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Called Meeting – March 2, 2025
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Stated Meeting – April 5, 2025
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October, 1999	**Rev. Donald Hubbard**
October, 2000	**Rev. Glenn Holt**
October, 2001	**Rev. Bill Ivey**
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April, 2007	**Rev. Jamie Lively**
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October, 2008	**Dr. J. David Hester**
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October, 2009	**Rev. Thomas Sweet**
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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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PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

October 4, 2025, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, TN

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STANDING RULES

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

I – MEETINGS

A. DATES

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

B. PLACES

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

C. ATTENDANCE

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

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

D. AGENDA

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

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

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

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

II – MEMBERSHIP

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

III – OFFICERS

The officers of the Presbytery shall be

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

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

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

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

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

IV – AGENCIES

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

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

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

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

C. SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMITTEES and COMMISSIONS

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

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

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

B. PRESBYTERIAL PASTORS

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

C. TREASURER

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

D. PLANNED GIVING COORDINATOR

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

VI – OPERATING GUIDELINES

A. EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

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

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

B. AGENCY MEETINGS, REPORTS AND BUDGET REQUESTS

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

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

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

D. PRESBYTERIAL MINUTES

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

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

E. PRESBYTERIAL SHARES

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

F. FINANCIAL AUDIT

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

G. TRAVEL POLICY

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

VII – GENERAL

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
NOVEMBER 24, 2024

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in called session at Knoxville Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sunday, November 24, 2024.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Abby Cole Keller at 3:00 p.m. The opening prayer was led by the Moderator.

Roll Call: The roll was taken and a quorum was declared present, 7 were in attendance. Those in attendance were: Ministers, Abby Cole Keller, Randall Mayfield, Rebecca Prenshaw, Mike Wilkinson, Ronald Longmire; Elders, Pat Blackburn and Bill Halbert.

Reading the call: The call was read as follows: I, Rev. Abby Cole Keller, am calling a meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee to be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Knoxville First Church. The purpose of the meeting is: To approve the sale of a parcel of land currently belonging to Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. On motion, the request was approved. See attachment.

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

Adjourn: On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. Rev. Mike Wilkinson prayed the closing prayer.

Rev. Abby Keller Moderator
Rev. Abby Keller

Rev. Ronald Longmire Stated Clerk
Rev. Ronald Longmire

November 1, 2024

Madam Moderator,

We, the undersigned, respectfully request a called meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee for the purpose of approving the sale of a narrow strip of land (40 ft. by 295 ft.; see included aerial photo and drawing) currently belonging to the Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Inc. The sale price is $60,000.00. This narrow strip of land will give access to a neighboring landlocked parcel, thus allowing its new owner to build a driveway to the house he will be building beginning in January. It will be a single family residence for the new owner and his family. This narrow strip of land is on the eastern boundary of the church's property and its sale will not inhibit the use of the remainder of the church's property. We further request that this called meeting of Presbytery be held at the Knoxville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon, November 24, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mike Wilkinson
Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Elder Bill Halbert
Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Rev. Leonard Turner
Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Elder Marian Howard
Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Dear members of the Presbytery of East Tennessee,

I am calling a meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee to be held on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the Knoxville First Church. The purpose of the meeting is:

To approve the sale of a parcel of land currently belonging to Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Please see that attached information for more details.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Abby Keller
Abby Cole Keller, Moderator Presbytery of East Tennessee



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MINUTES
CALLED MEETING
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
MARCH 2, 2025

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in called session at Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 2, 2025.

Called to Order: The Moderator, Rev. Abby Cole Keller, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Moderator called on Rev. Dale Watson to pray the Constituting prayer.

Roll Call: The roll was taken and a quorum was declared present, 39 were in attendance and 12 by ZOOM. Those in attendance were: Vernon Sansom, Jr., Abby Keller, James W. Lively, Thomas Sweet, Mark Hester, Randall Mayfield, Andy Blackwelder, Alfonso Marquez, Martha Marquez, Miguel Angel Gonzalez, Mike Wilkinson, David Koopman, Casey Nicholson, Don Winn, Gina Wood, James Carter, Leonard Turner, Bill Lyle, Dale Watson, Jerry Scott, Rebecca Prenshaw, Tammy Greene, Stated Clerk, Ronald Longmire, Dustin Click, Nick Fillers, Roger Thornburg, Brenda Owensby, Steve Harrison, Larry Weems, Lonnie Knight, Sylvia Guzman, Barbara Britton, Tony Bird, Lisa Criss, Alyssa Atchley, Bill Halbert, Amy Brandon, Carolyn McCarter, Lee Longmire.

Those in attendance by ZOOM were: T. J. Malinoski, Chris Franklin, Billy Price, Jessica Neas, Greg Stafford, Steve Ludtman, Pete Carter, William Bird, Theresa McKenrick, Linda Diggs, Daniel Maiden.

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

The Nominating Committee Report was read, marked "B" and filed. On motion, the report was concurred in and names (Clergy: Rev. Chris Franklin, Rev. David Koopman and Rev. Randall Mayfield; Elders: Carolyn Harmon, Kim Keck) were placed in nomination. Marked "B" and filed.

The Moderator ask for other nominations, Bill Lyle and Rev. Mike Wilkinson were nominated from the floor. On motion, nominations ceased, a canvas committee was appointed and retired to count the ballots.

Recess declared: A recess was declared at 3:15 p.m.

Recess declared out: Recess was declared out at 3:40 p.m.

The count showed Rev. Franklin 26; Rev. Koopman 32; Rev. Mayfield 34; Bill Lyle 23; Rev. Wilkinson 24. Rev. Franklin, Rev. Koopman and Rev. Mayfield were declared the elected Clergy and Carolyn Harmon and Kim Keck the elected Elders.

Reading of the Minutes: On motion, the minutes were read and approved. The Moderator called on Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw for the closing prayer.

Adjourn: On motion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Rev. Abby Keller Moderator
Rev. Abby Keller

Rev. Ronald Longmire Stated Clerk
Rev. Ronald Longmire

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Notice of Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

When: Sunday, March 2, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Talbott Cumberland Presbyterian Church – 7410 W. Andrew Johnson Hwy. Talbott TN 37877

Purpose: To fulfill the Synodic Commission's directive received via email on 2/11/2025:

> "requiring the Presbytery of East TN to issue a called meeting in the next two weeks for the purpose of electing new members to serve on the Disciplinary Commission/Committee.
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> Please follow the points outlined below:
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> 1. No recused persons can be reinstated to the Disciplinary Committee/Commission.
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> 2. Presbytery has fourteen days to set a date for the called meeting and have the Disciplinary Commission functioning in the next thirty days.
>
> 3. New members must be elected to the Disciplinary Committee/Commission in the aforementioned meeting.
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> 4. Rev. Mike Sharpe affirmed that the Presbytery of East TN must comply and obey the rulings of the Synodic Commission."

Elder delegates who represented their session at the October 2024 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/83077339026?pwd=Ga4feK051SadlBYjJjyOgf3anqp0sB.1

Meeting ID: 830 7733 9026 Passcode: 684640

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

Rev Tammy Greene Rev. Tammy Greene, Shiloh CPC

Stacy Bolton Stacy Bolton, Elder Delegate Pleasant Hill CPC

Dustin P. Click Dustin Click, Elder Delegate Greeneville CPC

B

Committee on Nominations

Report to Called Meeting of Presbytery of East Tennessee

Meeting on March 2, 2025, at Talbott CPC

The Committee on Nominations met on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, with the following members present: Barbara Britton, Marcy Brooks, Abby Keller, Robyn Murray, and Linda Diggs (Chairperson). The CON met to compile a slate of nominees to complete membership on Committee on Discipline.

The Presbytery of East Tennessee was directed by Synod to meet in a called session for the purpose of nominating and electing members to the Committee on Discipline, replacing individuals who had previously recused themselves (Wendell Thomas, Kim Wilkes, Rev. Mark Hester). Dustin Click (elder, Greeneville) remains on the committee. Rev. Rebecca Prenshaw indicated that though she was willing to stay on, she would be recusing herself in upcoming matters. The CON has opted to nominate another minister in that position. The committee will be made up of three elders and three clergy (we had only five members so this is a correction).

The Committee on Nominations deliberated and worked diligently in compiling a list of individuals to be nominated to serve on the Committee on Discipline. We believe that these nominees represent the diversity of our Presbytery and will faithfully serve in this capacity. The individuals that we are now placing in nomination have been contacted and are willing to serve when elected.

Nominated are the following:

Clergy: Rev. Chris Franklin, Rev. David Koopman, Rev. Randall Mayfield

Elders: Carolyn Harmon (Cedar Hill), Kim Keck (Oak Ridge)

Respectively submitted;

Committee on Nominations

PROGRAM

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

APRIL 5, 2025

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
201 North Main Street, Greeneville, TN 37745
Phone #: 423-638-4119

Registration----------8:30 a.m.
Call to Order, Moderator Rev. Abby Cole Keller----------9:30 a.m.
Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum
Constituting Prayer----------Rev. Andy Blackwelder
Adoption of Program
Welcome and Announcements----------Rev. Andy Blackwelder

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 Chilhowee (White)
3. Camp John Speer (White)
4. C.O.M. Clergy Care (White)
5. C.O.M. Probationer Care (Cream)
6. Board of Missions (Gray)
7. Board of Finance (Green)
8. Board of Christian Ed. & Heritage (Blue)
9. Coordinating Committee (Salmon)
10. Church Records

Other Business

Next Place of Meeting – Knoxville First C. P. Church, Knoxville, TN October 4, 2025

Reading & approval of Minutes – Final Roll Call

Closing Prayer - Adjournment

ROLL CALL – APRIL 5, 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	EE
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	EE
Keller, Abby Cole	PP
Kelly, Patrick	EE
Koopman, David	EE
Lively, James W.	PP
Longmire, Ronald	PP
Lyle, Bill	PP
Malinoski, T. J.	PP
Marquez, Alfonso	PP
Marquez, Martha	EE
Mayfield, Randall	PP
McBeth, David	EE
McGuire, James	PP

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	PP

PROVISIONAL MINISTERS

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

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

LICENTIATE

Adair, Ed	PP
King, Brennan	PP
Smith, Griffen	PP
Gina Wood	PP

CANDIDATE

Brooks, Marcy	EE
Riese, Roland	PP

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES – APRIL 5, 2025

Beaver Creek	Amy Brandon	PP
	Alyssa Atchley	PP
Bethesda	Jeff Hayes	PP
Casa de fey	Ernst Jean	ZOOM
Cedar Hill	Terry Cannon	PP
Clark's Grove	Lynn Waters	PP
Corntassell		AA
Dover	Ernestine Haun	PP
Fairview		AA
Faith Fellowship	Randy Stevens	PP
Greeneville	Dustin Click	PP
Heartland Worship Center	Jennifer Smith	PP
Knoxville	Dianne Pipkin	PP
Lebanon	Mary McCarter	PP
Loudon	Mark Harrison	PP
Marietta	Janet Stooksbury	PP
Maryville	Lou Paulus	PP
Mercy	Jesus Gonzalez	PP
Mohawk	Jessica Neas	PP
Mt. Carmel	Lisa Layne	PP
Mt. Pleasant	Roberta Gass	PP
New Bethel	Barbara Britton	PP
New Hope	Ricky Coleman	PP
Oakland		AA
Oak Ridge	Barry Shelton	PP
Philadelphia	Ralph Greene	PP
Pilot Knob		AA
Pleasant Hill	Stacy Bolton	PP
Salem		AA
Shiloh	Bill Rymer	PP
Talbott	Allen Williamson	PP
Union	Lisa Criss	PP
Virtue	Marian Howard	PP
Willoughby	Karen Hammitt	PP
Young's Chapel	Paul McCalley	PP

MINUTES
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE
OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
APRIL 5, 2025

The Presbytery of East Tennessee of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church met in regular session with the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN, on April 5, 2025. Refreshments were served from 8:30 until 9:00 a.m. Worship was from 9:00 a.m. until 9:25 a.m. The hymns were: "We Are God's People" and "Our God Has Made Us One". The speaker was The Rev. Dr. Larry Blakeburn, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator, Rev. Abby Cole Keller, called the Presbytery into Session at 9:30 a.m. The roll call showed 26 Ministers, 2 Licentiates, 2 Candidates, 29 Elders, 4 Visitors and one Lay Minister and 3 by Zoom.

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

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Andy Blackwelder welcomed the Presbytery to the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church and made necessary announcements.

Adoption of the Program – On motion, the program was adopted subject to necessary changes.

Election of Moderator – Elder Linda Diggs presented the Nomination Committee Report. The report placed the name of Rev. Tammy Greene as Moderator in nomination for a term of 6 months and the name of Rev. Jamie Lively to serve as Vice Moderator for a term of 6 months. The names of Drew Brandon, Rev. Andy Blackwelder, Harold Ketterer for other positions. See Report. The floor was opened for other nominations, there being none we proceeded to elect. The new Moderator, Rev. Tammy Greene, assumed the chair. The report was marked "A" and filed.

Request to be Excused – Marcy Brooks, Martha Marquez, Nick Coker, Vernon Sansom, Ken Johnson, David Koopman and Jerry Scott.

Recognition of Visitors – The following were recognized as present: Rev. Dr. Pam Phillips-Burk; Jen Newell; Steve Hamby; Hyeyon Coleman; Steve Summer; Crissy Collins; Gwen Roddye; Pete Carter; June Givens.

Coordinating Committee – The Coordinating Committee shared information concerning the meeting of General Assembly in June. The list includes: Linda Diggs-Ushers and Flowers; Rebecca Prenshaw-Music; Thomas Sweet-Transportation; Amy Brandon-Hospitality.

Commission Report – Rev. Mike Wilkinson presented the report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Rev. William (Bill) Lyle as pastor of the Virtue Church. Marked "B" and filed.

Cemetery Request – Richard Snowden made the following request, "The Midway Cumberland Presbyterian, in Midway, TN, was torn down in the 1970s. As a member of the WWII Monument Association in Midway, TN they have asked me to present a request to the Spring Meeting of the East TN Presbytery. The Association would like to have the Midway C. P. Church Cemetery deed transferred to them as they want to provide the needed maintenance of the cemetery. As a non-profit association, they have filled graves, sprayed and cleaned the headstones and sawed trees that have fallen at the Midway CP Cemetery. It was surveyed by Vaughn and Melton in Greeneville, TN and the association has a copy of the property survey on file." Sincerely, Richard Snowden, Lay Preacher. On motion, the request was granted.

Other Communications – **A.** Pleasant Hill Church requested permission for Elder Stacy Bolton to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for another year. On motion, the request was granted. **B.** Rev. Dale Watson resigned from the Committee on Judicial Concerns for Church Records. On motion, accepted. **C.** Rev. Andy Eppard requested his name be dropped from the roll of Ordained Ministers. On motion, the request was granted.

Retirement – Chaplain David McBeth requested to be granted Honorable Retirement status and a Standing Excuse from the meetings of Presbytery. On motion, approved.

Symposium – Received promotion flyer for the "Symposium", November 6-8, 2025, at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga by the Ministry Council.

Received a letter from Rev. M. Derek Jacks, Moderator, Synod of Southeast, concerning the Memorial of Synod, no action taken.

Received "Denominational News and Updates". Received Newsletter from Jennifer Creamer.

Hearing of Representatives of Agencies and Other Judicatories – The Rev. Dr. Pam Phillips-Burk spoke on behalf of the Ministry Council. Jen Newell spoke on the preaching initiative.

Hearing of Board and Committee Reports – On motion, reports numbers 2, 3, and 4 were concurred in. Griffen Smith spoke to the report #2, Camp Chilhowee report. Marked "C" and filed. Rev. James Carter spoke to report #3, Camp John Speer report. Marked "D" and filed.

Rev. Mark Hester spoke to report #4, Committee on Ministry – Clergy Care. Marked "E" and filed.

Vice Moderator, Rev. Jamie Lively, assumed the Chair.

Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care – The report of the Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care was presented by Rev. Tammy Greene. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "F" and filed.

Report Number Two – Report number two of the Committee on Ministry for Probationer Care was presented by Rev. Tammy Greene. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Griffen Smith was invited to the front. Opportunity was given for questions or to speak on his behalf. The Constitutional questions were asked by Rev. Tammy Greene and appropriate answers given. Rev. Greene led in prayer. He was received as a Licentiate and his name added to the Roll of Licentiates. Marked "G" and filed.

Moderator Tammy Greene resumed the Chair.

Cedar Hill Request – Heard request from the Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church for permission to approve Elders Cheryl Filler and Terry Cannon to serve Communion. On motion, the request was granted.

Board of Missions – The Board of Missions report was presented by Rev. Dr. Casey Nicholson. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendation adopted. Marked "H" 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 was adopted. Marked "I" and filed.

Board of Christian Education and Heritage – The Board of Christian Education and Heritage report was presented by Elder Linda Diggs. On motion, the report was concurred in and its recommendations adopted. Marked "J" and filed.

Recess Declared – Recess was declared at 10:40 A.M.

Recess Out – Recess was declared out at 10:50 A.M

Coordinating Committee – The report of the Coordinating Committee was given by Elder Linda Diggs. The previous question was called for and received a unanimous vote. Paper ballots were used for a roll call vote. On motion, the report and memorial were defeated by a

vote of 25 for and 28 against. The Clerk was instructed by the Moderator to include the memorial in the Minutes. Marked "K" and filed.

Church Records – The Church Records report was presented by Ed Adair. On motion, the report was concurred in. Marked "L" and filed.

Rev. Don Winn presented a paper concerning the LGBTQ issue. The paper was referred to the Coordinating Committee. Marked "M" and filed.

Rev. Mike Wilkinson presented a communication and requested that it be included in the Minutes. The Moderator consented to the request. It is marked "N" and filed.

Memorial Service – Rev. Mark Hester led a memorial service for those who passed away last year. The list is included. Marked "O" and filed.

Vice Moderator, Rev. Jamie Lively, assumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting. Moderator Rev. Tammy Greene had to leave for a funeral.

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

Adjourn – On motion this meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M. to meet at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Closing Prayer – Rev. T. J. Malinoski prayed the closing prayer.

Rev. Tammy Greene Moderator
Rev. Tammy Greene

Ronald Longmire Stated Clerk
Rev. Ronald Longmire

Committee on Nominations

Report

To the Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee
At Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 5, 2025

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

Appreciation is expressed to Rev. Abby Keller for her service as Moderator and is commended for her faithfulness.

The committee nominates Drew Brandon of the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church to serve as a Youth Advisory Delegate to the 2025 meeting of General Assembly.

The committee nominates Rev. Andy Blackwelder and Harold Ketterer (Oak Ridge CPC) to serve as administrators for the Presbytery of East Tennessee website.

Appreciation is expressed to Rev. Gary Hartman for his past service as administrator.

Respectively submitted,
Committee on Nominations

Committee on Nominations

April 5, 2025

The Committee on Nominations makes its nominations to presbyterial boards and committees at Fall Presbytery. Listed below are terms which we will need to fill and are hopeful that there are individuals in your churches willing to step forward.

Board of Christian Education and Heritage
- 1 term (of three years)
- 1 term (of one year)

Board of Missions
- 2 terms (of three years)
- 1 term (of one year)

Committee on Judicial Concerns for Church Records
- 1 term (of three years)
- 1 term (of two years)

Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care
- 2 terms (of three years)

Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care
- 1 term (of 3 years)

Committee on Nominations
- 1 term (of three years)

Board Camp Chilhowee
- 1 term (of two years)

Terms on boards and committees are generally for three-year terms unless other vacancy has occurred. Members are eligible to serve three consecutive terms for a total of 9 years. Most meetings are scheduled quarterly and may meet in-person or by Zoom.

Please notify Committee on Nominations (Linda Diggs-865-898-7499. ldiggs06@comcast.net) if you have someone who is willing to serve.
Thank you!.

to

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The Presbytery of East Tennessee

meeting with the

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church

on

April 5, 2025

Fellow Presbyters,

The Commission to Ordain and Install Bill Lyle meet on the appointed date, at the appointed time at the Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church and successfully carried out its assignments.

The Commission requests Presbytery to instruct its Stated Clerk to include William (Bill) Lyle on its Roll of Ordained Ministers.

The Commission further requests that it be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Mike Wilkinson, Chair

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Report from Camp Chilhowee Board for April 5, 2025, Meeting of Presbytery of East Tennessee, CPC

The Camp Chilhowee Board has met numerous times since our last presbytery.

Camp Chilhowee 2025 Summer Camps

- **Junior Camp** will be held Sun through Friday (June 1-6)
  Directed by Anna Wood
  The cost is $200.
- **Youth Camp** (Jr & Sr High) will be held Sun through Friday (June 8-13)
  Co-Directed by BJ Mathis & Richard "Psalty" Russell
  The cost is $200.

- Registration is online at: **linktr.ee/campchilhowee**
  There you will find flyers for both camps and be able to register.

The Camp Chilhowee Board is pleased to report that the new Camp Chilhowee Caretaker is Barry Shelton. Barry, his wife, Maria, and daughter, Rebecca, have worked diligently updating the caretaker house where they will soon live. They are happy to be passionately working on behalf of Camp Chilhowee.

Barry & Maria recently raised $2,000 for the camp through one of their presentations on behalf of Camp Chilhowee.
Any church interested in a presentation on Camp Chilhowee should contact Barry Shelton at: dbarryshelton@hotmail.com

Camp Chilhowee has had numerous camp workdays from several churches in our presbytery. Thanks to those churches who are making a big difference at camp! If your church is interested in a camp workday, please email Barry Shelton at the above email to help schedule a day and work for your group.

Respectfully submitted,

The Camp Chilhowee Board

Report of the Camp John Speer Board of Directors

to the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting in session

at Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church

April 5, 2025

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

Improvements and Updates since last report include:

- October 2024 workday accomplishments - 3 loads of firewood taken to Greene County Wood Ministry
- 2024 Fall Youth Retreat had 12 campers
- Bids are being received for a new roof for Shelton Hall
- Furnace on boy's side of Shelton Hall no longer working
- "Save the date" magnets listing 2025 camp & retreat dates mailed to former campers & area churches

2025 Retreats and Camps

Spring Youth Retreat	(7th-12th grades)	April 11-13, 2025	Director Nancy Franklin	Cost $60
Summer Youth Camp	(7th - 12th grades)	June 22-26, 2025	Director Tammy Greene	Cost $175
Summer Kids Camp	(3rd - 6th grades)	July 6-10, 2025	Director Tammy Greene	Cost $175
Fall Youth Retreat	(7th - 12th grades)	Oct. 17-19, 2025	Director Nancy Franklin	Cost $60

Workday at Camp John Speer – **Sat. March 29, 2025 - 9 am – 2 pm.** Lunch, snacks & water provided.

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.

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

Reservation Deposit = $50 all groups

Day Rate = $100; **$90 for CP's**

Slip 'n Slide usage = $75; **$67.50 for CP's**

Day Rate + Slip 'n Slide + Chapel & Bathroom Access = $125; **$112.50 for CP's**

Night Rates start at $125 per night for a group of 1-12; **$112.50 for CP's**

$200 per night for a group of 13-24; **$180 for CP's**

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

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

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Report of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Clergy Care

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
April 5, 2025

I. **Lunch and Learn**— At the October 2024 meeting, presbytery approved a recommendation to invite Rev. Jennifer Newell to present a workshop at the April 5, 2025 meeting. Rev. Newell is Director of the Louisa Woosley Preaching Initiative, a denominational program funded by a grant from the Lily Foundation. The workshop is being presented as a "Lunch and Learn" event at the end of the meeting of presbytery, with lunch provided for attendees. All are welcome, and we encourage ministers to take advantage of this opportunity to earn credit toward Continuing Education Units.

II. **Continuing Education**—General Assembly requires ministers to complete six units of continuing education every three years, with the current cycle being 2024-2026. One CEU credit is earned for every approved ten hours of instruction/study. 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 ministers. In particular, all ministers in the presbytery are encouraged to participate in the Ministerial Ethics course that is offered twice each year. For information, go to: https://cpcmc.org/pdmt-continuing-education/

Other examples of avenues for earning CEUs include book studies, quarterly gatherings via Zoom sponsored by PDMT Team, online webinars, Engage sessions, and Cumberland Reflections (available via the following link.) **https://cpcmc.org/cumberland-reflection/**

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

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

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

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

B. **Student Loan Assistance**—The PDMT provides the student loan debt expertise of **PeopleJoy** to ministers **at no cost**. **PeopleJoy** is a financial services firm with a heart for helping others with their burden of student loans that has helped 542 borrowers (including several CP ministers) receive $37M+in loan forgiveness in federal loans between 2021-2023. To learn more, go to https://cpcmc.org/pdmt/pdmt-studentloan/

C. **Mental Health Endowment**—The PDMT has announced a new focus on growing the Mental Health Endowment, with a goal of $250,000 by 2028. Currently the endowment is at $50,000.

IV. **Presbytery Memorial Service**—The committee will present the names of church members and ministers in the presbytery who died during 2024 with a special time of remembrance at the April meeting of presbytery.

V. **Committee Contacts**—We appreciate the receptive responses to our efforts to make personal contacts with ministers on the roll of presbytery. Our goal is to learn more about each other and build supportive relationships, and the contacts are on-going.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on the Ministry for Clergy Care

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Report of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Probationer Care

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
April 5, 2025

I. Licentiates Under the Care of Presbytery

A. **Ed Adair**—Ed, a member of Beaver Creek CP Church, 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 expects to complete his MDiv in December of 2025. We note Ed had an article published in January 2025 edition of Cumberland Presbyterian Magazine. His committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

B. **Brennan King**—Received as a candidate in October 2019 and licensed in October 2023, Brennan is a member of Heartland CP Church. He is serving as stated supply at Talbott CP Church, where he leads Sunday morning worship and Wednesday evening Bible study. Brennan was enrolled in Memphis Theological Seminary in August 2023. After he opened a gym in early 2024, the committee approved his taking time off from seminary while he worked to get the business established. Brennan is now looking into on-line seminary classes as a path toward ordination. Gwen Roddye is his committee contact.

C. **Gina Wood**—Gina was received as a candidate in October 2018 and licensed in April 2024. A member of Union CP Church, she teaches Sunday School, assists on Wednesday evenings, and fills the pulpit when needed. Gina is enrolled in the Program of Alternate Studies. Despite PAS scheduling issues last summer that prevented her from participating in the summer sessions, she was able to get two classes accomplished in the fall. Her committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

II. Candidates Under the Care of Presbytery

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

B. **Roland Riese**—Roland is a member of Corntassel CP Church, where he serves as church pianist and teaches Sunday School. Roland is enrolled at Liberty University's John W. Rawlings School of Divinity, a seminary accredited by ATS and SACS. His courses this spring include Old Testament I and Pastoral Counseling, followed by Hermeneutics and Old Testament II. He will complete the required Cumberland Presbyterian studies through the PAS program. Roland's committee contact is Rev. Don Winn.

C. **Duncan Shelton**—Duncan is a member of First CP Church of Oak Ridge and was received as a candidate for the ministry in October 2016. He currently serves as chair of the Camp Chilhowee Board. Duncan works in his family's business full-time and because of the demands of the growing business has put his college education on hold for a time. While he still feels called to ordained ministry, Duncan recognizes that it will be some time before he can move forward with his education and has asked that this name be

removed from the roll of probationers for now. The committee supports Duncan in this decision as he further discerns his path.

Recommendation: That, at his request, Duncan Shelton's name be removed from the roll of probationers in the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

D. **Griffen Smith**—Received as a candidate in October 2018, Griffen is a member of Beaver Creek CP Church and currently serves as Director of Children and Youth Activities as well as pastoral intern at Loudon CPC. He expects to graduate from UT in May 2025 with a MA in French. He has applied to a number of seminaries/ schools of divinity and awaits final word regarding admission and financial aid before making his decision. Gwen Roddye is his committee contact.

III. **Others**—The committee has met with David Brannock. Mr. Brannock completed seminary education and was ordained in the Methodist Church, but in 2013 voluntarily relinquished his credentials to pursue private practice as a licensed clinical mental health counselor. He is currently filling the pulpit at Cedar Hill CPC two times a month as a lay leader while the church conducts a pastor search. When not filling the pulpit at Cedar Hill, Mr. Brannock attends Greeneville CPC. The committee found Mr. Brannock to be well-prepared for and well-suited to serving in this role, and he demonstrates complete willingness to submit to Church polity and doctrine.

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

A request to train Cedar Hill active elders Terry Cannon and Cheryl Fillers was received, and the training was conducted by Rev. Tammy Greene.

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

Report Number Two of
THE COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY
For Probationer Care

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Greeneville, Tennessee
April 5, 2025

The Committee is pleased to note that Griffen Smith has accepted a full-tuition scholarship from the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he will be enrolled after graduating from University of Tennessee with a MA in French this May. The committee wishes to mark Griffen's progress in preparation for ordination by recommending the following.

> **Recommendation: That Griffen Smith, upon satisfactory examination, be licensed at this meeting of presbytery.**

Respectfully submitted,
The Committee on the Ministry for Probationer Care

Report of the Board of Missions

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee, In Session
at the Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
April 5, 2025

A. **ENGAGE Program:** The Board of Missions has become aware of ENGAGE, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church's new program oriented at congregational growth and development. The Board encourages all churches within the presbytery to look into the ENGAGE program, and all Sessions to consider going through the program. A flyer with more information has been enclosed in your preliminary minutes.

B. **Cedar Hill:** The Board has received a communication addressed to the Presbytery of East Tennessee from Rev. Andy Eppard announcing his departure from the Cedar Hill congregation, and from the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. Chris Franklin has been appointed as Moderator of the congregation's Session. The Session and the clerk of the session are acting as the search committee as the church seeks a new pastor.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Andy Eppard and the Cedar Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church be dissolved, effective December 31, 2024.

C. **Beaver Creek:** The Board has received a communication from the Beaver Creek congregation notifying us of the retirement of the church's longtime pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweet. Dr. Sweet will work with the church throughout the month of April 2025. The Board plans to meet with the Beaver Creek Session and will play a support role during this time of transition.

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the pastoral relationship between Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweet and the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church be dissolved, effective April 27, 2025.

D. **Other:** The Board met for its stated meeting in February 2025, and discussed a handful of concerns at congregations throughout the presbytery. No further action is recommended at this time. 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.

E. **List of Moderators:**

Bethesda – Ronnie Duncan (Wade McAmis, UMC lay speaker, filling pulpit)
Casa de Fey – TJ Malinoski (elders serving the church)
Cedar Hill – Chris Franklin (beginning search for new pastor)
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 - (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)

E. **Congregations Seeking Pulpit Supply and Pastors:**

Casa de Fey (Boston, Mass.)
Cedar Hill (Greene County)
Faith Fellowship (Lenoir City)
Heartland (Lenoir City)

F. **Ministers Available for Pulpit Supply:**

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



What is ENGAGE?

Many churches feel overwhelmed about the future and are frustrated about aging, plateauing, or decline in their church. Even pastors in churches "holding their own" do not feel like they are seeing spiritual breakthroughs in the congregation. Many feel they need to be more effectively connecting with their community. Pastors and Elders know their church can do more in evangelism, discipleship, and worship. They want to do something about it, but the task seems impossible; maybe it is too big, like trying to turn the Titanic.

With its clear and simple approach, the ENGAGE process can address churches' challenges. It can help the church and its leaders understand that the church is, in Thom Rainer and Eric Gieger's words, "simple." Despite the difficult and complex relationships and issues in the church, the primary responsibilities of the church are simple. These responsibilities are: 1. Reaching the Unchurched, 2. Clear Expectations for Church Members, and 3. Discipleship.

Through the ENGAGE Process, a church will:

1. Discover the characteristics and needs of the surrounding community.
2. Discover the church's passions, gifts, and resources and how they relate to the community.
3. Discern the vision and mission of the church.
4. Help the church and its members understand the Great Commission as an active responsibility, where we seek to develop intentional, authentic relationships to share the good news of Jesus Christ and invite others to a relationship with Christ.
5. Evaluate organizational structure and leadership to ensure it is optimal for church growth.
6. Assess the systems of the church to ensure they are operating as they should.
7. Develop and implement a two-year outwardly focused calendar/ministry plan.
8. Continued discussion between ENGAGE and the church as the ministry plan is implemented.

If you have any questions about ENGAGE or are simply looking for resources that might strengthen your local church, please do not hesitate to email Chris directly at 615-424-8561, cfleming@cumberland.org or Kristi Lounsbury at klounsbury@cumberland.org. We love to help our pastors and elders. Our labor is not in vain; it has eternal consequences.

Report of the Board of Finance

To the Presbytery of East Tennessee meeting with the
Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church
April 5th, 2025

The Board of Finance met at Talbott CPC on February 3rd to audit the 2024 financial records of Camp John Speer and Camp Chilhowee and to review the 2024 financial records of Presbytery.

The new member of the Board of Finance, Linda Marshall, was recognized and introduced. Stacy Bolton was reelected chair and Cindy Bales was reelected secretary.

Presbyterial Treasurer Darryl Shepard updated the Board on the number of Congregational Reports for 2024 that were received to date. At the time this report was submitted, no report had been received from Casa De Fe, Lebanon, Misericordia, New Bethel, Oakland, Pilot Knob, Salem, and Virtue. The preliminary 2024 Budget and allocation totals were presented as well as the current account balances of the Presbytery. Darryl reported the amount of interest received in 2024 from the New Church Development Fund was $22,155.95. The interest has been transferred to the Denominational New Church Development Fund per the action taken at the April 1st, 2023, meeting of Presbytery. Darryl also informed the Board that Adams & Plucker CPA, PLLP of Greeneville, TN was contacted about auditing the financial records of the Presbytery for 2023 and 2024. The Auditing firm informed Darryl that they would not be able to perform the audit due to staffing levels. The Board decided to reach out to other firms within the boundaries of the Presbytery to conduct the audit. To date, no firm has been selected.

The audit of both camp's financial records for 2024 was found to be good order. It was noted that income for camp rental during 2024 is still quite below pre Covid-19 levels. All quarterly financial reports for Misericordia for 2024 were received.

The Board discussed the action approved at the October 5th, 2024, meeting of Presbytery concerning the possibility of giving $1,000 a year for five years to the "Pastoral Mental Health Service". The Board decided to include this as a line item in the 2026 Budget.

The Board discussed the action approved at the October 5th, 2024, meeting of Presbytery concerning any remaining funds in the Committees on Ministry (Clergy Care and Probationary) at the end of the year be given to the Pastoral Mental Health Services Endowment Fund for the next two years. The Board decided the funds would be transferred at the conclusion of budget years 2025 and 2026.

With the Presbytery hosting the 2025 General Assembly from June 15th through the 20th, the Board authorized Presbyterial Treasurer Darryl Shepard to dispense funds to cover expenses from the operating account of the Presbytery. The Board also requested a report on all expenses incurred that will be presented to the Presbytery at the Fall meeting. Chairman Stacy Bolton mentioned that the Board of Finance is responsible for the flower arrangements that will be used at General Assembly and that Linda Diggs had contacted a local florist about supplying the arrangements.

The documents included represent the financial reports of the Presbytery related to the 2024 Budget and all account balances for 2024. **Recommendation #1: That Presbytery approve the financial reports for 2024.**

The Board of Finance will meet again in early August. All Presbytery Boards and Committees will be contacted around the first of August for budget requests for 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Finance

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2024 BUDGET with AMOUNT SPENT

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	Amount BUDGETED	Amount SPENT
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and HERITAGE	BOARD and COMMITTEE EXPENSE	1,300.00	
	YOUTH COUNCIL	300.00	
	CPYC	3,000.00	
	ADULT PROGRAMS	3,000.00	350.00
	DENOM. DAY CELEBRATION and SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,000.00	
	Total – Board of Christian Education & Heritage	**$ 8,600.00**	**$350.00**
BOARD OF FINANCE	TRAVEL and BOARD EXPENSE	350.00	
	FINANCIAL AUDIT		1,750.00
	Total – Board of Finance	**$ 350.00**	**$1,750.00**
BOARD OF MISSIONS	TRAVEL and BOARD EXPENSE	650.00	
	CASA DE FEY CHURCH - TRAVEL TO PRESBYTERY	2,500.00	1,426.54
	MERCY CHURCH	8,000.00	8,004.00
	DENOMINATIONAL SYMPOSIUM	1,000.00	
	Total – Board of Missions	**$ 12,150.00**	**$9,430.54**
JUDICIAL CONCERNS	TRAVEL	**$ 150.00**	**$29.04**
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR PROBATIONER CARE	SEMINARY EXPENSES	6,500.00	4,855.46
	PROGRAM OF ALTERNATE STUDIES (PAS) EXPENSES	4,500.00	2,197.08
	LEARNING RESOURCES	250.00	101.88
	COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES	200.00	
	COMMITTEE OFFICE SUPPLIES	25.00	
	Total – Comm. On The Ministry for Probationer Care	**$ 11,475.00**	**$7,154.42**
COMMITTEE ON THE MINISTRY FOR CLERGY CARE	CLERGY RECOGNITION	1,000.00	
	LEARNING RESOURCES	250.00	116.88
	COMMITTEE TRAVEL EXPENSES	200.00	
	COMMITTEE OFFICE SUPPLIES	25.00	
	Total – Comm. On The Ministry for Clergy Care	**$ 1,475.00**	**$116.88**
NOMINATIONS Comm.	MEETING EXPENSES and POSTAGE	**$ 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	**$8,000.00**
	CAMP CHILHOWEE CAMPS	2,500.00	**$1,056.07**
	CAMP JOHN SPEER Budget Allocation	8,000.00	**$8,000.00**
	CAMP JOHN SPEER CAMPS	2,500.00	**$558.80**
	RETREATS	400.00	
	TRANSPORTATION TO SUMMER CAMPS	2,000.00	
	Total – Church Camps	**$ 23,400.00**	**$17,614.87**

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2024 BUDGET with AMOUNT SPENT

Board/Committee/ or Group	*Line Item*	Amount BUDGETED	Amount SPENT
Office of the STATED CLERK and COORDINATOR	SALARY - Stated Clerk	17,152.00	17,151.96
	RETIREMENT	2,572.80	2,572.80
	TRAVEL	2,200.00	418.75
	OFFICE EXPENSE	800.00	494.60
	POSTAGE	1,600.00	1,520.56
	TELEPHONE/COMMUNICATIONS	500.00	
	EQUIPMENT SERVICE CONTRACT	2,000.00	710.63
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	
	Total – Office of Stated Clerk/Coordinator	**$ 27,324.80**	**$22,869.30**
Office of the TREASURER	SALARY – Presbytery Treasurer	15,000.00	15,000.00
	SOCIAL SECURITY and MEDICARE TAX	2,486.00	2,486.04
	TREASURER's OFFICE ALLOWANCE	375.00	
	OFFICE SUPPLIES and POSTAGE	1,400.00	218.06
	TREASURER's TRAVEL	400.00	161.53
	Total – Office of the Treasurer	**$ 19,661.00**	**$17,865.63**
PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE	CHURCH FACILITY USE – *Talbott CPC*	500.00	500.00
	FIDELITY BOND	800.00	
	LIABILITY INSURANCE	20,000.00	16,961.99
	CONCERN - ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PASTORS	1,300.00	
	BETHEL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000.00	566.40
	MEMORIALS	300.00	
	Presbytery's WEB SITE DEVELOPMENT and MAINTENANCE	500.00	
	MISCELLANEOUS	500.00	532.30
	Total – Presbytery	**$ 24,900.00**	**$18,560.69**
SYNOD of SOUTHEAST	SYNOD APPORTIONMENT	**$ 855.00**	**$855.00**
	SYNOD COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES	**$ 200.00**	
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS EXPENSES	**$ 12,000.00**	**$6,520.36**
	G.A. YOUTH ADVISORY DELIGATE's STIPEND	**$ 2,000.00**	**$1,954.29**
	G.A. MODERATOR'S ET Presbytery TRAVEL	**$ 500.00**	
COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS	COALITION FOR APPALACHIAN MINISTRY (CAM)	**$ 5,000.00**	**$5,000.00**
	DELEGATES TO CAM EXPENSE	**$ 200.00**	
	STOTT-WALLACE MISSIONARY OFFERING FUND	**$ 5,000.00**	**$5,000.00**
	PRESBYTERIAN COMMISSION for CHAPLAINS and MILITARY	**$ 1,000.00**	**$1,000.00**
BUDGET TOTALS	**TOTAL for ALL LINE ITEMS**	**$ 159,215.80**	**$116,071.02**
	BUDGET ALLOCATED TO CHURCHES	**$ 145,460.62**	

Total Paid by Churches 2024 **$137,952.82**

Recommended by the Board of Finance for Approval at the 4-5-2025 Meeting of Presbytery

PRESBYTERY OF EAST TENNESSEE

2024 RECOMMENDED BUDGET ALLOCATION TO CHURCHES AND AMOUNT RECEIVED

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

CHURCH	ACTIVE MEMBERS at end of 2023	TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED DURING 2023	ANNUAL ALLOCATION for 2024	MONTHLY PAYMENT for 2024	AMOUNT RECEIVED DURING 2024	PERCENT PAID
Beaver Creek	450	517,672.00	22,941.79	1,911.00	22,932.00	100%
Bethesda	42	92,902.00	2,855.93	238.00	2,856.00	100%
Casa De Fe	11	22,074.00	711.80	59.00	708.00	99%
Cedar Hill	43	97,457.00	2,961.49	247.00	2,964.00	100%
Clark's Grove	52	61,098.00	2,671.54	223.00	2,676.00	100%
Corntassel	23	50,565.00	1,558.99	130.00	1,560.00	100%
Dover	34	98,808.00	2,690.27	224.00	2,688.00	100%
Fairview	48	103,899.00	3,227.46	269.00	3,228.00	100%
Faith Fellowship	37	251,788.00	5,240.11	437.00	5,244.00	100%
Greeneville	235	414,635.00	14,293.71	1,191.00	14,292.00	100%
Heartland Worship Center***	128	73,758.00	5,347.63	446.00	2,952.49	55%
Knoxville First	100	332,652.00	8,586.45	716.00	8,592.00	100%
Lebanon	10	37,377.00	924.56	77.00	924.00	100%
Loudon	152	356,606.00	10,662.58	889.00	10,668.00	100%
Marietta**	59	233,229.00	5,658.53	472.00	5,658.53	100%
Maryville First	50	130,841.00	3,724.41	310.00	3,720.00	100%
Misericordia	12	6,384.00	492.83	41.00	492.00	100%
Mohawk	11	22,800.00	723.43	60.00	720.00	100%
Mount Carmel	31	42,802.00	1,694.89	141.00	1,692.00	100%
Mount Pleasant	32	51,732.00	1,870.57	156.00	1,872.00	100%
New Bethel	6	20,081.00	517.14	43.00	509.99	99%
New Hope	18	35,978.00	1,162.46	97.00	1,164.00	100%
Oak Ridge	139	299,159.00	9,318.69	777.00	9,324.00	100%
Oakland (NRR)	18	33,238.00	1,118.54	93.00	1,023.00	91%
Philadelphia	22	12,369.00	914.18	76.00	912.00	100%
Pilot Knob	9	10,040.00	453.81	38.00	453.81	100%
Pleasant Hill (NRR)*	17	27,596.00	995.56	83.00	996.00	100%
Salem (NRR)	22	25,934.00	1,131.63	94.00	1,128.00	100%
Shiloh	74	130,009.00	4,492.07	374.00	4,488.00	100%
Talbott	44	125,183.00	3,438.47	287.00	3,444.00	100%
Union	171	396,699.00	11,923.55	993.00	11,916.00	100%
Virtue	60	218,670.00	5,457.69	455.00	455.00	8%
Willoughby	6	8,580.00	332.78	28.00	336.00	101%
Young's Chapel	69	194,622.00	5,365.09	447.00	5,364.00	100%
Totals	2235	4,537,237.00	$ 145,460.62	12,122.00	137,952.82	

(NRR) – The 2022 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.

(NRR)* - The 2022 Annual Congregational Report was received after contacting the clerk.

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

*** Heartland Worship Center- Due to an error submitted by HWC of 128 Active Members, Presbytery Treasure informed HWC to use 2023 Annual Apportionment of $2,700 / $225 mo.

Presbytery of East Tennessee

2024 ACCOUNT BALANCES

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2024 BALANCE	1st Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024	3rd Qtr 2024	4th Qtr 2024	12/31/24 Balance
RESERVE ACCOUNTS						
General Account #62049						
Reserve Fund--CPC Investment Loan Program	334,726.89	3,358.41	4,243.73	4,297.00	4,350.94	350,976.97
Board of Missions # 62048						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Program	14,454.96	145.02	183.26	185.56	187.89	15,156.69
Committee on the Ministry # 880070						
Philip Jones Endowment--CPC Endowment Program	17,086.85	380.94	36.47	761.99	120.77	18,387.02
Presbytery of E.Tenn, New Church Development Fund # 62205						
Reserve Account--CPC Investment Loan Program	342,257.94	3,364.04	6,048.47	6,331.98	6,411.46	517,192.97
			164,692.25 Pleasant Vale Sale 1/24/24			
		(11,913.17) Tsf BoS - 2/8/24				
	708,526.64	7,248.41	10,511.93	11,576.53	11,071.06	901,713.65

ACCOUNT NAME	1/1/2024 BALANCE	1st Qtr 2024	2nd Qtr 2024	3rd Qtr 2024	4th Qtr 2024	12/31/24 Balance
OPERATING ACCOUNTS						
			Interest			
Money Market Account - First Horizon Bank	89,735.60	774.20	643.03	691.54	604.77	92,449.14
			Balances			
General Operating Account - First Horizon Bank	94,962.02					102,456.13
	184,697.62	774.20	643.03	691.54	604.77	194,905.27
	893,224.26	8,022.61	11,154.96	12,268.07	11,675.83	1,096,618.92

Board of Christian Education & Heritage J

Report

To the Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

At Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 5, 2025

The BCE&H met on March 10, 2025.

Denomination Day events were discussed and the following was reported:

Total attendance-95 (Knoxville Area-75, Greeneville Area-20)

Churches represented-21 (Knoxville Area-12, Greeneville Area-9)

Total offering for the Historical Foundation-$593

Gratitude is expressed to the two host churches: Loudon CPC and New Bethel CPC. We were pleased with the outcome and feedback. Two locations will be recommended for the next celebration as well.

The Board has been considering what activity might be offered which would allow the exchange of program ideas, events, and activities with emphasis on Christian Education. We are planning a gathering which we are calling "CP'S CONNECT" to be held in July, 2025, at the Talbott CPC. The focus will be the sharing of information from our churches and leaders of ideas and activities which are proving successful for their congregations and demographics. A time of fellowship will follow with lunch served.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That Denomination Day celebrations be held on February 1, 2026, in both the Knoxville and Greeneville locations.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

That the "CP'S CONNECT" event be held on July 12, 2025, at the Talbott CPC.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Christian Education and Heritage

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Coordinating Committee Report

To the Meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee

At Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church on April 5, 2025

The Coordinating Committee is presenting the following, *Memorial to the 194th Meeting of General Assembly,* to be approved by Presbytery for submission to the 2025 General Assembly.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the "Memorial to the 194th Meeting of General Assembly" meeting in Knoxville, June 16-20, be adopted by Presbytery and submitted to the Stated Clerk, Rev. Mike Sharpe, promptly for its consideration and inclusion in the Preliminary Minutes of General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

PETN Coordinating Committee

A Memorial to the 194th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
From the Presbytery of East Tennessee

WHERE AS meetings of judicatories of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church are subject to appropriate notice;

AND WHERE AS in the case of judicatories above and beyond a local congregation's Session, "Appropriate Notice" normally includes the distribution of a written notice via mail, usually alongside preliminary minutes, together serving as a formal summons to the meeting which includes the appointed time, date, and location of the meeting of the judicatory;

AND WHERE AS prior to 2024, the Synod of the Southeast had held delegated meetings in which presbyteries elected a small number of delegates to serve at the Synod of the Southeast throughout recent memory;

AND WHERE AS on May 4, 2024 the Synod of the Southeast held a "general" meeting in which all Ministers and duly elected Elder representatives of the Synod of the Southeast's constituent presbyteries should have been allowed a voice and vote in the work of the Synod, such that every Minister and every congregation within the bounds of the Synod was afforded representation;

AND WHERE AS the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast was held in Scottsboro, Alabama, close to a four hour drive from many churches in the Presbytery of East Tennessee;

AND WHERE AS this location was abnormally distant from the congregations of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, with meetings of the Synod of the Southeast normally being held in or around the Chattanooga, Tennessee area, an hour or so closer to the center of the Synod.

AND WHERE AS no written correspondence was sent to Ministers and Elder representatives of the churches of the Presbytery of East Tennessee announcing the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast;

AND WHERE AS when the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast was announced verbally on the floor of the Presbytery of East Tennessee at its April 6, 2024 meeting it was said to be an opportunity for fellowship and workshops where Continuing Education credits could be earned, with no mention of business of either a conventional or controversial nature;

AND WHERE AS there were numerous Ministers and Elder delegates of the congregations of the Presbytery of East Tennessee who were either not made aware of the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast at all, or otherwise did not understand the meeting to be one at which attendance was compulsory;

AND WHEREAS the Synod of the Southeast is an appellate judicatory tasked with the review of works of presbyteries and one that does not normally craft its own original opinions or policies outside of its appellate scope of practice;

AND WHERE AS the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast took up business of a controversial nature that was not advertised in the form of preliminary minutes;

AND WHERE AS the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast took action to deal with an Appeal concerning an accusation against a Minister of the Presbytery of East Tennessee that was still under investigation by the Disciplinary Commission of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, thereby interjecting an appellate judicatory into matters of a sensitive nature and interfering with both the judicial proceedings of the Presbytery of East Tennessee and the due process and the rights of the Accused as prescribed by the Rules of Discipline of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church;

AND WHERE AS the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast elected its own Disciplinary Committee which now holds appellate review over the Presbytery of East Tennessee and its Disciplinary and Judicial Commissions, despite the fact that many constituents from the Presbytery of East Tennessee were effectively disenfranchised from the May 4, 2024 meeting;

AND WHERE AS ten months later, there still has not been any printed copy of written minutes from the May 4, 2024 meeting distributed to the Ministers or the congregations of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, despite the Presbytery of East Tennessee's having received other printed communications from certain elected officers of the Synod of the Southeast making demands related to the actions taken at the Synod's May 4, 2024 meeting, leaving many Ministers and Elders being asked to opine on issues related to decisions that were made in a meeting they were never invited to and of which they have not received a report summarizing its actions;

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the 194th General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church hereby declare the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast was illegitimate, and that any and all actions taken at the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast be nullified and considered invalid, including the election of all officers and committee members of the Synod of the Southeast from elections held that day;

AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church investigate the Synod of the Southeast and take appropriate action to ensure that the constituent judicatories of the Synod of the Southeast, those judicatories' Ministers, their Elders, and their constituent congregations, shall not be disenfranchised in future meetings.

AND LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church reserve the right of disciplinary action against specific persons and/or entities should its investigation into these matters surrounding the May 4, 2024 meeting of the Synod of the Southeast reveal that disciplinary action is warranted.

Report on Session Minutes

Having met before and during the April 5, 2025, meeting of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, the committee hereby reports the receipt, review, and general approval of the minutes of the following Church Sessions:

Faith Fellowship

Iglesia Pfresbiteriana

Loudon CPC

Cedar Hill CPC

Beaver Creek CPC

Marietta

First Cumberland CPC

Greenville CPC

Heartland Worship Center

Clark's Grove Church

Mohawk Cumberland Presbyterian

Fairview Cumberland Presbyterian

Dover CPC

Bethesda CPC

Marryville First CPC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward H. Adair, Licentiate, Presbytery of East Tennessee

Motion for Presbytery of East Tennessee to declare our position on ministers of presbytery performing homosexual marriages.

I am confused as to where we as a Presbytery stand on the issue of ordaining those in a homosexual relationship to leadership positions and on performing homosexual marriages. Based on the report of the commission from last Presbytery on finding not guilty of charges against a minister who performed homosexual marriages and Presbytery's refusal to honor the instructions[1] of the Synod of the Southeast on May 4, 2024, for Presbyteries to declare our position on these issues, and in light of the 193rd action of General Assembly in declaring that the church (CPC) does not condone the performing of homosexual (same sex) marriages.[3]

Therefore, I move that the Presbytery of East Tennessee declare that our position on ministers performing homosexual (same-sex) marriages is not in accordance with our policies, not in accordance with our Confession, and not in accordance with Scriptures. Therefore, it is not condoned and is subject to disciplinary action.

Notes

[1] Action of Synod of the Southeast, meeting May 4, 2024…

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Synod of the Southeast instruct each of its presbyteries to vote in the next regular meeting of presbytery and clearly state the presbytery's position with respect to the ordination of LGBTQ+ persons as deacons, elders and ministers, and if ministers are authorized by their presbytery to conduct weddings for LGBTQ+ persons,

AND, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each presbytery answer these questions, 1. Can ministers in our presbytery conduct/officiate LGBTQ+ weddings? 2. Can churches and presbytery ordain deacons, elders and ministers who are practicing LGBTQ+ persons?

AND, THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED that the presbytery's position be voted upon and registered in the minutes of the presbytery, and that the synod be informed and inform all presbyteries of the synod as to what each presbytery decided..

[2] Statement of church's position on questions related to homosexuality, Minutes of 193rd General Assembly on page 180

"BE IT RESOLVED that the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church go on record affirming that Biblical teaching makes it clear that the practice of homosexuality is a sin, yet with the understanding that while God loves the sinner, He hates the sin, and His grace is available to all, "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him" John 3:17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that since the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with a Christian life style and since officers of the church must be "examples to the flock" the General Assembly go on record stating that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church does not condone the ordination of practicing homosexuals as Deacons, Elders or Ministers of Word and Sacrament;'

[3] GA minutes on discussion of Recommendation 10 of Referrals, page 155

Section E: Memorial from Nashville Presbytery and Section IV. A. and IV. B. Referrals from General Assembly, Recommendations 8, 9, and 10.

"The Moderator invited a discussion Recommendations 8, 9, and 10. Elder Andy Holloway (Presbytery of East Tennessee) addressed the Moderator by stating, "I have two questions on Resolution 10. 1 . Specifically, where in the Resolution is not in keeping with the existing Rules of Discipline 2.. By denying the Resolution, is the Committee saying it is in favor of ministers performing commitment ceremonies, marriages, and weddings for LGBTQ couples?

"Elder Holloway asked for a written response from the Judiciary/Elected Officers Committee cochair to appear in the minutes. The following is the written response from Reverend Mary Anna Townsend, co-chair, Committee on the Judiciary/Elected Officers:

1 . We found that the resolution duplicates the elements already present in the Confession of Faith and was thus redundant. It was not that it was not in keeping with the Rules of Discipline.

2. No."

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to

The Presbytery of East Tennessee

meeting with the

Greeneville Cumberland Presbyterian Church

on

April 5, 2025

Fellow Presbyters,

I am writing this communication to express my great concern regarding recent developments within our Presbytery; therefore, I request that this communication in its entirety be recorded in our minutes for today. The week following our meeting on Saturday, October 7, 2023, where we, as a Presbytery, voted by a narrow margin to approve the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church dealing with the ordination of practicing homosexuals, Elder and former General Assembly Moderator Gwen Roddye paid me a visit to discuss ways to heal our obviously deeply divided Presbytery. It was a hopeful meeting and we discussed ways to build trust among us. I remember telling Ms. Roddye that the only way I knew to build trust was to practice transparency, especially in matters concerning the issue of homosexuality that has become so divisive over the last few years. When we do things in the shadows of parliamentary procedure, we create even more distrust and that is exactly what occurred in regards to our Judiciary Commission's handling of the "Complaint of Ministerial Error and Non-Abusive Misconduct" against Reverend Billy Price.

I know that my use of the phrase "shadows of parliamentary procedure" will most likely cause some to become instantly defensive and maybe dismissive of my comments, but that is a risk I am willing to take. I learned years ago that technically legal actions and wise practices are often not the same thing. I will not go into great detail on this matter in this communication, but will be glad to discuss it openly, if questioned, on the floor of Presbytery. For now, I simply want to say that less than two years ago, a matter concerning the discipline of a minister was handled in a completely different process. I know this for a fact because I was part of that

process which resulted in Reverend Steve Graham being deposed on October 7, 2023. In this process, everything (charge, rational, and communication with the one charged) was fully disclosed to Presbytery and then Presbytery voted to dispose. Under our most recent case, that was not so. When I asked questions about the Judiciary Commission's report, several, including our Presbyterial Moderator at the time, Reverend Abby Cole Keller, enthusiastically instructed the Chair of the Commission, Reverend Vernon Samson, not to answer. While I fully understand that he had no parliamentary obligation to address the specifics of the case, he could have, and I argue should have, answered my initial question with no violation of parliamentary procedure, even if that meant that Presbytery went into Executive Session. That question was: "Did the Commission determine that Reverend Price did not officiate two same-sex marriages or that officiating same-sex marriages does not rise to the level of Ministerial Error?" The answer to second part of that question is critical to the notion of transparency and to the future of our Presbytery.

I want everyone to know that I did not write, nor aid in the writing of the Complaint against Reverend Price. In an effort of being fully transparent, when Elder Mark Shedden initially sought me out for guidance in this matter, I repeatedly advised him to talk directly to the Session of the Beaver Creek Cumberland Presbyterian Church where Reverend Price serves as Associate Pastor. He declined to take my advice, as was his prerogative, and asked what was his next step. I responded that he should contact our Presbyterial Stated Clerk, Reverend Ronald Longmire to file a Complaint. Mr. Shedden then did so. I want to be undeniably clear, I do not now have, nor have I ever had, any desire to see Reverend Price disposed as some mistakenly assume. Again, in an effort to be fully transparent, following the Called Meeting of Presbytery on June 2, 2024, when the members of our Judiciary Committee/Commission were named/elected, I personally shared with Reverend Price my position on the matter. What I had hoped would come from this process was that Reverend Price would acknowledge his error in performing the weddings of two homosexual couples (repent), and that he would give Presbytery the assurance that he would not conduct same-sex weddings in the future. Furthermore, he would not teach in the church he serves, nor at Presbyterial or

denominational sponsored events (i.e., church camps and retreats) his personal belief that homosexuality is not a sin and that same-sex marriages are blessed by God. In other words, my desire was for Reverend Price to minister within the bounds of our General Assembly's current Statement on Homosexuality and its position on Cumberland Ministers not officiating same-sex marriages.

Regrettably, our Judiciary Commission's finding of Reverend Price "Not Guilty" in this matter not only disregards historical precedence within our denomination and reformed theology in general, it violates Christendom's historical understanding of Scripture, and it also opens the door for all clergy within our Presbytery to officiate same-sex weddings with Presbytery's consent. At our last regular meeting of Presbytery on October 5, 2024, we had a chance to close this door, but by an overwhelmingly majority, we steadfastly refused to consider the Synod of the Southeast's directive that we hold a vote on this matter; thus, "blowing the door off its hinges!" I find this contrary to my ordination vows as a Cumberland Presbyterian minister; particularly Vow #1 where I affirmed that the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments are the authority for faith and practice, Vow #2 where I received and adopted our *Confession of Faith* as containing the essential doctrines taught in Scripture; and Vow #4 where I promised to promote the welfare of the Church. By the way, the 193rd (2024) General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church ruled that there are no nonessential doctrines contained in our *Confession of Faith*, which means that as Cumberland Presbyterians, marriage is understood to be between a man and a woman [6.17], not been two same gendered people.

In both Matthew 10:34-38 and Luke 12:51-53, Jesus told His disciples that, although they thought He had come to bring peace and unity, He actually came to bring a sword which would cause division. The sword Jesus spoke of was God's truth. For more than twenty years now, I have worked diligently on the denominational level to mediate peace and unity between two distinct factions within the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I believe that my efforts were in keeping with Vow #4 of my ordination vows to responsibly promote the welfare of the Church and Vow #6 to maintain the purity of the Church, irrespective of any opposition that might arise. I have failed miserably in this impossible task because truth and error simply cannot

coexist agreeably long-term. I spent my year as Moderator of General Assembly traveling to various presbyteries with the message that there is hope for a broken and divided church, and that hope was found only in Christ and His Word. I still believe that, but in the passages I just referenced, Christ was telling us not to be surprised when truth and error collide adversely affecting even the closest of family ties. In the words of Martin Luther, "Peace if possible, but truth at any rate." These aforementioned Scriptures and this quote from the Father of the Reformation have helped me come to the difficult conclusion that it is better to be divided by truth than united by error. Therefore, in accordance to our denominational Permanent Judiciary Committee's "Guidelines for Changes in Congregational Affiliation", approved at the 193rd (2024) General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the Session of the Knoxville First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will soon begin exploring affiliating with another Cumberland Presbyterian presbytery or affiliating with a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America presbytery or seeking out like-minded congregations currently affiliated with the Presbytery of East Tennessee to form a new Cumberland Presbyterian presbytery. When either of these possibilities develop, we will seek the Synod of the Southeast's approval and guidance.

Respectfully submitted, though with deep regrets,

Michael R. Wilkinson

Reverend Michael R. Wilkinson

Dianne Pipkin

Dianne Pipkin, Clerk of Session

PS: In regards to the matter of Reverend Mark Hester and Reverend Ronald Longmire being cleared of all charges against them at our October 5, 2024 meeting, for the sake of transparency, I made the motion that the Complainant, Elder Mark Shedden be heard. That motion was seconded, but did not carry. In spite of my motion to hear from the Complainant, I voted in favor of the motion to dismiss the charges because I found them largely unfounded. I personally shared this with both gentlemen at the conclusion of our last meeting.

Christina Collins, Elder

Hannah Hadley, Elder

Emily DeLozier, Elder

Codey Hawn, Elder

Amanda Roberts, Elder

William H. Halter, Elder

Presbytery of East Tennessee
April 5, 2025

A Memorial Service of Remembrance
for those in our Presbytery who died in 2024

Dear friends,

We are united today by a common sorrow, a common affection, and a common hope.

We have come together to give thanks for those who have gone before us,
To remember the ways their lives touched ours;
And we continue to trust that they and all who go to sleep with the Lord awake with Him in heaven.

We have also come to share the sorrow of all who mourn
And to offer them our love and support.

Together we are here to bear witness to our hope in Jesus Christ.

We will call out each of churches on the roll and as your church is called, if you have lost members in 2024, we ask you to stand for them. If I have the names, I will read those aloud, and then we will have a bell toll.

If you did not turn in names but wish to call out the names of anyone who was a member who died in 2024, you may call that out when I call your church name.

Please remain standing with your church until the bell tolls in remembrance of your members.

After we go through the roll of churches, we will invite all members of Presbytery to stand in honor of hearing the roll call of ministers who passed away in 2024.

Let's begin:

(Gwen to provide a list)

Closing prayer (remain standing and if able, and not standing, you are invited to stand with us)

Beaver Creek-- Jamie Blankenship
J. A. Jollay
Tommye Sue Lepper
Tommye Mc Ginnis
Donny Raby
Marjorie Smith

Bethesda—

Casa de fey Alabanza--

Cedar Hill— none

Clark's Grove— none

Corntassel— Bill Wolfe

Dover— Zannie Hicks

Fairview— Dean Tipton

Greeneville-- Emily O'Dell
Bobbie Sue Quarles
Samuel Lanall Doak
Dorothy Jo Walker
James A. Emory
Scott Clifford Wells
Brenda Ellen Watson Rodefer Parrish-Dickman
Eloise Crowder Emory
Tim Flohr
Harold Hayes
James W. Hickerson

Heartland-- None

Knoxville First: Judy Gammon
Jim Dyer
Richard Booher
Maxine Curtis

Lebanon— Martha McCarter Humphrey

Loudon— Betty Henderson
Wendell Nixon
James Wilks
Betty Norton
Mary Evelyn Chihasz

Marietta— None

Maryville— Burl "Sonny" Burnett
James Milhollin
Betty Smith

Mercy—

Mohawk— Sam Riley

Mt. Carmel— Rochelle Bailey

Mt. Pleasant— Norma Jean Foshee
Beatrice (Bea) Graham
Joshua Hixson

New Bethel— None

New Hope— Nancy Willis

Oakland--

Oak Ridge— Sam Early
Betty Schow

Philadelphia-- Shirley Greene

Pilot Knob— Joyce Lamb

Pleasant Hill- Genevieve Bolton

Salem—

Shiloh— Bob Alexander
Robert Bird
Don Williamson

Talbott— Dr. Doris Borchert
Myrna McDaniel
Edith Quarles
Leroy Smith
John Spain
Michael Stanberry
Rita Williamson

Union— Dave Garner
Wanda Johnson
Minnie Morrison
David Murph
Barbara Smelcher

Virtue— John Willis
Rose Chambers
Lynn Wilson
Cindy Winchester
Fritz Booth
Mary Acton
Julia Paschall
Judy White

Willoughby— Daphne Myers

Young's Chapel—Madge Galyon

Ministers-- Howard Shipley
Don Acton
The son of Candidate Marcy Brooks