

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY

August 20, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Zoom Meeting

Roll of Presbytery

ACTIVE MINISTERS

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| Aye-Addo, Kwasi | Unex |
| Bishop, Stephanie | Ex |
| <i>Braga, Reginaldo</i> | P |
| Collins, Nikki | Unex |
| Evans, Joe | P |
| Fuller, Julie | Unex |
| Grove, David | Unex |
| Haynes, Susan | Unex |
| Henderson, Sam | P |
| Jones, David | P |
| Jones, Leigh | Ex |
| <i>Jones, Ray</i> | P |
| Jordan, David | P |
| Josey, Camille | Ex |
| Kennedy, Wilson | P |
| Lee, Jennifer | P |
| Mendes, Paulo | Ex |
| Meyer, Renée | P |
| Milford, Elizabeth | P |
| Moore-Keish, Chris | P |
| Parchem, Kathi | P |
| Park, Josh | P |
| <i>Pezini, Jose</i> | P |
| Renken, Catherine | P |
| Scott, Katie | Ex |
| Simpson, Jim | P |
| Stow, Betsy | P |
| Waddell, Bridget | P |
| Waddell, Kenneth | P |
| Waits, Cassie | P |
| Yoo, William | Ex |
| Zaki, Raafat | P |

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CORRESPONDING MINISTERS

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| Paulsen, Pete (RCA) | P |
| Viana, Rafael (Gr Atl) | |

RETIRED MINISTERS

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| Alvis, Joel | |
| Beltzner, Denise | |
| Blackwell, Rebecca | |
| Bogar, Fritz | P |
| Branton, Becky | P |
| Brice, Joe | |
| Carmichael, Bert | |
| Cooley, Pem | |
| Craft, Ed | |
| Edwards, Maxine | |
| Esa, Donald | |
| Estes, Coile | |
| Garrett, Eleana | |
| Glauner, David | |
| Gonzalez, Catherine | |
| Gray, Joan | |
| Guder, Darrell | |
| Gunter, Sid | |
| Hittel, Maryellen | |
| Hunter, Rodney | |
| Jones, Walter | |
| Kim, Jin Hoon | |
| Lamberson, Zeta | |
| Leyden, Stuart | |
| Looby, Janet | |
| Martin, John | |
| Martin, Roger | |
| McDonald, David | |
| McKenzie, Ken | P |
| Moore, Greg | |
| Neelly, Dick | P |
| Nesbit, Van | |
| Ottaviano, Dan | |
| Parr, Cyndi | |
| Rhodes, Jan | |
| Sapp, Frank | |
| Sapp, Mary Kay | |
| Scott, Carol | |
| Sherwood, Paul | P |
| Smith, Cuyler | |
| Smith, Ted | |
| Spangler, John | P |
| Speed, James | |
| Stroup, George | |
| Tarrant, John | |
| Terrell, Ken | P |
| Wade, Carol | |
| Waskey, Jack | |
| Weathersby, Frank | |
| Weaver, Charles | |
| Wood, Tom | |

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

CHURCH – RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Acworth (1)
Beersheba
Brazilian Christian
Calhoun (1)
Cartersville (2)
Cedartown
Chickamauga (1)
Christ Fellowship
Cohutta
Covenant (1)
Dalton (1)
Deer Creek
Ebenezer Ghan. (1)
Faith Canton
Faith Blue Ridge (1)
Grace (1)
Heritage (1)
John Knox (1)
Kirkwood (1)
LaFayette (1)
Light of Hope (1)
Macland (2)
Marietta (3)
Morton Memorial
Ray-Thomas
Rockmart (1)
Silver Creek (1)
Trinity (1)
Westminster (1)
Woodstock

Total Allocated Ruling Elder Commissioners: 37

OTHER RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Nancy Bertrand P
Billie Sutter MTT P
Clay Gunter Ex
Bob Butler P
Possible Ruling Elder total – 41

In attendance:

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| Teaching Elders | 21 |
| HR Teaching Elders | 7 |
| Ruling Elders | 27 |
| Corresponding Members | 1 |
| Visitors | 9 |
| Presbytery Lay Staff | 1 |
| Total attendance | 66 |

Absent:

Excused TE -6, Unexcused TE -5

August 20, 2022 Called Meeting of Cherokee Presbytery

**CHEROKEE PRESBYTERY
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2022 CALLED MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

The called meeting of the Presbytery of Cherokee, held via Zoom on August 20, 2022, was called to order at 9:30am by Moderator Catherine Renken and opened with a devotional and prayer by Rev. Pete Paulsen.

Declaration of a quorum and appointment of Acting Stated Clerk

A quorum was declared by Moderator Renken. The Acting Stated Clerk, Rev. Leigh Jones, was unable to be at the meeting today and Ruling Elder Gayle Sandlin was asked to serve as Acting Stated Clerk for the called meeting. Having no objections, this was so ordered by the Moderator.

Welcome was extended to Minister Members Josh Park from Korea and Jose Pezini from Brazil.

Approval of the Docket

A motion was made and seconded to approve the docket as distributed via email. **Motion Approved.**

Appointment of Presbytery Minutes Readers

Moderator Renken announced that Teaching Elder Rev. Julie Fuller and Ruling Elder Pam Jones from Light of Hope will serve as minute readers.

Report of the Stated Clerk Consultant Search Team appointed by the Coordinating Team

Team members: Presbytery Moderator Catherine Renken (Kirkwood Kennesaw), Pete Paulsen (Corresponding Member), Billie Sutter (Heritage Acworth), General Presbyter Wilson Kennedy (ex-officio)

Rev. Pete Paulsen presented Therese Howell to the Presbytery and a time for questions and comments was opened. Seeing no other questions, the poll was opened.

Item for Action: *Shall Ruling Elder Therese Howell be elected as Stated Clerk Consultant of Cherokee Presbytery effective September 1, 2022, for a six-month term? This contract shall be renewable at the discretion of the Coordinating Team acting on behalf of Cherokee Presbytery for an additional term of up to six months.*

The result of the poll was **unanimous approval**. Moderator Catherine Renken offered prayer for Therese.

Final Report of the Ray-Thomas Memorial Administrative Commission

Team members: Moderator Pete Paulsen (Corresponding Member), Pat Alverson, Cathy denBoer (Ray-Thomas Marietta), Dave Grove (Cedartown), Gayle Sandlin (Kirkwood Kennesaw), Billie Sutter (Heritage Acworth)

Rev. Pete Paulsen presented the report on behalf of the Administrative Commission and a time for questions and comments was opened. Seeing no other questions, the poll was opened.

Item for Action: *The Administrative Commission moves that, with gratitude to God for their mission and ministry since 1978, the Ray-Thomas Memorial Presbyterian Church be dissolved by Cherokee Presbyterian effective September 30, 2022, and its Administrative Commission be dismissed on that day with thanks.*

The result of the poll was **approval** of this motion. Rev. Pete Paulsen offered prayer for the blessings of this congregation and the presbytery in this work.

Report from the Building Leaders Team

Team Members: Moderator Elizabeth Lovell Milford (Heritage Acworth), Rexford Gyeke (Ebenezer Austell), Leigh Jones (Cartersville First), Chuck Achuff (Grace Dawsonville), Jeri Hadaway (Acworth)

Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford introduced Mari Kate Markum to the Presbytery. After a time for questions, the poll was opened.

Item for Action: *The Building Leaders Team recommends Mari Kate Markum be enrolled by Cherokee Presbyterian as a Candidate for Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.*

The result of the poll was **approval** of this recommendation. Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford offered a prayer.

Ministry Transitions Team Handbook

Team Members: Billie Sutter, Co-Moderator (Heritage Acworth); Renée Meyer (Westminster Rome), Co-Moderator; Jim Simpson (Covenant Marietta), Frank Cleveland (Faith Canton), Nancy Tatnall (Marietta First), Megan Little (Calhoun First), Gayle Sandlin (Kirkwood Kennesaw)

Billy Sutter and Renée Meyer reviewed the Handbook and answered questions of the proposed revisions to the MTT Handbook.

Item for Discussion: Questions and Answers on the Proposed Revisions to the Ministry Transitions Team Handbook content.

Comments on the proposed revisions to the MTT Handbook will be received until September 2, 2022, via email. The proposed revised MTT Handbook will be presented for approval at the October 22, 2022, presbytery meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Moderator Catherine Renken asked for motion and second to adjourn, which was **approved** by a show of hands.

General Presbyter Wilson Kennedy dismissed the meeting with a closing prayer.

Moderator Catherine Renken gave the benediction.

Date of next meeting: October 22, 2022, at Faith Presbyterian Church, Blue Ridge, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Abercrombie, recording clerk