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October, 1996	**Rev. R. David Lancaster**
October, 1997	**Rev. Ronnie Duncan**
October, 1998	**Ms. Gwen Roddye**
October, 1999	**Rev. Donald Hubbard**
October, 2000	**Rev. Glenn Holt**
October, 2001	**Rev. Bill Ivey**
October, 2002	**Dr. Howard Shipley**
October, 2003	**Rev. Gale J. Keown**
October, 2004	**Rev. Michael Justice**
April, 2005	**Rev. Mark S. Hester**
October, 2005	**Rev. David L. Craig**
April, 2006	**Mr. Richard Snowden**
October, 2006	**Rev. Jerry Scott**
April, 2007	**Rev. Jamie Lively**
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April, 2008	**Mr. Lonnie Knight**
October, 2008	**Dr. J. David Hester**
April, 2009	**Mr. Cleo W. Norman**
October, 2009	**Rev. Thomas Sweet**
April, 2010	**Mr. Virgil Hubbard**
October, 2010	**Rev. Randall Mayfield**
April, 2011	**Mr. Larry Byars**
October, 2011	**Rev. Kevin Wood**
April, 2012	**Mr. Jimmy Rolen**
October, 2012	**Rev. Nick Coker**
April, 2013	**Mr. Jim Greene**
October, 2013	**Rev. Fran Vickers**
April, 2014	**Mrs. Kimberly Walls**
October, 2014	**Rev. Dale Watson**
October, 2015	**Dr. Howard Shipley**
April, 2016	**Mrs. Gwen Roddye**
October, 2016	**Rev. Casey Nicholson**
April, 2017	**Dr. Larry Blakeburn**
October 2017	**Rev. Steve Graham**

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October, 2018	**Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw**
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No meeting held in 2020 due to COVID	
April 2021	**Rev. Greg Tucker**
October 2021	**Rev. Andy Eppard**
April 2022	**Rev. Mike Wilkinson**
October 2022	**Rev. Jerry Scott**
April 2023	**Rev. Mark Hester**
October 2023	**Rev. Chris Franklin**
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June 15-20, 2025
Knoxville, TN

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PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

April 5, 2025 - Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN

STANDING RULES

Presbytery of East Tennessee
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
(October, 2024)

I – MEETINGS

A. DATES

1. Regular Meetings – The Presbytery of East Tennessee will meet on the first Saturday in April, beginning at 9:00 A.M. and on the first Saturday in October, beginning at 9:00 A.M. (When the April meeting comes during Holy Week, the meeting will be one week later.)
2. Called meetings – Additional meetings of Presbytery may be called according to the procedures outlined by the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

B. PLACES

All regular meetings shall be held with the congregations in alphabetical order so far as possible.

C. ATTENDANCE

All ordained ministers (unless retired and have requested a standing excuse), licentiates, candidates, and representatives from all church sessions shall attend all meetings of Presbytery and are expected to stay for the whole meeting from opening through closing roll call unless excused, or if absent, send an acceptable reason for their absence.

1. If an ordained minister (unless retired and have requested a standing excuse), licentiate or candidate is absent without an acceptable excuse from a meeting of Presbytery, the Committee on the Ministry shall counsel with them concerning their responsibility as a minister and recommend to Presbytery action to be taken.
2. If a church fails to send a representative or furnish an acceptable excuse for not having a representative at a meeting of Presbytery, the Board of Missions shall counsel with the Session concerning their responsibility as a church and recommend to Presbytery action to be taken.
3. Each church session shall report the name of their representatives(s) and alternates(s) on forms provided by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.

D. AGENDA

The agenda for each meeting of Presbytery will be planned by the Moderator, Stated Clerk, and the Pastor Host.

1. The Spring meeting will include the following: An audit report from the Board of Finance, a report from the Committee on the Ministry, a report from the Committee on Judicial Concerns for Session records and other necessary business.
2. The Fall meeting will include the following: Reports from all Boards and Committees of the Presbytery including projected plans for the coming year, a report of the Commissioners to the General Assembly, an introduction of the Theme of the General Assembly, the report of the Committee on

Nominations, a report from the Committee on Judicial Concerns for Session Records, the Committee/Commission on Judicial Concerns, as required and any other necessary business.

3. The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery shall mail copies of the agenda and Board and Committee reports to each Session Clerk, minister, licentiate, and candidate of the Presbytery not later than two weeks in advance of a regular meeting.

II – MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP of the Presbytery shall be according to the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

III – OFFICERS

The officers of the Presbytery shall be

A. MODERATOR – The Moderator shall be elected at the beginning of each meeting of Presbytery for a term of six months. The Moderator shall be knowledgeable of parliamentary law and be familiar with the Standing Rules.

B. VICE MODERATOR – The Vice Moderator shall be elected at the beginning of each meeting of Presbytery for a term of six months, with the understanding that the Vice Moderator will be nominated for Moderator at the next meeting of Presbytery. The Vice Moderator shall be knowledgeable of parliamentary law and be familiar with the Standing Rules. The Vice Moderator should be available to stand in for the Moderator, should the need arise.

C. STATED CLERK – The Stated Clerk shall be elected at the Fall meeting for a term of three years. The term of office shall begin on January 1 following election. The Stated Clerk may be a member of Presbytery or an active member of a church in the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

D. TREASURER – The Treasurer shall be elected in the Fall meeting for a term of three years. The term of office will begin on January 1 following election. The Treasurer may be a member of the Presbytery or an active member of a Church in the Presbytery of East Tennessee. The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Finance.

E. TRUSTEES – The Trustees shall consist of three members who shall be elected on a permanent basis. New members shall be elected when vacancies occur. The Trustees shall elect their own officers in compliance with the laws of the states in which the congregations of the Presbytery are located.

IV – AGENCIES

A. The Standing Boards and Committees of the Presbytery shall be as follows:

1. Board of Finance
2. Board of Missions
3. Board of Christian Education

4. Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care
5. Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care
6. Committee on Nominations
7. Committee on Judicial Concerns – Church Records
8. Personnel Committee
9. Camp Chilhowee Board of Directors
10. Camp John Speer Board of Directors

B. Each of the Boards and Committees of Presbytery shall consist of nine members [with the exception of Personnel (3); Judicial Concerns (3); Committee on Ministry for Clergy Care and Probationer Care (5) each who shall be elected at the Fall meeting of Presbytery for a three-year term and shall assume office immediately. (The Committee should include at least 3 ordained ministers and one layperson elder. All unexpired terms shall be filled at the fall meeting of Presbytery. Each person shall be eligible to be re-elected twice, serving for a maximum term of nine consecutive years. The terms of office shall be so arranged that one-third of the terms shall expire each year. Membership shall include both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers, and should also generally reflect the male-female ratio in the constituency it serves. Members missing two consecutive meetings without correspondence with the Board or Committee about their absence may be recommended by the Board or Committee for replacement.

C. SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

1. The Coordinating Committee:
   The Coordinating Committee shall consist of ten voting members which include the chairpersons of the Board of Finance, Board of Christian Education, Board of Missions, Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care, Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care, Committee on Judicial Concerns, Committee on Nominations, Camp Chilhowee Board of Directors, Camp John Speer Board of Directors and Personnel Committee. The Moderator and Clerk shall be ex-officio members.
2. Commission on Discipline:
   The Commission on Discipline shall consist of 6 members (3 ministers; 3 elders) as a permanent commission. New members shall be elected as vacancies occur.
3. The Moderator may appoint other special committees as may be required at each meeting of Presbytery.
4. Presbytery may elect other commissions as may be required at each meeting of Presbytery.

V- PRESBYTERIAL PERSONNEL
(All Presbyterial Personnel Positions are Part-time)

A. PRESBYTERIAL CLERK/COORDINATOR

The Presbyterial Clerk/Coordinator shall provide administrative support for the work of the Presbytery by assuming duties of Stated Clerk, and also serve as a resourcer, trainer, and coordinator for the agencies of the Presbytery.

B. PRESBYTERIAL PASTORS

The Presbyterial Pastors, serving within the Presbyteries two distinct geographic areas, shall encourage the ministers of the Presbytery. They also shall help ministers and their families connect with resources of support and counsel available to them within and outside of the Presbytery.

C. TREASURER

The Presbyterial Treasurer shall provide administrative support, bookkeeping and reports for all financial transactions of the Presbytery. Management of income, cash-flow, fund distribution, bank deposits, and budget planning shall be provided in consultation with the Presbytery's Board of Finance and the other Boards and Committees.

D. PLANNED GIVING COORDINATOR

The Presbyterial Planned Giving Coordinator through the cooperation of the Presbytery and the General Assembly Board of Stewardship, shall be available to communicate a deeper understanding of Christian stewardship and to educate members and churches concerning the opportunities for increased financial support through planned gifts of accumulated assets.

VI – OPERATING GUIDELINES

A. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

Each congregation of Presbytery shall submit its session records for examination annually. Records from Beaver Creek, Bethesda, Casa de fe y Alabanze, Cedar Hill, Clark's Grove, Corntassel, Dover, Fairview, Faith Fellowship, Greeneville, Knoxville, Lebanon, Lenoir City, Loudon, Marietta, Maryville, Mercy, and Mohawk would be due at the spring meeting.

Records from Mt. Carmel, Mt. Pleasant, New Bethel, New Hope, Oakland, Oak Ridge, Oliver Springs, Philadelphia, Pilot Knob, Pleasant Hill, Salem, Shiloh, Talbott, Union, Virtue, Willoughby, and Young's Chapel would be due at the fall meeting. This committee will report at each meeting of Presbytery as to its findings.

B. AGENCY MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

Each Board and Committee reporting to Presbytery shall have met thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of Presbytery. Reports to Presbytery shall be made available to the clerk four (4) weeks prior to the meeting of Presbytery. Boards and Committees shall submit budget requests to the Board of Finance six (6) weeks prior to the Spring meeting of Presbytery.

C. ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND SYNOD

Commissioners and Youth Delegates to the General Assembly and Delegates to Synod shall be elected in October. They shall submit a written report to the meeting of Presbytery following the meeting of General Assembly or Synod. It is the policy of Presbytery that the Commissioners and Youth Advisory Delegates to the General Assembly and the Delegates to Synod be allowed actual expenses on the basis of travel, food, and lodging. The treasurer is authorized to forward funds to Commissioners and Delegates to General Assembly and Synod on their estimated cost.

D. PRESBYTERIAL MINUTES

Within thirty (30) days following a regular meeting of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk of Presbytery shall distribute copies of the minutes as follows: one copy to each minister, licentiate, candidate, and session clerk, and additional copies on request to each congregation of the Presbytery, and board/committee chair persons. The Presbyterial C.P.W.s shall be provided with such copies of the minutes as they may request.

Annually, copies of the minutes shall be sent to the Stated Clerk of General Assembly, Synod of the Southeast, Cumberland Presbyterian Historical Foundation.

E. PRESBYTERIAL SHARES

According to the apportionments recommended by the Board of Finance and adopted by Presbytery, each congregation shall forward to the Presbyterial Treasurer a monthly contribution toward its total share of the annual budget. Any difficulties incurred in meeting an obligation shall be directed to the Board of Finance, with any changes in shares being recommended by the Board to Presbytery. Monies appropriated from New Church Development to be used for any reason other than new church development must be reimbursed from the Presbyterial budget the following budget year. Presbytery shall keep a reserve fund equal to 15% of the total budget.

F. FINANCIAL AUDIT

All financial records of authorized agencies of the Presbytery shall be presented to the Board of Finance at the end of the calendar year for audit. The financial year shall be January 1 through December 31. All treasurers shall be bonded at the expense of the Presbytery.

G. TRAVEL POLICY

The travel policy for boards and committees will be in conformity with current IRS mileage with meals covered in working meetings. Lodging will be covered if necessary. Boards and committees are encouraged to consider travel in their budget requests.

VII – GENERAL

A. Ministers shall be ordained in regular or called meetings of Presbytery or by a Commission when appointed by Presbytery.

B. CONCERNING PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS:
Whenever a church faces a change of pastors, or is for any reason without a pastor, the Board of Missions shall:

1. Recommend the dissolution of the pastoral relationship when necessary
2. Appoint a Moderator for the church session
3. Provide assistance for a self-study to re-evaluate its mission in the community
4. Assist the church in securing a supply for its pulpit, or grant the church permission to arrange for such supply
5. Maintain contact with ministers who may move and aid the church in making contact with a suitable prospective pastor
6. Recommend approval of the proposed pastoral relationship
7. Accept and transmit to Presbytery the request of the church for the newly approved pastor's installation.

C. MINISTERS WHO PLAN TO RETIRE are asked to notify the stated clerk of Presbytery in writing so that they may be duly recognized for their years of service. The letter should include the minister's desires concerning a worship service to recognize the retirement. The Committee on the Ministry on Clergy Care is charged with the responsibility of assisting with arrangements for such worship services.

D. THE STANDING RULES shall be printed in the minutes of each regular meeting of Presbytery.

E. THE STANDING RULES may be amended or suspended as the need arises by two-thirds majority vote of Presbytery.

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PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

JUNE 2, 2024

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in called session at Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church, June 2, 2024. Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Randall Mayfield at 3:01 p.m.

Constituting Prayer was prayed by Rev. Vernon Sansom.

Roll Call: The roll was taken and a quorum was declared present, 29 were in attendance and 13 joined by ZOOM: Those in attendance were: Abby Keller, Barbara Britton, Tom Campbell, Linda Diggs, Allen Williamson, Chris Franklin, Nancy Franklin, Mike Wilkinson, Andy Holloway, Thomas Sweet, Ronnie Duncan, Mark Windham, Mark Hester, Casey Nicholson, Billy Price, Jackson Tucker, Larry Weems, James W. Lively, Dan Freeman, Abby Prevost, Vernon Sansom, James Carter, Kathleen Miller, Dale Watson, Randall Mayfield, Stacy Bolton, Steve Harrison, Dan Maiden, Rebecca Prenshaw and Stated Clerk, Ronald Longmire.

Those in attendance by ZOOM were: Bill Lyle, T. J. Malinoski, Jerry Scott, Darryl Shepard, Ernestine Haun, Nick Fillers, Don Winn, Josefina Sanchez, Larry Blakeburn, Marcy Brooks, Tammy Greene, Terry Cannon and Andy Eppard.

Reading the call: The call was read as follows: "I, Rev. Randall Mayfield, as Moderator request a called meeting for June 2, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. to take place at the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The purpose of this is to name a Judiciary Committee. Grace and peace, Randall Mayfield."

Committee Appointed: The Moderator, in consultation with the Chair of the Nominating Committee, named the following persons to serve on the Judiciary Committee for Discipline: Rev. James Lively, Rev. Vernon Sansom, Rev. Tammy Greene, Rev. T. J. Malinoski and Elder Pete Carter. On motion, the appointments were approved.

Reading of the Minutes: On motion, the minutes were read and approved.

Adjourn: On motion the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 p.m. Rev. Dale Watson prayed the closing prayer.

Rev. Randall Mayfield Moderator

Rev. Ronald L. Longmire Stated Clerk

PROGRAM
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 5, 2024
Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church
7410 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy., Talbott, TN 37877
Phone #: 865-475-1221

Registration----------8:30 a.m.
Call to Order, Moderator Rev. Randall Mayfield----------9:00 a.m.
Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
Constituting Prayer----------Rev. Tammy Greene
Adoption of Program
Welcome and Announcements----------Rev. Randall Mayfield

1. Report #1 of Nominations Committee (Goldenrod)
   - Election of Moderator
   - Recognition of Visitors
   - Communications

Hearing of Representative of Agencies and other Judicatories

Hearing of Board/Committee Reports:

2. G. A. Comm. Reports (White)
3. Synod Reports (White)
4. Camp John Speer (White)
5. Report of Coordinating Comm. (White)
6. Commission to install (White)
7. C. E. Comm. (Blue)
8. Personnel (Lilac)
9. Com. for Clergy Care (Cream)
10. Com. For Probationer Care (Canary)
11. Camp Chilhowee (Green)
12. Bd. of Finance (Gray)
13. Bd. Of Missions (Pink) + White
14. Report #2 Nominations Comm. (Goldenrod)
15. Church Records

Selection of Next Place of Meeting – Greeneville C. P. Church

Other Business
Reading & approval of Minutes – Final Roll Call

Closing Prayer - Adjournment

ROLL CALL – OCTOBER, 2024

MINISTERS

Blackwelder, Andy	PP
Blakeburn, Larry	PP
Borchert, Karen	AA
Borchert, Mark	AA
Campbell, Thomas	PP
Carter, James	PP
Choi, Ezra	AA
Coker, Nick	AA
Creamer, Jennifer	AA
Duncan, Ronnie	PP
Eppard, Andy	PP
Fly, Billy	AA
Franco, Ricardo	AA
Franklin, Chris	PP
Freeman, Dan	EE
Gonzales, Miguel	PP
Greene, Tammy	PP
Harper, Carlton	EE
Hartman, Gary	PP
Hester, Mark	PP
Hubbard, Don	EE
Johnson, Ken	EE
Keller, Abby Cole	PP
Kelly, Patrick	EE
Koopman, David	EE
Lively, James W.	PP
Longmire, Ronald	PP
Malinoski, T. J.	PP
Marquez, Alfonso	PP
Marquez, Martha	PP
Mayfield, Randall	PP
McBeth, David	EE
McGuire, James	EE
Nicholson, Casey	PP
Peach, John	EE
Peterson, Lisa	EE
Pickard, Ron	EE
Prenshaw, Rebecca	PP
Prevost, Abby	PP
Price, Billy	PP
Sanchez, Josefina	EE
Sansom Jr., Vernon	PP
Scott, Jerry	PP

CEUs
2024-2026

Freeman, Dan	HR
Harper, Carlton	HR
Hartman, Gary	9.0
Hester, Mark	18.0
Hubbard, Don	HR
Johnson, Ken	0.8
Longmire, Ronald	9.0
Peach, John	9.0
Prenshaw, Rebecca	9.0
Sansom, Jr., Vernon	HR
Scott, Jerry	2.55
Sledge, Jeff	HR
Tucker, Greg	HR
Turner, Leonard	9.0
Wilkinson, Mike	9.0
Winn, Don	9.0

(Honorably Retired:
no CEUs required)

Sledge, Jeff	EE
Sweet, Thomas	PP
Tucker, Greg	EE
Turner, Leonard	EE
Vickers, Fran	EE
Watson, Dale	PP
West, Jr., Fred	EE
Wilkinson, Mike	PP
Winn, Don	PP

LICENTIATE

Adair, Ed	EE
Lyle, Bill	P (Zoom)
King, Brennan	PP
Gina Wood	EE

CANDIDATE

Brooks, Marcy	PP
Riese, Roland	PP
Shelton, Duncan	PP
Smith, Griffen	PP

LAY PREACHER

Snowden, Richard	AA

PROVISIONAL MINISTERS

Gibson, Josh	AA
McAmis, Wade	AA
Mitchell, Dale	AA
Moore, Dallas	AA

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES – October 5, 2024

Beaver Creek	Sheena Beal	PP
	Christy Woodruff	PP
Bethesda	Roger Thornburg	PP
Casa de fey		AA
Cedar Hill	Larry Peters	PP
Clark's Grove	Pete Carter	PP
Corntassell		AA
Dover	Jerry Horner	PP
Fairview		AA
Faith Fellowship	Dan Maiden	PP
Greeneville	Dustin Click	PP
Heartland Worship Center	Jennifer Smith	PP
Knoxville	Bill Halbert	PP
Lebanon	Cindy Bales	PP
Loudon	Suzanne McNabb	PP
Marietta	Brenda Owensby	PP
Maryville	Lee Longmire	PP
Mercy	Silvia Guzman	PP
Mohawk	Jessica Neas	PP
Mt. Carmel	Don Bird	PP
Mt. Pleasant	Larry J. Weems	PP
New Bethel	Barbara Britton	PP
New Hope	Darryl Dexter	PP
Oakland		AA
Oak Ridge	Theresa McKenrick	PP
Philadelphia		AA
Pilot Knob		AA
Pleasant Hill	Stacy Bolton	PP
Pleasant Vale		AA
Salem		AA
Shiloh	Nicholas Fillers	PP
Talbott	Darlene Gillispie	PP
Union		EE
Virtue	Terry Kerbs	PP
Willoughby		AA
Young's Chapel	Steven Ludtman	PP

MINUTES
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
OF THE
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 5, 2024

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session with Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Talbott, TN, on October 5, 2024. The Moderator, Rev. Randall Mayfield called the Presbytery into Session at 9:00 a.m. The roll call showed 27 Ministers, one Licentiate, 4 Candidates, 25 Elders and 2 Visitors present.

Declaration of Quorum and Constituting Prayer – A quorum was declared present and the Moderator called on Rev. Tammy Greene to pray the Constituting Prayer.

Adoption of Program - On motion the program was adopted.

Welcome and Announcements – Moderator Randall Mayfield made the necessary announcements and welcomed the Presbytery to Talbott.

Election of Moderator – Elder Linda Diggs presented the Nominations Committee report. The report placed the name of Rev. Abby Cole Keller as Moderator in nomination for a term of 6 months and the name of Rev. Tammy Greene as vice-moderator for a term of 6 months. The floor was open for other nominations, there being none we proceeded to elect. On motion the report was concurred in and they were elected. The new moderator, Rev. Abby Cole Keller assumed the chair. The report was marked "A" and filed.

Recognition of Visitors – The following were recognized as present: Carolyn McCarter and Gwen Roddye.

Request to be Excused – The following requested to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery: Leonard Turner, Gina Wood, Ken Johnson, Josefina Sanchez, John Peach, Ed Adair, David Koopman and David McBeth.

Retirement- Rev. Greg Tucker requested to be granted Honorable Retirement status and a Standing excuse from the meetings of Presbytery. On motion, approved.

Communications – A. Letter from Rev. Dr. Pam Phillips-Burk concerning The Pastoral Mental Health Endowment and the goal to increase the endowment to $250,000 by 2028. B. Received letter from Cliff Hudson, Stated Clerk of the Synod of Southeast, concerning a response to a memorial from the Synod. No action taken. C. Newsletter from Jennifer Creamer and the Missionary work she does. D. Received a newsletter from "The Cumberland Youth and Family Service." E. Summary of Actions and Denominational News and Updates from the General Assembly Office are available on line.

The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care – The report was presented by Rev. Larry Blakeburn, on motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "B" and filed. Licentiate Bill Lyle was present and interviewed by "ZOOM". The floor was opened for questions and comments. The Virtue elder named in this meeting is Elder Terry Kerbs. The Constitutional questions were asked by Rev. Blakeburn and proper answers were given. Rev. Mike Wilkinson led in prayer.

Hearing of Board and Committee Reports - On motion reports number 2 through 6 were concurred in, Marked C, D, E, F, and G and filed. Rev. Tammy Greene spoke to the Camp John Speer report.

Board of Christian Education & Heritage – The report of the Board of Christian Education was presented by Marcy Brooks. On motion the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "H" and filed.

Personnel Committee- The report of the Personnel Committee was presented by Rev. Larry Blakeburn. On motion was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "I" and filed.

Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care – The report of the Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care was presented by Rev. Mark Hester. On motion the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "J" and filed.

Camp Chilhowee Board – The report of the Camp Chilhowee Board was presented by Duncan Shelton. On motion it was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "K" and filed.

Board of Finance- The Report of the Board of Finance was presented by Stacy Bolton. On motion the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "L" and filed.

Rev. Mike Wilkinson made a motion that the Board of Finance explore the possibilities of giving $1,000.00 a year for 5 years to the "Pastoral Mental Health Service." Motion passed.

Hearing of Representatives of Agencies and other Judicatories – Rev. T. J. Malinoski spoke on behalf of the Denominational Center and its operation. Kelly Shanton spoke on behalf of O.U.O. Pete Carter spoke on behalf of the Children's Home. Rev. Larry Blakeburn shared information about General Assembly and its operation.

Board of Missions Report number one of the Board of Missions was presented by Rev. Casey Nicholson. On motion the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "M" and filed.

Report number 2 of the Board of Missions was presented by Rev. Casey Nicholson. On motion the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "N" and filed.

Nominating Committee Report #2 – Report number 2 of the Nominating Committee was presented by Linda Diggs. Some editorial changes were made. Opportunity was given for nominations from the floor. On motion the report was concurred in and those named were elected. Marked "O" and filed.

Church Records – The report of the Committee on Judicial Concerns for Church Records was presented by Rev. Dale Watson. The report was concurred in Marked "P" and filed.

Funds for Mental Health Services – Motion made "That any remaining funds in the Committees on Ministry (Clergy Care and Probationary) at the end of the year be given to the Pastoral Mental Health Services Endowment Fund for the next 2 years. Motion passed.

Motion to Dismiss – By unanimous vote, the complaints against Rev. Mark Hester and Rev. Ronald Longmire were declared "No Basis for the Charges". Marked "Q" and filed.

Other Business – Rev. Andy Blackwelder made an announcement concerning aide in the Greeneville area after the flooding.

Memorial – Rev. Casey Nicholson, on motion proposed that the Coordinating Committee prepare and send a memorial to General Assembly concerning the actions of the Synod of the Southeast. See appendix "R".

Report of the Judiciary Commission – The Report of the Judiciary Commission was presented by Rev. Vernon Sansom. The Commission found Rev. Billy Price "Not Guilty" of the charges. Marked "S" and filed.

Selection of next meeting place – On motion, the invitation to meet with the Greeneville C. P. Church on April 5, 2025 was accepted.

Reading of the Minutes – The minutes of the meeting were read and on motion approved as read.

Adjourn- On motion adjourned at 11:30 a.m. to meet April 5, 2025 in Greeneville.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Casey Nicholson prayed the closing prayer.

Rev. Abby Keller Moderator
Rev. Abby Keller

Rev. Ronald Longmire Stated Clerk
Rev. Ronald Longmire

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

A

REPORT #1

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting at the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 5, 2024.

The Committee on Nominations nominates Rev. Abby Keller to serve as Moderator and Rev. Tammy Greene as Vice Moderator for terms of six months.

Our appreciation is expressed to Rev. Randall Mayfield for his service as Moderator and is commended for his faithfulness.

We commend the following individuals for their faithful service to our presbytery. They have served 3 three-year terms on their respective boards/committees.

Board of Christian Education and Heritage:
Nancy Franklin
Board of Missions
Mary Sue Balding
Rev. Jamie Lively
Committee on Judicial Concerns for Church Records
Rev. Mike Wilkinson
Committee on Nominations
Amy Brandon
Camp John Speer Board
Rev. James Carter

Respectfully submitted,

Committee on Nominations

B

Report of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Probationer Care

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
October 5, 2024

I. <u>Licentiates Under the Care of Presbytery</u>

A. **Ed Adair**—Ed is a member of Beaver Creek CP Church. He was received as a candidate in April 2021 and licensed in April 2023. He attends Memphis Theological Seminary while working full time for Oak Ridge National Laboratories, and expects to complete his MDiv and graduate in May 2025. Ed has filled the pulpit on occasion at Faith CPC and is a part-time Sunday School teacher at Beaver Creek. His committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

B. **Brennan King**—Received as a candidate in October 2019 and licensed in October 2023, Brennan is a member of Heartland CP Church. He is serving as stated supply at Talbott CP Church. Brennan attended Memphis Theological Seminary beginning in August 2023. He opened a gym in early 2024, and the committee approved his taking a semester off while he worked to get the new business established. Because of job responsibilities, his return to classes at MTS has been delayed. The committee is assisting him with plans to move forward in seminary, as is his intention. Gwen Roddye is his committee contact.

C. **Bill Lyle**—Bill was received as a licentiate in April 2024. Ordained in 1989 by the Presbyterian Church of America, Bill Lyle is currently serving as stated supply at Virtue CP Church in Knoxville. He has the required undergraduate and seminary degrees and is completing the last of the required Cumberland Presbyterian studies. The committee notes that Virtue congregation has enthusiastically responded to his leadership, particularly in the area of missions and outreach. Due to a long-planned vacation, Bill is unable to be at presbytery in person. Because we feel that both the church and Bill will benefit from his being able to serve as the ordained pastor, we ask that presbytery examine Bill via Zoom.

Recommendation I: That, upon his successfully sustaining the presbytery's examination and pending the completion of his final required class, Bill Lyle be approved for ordination, to take place at Virtue CP Church, and

Recommendation II: That a commission including Rev. Mike Wilkinson, Chair, Rev. Gary Hartman, Rev. John Peach, Rev. Don Winn, Rev. Leonard Turner, Rev. Carlton Harper, Rev. Alfonso Marquez, Rev. David Koopman, and Elder Delegate(s) to Presbytery from Virtue Church (names to be provided at the meeting of Presbytery) be appointed for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Lyle.

If approved, the service of ordination and installation would be held at Virtue Church On November 17, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

II. **Candidates Under the Care of Presbytery**

A. **Marcy Brooks**—A certified Lay Leader and a member of Fairview CP Church, Marcy was received as a candidate in the April 2021 meeting of Presbytery. She is serving Philadelphia CP Church as a Lay Leader. Marcy is currently enrolled in the Program of Alternate Studies. She recently completed a study of "Seven Practices of an Effective Church" under the guidance of Dr. Casey Nicholson. Her committee contact is Rev. Tammy Greene.

B. **Roland Riese**—Roland is a member of Corntassel CP Church, where he serves as church pianist and teaches Sunday School. Roland is enrolled at Liberty University's John W. Rawlings School of Divinity, a seminary accredited by ATS and SACS, and his most recent courses included Christian Leadership and New Testament Orientation II, Greek, and Evangelism. He will complete the required Cumberland Presbyterian studies through the PAS program. Roland's committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

C. **Amelia Shelton**—Amelia was received as a candidate in October 2021, while a student at Maryville College. After much reflection, Amelia has requested that her name be removed from the roll of candidates for the ministry while she further discerns her call.

RECOMMENDATION III: That at her request, Amelia Shelton be removed from the roll of candidates for the ministry in the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

D. **Duncan Shelton**—Duncan is a member of First CP Church of Oak Ridge and was received as a candidate for the ministry in October 2016. Duncan works in his family's business full-time, but plans to return to college to complete his degree in church vocations with an emphasis on business. He serves alongside his sister Amelia as youth co-director at First CP of Oak Ridge and regularly presents the Sunday morning children's sermon on rotation. He is currently Chair of the Camp Chilhowee Board. Duncan's committee contact is Rev. Larry Blakeburn.

E. **Griffen Smith**—Received as a candidate in October 2018, Griffen is an active member of Beaver Creek CP Church. Rev. Billy Price is his mentor and Gwen Roddye is his committee contact. He is currently in a two-year MA program in French at the University of Tennessee, expecting to complete his advanced degree in spring of 2025. Griffin has been serving as pastoral intern/children and youth activities director at Loudon CPC since May 1. In that role he has had opportunities to make hospital visits and preach on occasion, in addition to his other duties. He plans to attend seminary following graduation from UT.

F. **Gina Wood**—Gina was received as a candidate in October 2018 and licensed in April 2024. A member of Union CP Church, she teaches Sunday School, assists on Wednesday evenings, and fills the pulpit when needed. Gina is enrolled in the Program of Alternate Studies, however delays in the announcement of schedules for the summer 2024 PAS classes prevented her from participating. She is considering pursuing a seminary degree rather than completing PAS. Her committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

We note that difficulties within the Program of Alternate Studies affected the progress of multiple candidates this year. In addition to a very late release of the schedule for summer classes, there were issues with registration and delays in students receiving grades for completed courses. These problems do not reflect our students' previous experience of PAS, and we hope that the issues can be resolved before the 2025 PAS sessions.

III. Concerning Non-CP Ministers Serving CP Churches—A reminder regarding a policy change approved at the 10/3/2015 meeting of presbytery: "that any ordained minister, candidate, lay speaker who is not Cumberland Presbyterian and desires to serve a church within the Presbyterial bounds first come under the supervision of the Committee on the Ministry. The individual will be interviewed as to their suitability to minister, show proof of their ordination by another Church Body, proof of educational attainments, their willingness to submit to Church polity and doctrine and submit to training regarding Cumberland Presbyterian church history, polity and doctrine. The committee will oversee the preparation of the individual prior to any contract being agreed upon by a congregation and the individual." **As a result of the division of the Committee on the Ministry into two committees, we note that this responsibility now rests with the Committee for Probationer Care.**

IV. Elder Training for Administering Communion— For those churches being served by lay persons or non-CP ordained ministers, an active ordained elder can receive presbytery approval to oversee the service of the Lord's Supper. **Those wishing to be approved must contact the Committee for Probationer Care by January 1, 2025,** to receive the necessary training and to get their request for approval included in the report to the April 2025 meeting of presbytery. Elders who have completed the training in the past are not required to be re-trained, but trained elders must have their session request presbyterial approval to administer communion each year. Only currently serving elders may be approved.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

To The Presbytery of East Tennessee in session at the Greeeneville CPC C

Dear Members of the Presbytery of East Tennessee,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for appointing me as a Commissioner to the General Assembly held in Evansville, Indiana. It was a profound experience that allowed me to fully engage with the dynamics of our beloved denomination.

Throughout my time at the Assembly, I participated in multiple worship services led by a wide variety of persons. It was wonderful to see the diversity of our Denomination. I was truly an honor to nominate from the floor Rev. Larry Blakeburn for moderator of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I was proud to see him take the position, which I know, with the help of the Holy Spirit, he will fulfill dutifully throughout the difficult year ahead. I enjoyed the celebratory moments that honored Women in Ministry. It was also invigorating to connect with fellow Cumberland Presbyterians from all over the world, exchanging ideas and sharing in our collective mission.

I had the privilege of serving as the Chairperson for the Ministry Council Committee, which allowed me to witness firsthand the dedication and passion of our leaders. In speaking with our staff at length, I am thrilled to see the passion they have for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the hard work they have been putting forth to hold us together.

However, as I navigated through various discussions and deliberations, it became increasingly evident that a division within the Denomination persists. The hostility and anger were more pronounced and palpable than I had anticipated, even after sitting through similar deliberations at Synod, in which our own Presbytery was under attack. Throughout the business session the atmosphere was charged, hostility was pronounced, sides were chosen, and few were working for a middle ground. The challenges we face as a community were laid bare. It was saddening and disheartening to hear so many voices willing to "burn it down to rule over ashes".

Friends, we are not a large enough denomination to turn against ourselves. The way of peace and love seems to have slipped away. Instead of working to turn swords into plowshares, there where those in attendance who were there to only sharpen swords and draw first blood. I left our meeting of the General Assembly of Cumberland Presbyterian Church with a deep heart ache. A denomination that survived the Civil War does not look like it will survive this divide unless something changes. Unless the voices of the middle

rise and speak to a middle theology to which this Denomination was birthed into, we will not stand.

We will never all agree on all aspects of the faith, that is, no was, one of the good things about being CP. May we find a way to disagree with love in our hearts, not hatred. With peace as the goal, not war.

I am committed to working towards healing and unity within our church. It is my belief that fostering open dialogue and mutual respect is essential for moving forward. Let us strive to find common ground as we seek God's guidance in our ministry.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to represent our Presbytery at this significant event. I look forward to discussing my observations and insights further with all of you.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Abby Cole Keller

Dear Members of the Presbytery of East Tennessee,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Presbytery for allowing me the opportunity to attend the 193 General Assembly as a youth advisory delegate. The experience was incredibly enriching and provided me with a deeper understanding of the broader work of the Church.

Being part of the 193 General Assembly was a profound privilege. It allowed me to witness the diverse perspectives within our denomination and to engage in meaningful dialogue about the issues that shape our faith community.

I served on the committee of Theological and Social Concerns. The sessions were enlightening, and the fellowship with other members was truly inspiring.

I also served on the Credentials Committee, which was a wonderful privilege.

I left the General Assembly with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to our congregation. Your support in making this possible is greatly appreciated.

Thank you once again for your generosity and for the trust you placed in me to represent our presbytery at such an important gathering.

With sincere appreciation,

Katy Keller,
Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD)
New Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT
To the Presbytery of East Tennessee
Meeting with the Greeneville C.P. Church
October 5, 2024

I Love the Cumberland Presbyterian Church! That wasn't the title of the retiring moderator's sermon on the first night of the Assembly, but it's the most vivid memory I have of his sermon. Rev. Mitch Boulton delivered a powerful, personal and passionate sermon that set the tone for the entire week of General Assembly. It was a message of unity in the midst of diversity. It reflected the belief that we could disagree without being disagreeable. And that is what I experienced at General Assembly. The Apostle Paul wrote, "In your anger do not sin ... and do not give the devil a foothold" (Ephesians 4:26-27). In our committee meetings during the week, and on the floor of the Assembly on Thursday, we didn't give the devil a foothold. We had passionate presentations but the tone of the Assembly was positive.

Is it worth it? That wasn't the title of the sermon delivered by the Rev. Dr. George Estes on Wednesday evening, but it's what resonated with me. Is being a minister in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church worth it? With all the sacrifices and struggles we have to face, is it worth it? Is being a leader in the church worth it? With all the different theological, social, and political positions in our denomination, is it worth it? Should we find a church that mirrors our position or learn to live with and respect the church we have? Is the Cumberland Presbyterian Church worth it? My answer is yes! Absolutely! Because I love the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Actions of the Assembly:

- I was elected Moderator of the 193rd General Assembly by one vote. It was an honor to be endorsed by the Presbytery of East Tennessee, and it is a great honor to serve the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in this capacity.
- Elected Rev. Nick Chambers, Arkansas Presbytery, as the Vice Moderator.
- Re-elected Rev. Mike Sharpe as Stated Clerk.
- Approved a goal of $2,500,000 for Our United Outreach (OUO) for 2025.
- Noted that the CP Church in Colombia turns 100 years old in 2025.
- In response to a call for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church to enter a time of reconciliation, GA tasked the Ministry Council with developing an initiative to the 194th General Assembly to address any issue that might divide the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
- Instructed presbyteries in the United States to encourage each congregation to receive an offering on the last Sunday of May to support our ministry through Presbyterian Council for Federal Chaplains.
- Acknowledged the Report of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary that circumstances create a need for the Seminary to enter into acquisition or merger discussions with other institutions and expressed hope that the Seminary will begin those discussions with Bethel University.
- Welcomed Dr. Perry Moulds as the new president of Bethel University.
- Added Children's Home Sunday to the Church Calendar. In 2025 the date is March 9th.
- Adopted a revised Statement on Homosexuality.
- The General Assembly adjourned to meet in Knoxville, TN on June 17-21, 2025.

Planning Committee: As chair of the Personnel Committee, I recommend that the Coordinating Committee serve as the Planning Committee for the 194th meeting of General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Blakeburn

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Ronald Longmire,

I would like to thank the members of the East TN Presbytery for the opportunity to serve as Elder Delegate to the 193rd General Assembly.

I had the privilege to serve on the Stewardship / OUO committee, where I learned how our OUO monies are invested and allocated. We also gained a better understanding of the structure of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I have a great respect for the process of decision making that affects us all.

I can now take this information and understanding back and share it with my local church.

Thank you again.

Bonnie Hartman
New Bethel, Elder

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee

D

I want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to be clergy delegate to Synod May 4th in Scottsboro, AL and clergy delegate to General Assembly June 16-23rd in Evansville, IN.

This Synod was open to all Ministers and Elders with meaningful and informative workshops, along with some spirited debate during the business meeting which it seemed most of us present from East Tennessee Presbytery, including myself, was initially unclear on what the debate was over. All in all it was good to reconnect with old friends and hopefully made some new ones.

My experience at the 193rd General Assembly was filled with many highlights, such as new places in the area I had the opportunity to visit after my committee meetings, shared meals with dear friends, reconnecting with old friends and making some new ones as well. I had the opportunity to share an evening celebrating women's ministry and hopefully catching some of their enthusiasm. Messages from retiring Moderator Rev. Mitch Bolton calling us to unity and Wednesday evening Rev. Dr. George Estes called each of us to ask "Is it Worth It" meaning is it worth the struggle and sacrifice we all go through. I feel each of us answered the question in our own ways before the sermon was over hopefully getting to a resounding yes, it is! I was able to participate in and witness or very own Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn be elected as GA Moderator. He was able to eloquently guide the business meeting through what would have been a much more difficult and painful process, in my opinion, if Larry had not been the one thoughtfully and prayerfully guiding this meeting.

The biggest take away for me throughout the meeting was and is coming to the realization exactly just how middle of the road in our medium theology I am on a deeply personal level. I believe the confession I swore to abide by (as we all have) correctly and more than adequately guides us as it always has since the founding of our church with few additions. I also believe the church in 1996 took a "stand" as some like to call it, on Homosexuality. It is on the church's web site for all to read should anyone chose to do so. Our confession is also set up to provide means to bring charges by anyone (apparently regardless of factual evidence or not) should they feel the Presbytery or anyone under the jurisdiction of a Synod (as we saw at Synod 2024) has not acted in accordance with the confession. With this understanding we all share, I cannot grasp the reason for all the ongoing resolutions. It became apparent by interactions I had being told to "keep it biblical" by more than one person they perceived me to not believe in or follow our confession if I would not vote for such resolutions. I also perceived there were more "middle of the road" folks, like myself present, who do not grasp the division when our confession is so clear and our means of hearing any judicial concerns is laid out clearly within our confession.

Even with this frustration. To answer the question Rev Dr. Estes ask us "is worth it?" Yes it is, as to do any less would be like saying I am too good or righteous to carry my cross and Love my neighbor, Jesus said we must do both.

Rev. Chris Franklin

Report of the Camp John Speer Board of Directors

to the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting in session
at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 5, 2024

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The Camp John Speer Board has met twice since our last report to April Presbytery.

It is with deep sorrow that we inform the Presbytery of the death of Ruth Elwell, wife of Dennis Elwell, former Camp John Speer caretakers for almost 20 years. Ruth died on July 10, 2024.

Improvements and Updates since our last report include:

- Notification received from Greene County Zoning, Building and Planning requiring Camp John Speer to obtain a business license in Greene County and comply with our Hotel tax obligation equal to 7% of gross rental receipts for overnight accommodations. Business License has been obtained and Camp John Speer has been incorporated to limit liability.
- Purchase of new GE range for Shelton Hall to replace 6 burner Hobart Range with non-working convection oven
- Two 19–20-ton truckloads of ¾" gravel delivered and spread from the split at the top of the hill to Fort Plenty, up to well house and at the entrance to the newly cleared area behind well house.
- Two additional shelves purchased for True commercial refrigerator.
- Replaced two broken ceiling fans, one in Chapel and one on front porch of Shelton Hall.

Retreats and Camps

Spring Retreat (7th-12th grades) Apr. 19-21, 2024	10 campers + 5 staff
Summer Youth Camp (7th- 12th grades) June 23-27,2024	10 campers + 6 staff
Summer Kids Camp (3rd – 6th grades) July 7-11,2024	33 campers + 13 staff including CIT's

Fall Youth Retreat (7th – 12th grades) October 18-20, 2024 – Director Nancy Franklin – Cost $60 – Register online at campjohnspeer.com

Workday at Camp John Speer – **Sat. October 26 - 9 am – 2 pm.** Lunch, snacks & water provided.

2025 Summer Camps Youth Camp (7th-12th grades) June 22-26,2025; Kids Camp (3rd-6th grades) July 6-10,2025

Donations to Camp John Speer may be sent to: Stacy Bolton, Treas., 265 Chimney Top Ln, Chuckey, TN 37641

Camp John Speer closes for the season on November 15. Reserve your day, week, or weekend now for fall in the beauty of the mountains at Camp John Speer.

CP's and CP affiliated groups receive a **10% discount off all rates**.

Reservation Deposit =	$50 all groups
Day Rate =	$100; **$90 for CP's**
Slip 'n Slide usage =	$75; **$67.50 for CP's**
Day Rate + Slip 'n Slide + Chapel & Bathroom Access =	$125; **$112.50 for CP's**
Night Rates start at =	$125 per night for a group of 1-12; **$112.50 for CP's**
	$200 per night for a group of 13-24; **$180 for CP's**

Camp John Speer is located at 2154 Viking Mountain Rd. Greeneville TN and may be reserved by contacting Camp Caretaker Nick Fillers at **423-636-1366** or emailing nicholasfillers24@gmail.com

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REPORT OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

To: The Presbytery of East Tennessee in session with the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 5, 2024.

The Coordinating Committee met on September 5, 2024.

The Committee reviewed reports from the following Boards and Committees:

1. Christian Education
2. Finance
3. Missions – Oral report by Casey Nicholson
4. Personnel
5. Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care
6. Committee on Ministry for Clergy Care
7. Committee on Nominations
8. Camp Chilhowee
9. Camp John Speer
10. Committee/Commission on Discipline – No Report
11. Judicial Concerns for Church Records – will report at Presbytery

We appreciate the work that is performed by all the Boards and Committees of the Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
The Coordinating Committee

FROM THE DESK OF

REV. CASEY NICHOLSON, D.MIN.

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June 11, 2024

The Presbytery of East Tennessee
%: Rev. Ron Longmire, Stated Clerk
cc: Linda Diggs, Asst. Stated Clerk

Re: Report on the Installation of Rev. Andy Blackwelder

Dear Friends:

I'm writing to formally report on the recent installation of Rev. Andy Blackwelder as Pastor of the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

On Sunday, June 9, 2024 I oversaw the installation service for Rev. Blackwelder. This included serving as Chair of the Commission to Install Rev. Blackwelder that had been appointed by the Presbytery of Tennessee at its April 2024 meeting. That commission consisted of myself alongside Rev. Jamie Lively, Rev. Dr. Daniel Freeman, and Elders Bill Gott (Greeneville) and Carolyn Harmon (Cedar Hill). Each of the members of the Commission to Install were present in worship at the Greeneville church on June 9, and each played an active role in the installation service. Rev. Dr. Daniel Freeman was the preacher for the day, and I myself presided over the questions to the candidate and to the session and the congregation in which all parties entered a covenant relationship. The installation service was well attended, and was a joyous occasion. Rev. Blackwelder was named Pastor of the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church in that service, and he has now assumed duties at the church.

Inasmuch as I was serving the church in an interim capacity in the months leading up to Rev. Blackwelder's onboarding, I have taken it upon myself to communicate a number of pastoral care concerns and administrative observations to Rev. Blackwelder so that he can be sure to be well informed as he begins his term of employment. I have also formally communicated with the Greeneville session, and explained that Rev. Blackwelder will be taking on Moderator duties moving forward.

I feel confident that Andy is set up for success at the church, and it has been an honor to play a role in the transition.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Casey Nicholson, D.Min.

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REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & HERITAGE

TO MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

WITH GREENEVILLE CPC ON OCTOBER 5, 2024

The Board of Christian Education and Heritage met at the Talbott CPC on June 4th, 2024 and via Teams Meeting on August 6, 2024..

The board finalized plans for 2025 Denomination Day Celebration which will be held on February 2nd, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. with the theme of "Commemorate the Past, Inspire Future."

The board has elected to have two separate locations for attendance to the 2025 Denomination Day.

Knoxville area- The Loudon CPC agreed to host.

Greeneville area- New Bethel CPC agreed to host.

Our hope is that churches within our Presbytery will attend one that is close to their home church and join in the fellowship with one another.

The board also approved recommendations on the budget for the Board of Christian Education and Heritage presented by the Board of Finance without any additional recommendations.

Discussion and approval of the board to send a survey to each church on what training or seminars they would be most interested in from the Christian Education Committee. The forms will be given out at Presbytery and also sent to the churches..

CPYC was scheduled for July 7-12, 2024, at Bethel University. The Board promoted the event and sent email to the churches that funds were available to supplement the cost for individuals attending.

"graceConvo", winter youth conference, is held each year in Gatlinburg. It is organized by Grace Presbytery of the CPC. Board will make information available to churches promoting the event and funds not used for CPYC will be available to supplement the cost for individuals attending.

RECOMMENDATION:
That the Board of Christian Education to collaborate with Bethel University to promote the Bethel Scholarship for students within the Boundary of our Presbytery for those attending either on campus or online.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Christian Education and Heritage

Christian Education Survey

See the church, Go be the church, Love God, Love Others, Serve All

What type of Christian Education Seminars would your church be most interested in? Christian Education comes in various forms, traditional face-to-face class and Bible Studies, small groups, online groups. Please number 1-10 of your top choices. The Christian Education committee will review your recommendations for future events.

1) Communication Ministry- Web Site, Social Media, How to set up On line Ministry, Outreach to the Community, How to make a church video- e-newsletters- find ideas for developing a communication strategy- plan and tips for using both new and traditional ways of outreach

2) Leader Development- Stewards in Action- How to promote leadership in the church?

3) Childrens Ministry-

4) Youth Ministry

5) Family Ministry-

6) Men's Ministry or Retreat- spiritual growth programs

7) Women's Ministry or Retreat-

8) Discipleship Ministry -

9) Small Group Ministry – tools to help manage small groups

10) Evangelism Ministry

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REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church

October 5, 2024

The Personnel Committee was asked to nominate the Host Committee for General Assembly, meeting in Knoxville in June 2025. The Host Committee will call on additional people to help in various tasks. The work of the committee will begin this fall.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery Coordinating Committee serve as the General Assembly Host Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

The Personnel Committee

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Report of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Clergy Care

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
October 5, 2024

I. **Committee Contacts**—We have made attempts to contact each minister on the roll of presbytery. Our efforts have resulted in many good conversations and helped us get to know more about individuals and their ministry. We appreciate the receptive responses and will continue to reach out to those with whom we have not yet made connection.

II. **Continuing Education**—General Assembly requires ministers to complete six units of continuing education every three years, with the current cycle being 2024-2026. One CEU credit is earned for every approved ten hours of instruction/study. In addition to classes such as the Ministerial Ethics class offered twice a year by PDMT, examples of avenues for earning CEUs include book studies, quarterly gatherings via Zoom sponsored by Pastoral Development and Discipleship Ministry Teams, online webinars, Engage sessions, and Cumberland Reflections (available via the following link.) **https://cpcmc.org/cumberland-reflection/**

Ministers are responsible for providing information regarding CEUs they have earned to the Committee for Clergy Care. Forms for reporting CEUs will be available at meetings of Presbytery. Alternatively, CEUs may be reported by using the link provided here: **https://cpcmc.org/pdmt-ceu-report-form/**

The committee will provide a CEU status report to the Stated Clerk for inclusion in presbytery minutes. All forms received prior to the conclusion of the October meeting of presbytery will be included in the minutes.

III. **Resources**—In addition to continuing education opportunities, many resources are available through the denomination's Pastoral Development Ministry Team, including worship resources and leadership referral services. Additional resources to which we wish to draw attention:

A. **Employee Assistance Program**--Carelon Wellbeing is the provider for this voluntary program which offers free and confidential assessments, short-term counseling, and referral services to ministers (and family members living in the household) who have personal and/or ministry-related problems. EAPs address a broad and complex body of issues affecting mental and emotional well-being, such as family problems, workplace stress, grief, anxiety and depression, alcohol and substance abuse. For information about the Employee Assistance Program, go to https://cpcmc.org/pdmt-employee-assistance-program/

The program is open to all ministers (active and retired), probationers, and their families living in the household. The premium for 2025 is $19.20 per minister/family, and is guaranteed not to increase for 3 years.

Recommendation I: That Presbytery continue to pay the premiums for ministers and probationers on the roll of presbytery to be enrolled in the Employee Assistance Program for 2025.

B. **Louisa Woosley Preaching Initiative**—The committee met with Rev. Jennifer Newell, Director of the Louisa Woosley Preaching Initiative, which is funded by a grant from the Lily Foundation. A preaching conference will be held March 18-20, 2025, in Bowling Green, KY. The conference is offered at no cost to participants, including lodging and food, and a travel stipend is available. We encourage ministers to watch for registration information. Rev. Newell is regularly sending Monday newsletters via email that include brief videos and other information related to compelling preaching. We encourage ministers to take advantage of this resource. (If not receiving the emails, check your spam folder or contact our committee for assistance.) We would like to offer ministers within our presbytery the opportunity to benefit directly from the program by offering a preaching workshop in connection with the April 5, 2025 meeting.

Recommendation II: That Rev. Jennifer Newell be invited to conduct a one-hour preaching workshop at the April 2025 meeting of presbytery.

We suggest that a separate workshop, such as one of those held at the spring meeting of Synod, could be offered for Elder Delegates and visitors during the same time.

IV. **Budget Request**—The committee approved the following budget request for 2025, which represents an increase to cover costs of the Employee Assistance Program, if approved.

Clergy Recognition ---$1000
EAP---------- 1000
Learning Resources----- 250
Office supplies---------- 50
Committee Travel-------- 50
Total---------- $2500

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care

Report from the Camp Chilhowee Board at the October 5, 2024, Meeting of Presbytery of East Tennessee, CPC

The Camp Chilhowee Board has been very busy this spring and summer. The board has met 6 times with some being on Zoom and some being in person.

Camp Chilhowee Summer Camps

- **Junior Camp** was held Sun through Friday (June 2-7) with 15 campers and 8 Staff
- **Junior & Senior High Camp** was held Sun through Friday (June 9-14) with 33 youth and 7 Staff

Camping Dates for the 2025 Summer Camping Season

- **Junior Camp** will be Sun through Friday (June 1-6)
- **Junior & Senior High Camp** will be Sun through Friday (June 9-14)

Camp Chilhowee held a camp workday in April and had another one on September 13 & 14. There are many needs for work to be done at Camp Chilhowee and there will be future workdays. Communication about future Camp Chilhowee workdays will be done through email from the Presbytery Stated Clerk and through emails from Camp Chilhowee Board members.

The Camp Chilhowee Board is sad to report that Camp Chilhowee Caretaker, Bill Pressly, has indicated that his last day with Camp Chilhowee will be December 31, 2024. Please spread the word that the Camp Chilhowee Board is in search of Bill Pressly's replacement. Bill has been a tremendous blessing to Camp Chilhowee!

A Synod Youth Fall Retreat will be held from November 1 – 3 at the Dogwood Lodge in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. It is open to all youth grades 6 through 12 and the cost will be $20 for students. Adults will be free.

A flyer for the Synod Youth Fall Retreat will be available on the front pew at presbytery as well as sent out to every church stated clerk by the presbytery.

Recommendation 1: The Camp Chilhowee Camping Dates for the 2025 Summer Camping Season be approved.

Recommendation 2: The Presbytery of East Tennessee commend Bill Pressly for his work as the Caretaker of Camp Chilhowee from 2013 through 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

The Camp Chilhowee Board

Report of the Board of Finance

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To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with the
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 5th, 2024

The Board of Finance met at Talbott CPC on August 26th to work on the 2025 Budget and to discuss various other items.

At the April 6th, 2024, meeting of Presbytery at Faith Fellowship Cumberland Presbyterian Church, a request from the Ministry Council for support for international commissioners for travel to General Assembly was referred to the Board of Finance. This request was discussed, and the Board of Finance voted to include in the proposed 2025 Budget, an amount of $500 and this was to be shown within the General Assembly section of the budget.

The Presbytery's financial records for the years 2021 and 2022 were audited by Adams & Plucker CPA, PLLP of Greeneville, TN. The results of the audit were sent to the members of the Board of Finance by Presbytery Treasurer Darryl Shepard prior to its August 26th meeting. The audit found no material differences or exceptions and is a "clean audit". A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Presbytery Treasurer Darryl Shepard. The Board of Finance also voted to have the Presbytery's financial records for 2023 and 2024 audited during 2025.

The Board discussed the increase in insurance for both Camp Chilhowee and Camp John Speer. The current premium, which runs from April 23rd, 2024, to April 23rd, 2025, increased 29% from the previous year. The Board was also notified of increased deductibles for windstorms, hail and water damage. The Board of Finance will contact the Boards of both camps and request each Board to seek proposals from other insurance providers for property coverage.

The Board discussed the Presbytery of East Tennessee hosting General Assembly in 2025 and that funds may need to be made available. The Board instructed Presbytery Treasurer Darryl Shepard to dispense any funds requested from the Presbytery's Reserve Accounts.

The Board also discussed the congregational reports that are submitted each year. The Board thought it would be in the best interest of the Presbytery that beginning in 2025, all congregational reports would be submitted to the Presbytery Treasurer. The Presbytery Treasurer would then ensure that all reports would be submitted to the appropriate agencies. **Recommendation 1: Beginning in 2025, all congregational reports would be submitted to the Presbytery Treasurer.**

Presbytery Treasurer Darryl Shepard contacted the various Boards and Committees related to budget requests for 2025 and the Board of Finance has compiled a final budget for Presbytery.

Recommendation 2: Approve the proposed 2025 Presbytery Budget and allocation to churches.

The Board of Finance is scheduled to meet February 3rd, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at Talbot CPC. The purpose of this meeting is to audit the financial records of both camps for 2024.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Finance

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	2025 BUDGET
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND HERITAGE	BOARD and COMMITTEE EXPENSE	1,300.00
	YOUTH COUNCIL	300.00
	YOUTH TRIENNIUM	3,000.00
	ADULT PROGRAMS	3,000.00
	DENOM. DAY CELEBRATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,000.00
	Total – Board of Christian Education & Heritage	**$ 8,600.00**
BOARD OF FINANCE	TRAVEL and BOARD EXPENSE	350.00
	FINANCIAL AUDIT 2023 & 2024	2,000.00
	Total – Board of Finance	**$ 2,350.00**
BOARD OF MISSIONS	TRAVEL and BOARD EXPENSE	650.00
	CASA DE FEY CHURCH - TRAVEL TO PRESBYTERY	3,000.00
	MERCY CHURCH	8,000.00
	DENOMINATIONAL SYMPOSIUM	1,000.00
	Total – Board of Missions	**$ 12,650.00**
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR PROBATIONER CARE	SEMINARY EXPENSES	5,500.00
	PROGRAM OF ALTERNATE STUDIES (PAS) EXPENSES	5,500.00
	LEARNING RESOURCES	250.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES / ZOOM ACCESS	225.00
	Total – Comm. On The Ministry for Probationer Care	**$ 11,475.00**
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR CLERGY CARE	CLERGY RECOGNITION	1,000.00
	LEARNING RESOURCES	250.00
	COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES	200.00
	COMMITTEE OFFICE SUPPLIES	50.00
	EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	1,000.00
	Total – Comm. On The Ministry for Clergy Care	**$ 2,500.00**
NOMINATIONS Comm.	MEETING EXPENSES and POSTAGE	**$ 200.00**
PERSONNEL Committee	COMMITTEE EXPENSES	275.00
	FUNDING FOR ASSISTANT STATED CLERK'S POSITION and POSSIBLE SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR EMPLOYEES	2,500.00
	Total – Personnel Committee	**$ 2,775.00**
CHURCH CAMPS	CAMP CHILHOWEE Budget Allocation	8,000.00
	CAMP CHILHOWEE CAMPS	2,000.00
	CAMP JOHN SPEER Budget Allocation	8,000.00
	CAMP JOHN SPEER CAMPS	2,000.00
	RETREATS	400.00
	BACKGROUND CHECKS	500.00
	Total – Church Camps	**20,900.00**

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	2025 BUDGET
Office of the STATED CLERK and COORDINATOR	SALARY - Stated Clerk	17,152.00
	RETIREMENT	2,573.00
	TRAVEL	2,200.00
	OFFICE EXPENSE	800.00
	POSTAGE	1,600.00
	EQUIPMENT SERVICE CONTRACT	2,000.00
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00
	Total -- Office of Stated Clerk/Coordinator	**$ 26,825.00**
Office of the TREASURER	SALARY -- Presbytery Treasurer	15,000.00
	SOCIAL SECURITY and MEDICARE TAX	2,486.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES and POSTAGE	500.00
	TREASURER's TRAVEL	400.00
	Total -- Office of the Treasurer	**$ 18,386.00**
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE	CHURCH FACILITY USE -- *Talbott CPC*	500.00
	FIDELITY BOND	800.00
	LIABILITY INSURANCE	25,000.00
	BETHEL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000.00
	MEMORIALS	300.00
	Presbytery's WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT and MAINTENANCE	500.00
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00
	Total -- Presbytery	**$ 28,600.00**
SYNOD of SOUTHEAST	SYNOD APPORTIONMENT	**$ 855.00**
	SYNOD COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES	**$ 200.00**
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES	**$ 12,000.00**
	G.A. YOUTH ADVISORY DELIGATE's STIPEND	**$ 500.00**
	G.A. MODERATOR'S ET Presbytery TRAVEL	**$ 500.00**
	INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY	**$ 500.00**
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	COALITION FOR APPALACHIAN MINISTRY (CAM)	**$ 5,000.00**
	DELEGATES TO CAM EXPENSE	**$ 200.00**
	STOTT-WALLACE MISSIONARY OFFERING FUND	**$ 5,000.00**
	PRESBYTERIAN COMMISSION for CHAPLAINS and MILITARY	**$ 1,000.00**
BUDGET TOTALS	**TOTAL for ALL LINE ITEMS**	**$ 161,016.00**
	BUDGET ALLOCATED TO CHURCHES	**$ 161,016.00**

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALLOCATION TO CHURCHES

The presbytery's annual budget is allocated to the churches of the presbytery based on the active members and total church income reported in the latest Annual Congregational Report. One-half of the budget is assessed equally for each church member reported and one-half is assessed equally for each dollar of church income reported.

CHURCH	ACTIVE MEMBERS at end of 2023	TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED DURING 2023	ANNUAL ALLOCATION for 2025	MONTHLY PAYMENT for 2025
Beaver Creek	450	536,444.00	27,147.30	2,261.00
Bethesda	39	115,849.00	3,602.03	300.00
Casa De Fe	13	25,381.00	962.28	80.00
Cedar Hill	39	104,505.00	3,397.70	283.00
Clark's Grove	49	61,644.00	3,014.24	251.00
Corntassel	25	45,860.00	1,797.41	150.00
Dover	36	117,229.00	3,510.32	293.00
Fairview*	48	162,608.00	4,793.95	400.00
Faith Fellowship	37	204,163.00	5,115.04	426.00
Greeneville	181	332,312.00	13,018.41	1,085.00
Heartland Worship Center	30	73,858.00	2,495.99	208.00
Knoxville First	100	315,000.00	9,559.32	797.00
Lebanon	10	40,720.00	1,122.00	94.00
Loudon	170	344,961.00	12,818.84	1,068.00
Marietta	45	237,311.00	6,022.94	502.00
Maryville First	55	158,642.00	4,994.50	416.00
Misericordia	11	6,039.00	536.18	45.00
Mohawk	11	26,085.00	897.25	75.00
Mount Carmel	36	52,572.00	2,345.72	195.00
Mount Pleasant	32	51,811.00	2,176.59	181.00
New Bethel (NRR)	6	20,081.00	594.83	50.00
New Hope	18	41,450.00	1,445.99	121.00
Oak Ridge	147	228,749.00	9,831.95	819.00
Oakland (NRR)	18	33,238.00	1,298.08	108.00
Philadelphia	20	11,091.00	976.88	81.00
Pilot Knob (NRR)	9	10,040.00	530.54	44.00
Pleasant Hill	17	27,697.00	1,159.42	97.00
Salem (NRR)	22	25,934.00	1,321.94	110.00
Shiloh	90	153,066.00	6,254.00	521.00
Talbott	40	61,347.00	2,659.19	222.00
Union	134	408,730.00	12,568.66	1,047.00
Virtue (NRR)	60	218,670.00	6,270.01	523.00
Willoughby	6	9,762.00	408.96	34.00
Young's Chapel	68	206,826.00	6,367.51	531.00
Totals	2072	4,469,675.00	$ 161,016.00	13,418.00

(NRR) – The 2023 Annual Congregational Report for these churches is not on file with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery or the General Assembly Office. Their allocation is based on the latest figures reported to the Presbytery or General Assembly.

* Figures do not match 2023 Year Book. Figures obtained after contacting Fairview.

Recommended by the Board of Finance for Approval at the 10-5-2024 Meeting of Presbytery

Presbytery of East Tennessee **2024 ACCOUNT BALANCES**

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2024 BALANCE	1st Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024	3rd Qtr 2024	4th Qtr 2024	12/31/24 Balance
RESERVE ACCOUNTS						
General Account #62049						
Reserve Fund--CPC Investment Loan Program	334,726.89	3,358.41	4,243.73	-	-	342,329.03
Board of Missions # 62048						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Program	14,454.96	145.02	183.26	-	-	14,783.24
Committee on the Ministry						
Philip Jones Endowment--CPC Endowment Program	17,086.85	380.94	36.47	-	-	17,504.26
Presbytery of E.Tenn, New Church Development Fund # 62205						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Loan Program	342,257.94	3,364.04	6,048.47	-	-	504,449.54
			164,692.26	Pleasant Vale Sale 1-24-24		
		(11,913.17)	Tsf BoS 2-8-24			
	708,526.64	7,248.41	10,511.93	-		879,066.07

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2024 BALANCE	1st Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024	3rd Qtr 2024	4th Qtr 2024	12/31/24 Balance
OPERATING ACCOUNTS						
			Interest			
Money Market Account - First Horizon	89,735.60	874.41	646.43	451.84	-	91,708.28
			Balances			
General Operating Account - First Horizon Bank	94,962.02					94,962.02
	184,697.62	874.41	646.43	451.84		186,670.30

Report of the Board of Missions
to The Presbytery of East Tennessee
In Session at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
October 5, 2024

A. Greeneville: In its April 2024 report, the Board shared news of the hiring of Rev. Andy Blackwelder. At the time, Rev. Blackwelder was serving a PCUSA church in Erwin, Tennessee, and he was working out the terms of his contract there before starting the new position. We are happy to report that Rev. Blackwelder has successfully come onboard at the Greeneville church, and that he was installed in worship on Sunday June 9, 2024. The church has also hired a new Office Administrator, Denise Sinnott, and finds itself in a healthy, stable condition moving forward.

B. Lebanon: The Board has been in touch with the Lebanon church in the wake of the death of the congregation's minister, Rev. Howard Shipley. The Board's Chair, Dr. Casey Nicholson, travelled to the Lebanon church in August 2024, where he led worship and served communion in an effort to minister to the congregation at this difficult time. The Board has also appointed Rev. Jerry Scott as the congregation's new Moderator.

C. Philadelphia: The Board has received a written contract between the Philadelphia congregation and Marcy Brooks, a candidate for ministry in our presbytery. Upon review of the contract, the Board makes the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Presbytery approve the pastoral relationship between the Philadelphia Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Marcy Brooks as the congregation's Stated Supply minister.

D. Talbott: The church has seen turnover in its pastoral leadership since the last meeting of Presbytery. The congregation was being served by Josh Gibson, a student minister who accepted a call to a congregation in another denomination. The Board is happy to report that the church has now agreed to terms with Brennan King, a candidate for ministry in our Presbytery. Mr. King has been in the pulpit since the middle of the summer of this year. Upon review of the contract, the Board makes the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION 2: That Presbytery approve the pastoral relationship between the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Brennan King as the congregation's Stated Supply minister.

E. Other News: The Board received reports and updates from the respective Moderators of the Casa de Fey, Faith Fellowship, and Virtue congregations at its August 2024 meeting. No action is needed at this time.

F. Directory of Moderators and Speakers in churches not being served by ordained Cumberland Presbyterian ministers:

Bethesda – Ronnie Duncan (Wade McAmis, UMC lay speaker, filling pulpit)

Casa de Fey – TJ Malinoski (elders serving the church)

Faith Fellowship — Vernon Sansom (pulpit vacant)

Heartland — Gary Hartman (pulpit vacant)

Oakland – Ronnie Duncan (Dale Mitchell, Free Will Baptist, filling the pulpit)

Philadelphia – Ronnie Duncan (Candidate Marcy Brooks filling the pulpit)

Pilot Knob - Howard Shipley (Richard Snowden, Lay Preacher filling pulpit)

Pleasant Hill – Casey Nicholson (Richard Snowden, Lay Preacher, filling pulpit)

Salem - Chris Franklin (Dallas Moore, Free Will Baptist, filling pulpit)

Talbott - Jerry Scott (Candidate Brennan King, filling the pulpit)

Virtue —David Koopman (Bill Lyle, candidate, filling pulpit)

G. Directory of Cumberland Presbyterians available for Pulpit Supply:

Rev. Carlton Harper
Rev. David Koopman
Rev. Vernon Sansom
Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw

Report #2 of the Board of Missions
to The Presbytery of East Tennessee
In Session at Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Talbott, Tennessee
October 5, 2024

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A. **Loudon:** The Board has received a request from the Loudon congregation to install Rev. Mark Hester as Pastor. Rev. Hester has been serving at the Loudon congregation as Stated Supply since 2016. No new contract has been written, and this request for a new status in the relationship between Rev. Hester and the church is essentially a move to solidify the good relationship that has been formed in the last several years.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That Presbytery approve Rev. Mark Hester to serve as Pastor of the Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church pending the receipt of a new contract.

Upon adoption of this recommendation, we hereby nominate the following persons to serve on Rev. Hester's Installation Commission: Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Chair; Rev. David Koopman; Elder Linda Diggs (Oak Ridge); and Elder Gwen Roddye (Beaver Creek). The installation shall take place in morning worship on Sunday, November 17, 2024.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
REPORT #2

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting at the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 5, 2024.

The Committee on Nominations recommends that the following slate and terms be adopted:

BCE & Heritage
- 27 (2) Danny Scott
- 27 (1) Gary Hartman
- 27 (1) Kathy Tinker
- 25 (1) Rebecca Roberts-Miller
- 26 (1) Amy Brandon

Board of Finance
- 27 (2) Stacy Bolton
- 27 (2) Virgil Hubbard
- 27 (1) Linda Marshall
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Board of Missions
- 27 (1) Andy Blackwelder
- 27 (1) Mike Wilkinson
- 27 (1) Rev. Abby Prevost (To be elected)
- 26

Personnel Committee
- 27 (1) Pete Carter

Committee on Judicial Concerns for Church Records
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Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care
- 27 (3) Gwen Roddye
- 27 (1) Melissa Duff

Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care
- 27 (2) David McBeth

Committee on Nominations
- 27 (2) Barbara Britton
- 27 (1) Abby Keller
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Camp Chilhowee Board
- 27 (3) Billy Price
- 28 (2) Wiley Brakebill

Camp John Speer Board
- 27 (3) Stacy Bolton
- 27 (2) Jessica Neas
- 27 (1) Bill Gaut

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

REPORT #2 CONTINUED

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ELDERS (3)

1. Thom Smith (Oak Ridge)
2. Barbara Britton (New Bethel)
3. Steve Summers (Knoxville 1st)

ALTERNATES (3)

1. Sheena Beal (Beaver Creek)
2. Ricky Coleman (New Hope)
3.

CLERGY (4)

1. Larry Blakeburn
2. Chris Franklin
3. Thomas Sweet
4. Abby Keller

ALTERNATES (4)

1. Rebecca Prenshaw
2. Billy Price

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ELDERS (3)

1. Tony Bird (Mt. Carmel)
2. Dan Maiden (Faith Fellowship)
3. Jennifer Smith (Heartland)

ALTERNATES (3)

1. Kathy Tinker (Philadelphia)
2. Darryl Dexter (New Hope
3.

CLERGY (3)

1. Thomas Sweet
2. Larry Blakeburn
3. Ronnie Duncan

ALTERNATES (3)

1. Billy Price
2. Jerry Scott
3. Nick Coker

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL CONCERNS FOR CHURCH RECORDS

October 5. 2024

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee in Session with the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church October 5, 2024.

All session records were read and found to be in order.

Records were not found for New Bethel, Oakland, Philadelphia, Pilot Knob, Salem and Shiloh.

The Committee on Judicial Concerns

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Whereas formal complaints were made to the Presbytery against Rev. Ronald Longmire and Rev. Mark Hester on April 12, 2024, alleging a mishandling of a prior formal complaint against another Presbyter,

And whereas those complaints affected the Christian character of two ministers in good standing and the complaints were assigned to the Presbytery's Committee/Commission on Discipline in a timely manner,

And whereas the Committee/Commission failed to contact, meet with, counsel, investigate, act on the complaints, or report to Presbytery on those complaints,

I hereby make a motion that the Presbytery take action to declare that there was no basis for the charges against Rev. Ronald Longmire or Rev. Mark Hester, and that Presbytery shall close the matter and instruct the Stated Clerk to report that action to the accused, the complainants, and the Committee/Commission on Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Hester

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Rev. Casey Nicholson voiced frustration with the process of the Synod of the Southeast's investigation into ministers of the Presbytery of East Tennesee, drawing attention to irregularities that varied from the Constitution and the Rules of Discipline of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On motion, the body referred the topic of these irregularities to the Coordinating Committee, and delegated the Coordinating Committee the responsibility of drafting a direct appeal to General Assembly should the Synod decide to discipline or censure this Presbytery's ministers, and/or should the Synod attempt to discipline or censure the Presbytery of East Tennessee. It is understood that the Coordinating Committee should research the appropriate channel for an appeal, be it a memorial to General Assembly or a direct communication with the Office of the General Assembly, the Permanent Committee on the Judiciary, or some other agency of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It is also understood that the Coordinating Committee is only assigned with the drafting of the potential appeal in the form of a report and recommendation to Presbytery, and that the appeal itself will need to be approved by Presbytery before the appeal proceeds.

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To the accused, complainants, representatives of the disciplinary commission, and Presbytery of East Tennessee:

Regarding the "Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct", the judiciary commission of Presbytery of East Tennessee calls upon each to remember the gravity of conducting disciplinary proceedings, the church's nature as a fellowship of reconciliation, and the responsibility upon us all as Christians to act toward one another in the spirit of repentance and forgiving love.

In accordance with the Rules of Discipline 3.409 (a) and (b), the judiciary commission considered the charges brought against Reverend Billy Price. After an investigation and hearing, the commission found Reverend Billy Price not guilty of the charges.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
JUDICIARY COMMISSION

Rev. Vernon J. Samsom, Jr. Chair

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Ronald L. Longmire, Stated Clerk / Coordinator

October 8, 2024

In the meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee in session with the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church on October 5, 2024 the Presbytery took action, by unanimous vote, that there was no basis for the charges against Rev. Mark Hester and Rev. Ronald Longmire and that Presbytery shall close the matter and instruct the Stated Clerk to report that action to the accused, the complainants, and the Committee/Commission on Discipline.

TO RECEIVE BY CERTIFIED MAIL:

Rev. Mark Hester, Rev. Ronald Longmire

Mark Shedden, Joe Tripp – Complainants

Rev. James Lively, Rev. Vernon Sansom, Rev. T. J. Malinoski, Pete Carter
Wendell Thomas, Dustin Click, Kim Wilks, Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw, Committee/Commission

In His Service,

Ronald L. Longmire

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