

**100th Stated Meeting
of
Foothills Presbytery**

August 14, 2016

**Fourth Presbyterian Church
Greenville, SC**

Supplement

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Ruling Elder Commissioner, Foothills and St. Giles (Greenville)
General Assembly Comments and Observations

About a year ago, when a voice offered an opportunity to attend the 222nd General Assembly I was caught by surprise. Attending General Assembly (GA) was the last thing I anticipated doing, but then again becoming involved in presbytery or session or church committee work was outside my anticipated path of activities. So, why me and what does it mean and what is about to happen? As a “cradle Presbyterian” something in my nurturing, and firmly planted in my mind, told me that “whatever we are called to do, it often comes unexpectedly.” But, it is a call that is important and requires response. Because of my involvement in the “General Assembly Reform Group” within Foothills Presbytery and because of the importance of the overtures our group was presenting to the General Assembly I was a likely candidate to serve as a Ruling Elder Commissioner. I had no idea as to the transformational journey which was about to begin.

How could I possibly prepare myself as a first time attendee (about 90%, as I remember, of us were first timers)? Whether intentionally, or not, my “journey” would need to be done “decently and in order.” “Decently” because I realized that matters to be considered at GA would come from both familiar and new (and unexpected) concerns. The Holy Spirit would direct our concerns, but I must be open to **all** perspectives, both in my preparation for GA and on the floor of GA. In fact, this “intentional openness” led me to accepting perspectives I might not have otherwise considered. Structure was needed to my preparation so that my efforts would be “in order.” Paul had it right: “pray without ceasing.” There is much to be done, even before encountering the challenges of Robert’s Rules of Order. Beginning with daily prayer set the framework needed to prepare my mind, heart and soul to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Within this structure listening was essential. This “listening” was both before and during (and, even since) GA. Part of the discipline was to endeavor to absorb as much of the information that I could. With information coming from many sources, often with differing messages, maintaining a disciplined study on pending and prospective issues was challenging. Arrival of new information accelerated as the time for GA approached. My committee assignment, Mid-Councils Committee, was not the “lightning bolt” that some committees were so I might have been spared some of the externally-generated mail that others received. Because of my committee assignment and because externally-generated mail was limited, I felt that I needed to do as much research related to synod structure and geographical boundaries of presbyteries. One thing led to another and my curiosity eventually resulted in my serving on a subcommittee reading synod minutes. Therefore, I learned more about synod structure than I ever hoped to know. Only time will tell as to whether that is good or not. Outside research on other issues: those related to the environment, the Middle East, end-of-life decisions and issues calling for reconciliation were value-added beyond expectations. I felt personally enriched but, more importantly, better equipped to hear conversations at GA. The next step was to prepare myself for participation in the conversation at GA. Whereas I did not speak before the full assembly I felt comfortable participating in my committee meetings. The final step is evolving. My term as a commissioner is a two-year commitment, allowing me time to

share thoughts and experiences from GA. I will be more than glad to meet and do some of that sharing. Please let me know.

Being part of the General Assembly Reform Group in Foothills Presbytery sharpened my focus on the process of presenting our nine overtures to GA and following their progress through committee discussion. This process of following the dialogue was important since I would not be serving on either of the committees that initially received and discussed the overtures. Though I was disappointed that the overtures did not progress further I feel comfortable in the belief that they became part of important overall discussions in the “Way Forward” and “Social Justice” committees. Their continued discussion will become part of the broader discussion of our polity and “the way forward” which will continue within the denomination.

In my view, the affirmation vote on the Confession of Belhar was the pivotal event for the GA. This is not because of any dissention or debate that occurred because of it (for there was none), but because Belhar both set the stage for assessing what is mean by being a reconciling agent within the church and throughout the world and because of the spirit (which can be spelled **S**pirit) of the celebration and common purpose that permeated the GA in the days that followed. This spirit became part of dialogue, which had begun in committees, on Middle East Issues (working toward reconciliation through a two state solution), on Fossil Fuel issues (taking a middle ground approach in seeking responsible engagement in our “moral obligation” to be stewards of God’s creation), and in recognizing the interdependencies between the world and our denomination’s responsibility to recognize errors of the past and build upon a firm foundation for transformational growth, as was emphasized by our new Stated Clerk, J. Herbert Nelson.

Part of the GA is intentionally informative. Information came not only through greetings from our ecumenical partners but also from agencies within the denomination. It is so easy to overlook the importance in our partnerships. How information was communicated, whether through greeting, a report, or a video, the message showed active engagement of the PC(USA) throughout the church. In this way agencies, such as the Presbyterian Mission Agency, the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, the Presbyterian Foundation, among many were able to communicate their specific skills and opportunities.

Interaction with others throughout the denomination is a cornerstone of GA. We are connectional. Particularly important at GA was the interaction with advisory delegates. This was evident across age groupings. The largest of the advisory groups were the Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). The advisory delegates had a full voice in both committees and on the floor of GA and their contributions were significant. Although their votes were “advisory” the power and importance of their voices permeated the floor of GA. Based on my observations in Portland, our denomination contains not only a strong foundation but also a strong and exciting future.

My final observations relate to the worship and music that existed on each day of the assembly. The services highlighted the underlying theme of reconciliation. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper at each service focused our attention on God’s grace. Added to our focus

on God's grace and our charge to show hope in our calling were Bible studies, designed by Dr. Sung Hee Chang and Richard Boyce of Union Seminary in Charlotte, which occurred on the two mornings of the committee meeting. The theme of "Messy Tables, Messy Missions" set the stage understanding that reconciliation, as well as other forms of carrying out mission, can be complex. This too was an important step in centering our minds on our work before us.

In sum, reconciliation as a principal theme of GA emerges in my memory as the focus of GA. So, what was GA like? It was wonderful; it was inspirational; it was uplifting; it was educational. Pick an excelsior adjective. GA exceeded all of my expectations. I am so grateful.

2016 GA Report - Rev. Deborah G. Foster, Teaching Elder Commissioner for Foothills Presbytery

What an honor it was to be elected as a Commissioner to the 222 General Assembly of the PCUSA. Thank you Foothills Presbytery! I am a good confessing reformed Presbyterian; however, so I must admit that leading up to June 16, I was apprehensive. Over the last decade or more the outcomes from GA have created great fodder and as a result, more than a few grumpy Presbyterians.

In preparation, I logged into PC Biz to make sure I had all the documents required for my work on the Peacemaking and International Issues committee, I downloaded the GA app, secured extra cords for my phone, computer and iPad, packed my walking shoes, confirmed flights/hotel and left behind any piece of my negative attitude. Then, off to Portland, knowing God would use this time to teach me a thing or two.

One question in my carry-on-bag was, “What news will I bring home from the 222nd GA?” Sure to be in the answer was news about the traditional overture work of GA, but also news about how the Foothills Overtures were being presented, received and processed. Over the next twelve days I found myself engaged, challenged, drained, nurtured, and most surprisingly, renewed. Some highlights:

Elections (Co-moderators and Stated Clerk) We elected J. Herbert Nelson II, a third-generation Presbyterian pastor and the director of the denomination’s Office of Public Witness, to a four-year term as stated clerk, replacing Gradye Parsons, who is retiring. Nelson is our first African-American stated clerk. We also elected the first two Co-moderators: T. Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, both teaching elders.

Worship and Study “Where Christ is, there is the true Church!” We engaged in amazing music, heard scripture read each day, heard solid preaching from a variety of perspectives and celebrated communion together throughout the week. Worship truly grounded our work together, both in committee meetings, where we kicked off each day with Bible Study and prayer and before each assembly gathering.

Connections As you can see from the photo attached, we had an amazing group representing Foothills Presbytery. We took time out of committee meetings and our work to eat together, walk the halls of the Assembly, catch train rides, share stories and enjoy fellowship. Commissioners: Mike Hoyt (TE), me, Ted Morrison (RE), Lee Close (RE), Overture Advocates: Tom Evans (TE), Gordon Raynal (TE), Union Seminary Student: Charlie Pratt, Presbyterian Foundation: Paul Grier. (Missing: Alex David (YAD) was stuck in committee.



Process and Polity (the whole decently and in order thing) Wow! I learned so much. Both in committee meetings and on the floor of GA I was reminded about how the theology of our polity connects and nurtures a covenant community. The committee process can get messy and complicated, yet we were able to embrace and practice our polity so that all perspectives could move toward a principled decision. On the floor of GA, the process/polity was a little more complicated (okay MUCH more complicated): red paddles, green paddles, blue paddles, forms for substitute motions, amendments, commissioner #'s, “go to this mic, not that one” and more, was a little overwhelming at first. However, with the leadership of our parliamentarians, Stated Clerk, Associate Stated Clerks, and the Co-Moderators of the Assembly we got through an amazing amount of debate/work.

Unity and Diversity and the Confession of Belhar It took the PC(USA) two tries and more than six years to adopt Belhar — which was written in the heart of South Africa’s struggle against apartheid. It becomes the first PC(USA) confession from the global south. It was an historic moment that was woven throughout the worship and work of the assembly.

Vision The Foothills commissioners and advocates expressed our gratitude for the faithful work of the Way Forward Committee. The Assembly voted to create a 15-person “2020 Vision Team” to set a new vision for the denomination by 2020. The vision team will draft a guiding statement to “help us to name and claim our denominational identity as we seek to follow the Spirit into the future.”

**Committee on Ministry
Supplemental Report
August 14, 2016**

The Committee on Ministry **reports:**

1. that the Stated Supply Agreement for Terri Price and Providence Presbyterian was approved,
2. that the Stated Supply Agreement for Al Masters and Fort Hill Presbyterian was approved,
3. that upon the action of Fort Hill Presbyterian and the request of Rev. Kelly Roman, COM approved the dissolution of her as the Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry. COM further approved moving Kelly to At-Large Status as she continues her ministry,
4. that Amos Workman was appointed as Moderator of Tyger River Presbyterian Church,
5. that COM gave permission for Tom Malone and Steve Mays to Labor Outside the Bounds of Foothills to serve a Supply relationship with the Whitmire Church in Trinity Presbytery,
6. that COM approved the request of Mt Zion Presbyterian to nominate a PNC for their search for a new pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mike Johnston, Chair

CPM Report to Presbytery August 14, 2016

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry *reports that:*

1. On April 28, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Met with Candidate Chris Bailey (Westminster, Greenville) for Final Assessment. Chris is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and currently involved in a post-graduate pastoral fellowship. Following a positive and successful examination interview, CPM voted unanimously to Certify Ready to Receive a Call. We celebrate his journey and sense of call, and pray as he seeks his first call to ordered ministry.
 - c. Met with Inquirer Charlie Pratt (John Knox) for move to Candidacy. The committee continues to recognize Charlie's strong sense of calling. Following his interview and the conversation on strengths and growing edges, the committee voted to recommend Charlie for candidacy, to be received by the Presbytery during its November meeting. The committee also recommended a small group of Presbytery mentors to assist in growth areas.
 - d. Received a report from CPM member, Teaching Elder Stan Reid, on his recent attendance at the SC 5 joint education event for COM, CPM, and PJC representatives.
2. On May 26, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Voted to amend language within the CPM manual of operations to clarify the CPM's recommendations and expectations concerning when students shall / should take ordination exams.
 - c. Met with Inquirer Glenda Wickstrom (John Knox) for an annual consultation. Glenda reviewed her past year of study, as well as her summer supervised ministry experience, and other joys and concerns. Following a successful interview, CPM voted unanimously to confirm Glenda's AC and to continue the relationship undercare.
3. No June CPM committee meeting
4. On July 28, we:
 - a. Received reports and updates on students under care of CPM.
 - b. Met with student Alexandra Mauney (1st Pres - Greer) who comes before CPM seeking enrollment as an Inquirer. Alexandra recently graduated from St. Olaf College (Minnesota) with a degree in music and will be attending Columbia Theological Seminary (Atlanta) this fall. Alexandra offered a compelling account of her sense of call and has already been engaged in student internship opportunities at 1st Pres Greer. CPM unanimously voted to enroll Alexandra as an Inquirer under care and assigned Teaching Elder Terri Price as her CPM liaison.

- c. CPM met with Candidate Ginger Shuler for annual consultation. Ginger offered an update on her class study as well as the wealth of new experience and learnings she has received working in her summer supervised ministry context in conjunction with Landrum Pres and the Speaking Down Barriers organization. Following a successful interview, CPM unanimously voted to approve Ginger's AC and continue in its relationship of care.
- d. CPM discussed and moved to approve a recommendation to change the Foothills Presbytery Manual of Operations as it pertains to the expressed power and responsibilities of the Committee on Preparation for ministry. That recommendation, which appropriately names and recognizes the committee's long-standing, existing practice to act on behalf of Presbytery to enroll students as Inquirers. While expressed in the previous form of government, the new form of government requires that the Presbytery officially recognize CPM with the power to act as a commission strictly for the business of enrolling Inquirers. This would not change current practice, and would not change the practice of students being interviewed and received by the Presbytery body in their move to Candidacy.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry *recommends that:*

1. The Foothills Presbytery Manual of Operations powers and responsibilities for Committee on Preparation for Ministry be amended to reflect that the work of CPM to enroll inquirers on behalf of Presbytery is the work of a commission, using the attached document, wording with new changes highlighted.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Patrick Jinks and the Rev. Peggy Swann, Co-Moderators

**CPM Report to Presbytery
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Current Members of the Foothills CPM

RE = Ruling Elder TE = Teaching Elder

<i>Class of 2016</i>	<i>Class of 2017</i>	<i>Class of 2018</i>
RE Bill Burns*	TE Patrick Jinks*	TE Gene Lassiter*
TE Andy Casto-Waters	RE Beverly George	RE Ann Broom*
TE Joseph Gaston*	TE Ralph May	TE Stan Reid
TE Dottie Metropol*	TE Jennifer Sheorn	TE Terri Price
RE David Quattlebaum*	RE Fred Tolly	RE Judy Pearson
TE Peggy Swann*	Vacant	Vacant

*LeAnne White, Staff and Debbie Foster, ex-officio; * denotes 2nd Term;
** pending Nominations vote from Presbytery*

List of Students Currently Under Care of Foothills CPM

Inquirers (6)

Date of Inquiry	Name	Church	Educational Status	Liaison to CPM
09.17.09	Scott Neely	First, Spartanburg	2006 Grad of Harvard Divinity	Patrick Jinks
07.24.14	Charlie Pratt	John Knox	Union Pres. – Chlt (3 rd Yr 15-16)	Gene Lassiter
08.28.14	Colin Pettigrew	Ft. Hill	Union Pres. – Rich (3 rd Yr 16-17)	Dottie Metropol
02.23.15	Glenda Wickstrom	John Knox	Columbia Sem. (3 rd Yr 16-17)	Beverly George
01.28.16	Whitney Moss	First, Greer	Union Pres - Chlt (2 nd Yr 16-17)	Fred Tolly
07.28.16	Alexandra Mauney	First, Greer	Columbia Sem. (1st Yr 16-17)	Terri Price

Candidates (9)

Date of Cand.	Name	Church	Educational Status	Liaison to CPM
04.24.16	Andrew Whitehead	Westminster (Greenville)	Union Pres - Rich. (3 rd Yr 16-17)	Ann Broom
04.24.16	David Randolph	Fourth	Columbia Sem. (3 rd Yr 16-17)	Peggy Swann
11.10.15	Jason Moore	First, Spartanburg	2015 Grad of Erskine Seminary	Patrick Jinks
11.10.15	Robert Bannan	First, Spartanburg	Columbia Sem. (3 rd Yr 16-17)	D. Quattlebaum
08.27.15	Ginger Shuler	First, Spartanburg	Union Pres. – Chlt (4 th Yr 16-17)	A. Casto-Waters
08.17.13	Charmaine Smith-Miles	Midway	Union Pres. – Chlt (6 th Yr 16-17)	J. Fouse-Sheorn
08.17.13	Landon Hammett	First, Spartanburg	Union Pres. – Chlt (7 th Yr 16-17)	Dottie Metropol
11.18.10	Chris Bailey*	Westminster (Greenville)	2014 Grad of Princeton Sem.	Bill Burns
02.16.10	Lauren Slingerland*	First, Greer	2011 Grad of Columbia Sem.	Peggy Swann

(* Signifies “Certified Ready for Ordination Pending a Call”)
(< Signifies Call Pending)

Racial Ethnic Cabinet

Report to Presbytery

August 14, 2016

According to the Foothills mission and structure, the REC serves as an advocate and interpreter for racial ethnic opportunities and concerns to the Presbytery. Among other things we “address and offer effective witness regarding race relations, peacemaking, human suffering and other pressing issues within society that affect the racial ethnic community”. Above all, we join with the ministry of all churches in the Presbytery of living out the gospel of Jesus Christ, who commands us to love our neighbors and care for the “least of these”. What that means is loving especially those who are different from ourselves. The gospel is clear.

As a Church, our eyes have been opened to the state of racism in our country by folks like Jim Wallis, founder of Sojourners and author of “America’s Original Sin, Racism, white privilege and the Bridge to a New America”. In recent times there has been a re-awakening of racism when a young white man walked into Mother Emmanuel Baptist church in Charleston and killed nine African Americans; when Michael Brown was shot and killed by police as he tried to surrender; when Freddie Grey died while being transported in a police van; and when Eric Garner was choked to death by police for selling illegal cigarettes in New York. The aftermath of demonstrations and protests in Ferguson, MO, Baltimore, and New York, are the result of what the late Dr. Martin Luther King called the “the voice of the unheard”.

In light of what is happening in our country and the command of Jesus Christ to live out the gospel, the REC calls on the Churches of Foothills Presbytery to begin meaningful conversations on racism in your communities. The Church has the capacity to be a prophetic interrogator to shed light and bring down “ugly barriers of race to reveal the possibilities of a different American future”.

To do this the REC has compiled a list of resources, just for starters. You will find a one-page handout of these resources on the next page of this Supplement and on the registration tables at the Presbytery Meeting. You can start simply by listening to each other tell your stories of racism and then listen to African Americans tell their stories. This is just one of mine. When our youngest son Jonathan was in his junior year of college, he had an opportunity to study in Shang-Hai, China. Before he left home we had “the talk”. I said as seriously as a college student could hear, how important it was for him to obey the rules and laws of China. If he did not, we would be helpless to come to his aid. He got it. When Jon boarded the plane, and it took off for China, I was never so confident that he was going to be safe. He would be held accountable for any of his actions, but he would not be punished for the color of his skin. I felt he was safer in a country we criticize for its human rights violations, than I do in our country that proudly claims to be a democracy. That is my sad story.

Race & Reconciliation: Recommended Resources

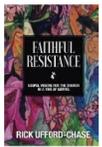
Books for Adults



Kirkpatrick, Clifton. *Race and Reconciliation Workbook: the Confessions of 1967 and Belhar*. Louisville, KY: CPM, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), [2015]. (238.5137 Kirkpatrick 2015)



LaMotte, David. *Worldchanging 101: Challenging the Myth of Powerlessness*. Montreat, NC: Dryad Publishing, 2014. (361.2 LaMotte)



Ufford-Chase, Rick. *Faithful Resistance: Gospel Visions for the Church in a Time of Empire*. [Place of publication unknown]: [Unshelved], 2016. (277.3083 Ufford-Chase)



Wallis, Jim. *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2016. (305.800973 Wallis - WPC Library)



Harvey, Jennifer. *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2014. (277.3083089 Harvey - WPC Library)

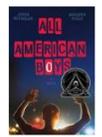


Jha, Sandhya R.. *Pre-Post-Racial America: Spiritual Stories from the Front Lines*. St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press, 2015. (277.3083 Jha - WPC Library)



Race in a Post-Obama America: The Church Responds. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016. (305.800973 Race - WPC Library)

Young Adult Fiction



Reynolds, Jason and Brendan Kiely. *All American Boys*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2015. YA_FIC Reynolds - WPC Library (Ages 12 & up)



Schmidt, Gary D. *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*. New York: Clarion Books, 2004. J_FIC Schmidt - WPC Library (Grades 7-12)

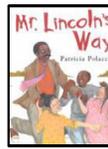
Children's & Tween Books



Kissinger, Katie. *All the Colors We Are/Todos los colores de nuestra piel: The Story of How We Get Our Skin Color*. (20th Anniversary edition) St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2014. (E_612.7927 Kissinger - WPC Library) Ages 3+; Bilingual



Lester, Julius. *Let's Talk about Race*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005. Ages 4-8



Polacco, Patricia. *Mr. Lincoln's Way*. New York: Philomel Books, 2001. (E_FIC Polacco - WPC Library) Grades 1-4

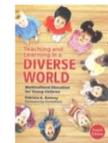


Tyler, Michael. *The Skin You Live In*. Chicago, IL: Chicago Children's Museum, 2005. (E_FIC Tyler - WPC Library) Ages 4-8



Whitsitt, Claudia. *Between the Lines*. Twisted Vines Press, 2015. Ages 10+

Teachers' Resource

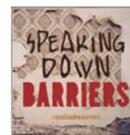


Ramsey, Patricia G. *Teaching and Learning in a Diverse World: Multicultural Education for Young Children*. St. Paul, MN: Redleaf Press, 2015.

Conferences & Organizations



DISGRACE: Seeking God's Grace Amid the Disgrace of Racism (Montreat Conference Center, October 10 - 13, 2016) <http://www.montreat.org/disgrace/>



Speaking Down Barriers (organization) <http://speakingdownbarriers.org/>
Transforms life together across differences by facilitating community dialogue, training, performances, and consultation. Foothills Presbytery's Scott Neely is a leader in this organization, which holds monthly gatherings in Greenville and Spartanburg.

Foothills Presbytery Resource Center – 2242 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville, SC 29681 – (864) 288-5774
<http://fpcr.scoolaid.net> Hours: Mon-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Internet Resources

Call to Confession: Race, White Privilege and the Church

<http://justiceunbound.org/journal/call-to-confession/>

Articles acknowledging, confessing, and interrupting racism and white privilege in the majority-white Church. This is the Spring 2016 theme-based online issue of *Unbound, An Interactive Journal of Christian Social Justice*, published by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (“ACSWP”) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This issue added 5-7 articles each week over a 5-week period

I am sorry [streaming video]

<http://www.theworkofthepeople.com/i-am-sorry>

This powerful 5:27 minute visual liturgy from Work of the People includes text on the screen with background music. As of 7/13/16 the entire video could be previewed in a reduced size image without individual purchase or a subscription.

Seeing Whiteness: Exercises in Understanding Race

<http://www.christiancentury.org/article/2016-06/seeing-whiteness>

Cover article from Christian Century, July 20, 2016 issue

The Struggle: A Black Mother’s Perspective, by CKrystal Stokes.

<http://humaneeducation.org/blog/2016/08/04/struggle-black-mothers-perspective/>

Blog posting from 8/4/16 on the Humane Education website

"White Parents: We Need to Have 'The Talk' with Our Kids and Police Chiefs" (*Sojourners*, 7/14/2016)

<https://sojo.net/articles/white-parents-we-need-have-talk-our-kids-and-police-chiefs>

Every black parent in America has to have “the talk” with his or her sons and daughters — about how to act and not act in the presence of white police officers with guns. Wallis recommends that white parents and grandparents also have a talk about racialized policing with their children and grandchildren

Get Home Safely (Streaming video, 01:53 minutes) Aired: 02/04/2015 on WFYI-Indianapolis (PBS)

<https://vimeo.com/116706870>

After Michael Brown's death, an important infographic, "10 Rules Of Survival If Stopped By The Police" was developed by David Miller, founder of "The Dare To Be King Project." In partnership with CTS, WFYI, and Trinity UCC (on the south side of Chicago), SALT has taken Miller's rules and created a short film to bring this critical information to an even wider audience and help save even more lives.

How to Teach Kids about What's Happening in Ferguson (*The Atlantic*, August 15, 2014)

<http://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2014/08/how-to-teach-kids-about-whats-happening-in-ferguson/379049/>

A crowd sourcing syllabus about race, African American history, civil rights, and policing

The Danger of a Single Story (TEDGlobal, 2009)

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?language=en

(Streaming video, 18:49 minutes)

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice—and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding

5 steps for using “Trip to the Grocery Store” to talk about Race”

<http://blog.world-trust.org/blog/5-steps-for-using-trip-to-the-grocery-store-to-talk-about-race>

Includes a 4-minute embedded video clip from CRACKING THE CODES which validates the experience of many people of color while showing white people how they can use their cultural privilege for positive change in everyday life.

An expanded list of resources (“Pathfinder”) is available on the Resource Center’s website: <http://bit.ly/2aJoFFJ>

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<http://fprc.scoolid.net>

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*Celebrating Ways We Engage
in Connectional Church Beyond the Borders of Foothills Presbytery*

SC5 -

Annual Leader of Leaders: (Jan Edmiston, 2016 Leader)
Biennial Minister/Educator Retreat
Lay School of Theology (2X a year)
Quadrennial 5 Shared Presbytery Meeting Event
Presbyterian Communities (Spiritual Care for Older Adults)
Thornwell (Bible Drive, etc.)
Biennial Presbytery Leadership Event

Synod -

Furman Campus Ministry (Non-Profit Fundraising Ed Grant)
Hemphill Grants (two in 2016)

General Assembly -

Hosting the Moderator (Heath Rada, 2015)
Presbyterian Foundation (Small Church Working Group collaboration)
Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (Summer Camp)
Presbyterian Mission Agency (Ray Jones on Evangelism, 2016)
Dream Grants (Salem Church)
Presbyterian Mission Agency (Brian Frick, BOC Admin. Commission)
Office of the General Assembly (Grayde Parsons, Tom Hay, GA Reform)
**Presbyterian Mission Agency (Gladys Lariba Mahama, International
Peace Making, October 2016)**

Other -

Theological Education Fund (Summer Internship Program, 2016)
South Atlantic Association of Christian Educators
Presbyterian Youth Worker Association

*...connecting locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to share the
Good News of Jesus Christ!*