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April 11, 2026
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October, 1995	**Rev. James L. Carter**
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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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April, 2018	**Rev. Mike Wilkinson**
October, 2018	**Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw**
April, 2019	**Elder Linda Diggs**
October 2019	**Rev. Greg Tucker**
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**
April 2024	**Rev. Randall Mayfield**
October 2024	**Rev. Abby Keller**
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October 2025	**Rev. Jamie Lively**

General Assembly
of the
Cumberland Presbyterian Church

June 14-19, 2026
Rogers, AR

Commissioners Representing The Presbytery of East Tennessee

Clergy: Billy Price
Jerry Scott

Elders: Dover to be elected
Mt. Pleasant to be elected

SYNOD OF THE SOUTHEAST
May 7, 2026

Oak Ridge Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Oak Ridge, TN

Synod of the Southeast meets as a General (Non-Delegated) Synod

ALL Ministers and an Elder representative from each Church within the Presbytery are requested to attend and vote.

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

April 11, 2026, Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Loudon, TN

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STANDING RULES

Presbytery of East Tennessee
Cumberland Presbyterian Church
(October, 2025)

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. You may attend Presbytery by Video Conference but you must be visible and identified for your presence to count.

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 request.

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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CALLED MEETING

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

JULY 27, 2025

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in called session at Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sunday, July 27, 2025.

Called to Order: The Moderator, Rev. Tammy Greene, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Moderator called on Rev. Randall Mayfield to pray the Constituting Prayer.

Roll Call: The roll was taken and a quorum was declared present, 55 were in attendance and 6 by ZOOM. Those in attendance were "Clergy (27):" Kenneth Johnson, Nick Coker, Mark Hester, T. J. Malinoski, Abby Prevost, Vernon Sansom, James W. Lively, James Carter, David Koopman, Andy Blackwelder, Thomas Sweet, Ronnie Duncan, Gary Hartman, Don Winn, Bill Lyle, Larry Blakeburn, John Peach, Abby Keller, Miguel Gonzalez, Randall Mayfield, Casey Nicholson, Mike Wilkinson, Rebecca Prenshaw, Alfonso Marquez, Leonard Turner, Tammy Greene, Stated Clerk, Ronald L. Longmire. "Licentiate (1):" Griffen Smith. "Elder Delegates (27):" Alyssa Atchley-Beaver Creek, Amy Brandon–Beaver Creek, Jeff Hayes-Bethesda, Terry Cannon-Cedar Hill, Lynn Waters-Clarks Grove, Mark Brown-Fairview, Randy Stevens-Faith Fellowship, Dustin Click-Greeneville, Jennifer Smith-Heartland, Christina Collins-Knoxville 1st, Steve Harrison-Loudon, Janet Stooksbury-Marietta, Louis Paulus-Maryville, Jesus Gonzalez-Mercy, Kim Walls-Mt. Carmel, Larry Weems-Mt. Pleasant, Barbara Britton-New Bethel, Ricky Coleman-New Hope, Barry Shelton-Oak Ridge, Larry Dayton-Philadelphia, Stacy Bolton-Pleasant Hill, Bill Rymer-Shiloh, Allen Williamson-Talbott, Lisa Criss-Union, Marian Howard-Virtue, Karen Hammitt-Willoughby, Paul McCalley-Young's Chapel.

Those in attendance by ZOOM: Clergy: Dale Watson, Chris Franklin, Jerry Scott, Billy Price, Dan Freeman; Elder Delegates: Jessica Neas-Mohawk.

Excused: "Clergy:" Thomas Campbell and Josefina Sanchez.

Reading the Call: The Call was read, Marked "A" and filed.

1. Received letter from Rev. T. J. Malinoski, marked "B" and filed.

Recess declared: A recess was declared at 3:28 p.m.

Recess declared out: Recess was declared out at 3:39 p.m.

2. Reports Received: On motion approved for the minority report of the Disciplinary Committee to be heard. Moderator Tammy Greene stated that the body would also

need to receive the Disciplinary Committee's (*majority*) report since only the Judiciary Commission received this report.

Moderator Tammy Greene called the presbytery into Executive Session by rule 3.410. The Disciplinary Committee's report and the Minority report were distributed and read aloud.

3. Received the Judiciary Commission Report, marked "C" and filed. At the instruction of the Moderator, the defeated motion to dissolve the Judiciary Commission will be included in the minutes. "Motion to dissolve the Judiciary Commission, which requires 2/3 vote of Presbytery, was defeated by a standing vote of 24 Yes and 28 No."

   Moderator called the presbytery out of executive session.

4. On motion received Rev. Kitty Norton as a member of the Presbytery.

Reading of the Minutes: On motion minutes approved as read.

Adjourn: On motion the Called Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Tammy Greene prayed the Closing Prayer.

Rev. Tammy Greene Moderator

Rev. Tammy Greene

Ronald L. Longmire Stated Clerk

Rev. Ronald L. Longmire

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Notice of Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

When: Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

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Where: Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church - 7410 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy, Talbott TN

Purpose:

1) To receive the memorial from Greeneville C. P. Church *(attached)*;
2) To receive the letter from Rev. T. J. Malinoski explaining the differences between the two recent cases brought before the disciplinary committee/commission of the PETN *(attached)*;
3) To receive the report from the Judiciary Commission *(attached)*;
4) To act upon written requests received as of July 1, 2025, from a dismissing presbytery to receive ministers into the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

Elder delegates who represented their session at the April 2025 Presbytery meeting should attend this special called meeting unless the session elects someone else as its representative. An elder whose tenure of office has expired is not eligible to serve as a representative to a called meeting of presbytery. Constitution 3.06

ZOOM Option available.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87946402604?pwd=6eleRSxqoBLa79eRL9RJFgdw441ZDZ.1
Meeting ID: 879 4640 2604 Passcode: 141218

Rev. Tammy Greene — Rev. Tammy Greene, Moderator, Shiloh CPC

Rev. Abby Cole Keller — Rev. Abby Cole Keller, New Bethel CPC

Stacy Bolton — Stacy Bolton, Elder Delegate Pleasant Hill CPC

Dustin P. Click — Dustin Click, Elder Delegate Greeneville CPC

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Outlook

The motion to receive the memorial was defeated.

Memorial to Presbytery

From Pastor @gcpchurch.org <pastor@gcpchurch.org>
Date Mon 5/12/2025 5:31 PM
To Rev. Tammy Greene <tg6386@aol.com>; livelyjw25@gmail.com <livelyjw25@gmail.com>; Rev. Ronald Longmire <ronaldlongmire@charter.net>; ldiggs06@comcast.net <ldiggs06@comcast.net>
Cc Larry Blakeburn <larry@1stcpc.org>

1 attachment (58 KB)
MemorialtoPETN.pdf;

Madame Moderator,

The Session of Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church would like to express deep appreciation for the opportunity to host the Presbytery of East Tennessee on April 5, 2025. More of our elders were able to attend and witness the proceedings of the Presbytery than would have typically been possible had the meeting taken place in another location, and for that experience we are grateful.

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church is a congregation made up of followers of Christ who span the spectrum of ideological, political, and theological understanding. This has been true throughout her history, including the years when members of the church fought in the Civil War wearing different colored uniforms. The same is true today as the church grapples with highly sensitive and divisive issues. We believe the Lord is big enough to hold us all, even when we disagree.

Therefore, at our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, April 28, our Session unanimously approved the attached Memorial to the Presbytery of East Tennessee. We do not assert that anything included in this Memorial is ground breaking, nor do we intend to imply any accusation toward any person or group. We don't even claim to always abide perfectly by the words we offer. We simply recognize the importance of holding before one another words of encouragement provided by our faith and tradition that hold us together rather than tearing us apart.

In Christ,
Rev. Andy Blackwelder

(Memorial signed by Elders: Dustin Click, Dr. Mia Hyde, Dr. Angela Keaton, Bill Gott, Law Loving, Michael Ritter, Debbie Wilson, John McInturff, Jr., Melissa Duff, Olga Hayes, Kathleen Miller, Dr. Maribeth McGuire, Judye Rhea, Sharon Duncan, and Megan Lampe. Pastor: Rev. Andy Blackwelder)

The motion to receive the memorial was defeated. 3

Memorial from the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
to the Presbytery of East Tennessee
of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church

WHEREAS we find ourselves in particularly divisive times around matters of politics, preferences, opinions, ideologies, beliefs, affiliations, convictions, understandings, and interpretations,

AND, WHEREAS the Cumberland Presbyterian Church has historically welcomed those from a broad scope of theological backgrounds, training, and upbringing,

AND, WHEREAS the scriptures call for all followers of Christ to engage in the message and ministry of reconciliation *(2 Corinthians 5:14-21)*,

AND, WHEREAS Christ specifically emphasized a new commandment, that we love one another as Christ has loved us *(John 13:12-20, 31-35)*,

AND WHEREAS the scriptures describe the organization of Christ's followers using the imagery of one body with many different parts *(1 Corinthians 12:12-27)*,

AND WHEREAS the scriptures redefine our relationship with one another, not through our differences but through our common baptism into Christ *(Galatians 3:23-29)*,

AND WHEREAS The Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith states that, *"The church is one because her Head and Lord is one, Jesus Christ. Her oneness under her Lord is manifested in the one ministry of word and sacrament, not in any uniformity of covenantal expression, organization, or system of doctrine"* (COF 5.02),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of East Tennessee adopt the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The Presbytery of East Tennessee devote itself to modeling a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect as a way of shining the light of Christ into the darkness of back-biting, name-calling, vindictiveness, manipulation, and abuse of which our world is intimately familiar.

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Presbytery of East Tennessee acknowledge that we are comprised of many members with a variety of theological perspectives who are joined together under the Lordship of Christ.

RECOMMENDATION 3: The Presbytery of East Tennessee recommit itself to unity in Christ, even in the absence of uniformity of belief.

Angela Keaton
Bill Scott
Debbie Wilson
Judge Rhea
Sharon Duncan
Megan Kempe

Presbytery of East Tennessee Involving Two Separate Complaints Through Its Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee

Introduction

From 2022 to present, the Presbytery of East Tennessee has considered two separate complaints pertaining to ministerial conduct. The complaints are distinctive and yet are compared in both interpretation and precedent.

To give cause for writing, I am in a unique station to be the single member of Presbytery of East Tennessee to deliberate on both complaints. Rest assured; this is neither a badge of honor nor an expression of authority. To deliberate on a complaint of alleged error or misconduct on another Christian is challenging. It requires exhibiting sound judgement and keeping information confidential. It requires placing the interests of both the presbytery and the Church above all interpersonal relationships. And it requires an appropriate response when individuals understandably become angry, defensive, and disillusioned.

Since 2024, much conversation and writing has been inferred relative to one or both complaints. Interpretation, commentary, precedent, and speculation on the implication(s) stretch from individual to individual and church to church. As someone who deliberated on both complaints, inexact descriptions with deductive interpretations have been implied that dimly reflect actual occurrences. As interesting and riveting as these narratives are accurate information will aid in productive conversation and constructive writing.

Below is a general scope of the Presbytery of East Tennessee involving two separate complaints through its Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee. The scope contains: a chronology, list of distinctions, committee/commission limitations on transparency, and the intersection of wise practices with parliamentary procedures.

- T. J. Malinoski

Chronology of the Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee

The following is a concise background and chronology of the Presbytery of East Tennessee's Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee from 2022 to 2024. Included are the primary activities identifying the two committee's actions involving separate complaints.

A. Committee on Judicial Concerns: 2022 – 2023

On April 2, 2022, the Presbytery of East Tennessee received a report from the Commission on Discipline relating to an error in parliamentary procedure. When investigating a complaint transmitted in February 2022 on ministerial misconduct, the committee identified the presbytery had misinterpreted the Rules of Discipline's 2.5 special comment

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on the roles of the Committee on Discipline and the Judiciary Committee to function as a hybrid body. The reports states:

> *The* [Rules of Discipline 2.5] *comment was interpreted such that one joint body could serve as both the Commission on Discipline and the Judiciary Committee. Presbytery approved the Commission on Discipline to function in this hybrid capacity in 2011, and that setup was left in place until the Commission convened in 2022* (Minutes, April 2, 2022. Pg. 42).

This system of a hybrid body consisting of overlapping membership is sufficient until or unless there becomes a need for a Judiciary Committee to act on an investigation's findings and recommendations for discipline. A conflict of interest occurs when that same membership is tasked to investigate the charges, prosecute the accused, and serve as the jury.

To rectify this error and mitigate further delay on the investigation, the presbytery elected to:

1. appoint the original membership of the Commission on Discipline/Judiciary Committee to be solely responsible for the role of Disciplinary Committee/Commission as specified in the Rules of Discipline and,
2. for the interim, appoint the Committee on Judicial Concerns to serve as its Judiciary Committee as specified in the Rules of Discipline until a new Judiciary Committee/Commission can be appointed (Minutes, April 2, 2022. Pgs. 25, 44).

These steps allowed the investigation on the February 2022 complaint to proceed and, if necessary, the Committee on Judicial Concerns would temporarily function as a Judiciary Committee.

Pursuant the Rules of Discipline 3.406, the Commission on Discipline presented the investigation and charges of ministerial misconduct concerning the accused to the Committee on Judicial Concerns activating it to perform in the interim role of a Judiciary Committee.

The Judicial Concerns Committee determined the accused "refused to acknowledge the error of his ways and accept the proposed discipline of the commission" and recommended to "suspend the credentials of Steve Graham indefinitely or until such a time as Mr. Graham is willing to appear before the committee and work towards the healing and restoration of this situation" (Minutes, October 1, 2022. Pgs. 28, 43).

Six months later, the Committee on Judicial Concerns recommended that the accused ministerial credentials were to remain under suspension following "a thorough conversation with Rev. Graham, the Committee does not recommend any change in his status" (Minutes, April 1, 2023. Pgs. 25, 45).

In October 2023, approximately twenty (20) months from the submitted charge of ministerial misconduct and approximately twenty-four (24) months of the initial incident, the Committee on Judicial Concerns stated that it had no evidence or documentation from the accused indicating repentance, corrective action(s), or avoidance of repeating the same offense. The Committee determined that "Reverend Steve Graham be deposed from his role as an ordained minister of the Word and the Sacraments in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church effective immediately" (Minutes, October 7, 2023. Pgs. 25, 42-43).

Upon the adoption of the Committee on Judicial Concerns' report and concurring in its recommendation, three steps were activated:

1. The Committee on Judicial Concerns fulfilled its immediate responsibility in the interim role of a Judiciary Committee to rectify a procedural error and to mitigate delay on the complaint.
2. The Committee on Judicial Concerns would resume its original objectives as defined in the Manual of Operation for the Presbytery of East Tennessee (Manual of Operation for Presbytery of East Tennessee, October 2015. Pgs. 6-7).
3. The Presbytery of East Tennessee would "appoint a new Judiciary Committee" in adherence of the recommendations adopted in the April 2022 Committee on Discipline's report (Minutes, April 1, 2022. Pg. 44).

B. Judiciary Committee/Commission: 2024

In November 2023, a complaint was transmitted to Presbytery of East Tennessee designated as *Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct*. The stated clerk referred the complaint to the newly organized Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care. The committee disclosed to the presbytery that "Members of the committee met with individuals involved, and after a time of investigation, determined the complaint should be referred back to the Stated Clerk" (Minutes, April 6, 2024. Pg. 41). The report from the Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care was concurred in but no further action pertaining to the complaint are noted in the minutes.

The initial party of the *Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct* filed an appeal dated April 12, 2024 and designated as *Appeal of East Tennessee Presbytery Statement of 'No Action' Regarding Duly Submitted Complaint of Ministerial Error and Misconduct*. This appeal was transmitted to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and the Synod of the Southeast. In addition to the two judicatories, the initial party distributed the appeal, the original complaint, and supplementary documents to the stated clerks of the following presbyteries: Cumberland East Coast, Grace, Hope, Robert Donnell, and Tennessee-Georgia (Appeal on 'no action'. Distribution List and Pg. 1).

The appeal purported "no action" was taken by the presbytery regarding the November 20, 2023 complaint constituting "gross negligence and dereliction of duties by the [presbytery's] stated clerk and the chairman of the CMCC [Committee on the Ministry of Clergy Care]" (Appeal on 'no action' pg.2).

The appeal of "no action" activated two events in Presbytery of East Tennessee:

1. The Committee/Commission on Discipline to commence its investigation on the complaint.
2. Necessitated the presbytery to appoint a Judiciary Committee/Commission.

On June 2, 2024, Presbytery of East Tennessee held a called meeting to "name a Judiciary Committee" (Minutes, June 2, 2024. Pg. 20). The Nominating Committee presented the names of five individuals who agreed to serve. "On motion, the appointments were approved" and elected by the presbytery forming a standing Judiciary Committee/Commission (Minutes, June 2, 2024. Pg. 20).

This action aligned the presbytery in compliance with the Rules of Discipline 2.5 and special comment and satisfied the recommendations adopted in 2022. The fulfillment of these steps allowed the investigation on the complaint designated as *Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct* to proceed.

Pursuant the Rules of Discipline 3.406, the Commission on Discipline transmitted written documentation on July 20, 2024 pertaining to the charges, investigation, findings, and recommendations concerning the accused to the Judiciary Committee. This activated the Judiciary Committee as a commission to execute its role as set forth in the Rules of Discipline 3.406 – 3.410.

From July 23 to August 15, 2024, the Judiciary Commission convened and corresponded on multiple occasions. Upon examination of the Commission on Discipline's report, the Judiciary Commission identified three members on Committee on Discipline had recused themselves for varied causes. Two remaining members continued with the complaint designated as *Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct*.

The Judiciary Commission considered the report and what effect the recusals had on a quorum. In its deliberations, the Commission identified two options: a) request presbytery to nominate and elect an adequate number to the Committee/Commission on Discipline or b) proceed with the information at hand to mitigate further delay on the compliant.

Due to the Commission on Discipline's diminutive membership creating a unique circumstance, the Judiciary Commission resolved to meet with the two representatives on August 20, 2024 prior to a determination. Discussion was held regarding committee member recusals, the charges, investigation, findings, and recommendations concerning the accused.

Subsequently, it was the opinion of the Judiciary Commission that a) the Commission on Discipline and the accused agreed on the alleged conduct requiring no further investigation, b) the Commission on Discipline's recommendations for discipline would be pretermitted based on diminutive membership, and c) due to the elongated nature following the transmission of the complaint, the Judiciary Commission would proceed to

"hold a hearing to determine guilt, to impose discipline, or both" (Rules of Discipline 3.407).

Pursuant the Rules of Discipline 3.407, the Judiciary Commission held a hearing on August 27, 2024. The accused, complainants, representatives of the Commission on Discipline, and members of the Judiciary Commission were present. The hearing demonstrated the procedures as described in Rules of Discipline 3.408.

From August 28 to September 22, 2024, the Judiciary Commission convened and corresponded on multiple occasions. Relying on the evidence submitted to it and interpreting the outcome based upon Cumberland Presbyterian documents, the Commission made its determination.

Pursuant the Rules of Discipline 3.409 (a), (b), the Judiciary Commission transmitted its decision on September 23, 2024 to the accused, the complainants, the representatives of the Commission on Discipline, and stated clerk of Presbytery of East Tennessee. The decision stated:

> *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 of 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* (Minutes, October 5, 2024. Pgs. 26, 58).

On October 5, 2024 the Judiciary Commission presented its decision to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and was entered in the minutes.

<u>Distinctions Between the Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee</u>
The following is an abbreviated list of distinctions between the Presbytery of East Tennessee's Committee on Judicial Concerns and Judiciary Committee/Commission involving separate complaints.

A. Committee on Judicial Concerns
The Committee on Judicial Concerns functioned as a Judiciary Committee on an interim basis for a particular complaint until a standing Judiciary Committee could be appointed.

Consistently identified itself as the Committee on Judicial Concerns in all its reporting to Presbytery of East Tennessee.

Acted only as a committee in its reporting and made recommendations to the presbytery.

The causation and details of the complaint were not publicized.

Recommendation to move from suspension to deposing the accused included adequate information to enable the presbytery to appropriately respond and close the complaint.

B. Judiciary Committee/Commission

The Judiciary Committee was presented by the Presbytery of East Tennessee's Nominating Committee and approved in a called meeting.

The Judiciary Committee/Commission was activated in the transmission of a written report with recommendations from the Commission on Discipline.

Became a commission upon the transmission of a written report with recommendations from the Commission on Discipline. As a commission of presbytery, it acted with the authority of and made decisions on its behalf.

Tasked to make determinations on a complaint that was broadly publicized in its details making the preservation of confidential information on behalf of the complainants and the accused arduous.

The commission made its determination of "not guilty" relying on the evidence submitted to it and interpreting the outcome based upon Cumberland Presbyterian documents.

Levels of Transparency Available for a Committee and Commission

Certain levels of transparency in decision making promotes legitimacy and affirms the process is being pursued equitably and orderly. The following briefly examines the independence and constraints of a presbytery's committee and commission when considering a complaint.

A presbytery wants to have sufficient access to information to be assured that a committee or a commission is functioning as intended. Occasionally, a presbytery or its members seek more specific details in which they have a personal interest. The expectation to be broadly transparent in the findings, deliberations, and rationales in relation to a complaint has limitations.

A Committee on Discipline and Judiciary Commission must determine what is relevant information. When investigating, reviewing evidence, formulating a report, conducting a hearing, and making determinations not all information is pertinent. Transparently including all information, procedures, and rationale does two things: a) the

committee/commission is constrained to act efficiently and, b) it subjects itself to a formal explanation for every activity and decision.

A committee/commission is naturally vulnerable to calls for a transparent or formal explanation in its determination when a complaint, and its details, are broadly known. Questions of "how" and "why" are made when the allegation(s) and supplementary documents accompanying the complaint are widely available. In both civil and ecclesiastical courts, judges, juries, and commissions are typically not expected to give reasons for their verdicts. Pure or partial transparency in providing rationale for a verdict invites agreement or disagreement with the asserted justification(s) in the closure of a complaint. For example, to minimize the necessity of formal explanations when the accused is found not guilty, a Judiciary Commission is able to provide a concise verdict (Rules of Discipline 3.409 (b)). This is in stark contrast to the multilayered process when the accused is found guilty (Rules of Discipline 3.410 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e)).

A committee/commission is limited in transparency with confidential information. When reporting to a presbytery, a primary responsibility of a committee/commission is to preserve the accused and complainant's privacy. A legal and ethical liability exists that constrains a committee/commission to disclose details outside of proper forum. The discipline of confidentiality begins when a complaint is initially transmitted and extends post-verdict.

Intersecting Wise Practices with Parliamentary Procedures

The following are examples of the Presbytery of East Tennessee exercising wise practices with parliamentary procedures involving separate complaints.

Presbytery of East Tennessee exercised wise practices relating to an error of parliamentary procedure and quickly responded by appointing the Committee on Judicial Concerns as an interim Judiciary Committee.

The Committee on Judicial Concerns exercised wise practices in carefully and methodically recommending counseling, admonition, suspension, and the deposing a minister (Rules of Discipline 1.3).

The Committee on Discipline exercised wise practices recognizing the gravity of the complaint and continued its investigation with a diminutive membership to work towards "a positive expression [of discipline] in the spirit of love and helpfulness of concern both for the offender and for the church" (Rules of Discipline 1.1).

The Judiciary Commission exercised wise practices in weighing the difficult options created by unique circumstances including a broadly publicized complaint, a Commission on Discipline's report of diminutive membership, and the elongated nature of the complaint.

The Rules of Discipline intimates exercising wise practices stating:

> *Most presbyteries have considered it wise not to address disciplinary matters on the floor of presbytery for several reasons (including the press of time, the need to protect a victim's privacy, concern about defamation or other legal liabilities, and the fact that, especially for larger presbyteries, presbyterial meetings do not lend themselves well to conducting hearings)* (Rules of Discipline 3.410 (c) special comment).

Exercising wise practices and following parliamentary procedures are complimentary when a committee/commission is conducting business. However, there is a limit to exercising wise practices when it supersedes or contradicts parliamentary procedures to the degree where a potential outcome is altered. Leading with the principle of wise practices can prohibit a committee or commission from completing their work in a confidential and orderly way.

Summary

It is uncommon for a presbytery to address a complaint on ministerial conduct. It is even less common to address two separate complaints within a short span of time. The procedures themselves are complex as described in the above paragraphs. Mistakes are occasionally made in addressing a complaint that may exacerbate and delay discipline, healing, and closure. This leads to misunderstandings and frustration often resulting in distrust.

As this document suggests, no one can expect a presbytery, committee, or commission to be flawless in its activities. This includes understanding the procedures and be in absolute agreement in its determinations. Moving forward, the reader of this document is more informed about the two complaints and the processes to productively contribute to future conversations and make knowledgeable decisions.

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REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION,
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE,
IN RELATION TO CHARGES FILED
AGAINST REV. BILLY PRICE
07/03/2025

The Judiciary Commission received a report from the Disciplinary Committee, dated June 2, 2025, in relation to charges filed against Rev. Billy Price. We also received a Minority Report from Rev. David Koopman. As a standing commission of the Presbytery, elected at a called meeting of Presbytery on June 2, 2024, the commission began to fulfill its duties in relation to these charges. In so doing, we adhered to the ***Rules of Discipline, 3.405***, which is quoted below:

***Rules of Discipline 3.405*: If the disciplinary commission, upon investigation, finds no basis for the charges, it shall close the matter and report that action to the accused, the complainant, and the judiciary committee. If the committee finds that there are grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused, and the accused acknowledges the error or offense and gives evidence of a sincere effort to correct the matter, the disciplinary commission shall so report to the judiciary committee and recommend appropriate disciplinary action. With the accused's consent, the judiciary committee may impose disciplinary action without a formal disciplinary hearing. A record shall be made of the case, and the committee on ministry shall notify the complainant of the discipline imposed.**

The original complaint filed on November 20, 2023 with the subject line: ***Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct*** states: "Rev. Price has espoused a belief framework and performed actions that disregard the Scriptures and the Oath of Ordination – specifically with respect to the scriptural basis in the CPC Confession of Faith 6.17 'Marriage is between a man and a woman…'"

The Disciplinary Committee, consisting of six members elected by Presbytery at a called meeting on March 2, 2025, reviewed the facts of the case, and interviewed both the complainant and the accused. The committee unanimously found grounds to believe that an offense was committed by the accused. Since Rev. Price acknowledged the error or offense, and gave sincere evidence to correct the matter, the Disciplinary Committee recommended the following disciplinary action: **that Rev. Price present his Letter of Contrition to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and to the Session of the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and that he not perform any more same sex unions, unless or until such time if ever the Confessional standards change to allow them.**

After deliberation on the Disciplinary Committee's Report and the Minority Report, and in light of the Letter of Contrition written by Rev. Price and accepted by the Disciplinary Committee, the Judiciary Commission concurs in the findings of the Disciplinary Committee, and agrees that the imposed discipline is sufficient.

In closing, we note that Rev. Price consented not to have a formal disciplinary hearing. The complainant has been informed by the Committee on the Ministry of the discipline imposed.

Respectfully submitted

Judiciary Commission,
Secretary James W. Lively

Enclosure: Letter from Rev. Billy Price dated May 17, 2025

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The Presbytery of East Tennessee
of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
May 17, 2025

To the Disciplinary Commissioners:

This letter is my sincere attempt at peacemaking. I do accept the invitation, as well as invite others, to peace-make for the sake of our church, so we all might rightfully be called children of God. (Matt. 5:9)

In April of 2021 and again in September of 2023, I officiated a same-sex wedding. Both of the weddings involved long-time friends of mine with connections to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, though neither wedding took place in a church. I conducted pre-marital counseling with them, as I prefer to do with every couple I marry. After examining their relationships, I found a gentle, selfless love for the other being grown there, and I determined that they had a mature understanding of the commitment needed to create and sustain a healthy marriage. Ultimately, I discovered what I believed to be evidence of God's good work within these relationships, instilling the same gift of life-giving love in these homosexual unions as is experienced by many of us in our heterosexual unions. I very much felt in the same spirit of Simon Peter when he uttered the words, "Who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?" (Acts 11:17) Therefore, I followed a personal ethic of mine: to boldly bear witness to love wherever I find it.

I considered the context of our doctrine–that the COF was most recently revised in 1984, long before same-sex marriage was even a possibility, and that our COF states no moral position against same-sex marriage like it does with polygamous marriage (6.19). With that in mind, I concluded that our COF simply did not address the topic of same-sex marriage and therefore did not exclude same-sex marriage, with intention, from its definition of marriage (6.17). Regardless of that though, I considered our COF's statement on marriage to be non-essential doctrine at that time, given that our catechism, which contains what I considered to be the essentials of our doctrine, did not say anything about marriage. In addition to those things, I considered recent efforts to amend our Constitution to exclude, with intention, people in same-sex relationships from positions of church leadership. Those efforts failed. Therefore, considering all of that together, I believed that officiating these weddings would not be in clear violation of any current church rule or law.

I share all of that to express my pure-hearted, compassionate intentions and thoughtful justifications for my actions. I did not choose my actions flippantly nor flagrantly.

However, I am truly left in a deep state of remorse. I regret the hurt that has come from all of this; I did not intend any of this when I told my friends that I was willing to serve them in this way. I regret that my actions have exposed an ugliness in the church, an incendiary, divisive spirit that is not patient nor kind but is easily angered and insists on its own way (1 Cor. 13:4-5), and I deeply grieve that my actions have proven useful to the firestorm and division it has caused. For this reason, I will not officiate another same-sex wedding again without a clear, intentional change to our COF made first. Additionally, I would suffice to say, that had I known the full, explosive nature of the response and reaction to my actions, committed in compassion, I would not have officiated these weddings; I would have instead gently directed my friends to a place more compatible, hospitable, and affirming of their love. Through this exhausting, tumultuous ordeal, I have discovered that that place cannot be us as of yet. For that, I am deeply grieved and terribly sorry.

I pray for reconciliation and urge all of us to return to unity–in particular, unity in the commitment to love one another, for our claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ rests in our ability and willingness to love one another (John 13:34-35). I believe nothing compromises the purity of the church more than our unwillingness to seek reconciliation and love one another.

With all sincerity in Christian love,

Rev. Billy Price

TO: THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE OF THE PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

Discipline Commission Report Regarding Complaint against Rev. Billy Price.

June 2, 2025

The Presbytery of East Tennessee formally asked the Disciplinary Commission to consider a complaint against Rev. Billy Price, an Associate Pastor at Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church on March 2, 2025, at a called Presbytery meeting. The Commission consists of Rev. David Koopman, Rev. Chris Franklin, Rev. Randall Mayfield, and Elders: Carolyn Harmon, Kim Keck, and Dustin Click.

The Commission held it's first meeting on March 22, 2025 at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church at this meeting the Commission introduced themselves to each other, discussed a brief history of the complaint against Rev. Price, and coordinate further meetings to interview the complainant, Mark Shedden, and the accused Rev. Billy Price. The Commission picked April 26, 2025 for their next meeting, however, due to scheduling difficulties the Commission moved the meeting to May 3, 2025 at Talbot Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

At the Discipline Commission meeting on May 3, 2025, the Commission first reviewed the responsibilities and procedures of a disciplinary commission. Following the review of the material provided by the stated clerk, the Commission then discussed the documents provided by Dustin Click which were collected by the prior Disciplinary Commission. Following a brief recess the Commission then met with the complainant Mark Shedden. Mr. Shedden provided information including photographs and marriage licenses showing Rev. Price officiating a same sex wedding ceremony in 2023. After meeting with Mr. Shedden, the Commission then met with Rev. Billy Price. Rev. Price admitted to performing a same sex wedding ceremony stating that while he thought the action was unpopular, he did not think the action was contrary to the Confession of Faith at the time it was performed. Rev. Price expressed remorse and stated that he would not perform any more same sex weddings so long as a Cumberland Presbyterian minister.

Upon conclusion of hearing from Rev. Price the Discipline Commission voted unanimously that Rev. Price violated the Confession of Faith by officiating a same sex wedding in 2023. The Discipline Commission recommended the following discipline:

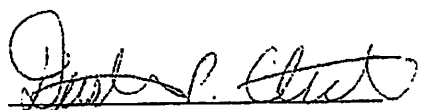
Rev. Price to present a letter of contrition to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and the session of Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church stating the position that he has placed East Tennessee Presbytery and the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination in and give assurance that he will not perform same sex unions unless or until such time if ever that Confessional standards change to allow such unions.

Secretary Dustin Click notified Rev. Billy Price on May 13, 2025, of the decision of the Discipline Commission via email requesting Rev. Price for a response prior to a meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Rev. Price responded with his letter of contrition on May 17, 2025. Rev. Price's letter was sent out via email to the Discipline

Commission on May 19, 2025 for review. On May 20, 2025 the Commission decided to vote by email on whether to accept Rev. Price's letter of contrition or not. By a vote of five to one the Discipline Commission voted to accept the letter as acceptance of discipline in the matter with Rev. David Koopman in dissent.

These are the findings of the Discipline Commission. Rev. Price violated the Confession of Faith by performing two same sex weddings one in 2021 and another in 2023. While Rev. Price does not deny performing a same sex wedding in 2021 it falls outside the statute of limitations imposed by the Rules of Discipline. As to the wedding performed in 2023, Rev. Price admits to officiating a same sex marriage in 2023. We find that he is remorseful and repentant for that action, and that he vows not to perform another same sex marriage unless or until such time if ever that Confessional standards change to allow such unions. The Discipline Commission recommended discipline is that Rev. Price's letter of contrition be presented to the Presbytery of East Tennessee and to the Session of Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church and that he not perform any more same sex unions unless or until such time if ever that Confessional standards change to allow them. This shall conclude this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



Dustin P. Click
Secretary of Discipline Commission

REPORT OF THE JUDICIARY COMMISSION,
PRESYBERY OF EAST TENNESSEE,
IN RELATION TO CHARGES FILED
AGAINST REV. BILLY PRICE
07/01/2025

The Judiciary Commission met on Monday, June 30, at 5:30 p.m., via Zoom, to consider the findings of the Disciplinary Committee in relation to charges filed against Rev. Billy Price (***Rules of Discipline***, 3.405). All five members of the Judiciary Commission attended: Vernon Sansom, Tammy Greene, Pete Carter, TJ Malinoski, and Jamie Lively.

The Judiciary Commission makes the following motion with a unanimous vote:

In light of the Disciplinary Committee's report and the Letter of Contrition written by Rev. Price and accepted by the Disciplinary Committee, the Judiciary Commission concurs in the findings of the Discipline Committee and agrees that the imposed discipline is sufficient.

Respectfully submitted,

Judiciary Commission,
Secretary James W. Lively

PROGRAM

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
OCTOBER 4, 2025
Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive, Knoxville, TN 37919
Phone #: 865-588-8581

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

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

Hearing of Representative of Agencies and other Judicatories

Hearing of Board/Committee Reports:

2. Camp John Speer (White)
3. Com. On Ministry for Clergy Care (White)
4. G. A. Commissioners (White)
5. C. E. and Heritage Committee (White)
6. Camp Chilhowee (Pink)
7. Com. On Ministry for Probationer Care (Cream)
8. Bd. Of Missions (Gray)
9. Report #2 Nominations Comm. (Lilac)
10. Coordinating Committee (Goldenrod)
11. Bd. Of Finance (Yellow)

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

Other Business
Reading & approval of Minutes – Final Roll Call

Closing Prayer - Adjournment

ROLL CALL – OCTOBER 2025

MINISTERS	
Blackwelder, Andy	PP
Blakeburn, Larry	PP
Borchert, Karen	AA
Borchert, Mark	AA
Campbell, Thomas	PP
Carter, James	PP
Choi, Ezra	AA
Coker, Nick	PP
Creamer, Jennifer	AA
Duncan, Ronnie	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	PP
Keller, Abby Cole	EE
Kelly, Patrick	EE
Koopman, David	PP
Lively, James W.	PP
Longmire, Ronald	PP
Lyle, Bill	EE
Malinoski, T. J.	PP
Marquez, Alfonso	PP
Marquez, Martha	EE
Mayfield, Randall	EE
McBeth, David	EE
McGuire, James	EE

CEUs
2024-2026

Freeman, Dan	HR
Harper, Carlton	HR
Hartman, Gary	9.0
Hester, Mark	18
Hubbard, Don	HR
Johnson, Ken	0.8
Keller, Abby Cole	8.0
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

LAY PREACHER

Snowden, Richard	AA

PROVISIONAL MINISTERS

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

Nicholson, Casey	Zoom
Peach, John	PP
Peterson, Lisa	EE
Pickard, Ron	AA
Prenshaw, Rebecca	PP
Prevost, Abby	PP
Price, Billy	EE
Sanchez, Josefina	EE
Sansom, Jr., Vernon	PP
Scott, Jerry	EE
Sledge, Jeff	EE
Sweet, Thomas	EE
Tucker, Greg	EE
Turner, Leonard	PP
Vickers, Fran	EE
Watson, Dale	PP
Wilkinson, Mike	PP
Winn, Don	PP
Wood, Kevin	P

LICENTIATE

Adair, Ed	PP
King, Brennan	AA
Slack, Dennis	P
Smith, Griffen	AA
Wood, Gina	AA

CANDIDATE

Brooks, Marcy	PP
Riese, Roland	PP

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES – OCTOBER 4, 2025

Beaver Creek	Douglas Koontz	PP
	Melinda Davis	PP
Bethesda	Roger Thornburg	PP
Casa de fey		AA
Cedar Hill		AA
Clark's Grove	Pete Carter	PP
Corntassell	Miriam Fisher	PP
Dover		AA
Fairview		AA
Faith Fellowship	Audrey Nester	PP
Greeneville	Debbie Wilson	PP
Heartland Worship Center	Jennifer Smith	PP
Knoxville	Steve Summers	PP
Lebanon		AA
Loudon	Gail Snodgrass	PP
Marietta	Brenda Owensby	PP
Maryville	Don Kline	PP
Mercy	Jesus Gonzalez	PP
Mohawk		EE
Mt. Carmel	Donald Bird	PP
Mt. Pleasant	Larry Weems	PP
New Bethel	Barbara Britton	PP
New Hope		AA
Oakland		AA
Oak Ridge	Glenn Clemons	PP
Philadelphia	Tim Hammer	PP
Pilot Knob		AA
Pleasant Hill	Stacy Bolton	PP
Salem		AA
Shiloh	Larry J. White	PP
Talbott	Lonnie Knight	PP
Union	David Bethel	PP
Virtue	Jason Trammell	PP
Willoughby		EE
Young's Chapel	Paul McCalley	PP

MINUTES
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OCTOBER 4, 2025

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session with the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN, on October 4, 2025. The Moderator, Rev. Tammy Greene, called the Presbytery into session at 9:01 A.M. The roll call showed 25 Ministers, one Licentiate, 2 Candidates, 24 Elders, 4 Visitors and one by Zoom.

Declaration of Quorum and Constituting Prayer – A quorum was declared present and the Moderator, Rev. Tammy Greene, prayed the Constituting Prayer.

Adoption of Program- On motion the program was adopted.

Welcome and Announcements – The Pastor Host, Rev. Mike Wilkinson, welcomed the Presbytery to Knoxville First Church and made the necessary announcements.

Election of Moderator – Elder Barbara Britton presented the Nominations Committee Report. The report placed the name of Rev. Jamie Lively as Moderator in nomination for a term of 6 months and the name of Elder Pete Carter 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. Jamie Lively, assumed the chair. The report was marked "A" and filed.

Recognition of Visitors – The following were recognized as present: Dennis Slack, Amy Brandon, and Rev. Kevin Wood.

Request to be excused - The following requested to be excused from this meeting of Presbytery: Nancy Franklin, Linda Marshall, Thomas Sweet, Randall Mayfield, Abby Cole Keller, Bill Lyle, Billy Price, Cheryl Filler, Jerry Scott, Martha Marquez and Elders from Willoughby and Mohawk.

Communications – **A.** Received Letter of Dismission for Rev. Kevin Wood from Cumberland Presbytery to the Presbytery of East Tennessee. On motion approved. **B.** Received letter from the Beaver Creek Session expressing desire to move forward and asking others to do the same.

C. Received Summary of Actions and Denominational News and Updates from the General Assembly Office and noted that it is available on line.

Hearing of Board and Committee Reports – On motion, reports number 2 through 5 were concurred in, marked B. C. D. E. and filed. Rev. Tammy Greene spoke to the Camp John Speer report. Elder Pete Carter presented the Camp Chilhowee report. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "F" and filed.

Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care – The report of the Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care was presented by Rev. Don Winn. Dennis Slack was invited to the front to address the body requesting to be received as a Licentiate. The Constitutional questions were asked and proper answers were given. Rev. Winn led in prayer. On motion Mr. Slack was received as a Licentiate.

On motion Recommendation II was amended to read "providing all of the needed courses" instead of "some" of the courses. On motion, the report was approved as amended. Marked "G" and filed.

Board of Missions – The report of the Board of Missions was presented by Rev. T. J. Malinoski. On motion the report was amended to add Pilot Knob – Chris Franklin to the list of Assigned Moderators and in paragraph "F" change "Youth Pastor to Youth Director". On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "H" and filed.

Commission to Install – The Commission to Insall Rev. Kevin Wood as Pastor at the Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church was appointed to include Ministers: Chris Franklin, James Carter and Mike Wilkinson. The Elders are: Barbara Britton and Amy Brandon. The Installation is to be held on December 7, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Church. On motion, approved.

Committee on Nominations #2 – The report of the Committee on Nominations #2 was presented by Elder Barbara Britton. Editorial changes were made to include Rev. James Carter on Camp John Speers, Elder Audrey Nester on Board of Missions, to remove Corntassel from the General Assembly list and also Rev. Nick Coker from the General Assembly list.

Request – The Committee on Nominations request the Coordinating Committee to consider Standing Rules to increase participation of all Ministers on the Boards and Committees of the Presbytery. On motion, the report was concurred in and the nominees elected. Marked "I" and filed.

Coordinating Committee – The report of the Coordinating Committee was presented by Rev. Tammy Greene. On motion, Recommendation #2 was amended to include the words "an ordained Minister in the Presbytery of East Tennessee shall not perform a same sex marriage" to

be inserted before the last sentence in the paragraph. On motion, the report was amended, concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "J" and filed.

Board of Finance – The report of the Board of Finance was presented by Elder Stacy Bolton. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "K" and filed.

Other Business – Rev. Larry Blakeburn addressed the body concerning Memphis Theological Seminary. Rev. Tom Campbell addressed the body concerning Memphis Theological Seminary. Elder Linda Diggs submitted her resignation as Assistant Clerk to the Stated Clerk. On motion approved. Elder Pete Carter submitted the name of Rev. Mark Hester as Assistant to the Stated Clerk. On motion, Rev. Hester was elected.

On motion accepted the invitation to meet with the Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 11, 2026.

On motion received the resignation of the Stated Clerk, Rev. Ronald Longmire, effective December 31, 2025.

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

Adjourn – On motion, this meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. to meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Loudon Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Closing Prayer – Rev. Leonard Turner prayed the closing prayer.

Rev. Jamie Lively Moderator

Rev. Jamie Lively

Ronald L. Longmire Stated Clerk

Rev. Ronald L. Longmire

Report of the Camp John Speer Board of Directors

B

to the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting
at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 4, 2025

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

Improvements and Updates since last report include:

- Steps from Shelton Hall to driveway replaced with railroad ties, ground contact 4x4's, pea gravel
- Addition of in-room air conditioner on girls' side of Manos Hall

Retreats and Camp Dates

2025 Fall Youth Retreat (7th - 12th grades) Oct. 17-19, 2025 Director Nancy Franklin Cost $60
2026 Spring Youth Retreat April 17-19, 2026 – Cost $60
2026 Summer Youth Camp June 21-25, 2026 – Cost $175
2026 Summer Kids Camp July 5-9, 2026 – Cost $175
2026 Fall Youth Retreat October 16-18, 2026 – Cost $60

Workdays at Camp John Speer

Sat. Sept. 27, 2025 – 9 am – 2 pm. Lunch, snacks & water provided.
Sat. Oct. 25, 2025 – 9 am – 2 pm. Lunch, snacks & water provided.

Upcoming Fundraisers for Camp John Speer

Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Greenery Sale – **Order Deadline is Sun. November 2.**
Pick up items Sat. Dec. 6 at Shiloh Church 9 am - 10 am
(Order Form online & attached)
Saturday, February 28, 2026 - Breakfast at Shiloh 7-10 am
Saturday, March 28, 2026 – Car Show tentatively to be held at Greene County Fairgrounds

Donations to Camp John Speer send to: Stacy Bolton, Treasurer
265 Chimney Top Ln
Chuckey, TN 37641

Reservations - Camp John Speer opens for the season on April 15 and closes November 15.

PETN CP's and affiliated groups receive a **10% discount off all rates.**
Reservation Deposit =$50 all groups
Day Rate = $100
Slip 'n Slide usage = $75;
Slip 'n Slide + Chapel + Bathroom Access = $125
Overnight Rates start at:
$125 per night for a group of 1-12 Maximum fee per night = $400

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
Website for Camp John Speer is: www.campjohnspeer.com

Report of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Clergy Care

C

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Knoxville, Tennessee
October 4, 2025

I. **Legacy of Ministry**–Donations were made on behalf of the Presbytery to the Pastoral Development Team's Legacy of Ministry endowment in recognition of the retirements of Rev. Thomas Sweet and Rev. David McBeth. A donation was also made in memory of Rev. Fred West.

II. **Committee Contacts**–Members of the committee are making efforts to contact all ministers on the roll of presbytery, in order to strengthen the connection between clergy and the committee.

III. **Communications**–

A. Under direction from the presbytery Stated Clerk, a letter of good standing was provided to the Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincy organization for Rev. Billy Price following the called meeting of presbytery at which the report of the Judiciary Commission was received.

B. Rev. Abby Prevost informed the committee that she recently accepted a part-time position as youth director at 1st Presbyterian Church Knoxville (PCUSA.) She serves full time as a hospice chaplain. We acknowledge and support her work with the PCUSA church.

IV. **Continuing Education**– General Assembly requires ministers to complete six units of continuing education every three years, with the current cycle being 2024-2026. Once CEU credit is earned for every approved 10 hours of instruction/study. Reported CEUs are recorded in presbytery minutes.

The denomination's Pastoral Development Ministry Team (PDMT) provides many resources, including periodic seminars, workshops and training that may be used as continuing education opportunities. For information, go to: https://cpcmc.org.pdmt-continuing-education/

Other options include book studies, quarterly gatherings via Zoom sponsored by PDMT, 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. 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/

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Clergy Commissioner Report
194th General Assembly
Knoxville, Tennessee
June 15-20, 2025
To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting in session with Knoxville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church, October 4, 2025

Thanks so much for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Presbytery of East Tennessee, it was truly an honor.

Sunday night we were blessed to attend a Southern Gospel Concert featuring The Scott Family. They represented the Presbytery of East Tennessee very well. Thanks to Rev. Tammy Green, for making this possible.

I served on the Judiciary Committee, below are a few items of business that was on our agenda:

*Trademark Committee
*Joint Committee on Amendments
*Memorial from Cornerstone Presbytery
*Memorial from TN/GA Presbytery
* Memorial from Grace Presbytery

It was a full week of meetings but was very rewarding. I made some new friends and the fellowship of great.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronnie Duncan

Subject: email 1 report from Synod Delegetes
Date: September 26, 2025 at 9:49 AM CDT
From: Abby Cole Keller<abbycolekeller@gmail.com>
To: ronaldlongmire@charter.net
Cc: barbbritt@embarqmail.com, chrisfranklin104@icloud.com

Dear members of Presbytery,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to attend Synod of the Southeast held on May 1, 2025. The meeting was graciously hosted by Silverdale CP church. The Rev. Derek Jacks of Grace Presbytery was the moderator, and Rev. Kenny Morgan of Hope Presbytery served as vice-moderator, with stated clerk and treasurer, Rev. Cliff Hudson serving as Clerk.

There were a total of 10 ministers and 6 elders in attendance. The Presbytery of East Tennessee was present among them.

The business of the day began after on opening prayer. Communications were read and discussed with no motions passing. Rev. David Linski and Rev. Donny Acton were appointed to examine the financial report and proposed budget. Which was found to be off by .24 cents, the error was corrected and the report approved. Revs. Linski and Acton recommended that the proposed budget be amended by removing support of CAM and OUO and increasing the host church allowance to $500.00. The motion passed and the whole report was concurred in

Rev. T.J. Malinoski, Director of Evangelism and New Church Development, and Intercultural Ministries for the Ministry Council of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church was seated as an advisory member. He present a *Request to appoint a Committee to Inquire Into the Status of the Cumberland East Coast Presbytery* (the Korean Presbytery located in the North East). The motion was approved and Re. Abby Keller, Rev. Earl Goodwin, and Elder Gayle Hixon named to the committee with Rev. Derek Jacks, Rev. Malinoski, and Rev. Cliff Hudson to serve as advisory members.

Committees were assigned to examine presbyterial minutes. A wonderful BBQ lunch was served. Minutes were examined.

The Appeal of Mark Shedden against our Presbytery was ruled out of order.

The report of the Synod of the Southeast Commission to Review and Redress the Presbytery of East Tennessee's Committee/Commission on Discipline, Judiciary Commission and the Committee on Ministry Clergy Care was received and concurred in. The Commission was dissolved.

Synod reports were received, and all were found to be in good and decent order. It was noted that Cumberland East Coast Presbytery did not submit any minutes or send any delegates to the meeting.

The next meeting of Synod will be a general meeting of Synod at Oak Ridge CPC. This means that ALL PASTORS are expected to attend and church are expected to send representatives. This meeting will be

held on Saturday May 2, 2026.

The minutes were read and approved. On motion, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve,

Rev. Abby Cole Keller

Rev. Chris Franklin

Elder Barbara Britton

Christian Education and Heritage Committees

The Christian Education and Heritage Committees of the East Tennessee Presbytery met on August 12th, 2025 at Talbott CP Church. The meeting was started at 6:30 p.m. by Secretary Marcy Brooks (at the request of Ron Longmire, Stated Clerk since former Chair Linda Diggs has retired.)

It was noted that all members except one were present: Amy Brandon (Beaver Creek), Marcy Brooks (Philadelphia), Gary Hartman (currently serving as Moderator for Heartland Worship Center), Rebecca Roberts-Miller (Greeneville), Danny Scott (Fairview), and Kelly Styons (Shiloh). BJ Mathis (Beaver Creek) was on vacation.

Marcy read the current description of duties for the Christian Education committee since most of the members are new to the committee. She then asked everyone to introduce themselves and why they were willing to serve on these particular committees.

The next order of business was to find a chairperson who was familiar with the duties and also comfortable in leadership. Amy Brandon volunteered. After a few moments of miscellaneous discussions, Secretary Marcy Brooks turned leadership over to new chairperson, Amy Brandon.

Gary Hartman requested information on the recent "CP Connect' held at Talbott on July 12th. Since Marcy Brooks had attended she was able to give a report. Only four people had attended but there had been a lively discussion on ideas different congregations were using for more effective ministry. This led into a discussion on how we could best improve our communications with congregations and their CE/Heritage people.

In our concern for Confessional Integrity, we are going to consider possibilities of future workshops to be made available on individual congregations or Presbyterial levels.

We also discussed the budget and previous suggestions regarding the Bethel Scholarship. Marcy Brooks volunteered to call the college and see what plan would be best to promote the use of the scholarship funds.

Our next event will be Heritage Days in February. It was suggested that we revisit this event in various ways: the continued split of the region, how often we need to have an actual event vs. a "special time" in the worship services, refreshing our understanding of why heritage is important to the denomination. We'll go into more detail at our next meeting in November.

A motion was made to dismiss, seconded and approved by all.

Amy Brandon then dismissed us with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcy Brooks

Secretary

Report from the Camp Chilhowee Board
October 4, 2025,
Meeting of Presbytery of East Tennessee, CPC

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The Camp Chilhowee Board has met 3 times since May.

Camp Chilhowee Summer Camps

- **Junior Camp** was held Sunday through Friday **(June 1-6) with 13 campers and 8 Staff. Anna Wood (Union) was the Director**. The camp theme for the week was **"God's Ohana."**

- **Youth Camp** (Jr & Sr High) was held Sunday through Friday **(June 8-13) with 37 youth students and 8 staff** with an additional 6 or 8 helping with music, worship, and other activities. **Co-Directed by BJ Mathis (Beaver Creek) & Richard "Psalty" Russell (Clark's Grove.)** The camp theme was **"Body of Christ."**

Camping Dates for the 2026 Summer Camping Season

- **Kid's Camp - June 14-19. Finished 3rd-7th graders.**
- **Youth Camp - June 21-26. Finished 8th-12th grade**

Continued updates and renovations for select cabins and camp wide facilities by a variety of churches and camp staff are underway. For example, new mattresses were donated and installed in each cabin at camp. Caretaker Barry Shelton is the coordinator of the work with churches and individuals. If your church is interested in some specific service work, projects for camp, or to help with funding for cabins or the pool renovations, please contact Barry Shelton by email at d.barryshelton@hotmail.com.

Recommendation 1: The Camp Chilhowee Camping dates and ages for the 2026 Summer Camping Season be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

The Camp Chilhowee Board

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Report of

The COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY For PROBATIONER CARE

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Knoxville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Knoxville, Tennessee
October 4, 2025

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

A. **Ed Adair**–A member of Beaver Creek CP Church, Ed 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. He is nearing completion of his MDiv, but still needs access to the required courses in Cumberland Presbyterian history and theology. Ed has had opportunities to preach at Beaver Creek and Dover CP churches. His committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

B. **Brennan King**–Brennan is a member of Heartland CP Church. Received as a candidate in October 2019. and licensed in October 2023, Brennan serves as stated supply at Talbott CP Church. Brennan has taken time off from seminary with the committee's approval while he works to get his gym business established. Brennan is considering on-line seminary classes as a path to ordination. Gwen Roddye is his committee contact.

C. **Griffen Smith**–A member of Beaver Creek CP Church, Griffen was received as a candidate in October 2018 and was licensed in April 2025. He graduated in May from the University of Tennessee with a Master's degree in French. Griffen is currently enrolled at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he is attending on a full tuition scholarship given by the school. Gwen Roddye is his committee contact.

D. **Gina Wood**–Gina is a member of Union CP Church, and was received as a candidate in October 2018, licensed in April 2024. Gina fills various roles at Union, including preaching when needed, teaching Sunday School, and assisting on Wednesday evenings. She is currently enrolled in the Program of Alternate Studies, but has experienced scheduling issues that have made getting the required classes difficult while working. Her committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

II. <u>Candidates Under the Care of Presbytery</u>

A. **Marcy Brooks**–Marcy is a member of Fairview CP Church and is certified as a Lay Leader. She was received as a candidate in the April 2021 meeting of presbytery. Marcy currently serves Philadelphia CP Church and is enrolled in the Program of Alternate Studies. Rev. Tammy Greene is her committee contact.

B. **Roland Reise**–A member of Corntassel CP Church, Roland was received as a candidate in October 2023. He is enrolled in the John W. Rawlings School of Divinity at Liberty University, where he has completed just over half the required courses toward his degree. He will also need to complete the required CP courses in polity, history, and theology in preparation for ordination. At Corntassel, Roland serves as church pianist and teaches Bible study. His committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

III. <u>Others</u>

A. **Dennis Slack**–The committee met with Dennis, an ordained PCA minister, having received his MDiv at Ashland Theological Seminary and working over forty years in various pastorates and chaplaincy. He and his wife have been attending the Greeneville CP Church for the past two years. Dennis currently works as a hospice chaplain, but shared with us that he feels led to minister in a CP Church and wishes to have his ordination recognized. He has provided the required education documentation and his credentials from the PCA and he understands that he will be required to complete prescribed studies in CP history, polity, and theology.

Recommendation I: That Dennis Slack be granted the status of licentiate while he completes the necessary studies.

B. **Chuck Wright**–The committee met with Chuck, a member and ordained elder of a PCUSA church who attends Shiloh CP Church. Mr. Wright has a Certificate in Congregational Leadership from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, having completed 8 courses–Foundations of Christian Education, Reformed Worship and Sacraments, Introduction to New Testament, Introduction to Old Testament, Presbyterian Polity, Introduction to Preaching, Reformed Theology and Pastoral Care. He is currently retired, but feels led to serve as a lay leader to small, rural churches that may struggle to find a minister. He came inquiring about how to be received as a Lay Leader in the CP Church. Chuck and his wife Fran, an ordained deacon, were received as members of Shiloh on August 17, 2025, by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian Church in Butte Montana. We are not making a recommendation at this time, but will continue to work with him to determine next steps and identify his call.

IV. <u>Concerns Regarding the Preparation of Candidates for the Ministry</u>–In our interviews with candidates, we continue to hear about increasing difficulty getting the appropriate courses. In particular, access to the four required courses on CP polity, history, and theology is of concern, as these are necessary for ordination, regardless of

whether the candidate attends seminary or PAS. We no longer have confidence that MTS or PAS can provide these courses in a reliable, timely fashion and are actively seeking solutions. We ask that presbytery authorize the Probationer Care Committee to work with MTS and PAS to resolve this issue, perhaps engaging local pastors to provide some of the courses needed.

Recommendation II: That the Probationer Care Committee be approved to work with MTS, PAS, and others as necessary to ensure access to the CP courses required for candidates in the Presbytery of East Tennessee, with the possibility of local pastors providing all of the needed courses.

V. **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 Probationer Care Committee by January 1, 2026 to receive the necessary training and get their request for approval included in the report to the spring 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 for Probationer Care

Report of the Board of Missions H
to the Presbytery of East Tennessee
at the First Knoxville CPC
October 4, 2025

A. **Cedar Hill:** -The Rev. Kevin Wood has accepted the position of pastor of the Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The BOM has reviewed the contract between Cedar Hil and Rev. Wood and find it to be in order.

Recommendation: That a pastoral relationship between the Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Rev. Kevin Wood be approved effective July 15, 2025.

B. **Other:** The Board met for its stated meeting on August 19, 2025, and discussed a handful of concerns at congregations throughout the presbytery. The Board has been in and will be in further contact with pastors and church sessions. The Board seeks to remain in regular correspondence with the congregations of the Presbytery, and we remind church sessions and session clerks to be in communication with a member of the Board if and when you should need our assistance.

C. List of Assigned Moderators
Beaver Creek - Billy Price
Bethesda – Ronnie Duncan (Wade McAmis, UMC lay speaker, filling pulpit)
Casa de Fey – TJ Malinoski (elders serving the church)
Faith Fellowship — David Koopman (David Koopman filling pulpit)
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 – Chris Franklin (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 (Licentiate Brennan King, filling the pulpit)

The Board of Missions reminds assigned moderators of sessions that they are to periodically give reports on the churches that they are assigned to.

D. **Congregations Seeking Pulpit Supply and Pastors:**
Beaver Creek (Powell)
Casa de Fey (Boston, Mass.)
Faith Fellowship (Lenoir City)
Heartland (Lenoir City)

E. **Ministers Available for Pulpit Supply**
Rev. Carlton Harper Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw Rev. Vernon Sansom Rev. Thomas Sweet

F. Abby Prevost informed the Board that her main calling has not changed; she is still serving fulltime as a Hospice Chaplain and as an on-call hospital chaplain. In addition, she has accepted a part-time (10 hour per week) position as Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church, USA, Knoxville, TN.

G. "Convocation of Sessions" – The Board discussed the recent "Convocation of Sessions" and distributed copies of the minutes from this unofficial meeting held within the bounds of the Presbytery of East Tennessee. It was noted that an announced future meeting of "The Confession Fellowship," a closed membership group within the denomination, has been cancelled until further notice and their webpage has been taken down.

The following brief synopsis was prepared for inclusion in the Board Report by two Board members who attended the "Convocation of Sessions:"
In late June 2025 an invitation to attend a Convocation of Sessions was sent by Knoxville 1st, Mount Pleasant, and Virtue church sessions to individuals and churches in Presbytery of East Tennessee. The purpose of the meeting was to explore the options on whether to remain or leave the presbytery. Prior to the meeting, the Board of Missions also communicated to members of presbytery that the Convocation of Sessions was neither a function nor event of presbytery. The Board's letter acknowledged the right to engage in discussion and express dissent; however, it stressed working collectively is the better path and encouraged anyone who had questions or needed assistance to contact the Board.

The Convocation of Sessions was held on July 19, 2025, hosted by Knoxville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Two representatives from the Board of Missions were present. Approximately 65 people including ministers, probationers, elders, and church members were in attendance from several churches. During the Convocation attendance, votes, and minutes were taken. Four options were presented as the goal of the meeting. Those in attendance would discuss and vote to either: 1. Do nothing/take no action, 2. Reform and reconcile the presbytery from within, 3. Leave and join another presbytery, or 4. Create a new presbytery. These options were discussed at length, and each option was voted upon. The majority vote was to reform the presbytery from within followed by create a new presbytery. The meeting ended with no further discussion.

H. Other:
The Board discussed the existing processes when a church session wants to affiliate or disaffiliate with the presbytery. To help strengthen the process outlined in the General Assembly guidelines, the Board agreed upon the following steps to assist a church session and presbytery:

PROCESSES FOR PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

REGARDING CHURCH AFFILIATION

Introduction

The Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church identifies a particular church as *a congregation of professing Christians, together with their baptized children, who have entered into a covenant agreement with each other to meet together regularly to worship God and study the word of God, to join together in a common witness to the gospel, and to engage in good works to which Christians are called; and who have adopted a certain form of government* (2.01). The individual or *particular* church is a part of a larger body of believers that embraces an interdependence and connectional nature with one another. This interdependence and connectional nature are both theological and structural. Theologically, a church is part of the *one, holy, universal, apostolic church that never exists for herself alone, but to glorify God and work for reconciliation through Christ* (COF 5.09). Its mission, communion, worship, and sacraments urge it to eagerly respond and be faithful in its witness to all persons who have not received Christ as Lord and Savior (COF 5.28). Structurally, a church carries out its mission in the Presbyterian form of government. This structure not only guides the life and ministry of the local church and its leadership in a representative manner: session, presbytery, synod, and general assembly, but yokes itself organizationally with the covenant community of Cumberland Presbyterians (Constitution, Preamble).

A presbytery is to provide care and oversight for each church in its defined area. Among its responsibilities is to visit churches, make inquiries, and respond to any matters that may arise (Constitution 5.6). Occasionally, a presbytery will encounter a church within its care experiencing estrangement or disaffection. In extraordinary circumstances, this can result in a church resolving to disaffiliate. Disaffiliation includes transferring to another presbytery, joining another ecclesiastical body, or becoming an independent church. Because disaffiliation is detrimental to the spiritual welfare, the connectional relations, and ministries of the presbytery, great care and consideration are essential to ascertain the correct course. This requires presbytery's involvement when either a church requests to disaffiliate or requests to join the presbytery.

The following are processes necessary for both the church session and the presbytery regarding affiliation with the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

Process For A Church To Disaffiliate With The Presbytery Of East Tennessee

A. Church Session

1. Self-Assessment and Discernment

Prior to a church session determining disaffiliating with the Presbytery of East Tennessee, a self-assessment and discernment will assist a church to identify the benefits and drawbacks of disaffiliation. Ascertaining and naming motivations for disaffiliation is an important first measure requiring communication on behalf of the church's membership and session. Considerable time and care should be devoted to providing clear information, study, and discussion. Congregational meetings may be appropriate to facilitate conversation, provide updates, encourage prayer, and address questions.

2. Initiate the Request for Disaffiliation

Following the completion of a thorough self-assessment and discernment process and the church's session determines that disaffiliation with the presbytery is the correct course, the session shall communicate its request to the presbytery. The request shall be in written form detailing the discernment, study, congregational meetings, session meetings, and the reasons for disaffiliation. The request shall include the intent to affiliate with another presbytery, become an independent church, or join another ecclesiastical body such as a denomination, network, conference, etc.

B. Presbytery of East Tennessee

1. Receive the Request and Inquire into the Church

Determining that the communication from the church's session is in good order, the presbytery shall appropriate the request to its board of missions, congregational care committee, or appoint a special committee. The purpose of the board of missions/special committee is to inquire, provide counsel, give guidance, and administer oversight with the intent of reconciliation. *Guidelines for Congregational Care* (Minutes of the 183rd General Assembly) and Rules of Discipline 2.3 can assist in this process.

2. Make Recommendation(s)

When/if the request is determined to be in the best interest of either the church or the presbytery, the board of missions/special committee shall recommend to the presbytery that disaffiliation is appropriate. Upon approval by presbytery, both the church session and the presbytery shall communicate to the Synod of the Southeast the request for disaffiliation.

Process For A Church From Another Presbytery To Affiliate With The Presbytery Of East Tennessee

A. Church Session

1. Communicate to Presbytery

The session sends a communication to the Presbytery of East Tennessee requesting to join the presbytery. The request shall be in written form detailing the discernment, study, congregational meetings, session meetings, and the reasons for affiliation. The request shall include the intent to

affiliate with the presbytery and provide evidence that the constituent presbytery is both aware and approves of the session's intent.

B. Presbytery of East Tennessee

1. Receive the Request and Inquire into the Church

Determining that the communication from the church's session is in good order, the presbytery shall appropriate the request to its board of missions, congregational care committee or appoint a special committee. The board of missions/special committee will review the request, conduct exploratory meetings, on-site visits, and meet with the session and congregation.

2. Make Recommendation(s)

When/if the request is determined to be in the best interest of either the church or the presbytery, the board of missions/special committee shall recommend to the presbytery that affiliation is appropriate. The presbytery will notify the Synod of the Southeast and former synod, where applicable, of its decision and recommend the church to be affiliated with the Presbytery of East Tennessee. If the synod(s) approves the affiliation the congregation will be under provisional status, as described in the Constitution 10.3 (last paragraph), for one year/12 consecutive months.

Additional Resources for the Church and Presbytery

Guidelines for Congregational Care. Minutes of 183rd General Assembly, pages 453 – 454.

Guidelines for Changes in Congregational Affiliation. Minutes of 193rd General Assembly, pages 83 – 88.

The Nominating Committee for East Tennessee Presbytery met on August 21st, 2025. Secretary, Marcy Brooks (Philadelphia) called the meeting to order since Linda Diggs, former chair has retired.

A quorum was met with attendees Barbara Britton, Marcy Brooks, Abby Cole Keller and Robyn Murray.

After reviewing obligations of the committee as described in the standing rules, Marcy requested someone who had experience to step up to lead. Abby Cole Keller gladly accepted and took over the meeting.

We discussed several names to fill coming vacancies in the Presbytery Committees. After much discussion and delegations for contact, the meeting was dismissed.

Here is the roster of nominations who have been contacted and the mentioned leaders have accepted the positions. We respectfully submit the following names:

Board of Christian Education/Heritage

26 (1) Marcy Brooks

26 (1) Amy Brandon

26 (1) BJ Matthis

27 (2) Danny Scott

27 (1) Gary Hartman

27 (1) Kathy Tinker

28 (2) Duncan Shelton

28 (2) Rebecca Roberts- Miller

28 (1) Margaret Harper

Board of Finance

26 (2) Roger Thornburg

26 (1) Rebecca Prenshaw

26 (1) Terry Murphy

27 (2) Stacy Bolton (CH)

27 (2) Virgil Hubbard

27 (1) Linda Marshall

28 (3) Cindy Bales

28 (2) Artie Wehenkel

28 Vacant

Board of Mission

26 (3) Marty Cooke

26 (3) Casey Nicholson (CH)

26 (1) Bill Lyle

27 (1) Andy Blackwelder

27 (1) Mike Wilkinson

27 (1) Abby Prevost

28 (2) Vernon Sansom, Jr.

28 (1) Audrey Nester

28 Vacant

Personnel Committee

26 (2) Thomas Campbell

27 (1) Pete Carter

28 (2) Gwen Roddye

Committee on Church Records

26 (1) Ed Adair

27 (1) Vacant

28 (1) Vacant

Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

26 (3) Larry Blackburn (CH)

26 (3) Gwen Roddye

27 (1) Melissa Duff

28 (1) Jerry Scott

28 (1) Thomas Sweet

Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care

26 (1) Larry Blackburn

26 (1) Gwen Roddye

27 (2) David McBeth

28 (2) Mark Hester

28 (1) Don Winn

Committee on Nominations

26 (3) Chris Franklin

26 (1) vacant

27 (2) Barbara Britton

27 (1) Abby Cole Keller (CH)

28 (2) Robyn Murray

28 (2) Marcy Brooks

28 (1) Abby Prevost

Camp Chilhowee

26 (2) Duncan Shelton (CH)

26 (1) B.J. Matthis

26 (1) Pete Carter

27 (3) Billy Price

27 (1) Meagan Brakebill

27 (1) Sam Rowe

28 (2) Griffin Smith

28 (2) Jake Stafford

28 (2) Anna Wood

John Speer

26 (3) Kelli Reed Littleton

26 (2) Cheryl Summers

26 (2) Danny Scott

27 (3) Stacy Bolton

27 (2) Jessica Neas

27 (1) Vacant

28 (3) Tammy Greene (CH)

28 (2) Abby Cole Keller

28 (2) Larry Weems

Committee/Commission on Discipline

Dustin Click

Randall Mayfield

Chris Franklin

David Koopman

GA 2026 Clergy

Billy Price, Jerry Scott

GA Clergy Alternate

James Carter, Ron Longmire, Ken Johnson

GA Elder Delegates

Corntassel

Dover

Mt. Pleasant

Synod: ALL

Moderator: James Lively

Vice Moderator: Pete Carter

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REPORT OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

J

The Coordinating Committee met on August 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Members present were Rev. Tammy Greene, Rev. Mark Hester, Rev. Larry Blakeburn, Rev. T. J. Malinoski (Zoom), Elder Pete Carter and Rev. Ronald Longmire, Stated Clerk.

The opening prayer was led by Pete Carter.

Rev. Tammy Greene was elected as Chair.

The Committee reviewed reports from the following Boards and Committees:

1. Camp John Speer
2. Camp Chilhowee
3. Committee on Ministry for Clergy Care
4. Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care
5. Board of Missions
6. Committee on Nominations
7. Recommendation #1: Addition to the Standing Rules: add to Roman Numeral I, paragraph C (ATTENDANCE) and before subparagraph #1 on page 1 of the Standing Rules of the Minutes add the following:

   "You may attend Presbytery by Video Conference but you must be visible and identified for your presence and votes to count."

8. Reviewed and responded to Rev. Don Winn's questions concerning marriage which were referred to the Coordinating Committee at the April meeting. The Committee makes the following:

   Recommendation #2: We, the Presbytery of East Tennessee, both receive and adopt the Confession of Faith as containing the essential doctrines taught in the holy scriptures. We maintain that marriage is between a man and a woman for the mutual benefit of each, their children, and society. We affirm that while marriage is subject to the appropriate civil law, it is primarily a covenant relationship with God. And we commit to embrace each person and all groups of persons within the family life of the covenant community. An ordained Minister in the Presbytery of East Tennessee shall not perform a same sex marriage. If an individual or judicatory acts contrary to the faith, practice, or government of the Church they are subject to the act of discipline appropriate to the nature of the error or offense.

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

Respectfully submitted,
The Coordinating Committee

Report of the Board of Finance

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To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with the
Knoxville 1st Cumberland Presbyterian Church
October 4th, 2025

The Board of Finance met at Talbott CPC on September 9th to work on the 2026 Budget and to discuss various other items.

Presbyterial Treasurer Darryl Shepard presented the Board with the Presbyterial Account Balances through the 2nd Quarter of 2025, which is included with the Report of the Board of Finance. Darryl informed the Board that Church Apportionments for 2025 were up to date. The Board noted that the financial health of the Presbytery is very good.

With the Presbytery hosting the 2025 General Assembly, final expenses totaled $14,309.35. If anyone desires the breakdown of expenses, please contact Presbyterial Treasurer Darryl Shepard.

The financial records for the Presbytery for 2023 and 2024 have not yet been audited. Adams & Plucker CPA, PLLP of Greeneville, TN. conducted the previous audit for the years of 2021 and 2022. This firm was contacted early in 2025 to audit years 2023 and 2024 and informed the Presbyterial Treasurer that due to staffing shortages, the firm would not be able to perform the audit. Other firms were also contacted and due to the quoted prices, the Board wanted to discuss other options. The Board asked the Presbyterial Treasurer to contact Adams & Plucker CPA, PLLP, again, about conducting the audit. No decision has been made at the time of the submission of this report.

Presbytery Treasurer Darryl Shepard contacted the various Boards and Committees related to budget requests for 2026 and the Board of Finance has compiled a final budget and allocation to churches for Presbytery.

Recommendation 1: Approve the proposed 2026 Presbytery Budget and allocation to churches.

The Board of Finance is scheduled to meet February 2nd, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at Talbot CPC. The purpose of this meeting is to audit the financial records of both camps for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Finance

Presbytery of East Tennessee

2025 ACCOUNT BALANCES

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2025 BALANCE	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	12/31/25 Balance
RESERVE ACCOUNTS						
General Account #62049						
Reserve Fund--CPC Investment Loan Program	**350,976.97**	4,405.56	4,460.85		-	359,843.38
Board of Missions # 62048						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Program	15,156.69	190.25	192.64		-	15,539.58
Committee on the Ministry # 880070						
Philip Jones Endowment--CPC Endowment Program	18,387.02	(50.33)	1,065.39		-	19,402.08
Presbytery of E.Tenn, New Church Development Fund # 62205						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Loan Program	517,192.97	6,447.27	6,294.75	-	-	507,779.04
		(22,155.95) Tsf BoS - 3/17/25				
	901,713.65	10,992.75	12,013.63	-	-	902,564.08

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2025 BALANCE	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	12/31/25 Balance
OPERATING ACCOUNTS						
			Interest			
Money Market Account - First Horizon Bank	89,735.60	455.06	464.45	317.77	-	90,972.88
			Balances			
General Operating Account - First Horizon Bank	102,456.13					102,456.13
	192,191.73	455.06	464.45	317.77	-	193,429.01

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	2026 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	MINISTER EDUCATION EXPENSE	20,000.00
	LEARNING RESOURCES	250.00
	OFFICE SUPPLIES / ZOOM ACCESS	225.00
	Total – Comm. On The Ministry for Probationer Care	**$ 20,475.00**
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

2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	2026 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
	PASTORAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE 2026-2030	1,000.00
	MEMORIALS	300.00
	Presbytery's WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT and MAINTENANCE	500.00
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00
	Total – Presbytery	**$ 29,600.00**
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**	**$ 171,016.00**
	2024 BUDGET SURPLUS	**$ 21,016.00**
	BUDGET ALLOCATED TO CHURCHES	**$ 150,000.00**

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
2026 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 2024	TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED DURING 2024	ANNUAL ALLOCATION for 2026	MONTHLY PAYMENT for 2026
Beaver Creek	450	532,831.00	25,477.72	2,123.00
Bethesda	34	104,954.00	2,999.79	250.00
Casa De Fe (NRR)	13	25,381.00	901.96	75.00
Cedar Hill	38	94,092.00	2,967.12	247.00
Clark's Grove	50	58,975.00	2,827.06	236.00
Corntassel	27	47,840.00	1,792.32	149.00
Dover	41	110,890.00	3,357.03	280.00
Fairview	47	112,562.00	3,606.48	301.00
Faith Fellowship	37	144,940.00	3,774.93	315.00
Greeneville	167	350,980.00	12,000.90	1,000.00
Heartland Worship Center	25	63,426.00	1,977.36	165.00
Knoxville First	100	312,000.00	8,877.94	740.00
Lebanon	10	40,720.00	1,045.95	87.00
Loudon	163	414,345.00	12,905.82	1,075.00
Marietta	45	249,454.00	5,806.83	484.00
Maryville First	56	270,006.00	6,554.67	546.00
Misericordia	13	7,136.00	598.85	50.00
Mohawk	14	22,254.00	886.95	74.00
Mount Carmel	35	53,980.00	2,189.89	183.00
Mount Pleasant	34	40,800.00	1,933.98	161.00
New Bethel (NRR)	6	20,081.00	555.29	46.00
New Hope	22	45,080.00	1,561.74	130.00
Oak Ridge	149	299,879.00	10,486.92	874.00
Oakland (NRR)	18	33,238.00	1,217.22	101.00
Philadelphia	20	11,947.00	937.40	78.00
Pilot Knob (NRR)	9	10,040.00	499.31	42.00
Pleasant Hill	17	27,939.00	1,092.24	91.00
Salem (NRR)	22	25,934.00	1,243.66	104.00
Shiloh	88	156,335.00	5,848.48	487.00
Talbott	30	62,946.00	2,154.12	180.00
Union	118	330,482.00	9,850.02	821.00
Virtue (NRR)	60	218,670.00	5,849.59	487.00
Willoughby	6	8,960.00	370.53	31.00
Young's Chapel	66	205,346.00	5,849.91	487.00
Totals	2030	4,514,443.00	$ 150,000.00	12,500.00

(NRR) – The 2024 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.

Recommended by the Board of Finance for Approval at the 10-4-2025 Meeting of Presbytery