

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 10:00 a.m., Heritage Presbyterian Church

Roll of Presbytery

ACTIVE MINISTERS
MINISTERS

Alvis, Joel	P
Anderson, Mike	P
Aye-Addo, Kwasi	Ex
Bogar, Fritz	P
<i>Braga, Reginaldo</i>	Unex
Collins, Nikki	Ex
<i>Dunn, Tim</i>	Ex
Evans, Joe	P
Gonzalez-Gertz, Edwin	P
Gray, Joan	Ex
Grove, David	Unex
Henderson, Sam	Unex
Jones, David	P
<i>Jones, Ray</i>	Ex
Jordan, David	P
Josey, Camille	P
Lamberson, Zeta	P
Lee, Jennifer	Ex
Mendes, Paulo	P
Milford, Elizabeth	P
Moore, Greg	Ex
Moore-Keish, Chris	P
<i>Pezini, Jose</i>	Ex
Renken, Catherine	P
Scott, Carol	Ex
Scott, Katie	Ex
Scott, Will	Ex
Simpson, Jim	P
Waddell, Bridget	Ex
Waddell, Kenneth	Ex
Yoo, William	P
(32)	

CORRESPONDING MINISTERS

Pete Paulsen(RCA)
Cathi Parchem (Savannah)

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[Excuses not required from Retired]

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

RETIRED

Allen, Herschel	
Ballesteros, Tino	
Beltzner, Denise	
Blackwell, Rebecca	
Brice, Joe	
Carmichael, Bert	
Cooley, Pem	
Craft, Ed	
Edwards, Maxine	
Esa, Donald	
Estes, Coile	
Gantz, Robin	P
Garrett, Eleana	
Glauner, David	
Gonzalez, Catherine	
Grohman, Donald	
Guder, Darrell	
Gunter, Sid	
Hittel, Maryellen	
Hunter, Rodney	
Jones, Walter	
Kim, Jin Hoon	
Leyden, Stuart	
Looby, Janet	
Martin, John	P
Martin, Roger	
McDonald, David	
Neelly, Dick	P
Nesbit, Van	
Ottaviano, Dan	
Parr, Cyndi	
Reggin, Susan	
Rhodes, Jan	
Rogers, Tom	
Sapp, Frank	
Sapp, Mary Kay	
Smith, Cuyler	
Smith, Ted	
Spangler, John	P
Speed, James	
Stroup, George	
Tarrant, John	
Terrell, Ken	
Wade, Carol	
Ward, Gil	
Waskey, Jack	

Weathersby, Frank
Weaver, Charles

Wright, Donn
(50)

Wood, Tom
CHURCH – RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Acworth (1)
Beersheba (1)
Brazilian Christian
Calhoun
Cartersville (2)

Teri Abercrombie P

Possible Ruling Elder total – 39

Cedartown
Chickamauga
Christ Fellowship
Cohutta
Covenant (1)
Dalton (1)
Deer Creek (1)
Ebenezer Ghan. (
Faith Canton (1)
Faith Blue Ridge (1)
Grace
Heritage (2)

In attendance:

Teaching Elders 16
HR Teaching Elders 4
Ruling Elders 23
Corresponding Members 2
Visitors 24
Presbytery Lay Staff 1

Total attendance 70

John Knox (1)
Kirkwood (1)
LaFayette (
Light of Hope (1)
Macland (2)

Absent:

Excused Teaching Elders 13
Unexcused Teaching Elders 3
Excused Ruling Elders 0
Unexcused Ruling Elders 0

Marietta (4)

Morton Memorial
Ray-Thomas
Rockmart (1)
Silver Creek (1)
Trinity (1)
Westminster (1)
Woodstock

Total Allocated Ruling Elder Commissioners:

7

OTHER RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

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STATED MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

Call to Order

At 10:03 a.m. a quorum was declared and Moderator Teri Abercrombie called the meeting to order and opened with prayer by Moderator Abercrombie.

Approval of Docket

(see APPENDIX A for Meeting Docket
And Worship Liturgy)

The docket was presented for approval. Following the news that incoming Moderator David McDonald would not be able to assume his duties due to a recurrence of cancer, a motion was made that Elder Teri Abercrombie continue to serve as moderator until such time as Rev. David McDonald is able to return. MOTION MADE, SECONDED and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Moderator appointed Rev. Robin Gantz and Elder Keith Owens as minutes readers.

Welcome from Host Church

Rev. Elizabeth Milford welcomed the commissioners and oriented them to the facilities.

Call to Worship and Work

(see APPENDIX A)

Worship was woven throughout the meeting. The full order of worship is included as an APPENDIX A to this document.

Stated Clerk's Report

The Stated Clerk noted that Investigating Committee 20-01 has been formed. There was no correspondence reported.

Motions:

- Approve the minutes of the November 2, 2019 Stated Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery at Beersheba Presbyterian Church, Summerville, GA as prepared and circulated. The minutes were read by Paul Culotta of Westminster Church and Billie Sutter of Heritage Church. MOTION was made and seconded. Following discussion, it was noted that an item had been omitted from the minutes and following discussion, motion was withdrawn. New motion made that minutes would be corrected and presented at the June 6 stated presbytery meeting for approval. MOTION made, SECONDED and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

- Approve the Parity report (see APPENDIX D) that no changes be made in formula for Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament as documented in attached report. MOTION MADE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
- That all requests to be excused from this meeting be approved. MOTION MADE AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Coordinating Team Report

CT Chair introduced Presbyterian Homes Representative Jerry Dean Weber to make a report on the work of PH.

Team members: Teri Abercrombie RE (Moderator), John Spangler TE, Greg Moore TE, LaVert Jones RE, Marlene Michalke RE, Nancy Bertrand RE, Chris Moore-Keish RE, Elizabeth Milford/RE
 Contact number/email: Teri Abercrombie 678-231-7792 teria7792@gmail.com

Items for information:

The Coordinating Team of Cherokee Presbytery met on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the Presbytery Office.

The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for the February 13, 2020 meeting and look toward other meetings this year.

The Coordinating Team reviewed one part of the Manual of Operations and makes the following motion to amend the Manual so to provide greater clarity as to the composition of the Coordinating Team:

Motion: That the Coordinating Team of Cherokee Presbytery be composed of the moderators of each of the ministry teams, the immediate past presbytery moderator, the current presbytery moderator, and 3 at-large members. Ministry Teams may designate alternate representatives for Coordinating Team meetings. In the case of a vote, each ministry team is allowed only one vote.
 MOTION APPROVED

Motion: Elect John Martin TE as Cherokee Presbytery Treasurer. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion: Receive report and resolution (see APPENDIX B) from Presbyterian Homes of Georgia.
 MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

The Coordinating Team is composed of the moderators of each ministry team, past presbytery moderator, Committee On Representation Moderator, and one at-large member. The Coordinating Team meets at least quarterly to focus on the technical issues of calendaring, resource sharing and communication. The Coordinating Team is also the personnel committee for the presbytery and serves as a forum for interim decision making between presbytery meetings.

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Ministry Support Team

Team Members: Greg Moore (Moderator) TE, Eva Whitaker RE, Ben Hadaway RE
Contact number/email: Greg Moore 678-654-3733 moore.owen@att.net
Meeting Dates: NA

Items of information: Financial Reports are attached as APPENDIX C

The Ministry Support Team serves Cherokee Presbytery by Building, monitoring, and managing an annual budget and stewardship plan for our shared work. Assisting congregations with matters of property and in the development of sound financial practices. Documenting financial best practices. Providing treasurer training and assisting administrative commissions with matters of finances and property.

NO MOTIONS

Committee on Representation

Team Members: MWS John Spangler HR (Moderator), MWS Jennifer Lee TE
Contact number/email: John Spangler 770-819-7442, johnspangler@hotmail.com

MOTION to approve the following roster WITH CHANGES:

- Marlene Michalke has requested her name be withdrawn
- Beth Gaines (RE 1st Cartersville) is submitted in lieu of Marlene Michalke

MOTION APPROVED

Reported for Information

At its stated meeting of November 2, 2019, Cherokee Presbytery approved changes to its Manual of Administrative Operations. Those changes added to descriptions of roles and responsibilities of the Committee On Representation as follows: ***“Direct the process for nominating persons to serve in leadership positions re-quiring election by the presbytery, so that the process, in consultation with the presbytery’s membership and Coordinating Team and ministry units, shall ensure that nominations are broadly representative of the presbytery’s constituencies and are in conformity with the church’s commitment to unity in diversity.”***

Subsequently, the COR has just begun to implement its new roles and responsibilities. One impediment has been that currently COR only has 2 of its minimum of 6 members needed for a fully functional team, which issue will need resolution as soon as possible, including the election of 3 persons nominated for the Class of 2022.

While COR now has responsibility to secure and present slates of nominees for election by the presbytery, the Committee welcomes specific nominee suggestions from ministry units regarding persons who they believe have the right gifts and experiences for leadership service in specific areas. Those nominee suggestions will need to be considered by the COR in the overall context of a broad, fair, balanced, and inclusive representation of presbytery’s membership constituencies.

Reported for Action

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The COR places in nomination the following named persons for leadership service with ministry units specified as follows:

The Building Leaders Team

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Rex(ford) Gyekye</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>Ebenezer Ghanaian PC</i>
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The Committee on Representation

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Todd Johnson</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>FPC--Cohutta</i>
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<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Erma Jones</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>John Knox PC</i>
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<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Paulo Mendes</i>	<i>MWS</i>	<i>Brazilian Christian Church</i>
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The Congregational Health Team

<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>LaVert Jones</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>John Knox PC</i>
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<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Robin Gantz</i>	<i>MWS</i>	<i>HR</i>
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<i>Class of 2021</i>	<i>Marlene Michalke</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>Macland PC</i>
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The Ministry Support Team

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Honey Hite Burfield</i>	<i>RE</i>	<i>Trinity PC</i>
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The COR recommends that the attached "Cherokee Presbytery Ministry Team Rosters as of January 29, 2020" (as faithfully reconstructed by our Mission Coordinator/Stated Clerk and updated by the COR and Coordinating Team) be confirmed as the current list of elected leaders in service with presbytery's ministry units, which rosters shall be up-dated with the names of all newly elected persons.

The Book of Order requires each council to establish a Committee on Representation to hold us accountable to the principles and practices that ensure the presbytery will benefit from diverse voices in our common discernment.

Building Leaders Team

Co-Moderator Chris Moore-Keish noted that there are two inquirers under care of the Building Leaders Team: Jake Hills and Rob Schoonover. Chris encouraged leaders to be open to conversations with those who show gifts for leadership and ministry so that we can encourage them to seek and to serve. Rev. Jim Simpson reminded us of the importance of inviting inquirers to Presbytery meetings so that we can meet them, encourage them and offer our prayers and support.

Team Members: Chris Moore-Keish TE, Co.Moderator, Mike Anderson TE, Elizabeth Milford TE, Co. Moderator

Contact number/email: Chris Moore-Keish 404-687-4589 christopherelliott1933@gmail.com

Elizabeth Milford 615-268-7305, pastor@heritagepres.com

Meeting dates: Nov. 7, 2019, January 9, 2020

Items for information:

1. Jake Hills a senior at Berry College and Rob Schoonover a second year student at Candler Theological Seminary went before the session of First Presbyterian Church of Marietta on January 12, 2020 to become Inquirers. The BLT received their applications. The Rev. Mike Anderson has agreed to be Jake Hills' liaison with the BLT and the Rev. Elizabeth Milford has agreed to be Rob Schoonover's liaison.

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Action items for Presbytery: None

Date and time of next meeting: We will have a Zoom Meeting on March 5, 2020 at 5:30 pm

*Building Leaders Team Serves Cherokee Presbytery by
Creating learning opportunities for teaching and ruling elders, deacons, and certified Christian
educators serving local congregations, in validated ministries, and as hospital and military
chaplains. Oversee the preparation of inquirers and candidates for ministry. Provides officer
training support. Conducts sexual misconduct prevention training and nominates ordination
examination readers to the presbytery.*

Worship
(see APPENDIX A)

Celebrating Our Baptism
Hymn and Prayer for the meal

Congregational Health Team

No additional report from CHT beyond the written report below.

Team Members: LaVert Jones (Co-Mod) RE, Robin Gantz HR, Marlene Michalke (Co.-Mod.) RE, Bill Byars RE,
Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz TE, Pete Paulson HR
Contact number/email LaVert Jones 770-309-7222 lavjn@yahoo.com
Marlene Michalke 770-833-1142 mmichalke121@yahoo.com

Item for Information: As we embrace the year 2020, let us reach out to one another across the miles of Cherokee Presbytery and beyond. The Ministry of Presence means that we will serve or stand with others. Often times we think of this presence during periods of anxiety or loss. However our team has made it a practice of reaching out to other churches and we believe it is a practice to be encouraged.

Make the effort to reach out to family, friends, neighbors and others that you do not know. If a face-to-face presence is not possible, a phone call or a note will suffice. You may not realize the extend of appreciation that the recipient experiences. In fact, we seldom know the impact of reaching out in Christian love.

The **Congregation Health Team** feels that one of our greatest spiritual tasks is our contribution through our Christian presence. **Is this not what Christ calls us to do?**

Action items for Presbytery: None at this time

*The Congregational Health Team serves Cherokee Presbytery by
Identifying, supporting, and guiding congregations in times of missional discernment and congregational conflict. Identifying and
building best practices in congregations. Developing policies that protect the health and welfare of our leaders and the children of
our communities. And provide support for pastors in crisis.*

Special Order Of The Day
Lunch

Worship
(see APPENDIX A)

We Proclaim God's Word
We Present Our Offerings (to benefit the food ministries of HPC)

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Mission Coordinator's Report

Since the November 2, 2019 Presbytery meeting:

Preached at

- Faith Presbyterian Church, Canton;
- Macland Presbyterian Church;
- First, Dalton;
- Westminster, Rome; and
- Acworth Presbyterian Church.

Worshipped and/or visited with

- Acworth Presbyterian Church;
- Chickamauga Presbyterian Church; and
- Cedartown Presbyterian Church.

Consulted with one Pastor Nominating Committee on their process.

Participated in a meeting of mid-council leaders from other Presbyteries in the Synod of the South Atlantic.

Worked with InfoTank on a new Presbytery website;

Participated in meetings of the

- Building Leaders Team,
- Ministry Transition Team, and the
- Coordinating Team.

Consulted with leadership of the Ministry Support and the Congregational Health Teams;

Attended continuing education at Leadership in Ministry hosted by Columbia Theological Seminary.

Ministry Transitions Team

Rev. Catherine Renken presented the report of MTT. RE Nancy Bertrand was presented for examination as a CRE to serve the Presbytery at Large. Following examination, a motion was made to sustain the examination and authorize commission for Nancy's commissioning. (see APPENDIX E for Statement of Call, Faith Statement and Faith Journey)

MOTION SECONDED AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION made to approve Pastoral Temporal Agreement (see APPENDIX F) to serve the Lafayette Presbyterian Church as CRE. MOTION APPROVED

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Team Members: Nancy Bertrand RE Moderator; Class of 2020 - Camille Josey TE, Paul Philips RE; Class of 2021 – Billie Sutter CCE/RE, Jim Simpson TE, Ray Cochran RE; Class of 2022 – Catherine Renken TE, Frank Cleveland RE, Nancy Tatnall RE

Contact number/email: Nancy Bertrand 706-638-2569 nancyparksbertrand@gmail.com

Meeting Dates: December 5, 2019, Feb. 6, 2020

Recommendation to Presbytery for **Action**

Examination of Ruling Elder, Nancy Bertrand, for CRE

Permission to establish commission, pending approval at Feb. 6, 2020 meeting.

CRE approval of Clay Gunter, LaFayette Pastoral Temporal Agreement

Items for Information:

Effective 1/31/20, Greg Moore – At Large

The Ministry Transitions Team serves the Cherokee Presbytery by Providing congregational support from the dissolution of a call to the installation of a new pastor including: determining interim leadership, forming a PNC, conducting a mission study and preparing for a new pastor. Accompanying a congregation through this entire process and into the ministry of a new pastor by providing: insight, best practices, direction for Book of Order compliance, communication with the larger church, aid with the search process and in identifying candidates. Following up through the first year of a new ministry and examining candidates called to churches and recommend candidates to presbytery.

There being no new business, Moderator Teri Abercrombie received a MOTION to adjourn. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned with benediction by Rev. Paulo Mendes at 1:26 p.m.

NEXT STATED MEETINGS:

June 6, 2020 at Presbyterian Homes

October 15, 2020 at Faith/BR Presbyterian Church

APPENDIX A

Meeting Docket and Worship Liturgy

Registration	9:00
Orientation of First-Time Commissioners	9:30

We Come Together in God's Name

Call to Order	10:03
• Declaration of Quorum	
• Opening Prayer	

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- Presentation of the Elements, Water, Word
- Approval of Docket
- Welcome from Host Church
- Recognition of First-Time Elder Commissioners, Corresponding Members and Visitors
- Appointment of Presbytery Minutes Reading Committee

Call to Worship and Work

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God;

The holy habitation of the Most High.

The Lord pours forth rivers from bare mountains, and fountains in valleys' depths.

God opens rocks, and water gushes out.

On dry thirsty land God springs forth streams in the desert.

Come, let us worship God!

Baptismal Litany/Opening Hymn (*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters, GtG 490*)

Lord and life-giving Spirit, who charged the waters with life when first the world began, make us dead to sin, but alive to you. Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

(Sung Response)

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,
newborn creatures of your womb.**

**Number them among your people,
raised like Christ from death and tomb.**

**Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.**

**Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.**

O God, our provider, who gives thirsty people water from a rock, make us dead to sin, but alive to you. Drown our sin and raise us to new life.

**Every day we need your nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.**

**Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.**

**God, renew us; guide our footsteps,
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.**

Risen Lord Jesus Christ, who poured yourself out as a drink offering on our behalf, fill us with your Spirit, make us dead to sin, but alive to you.

O how deep your holy wisdom!

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**Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
water-washed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer.
Re-create us; God, transform!**

Spirit of the Living God, who charges the waters of baptism with resurrection power so we might live as part of God's New Creation, drench us once more in your life-giving Spirit that we might be cleansed, sustained, and anointed with your power as we proclaim with boldness and live with joy the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to whom be all honor and dominion and glory now and forevermore.

Stated Clerk's Report 10:20 a.m.
Coordinating Team Report
Ministry Support Team Report
Committee on Representation Report
Building Leaders Team Report

Celebrating Our Baptism 10:50 a.m.
Hymn *Out of Deep Unordered Water*
Prayer for the Meal

Special Order of the Day: Lunch 12:00 p.m.

We Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture Reading
Sermon Rev. Paulo Mendes
Communion
Invitation to the Table:

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Creator God, we praise you
Words of Institution
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion:

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Invitation to Our Offerings

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Offering – to benefit the food ministries of HPC

Offering Prayer

DOXOLOGY

We Go Out In God's Name

MOTION TO ADJOURN

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

SHARE THE PEACE OF GOD WITH ONE ANOTHER

WE ADJOURN TO SERVE

Liturgy Source: (adapted from) PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship, A Service for
Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

APPENDIX B

Resolution from Presbyterian Homes of Georgia Presbytery Resolution for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia

WHEREAS, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, Inc. is a Christian ministry providing exceptional services to enhance the quality of life for senior adults. Today, Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, Inc. serves over 1,000 residents in five locations. All five communities are tax-exempt outreach ministries of our church offered in the name and for the glory of God.

Presbyterian Home, Quitman and Presbyterian Village, Austell provide the broad range of services from independent living accommodations to skilled nursing care. Calvin Court, Atlanta, Philips Tower, Decatur, and Swainsboro Presbyterian Apartments offer affordable independent living accommodations with helpful support services including meals transportation and wellness programs in Atlanta and Decatur.

Presbyterian Village, Athens is the sixth senior living retirement community designed around the Life Plan Community concept and offering all levels of accommodations and support services from independent living and including skilled nursing care. Construction began in 2018 and will be completed in late 2020.

WHEREAS, Annual operating support for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, Inc. shall be derived from fees paid by residents, foundation grants, and gifts made by individuals and churches to the *Caring Hands Fund*. Since 1949, Presbyterian Homes has never turned away any resident who has outlived his or her financial resources and can no longer afford their accommodations and care.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, Inc. has approved the *Transforming Senior Living* capital campaign to fund the strategic financial plan for the enhancement and expansion of the Austell campus and the expansion of charitable support throughout the ministry.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Presbytery affirms and commends Presbyterian Homes of Georgia's campaign to foundations, corporations, churches, and individual donors to include and encourage Presbyterian Homes in its fundraising efforts through the Transforming Senior Living capital campaign.

APPENDIX C

Financial Reports

Cherokee Pby Profit & Loss	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
44009 · Budgeted Receipts	<u>199,518.59</u>
Total Income	<u>199,518.59</u>
Gross Profit	199,518.59
Expense	
56219 · Ebenezer Ghan Grant Expense	10,000.00
56220 · Bourbon St NWC Seed Grant Exp.	7,500.00
51300 · Misc. Presbytery Expense	8,381.16
51216 · Pby Office Operating Expense	19,285.89
52201 · Desig/ Cap/ Debt	1,086.26
51000 · Salaries & Benefits	128,107.83
54105 · COM/Cong Health Team	24,000.00
54505 · CPM/Building Leaders Team	85.70
55109 · Community Connections Team	1,000.00
60001 · Payroll Expenses	<u>71.75</u>
Total Expense	<u>199,518.59</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

Balance Sheet	<u>Dec 31, 19</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	<u>97,764.63</u>
Total Current Assets	97,764.63
Fixed Assets	2,691,200.47
Other Assets	<u>1,155,901.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>3,944,866.50</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	<u>173.59</u>
Total Current Liabilities	173.59
Long Term Liabilities	<u>170,976.77</u>
Total Liabilities	171,150.36
Equity	<u>3,773,716.14</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>3,944,866.50</u></u>

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2019 Unified and Per Capita Pledges Received/Paid

Church	Membership/ Attendance	Unified Pledged	Per Capita Pledged	Unified Received	Per Capita Received
Acworth	69 /40	2,300.00	790.05		
Beersheba	43/22			1,920.00	515.25
Bethany					
Brazilian Christian	77/-			550.00	550.00
Calhoun	159 /-	1,200.00		1,200.00	1,820.52
Cartersville First	399/147			5,741.64	5,825.00
Cedartown	90/-			1,000.04	1,007.21
Chickamauga	56/28	900.00	664.10	900.00	664.10
Christ Fellowship	20/25	500.00			309.15
Cohutta	23/12			1,620.00	297.70
Covenant	177/86	8,000.00	2,186.95	7,999.33	2,004.75
Dalton First	129/77	15,000.00		15,000.00	1,431.25
Deer Creek Shores	87/51			3,000.00	1,076.32
Faith Canton	33/24			300.00	526.70
Faith North Georgia	135/88	3,000.00		3,000.00	1,351.10
Grace	104/65			7,685.74	2,313.19
Heritage	279/127			825.00	3,316.72
John Knox	99/-	3,300.00		5,800.00	2,303.43
Kirkwood	163/81	6,000.00		6,500.00	2,060.05
LaFayette	17/15	7,500.00		7,500.00	206.10
Light of Hope	91/64			10,116.00	1,140.00
Macland	258/117			2,919.75	
Marietta First	1101/435			21,666.66	
Morton Memorial	37/-			1,300.00	423.65
Ray-Thomas Memorial	89/35				630.50
Rockmart	85/50	6,500.00		7,125.00	767.00
Silver Creek	55/27			2,200.00	560.00
Trinity	45/38				423.65
Westminster	196/97			6,467.00	
Woodstock	26/25				354.95
12/31/19					
Miscellaneous Receipts				4,060.00	
Totals 2018 #s	4142/1776	54,200.00	3,641.10	126,396.16	31,878.29

2018 \$ paid in 2019 Morton Memorial \$100, Cohutta \$300, Rockmart \$1625, John Knox \$2500, Grace \$3105, Kirkwood \$500, Westminster \$417
 Marietta 1st \$1666.66, Covenant \$673

2019 Special Offerings

Church	PresHome	One Great Hour	Pntcost	P'making	Christ/Joy	Med Benv	Mission	Disaster Relief	Thornwell	Centsability
Acworth										
Beersheba	70	100			20					
Bethany										
Brazilian Christian					487					
Calhoun		65	115							
Cartersville	640	100				420		77		
Cedartown	275	15			130		481		180	
Chickamauga										
Christ Fellowship										
Cohutta				620	200					
Covenant	895	11324	747		792			1089	1188	
Dalton										
Deer Creek										
Faith/Canton										
Faith/Blue Ridge		426	122	312	340		1500			
Grace				130	641				475	
Heritage		800			451					
John Knox		1181	270	204	696			300		
Kirkwood		519	318	435	465			179		
LaFayette										
Light of Hope	346	443			1502					
Macland										
Marietta	90	694			581		3125	517	780	
Morton Memorial					280					
Ray-Thomas	50				175					
Rockmart	290	540			430	750		250	250	
Silver Creek										
Trinity		450			743					
Westminster	285	293	72		154				514	383
Woodstock		250								
Other										
Grand Total 2019	2941	17200	1644	1701	8097	1170	5106	2412	3387	383

Cherokee Presbytery Loan Worksheet

Church Name	Loan Amount	Balance	Loan Date	Maturity Date	Next Reset Date	Bank	Rate %	Monthly Payment	Co-sign By Pby.	Pd. By Church	Up-date
Acworth	200,716	43,737	5/1/16			Regions	4.95	712		x	8/19
Bethany 10244706	300,000	137,814	3/18/08	3/25/28		PCUSA	3.50	2022	x	x	12/19
Braz. Christian											
Calhoun 1026807	920,000	216,003	1/16/08	5/1/30		PCUSA	3.89	3,930	x	x	12/19
Deer Creek	175,000	13,862				Citizens	4.50			x	11/19
Faith/BR 1052318	1,182,960	1,182,960	12/21/18	1/1/2038		PILP	4.04			X	12/19
Grace 1022405	400,000	167,036	2/3/06	3/1/26		PILP	4.25	2,572		x	12/19
Heritage 1038211	2,000,000	1,279,822	2/21/12	3/1/2032		PILP	4.25	11,169		x	12/19
John Knox	120,000	120,000	3/22/19	3/22/27		Synovus	5.82	1,571		X	3/19
Kirkwood 9013803	150,000	139,446	6/28/18	7/25/33		PCUSA	3.28	1,056		X	12/19
Macland 1041813	1,600,000	1,181,424	12/16/13	1/1/2034		PCUSA	4.25	9,263		x	12/19
Westminster	1,577,422	970,560	5/1/2009	3/27/20		Gr Rome Com	4.00	6,530		X	6/19
Woodstock 0263904	23,000	9,597	1/1/2018	1/1/2028		PCUSA	2.50	217		X	12/19
Totals	8,649,098	5,462,262									
12/30/2019											
Churches	No Loans										
Beersheba											
Cartersville											
Cedartown											
Chickamauga											
Christ Fellowship											
Cohutta											
Covenant											
Dalton											
Faith/Canton											
LaFayette											
Light of Hope											
Marietta 1st											
Morton Mem.											
Ray-Thomas											
Rockmart											
Silver Creek											
Trinity											

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APPENDIX D

2020 Cherokee Presbytery: Parity of Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament Churches over 500 members

Church	2018 Membership/ Attendance	Ruling elders 2019	2020 recommendation
Marietta	1101/435	4	4

Over 200 members

Cartersville	399/147	3	3
Heritage	279/127	2	2
Macland	258/117	2	2

> 100 members

Calhoun	159/-	1	1
Covenant	177/86	1	1
Dalton First	129/77	1	1
Faith, Blue Ridge	135/88	1	1
Grace	104/65	1	1
Kirkwood	163/81	1	1
Westminster	196/97	1	1

< 100 members

Acworth	69/40	1	1
Beersheba	43/22	1	1
Brazilian Christian	77/-	1	1
Cedartown	90/-	1	1
Chickamauga	56/28	1	1
Christ Fellowship	20/25	1	1
Cohutta	23/12	1	1
Deer Creek Shores	87/51	1	1
Ebenezer Ghan.	In 2021	1	1
Faith, Canton	33/24	1	1
John Knox	99/0	1	1
LaFayette	17/15	1	1
Light of Hope	91/64	1	1
Morton Memorial	37/0	1	1
Ray-Thomas Mem.	89/35	1	1
Rockmart	85/50	1	1
Silver Creek	55/27	1	1
Trinity	45/38	1	1
Woodstock	26/25	1	1

Total # of RE Commissioners– 2019	# active MWS – 2019	# HR MWS – 2019	2020 Parity recommendation
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37	32	50	No change
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APPENDIX E

On Becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder

Nancy Bertrand

Shortly after I joined Beersheba, I carefully considered becoming a CRE. At that time, when I asked my minister about it, I was told that Cherokee Presbytery no longer participated in the CRE program. However, Rebecca Blackwell knew of my interest, and she shared a handout she had gotten from the Savannah Presbytery about its School of the Laity. I entered with a cohort in the summer of 2015. I learned that the classes offered by the School of the Laity were both for people wanting to be commissioned and also for continuing education. It was a choice I could make. I found the courses stimulating, informative, and challenging. I was unable to graduate with my cohort in 2017 but was able to complete the required classes in the summer of 2018. Prior to that time and since, I have enrolled in a series of "elective" courses. The list of courses I have taken follows.

Since 2015, the definition and intention of a CRE have gone through several changes. Where I once thought that if I were commissioned, then I could bless the elements in the absence of a pastor at Beersheba, I now understand that much more is required. My original intent had been to simply fill in when needed. But as the definition of CRE changed, so did my grasp of what I would be asked to do. Where I once believed I could be of service to Beersheba, I now believe I can be of service to a broader constituency.

I do not wish to be commissioned solely to Beersheba, although I would very much like for the commissioning service to be held there. My primary reason for not wanting to be commissioned to Beersheba is that I do not wish to be Beersheba's lay pastor. I am away too often to commit to being a full-time, or even a part-time pastor. I am gone as much as four months each year, although not four months at a single stretch. It would be very unfair to the congregation at Beersheba for me to be a lay pastor and be away that much. That said, I do believe I can be of service to Cherokee Presbytery. With the many recent retirements, I can fill the pulpit. More importantly, if I am commissioned, I can not only bless the elements for the Lord's Supper, but I can also moderate session meetings. I believe this would be of great benefit to an already taxed pulpit supply list.

My initial understanding of what it meant to be a CRE was very naive. I now have a better understanding of what is involved. I am ready to accept the challenge. I believe I can serve Cherokee Presbytery and by so doing, deepen my relationship with God and God's people.

Required courses taken:

Introduction to the Bible

The Old Testament

The New Testament

Reformed Theology

History and Polity

Practical Ministry I

Practical Ministry II

Elective courses taken:

Old Testament Prophets

Preaching

Counseling

Worship and Sacraments

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Faith Statement Nancy Bertrand

Q. 1. *What is the chief end of man?*

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

I remember having to memorize certain portions of the catechism when I was a child in Sunday school, but I had no idea what any of it meant other than as a means of torture for young children. When I was elected ruling elder, we were required to purchase the *Book of Confessions* and to study each one. It was then that I was reintroduced to the dreaded catechism. But now, I better understand the questions and the responses. I actually grasp that the chief end of being human is to glorify God. I understand that I do that in a variety of ways: corporate worship, individual devotionals, prayer, and Bible study, but most importantly, in how I live my life. I also now understand that engaging with God allows me to more fully enjoy God.

I am astounded that God wants a relationship with me. The more time I spend in what I believe to be God's presence, in trying to establish that relationship, the more fully I comprehend my own need for that relationship. I am the one who needs it. "Faith is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see" (Heb. 11:1). The more time I spend in building my relationship with God, the stronger my faith becomes. And the stronger my faith becomes, the more fervent my desire to have a relationship with God is.

That said, I understand the need for my relationship with God, but that is totally different from grasping what God is. We use many "big" words to talk about God: omnificent, omnipotent, omnipresent... the list goes on. I think the words are big because God is so big. I lack the vocabulary to even begin to describe God. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator God. I believe in Jesus, the Son, whom I believe is the Christ and is my Lord and Savior. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the gift God sent so that I would know that God is always with me.

I believe God meant for us to be part of a community of believers and that is why church and corporate worship are important. If the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy God forever, then corporate worship is imperative. The purpose of worship is to glorify God, not to be entertained, (or worse, condemned), for an hour each Sunday. God is the audience for Sunday worship, not the minister, not the choir, not anyone but God. We, the congregants, the choir, the pastor, are the performers. This is important for me to remember if I am in the pulpit. I am not the focus of attention; God is. To God be the glory!

It is my pleasure as well as my duty to preserve the traditions and teachings of Jesus. It is my pleasure and my duty to foster a love of God within others and to engage in God's mission to care for all God's people. I do this in worship, prayer, fellowship, and service.

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Faith Journey Nancy Bertrand

As an infant, I was baptized at First Presbyterian Church, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. At age thirteen, I was confirmed there. In 1972, I was married there, and in 2008, it was there that I was ordained and installed as a ruling elder. The day will come when my ashes will be interred in the columbarium there. My maternal grandmother was the church organist and a much beloved women's Sunday school teacher, so much so, that over 80% of the books given to the library were dedicated to her both before and after her death. She was granted life membership in the Presbyterian Church. My mind's eye still sees her in her rocking chair reading a devotional from *Our Daily Bread* every day, then closing her eyes to talk to God. When my grandmother died in 1965, my 15 year-old self vowed that I would live a godly life so that I would go to heaven to be with her.

I would like to tell you that I was that devout kid I promised to be, but I can't. I went away to university. I stopped attending church except when I was home for the weekend or during holidays. After marriage, John, an Episcopalian, and I attended several different churches, but we never decided on a church home and our attendance became more and more sporadic. It wasn't until we moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 1978, that we began to attend church regularly. Our next-door neighbors attended a large multi-denominational church. There were six pastors representing six denominations. The church followed the United Church of Christ liturgy. Our daughter was baptized at that church by a Presbyterian minister using an Episcopal service.

In 1982, we moved to Harrisonburg, Virginia, where we regularly attended an Episcopal church. We were only there a year before moving to Lebanon, Tennessee, and joined First Presbyterian, Lebanon, where Jim Choomack was pastor. In 1985, we moved to the outskirts of Murfreesboro and returned on Easter Sunday to First Presbyterian, Murfreesboro. I was home again, but not for long.

Sometime in the early 2000s, we were invited to a Baptist church and we began attending it. After a while, we grew tired of the 7-11 praise songs and never praying the Lord's prayer or confirming our faith with the Apostle's Creed. We stopped attending but did not return to First Presbyterian either.

August of 2005, John and I moved to New Zealand. The first two months we attended a Presbyterian church where every Sunday the minister asked if we were on holiday. Then we moved to another town and attended to oldest church on the North Island, a lovely stone Episcopal church. When we finally bought our house and got settled, we joined a uniting church, the marriage of a Presbyterian and a Methodist church. We moved back to the States December of 2006, back to Murfreesboro. I told John that I wanted to return to First Presbyterian. My rationale was that my mother was 90. The minister who buried my dad was new to the church and did not know my dad. I wanted the minister who buried my mother to know her. We returned to First Presbyterian, Murfreesboro. I was home again. I became active in one of the women's circles and joined the Care Team and the Prayer Team. Not long after, I was elected ruling elder.

We moved to Trion September, 2011. We were invited to attend the local PCA church and we also visited LaFayette Presbyterian and Cloudland. John Hinkle suggested we visit Beersheba. John was out of town when I visited the first time, but I knew immediately that Beersheba was our church. We transferred our membership the following February. Both of us sing in the choir and have served as ruling elders. I am currently clerk of session. A church is not a building; it is the people. The congregation nourishes my soul.

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APPENDIX F

LA FAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TEMPORAL PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT

This agreement is by and between the Session of the La Fayette Presbyterian Church, La Fayette, Georgia, in the Presbytery of Cherokee, and the Commissioned Ruling Elder Clay Gunter, for the purpose of providing Stated Supply services to the congregation for a period of twelve (12) months, commencing November 17, 2019.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT

The pastor is employed sixteen (16) hours per week. Time allocation is at the discretion of the pastor - including, but not limited to sermon preparation, research, administration, Sunday worship services, Session and Committee meetings, home visitations, special services, technology connections with the congregation, and travel.

During the length of this agreement, and through subsequent extensions, Elder Gunter will be accountable to the Session and to the Cherokee Presbytery through its Ministry Transitions Team. If any portion of this agreement contradicts anything in The Book of Order, (2017 - 2019), or policies of the Cherokee Presbytery, those policies shall prevail.

This agreement is for a period of twelve (12) months, beginning November 17, 2019 and ending on November 16, 2020.

This agreement may be terminated by:

1. The Session upon thirty (30) days written notice,
2. The Pastor upon thirty (30) days written notice and forfeiture of any payments beyond that due for actual services within the thirty (30) day period.

ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Serve as moderator of the Session at monthly stated Session meetings plus attend church committee meetings when possible. When it's impossible to attend, preview and review agendas and minutes of standing church committees.
- B. Provide leadership to the Session and its committees and other organizations within the church.
- C. Serve as moderator at congregational meetings.
- D. Hold membership in the Cherokee Presbytery.
- E. Plan, organize, lead worship, and preach Sundays except for paid release time for continuing

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education classes and four (4) weeks paid vacation.

- F. Lead special services as appropriate to the Christian Church calendar. Services to be determined by the Pastor and the Session.
- G. Send bulletin material to the church secretary each week.

- H. Assist the congregation in exploring new creative directions in church ministry; i.e. Midweek Musings sent by e-mail to the congregation plus posted on the church website.
- I. Determine ways to provide pastoral care to members of the congregation, including but not limited to - supporting the sick and homebound through home visits, phone calls, e-mails, text messages, and cards.
- J. Officiate at weddings as requested and provide appropriate premarital counseling.
- K. Officiate at funerals as requested.
- L. Attend special activities engaged in by the church when possible.
- M. Complete continuing education classes suggested/required by the Ministry Transitions Team. Church will pay all expenses.
- N. Contribute to the spiritual energy and redevelopment of our congregation as together we seek creative ways to promote church growth.

COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Per month	\$2,600.00
Total package for twelve (12) months.	\$31,200.00

This contract is inclusive and does not include provisions for additional compensation.

Clay Gunter, Commissioned Ruling Elder signed	11/14/19
John Quigley, LaFayette Clerk of Session signed	11/10/19