Jr), Old Providence (Samuel F. Rowe).

**Elders Received by Certificate:** None.

**Elders Demitted, Resigned or Removed for Cause:** Johnson Creek (Berkley Paxton, Bobby Church, Erik Paxton), Wellspring (Randy Long), Wildhurst (Eric Angel), Old Providence (W. Frank “Pat” Patterson).

**Elder Emeritus:** None.

**Number of Deacons Lost by Death:** None.

**Number of Licentiates:** 2.

**Number of Students of Theology:** None.

**Name of Student/Licentiate and Date Received:** None.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**  
**JANUARY 1—DECEMBER 31, 2024**

The annual statistical reports have been tabulated for printing in the *Minutes of Synod* using information submitted by the individual churches to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Center as of December 31, 2024.

The following notes of explanation should be considered prior to drawing conclusions from the statistical information:

**For churches failing to submit reports, the figures used are those for Communicant Membership and Financial Data as last reported. The year they last reported is noted in parentheses beside their name on the statistical reports.**

The following table summarizes the membership changes for calendar year 2024:

	<b><u>2024</u></b>	<b><u>% of 2024</u></b>
Accessions by Profession	396	14.32%
Accessions by Certificate	527	19.06%
Accessions by Reaffirmation	1,842	66.62%
<b>Total Accessions</b>	<b>2,765</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Losses by Death	267	12.91%
Losses by Certificate	264	12.77%
Losses by Removal from Roll	1,537	74.32%
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Membership Increase <Loss>	697	
Beginning Membership	25,278	
Ending Membership	25,975	

\* Includes adjustments as described above.

**1. Financial Receipts:**

- a. **General Fund** represents the undesignated tithes and offerings of the membership.
- b. **Designated Receipts** represent tithes and offerings designated by the donor.
- c. **Average Per Capita Giving** reflects the average given by each ACTIVE COMMUNICANT MEMBER, excluding those funds reported as "Other Receipts."
- d. **Other Receipts** reflect receipts through Bequests and Wills, Synod and Presbytery Supplements, Transfers from Savings, etc. These receipts are not a part of the regular tithes and offerings of the membership and are excluded in calculating the "Average Per Capita" giving.

**2. Financial Disbursements:**

- a. **Personnel Support** includes contributions to the ARP Retirement Plan.
- b. **Local Benevolence** includes "Non-Denominational Benevolence" and "Auxiliary Expenses."
- c. **Denominational Ministry** refers to the funds voluntarily pledged to support denominational ministries. No attempt has been made to reconcile amounts reported on Statistical Reports with actual audited receipts.
- d. **Synod Benevolence** includes amounts reported for "Special Offerings" and designated gifts to the agencies of General Synod.

**3. Second Presbytery Dissolved September 2024. The chart below shows the new location for the churches. On the statistical reports, the \* represents the changes due to this action.**

**Catawba**

Abbeville  
Cannon's Creek-Prosperity  
Cedar Springs  
Christ Reformed  
Devenger Road  
Due West  
Greenville  
Greenwood First  
Iva  
Johnston  
Louisville  
Ora  
Providence  
Redeemer  
Skylyn Drive  
Village

**Cumberland Valley Left the ARP**

Christ The King  
Highlands  
Hopewell  
Peachtree Corners  
Thomson  
White Oak  
Lower Long Cane  
Newberry  
Troy  
Unity  
Young Memorial  
Hope Fellowship  
Mission

Presbytery	Beginning Communicant	Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Losses	Baptisms	Family Units
Canadian	496	12	16	1	11	204	5	21	24	690	271	7	18	895
Catawba	9,225	45	31	13	153	104	82	62	165	9,262	675	6	94	4,513
First	4,765	62	38	16	89	226	70	75	322	4,729	526	31	47	2,619
Florida	2,273	15	16	5	38	917	29	21	69	3,145	191	6	28	1,327
Grace	1,663	10	28	19	133	160	18	33	56	1,906	281	16	53	1,592
Mississippi Valley	1,460	17	11	5	14	138	26	18	149	1,452	152	4	16	954
Northeast	2,064	4	2	1	6	25	4	12	146	1,940	62	-	5	451
Second	375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	375	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland Valley	1,629	2	4	4	47	22	10	17	172	1,509	123	11	8	416
Virginia	1,328	16	2	1	36	46	23	5	59	1,342	141	2	24	806
<b>2024 Totals</b>	<b>25,278</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>1,842</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>25,975</b>	<b>2,422</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>13,573</b>
<b>2023 Totals</b>	<b>22,554</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>3,271</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>25,279</b>	<b>3,043</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>12,543</b>



Presbytery	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements
Canadian	1,835,240	441,639	3,300	72,055	2,348,934	917,653	196,937	558,505	92,151	195,451	-	-	1,960,697
Catawba	21,482,630	2,981,334	2,641	748,970	25,212,934	11,355,540	1,573,242	6,284,491	1,540,144	142,700	1,189,724	971,483	23,008,331
First	11,748,263	4,258,926	3,385	1,070,697	15,491,375	6,172,548	1,600,599	2,628,451	1,167,103	82,039	560,004	478,254	12,688,997
Florida	6,757,928	1,286,166	2,558	590,704	8,634,798	3,754,329	540,883	2,230,408	224,936	112,326	331,889	344,500	7,539,271
Grace	5,113,132	959,644	3,186	290,593	6,363,369	2,384,885	801,693	1,186,273	287,745	16,135	79,205	76,617	4,832,553
Mississippi Valley	2,960,442	403,674	2,331	535,688	3,919,804	1,335,190	1,424,681	822,500	227,044	11,440	103,624	101,900	4,026,379
Northeast	5,139,546	1,201,433	3,269	324,164	6,665,143	1,488,813	219,890	2,163,362	503,077	51,114	47,277	151,670	4,625,203
Second	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cumberland Valley	2,119,293	315,974	1,614	77,557	2,512,824	1,077,350	154,784	685,205	73,369	13,101	121,561	140,619	2,265,989
Virginia	1,802,369	676,339	1,847	34,872	2,513,580	1,005,901	142,979	1,035,688	121,323	13,350	36,436	43,221	2,398,878
2023 Totals	58,978,843	12,525,129	2,753	3,745,300	73,662,761	29,492,209	6,655,688	17,594,863	4,236,892	637,656	2,469,720	2,308,264	63,346,299
2024 Totals	53,172,259	10,326,415	2,815	4,610,087	68,108,761	27,983,843	5,824,457	12,124,445	2,727,146	535,640	2,372,839	2,576,694	54,145,065

Presbytery Canada	Membership													
	Accessions						Losses			Ending Total				
Church	Beginning Communicant	Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Lost by Death	Baptisms	Family Units	
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church	65	1				1			3	64	31	1	2	80
Covenanters Presbyterian Church	45				2	8	1			54	33	-	3	85
Faith Presbyterian Church	65		1	5	11			2	1	79		2	9	150
Grace Presbyterian Church	203	8	5		1			7	7	203	105	-	-	300
Hope ARP Mission	32									32		-	-	
Mount Zion ARP Church	9	1				48		2	5	51	16	4	2	60
Reformation Presbyterian Mission	-	1				19	1			19	11	-	-	20
Riverside ARP Church	1		4			95		9	2	89	30	-	-	110
Trinity NB Presbyterian Church (2021)	14									14		-	-	
Trinity ON ARP Church	62	1	7		1	1		1	6	65	39	-	2	70
West River Road Reformed	-	-	-	-	2	21	3	-	-	20	6	-	-	20
<b>2024 Totals</b>	496	12	16	1	11	204	5	21	24	690	271	7	18	895
<b>2023 Totals</b>	430	2	20	1	17	66	2	27	11	496	211	18	24	540

Presbytery Canada	Receipts				Disbursements								
	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements
Church													
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church	104,091	-	1,626	-	104,091	60,334	4,365	28,522		4,818		-	98,039
Covenanters Presbyterian Church	156,162	63,513	4,068	-	219,675	84,386	28,183	21,960	14,799	15,538		-	164,866
Faith Presbyterian Church	211,387	170,157	4,830	-	381,544	124,698	40,058	107,539		7,370		-	279,665
Grace Presbyterian Church	646,042	181,093	4,075	15,819	842,954	378,628	59,680	219,675	40,504	105,550		-	804,037
Hope ARP Mission		-	-	-	-					-		-	-
Mount Zion ARP Church	125,033	4,550	2,541	-	129,583	71,000		39,059	19,500	-		-	129,559
Reformation Presbyterian Mission	67,699	1,720	3,654	41,712	111,131	75,088	14,400	8,530	2,000	4,690		-	104,708
Riverside ARP Church	253,346	17,819	3,047	14,524	285,689	17,103	40,013	70,860	15,348	41,735		-	185,059
Trinity NB Presbyterian Church (2021)		-	-	-	-					-		-	-
Trinity ON ARP Church	181,480	2,787	2,835	-	184,267	106,416	10,238	62,360		15,750		-	194,764
West River Road Reformed	90,000	-	4,500	-	90,000					-		-	-
2024 Totals	1,835,240	441,639	3,300	72,055	2,348,934	917,653	196,937	558,505	92,151	195,451	-	-	1,960,697
2023 Totals	1,587,761	307,496	3,821	71,034	1,966,291	744,306	188,588	641,673	129,910	92,583		-	1,399,593

Presbytery Catawba	Membership														
	Beginning Communicant			Accessions			Losses								
Church	Adult Profession			Baptized Child	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Lost by Death	Baptisms	Family Units
Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church	44	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	48	18	-	4	65
Abbeville-Mt. Carmel ARP Church	13				2	2				2	13			2	18
Bethany ARP Church	116			1	4	1	3				119	19	-	4	87
Bethel ARP Church	84		1		15						100		-	1	80
Blacksburg ARP Church	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	36	5	-	2	24
Cannon's Creek – Prosperity ARP Church	(1)					1					-			-	
Cedar Springs ARP Church	19				1	2					22		-	-	15
Centennial ARP Church	184										184		-	-	
Chester ARP Church	167	6	-	-	1	8	2	3	-		177	22	-	3	115
Christ Reformed Church	148	1	2	25	3	4	3	4	1		168	35	-	2	176
Devenger Road Presbyterian Church	67	1		2	14	2	1	12		1	69	16	-	2	50
Glover ARP Church	210			8	4	3	1	1		1	217	62	1	2	140
First Presbyterian Church, Columbia (2023)	3,408										3,408		-	-	1,250
Due West ARP Church	113	6		3			6	1	4		111	8	-	-	111
Hill City	378										378		-	-	
Edgemoor ARP Church	252			5	3	2	2	1			259	22	-	1	102
Cayce Presbyterian Church (Edwards)	62	2			5	4	1				72	6	-	1	42
Effingham Presbyterian Church	104	12	5				1		17		103	22	-	11	70
Faith ARP Church	9										9		-	-	
Grace Presbyterian Church	197	3	8	1	13	-	1	1	-		220	52	-	7	232
Greenville ARP Church	424	2	4		14		1	4	1		438	55	3	3	256
Greenwood First ARP Church	146		2	6	3	9	1		9		156		-	3	81
Hill City Church (CLOSED 2/11/24)	-								-				-	-	
Hickory Grove ARP Church	15		1			1	1				15		-	-	18
Hopewell ARP Church	39				1	1	1				40		-	-	18
Iva ARP Church	12										12		-	-	
IBL (2021)	17										17		-	-	
King's Church Mission	47										47		-	-	
Lancaster First ARP Church (2023)	101	1			3		4		3		98	19	-	-	67

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Presbytery Catawba	Church	Membership											Baptisms	Non-Comm Lost	Non-Communicant	Ending Total	Family Units
		Beginning Communicant	Accessions					Losses				Removal					
			Adult Profession	Baptized Child	Other Child	Profession	Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate							
	Lemira Presbyterian Church (CLOSED 6/30/24)	14										14	-	-	-	-	
	Living Waters Church, ARP (2020)	44											44		-	-	
	Crossings Community Church	204	1				12	4	1	10	1	1	209	44	2	160	
	Mayesville Presbyterian Church	83					1		2				82	11	2	65	
	Neely's Creek ARP Church	363	1					14	9	2	20	1	347	42	7	209	
	Johnston Presbyterian Church (2014)	15											14	-	-	14	
	New Hope ARP Church	2											2	-	-	15	
	Oak Ridge ARP Church	30	-	-	-	-	-	13	1	-	-	-	42	23	-	23	
	Ora ARP Church	79							1				78	14	-	50	
	Providence ARP Church	32									8		24	-	-		
	Rock Hill First ARP Church	508	2	4			11	13	5	5	5		523	63	16	242	
	Rogers Memorial ARP Church	68								3	6		65	-	-		
	Rowan Presbyterian Church	56									6	23	24	16	-	40	
	Scots Kirk ARP Church	63	2				5	6		6	9		61	-	2	62	
	Sharon ARP Church	15	1				2						18	-	1	21	
	Shem Creek	46	3								4		45	18	-	48	
	Sherwood Forest ARP Church	24							1				23	-	-	20	
	Shiloh ARP Church	153	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1		152	13	4	60	
	Redeemer Presbyterian Church	95							8	10	7		70	-	-	30	
	Skylyn Drive Presbyterian Church	94					11	4	3				106	-	-	65	
	Smyrna ARP Church	84							1				83	10	-	40	
	Tirzah ARP Church	177	3						2		20		158	25	1	103	
	Union ARP Church	54					3	1	2				56	5	-	44	
	Village Presbyterian Church at Verde (2023)	54											54	-	-		
	Unity ARP Church	232	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	3	-		227	41	1	110	
	Westminster Presbyterian Church	61						1	2	1	1		58	-	-	58	
	White Oak ARP Church	36											36	8	-	30	
	York ARP Church	46											46	-	-		

Presbytery Catawba	Receipts			Disbursements										
	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local Internal Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements	
Church	255,700	16,300	5,667	9,760	281,760	199,200	-	50,224	25,527	630	5,000	-	280,561	
	43,984	4,330	3,717	14	48,338	16,300	-	18,829	18,829	130	4,000	350	39,609	
	182,489	1,740	1,548	-	184,229	88,903	51,790	72,289	2,034	1,770	16,302	645	233,733	
	239,005	3,810	2,428	-	242,815	147,645	35,448	48,942	19,570	1,275	20,000	4,996	277,876	
	42,160	-	1,171	-	42,160	-	11,004	13,871	500	-	-	-	25,375	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	37,444	-	1,702	-	37,444	21,650	8,316	739	-	-	-	1,200	31,905	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	402,232	92,502	2,795	213,964	708,698	332,447	165,846	81,872	45,757	3,300	44,003	22,826	686,051	
	700,705	41,546	4,418	6,242	748,483	300,601	935	149,100	15,900	1,360	21,600	3,775	483,271	
	288,544	1,581	4,205	-	290,125	172,570	13,525	66,516	4,239	800	10,200	13,965	281,815	
	437,667	78,143	2,377	12,359	528,189	178,776	3,516	112,650	18,742	3,135	41,688	25,774	384,281	
	8,047,867	1,366,258	2,762	180,007	9,594,132	4,540,631	114,859	2,982,196	825,283	47,910	260,000	293,245	9,064,124	
	274,007	9,932	2,558	25,166	309,125	147,139	30,570	65,445	-	1,080	14,400	9,188	267,822	
	964,494	39,675	2,657	-	1,004,169	403,356	94,292	247,351	115,204	5,580	91,507	64,616	1,021,906	
	267,689	4,929	1,053	8,397	281,015	89,128	-	164,427	13,150	3,735	17,352	1,733	289,525	
	Cayce Presbyterian Church (Edwards)	221,164	14,945	3,279	-	236,109	121,377	-	47,038	-	720	18,200	19,080	206,415
	Effingham Presbyterian Church	241,319	14,004	2,479	-	255,323	132,250	11,316	57,874	7,405	1,485	17,840	547	228,517
	Faith ARP Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Grace Presbyterian Church	556,134	189,924	3,391	-	746,058	235,064	191,807	118,894	2,329	2,820	-	24,785	575,699
Greenwood First ARP Church	1,291,040	245,714	3,509	45,056	1,581,810	646,534	248,008	335,478	58,688	4,570	163,152	103,740	1,580,170	
Hill City Church (CLOSED 2/11/24)	300,568	145,917	2,862	32,647	479,132	184,884	17,652	104,571	11,529	1,520	26,941	16,395	363,482	
Hill City Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hickory Grove ARP Church	35,755	12,751	3,234	-	48,506	11,245	11,601	10,866	-	225	1,700	1,550	37,187	
Hopewell ARP Church	55,502	7,473	1,574	1,378	64,353	15,065	631	14,931	-	585	5,660	2,353	39,225	
Iva ARP Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
IBL (2021)	32,569	-	1,916	-	32,569	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
King's Church Mission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Lancaster First ARP Church (2023)	206,027	18,208	2,288	7,500	231,735	90,378	6,286	72,146	14,835	1,800	9,000	13,808	208,253	

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Presbytery	Receipts	Disbursements					Total Disbursements
		General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	
Catawba	Church						
Lemira Presbyterian Church (CLOSED 8/30/24)							
Living Waters Church, ARP (2020)							
Crossings Community Church		612,785	22,336	3,039	6,165	641,286	346,231
Mayesville Presbyterian Church		296,391	39,217	4,093	198	335,806	151,343
Neely's Creek ARP Church		811,449	280,379	3,146	-	1,091,828	439,780
Johnston Presbyterian Church (2014)		53,371	-	3,812	-	53,371	28,950
New Hope ARP Church		8,280	-	4,140	-	8,280	2,300
Oak Ridge ARP Church		82,421	-	1,962	-	82,421	39,700
Ora ARP Church		186,669	-	2,393	19,819	208,488	62,018
Providence ARP Church		32,151	1,252	1,392	-	33,403	13,000
Rock Hill First ARP Church		1,001,598	61,135	2,032	9,225	1,071,958	398,545
Rogers Memorial ARP Church		141,615	-	2,179	-	141,615	94,866
Rowan Presbyterian Church		78,414	5,109	3,480	-	83,523	51,536
Scotts Kirk ARP Church		231,562	6,408	3,901	22	237,992	142,580
Sharon ARP Church		204,002	18,620	12,968	24,000	248,622	105,307
Sharon Creek		202,015	-	4,489	43,213	249,717	239,564
Sherwood Forest ARP Church		72,206	4,071	3,316	151	78,428	81,503
Shiloh ARP Church		190,000	-	1,250	-	190,000	-
Redeemer Presbyterian Church		171,881	11,545	2,620	-	183,426	132,902
Skylin Drive Presbyterian Church		261,554	17,678	2,634	296	279,528	136,963
Smyma ARP Church		162,866	10,634	2,091	-	173,520	36,000
Tirzah ARP Church		357,798	-	2,065	9,517	367,315	178,595
Union ARP Church		148,808	10,600	2,847	26,233	185,641	59,580
Village Presbyterian Church at Verde (2023)		238,104	8,108	4,559	12,392	258,604	138,508
Unity ARP Church		360,134	122,637	2,127	64	482,835	180,230
Westminster Presbyterian Church		166,720	36,489	3,504	11,518	214,727	84,221
White Oak ARP Church		122,179	7,211	3,594	-	129,390	15,425
York ARP Church		-	-	-	-	-	-
2023 Totals		21,482,630	2,981,334	2,841	748,970	25,212,934	11,355,540
2024 Totals		17,639,323	2,438,466	2,563	379,547	20,457,356	9,021,363

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Presbytery First	Membership										Family Units			
	Accessions						Losses							
	Beginning Communicant	Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Ending Total		Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Losses	Baptisms
Church														
Back Creek ARP Church	311	1	9		5	5	8	5	13	305		-	6	171
Bethel Korean ARP Church	135						1	1	94	40	2	-	-	42
Boyce Memorial ARP Church	119		1		6	6	2	4	114	15	2	1		
Brookside Presbyterian Church	17						1		2	14	2	-	-	7
Stamout ARP Church	52	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	14	30	6	-	-	20
Gaston Community Church	109		1		13	7	1	16	11	82	1	-	1	
City Church of Asheville	183	-	2	3			-	-	208	70	-	3	180	
Coddle Creek ARP Church	223			4	10	2	3	232			-	-		
Concord ARP Church	36						1		35	3	-	-	-	31
Cornerstone ARP	86	2			7			1	34	60	16	-	2	70
Ballantyne Presbyterian Church	124	9					4	7	122	27	5	-	100	
Covenant ARP Church, Statesville	(6)	-	-	3	34	1	-	-	30	-	-	-	20	
Covenant Reformed Church	51	7	3		8	5	2	62	6	1	-	50		
King's Cross Church	38				1	3		36	4	-	-	20		
Crowders Creek ARP Church	137	3	4	2	6	2		150	18	-	1	75		
Christ Church, ARP, Denver	160	2	4		1			167		-	1	140		
Elk Shoals ARP Church	39	-	-	-	-	2	-	15	22	-	-	19		
First Korean Presbyterian Church	223								223		-	-		
Garrison Memorial ARP Church	10								10		-	-		
Gastonia First ARP Church	760	2	5	3	14	28	8	1	36	767	156	-	8	383
Gilead ARP Church	41							2		39	3	-	-	35
Hephzibah ARP Church (2020)	19									19		-	-	10
Huntersville ARP Church	203	1	3	-	1	5	2	13	21	177	18	8	3	107
Mint Hill Presbyterian Church	38	2				1				39	2	-	-	30



Presbytery First	Membership										Baptisms	Family Units					
	Accessions					Losses											
Church	Beginning Communicant			Baptized Child Profession		Other Child Profession		Reaffirmation		Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Losses		
	Adult Profession																
Church	Linden ARP Church	27								3			24	-	-	12	
	Living Hope Church of Belmont	59						11			1		69	11	-	49	
	New Amity ARP Church	40								1			39	3	-	18	
	New Perth ARP Church	76	2	1				2	1				81	12	-	60	
	New Sterling ARP Church	191	4					3		2	3	2	191	39	3	2	106
	Matthews Korean ARP Church	10											10		-	-	
	Peace Korean ARP Church	16											16		-	-	
	Pinecrest ARP Church	133	2					1	5	7		10	124	18	2	-	90
	Pisgah ARP Church	307	9	3						4	2	23	290		-	2	113
	Presley Memorial ARP Church (2020)	28											28		-	-	
	Providence ARP Church	20	-					-	-	-	-	-	20	4	-	-	12
	Reformation Presbyterian Church	204	1	4	-			11	4	2	12	5	205	55	4	7	200
	Sandy Plains ARP Church	30						6	6				42	4	-	4	40
	Southern Korean ARP Church	191	14	2					5	2		26	184	9	-	-	150
	Statesville First ARP Church	157							15	3			154	4	-	-	89
	Statesville Korean ARP Church	-											15		-	-	18
	Stony Point ARP Church	11								1			10		-	-	18
	Trinity Chapel	3							27				30	11	-	2	28
	Trinity Reformed Presbyterian Church	28						1	3	1			31	3	-	-	21
Rehobeth Presbyterian Church	67	1	1	2	6							77	8	-	2	45	
Westminster Presbyterian Church	39						3	4	40	2	2		42	2	-	23	
Westview Presbyterian (2014)	-											40		-	-	-	
Wilkes Covenant ARP Church	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	24	-	-	30	
2024 Totals	4,765	62	38	16	89	226	70	75	322	4,729	526	31	47	2,619			
2023 Totals	4,179	137	39	15	184	612	60	80	261	4,765	492	45	68	1,762			

Presbytery First	Receipts				Disbursements							Total Disbursements	
	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry		Synod Benevolence
Church													
Back Creek ARP Church	711,814	35,878	2,451	26,234	773,926	390,040	150,648	45,542	117,470	1,714	34,650	17,257	757,321
Bethel Korean ARP Church	170,451	-	4,261	-	170,451	28,000	28,503	78,325	6,843	650	1,500	-	143,821
Boyce Memorial ARP Church	327,797	227,178	4,868	52,612	607,587	132,409	2,500	119,640	32,152	38,898	-	28,368	353,967
Brookside Presbyterian Church	22,721	5,900	2,044	454	29,075	7,593	-	13,291	-	250	200	3,000	24,334
Stamout ARP Church	96,877	1,451	3,278	90,000	188,328	178,498	26,488	4,185	6,288	568	2,753	6,621	225,401
Gaston Community Church	366,441	26,301	4,790	7,086	399,828	197,383	-	17,703	18,200	656	37,606	5,000	276,548
City Church of Asheville	760,636	142,007	4,340	-	902,643	-	415,311	162,771	117,631	1,104	36,250	1,500	734,566
Coddle Creek ARP Church	511,928	128,183	2,759	-	640,111	259,476	5,600	241,096	36,255	1,832	50,000	2,935	597,194
Concord ARP Church	102,987	-	2,942	-	102,987	71,256	-	23,447	1,100	270	5,000	-	101,073
Cornerstone ARP	209,731	-	3,496	152,989	362,730	256,606	10,500	82,058	1,315	464	4,000	8,850	363,793
Ballantyne Presbyterian Church	350,706	4,835	2,914	-	355,541	233,633	40,585	56,848	-	1,072	10,000	25,200	367,338
Covenant ARP Church, Statesville	83,643	4,709	2,945	19,720	108,072	70,630	-	-	-	39,550	248	200	112,418
Covenant Reformed Church	133,204	11,527	2,334	121	144,852	94,219	33,068	20,683	2,166	-	-	2,400	152,536
King's Cross Church	175,881	-	4,886	53,075	228,956	166,701	72,514	-	-	2,500	500	2,477	244,692
Crowders Creek ARP Church	238,468	74,949	2,089	-	313,417	151,145	-	74,594	3,427	1,280	2,500	6,000	238,946
Christ Church, ARP, Denver	504,828	97,836	3,609	12,285	614,949	199,558	68,961	135,569	45,828	1,956	15,600	24,000	491,472
Elk Shoals ARP Church	41,958	13,305	2,512	188	55,451	21,356	3,945	15,759	-	312	3,000	262	44,634
First Korean Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garrison Memorial ARP Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastonia First ARP Church	1,905,543	744,353	3,455	366,063	3,015,959	1,113,349	192,597	386,608	510,455	6,564	153,660	169,681	2,532,914
Gilead ARP Church	82,848	82,848	4,249	-	83,428	22,608	10,291	29,352	-	1,000	1,000	5,410	69,661
Heptzibah ARP Church (2020)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntersville ARP Church	650,298	650,298	7,348	17,108	768,306	295,526	53,640	177,685	25,169	1,413	32,000	31,927	617,360
Mint Hill Presbyterian Church	119,318	119,318	6,119	18,000	145,729	31,200	12,624	69,343	1,200	-	5,000	-	119,367

Presbytery	First	Receipts				Disbursements				Total Disbursements				
		General Fund	Dedicated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses		Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	
Church	Linder ARP Church	59,572	59,572	4,214	322	51,944	19,891	4,214	25,792	224	1,300	1,950	49,167	
	Lebanon ARP Church	330,526	330,526	9,550	89,956	431,897	152,164	9,550	55,007	2,808	6,000	9,000	231,859	
	New Amity ARP Church	52,564	52,564	2,686	15,395	69,467	17,500	2,686	24,905	1,388	1,000	1,655	45,388	
	New Perth ARP Church	235,168	235,496	5,815	235,496	241,308	187,150	10,298	48,251	8,217	3,965	3,965	266,799	
	New Sterling ARP Church	259,495	259,495	2,717	-	272,327	122,930	93,053	23,215	1,920	25,008	7,715	266,841	
	Matthews Korean ARP Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Peace Korean ARP Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Pinecrest ARP Church	365,578	178,224	4,386	-	543,802	237,070	-	71,137	8,403	1,097	38,016	27,391	383,114
	Pleasant Hill ARP Church	496,285	130,612	2,162	62,788	689,685	286,981	131,727	171,587	2,448	45,821	236	618,800	
	Presley Memorial ARP Church (2020)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Providence ARP Church	132,800	313,152	5,251	40,852	132,800	112,914	3,208	18,083	4,810	4,400	2,400	-	141,793
	Reformation Presbyterian Church	763,254	3,325	2,422	-	1,017,258	528,932	64,249	151,013	59,455	1,576	8,240	63,787	87,973
	Sandy Plains ARP Church	98,411	3,325	2,422	-	101,736	47,600	-	34,895	453	-	5,225	-	45,214
	Southern Korean ARP Church	472,758	86,153	3,038	7,353	424,175	144,042	160,320	96,130	1,661	5,100	8,403	415,656	
	Statesville First ARP Church	220,310	204,512	2,759	120	78,640	46,011	-	24,742	-	-	2,095	72,848	
	Statesville Korean ARP Church	78,520	204,512	5,235	120	438,460	112,291	-	24,742	-	-	1,100	125,462	
	Stony Point ARP Church	29,840	-	2,984	-	29,840	12,709	-	12,701	96	1,300	1,100	17,355	
	Trinity Chapel	76,833	-	2,561	33,706	110,539	112,291	-	12,071	1,100	-	-	425,662	
	Trinity Presbyterian Church	106,862	1,723	3,503	-	108,605	76,737	-	37,590	5,860	224	6,300	428	120,183
	Renobeth Presbyterian Church	159,980	37,838	2,569	2,859	200,677	104,875	9,971	37,590	5,860	650	700	-	159,586
Westminster Presbyterian Church	88,748	-	2,113	1,399	90,147	28,450	-	13,757	6,000	392	13,000	9,100	70,699	
Westview Presbyterian (2014)	93,002	-	2,325	-	93,002	21,105	-	48,440	1,200	435	1,200	71,180	-	
Wilkes Covenant ARP Church	68,331	3,858	3,008	-	72,189	12,000	-	20,318	13,770	3,000	196	-	52,472	
2024 Totals		11,748,263	4,258,926	3,385	1,070,697	15,491,375	6,172,548	1,600,599	2,628,451	1,167,103	82,039	560,004	478,254	12,688,997
2023 Totals		11,615,366	3,875,699	3,251	2,934,167	16,995,863	6,690,908	1,891,537	2,619,560	896,376	99,543	574,915	432,662	13,205,201

Presbytery Florida	Beginning Communicant	Membership							Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Lost by Death	Baptisms	Family Units
		Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate					
Church													
Christ Community (2023)	-								-			1	45
First Presbyterian Church, Avon Park	26					4	2		28		-	-	20
Bartow ARP Church	377	2	1		2		3		362	41	-	2	173
Tampa Chinese Presbyterian Church (2011)	135								135		-	-	
Christ Presbyterian Church (Bradenton)	124					2	2	6	117	11	1	-	140
Christ Presbyterian Church (Fernandina)	-								-			-	
Community Chapel-by-the-Sea	148	8	3		2	13	4		170		-	-	
Faith Presbyterian Church, Merritt Island	129			1	4	6			140	16	-	4	114
Faith Presbyterian Church, Oxford	68				4	14	3		80	3	-	1	74
Faithful City Presbyterian Church	-								-		-	-	
First Presbyterian Church, Frostproof	53	1	1	2	3				60	5	-	1	55
Grace Presbyterian Church	32				2		2	4	26		-	-	25
King's Cross Presbyterian Church	88		8	3	1	12	3		109	22	-	6	103
Hope Presbyterian Church	(3)	2	1	-	13	69	1	-	73	20	-	2	72
Iglesia en Movimiento	-								-			-	
Lake Placid First Presbyterian Church (2014)	-					785			785		-	-	
Lake Wales First Presbyterian Church	338	2	7	3	5	4	27		314	53	2	1	163
Morning Star Reformed Presbyterian	28	1			6		3		32	12	-	4	65
North Creek Presbyterian Church	293					2			291		-	2	150
Redbud Church	40				40				40		-	-	
Renew Church (2021)	34								34		-	-	
St. Augustine Presbyterian Church (Closed 10/24)	-								-		-	-	
First Presbyterian Church, Sebring	29	1					2		28		-	-	31
Shepherd Road Presbyterian Church (2020)	148								148		-	-	
Risen City Presbyterian Church (2018)	66								66		-	-	
Trinity ARP Church	75	1			1		3	6	62	3	1	55	
Trinity Presbyterian Church (2023)	45								45	8	-	1	42
<b>2024 Totals</b>	2,273	15	16	5	38	917	29	21	69	3,145	191	6	1,327
<b>2023 Totals</b>	1,993	21	7	-	67	313	25	22	81	2,273	126	3	1,283

Presbytery Florida		Receipts		Disbursements									
Church	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Benevolence	Local Operating Expenses	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements
Christ Community (2023)	86,780	250	-	15,000	102,030	-	-	162,431	-	-	-	-	166,433
First Presbyterian Church, Avon Park	30,733	-	1,098	-	30,733	-	-	-	9,000	162	67,695	3,840	387,679
Bartow ARP Church	714,079	53,971	2,122	31,564	799,614	284,107	-	-	-	-	-	26,877	-
Tampa Chinese Presbyterian Church (2011)	276,737	27,677	2,254	-	304,314	172,007	-	-	32,935	543	-	-	205,485
Christ Presbyterian Church (Bradenton)	455,732	33,721	4,183	147,770	637,223	283,681	-	131,757	54,614	4,619	5,000	6,850	486,521
Christ Presbyterian Church (Fernandina)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Chapel-by-the-Sea	325,864	9,466	1,973	71,042	406,372	165,548	-	128,407	2,600	828	8,004	19,910	325,297
Faith Presbyterian Church, Merritt Island	436,176	8,267	3,175	24,887	469,330	272,657	28,836	81,341	20,405	786	25,000	17,358	446,383
Faith Presbyterian Church, Oxford	308,816	13,105	4,024	16,112	338,033	128,902	52,770	66,756	-	396	4,000	43,884	296,708
Faithful City Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First Presbyterian Church, Frostproof	238,450	-	3,974	-	238,450	94,180	47,501	20,570	-	1,225	2,900	840	167,216
Grace Presbyterian Church	146,806	500	5,866	-	147,306	118,903	5,697	28,266	-	442	2,000	2,300	155,808
King's Cross Presbyterian Church	291,401	35,677	3,001	436	327,514	122,277	71,705	49,688	19,189	11,684	6,000	-	280,553
Hope Presbyterian Church	316,000	-	4,329	-	316,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iglesia en Movimiento	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lake Placid First Presbyterian Church (2014)	1,004,417	403,115	1,793	60,622	1,468,154	585,694	230,172	403,977	50,915	70,155	90,000	171,596	1,582,509
Lake Wales First Presbyterian Church	845,485	489,936	4,253	10,600	1,346,021	588,783	-	646,514	-	5,000	85,000	49,455	1,344,752
Morning Star Reformed Presbyterian	111,824	7,827	3,739	19,522	139,173	76,881	29,922	54,752	1,200	-	-	-	162,755
North Creek Presbyterian Church	390,413	-	1,342	-	390,413	186,568	-	126,709	6,000	5,202	15,600	-	340,079
Rebuid Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Renew Church (2021)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Augustine Presbyterian Church (Closed 10/24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First Presbyterian Church, Sebring	87,260	1,891	3,184	60,540	149,681	110,512	-	46,398	-	-	-	430	157,340
Shepherd Road Presbyterian Church (2020)	381,062	27,267	2,759	1,607	409,936	194,953	52,001	124,476	-	2,540	12,790	-	386,760
Risen City Presbyterian Church (2018)	58,571	62,138	1,829	109,546	230,255	195,133	-	55,598	-	-	-	-	250,731
Trinity ARP Church	149,988	111,468	4,217	-	261,456	117,621	22,279	72,698	28,078	438	8,500	1,160	250,774
Trinity Presbyterian Church (2023)	101,334	-	2,252	21,456	122,790	105,922	-	30,060	-	8,306	1,200	-	145,488
2023 Totals	6,757,928	1,286,166	2,558	590,704	8,634,798	3,754,329	540,883	2,230,408	224,936	112,326	331,889	344,500	7,539,271
2024 Totals	6,469,832	1,596,598	3,549	399,744	8,466,174	3,648,213	574,055	1,766,896	204,372	196,735	271,314	372,673	7,034,258

Presbytery Grace	Membership													
	Beginning Communicant	Accessions			Losses					Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Losses	Baptisms	Family Units
Adult Profession		Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal						
Church	126	2	-	1	5	14	1	3	-	144	10	-	3	120
	138									138			-	
	-				1	60	6		1	54	8	-	-	56
	76		8	-	-	14	-	-	14	84	-	-	-	65
	88		1	-	2	19	1	4	4	101	4	-	-	62
	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	13	14	-	-	-	20
	419	2	12		30		4	7		452		3	15	473
	19		1		2					22		-	1	
	51			18	4	30			2	101		-	-	50
	73	5			8	3	1	1	6	81	41	9	7	82
	88				5	6	2	8	6	83	21	-	2	101
	236				55				-	291	160	-	19	300
	96									96		-	-	
	71	1			2	5	1		4	74	2	-	-	60
	19				1					20		-	-	25
84	-	3	-	16	9	-	10	6	96	24	4	2	113	
51	-	3	-	2	-	1	-	-	55	11	-	4	65	
	1,663	10	28	19	133	160	18	33	56	1,906	281	16	53	1,592
	1,430	24	10	1	159	178	5	17	117	1,663	415	15	55	1,304
	2023 Totals													



Presbytery		Receipts						Disbursements							
Grace		General Fund	Designated Receipts	Auxiliary Offering	Average Per Capita	Receipts		Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements
Church															
						Other Receipts	Total Receipts								
Adams Farm Community Church		408,705	121,662	-	3,683	-	530,367	192,333	51,113	43,605	49,638	1,340	3,575	12,500	354,104
Ambassador Presbyterian Church		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anioch ARP Church		151,558	38,767	-	3,525	609	190,934	134,829	5,647	55,505	8,375	615	350	7,511	212,832
Korean Bethel Presbyterian Church		334,156	150,000	-	5,764	-	484,156	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Covenant Presbyterian (Burlington)		235,928	192,753	-	4,244	23,703	452,384	151,279	402,000	51,260	10,300	850	-	-	615,689
Grace Community ARP Church		31,227	-	-	2,231	-	31,227	-	25,074	2,089	765	2,665	265	-	30,858
Christ Covenant Church		1,468,025	248,341	-	3,797	98,425	1,814,791	644,484	-	414,846	44,743	4,125	12,000	1,100	1,121,298
Covenant Fellowship ARP Church		43,449	-	-	1,975	-	43,449	29,568	-	6,608	-	-	-	-	-
Covenant of Grace ARP Church		248,767	-	-	2,463	-	248,767	136,666	-	60,493	4,500	560	16,138	1,500	219,857
Covenant ARP Church, Jacksonville		163,207	1,400	-	2,032	3,066	167,673	97,492	24,000	60,025	5,647	611	2,000	8,700	198,475
Grace Reformed Church		285,080	13,498	-	3,356	54,429	333,007	105,276	8,893	42,868	2,050	5,000	29,770	194,707	482,831
Hope Chapel ARP Church		977,602	65,762	-	3,585	36,380	1,079,744	477,353	119,559	144,646	114,501	2,172	3,600	-	861,831
The Lord's Korean Church (2017)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maupin Avenue Presbyterian Church		216,584	81,705	-	4,031	5,606	303,895	103,025	-	215,014	8,005	680	9,697	8,690	345,111
New Beginnings Church		44,988	6,981	-	2,599	-	51,979	26,300	2,762	10,115	410	835	1,200	290	41,912
Providence Presbyterian Church		226,170	38,775	-	2,760	964	265,909	98,064	67,669	32,940	21,776	840	4,380	3,891	229,560
Grace Hill		297,656	-	-	5,412	67,411	365,067	188,216	94,976	46,259	17,800	392	18,600	-	366,243
2024 Totals		5,113,132	959,644	-	3,186	290,593	6,363,369	2,384,885	801,693	1,186,273	287,745	16,135	79,205	76,617	4,832,553
2023 Totals		4,893,210	878,267	-	3,471	176,026	5,947,503	3,368,144	448,451	1,192,422	263,474	12,294	61,857	31,401	5,378,043





Presbytery Mississippi Valley																	
Receipts					Disbursements												
General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements					
Bethany ARP Church (2012)																	
Brighton ARP Church	115,586	-	2,408	-	115,586	79,154	29,101	1,869	500	8,000	1,950	121,174					
Covenant Mission Church	36,609	-	1,743	33,000	69,609	24,000				300	-	24,300					
Calhoun Presbyterian Church (Former C033)	143,811	-	4,109	-	143,811	65,004	10,622	13,800				89,426					
Ebenezer ARP Church	55,687	695	3,317	8,648	65,030	22,875		23,949	10,000	1,100	695	59,019					
Ellisville Presbyterian Church (Closed 10/24)																	
Elizberry ARP Church	29,659	300	3,329	1,976	31,935	9,557	17,672	675	90	1,200	1,064	30,258					
Bethany ARP Church	60,200	-	4,013	-	60,200	40,000	750,000	7,500	200	3,000	-	800,700					
Faith Presbyterian Church	237,560	15,200	3,949	3,100	255,860	77,162	62,162	10,195	1,000	1,500	10,300	162,619					
French Camp Presbyterian Church	200,053	52,726	2,778	20,896	273,675	67,899	58,232	32,432	98,772	1,000	2,000	262,335					
Graceview Presbyterian Church																	
Heritage ARP Church	230,718	16,505	3,532	-	247,223	91,367		36,392	5,958	700	18,460	174,110					
Gumtree Presbyterian Church	212,328	9,160	2,546	2,174	223,662	83,631		53,113	59,532	2,410	1,500	200,186					
Helena Presbyterian Church (2005)																	
Hernando Presbyterian Church (2008)																	
Hickory Spring ARP Church (2014) (CLOSED 8/18)																	
Hopewell ARP Church (2010)	10,826	-	-	-	10,826	-	-	-	-	-	975	975					
Midlane Park ARP Church	56,992	650	3,034	10,000	67,642	20,800		40,852	1,900	3,000	1,650	68,502					
Faith Fellowship (Former C111) (CLOSED 12/2023)	86,044	17,395	-	1,998	105,437	24,004		60,436	200			84,640					
Good Shepherd ARP Church (Former C112)	177,971	30,641	5,960	1,249	209,861	123,882	6,592	25,331	2,075	9,600	321	167,801					
Mt. Zion ARP Church	20,822	225	2,105	7,433	28,480	-		13,039	-	100	600	525	14,264				
Hope LA Presbyterian Church (Former C128)	141,204	249	2,439	3,900	145,353	41,451	5,042	50,794	6,600	3,000	1,200	108,087					
New Albany Presbyterian Church																	
New Geneva Community Church ARP	192,232	206,000	5,944	337,437	735,669	94,951	517,249	46,962	15,945	13,600	1,100	690,397					
Pottsville ARP Church	84,015	276	3,122	-	84,291				400	3,000		3,400					
Providence-Reformed Presbyterian Church	125,581	4,100	3,016	131	129,612	64,959	4,795	48,849	450	1,304	1,700	122,057					
Redeemer Community																	
Richland ARP Church	297,707	2,611	4,416	29,057	329,375	131,722	12,000	119,340	-	700	9,460	310	273,532				
River City Reformed	94,503	-	3,375	51,600	146,103	91,512	13,376	2,490	250	1,000	-	108,528					
Salem ARP Church	340,904	46,941	2,638	11,680	399,525	164,410	-	162,205	14,567	1,600	20,000	56,577	419,359				
Sharon ARP Church	28,430	-	1,672	8,409	36,839	13,350	-	16,710	1,000	150	2,000	30	33,510				
Wood Avenue ARP Church (2014) (CLOSED 8/18)	1,000	-	-	3,000	4,000	3,500	-					7,100					
2024 Totals					2,980,442	403,674	2,331	535,688	3,919,804	1,335,190	1,424,681	822,500	227,044	11,440	103,624	101,900	4,026,379
2023 Totals					2,958,001	608,056	2,443	473,555	1,395,915	1,395,915	644,269	969,712	155,387	18,114	90,048	89,015	3,362,460

Presbytery Northeast	Church	Membership										Beginning Communicant	Accessions						Losses			Ending Total	Non-Communt cant	Non-Comm Lost by Death	Baptisms	Family Units	
		Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal																		
	All Nations Mission Church of NY (2017)	16																			16	-	-	-	-	-	131
	Ballston Center ARP Church	196			2	6	4		94												106	-	-	-	-	-	
	Beautiful Disciples Church of NY (2017)	42																			42	-	-	-	-	-	
	Calvary Reformed Church (2006)	69																			69	-	-	-	-	-	
	Christ Presbyterian Church	24	-	-	-	-	10	-	2	-											32	11	-	2	43		
	Christian Center Ministries (CLOSED 10/24)	11																			-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Church of the Atonement (2023)	308																			308	-	-	-	-	-	
	Fairmount Presbyterian Church (2023)	41																			41	-	-	-	-	-	
	Faith ARP Church of Scranton (Closed 2023)	29								29	-										-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Flock Presbyterian Church (2017)	10								47											10	-	-	-	-	-	
	Faith Presbyterian Church	47					7		2	52	4	-	1	39							52	4	-	1	39		
	Global Vision ARP Church	12								12	-										12	-	-	-	-	-	
	Good News Presbyterian Church	158	2	2	1	4	-	-	10	2	155	19	-	2	128						155	19	-	2	128		
	Hope Reformed Church (2020)	19									19	-									19	-	-	-	-	-	
	Holy Covenant Presbyterian Church (2021)	35									35	-									35	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church (2020)	471									471	-									471	-	-	-	-	-	
	Iranian Christian Church	-									-	-									-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Jesuwon Presbyterian Church (2021)	174									174	-									174	-	-	-	-	-	
	The Joyful Church of NY	118									118	-									118	-	-	-	-	-	
	JuAhn Community Church	27									27	-									27	-	-	-	-	-	
	Kirkridge ARP Church (2023)	30									30	-									30	-	-	-	-	-	
	Lifeline Community Church	17							2	15	1	-	23								15	1	-	-	-	-	
	Living By the Word (2021)	-									-	-									-	-	-	-	-	-	
	New Covenant Presbyterian Church	-									-	-									-	-	-	-	-	-	
	New Vision Church, ARPC (2009)	97									97	-									97	-	-	-	-	-	
	New Windsor ARP Church	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	6	2	-	6								6	2	-	-	-	6	
	Piney Creek ARP Church	61	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	62	12	-	42								62	12	-	-	-	42	
	Somang Presbyterian Church (2021)	8									8	-									8	-	-	-	-	-	
	Tri-State Community Church	38	2						5	35	13	-	39								35	13	-	-	-	39	
	Washington Vision Community Church	-									-	-									-	-	-	-	-	-	
	2024 Totals	2,064	4	2	1	6	25	4	12	146	62	-	5	451							1,940	62	-	5	451		
	2023 Totals	1,221	5	11	12	11	932	11	16	101	178	5	29	707							2,064	178	5	29	707		

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Presbytery Northeast	Church	Receipts			Disbursements								Total Disbursements		
		General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Governance	Denominational Ministry		Synod Governance	
Presbytery Northeast	Church	All Nations Mission Church of NY (2017)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		344,445	124,785	4,427	2,244	471,474	66,240	40,917	66,303	84,018	7,200	20,000	23,450	308,128	
		Balston Center ARP Church	100,000	-	2,381	-	100,000	-	-	101,300	-	400	300	-	102,000
		Beautiful Disciples Church of NY (2017)	75,299	-	1,091	-	75,299	64,690	-	75,299	300	300	300	-	74,791
		Calvary Reformed Church (2006)	57,000	-	1,781	750	57,750	69,800	-	9,501	-	-	-	-	69,800
		Christ Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Christian Center Ministries (CLOSED 10/24)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Church of the Atonement (2023)	1,017,448	358,309	4,467	(110,715)	1,265,042	591,325	78,668	250,028	386,249	6,000	1,250	93,765	1,406,035
		Fairmount Presbyterian Church (2023)	110,228	104,292	5,232	-	214,520	-	-	28,293	-	-	-	-	30,793
		Faith ARP Church of Scranton (Closed 2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Faith Presbyterian Church (2017)	22,540	-	2,254	-	22,540	-	-	33,400	-	-	-	-	33,400
		Flock Presbyterian Church	165,685	21,304	3,596	45,659	232,648	185,653	-	46,019	5,800	4,200	3,000	1,820	226,492
		Faith Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Global Vision ARP Church	368,196	480,525	5,476	301,678	1,150,399	192,109	86,774	18,709	19,468	1,000	12,000	28,600	358,660
		Good News Presbyterian Church	172,880	-	9,099	38,750	211,630	107,117	-	32,384	-	1,049	4,647	1,000	146,197
		Hope Reformed Church (2020)	52,787	-	1,508	-	52,787	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Holy Covenant Presbyterian Church (2021)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church (2020)	1,550,000	-	3,291	-	1,550,000	-	-	1,517,000	-	25,000	300	-	1,542,300
		Iranian Christian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Jesuwon Presbyterian Church (2021)	446,815	-	2,568	-	446,815	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Joyful Church of NY	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
JuAhm Community Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Kirkridge ARP Church (2023)	102,166	7,318	3,649	198	109,682	63,516	-	2,357	3,935	500	250	165	70,723		
Lifeline Community Church	56,612	-	3,774	-	56,612	40,934	6,750	2,680	3,607	1,415	2,830	50	58,266		
Living By the Word (2021)	133,526	-	-	-	133,526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
New Covenant Presbyterian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
New Vision Church, ARPC (2009)	146,800	95,600	2,499	45,600	288,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000		
New Windsor ARP Church	14,251	-	2,375	-	14,251	5,075	-	17,543	-	-	50	50	22,718		
Piney Creek ARP Church	87,074	9,300	1,554	-	96,374	56,000	6,339	18,525	-	550	550	1,020	82,984		
Somang Presbyterian Church (2021)	14,000	-	1,750	-	14,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Tri-State Community Church	101,794	-	2,908	-	101,794	66,354	442	19,320	-	1,200	1,800	1,800	90,916		
Washington Vision Community Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2023 Totals	5,139,546	1,201,433	3,269	324,164	6,665,143	1,488,816	219,890	2,163,362	503,077	51,114	47,277	151,670	4,625,203		
2023 Totals	5,408,688	897,208	3,055	503,690	6,809,586	1,711,046	330,581	2,267,901	466,999	55,381	46,639	144,145	5,022,698		

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Presbytery Cumberland Valley	Church	Membership										Baptisms	Family Units		
		Accessions				Losses			Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Lost by Death				
		Adult Profession	Baptized Child Profession	Other Child Profession	Accession by Certificate	Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate						Removal	
		Beginning Communicant													
	Bethel ARP Church	36	1			1					36	3	-	1	15
	Bethel Presbyterian Church	-									-	-	-	-	-
	Garden ARP Church	17				2					12	1	-	-	10
	Christ The King Presbyterian Church	-									-	-	-	-	-
	Fayetteville ARP Church	377	1	1	1	2	3	1	134	244	23	-	2	2	125
	Hannaum ARP Church (2020)	17								17	17	-	-	-	-
	Hopewell ARP Church	8								8	-	-	-	-	-
	In Christ Korean Church										-	-	-	-	-
	Lincoln Memorial ARP Church	19								12	7	5	-	-	10
	Madison – Montrovia ARP Church	38							3	35	7	-	-	-	15
	Nashville Korean Church (2020)	11								11	-	-	-	-	-
	Presley Memorial ARP Church (2021)	7								7	-	-	-	-	-
	Prosperity AL ARP Church	7								7	-	-	-	-	-
	Prosperity TN ARP Church	78	2	3	2	4	1			88	3	-	-	-	52
	Redeemer Presbyterian Church	57				5				57	-	-	-	-	-
	Riverside Presbyterian Church	70								70	-	-	-	-	-
	Sharon Presbyterian (2020)	87								87	-	-	-	-	-
	Highlands Presbyterian Church	122			3	5	4	1	4	121	36	-	-	-	59
	Hopewell ARP Church (2020)	42								42	-	-	-	-	-
	New Days Mission	197			21	3		11		210	7	5	-	-	130
	Peachtree Corners Presbyterian Church	136								136	-	-	-	-	-
	Thomson Presbyterian Church	62								62	-	-	-	-	-
	White Oak ARP Church	241	1	-	-	19	7	2	2	252	45	6	5	-	-
	2024 Totals	1,629	2	4	4	47	22	10	17	1,509	123	11	8	416	-
	2023 Totals	832	1	6	-	37	175	4	16	5	1,026	60	6	364	-

Presbytery Cumberland Valley		Receipts				Disbursements								
	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence	Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence	Total Disbursements	
Church	Bethel ARP Church	22,750	-	632	10,506	33,256	12,705	11,967	11,409	60	2,750	2,805	41,696	
	Bethel Presbyterian Church			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Camden ARP Church	44,355	2,900	3,938	7,500	54,755	13,836	20,373		75		9,100	43,384	
	Christ The King Presbyterian Church													
	Fayetteville ARP Church	449,388	24,945	1,944	760	475,093	262,497	4,319	112,713	7,250	33,129	8,739	429,547	
	Hannaum ARP Church (2020)													
	Hopewell ARP Church													
	In Christ Korean Church													
	Lincoln Memorial ARP Church	24,003	50	3,436		24,053	16,200		5,086		21	760	22,067	
	Madison -- Monrovia ARP Church	53,550	570	1,546		54,120	50,780	-	2,050	-	100	-	52,930	
	Nashville Korean Church (2020)													
	Pressly Memorial ARP Church (2021)													
	Prosperity AL ARP Church	15,840	-	2,263	675	16,515	2,250		5,483		-	250	700	8,683
	Prosperity TN ARP Church	193,482	4,435	2,249	10,032	207,949	95,186		24,583	8,561	1,775	18,683	1,920	150,708
	Redeemer Presbyterian Church													
	Riverside Presbyterian Church													
	Sharon Presbyterian (2020)													
	Highlands Presbyterian Church	248,736	107,543	2,944	9,677	365,956	150,022	15,458	108,469	34,251	3,000	2,700	8,823	320,723
	Hopewell ARP Church (2020)													
	New Days Mission	264,005	128,269	1,868		392,274	49,026	76,328	207,172	23,307	2,400	600	-	358,833
	Peachtree Corners Presbyterian Church													
	Thomson Presbyterian Church													
	White Oak ARP Church	803,184	47,262	3,375	38,407	888,853	424,848	46,712	189,867		4,770	63,449	107,772	837,418
2024 Totals		2,119,293	315,974	1,614	77,557	2,512,824	1,077,350	154,784	685,205	73,369	13,101	121,561	2,265,989	
2023 Totals		1,086,043	245,873	1,298	103,961	1,435,877	607,989	146,755	316,770	27,985	30,809	6,455	1,075,996	

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Presbytery Virginia	Membership																						
	Accessions						Losses																
Church	Beginning Communicant	Adult Profession			Baptized Child Profession			Other Child Profession			Accession by Certificate			Reaffirmation	Death	Removal by Certificate	Removal	Ending Total	Non-Communicant	Non-Comm Lost by Death	Baptisms	Family Units	
Broad Creek ARP Church	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	21	21	-	-	6
Church of the Harvest	-													1	33				34	12	-	12	35
Ebenezer ARP Church	33													1	4				30		-	-	23
Edgemont Presbyterian Church	139	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	48		92	6	-	-	61
Fairlea ARP Church	49	3	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		51	2	-	-	40
Redeemer ARP Church	164		2	1	17											4	1		179	34	-	4	148
Johnson Creek ARP Church	60																		60		-	-	24
Lauderdale ARP Church	226					2				2					7		4		217	11	2	-	54
New Lebanon ARP Church	126	-	-	-	-	1				1				-	-	-	-		127	5	-	-	17
Old Providence ARP Church	375	7				6				6				6	1	1	1		380		-	2	225
Timber Ridge ARP Church	16	-	-	-	-	1				1				1	-	-	-		18	1	-	-	22
Wellspring Presbyterian Church	104	1				6				6				10			2		119	49	-	6	135
Wildhurst Presbyterian Church	14																		14		-	-	16
2024 Totals	1,328	16	2	1	36	46	23	5	59	1,342	141	2	24	806									
2023 Totals	1,343	7	-	4	12	21	32	4	23	1,328	102	-	16	705									

Presbytery Virginia	Receipts				Disbursements						Total Disbursements		
	General Fund	Designated Receipts	Average Per Capita	Other Receipts	Total Receipts	Personnel Support	Capital Expenditures	Local Expenses	Local International Expense	Presbytery Benevolence		Denominational Ministry	Synod Benevolence
Church	17,734	-	844	-	17,734	5,325	-	6,354	5,000	500	500	2,600	20,279
	42,180	-	1,241	-	42,180	-	-	14,393	-	-	-	-	14,393
	32,505	470	1,099	7,320	40,295	18,243	-	11,335	1,300	2,250	2,000	2,200	37,328
	176,889	42,239	2,382	16	219,144	130,733	79,814	77,317	-	500	2,400	1,200	291,964
	145,786	700	2,872	21,371	167,857	77,640	15,485	22,548	-	1,000	500	920	118,093
	305,238	-	1,705	2,289	307,527	146,795	10,550	91,903	-	1,000	13,500	9,600	273,348
	40,249	-	671	-	40,249	15,600	-	31,597	-	500	2,000	870	50,567
	190,407	-	877	-	190,407	125,872	-	54,652	-	1,200	1,000	110	182,834
	27,446	-	216	-	27,446	9,875	13,733	550	10,669	300	2,732	-	37,859
	358,723	607,238	2,542	-	965,961	197,284	-	649,690	88,037	2,500	7,500	9,801	954,812
	54,172	1,440	3,090	3,876	59,488	19,375	6,434	575	-	1,050	2,000	2,495	31,929
	384,631	24,252	3,436	-	408,883	250,639	16,963	66,750	16,317	2,000	-	10,000	362,669
	26,409	-	1,886	-	26,409	8,520	-	8,004	-	550	2,304	3,425	22,803
	1,802,369	676,339	1,847	34,872	2,513,580	1,005,901	142,979	1,035,688	121,323	13,350	36,436	43,221	2,398,878
2024 Totals	1,595,706	243,046	1,385	9,964	1,849,716	918,154	125,902	378,501	116,142	11,700	40,442	74,756	1,665,597