

ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MINUTES
(SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC)
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



138th STATED MEETING
VIA ZOOM
APRIL 8, 2021

NEXT STATED MEETING OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
July 8, 2021
Location: Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church
Abingdon, VA

Abingdon Presbytery seeks by the grace of God to nurture its congregations and pastors and to foster Christian unity among them, and to offer and develop leadership in order that congregations will grow in faith and in numbers, and to exhibit the Kingdom of God, thereby witnessing to the Lordship of Jesus Christ throughout Southwest Virginia and the world.

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MINUTES OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
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PRESBYTERY CONVENED

The 138th Stated Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery met via Zoom on April 8, 2021.

PRESBYTERY IN WORSHIP

Morning worship began at 9:30 a.m., led by the Reverend Michael Weller.

ATTENDANCE

The following MINISTERS were enrolled (P=Present; E=Excused; A=Absent without excuse):

MINISTER	January 14	April 8	July 8	November 11
INSTALLED				
Aichinger, Ann	P	P		
Bird, Timothy	P	E		
Gilbert, David	P	P		
Gray, Alan	P	P		
Langham, John	P	E		
Markel, John	P	P		
Martin, Jon	P	P		
Min, Paul	P	P		
Weller, Michael	P	P		
Whartenby, Tom	P	P		
STATED				
SUPPLY/INTERIM				
Campbell, Kevin	P	P		
Charles, Bill (HR)	E	E		
Kim, Grace	P	P		
Martin, Susanne	P	P		
Matlack, Hugh	P	P		
Phoenix, Michael	P	A		
Tolar, Robert R., Sr. (HR)	E	E		
HONORABLY RETIRED				
Davis, Mary	E	E		
Hagen, Ted W., II	E	E		
Heintzleman, Jack W.	E	E		
Hoffman, Dennis	E	E		
Liston, J. Miller	E	E		
Mayo, Wiley S.	E	E		
Palubicki, Tony	P	P		
Parker, Donald G.	E	E		
Thornton, Robert S.	E	E		
Webb, Randall E.	P	E		
Wing, William T.	E	P		

MEMBER-AT-LARGE				
Haga, Nancy Katherine	E	A		
Hudson, Don	A	A		
Parkey, Andy	A	A		
ARMY CHAPLAIN				
Behrendt, Ben	E	E		
COMMISSIONED LAY PASTOR				
Endicott, Bobby	P	P		
Hutton, Cathy	P	P		
Litton, Darlene	A	A		
Neel, Patricia	P	P		
Parish, Bill	P	P		
Talbert, Stephen	P	A		
Walker, Jim	P	A		

The following CHURCHES were enrolled by the attendance of their elder commissioner:

Church	January 14	April 8	July 8	November 11
Anchor of Hope	Anne Hager	Carol Watson		
Anderson Memorial				
Bethel				
Big Stone Gap	Walt Rollins	Walt Rollins		
Bland-Leyburn				
Buchanan First	Kemper Bausell			
Buffalo Mountain				
Castlewood				
Central	John Barker	John Barker		
Damascus				
Dinwiddie	Peggy Slate	Scott Eckwerth		
Fairview	Doris Homan	Rhonda Anderson		
Fincastle	Charlotte Perdue	Charlotte Perdue		
Galax		Norma Busic		
Galena	Jane Davis	Jane Davis		
Gate City				
Glade Spring	Alice Freeman			
Gladeville	Winston Ely			
Grace				
Graham				
Green Spring	Patricia Neel	Patricia Neel		
High Point				
Hillsville	Nancy McDaniel	David Welch		
Jewell Ridge				
Lebanon				
Locust Cove				
Maple Grove				
Mary Martin Mem.				
McCall's Gap				
McIver Memorial	Mary Ann Blevins	Mary Ann Blevins		
Oakwood				

Pound	Lynda Hubbard	Ida Mullins		
Powell Valley				
Richlands				
Rich Valley				
Riverview				
Rock Spring				
Royal Oak		Karen Chamberlain		
Seven Mile Ford	Ruby Price			
Sinking Spring	Blake Baker	Rachel Fowlkes		
Spring Creek				
Stone Memorial	Emma Sexton	Emma Sexton		
Tazewell	Josh Thompson			
Vasant		Catherine Rasnake		
Walnut Grove	Sue White	Beth Patterson		
Whitetop				
West Fork				
Wytheville	Linda DiYorio	Linda DiYorio		

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

Billy Rice, Presbyterian Children's Home of the Highlands
Susan Lowry, Sinking Spring
Mike Klumpp, Locust Cove and Rich Valley
Brenda Lawson, Richlands
Jerry Manning, Fincastle
John DiYorio, Wytheville
Sue White, Walnut Grove
Rev. Warren Lesane, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic
Andy Cundiff, Wytheville
Randy Lowe, Sinking Spring

Abingdon Presbytery Worship Service

Call to Worship and Invocation:

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Leader: We come together for worship in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, One God, majestic and eternal, powerful and gracious, abounding in love and full of compassion.

People: We gather in your presence O God, in the light and in the life of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We gather, as daughters and sons, as sisters and brothers, as the family of your making through our adoption in the Son, who is the Lord of life.

Leader: For through the waters of baptism we are raised to life with him, and we rejoice in the life he gives to us through the forgiveness of sin and his victory over death.

People: Holy and ever faithful God, we gather in worship to praise you, to thank you, to glorify your Holy name with our hearts filled with thanksgiving, ever thankful for the outpouring of your blessings upon us; especially, for the inheritance we have gained through Jesus Christ our Lord; the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Leader: "Like precious oil poured on the head," scented and fragrant, running down, and through, and in us; over our whole being; heart, mind, and soul are the blessings you bestow.

Unison: As members of the family of God, we praise you, we thank you, we glorify you, we worship you. On this day, at this time, we humbly ask your Spirit to lead us in our worship today. We ask you to fill us with the Holy Spirit, so that our worship, that we, may be alive with the power, love, and grace of Jesus Christ. That we, in our worship, will honor you in thought, word, and deed. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

Music: Psalm 133: A recording of the Psalm in Hebrew.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133; 1 John 3:1-2

Homily:

Let us confess our faith as the body of Christ by reciting the Apostle's Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers: (Including the Necrology and ending with the Lord's prayer.)

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that, as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Let us Pray:

Leader: Eternal God, we bless you for the great company of all those who have kept the faith, finished their race, and who now rest from their labor.

People: We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. ...

Leader: Especially we thank you for those we name in our prayers this day, those whom you have now received into your presence. We lift up their names, for in faith and through faith, for they are an intimate part of our family in this presbytery.

(The reading of the list.)

Blest are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

People: We praise you for all your servants who, having lived this life in faith, now live eternally with you. Especially we thank you for your servants who served among us, whose baptism is now complete in death. We praise you for the gift of their lives, for all in them that was good and kind and faithful, for the grace you gave them, that kindled in them the love of your dear name and enabled them to serve you faithfully.

Leader: In the solemn thoughts of our minds, in the deepest regions of our souls, grant us your peace Lord Jesus, and help us, by the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit, to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are ended, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in Jesus Christ our risen Lord, You Lord, You who are the resurrection and the life, and who taught us to pray:

Unison: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Music: It is Well with My Soul

Benediction:

Closing Music: Alleluia, Give Thanks

MEMORIAL SERVICE

“For we know that if our earthly home of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” (2 Cor.5:1)

NAME	CHURCH	DATE OF DEATH
<u>ELDERS</u>		
Sara Stone Burleson	Central	February 11, 2020
Michael “Casey” Eames McComish	Central	November 23, 2020
Daphne Gibson McCord	Central	December 30, 2020
Ardath Sawyers Bryant	Fairview	October 12, 2020
Annie Ruth (Polly) Jenkins	Fairview	June 18, 2020
Margaret Dickson	Galax - First	March 17, 2020
Mary Guynn	Galax - First	August 26, 2020
Carl Whitlock	Galax - First	November 27, 2020
Mary Kay Stanberry	Glade Spring	July 13, 2020
Joe Moore	Grace	March 31, 2020
Glenda Easter Dalton	Hillsville	July 2020
Mike Riley	McCall’s Gap	August 21, 2020
Patty F. Wilson	McIver Memorial	September 21, 2020
Larry Hubbard	Pound - First	July 15, 2020
Charlotte McVey	Richlands	June 27, 2020
Justus Reynolds	Richlands	May 30, 2020
James Brooks	Seven Mile Ford	January 25, 2020
Don Ault	Sinking Spring	May 4, 2020
Betty Hall	Stone Memorial	October 12, 2020
Ancil Stephens	Stone Memorial	November 10, 2020
Charlie Asbury	Tazewell	October 28, 2020
Frank Barnes	Tazewell	September 1, 2020
Jack Minton	Wytheville	August 16, 2020
Ernest Wilson	Wytheville	March 3, 2020
<u>MINISTERS</u>		
Aichel, O. George		May 29, 2020
Baldwin, CW Eugene		October 25, 2020

PRESBYTERY IN MISSION & DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The moderator of Presbytery, Brenda Lawson, called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:08 a.m.

Elder Bill Parish, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum present.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET & APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees were appointed for this meeting of Presbytery:

Recording Clerk: Mrs. April DiYorio, Asst. to the Stated Clerk, Presbytery staff

Temporary Clerks: Rev. Grace Kim, Dinwiddie/Wild Goose

Bill and Overtures: Rev. Jon Martin, Green Spring
Elder Sue White, Walnut Grove
Elder Jim Walker, Bethel

WELCOME

Elders attending Presbytery for the first time and visitors were recognized and introduced to Presbytery.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

An item of new business regarding forming an Administrative Commission for the Wild Goose Christian Community was introduced and will be placed on the agenda following the Nominating Committee Report. The stated clerk moved the adoption of the docket as amended. Upon proper second, presbytery approved the adoption of the docket unanimously.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT & APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ruling Elder Bill Parish presented the Stated Clerk's Report. Bill welcomed the Commissioners and mentioned that we were honored to have Rev. Warren Lesane, Executive Director and Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, with us today.

In action items: The Presbytery

1. Approved the minutes of the January 14, 2021, stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery;
2. Received all reports with amendments as information, admitted them to the record, and recorded them in the minutes of Abingdon Presbytery;
3. Excused those ministers properly requesting an excuse from all or part of the 138th meeting of Abingdon Presbytery and also excused all Honorably Retired ministers not in attendance;
4. Voted to seat all non-member clergy serving Abingdon Presbytery congregations, chairs of Abingdon Presbytery committees who were not commissioners, and visiting retired PC(USA) ministers and granting them the privilege of the floor without vote;
5. Voted to seat representatives from PC(USA) governing bodies and institutions, enroll them as corresponding members and to grant them the privilege of the floor without vote; and
6. Gave Rev. Warren Lesane from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, the privilege of the floor to bring greetings from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic.

(Please see the Stated Clerk's Report in the following minutes.)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Rev. Dave Gilbert, Chair of the committee, reported for the Committee on Ministry. He brought the Presbytery up to date on the work of the COM since the last meeting of Presbytery.

In action items, the Presbytery:.

1. Approved the call of the Rev. Kevin Campbell as pastor of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church (31 in favor, 0 votes against);
2. Found the terms of Rev. Campbell as pastor of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in order and approved them, and;
3. Appointed members of the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Campbell as Pastor of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church as follows: Jon Martin (TE), moderator of the commission; Tim Bird (TE); Grace Kim (TE); Mike Wilcox (RE); and Kay Bunn (RE).

(Please see the Committee on Ministry Report in the Following minutes.)

PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Andy Cundiff reported on behalf of the committee. He reported that the committee had reached out to churches in the Presbytery urging them to prayerfully consider their giving to Presbytery for the coming year. The responses to date have been encouraging. The committee will be contacting those churches that have yet to respond.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Sue White presented the report on behalf of the committee.

The committee presented names for the Way Forward Advisory Committee that is called for in the new Manual of Operations. Council had requested that the committee consist of one representative from the Way Forward Advisory Committee, one member from the elected members of Council, one member from the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force, one member who was fairly new to the Presbytery, and one member at large. The list that the Nominating Committee had crafted was presented. After the Moderator had asked for nominations from the floor, this committee was elected.

Sue also presented a person to serve as the Elder Commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. There being none the committee's recommendation was elected.

(Please see the Nominating Committee Report in the following minutes.)

WILD GOOSE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Rev. Tony Palubicki presented a motion to form an Administrative Commission for the Wild Goose Christian Community. The motion that was presented is as follows:

The Administrative Commission would have three-year terms and the following individuals / recruits

would be involved:

Tony Palubicki, co-moderator / chair
Hugh Matlack, co-moderator / chair
Grace Kim, lead honker
Committee On Ministry representative (to be named)
One Advisory Member from Wild Goose, present without vote but having voice

RESPONSIBILITIES / AUTHORITY

The Wild Goose Administrative Commission, as provided by Abingdon Presbytery, will have the following authority and responsibilities:

+Have **financial oversight** of the Wild Goose Worshipping Community.

This oversight shall include:

*review and approval of the Community's **annual budget**;

*the authority to review, approve, and sign any **agreements/contracts** between the community and service providers and/or contractors;

*and authority to approve **use/rental** of any Community properties, structures, facilities, and/or equipment.

+Sign on behalf of Presbytery any requests for **financial grants** and other such requests made to higher councils of the PC(USA).

+Oversight to ensure that the **sacraments** of Baptism and The Lord's Supper are rightly administered and received.

+Authority to **approve leaders** who are either ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacraments or trained Ruling Elders who have been approved by the Presbytery to **administer the Sacraments** in the Lead Honker's absence.

+**Oversight** of the Wild Goose ministry and its leadership team

+The Administrative Commission will also provide **encouragement** and **appropriate support** for the **flourishing** of this ministry.

+The Administrative Commission will **report to the Presbytery** through the Stated Clerk, at each scheduled Presbytery meeting.

+Providing support, encouragement, and pastoral care for the contracted leader of Wild Goose.

+Shall **meet at least quarterly** (or as needed) with the Community Leadership team.

Tony's motion was seconded and after discussion and questions was approved by vote of the Presbytery.

SYNOD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Rev. Grace Kim reported on the recent meeting of the Synod Assembly that was held by Zoom.

GOOD NEWS MOMENT

At this time churches were asked to share items of good news from their congregations

Rev. Kevin Campbell reported on the creation of a pod cast, "Living Water from Sinking Spring" that grew from the lessons learned from the use of technology and its application in ministry.

Rev. Ann Aichinger shared the efforts of the Central Church in providing Parking Lot Services during the pandemic and the excitement of the church in returning to in-person worship.

Ida Mullins, Elder Commissioner from First Presbyterian of Pound, thanked Abingdon Presbytery for its support as they were searching for a minister. The church is delighted that the Wellers are here. The church had supported their mission work for 15 years. She reported that Michael and the church were hosting a Bible Study online that was involving the community.

The presbytery adjourned with a prayer by the Moderator at 12:10 p.m. The next stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery is scheduled for July 8, 2021.

Brenda Lawson

Brenda Lawson, Moderator

Bill Parish

Bill Parish, Stated Clerk

**DOCKET OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY
138th STATED MEETING
APRIL 8, 2021**

9:30 am	Morning Worship Service	
10:00 am	Call to Order and Prayer by Moderator	Brenda Lawson
	Declaration of Quorum	Bill Parish
10:05 am	Appointment of Standing Committees	
	Welcome and Announcements	
	Introduction of Guests and Recognition of First-time Elders	
	Introduction of New Business	
	Adoption of the Docket	
10:15 am	<u>Stated Clerk's Report</u> (p.6-7)	Bill Parish
10:20 am	Greetings from Synod of the Mid-Atlantic	Warren Lesane
10:30 am	<u>Council Report</u> (p.8-11)	Jon Martin
10:40 am	Presbytery Leader Search Committee Report	
10:45 am	<u>Committee on Ministry Report</u> (p.12-20)	Dave Gilbert
11:05 am	Personnel and Operations Committee Report	Andy Cundiff
11:10 am	Wild Goose Christian Community Administrative Commission	Tony Palubicki
11:20 am	<u>Nominating Committee Report</u> (p.21)	Sue White
11:30 am	Synod Commissioner's Report	Grace Kim
11:35 am	Good News Moment	
11:40 pm	Closing Prayer	
11:45 pm	Anticipated Adjournment	

Written Reports

- Children's Home of the Highlands Report (p.22-24)
- Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (p.25)
- Communications Committee (p.26)

Committees not reporting: Committee on Representation, Education Committee, Mission Ministries and Partnerships Committee, Permanent Judicial Commission

Commissioners should plan to be in attendance for the entire meeting unless unusual circumstances occur.

Stated Clerk's Report
Bill Parish, Stated Clerk

Items for Information:

1. ***Who are the members of the governing body?*** The members of the governing body are the thirty-two teaching elders who are members of Abingdon Presbytery, the nine Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the forty-seven ruling elder commissioners that represent the forty-seven congregations of the Presbytery.
2. If you are not a commissioner to this meeting, you are classified as a visitor. If the way be clear, visitors will be permitted to speak and participate in the round table discussions, but shall not be allowed to speak in the plenary discussion or vote on issues before the Presbytery.
3. The next meeting of Abingdon Presbytery will be on Thursday, July 8, 2021, by Zoom.
4. I am continuing to read the minute books of churches. As I reported at the last meeting, our clerks of session are to be commended for the fine job they do.
5. We are pleased to have Warren Lesane, Executive Director and Stated Clerk, of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic visit our meeting today.

Items for Action:

1. That the Minutes of the January 14, 2021, stated meeting of Abingdon Presbytery be approved.
 Motion Made Approved Disapproved
2. That all reports with amendments be received as information and be admitted to the record and recorded in the Minutes of Abingdon Presbytery.
 Motion Made Approved Disapproved
3. That the ministers properly requesting to be excused from all or a part of the 138th Stated Meeting of Presbytery be granted their excuse, and that all Honorably Retired ministers not in attendance be excused.
 Motion Made Approved Disapproved

4. That all non-member clergy serving in temporary pastoral relationships with Abingdon Presbytery congregations, chairs of Abingdon Presbytery Committees who are not commissioners, and visiting retired PC(USA) ministers, be seated and granted the privilege of the floor, without vote.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

5. That representatives from PC(USA) governing bodies and institutions be seated as corresponding members and granted the privilege of the floor without vote.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

6. That Rev. Warren Lesane from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic be given the privilege of the floor for five minutes to bring greetings from the Synod.

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

Council Report
Jon Martin, Chair

Items for Information:

1. The Council met twice by video conference since the January 2021 Presbytery meeting: February 4 (called) and March 4 (stated).
2. Because of the continued need to limit the spread of the corona virus, the Council approved a virtual meeting of the Presbytery on April 8. It's possible that the July and November meetings could be in person meetings with a virtual attendance option.
3. The Council received the report from the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force, and to consider the work of the Task Force complete. The final report is included in the Council report.
4. The Council referred to the Nominating Committee the task of nominating persons to serve on the Way Forward Advisory Committee as detailed in Part 13 of the Manual of Operations with the recommendation that the committee include at least one person from each of the following: the former Way Forward Committee; the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force, and an elected member of Council.
5. A review of the Manual of Operations was made by Bill Parish, Dave Gilbert, and Jerry Manning. The review is included in this report.
6. The Council reviewed the January Presbytery meeting noting that (1) the meeting was long for a zoom meeting, (2) much was accomplished, (3) the Presbytery continues to expand its understanding and use of technology.
7. Having spent the past year, with God's help and direction, finding innovative ways to continue our mission and ministry, the Council approved the theme from Isaiah 43:19 for the Presbytery Meetings in 2021:

I will make a way in the wilderness

8. The Council set the following goals for the 2021: (a) Pray for and support the Presbytery Leader Search Committee and the eventual leader: (b) Hold a follow-up review after each Presbytery meeting, (c) Continue to build a stronger community at Presbytery meetings by promoting good news moments, meeting new people during lunch around tables, and visibly demonstrating the sense of community, (d) Encourage and equip congregations, church leaders, and presbytery committees, to understand and implement adaptive changes as new technologies enable us to expand our understanding of church mission and ministry, (e) Continue to offer a virtual option for meetings.
9. The Manual of Operations requires the Presbytery, at the fall meeting, to elect (or re-elect) the Treasurer for a three year term. The Council will include this action item at the November meeting. This allows time for the Personnel and Operations Committee to conduct its annual review and evaluation of work of the treasurer.

Items for Action:

1. Receive the Report of the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force, and dismiss them from their work with the gratitude of the Presbytery.

Motion Made Approved Disapproved

Subject: Final Report from the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force

The Reverend Jon Martin
Chair of Council
Abingdon Presbytery

Dear Jon -

The Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force (Task Force) requests that Council have a brief Called Meeting on February 4, 2021 to review and act upon the final report of the Task Force. We feel that time is of the essence in moving forward from the actions of the 137th Presbytery Meeting.

The Task Force has met 8 times since being formed. Our report to the 137th Stated Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery was supported by the Presbytery in the approval of a 2021 Presbytery Budget, funds being repurposed from the Church Development Fund for a Presbytery leader for 3-5 years, and the repurposing of designated earnings and funds to support the operating budget.

Although there was a suggestion for the Task Force to be dissolved at the Presbytery Meeting, we had planned to have a final meeting following Presbytery to summarize and then share our ideas for the future of the Presbytery. Our work addressed the immediate financial situation with some suggestions for the Budget process. These actions are only the beginning of the work needed for the success of Abingdon Presbytery

The Task Force wants to affirm the work of the Way Forward Committee as they restructured the Presbytery, its flow chart, and the Manual of Operations. A critical element of the manual is the establishment of The Way Forward Advisory Committee. In the manual, nearly every Committee experienced change to some degree in structure, mission, and core function. This year marks the beginning of some new Committees, and members must have guidance on what they are expected to do. Each Committee must promptly meet, organize, and plan. What was the norm in the past is no more. The Advisory Committee must be formed, promptly.

Some ideas and suggestions for the Advisory Committee that follow are not in any particular order of importance;

- The Personnel & Operations Committee must decide how to reach out to Churches for this year's and future years budgets. In forming a Budget, the Committees must justify their need for funds to the P&O Committee in the fall with Presbytery approving a budget by the January Meeting. The Presbytery Treasurer needs to be involved in all aspects of the Committee. Fund and Resource Management must be an active topic.

- The Education and Leadership Committee needs to have a broader focus beyond the important Mountain Top Training Experience. Focused training would benefit leaders at every level from Church Sessions to the Presbytery Moderator. Ministers and Church leaders can use training on Hybrid Worship and the expanded use of Multi-Media Equipment. Congregations need training on becoming a Matthew 25 Church. These are only starting suggestions....

- Council, COM, CPM, Mission Ministries and Partnerships Committee, Committee on Representation, and Nominating Committee, must meet promptly to review, establish, and enact their core purpose.

- The 4th Presbytery Meeting of the year is currently scheduled in November. An October Meeting might be better timed for work flow prior to the January Meeting.

The last year and a half has been one of uncertainty and now we can move forward with what we have decided to do as a Presbytery.

MOTION from the Task Force; That the Budget, Finance, and Investment Task Force be dissolved as The Way Forward Advisory Committee is established.

Respectfully Submitted by;

TE Ann Aichinger
TE Kevin Campbell
RE April DiYorio - Secretary
TE Grace Kim
RE Jim Gearhart - Chair

Section 1.0205 of the Presbytery Manual requires that Council, or its designee, shall make a review of the manual in January of each odd numbered year. This report of the review shall be made to Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

Council designated Bill Parish, Stated Clerk, David Gilbert, and Gerald Manning to complete this review. Their report follows:

1. We commend Abingdon Presbytery for adopting this manual revision that corresponds to the work of the Way Forward Committee.

2. We appreciate that the manual calls for four meetings each year (one more than previously). We offer the following ideas to Council to consider as we move forward:
 - A. Council should evaluate the timing of the four meetings to see if the scheduling of each meeting allows sufficient time for the Presbytery to accomplish a segment of work that would make each meeting productive;
 - B. The good experience that Presbytery has had using virtual meetings may warrant that one or two meetings each year remain virtual; and
 - C. Council should give consideration to holding at least two meetings of Presbytery during times that would not interfere with those working being able to participate;

3. We urge Council to see that training be implemented for new committee chairs by previous committee chairs or other experienced persons.

4. Council should work to insure that the Way Forward Committee's vision is honored as we seek to become a vibrant, successful Presbytery doing the work that God intends for us to do.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Parish
David Gilbert
Gerald Manning

**Report to Abingdon Presbytery from
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
April 8, 2021 Meeting of Abingdon Presbytery**

Since the January 14 Presbytery Meeting the Committee on Ministry has met twice: on February 18 and March 18. Both meetings were held on Zoom.

Work of the COM

1. Continued support and oversight of those congregations seeking a Minister of Word and Sacrament:
 - a. Rich Valley/ Locust Cove Moderator: Rev. Michael Weller
 - b. Buchanan First/ Vansant Moderator: Rev. Dave Gilbert
 - c. Anchor of Hope/Galena Moderator: Rev. Hugh Matlack
 - d. Sinking Spring Moderator: Rev. Kevin Campbell
 - e. Fairview Moderator: Rev. Hugh Matlack
 - f. Hillsville Moderator: Rev. Michael Phoenix
2. Approved a variance of elder rotation for the Stone Memorial congregation.
3. Approved a variance of elder rotation for the Seven Mile Ford congregation.
4. Approved a renewal of the stated supply covenant between the Rev. Stewart Childress and the Buffalo Mountain Presbyterian Church.
5. Approved a one-year stated supply contract between the Rev. Debbie Ginder and the Fairview Presbyterian Church.
6. Appointed the Rev. John Markel as session moderator for the Lebanon Presbyterian Church.
7. Appointed the Rev. Hugh Matlack as session moderator for the Fairview Presbyterian Church.
8. Put the Committee on Ministry Handbook on the presbytery's website for access by members and churches of the presbytery.
9. Approved Rev. Hopper (Holston Presbytery retired TE) as session moderator for the Big Stone Gap PC and the Powell Valley PC.
10. Accepted Rev. Bill Charles' letter of resignation from the committee and transferred his presbytery membership to the Presbytery of the Peaks.
11. Approved a one-year Interim Ministry contract renewal between the Rev. Hugh Matlack and the Anchor of Hope and Galena congregations.
12. Approved the Ministry Information Form of the Hillsville Presbyterian Church. Following thereon log-in information was established for the MIF on the Church Leadership Connection site of the PCUSA.
13. On March 18 the committee interviewed by Zoom the Rev. Kevin Campbell for the position of Pastor at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. Members of the congregation's PNC were present as well for the interview and spoke about their sense of Rev. Campbell's call to the church. The committee found the pastoral call and the terms of call in order and recommends their approval by the presbytery.
14. Appointed Rev. Jon Martin to moderate the congregational meeting of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church on March 28, 2021.
15. Updated COM Connectional Assignments for the churches of Abingdon Presbytery are listed at the end of this report.

Recommendations to Presbytery:

1. That the call of the Rev. Kevin Campbell as pastor of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church be approved.

____ ✓ ____ Motion Made _____ ✓ _____ Approved _____ Disapproved

2. That the terms of call (below) for Rev. Campbell as pastor of the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church be found in order and approved.

____ ✓ ____ Motion Made _____ ✓ _____ Approved _____ Disapproved

3. That the following be appointed as the Commission of Abingdon Presbytery to Install the Rev. Kevin Campbell as Pastor of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church: Jon Martin (TE) moderator of the commission, Tim Bird (TE) charge the congregation, Grace Kim (TE) preacher, Mike Wilcox (RE-Hillsville PC) charge to the pastor, Kay Bunn (RE-Sinking Spring PC) liturgist and clerk of the commission.

____ ✓ ____ Motion Made _____ ✓ _____ Approved _____ Disapproved

CONNECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS:

<u>Church:</u>	<u>Moderator</u>	<u>COM Assignee</u>
o Anchor of Hope	Hugh Matlack	Edna Noblett
o Anderson Memorial	_____	Tim Bird
o Bethel	CLP Jim Walker	Jon Martin
o Big Stone Gap	Michael Weller	_____
o Bland-Leyburn	Dave Gilbert	Joan Flynn
o Buchanan First	Dave Gilbert	Dave Gilbert
o Buffalo Mountain	Stewart Childress	Edna Noblett
o Castlewood	Michael Weller	Tim Bird
o Central (Bristol)	Ann Aichinger	Alan Gray
o Damascus	Susanne Martin	John Barker
o Dinwiddie	Grace Kim	Edna Noblett
o Fairview	Hugh Matlack	Joan Flynn
o Fincastle	Dave Gilbert	Joan Flynn
o Galax First	Tom Whartenby	John Barker
o Galena	Hugh Matlack	Edna Noblett
o Gate City First	Randy Webb	Mary Ann Blevins
o Glade Spring	Tim Bird	Ann Aichinger
o Gladeville	Michael Weller	Bill Parish
o Grace	CLP Darlene Litton	Tim Bird
o Graham	Ann Aichinger	Ann Aichinger
o Green Spring	Jon Martin	John Barker
o High Point	John Markel (continuing)	Mary Ann Blevins
o Hillsville	Michael Phoenix	Jane Davis
o Jewell Ridge	Paul Min	Paul Min
o Lebanon	John Markel	Paul Min
o Locust Cove	Michael Weller	Tim Bird
o Maple Grove	CLP Steven Talbert	Alice Freeman
o Mary Martin Memorial	Michael Weller	Tim Bird

○ McCall's Gap	Bill Parish	Tim Bird
○ McIver Memorial	John Markel (cont.)	John Barker
○ Oakwood	Dave Gilbert	Dave Gilbert
○ Pound First	Michael Weller	Bill Parish
○ Powell Valley	Rev. Hopper	Alan Gray
○ Richlands	Paul Min	Dave Gilbert
○ Rich Valley	Michael Weller	Tim Bird
○ Rock Springs	Susanne Martin	John Barker
○ Royal Oak	Alan Gray	Mary Ann Blevins
○ Seven Mile Ford	Bill Parish	Alice Freeman
○ Sinking Spring	Kevin Campbell	Alan Gray
○ Spring Creek	CLP Stephen Talbert	Alice Freeman
○ Stone Memorial	CLPs Bobby Endicott Patricia Neel	Alan Gray
○ Tazewell	Dave Gilbert	Paul Min
○ Vasant	Dave Gilbert	Dave Gilbert
○ Walnut Grove	John Markel	Alice Freeman
○ West Fork	Paul Min	Paul Min
○ Whitetop	CLP Cathy Hutton	Tim Bird
○ Wytheville	John Langham	Alice Freeman
○ Wild Goose (NWC)	Grace Kim (no session)	Edna Noblett

Statement of Faith

*I believe in God
who is revealed through Scripture to be Trinity,
three distinct persons yet one God.*

*In life and in death,
it is to this God that I belong.*

*By the grace of Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,*

*I trust the one triune God
to whom alone I cleave,
to whom alone I serve,
to whom alone I worship,
and to whom alone I trust.*

*God is creator of heaven and earth,
maker of all that is visible and invisible.*

*God is a raw, inscrutable force for life released in the world,
a dangerous, surging power that
creates, calls, heals, jeopardizes,
opens, revamps, unsettles, and transforms.*

*It is the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
that built the lofty skies,
that formed all creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.*

*It is God's authorizing imperative
that summoned Abraham and Sarah,
and all who followed in their wake,
to be a blessing to all the families of the earth.*

*It is by God's warrant
that the poor are raised from the dust,
that the needy are lifted from the ash heap,
and that the barren woman has a home.*

*God is the One
who gives life to the dead
and calls into existence the things that do not exist.*

*The mighty power of God breaks down our settlements
of rich and poor,
of black and white,
of dead and alive,
of insider and outsider,
of security and explanation,
and of the full and the hungry.*

*God is a dangerous, restless power
that lets nothing stay barren, chaotic, frozen or lifeless,*

*because God is a God of new life and new possibility
that overrides complacency and shatters despair.
New life is possible wherever the mighty power of God is at work!*

*The sad truth about human beings, about us,
the creature made in the very image of God, is this:
We turn our backs on our Creator;
We rebel against the One
who formed us from the dust of the earth
and breathed the breath of life in us.*

*We violate the image of God in others and in ourselves
in a thousand different ways.*

*Mainly, we doubt God's power to make new.
In spite of humanity's propensity to sin and to brutality,
God loves us.
God is faithful to us.
God makes a way for us.
God does not give up on us.
God permits us to begin again
in faith, hope, and love.*

*God shows his love for us
by becoming like us in every way.*

*In Jesus Christ, God unites with us.
Jesus the Christ, God-with-us, reveals the very face, heart, and will of God.
He is the mighty power of God at work
healing, recreating, and redeeming
shriveled up creation and beaten down humanity.*

*Jesus calls all to repent and to believe the gospel.
All of the generative, life-giving juices of God flow in him—
the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
sinners are forgiven, the dead are raised,
strangers are welcomed, and the poor receive good news.*

*Everywhere Jesus goes new life and new hope is birthed.
He is the ultimate prodigal,
because he continually gives his life away for the sake of the world.
Jesus is God's power for life in the world!*

*As God's power for life,
the worldly authorities are regularly baffled and resentful of Jesus.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy, sedition, and treason,
they tried to stop God's power for life by crucifying Jesus.
In his execution,
Jesus suffered the full breadth and depth of human pain.
He gave his very life for the sins of the world.
Because of his faithful obedience,
God raised Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the pseudo-dominion of evil and sin,
and raising us from death to life.*

*Consequently, God has given him a name that is above every name.
Jesus is Savior and Lord of all!*

*The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the living God,
is the giver and re-newer of life.*

After his resurrection,

Jesus preformed "artificial resuscitation" on his beleaguered disciples.

*He gave them his peace,
which passes all understanding.*

*He breathed on them,
filling his disciples with the Spirit.*

*And then, he commissioned them
to do the business and work of forgiveness.*

Jesus summoned them, and us,

*to be carriers of God's power for new life
that heals, redeems, and transforms.*

*Energized and filled with the fresh wind of the Holy Spirit,
the Church is called and sent into a broken and fearful world
to witness to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to bring the generative, transformative power of Christ
into the deathliness of addiction, alienation, greed,
grief, poverty, racism, and sin,
and to live faithful lives as the people of Jesus
who work for freedom, justice, mercy, and peace.*

*As the people of Jesus,
we are not without resources.*

*In Word and sacrament,
the Holy Spirit feeds, nourishes, and sustains the Church.*

*In the power of that heavenly food,
the people of Jesus are empowered to carry out
the gospel mandate of being carriers of God's power for life.*

*In joy and thanksgiving to God,
energized with the fresh wind of the Spirit,
the Church strives
to live faithfully,
to act justly,
to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with God,
even as the Church waits and watches for God's
new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.*

*All that borrows life from God
is ever in God's care.*

*So, I sing of the mighty power of God,
rejoicing that nothing in life or in death can separate me,
or anyone else,
from the love of God in Christ Jesus the Lord.*

*Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can
ask of imagine, to God be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.*

(Ephesians 3:20-21)

Biographical Sketch

Kevin M. Campbell

I have found writing this biographical sketch to be an odd experience. First, I have been a member of this Presbytery for almost sixteen-years. Therefore, it seems bizarre to me to briefly describe myself to a group of people who already have some knowledge of me. Second, it is a quirky challenge to distill fifty-years of life and faith into a single page. Consequently, I will simply stick to a few highlights.

While I am a Gen Xer, I also am notable member of the generation that is described as the homeless generation. By birth, I am a Kentuckian; however, I have lived up and down the East Coast of the United States during my lifetime. I have, consequently, tended to view myself as an outsider, or to borrow Stanley Hauerwas and William Willimon's phrase, a resident alien.

Besides being a resident alien, I come from a family with a blended Christian spirituality. My mother was Catholic, and my father was a Southern Baptist. Obviously, it was the Protestant side of my family that stuck with me. In 1994, one-year after graduating from college, I was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister. I was only briefly a Southern Baptist minister. Less than a year after being ordained, I enrolled at Columbia Theological Seminary. During my time at Columbia, I fell in love with the Reformed tradition and became a candidate of Northeast Georgia Presbytery. I graduated from Columbia in 1998.

Since graduating from Columbia, I have served in pastoral and mid-council ministry settings in three different presbyteries: Northeast Georgia, Coastal Carolina, and Abingdon. Of course, Abingdon Presbytery is where I have served the longest. As a member of this Presbytery, I have served as its executive, stated clerk, and treasurer, as the pastor of the Hillsville Presbyterian Church, as an interim pastor of the Fairview Presbyterian Church, and currently as the interim-transitional pastor of Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church. And now, surprisingly, I have discerned a call to serve as the pastor of Sinking Spring.

One year ago, I would not have anticipated this call. It was my expectation to serve as the interim-transitional pastor of Sinking Spring for a short-time, long enough to help the congregation heal and secure a new pastor. But, in the call process, it became clear to me that God was summoning me to serve Sinking Spring for a much longer term. There is still much work for Sinking Spring and me to do together. My gifts are well suited for this wonderful and gifted people of Jesus, and I am excited to be about the journey of faith and mission with them in Christ's name.

**PROPOSED TERMS OF CALL
FOR PASTOR KEVIN M. CAMPBELL
SINKING SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Salary:

		<u>Annual</u>
Cash Salary	\$	50,000.00
Housing Allowance	\$	14,645.00
Includes estimated cost of mortgage/taxes/insurance/utilities/maintenance & repairs		
Total Salary/Housing:		\$ 64,645.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Travel Allowance rate, plus necessary meals, housing, etc., away from home	\$	2,000.00
Professional Allowance Books, magazines, professional dues, continuing education, etc.	\$	2,000.00
1/2 SECA Cash salary/housing x 1/2 SECA (7.65%)	\$	4,945.34
Total Reimbursable Exp.:		\$ 8,945.34

Benefits:

Pension/Medical/Dental/ Disability and Death Benefit 37% Under the Board of Pensions	\$	25,748.43
Life Insurance (Annual Cost): Rev. Campbell & Family	\$	410.64
Dental Coverage (Annual Cost): Rev. Campbell & family	\$	1,632.36
Total Benefits Cost:		\$ 27,791.43

TOTAL COST TO CHURCH:		\$ <u>101,381.77</u>
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Nominating Committee Report
Sue White, Chair

The new Abingdon Presbytery Manual of Operation, Part 13 details a new committee, The Way Forward Advisory Committee.

At the request of Council, the Nominating Committee was asked to present a slate of committee members to include one member from the Way Forward Committee, one member from the elected members of Council, one member from the Budget, Finance and Investment Task Force, one member from someone fairly new to Abingdon Presbytery and one member-at-large.

Items for Action:

1. Way Forward Advisory Committee:

Linda DiYorio
Rev. Grace Kim
Rev. Ann Aichinger
Rev. Michael Weller
Darlene Litton, CRE

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

2. Synod Representative:

Lynn Spencer, Dinwiddie

✓ Motion Made ✓ Approved Disapproved

We move the formation of this Administrative Commission for the Wild Goose Christian Community:

BACKGROUND

When Abingdon Presbytery reorganized, the oversight of the Wild Goose Christian Community required the formation of a new Administrative Commission (AC). Formerly, this task was the responsibility of the Church Development Committee. Wild Goose was the product of our denomination's 1001 New Worshiping Communities and was sponsored by our Presbytery. The new AC, approved last November, will continue the oversight required by Abingdon Presbytery.

MEMBERSHIP

The Administrative Commission would have three year terms and the following individuals / recruits would be involved:

Tony Palubicki, co-moderator / chair
Hugh Matlack, co-moderator / chair
Grace Kim, lead honker
Committee on Ministry representative (to be named)
One Advisory Member from Wild Goose, present without vote but having voice

RESPONSIBILITIES / AUTHORITY

The Wild Goose Administrative Commission, as provided by Abingdon Presbytery, will have the following authority and responsibilities:

+Have **financial oversight** of the Wild Goose Christian Community.

This oversight shall include:

*review and approval of the Community's **annual budget**;

*the authority to review, approve, and sign any **agreements/contracts** between the community and service providers and/or contractors;

*and authority to approve **use/rental** of any Community properties, structures, facilities, and/or equipment.

+Sign on behalf of Presbytery any requests for **financial grants** and other such requests made to higher councils of the PC(USA).

+Oversight to ensure that the **sacraments** of Baptism and The Lord's Supper are rightly administered and received.

+Authority to **approve leaders** who are either ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacraments or trained Ruling Elders who have been approved by the Presbytery to **administer the Sacraments** in the Lead Honker's absence.

+**Oversight** of the Wild Goose ministry and its leadership team

+The Administrative Commission will also provide **encouragement** and **appropriate support** for the **flourishing** of this ministry

+The Administrative Commission will **report to the Presbytery** through the Stated Clerk, at each scheduled Presbytery meeting

+Providing support, encouragement, and pastoral care for the contracted leader of Wild Goose.

+Shall **meet at least quarterly** (or as needed) with the Community Leadership team.

THANK YOU

Abingdon Presbytery

FOR HELPING US GIVE CHILDREN HOPE AND PURPOSE FOR THE FUTURE

FIRST QUARTER UPDATE

Our campus is still not open for visitation, but there has been some progress since the first of the year. The children have returned to school four days a week, so that has brought about a sense of normalcy to their lives. They still have a virtual education day on Wednesday, so our investment in fiber optic cable for our internet service continues to pay off and we believe will be essential to the future. The other significant development is the vaccination of our staff members. We were deemed an essential service so the majority of our staff received their second dose of the vaccine on February 19th. We still have some work to do, but we are hoping to be able to begin opening up our campus by summer. As always, our decisions will be based on the health and safety of our children. We have managed to keep the coronavirus away from our campus due to the diligence of our staff, and we will err on the side of caution moving forward.

With that being said, we cannot wait for the time when our supporters can visit our campus. We want you to see the Garden of Hope, eat a meal at our picnic shelter and, most of all, interact with each other in person. We are praying that this happens sooner than later!

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

We are seeking a Children's Home Ambassador from every congregation in our Synod. The Ambassador will be a liaison between the Children's Home and the congregation. We will be supplying the Ambassador with information to pass along to the congregation, including bulletin inserts. The pandemic has obviously taken away our opportunities to attend meetings and visit congregations, so we are hoping our Ambassadors will help us with keeping their churches up to date on the happenings at the Children's Home. We are asking that the Ambassador fill out a short application so that we will be able to contact you through both your phone and email address. The Ambassador will be our contact with our church and will help organize special events, such as the Thanksgiving Offering for Children's

Services. If you are interested in becoming an Ambassador, please call the Children's Home at (276) 228-2861 or email Billy Rice at billy@pchh.org or Dale Yontz at dale@pchh.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

FUND RAISING EVENTS

The pandemic caused us to cancel our annual gold tournament, but it is back on tap for this year. The tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 6th at Wytheville Golf Club. There will be morning and afternoon tee times available, and all participants will receive an excellent lunch and prizes. For those of you that are not golfers, there are opportunities to be a tournament sponsor. Please call the Children's Home to sign up your team or to receive more information.

The other fund raising opportunity is the 50/50 ball drop. We are selling 200 tickets for \$50 each. At the conclusion of the golf tournament 200 golf balls will be dropped on a green and the ball closest to the hole will win \$5,000, with the Children's Home receiving the remaining \$5,000. There are also prizes for the second and third closest balls. There was a flyer in our last newsletter, and tickets are going fast. If you would like a ticket please send a check with the Children's Home and designate it for the 50/50 ball drop.

Thank you for considering participating in these events. This is our major fund raiser for the year and we really need your support!

COVENANT CHURCHES

I want to take this opportunity to remind our congregations about our Covenant Church program. Many of the congregations in Abingdon Presbytery are being honored for their support of the Children's Home, but we want all of our churches to be listed on the wall in our Board Room. If your church has faithfully supported our ministry over the years, then you already meet the qualifications for membership. We recently sent out letters to churches who are not currently members. There has been some response, but there is still room for growth. Please call the Children's Home and let us know if your church would like to be a member – we want to honor your support!

CHILDREN'S HOME VIDEO AVAILABLE FOR USE

I am pleased to report that our Children's Home video is now available for viewing on our website. The video continues to be available on CD for the use of your congregations and church groups. Produced in-house by our former Development Director, E.C. Hill, the video recounts the history and current status of our ministry through video footage and interviews with staff and former residents. The video runs just over 18 minutes, which makes it a perfect length for a group presentation or a Sunday night supper. You can call our office or contact one of Board Members and we will make sure you get one. We will also be glad to have a staff member come to your meeting to help with the presentation if you wish. It is also a great way to introduce us to someone who may not be familiar with our ministry. Our website also includes short videos produced by our current Development Director, Dale Yontz, that I think you will enjoy. Thanks for your help!

NEW DAWN SOCIETY

We are searching for supporters who wish to become members of the New Dawn Society. The New Dawn Society consists of friends of the Children's Home who include PCHH in their estate planning, regardless of the amount. Members of the New Dawn Society receive a certificate and an engraved leaf will be placed on our donor tree, which is located in our conference room. Gifts such as these provide the funds to ensure that the Children's Home will be here to serve children long past our lifetimes. Members of the New Dawn Society who have passed away recently have made a tremendous contribution to the financial health of the Children's Home. Please consider how your gift can impact the lives of our children as you enter into your estate planning.

If you would like for one of our staff members to visit your church or civic group so you can learn more about the Children's Home, please let us know. It is a pleasure to share with you what your support means to us as we watch over the children God has blessed to our care.

Thank You for Your Support!

Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Meeting
Met by Zoom at 4:30 p.m.

Those attending: Sarah Angliker, Jere Blackburn, John Markel, and Ann Aichinger. Mike Klumpp was present as the one we were meeting with about the ordination exams.

Ann Aichinger opened the meeting with prayer.

The purpose of the meeting:

To meet with Mike Klumpp and hear from him about the experience of taking these four exams, as well as his evaluation of the comments of the two that he did not pass (Worship and Sacraments and Exegesis). In his evaluation he realized that his language is still developing in the Reformed tradition for worship and his exegetical style differs some from a traditional PCUSA seminary. He did add information about what he had happened in his life as a pastor serving Locust Cove and Rich Valley in addition to taking the exams. He did preach on that Sunday as well as had funeral in the midst of taking the exams.

As a Committee, we recommend Mike Klumpp to Committee on Ministry for him to be considered for ordination in the PCUSA and to be installed as pastor of Locust Cove and Rich Valley Presbyterian Churches. This motion was made by Sarah Angliker and seconded by Jere Blackburn. The motion passed unanimously.

As a committee it was mentioned that we are excited to have Mike a part of Abingdon Presbytery and in the PCUSA. He brings a rich understanding of global ministry as well as his calling to serve these two particular churches as their pastor.

John Markel agreed to serve as a reader for the PCUSA Ordination Exams in 2021. Ann Aichinger is still looking for one elder to serve in this capacity for 2021.

Having no other business to take care of, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by John Markel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Ann Aichinger, Chair

Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee has met twice since the last Presbytery meeting. At our February meeting, we welcomed two new members: Jennifer Bunn and John DiYorio respectfully. We have decided to hold all our future meetings using the Zoom platform. Due to having committee members living from Hillsville to Bluefield to Abingdon, meeting this way would eliminate travel time and expense.

The Committee discussed the advantages of having all of the committees of the Abingdon Presbytery hold night Zoom meetings. This setup would allow people who work during the day and those who live far apart from each other the ability to be more involved in our Presbytery. The committee feels that the more people we get involved in our Presbytery, the better. If people knew that they could attend night meetings by Zoom, they would be more likely to serve on the committees.

The Committee also discussed the idea of posting the “Good News Moments” from our Presbytery meetings on the Abingdon Presbytery Facebook page and including the Good News in the bulletin insert from the previous Presbytery meeting.

The Committee joins the rest of the Presbytery to looking forward to having a new leader and being able to have in person Presbytery meetings.

CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF PAST MODERATORS OF ABINGDON PRESBYTERY MEETINGS
 JANUARY 1, 1980 – APRIL 8, 2021

<u>MEETING</u>	<u>MODERATOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>
FIRST	STUART B. CAMPBELL, JR. (E)	1-29-80	GLADE SPRING
SECOND	CHARLES S. McCHESNEY	4-15-80	BUCHANAN
THIRD	JACK B. McCARTY (E)	6-24-80	CHILDREN'S HOME
FOURTH	HUGH D. BOWERS	10-09-80	GLADEVILLE
FIFTH	HUGH D. BOWERS	1-22-81	CENTRAL
SIXTH	ACIE E. BRYANT	5-12-81	RICHLANDS
SEVENTH	FRANK E. WHITE (E)	10-08-81	SINKING SPRING
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CALLED MTG.	FRANK E. WHITE (E)	1-19-82	SINKING SPRING
EIGHTH	BRYAN C. CHILDRESS	2-08-82	TAZEWELL
NINTH	JOSEPH C. KELLEY (E)	5-13-82	GREEN SPRING
TENTH	ELMON H. BROWN, JR.	9-23-82	ROYAL OAK
ELEVENTH	JACK KIBLER (E)	12-02-82	GLADE SPRING
TWELFTH	PAUL E. CORBETT, JR.	2-17-83	CENTRAL
THIRTEENTH	PAUL E. CORBETT, JR.	5-17-83	McIVER MEMORIAL
FOURTEENTH	BARBARA HOOPER (E)	6-30-83	FAIRVIEW
FIFTEENTH	CHARLES STEVENS CATHCART	9-29-83	BUCHANAN FIRST
SIXTEENTH	ERNEST O. MARTIN (E)	12-08-83	WYTHEVILLE
SEVENTEENTH	WILLIAM O. MOORE, JR.	2-09-84	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
EIGHTEENTH	GARREN McGLOTHLIN (E)	5-10-84	GRAHAM
NINETEENTH	GARREN McGLOTHLIN (E)	7-19-84	CHILDREN'S HOME
TWENTIETH	MURPHY D. MILLER	9-13-84	ROCK SPRING
TWENTY-FIRST	DAPHNE McCORD (E)	12-13-84	SINKING SPRING
TWENTY-SECOND	CLAUDE DAVIS (E)	1-19-85	GATE CITY
TWENTY-THIRD	MURPHY D. MILLER	3-30-85	EMORY & HENRY
TWENTY-FOURTH	HELEN NAPPS (E)	5-09-85	RICHLANDS
TWENTY-FIFTH	JAMES G. CARPENTER	9-12-85	NORTON
TWENTY-SIXTH	JOHN LEWIS SANDERFORD	12-12-85	TAZEWELL
TWENTY-SEVENTH	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	2-13-86	KING COLLEGE
TWENTY-EIGHTH	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	4-01-86	SINKING SPRING
TWENTY-NINTH	MARY RUPKE (E)	5-08-86	CENTRAL
CALLED MTG.	CHRISTOPHER E. MEYER, 111	7-26-86	GLADE SPRING
THIRTIETH	DELACY A. ANDREWS, JR.	9-11-86	GALAX
THIRTY-FIRST	FRANCES M. HOGE (E)	12-11-86	GLADE SPRING
THIRTY-SECOND	ROBERT N. LOMINACK, JR.	2-11-87	ROYAL OAK
THIRTY-THIRD	MAUDE L. SMITH (E)	5-21-87	HILLSVILLE
THIRTY-FOURTH	THOMAS J. WHARTENBY, JR.	10-17-87	CENTRAL
THIRTY-FIFTH	MILLARD FARMER (E)	12-10-87	WYTHEVILLE
THIRTY-SIXTH	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	2-20-88	CHILDREN'S HOME
THIRTY-SEVENTH	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	5-13 & 14-88	KING COLLEGE
CALLED MTG	JAMES B. HOLLENHEAD	7-21-88	WYTHEVILLE
THIRTY-EIGHTH	JESSE M. BRATTON	9-15-88	TAZEWELL
THIRTY-NINTH	PETA PATTON (E)	12-8-88	GALENA
FORTIETH	CURTIS A. MURRAY	2-16-89	GLADE SPRING
CALLED MTG	CURTIS A. MURRAY	3-11-89	ROYAL OAK
CALLED MTG	CURTIS A. MURRAY	3-28-89	WYTHEVILLE
NON-BUSINESS MTG	PETA PATTON (E)	4-15-89	SINKING SPRING
FORTY-FIRST	CURTIS A. MURRAY	5-18-89	KING COLLEGE
FORTY-SECOND	PETER N. SMITH	9-14-89	FAIRVIEW
FORTY-THIRD	THOMAS SPROULE	2-15-90	WYTHEVILLE
NON-BUSINESS MTG.	THIAS SIKORA (E)	4-28-90	ROYAL OAK
FORTY-FOURTH	MARGARET DICKSON (E)	6-14-90	GALAX
FORTY-FIFTH	JAMES A. DAUGHERTY	9-13-90	BIG STONE GAP

FORTY-SIXTH	RHEA F. MOORE, JR. (E)	12-01-90	LEBANON
FORTY-SEVENTH	REV. ROCKWELL SMITH	3-21-91	HILLSVILLE
FORTY-EIGHTH	WILLIAM PARISH, 111 (E)	6-15-91	BUCHANAN
FORTY-NINTH	RAYMOND RIDDLEBERGER	11-14-91	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
FIFTIETH	JEFFREY L. LOWRANCE	3-19-92	TAZEWELL
FIFTY-FIRST	MAY JOE CRAIG (E)	6-20-92	BETHEL
FIFTY-SECOND	VAUGHN EARL HARTSELL	11-21-92	ANCHOR OF HOPE
FIFTY-THIRD	VAUGHN EARL HARTSELL	3-23-93	WYTHEVILLE
FIFTY-FOURTH	RICHARD P. STONE	6-19-93	JEWELL RIDGE
CALLED MTG	RICHARD P. STONE	9-11-93	ROYAL OAK
FIFTY-FIFTH	LINDA MORRIS (E)	11-18-93	GRACE/McCALL'S GAP
FIFTY-SIXTH	EUGENE BALDWIN	3-17-94	ROYAL OAK
FIFTY-SEVENTH	JOHN PERRY ALDERMAN (E)	6-04-94	CHILDREN'S HOME
CALLED MTG	MARGARET DICKSON (E)	10-01-94	GLADE SPRING
FIFTY-EIGHTH	WILLIAM J. YOUMANS	11-18-94	GREEN SPRING
FIFTY-NINTH	DWIGHT SPEEKS (E)	3-16-95	CHILDREN'S HOME
SIXTIETH	TOM HAY	6-10-95	GLADE SPRING
SIXTY-FIRST	BARBARA HOOPER (E)	11-16-95	LEBANON & PARISH
SIXTY-SECOND	MICHAEL G. WINGARD	3-14-96	CENTRAL
SIXTY-THIRD	EDGAR WHITEHEAD (E)	6-08-96	INDIAN VALLEY
SIXTY-FOURTH	LINDA DiYORIO (E)	11-14-96	RICHLANDS
SIXTY-FIFTH	TEMPE FUSSELL	3-06-97	ROYAL OAK
SIXTY-SIXTH	SHELDON SORGE	6-07-97	DINWIDDIE
SIXTY-SEVENTH	JOE BOWEN (E)	11-13-97	TAZEWELL
SIXTY-EIGHTH	MARY GUYNN (E)	3-12-98	GALAX
SIXTY-NINTH	CURTIS FUSSELL	6-06-98	RICH VALLEY
SEVENTIETH	TOM McCONNELL (E)	11-12-98	SINKING SPRING
SEVENTY-FIRST	MARION ALDERMAN (E)	3-11-99	WALNUT GROVE
SEVENTY-SECOND	GEORGE W. ALEXANDER	6-05-99	BUCHANAN FIRST
SEVENTY-THIRD	JAMES H. GRANT	11-06-99	GLADE SPRING
SEVENTY-FOURTH	ELEANOR REID (E)	3-09-2000	WYTHEVILLE
SEVENTY-FIFTH	MIKE SHORTRIDGE (E)	6-10-2000	BUFFALO MOUNTAIN
SEVENTY-SIXTH	ROBERT THORNTON	11-09-2000	CHILDREN'S HOME
SEVENTY-SEVENTH	TIM BIRD	3-15-2001	HILLSVILLE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH	PHYLLIS CANTER (E)	6-02-2001	RIVERVIEW
SEVENTY-NINTH	ROBERT TOLAR, JR.	11-15-2001	FAIRVIEW
EIGHTIETH	GUY RICHARD CARDOT	3-14-2002	RICHLANDS
EIGHTY-FIRST	JOHN E. MARKEL	6-08-2002	RICH VALLEY
EIGHTY-SECOND	ALICE FREEMAN (E)	11-14-02	GREEN SPRING
EIGHTY-THIRD	ALAN GRAY	3-13-03	ROYAL OAK
EIGHTY-FOURTH	RACHEL VAUGHN (E)	6-14-03	SEVEN MILE FORD
EIGHTY-FIFTH	ALAN BALDWIN (E)	11-12-03	GALAX FIRST
EIGHTY-SIXTH	WYTHE HULL (E)	3-11-04	GLADE SPRING
EIGHTY-SEVENTH	JONATHAN SMITH	6-12-04	HILLSVILLE
EIGHTY-EIGHTH	ALAN GRAY	11-11-04	CHILDREN'S HOME
EIGHTY-NINTH	JOE BOWEN (E)	3-10-05	SINKING SPRING
NINETIETH	GEORGE AICHEL	6-11-05	FINCASTLE
NINETY-FIRST	FRANK PRESTON	11-10-05	WYTHEVILLE
NINTEY-SECOND	BRAD SIMPSON	3-09-06	BUCHANAN FIRST
NINETY-THIRD	MIKE SHORTRIDGE (E)	6-08-2006	BIG STONE GAP/POWELL VALLEY
NINETY-FOURTH	WILLIAM WING	11-9-06	GATE CITY
NINETY-FIFTH	GRACE BRADSHAW (E)	3-8-07	CENTRAL
NINETY-SIXTH	CINDY PRIVETTE	6-21-07	GALENA
CALLED MEETING	CINDY PRIVETTE	9-23-07	GLADE SPRING
NINETY-SEVENTH	TERRY MORRIS (E)	11-9-07	RICHLANDS
NINETY-EIGHTH	CATHY CARPENTER	3-13-08	MARY'S
NINETY-NINTH	GUYDELL SLATE (E)	6-19-08	DINWIDDIE
ONE-HUNDREDTH	DAVID WADSWORTH	11-13-08	SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED FIRST	BILL PARISH (E)	3-19-09	HILLSVILLE

ONE-HUNDRED SECOND CALLED MEETING	KAREN LONG BILL PARISH (E)	6-11-09 9-1-09	TAZEWELL SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED THIRD	MAVA VASS (E)	11-12-09	BUCHANAN FIRST
ONE-HUNDRED FOURTH	JOHN MARKEL	3-11-10	VANSANT
ONE-HUNDRED FIFTH	JOHN MARKEL	6-10-10	WYTHEVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED SIXTH	JOHN MARKEL	11-11-10	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTH	FRANK BLANTON (E)	3-10-11	ROYAL OAK
ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTH CALLED MEETING	TONY PALUBICKI FRANK BLANTON (E)	6-09-11 7-28-11	CENTRAL GALENA
CALLED MEETING	FRANK BLANTON (E)	9-29-11	SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED NINTH	FRANK BLANTON (E)	11-10-11	GLADE SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TENTH	TONY PALUBICKI	03-08-12	WALNUT GROVE
ONE-HUNDRED ELEVENTH CALLED MEETING	TONY PALUBICKI TONY PALUBICKI	06-14-12 09-13-12	GALAX GLADE SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TWELFTH	TONY PALUBICKI	11-08-12	HILLSVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	3-14-13	TAZEWELL
ONE-HUNDRED FOURTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	6-13-13	ANDERSON MEMORIAL
ONE-HUNDRED FIFTEENTH	PHYLLIS CANTER	11-14-13	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED SIXTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	03-13-14	LEBANON
ONE-HUNDRED SEVENTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	06-07-14	WILD GOOSE
ONE-HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH	ALAN GRAY	11-13-14	WYTHEVILLE
ONE-HUNDRED NINETEENTH CALLED MEETING	BILL PARISH BILL PARISH	03-12-15 04-23-15	CENTRAL ROYAL OAK
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTIETH	BILL PARISH	06-11-15	BUCHANAN FIRST
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FIRST	JON MARTIN	11-12-15	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SECOND	JON MARTIN	03-10-16	CENTRAL
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-THIRD	JON MARTIN	06-11-16	FINCASTLE
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FOURTH	JON MARTIN	11-12-16	SINKING SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH	GRACE BRADSHAW	03-09-17	CENTRAL
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SIXTH	GRACE BRADSHAW	06-08-17	CHILDREN'S HOME
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH	GRACE BRADSHAW	11-04-17	RICHLANDS
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH	KEVIN CAMPBELL	03-08-18	CENTRAL
ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH	KEVIN CAMPBELL	06-07-18	GREEN SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTIETH	KEVIN CAMPBELL	11-08-18	KING UNIVERSITY
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST	ANN AICHINGER	03-14-19	FAIRVIEW
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-SECOND	ANN AICHINGER	08-10-19	GLADE SPRING
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-THRID	ANN AICHINGER	11-07-19	TAZEWELL
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-FOURTH	JIM GEARHART	03-12-20	BETHEL
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-FIFTH	JIM GEARHART	06-11-20	BUCHANAN FIRST (VIA ZOOM)
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-SIXTH	JIM GEARHART	11-12-20	VIA ZOOM
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH	BRENDA LAWSON	01-14-21	VIA ZOOM
ONE-HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHTH	BRENDA LAWSON	04-08-21	VIA ZOOM

Abingdon Presbytery PJC Roster

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Altizer	David	E	2021
Martin	Jon	M	2021
Fowlkes	Rachel	E	2021
Noblett	Edna	E	2023
Jones	Jeff	E	2023
Bird	Tim	M	2025
Parish-Roche	Erica	E	2025

Abingdon Presbytery Former PJC Members

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>(M) inister/ (E) lder</i>	<i>Class of</i>
Elyea	Mary Ann	E	2005
Bowen	Joe	E	2005
Humphreys, Jr.	Levi	M	2005
McAfee	Julia	E	2007
Chapin	Larry	M	2007
McGlothlin	Sandy	E	2009
Whartenby, Jr.	Tom	M	2009
Lacy	Chuck	E	2011
Aust	Glen	E	2011
Fowlkes	Rachel	E	2011
Bowen	Joe	E	2013
Kronk	Ron	M	2013
Campbell	Kevin	M	2015
Bagwell	John	E	2015
Legg	Gale	E	2015
Bradshaw	Grace	E	2017
Phillips	Helen	E	2017
Whartenby	Tom	M	2019
Freeman	Isaac	E	2019