

Foothills Presbytery Stated Meeting #102
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



First Presbyterian Church

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COMMISSIONER'S HANDBOOK
February 21, 2017 – 9:00 am
Registration: 8:30 am

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Directions

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From Greenville

Take I-85 North to I-85 North Business Loop/Spartanburg
Continue on I-85 North Business Loop for 4.6 miles to Exit 5A
Take Exit 5A to the right and then keep left to merge onto I-585/US 76/Pine St.
Continue on I-585/US 76/ Pine St into downtown Spartanburg 3.6 miles
Turn right onto East Main St
The church is 0.1 miles on the left.

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Take I-85 South to Exit 77 for I-85 South Business Loop/Spartanburg
Continue on I-85 South Business Loop for 3.1 miles to Exit 5A
Take Exit 5A to the right and merge onto I-585/US 76/Pine St.
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First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg, SC

Our Past & Future

Over 170 years ago, an inspired group of believers built a church community for their small town. Today, the congregation of First Pres continues to grow the vision and values of that dedicated group of Presbyterians by shining a light for all who seek a meaningful relationship with God.

History

In 1843, eight Presbyterians gathered at a house on Main Street in Spartanburg. After signing a covenant binding them together as a church, they adjourned for preaching and a celebration of the Lord's Supper. This was the beginning of First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg, which was the very first Presbyterian church to open its doors in our town.

For a detailed history please go to <http://www.fpcspartanburg.org/discover/our-past-future/our-history>

Strategic Plan

Today, First Pres is a vibrant place of faith and worship that continues to transform its members, the Spartanburg community, and the world. By embracing the traditions of our past, we are excited about our future journey as a church, and we will faithfully follow where God leads.

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY

The 102nd Stated Meeting February 21, 2017 First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg

ORIENTATION FOR NEW ELDER COMMISSIONERS: 8:45

Order of the Day:

A. Lunch 12:00
B. Celebrating Our Reformed History and Heritage 1:00

OPENING AND WORSHIP

I. Call to Order and Establishment of a Quorum: Nan Jones, Moderator 9:00

II. Welcome from the Host Church: Rev. Tom Evans
Acknowledgement of Visitors and Elders attending of the first time.

III. Worship: 9:15
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Raynal, III

IV. Break 10:15

BUSINESS

V. Presentation and Adoption of the Docket 10:25

VI. Report of the Stated Clerk: 10:30

A. Communications: Gordon Raynal, Stated Clerk
B. General Assembly Report: Tom Hay, GA Associate Stated Clerk
C. Board of Pensions Update: Clark Simmons, BOP

VII. Report of the Coordinating Council: Mike Hoyt, Chair

A. Bills and Overtures: 2016 GA Amendments Bill Lancaster, Chair
B. *Representation and Review*: Elizabeth Jones, Chair
C. Finance and Stewardship: Catherine Stoddard, Chair
D. Nominations: Ann Coleman, Chair
E. *Racial Ethnic Cabinet*: Beverly Kelly, Chair
F. *Personnel*: Tom Evans, Chair

VII. Ecclesial and Diaconal Mission

- A. Committee on Ministry:
 - 1. Committee Report: Ed Irick, Chair
 - 2. Examinations Commission: Jean Weaver, Chair
 - 3. Certified Christian Educator: Craig Foster
- B. Committee on Preparation: Patrick Jinks, Chair
- C. Committee on Shared Ministry
 - 1. Committee Report: Pressley Cox, Chair
 - 2. Presbytery Youth Council:
 - 3. Outdoor Ministry:

FELLOWSHIP

VIII. Lunch 12:00

EVENT OF THE DAY

IX. Celebrating Our Reformed History and Heritage: 1:00

- A. The History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina:
Rev. Frank Colcough and Rev. Dr. Charles E. Raynal
- B. The Reformation at 500
Rev. Richard Ray

X. New Business

XI. Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Action of the Minutes: That the Stated Clerk, the Associate Stated Clerk, the Parliamentarian and the Moderator be empowered to read and approve of the Minutes.

NEXT STATED MEETING: Sunday, April 30, 2017, Nicholtown Church, Greenville, SC at 2:00 p.m.

Report of the Stated Clerk

February 21, 2017

The Stated Clerk **reports:**

1. On behalf of the Coordinating Council I am pleased to introduce the following special guests to our 102nd Stated Meeting. For our special program on our Presbyterian History and Heritage in South Carolina: the Rev. Dr. Frank Colcough and the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Raynal, III. For our special program on the Reformation at 500: the Rev. Dr. Richard Ray. From the Office of the General Assembly we welcome Rev. Dr. Thomas Hay and Rev. Dr. Christian Iosso and several members of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. Please see the attached biography page for more information about our guests.
2. That the 2015 Minutes of the Meetings of Foothills Presbytery have been approved by the Synod of the South Atlantic Stated Clerk.
3. That the 2016 Minutes of the Meetings of Foothills Presbytery have been reviewed and approved by the Stated Clerk, the Associate Stated Clerk, the Moderator, the Moderator-in-Nomination and the Parliamentarian.
4. Has received the report of the Commission to Install Rev. Jon Van Deventer as the Pastor of the Limestone Church in Gaffney, SC, and has found it to be in order. (see attachment #1)
5. Has received the report of the Commission to Install Rev. Hudson Neely as the Pastor of the Tyger River Church in Moore, SC, and has found it to be in order. (see attachment #2)
6. That your Staff continues to focus on new and more effective ways of communicating our shared life and work, and so urges everyone to check out the latest website design (www.foothillspresbytery.org) and to regularly read the bi-monthly Presbytery newsletter.
7. As we begin our next chapter in the life of Foothills Presbytery, I am including a brief statistical snapshot of where we stand at the beginning of 2017.

Congregations: 58

Teaching Elders:

Total:	144
Installed:	33
Supply	23
Presbytery Staff	2

Serving Outside	4
Retired	48
Temporary	1
Validated Ministries	22
At-Large	11
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2
Certified Christian Educators	
Active	2
Retired	3

The Stated Clerk **recommends:**

1. Having received requests for excuse from the February 21, 2017 Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery, and having found them to be in order, moves their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Gordon W. G. Raynal, Stated Clerk

Guests of the Coordinating Council:

Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, Sr.

Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough, Sr. is a lifelong Presbyterian who was nurtured in the faith at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alcolu, S.C. For twenty-three years he served the Presbytery of New Harmony as an Associate Executive and also as Head of Staff and Stated Clerk. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees at Columbia Theological Seminary and Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary. Rev. Colclough is now Honorably Retired but continues to serve the church as a preacher, counselor, and consultant for several small membership churches. Currently he serves as moderator of session and supply preacher for Cousar Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bishopville, S.C. and Harmony Presbyterian Church, Alcolu, S. C.

Rev. Dr. Richard A. Ray

Richard was born in New Orleans, graduated from high school in Atlanta, graduated from Dartmouth College, Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, and, with the PH.D, from The University of St. Andrews. Served churches in Arkansas, Virginia, and Tennessee. Taught at Stephens College and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Was the Managing Director and Senior Editor of John Knox Press, Director of the Children's Trust Society of the Grandfather Home for Children, and, for two and a half years, was the Interim President of King University. Is currently the General Editor of Kerygma Bible Studies and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat. Richard is married to Lila, and we have three children with in laws and eight grandchildren.

Rev. Dr. Charles E. Raynal, III

Charles Raynal graduated from D. W. Daniel High School in Six Mile, SC (1961); Davidson College (1965); Union Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1969); and Yale University Graduate School (1973). After serving Presbyterian Churches in Durham, NC; Hammond, LA; and Davidson, NC (1979-1999), he became Director of Advanced Studies, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA and in 2009 retired as Professor of Theology Emeritus. He and his wife Rosemary live in Davidson.

Rev. Dr. Thomas Hay

Tom is an Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Assembly Operations at the Office of the General Assembly in Louisville. He has been with the OGA since January of 2009. Before coming to work at the OGA, he served as the General Presbyter for Shenandoah Presbytery in western Virginia and portions of West Virginia.

Ordained in 1979 in the PCUS, Tom has served pastorates in Buchanan (VA), Wallace (NC) and Bristol (VA). He is a graduate of St. Andrews Presbyterian College (BA) and Union Presbyterian Seminary (D.Min.). Tom is a third-generation Presbyterian pastor with deep roots in the church and the ministry. He brings this history into the current imperative to discover the unfolding future of Christ's work in the world.

He is married to Dawn Biggs of Winchester, VA and together they have four children ages 17 to 33, two grandchildren, six chickens and a dog.

Rev. Dr. Christian T. Iosso

Christian Thomson Iosso is Coordinator of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP), which provides resources for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s stands on matters of Christian conscience and social justice. Previously he pastored the Scarborough (NY) Presbyterian Church and worked on corporate responsibility and human rights for the National Council of Churches, the United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church. He is a graduate of Union Seminary (NY), PhD; Princeton Seminary, MDiv; and Johns Hopkins University, BA. He is married to the Rev. Robin Hogle, a hospital chaplain, and a father of three. He has written or edited many policy studies and articles, and co-edited a book of prayers with Westminster/JohnKnox.

Members of the General Assembly Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy:

Dr. Christine Darden, Elder, Carver Memorial Presbyterian Church, Newport News, VA
(Eastern VA presbytery)

Dr. Ray Roberts, Pastor, River Road Presbyterian Church, Richmond, VA, (James)

Dr. Robert Trawick, Elder, Germonds Presbyterian Church, New City, NY (Hudson River)

Dr. Christian Iosso, Coordinator, ACSWP, Central Presbyterian, Louisville (Hudson River)

Dr. Steven Webb, Elder, United Christian Parish, Reston VA (National Capital)

Rev. Terry Alexander, HR, Newland, NC (W. NC)

Dr. Kirk Nolan, Prof, Presbyterian College, First Presbyterian, Clinton, SC (Trinity)

Foothills Presbytery

Report of Commission to Install Jonathan Van Deventer

The following Commission members met on Sunday, January 15, 2017, at Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC:

- Rev. Gordon W. G. Raynal, Stated Clerk, Foothills Presbytery
- Rev. Jon Van Deventer, minister to be installed at Limestone Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Nathan Wheeler, outgoing interim minister Limestone Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Marion Boozer, Honorable Retired Member, Foothills Presbytery
- Rev. Patricia Gwinn, Pastor, Grace Covenant Presbyterian, Mauldin, SC
- Elder Joe Bonner, Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC
- Elder Dean Wyatt, Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC
- Elder Rosa Webber, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC
- Elder Dick Carr, First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC

Rev. Raynal served as moderator of the Commission and opened the Commission meeting with prayer. Elder Joe Bonner was elected Commission Secretary. The Commission empowered the Moderator and the Secretary to review and approve the minutes after the meeting. Rev. Raynal reviewed with the Commission the order of the service and the sanctuary arrangements. The Commission recessed for the ordination service which began at 11:00 a.m.

The worship service followed Limestone Presbyterian Church's normal Sunday order of worship. The service opened with singing by the choir. Elder Joe Bonner led the Call to Worship, Announcements, and Prayer of Adoration. Rev. Marion Boozer followed with the Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon. Elder Joe Bonner led the congregation in the Apostles' Creed. Rev. Jon Van Deventer offered the Prayers of the People and participated in the children's worship.

Rev. Nathan Wheeler preached the sermon "What Followers Expect from Leaders."

Moderator Rev. Gordon Raynal explained the nature and importance of the installation service. He then led the congregation in responsive reading which emphasized the importance of living together in one Christian body. Rev. Gordon asked the Constitutional Questions for Pastor followed by Congregation Questions for Congregation. Both Pastor and Congregation answered each question in the affirmative.

Rev. Patricia Quinn led the Prayer of Installation.

Rev. Jon Van Deventer was then installed by the laying on of hands and prayer by Rev. Gordon Raynal.

Rev. Nathan Wheeler gave the Charge to the Newly Installed Pastor, Rev Jon Van Deventer.

Elder Dean Wyatt delivered the Charge to the Congregation.

Following prayer and singing, the newly installed pastor, Rev. Jon Van Deventer, pronounced the benediction and the Commission adjourned.

Joe Bonner
Secretary

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY

Report of Commission to install the Rev. Hudson Neely as Pastor of Tyger River Presbyterian Church.

The Commission met on Sunday, January 15, 2017, at 3:30pm at the church.

Commission members present were:

Ministers: Dr. Thomas E. Evans (Moderator); Rev. Christi O. Brown

Elders: Kelley Ashcraft, Molly Foster, Steve Balltrip

Others Present: Rev. Gordon Raynal (Executive Presbyter, Foothills), Rev. Charlie Horne, Rev. Julie Schaaf

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Gordon Raynal. Dr. Thomas E. Evans was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed for the Installation Service.

The Moderator presided. The service was opened with singing, prayer, and scripture reading. Rev. Charlie Horne read the scripture, and Rev. Julie Schaaf had the prayer. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charlie Horne on the topic/text: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 on The Body of Christ.

The Moderator stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery and pointed out the nature and importance of the Installation Service.

The Rev. Gordon Raynal propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Minister, and these were answered in the affirmative. Molly Foster, Elder representative of the congregation, propounded the Constitutional Questions to the congregation, and these were answered in the affirmative. The prayer of installation was conducted by Dr. Thomas E. Evans. The members of the Commission then gave the new pastor the right hand of fellowship. The Moderator then declared that Rev. Hudson Neely had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of Tyger River Presbyterian Church.

A Charge to the Pastor/Associate Pastor was delivered by Rev. Christi O. Brown

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A Charge to the congregation was delivered by Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

Following prayer and singing, the new pastor/associate pastor pronounced the benediction. The Commission reconvened, approved its minutes and was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Hudson Neely.

Secretary,

Tom Evans



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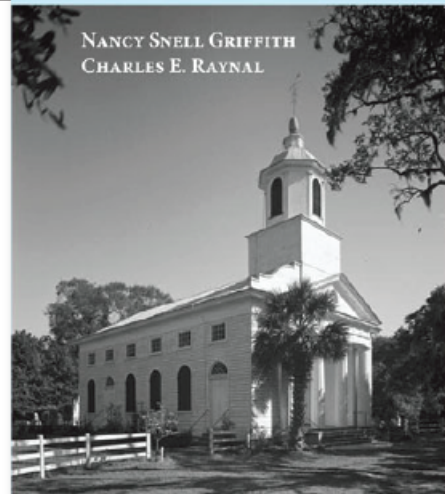
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Foothills Presbytery Coordinating Council

February 21, 2017

The Coordinating Council reports:

1. That it held its first meeting according to the new model Presbytery adopted and approved at the 2016 Summer and Fall Stated Meetings of Presbytery on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. The new members were welcomed.
2. That it approved the gift of property to, and the sale of that property by the Fountain Inn Church.
3. Noted that, per an action of Council in 2015, that the van, formerly used at the Buc Outdoor Center, was given to the Salem Church for their repair and use in the Dream Grant Project.
4. Approved the contract for the Buc Outdoor Center Site Manager for 2017.
5. Approved the members for the 2017 Buc Outdoor Center Site Management Committee: Cal Cannon and Scott Tompkins (First Greer) and Alan Workman (First Spartanburg).
6. Received updates from the Special Task Forces: Seminary Scholarships, Campus Ministry, Youth Ministry and BOC Task Force. Leigh Stuckey, Chair of the Youth Ministry Task Force was present. Council approved the use of funds to hire Ministry Architects to assist the Youth Ministry Task Force in assessing Presbytery's youth work.
7. Heard a report about the continuing work of The Small Church Working Group. Quarterly gatherings will continue in 2017. This year the site of the meetings will rotate across the three regions of Presbytery. The next meeting focused on small church's engagement in the new model of Presbytery.
8. Noted that the work on the complete Manual of Operations of Foothills Presbytery continues. The Sexual Ethics Policy is under review. A special committee is working on the Child, Youth, Vulnerable Adult Safety Policy. The Personnel Committee is working on the Personnel Policy. All of these will come before Presbytery for the required two readings approval when work on the drafts are completed.
9. Noted that the General Assembly Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy will hold their winter meeting in Foothills Presbytery, and that members of Foothills Presbytery's General Assembly Reform Group will meet with them, that some members of ACSWP will be available for Sunday School Classes, and that they will host a forum about two parts of their present work.

10. That it formally approved the invitations to Rev. Dr. Frank Colcough and Rev. Dr. Charles E. Raynal, III to lead Presbytery in a celebration of our Reformed and Presbyterian History in South Carolina (see attached advertisement for the book their presentation will be based in); the invitation to Rev. Dr. Richard Ray, of the Montreat Heritage Society, who will make a presentation about the May “Reformation at 500” conference in Montreat; and the invitation to the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hay, Associate Stated Clerk for General Assembly Operations who make a brief presentation about the work of the General Assembly.
11. Noted the dates and places of the three remaining Stated Meetings of Foothills Presbytery in 2017: April 30th at the Nicholtown Church (hosted by the Racial Ethnic Cabinet), August 13th (TBD) and November 14 at Easley Presbyterian Church.
12. Heard a report from all the committees, and reviewed and approved the new model for the Docket. The following Committees will report: Bills and Overtures, Finance and Stewardship, Nominations, Committee on Ministry, the Examinations Commission, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and the Committee on Shared Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mike Hoyt,
Chair of the Coordinating Council

Bills and Overtures Report

February 21, 2017

The Unity and Community Team (now Bills and Overtures Committee) met on 15 November, 2016 and continued discussions electronically and by telephone through the end of the year. The Team had been asked to consider and make recommendations to Presbytery on proposed amendments to the Constitution. Those recommendation will come up for a vote at the February, 2017 Presbytery meeting.

The Team has deliberated and now plans to submit a report to Presbytery based on the following actions:

<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Recommended Action</u>
16A	Approval
16B	Approval
16C	Approval
16D	Approval
16E	Approval
16F	Majority recommends approval but two views
16G	Team evenly divided
16H	Team evenly divided

Presbytery may recall that Presbytery has approved a policy of having all proposed amendments to the Constitution be voted on by secret, written ballot. To that end, the counters will be Cyndi Banks (Pickens), De Calvert (First Spartanburg) and Phil Lyles (Easley).

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Lancaster, Chair

The Link to the General Assembly Amendments Booklet may be found in PDF form at:

http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf

Sample Ballot

Reproductions not valid for actual vote.

Foothills Presbytery Ballot for the 222nd General Assembly Proposed Amendments February 21, 2017

1. 16 A: Child and Youth Protection Policy

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

2. 16 B: Parity in Committees

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

3. 16 C: Ordered Ministry Titles

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

4. 16 D: Relationship to PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the
Church

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

5. 16 E: Certified Service Requirements

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

6. 16 F: The Ministry of Members

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

7. 16 G: Access to the Lord's Table

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

8. 16 H: Directory for Worship

_____ Approve _____ Disapprove _____ Abstain

Representation and Review Committee Report February 21, 2017

Plans for the annual reading of Session Minutes in Foothills Presbytery will be finalized during the Representation and Review Committee meeting scheduled for late February.. Historically the readings are held in April in several geographic areas for convenience and to increase participation. Please be on the lookout in early March for more locations, times and dates.

According to our records, the following churches did not submit 2015 minutes for review: Belton, Bethel, First Woodruff, Nicholtown, Richland, Rock Hill, St. Giles, Second, Unity, Walhalla, Walkers Chapel, and Westminster, SC. A review of both 2015 and 2016 can be conducted at the spring readings.

If you have questions about proper documentation of minutes, you are invited to contact the Representation and Review Committee and committee member trained in minutes keeping will meet with your clerk or with the full session of your church. The committee member will present informative material designed to bring a better understanding of what information is required in church records and why it is required. The information offered will be helpful for those who are new to the office of Clerk of Session, first time Elders, new pastors and those who whose background is not Presbyterian. The committee believes sharing information and addressing questions will bring more continuity to the formatting and content of session minutes throughout Foothills Presbytery.

Please remember that the Financial Review or Audit Form must be submitted this year along with the minutes for each church. A sample of the form is attached to this report. The document will be sent along with the Clerk's check list for readings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Anne Morris Jones
Chair Representation and Review

Financial Review or Audit Form Foothills Presbytery

As stated in the Book of Order (G.3.0113), each church in Foothills Presbytery is required to submit proof that a full financial review of all of the church's financial books and records has been conducted every year. Written results are to be sent to the particular church by the firm or individual who conducts the review. The session of each church is to document the results in their annual minutes. Foothills Presbytery has provided a handbook for the procedure which is available online through the website. A copy should be obtained by each church as it contains detailed information, and a check list to assist in meeting this requirement along with a suggested format for the report to be submitted to each session for approval following the audit/financial review.

Clerks of Session are to submit the following along with the minutes for annual review:

We the Session of _____ has received the results of an annual review or audit (circle one) of our financial records which was conducted by _____ on _____. The results are documented in the minutes of our _____ meeting.

_____ No discrepancies were found

_____ Discrepancies were found and appropriate action has been taken

If discrepancies were found, the above church is required to notify the Committee on Ministry of Foothills Presbytery.

Financial Resources on your Presbytery Website

<http://foothillspresbytery.org/committees-and-commissions/committees/finance-and-stewardship/>

Financial Handbook (2009)

http://foothillspresbytery.myworshiptimes.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/175/2015/07/FinancialReviewHANDBOOK10510_000.pdf

Clerks of Sessions: Please fill this form out and place it in your Session Minutes Book to facilitate its reading.

Clerk's Guidelines for Annual Presbytery Session Minute Review for Year 20

Church Name & Address _____

Representing the Church _____ Date _____

On the line preceding each statement, please list the page number in your minutes or tab your minutes with the statement number to facilitate the reading.

- _____ Each Meeting _____ 1. Session Meetings opened & closed with prayer (G-3.0105)
- _____ Each Meeting _____ 2. Session provided by rule for its quorum? (G-3.0203)
- _____ Each Meeting _____ 3. Quorum present at each meeting (G-3.0203)
- _____ 4. Session conducted an annual review of membership roll (G-3.0201c)
- _____ 5. Session Minutes contain Roll of Active Membership (G-3.0204)
- _____ Yes _____ No 6. Session maintains a register in accordance with G-3.02046 which includes a roll of baptisms, Elders, Deacons, and Pastors who have served the Church. **(This Register does not have to be brought to review).**
- Date _____ 7. Session elected representatives to Presbytery Meetings and heard reports.
Date _____ Date _____ Date _____ (G-3.0202a)

If this Church has no Board of Deacons. Skip to #9.

- _____ 8. Session reviewed records and met annually with Diaconate (G-2.0202)
- _____ 9. Session reviewed terms of call of pastor (G-2.0804)
- _____ 10. Session holds an annual meeting of congregation (G-1.0501)
- _____ 11. Are Session Minutes carefully preserved by the clerk & produced for approval. Are minutes stored with Historical Society or Columbia Seminary? (G-3.0107)
- _____ 12. Session established an annual church budget (G-3.0205i)
- _____ 13. Congregation provided for a Nominating Committee for church officers (G-2.0401)
- _____ 14. Session instructed, examined, ordained and installed newly elected officers (G-3.0201c)
- _____ 15. Session received regular financial reports (G-3.0205c)
- _____ Date: _____ 16. Session received a financial review of financial records. (G-3.0113)
(Please refer to Presbytery booklet for explanation of "Financial Review.")
- _____ Date: _____ 17. Is your Church incorporated? If **yes**, please list date of incorporation. (G-4.0101)
- _____ Date _____ 18. Session adopted sexual misconduct policy? (G-3.0106)
- _____ 19. Session developed manual of administrative operations? (G-3.0106)

Clerks of Sessions: Please fill this form out and place it in your Session Minutes book to facilitate its reading.
Form Revision 2012

Committee on Ministry

February 21, 2017

The Committee on Ministry reports:

1. That Triennial visits have been made to the following Churches: Nazareth, Pickens and Fort Hill.
2. That COM has approved the following Stated Supply/ Interim relationships:
 - A. Fourth/ Jennifer Fouse Sheorn (Stated Supply)
 - B. First Spartanburg/ Christi O. Brown (Stated Supply)
 - C. Nazareth/ Julie Schaaf (Interim)
 - D. Richland/ Art Williams (CRE Stated Supply)
 - E. Good Hope/ Jan Culpepper (Stated Supply)
 - F. North Anderson/ Mike Johnston (Stated Supply)
 - G. Eastminster/ Pressley Cox (Stated Supply)
3. That COM has approved Ruling Elder Cyndi Banks from the Pickens Church for the CRE Tract.
4. That COM has endorsed Teaching Elder Dennis Tedder (First Anderson) for Interim Training.
5. That COM has affirmed the vote of the following congregations to form Pastor Nominating Committees and has appointed COM liasons:
 - A. Mt. Zion: Mary Morrison (Fort Hill)
 - B. Westminster Greenville (TBD)
6. That PNC Education has been completed by the Stated Clerk for the Nazareth PNC and the John Knox APNC.
7. That COM has met with Disciples of Christ Minister, Mrs. Melinda MacDonald and voted to add her to the Pulpit Supply List.
8. That COM has voted to approve the status of Honorably Retired for Rev. Ludwig Weaver, effective November 1, 2018. Should the Westminster Congregation Call its next Head of Staff before that date, he will request that his relationship be dissolved on be on sabbatical until the retirement date.
9. That COM has voted to approve the status of Honorably Retired for the Rev. Jean Weaver, effective November 1, 2018. Should the Westminster Congregation Call its next Head of Staff before that date, she will resign her Stated Supply relationship and be an at-Large member of Presbytery until the retirement date.

10. That upon the recommendation of the CRE Subcommittee, has approved Ruling Elder Holt Andrews (First Spartanburg) to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder. The basic work of the CRE Stated Supply work was discussed and endorsed. The actual contract will come before COM at its February meeting. Andrews was recommended to the Examinations Commission to complete the process.
11. That COM met with Honorably Retired Teaching Elder Lewis Johnson who has now moved into our bounds. Presently he is a Member in good standing of New Harmony Presbytery. Johnson has previously been a member of Foothills. COM endorsed him to the Examinations Commission to join us again.
12. That COM continues to work on the next round of ethics training for Teaching Elders.
13. That COM completed an exit interview with Teaching Elder Stan Reid after his service as Interim at the Grace Covenant Church, and granted Permission to Reid to serve “outside the Bounds” of Foothills to serve a Designated Relationship with the Westminster Congregation in Greenwood in Trinity Presbytery.
14. That having completed her Chaplain Residency at the Greenville Health System, COM voted to move Teaching Elder Cassie Wolfe to at-Large status.
15. Rejoicing, that Ruling Elder Susan Tompkins (First Greer) completed her training and was endorsed as a Certified Christian Educator. (See recommendation below).
16. That COM gave final approval for the new web-based “Terms of Call” and “Work of the Minister” forms and set the month of February each year for these to be completed by all Sessions with Installed Pastors (Terms) and all Teaching Elder Members of Foothills Presbytery.
17. That COM approved the dissolution of the Call of Teaching Elder Patricia Gwinn as the Associate Pastor of Fourth Church Greenville. Gwinn has been called to serve as the Pastor of the Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The Committee on Ministry **recommends:**

1. That Foothills Presbytery celebrate Susan Tompkins achievement of becoming a Certified Christian Educator with a brief service of recognition.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Irick, Chair

Foothills Presbytery Examinations Commission

February 21, 2017

The Examinations Commission **reports:**

That it met on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at the presbytery office. Members present: Amos Workman (co-moderator, presiding), Jean Deiner Weaver (co-moderator), Jim Caprell, Patty Felton, Nan Jones, Ann Coleman, Ted Morrison, and Bill Burns. The meeting was opened with prayer.

- Candidate for ordination **Jason Moore** gave his statement of faith, described his sense of call, and preached a sermon for the Commission based on Mark 4:26-29. His sermon was approved. He was successfully examined in the areas of Bible, theology, sacraments, and polity. He stated no scruple and affirmed his commitment to abide by our church's polity and discipline. His examination was approved and he will appear before the presbytery for floor examination at its meeting on February 21. Terms of call were approved. Ordination and installation commission members are yet to be named.
A mentor will be named. The exam was closed with prayer.
- Teaching Elder **James Lewis Johnson, Sr.**, honorably retired, met with the Commission, requesting transfer of membership to Foothills from New Harmony Presbytery. He gave his statement of faith and described his calling and career since ordination. He was successfully examined in the areas of Bible, theology, sacraments, and polity. He stated no scruple and reaffirmed his commitment to abide by our church's polity and discipline. He will be welcomed into the presbytery at its meeting on February 21. The exam was closed with prayer.
- **R. Holt Andrews** of First Presbyterian Church Spartanburg met with the Commission seeking to be commissioned (Commissioned Ruling Elder, CRE [G-2.10]) for additional work in that congregation, where he is currently Director of Music Ministries. He gave his statement of faith, described his sense of call, and reviewed his preparation for further pastoral service. He was successfully examined in the areas of Bible, theology, sacraments, and polity. He stated no scruple and affirmed his commitment to abide by our church's polity and discipline. He is approved to be commissioned for a period of one year (subject to renewal) for preaching, administration of the sacraments, pastoral care and counseling, visitation, teaching, performing weddings and funerals, and moderating his church's Session (if needed). He will appear before the presbytery for floor examination at its meeting on February 21. The exam was closed with prayer.
- Terms of call were approved for Teaching Elder **Patricia Gwinn**, previously certified to be installed as pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church. Gwinn met with the Examinations Commission on December 15th. She completed her Call as Associate Pastor at Fourth Church at the end of December 2016 and will begin her service at Grace Covenant on February 1st, 2017. The Installation date and Commission to be named later.

Terms of Call:

Jason Moore:

Salary:	\$32,750.00
Housing	\$25,000.00
FICA	\$ 8,836.00
Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Full Board of Pensions	
Four Weeks Vacation/ Two Weeks Study Leave	

Trish Gwinn:

Salary:	\$30,303.00
Housing:	\$26,833.00
FICA	\$ 8751.00
Con. Ed.	\$ 2,400.00
Expenses	\$ 2,400.00
Travel	\$ 1,200.00
Full Board of Pensions	
Four Weeks Vacation/ Two Weeks Study Leave	

Respectfully Submitted,

Jean Weaver, Chair

Jason Moore Call and Faith Statements

Biography

I usually say that I grew up “close to” Florence, South Carolina because you can actually find that on a map. In reality, I grew up in the rural farming community of Hebron, which is little more than a crossroads and collection of houses and fields. There we had more churches than stoplights, and more animals than people. My early days were spent loping through the woods, and chasing fly-balls on a scrubby baseball field. Truth be told, my first love was baseball, and while in those days it wasn’t yet a year round sport, it was for me. Church, however, was an after-thought. As a family, we went sporadically. We weren’t “Chreasters,” but we weren’t much better. Yet in spite of our slipshod attendance, I can’t remember a time when I didn’t believe in God. Even then, the Bible seemed more real to me than other books. The stories grabbed me by the throat and wouldn’t let me go. By the time I was Confirmed as a teenager, we were attending more regularly, and I was even starting to study the Bible on my own. Later in high school, I was asked to preach for Youth Sunday. I was struck by the immensity of the task. I’ve never gotten over it. Afterwards, people talked about my gift and my calling, but I had other plans. God may have been calling, but I wasn’t ready to answer.

After graduation from high school, I attended the University of South Carolina where I graduated with a BA in English. In the meantime, I served as counselor and trip leader at Camp Pee Dee, a PC(USA) camp down in Bennettsville, SC. It was while I was there—leading canoe trips and devotions around a campfire—that God seemed to speak again. Nothing major. Much more like the still small voice that came to Elijah than the burning bush that Moses encountered. It was also during these summers when I started participating in Salkehatchie Summer Service. It was my first real mission experience. And while some hear God speak through a beautiful anthem on a Sunday morning, for me it was in a chorus on hammers as we shingled a roof in the baking summer sun. But I didn’t know what to do with any of this. And since I hadn’t taken any education classes, I wasn’t sure of what to do with my English degree, either. So I took a job as a substitute teacher at my old high school.

When the year ended, God opened a door for me as a Youth Director and Director of Christian Education. I started attending seminary a year later. After four years of full-time ministry, I was burned-out and disillusioned. Frankly, I didn’t think ministry would be that hard. So I took the easy way out and joined the Marine Corps. I was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in December 2004. Over the next eight years, I served as a Logistics Officer, including combat deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan.

In August 2013, I answered God’s call to ministry and having been serving as the Director of Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. It feels like I’ve come full circle, and yet in the providence of God, I know that none of this has been wasted. My experiences both in and out of church, both stateside and during the hardship of combat, have provided me with a unique perspective and a wealth of experiences. While some go away to war and “lose their faith,” for me it was just the opposite. For it was while I was leading Marines in combat that God birthed in me a burning desire to preach and teach his Word, and to shepherd his people. Along the way, God has blessed me with a wonderful family. My wife, Melanie, and I have been married for eleven years and have two children—Clara (7) and Benjamin (4).

Jason Moore Call and Faith Statements

Statement of Faith

There is one God in three Persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I often think of God the Father as Creator, the Son as Savior and Lord, and the Holy Spirit as Sustainer and Counselor. "They" are equal, eternal, immutable, holy, righteous, loving, and just. "They" are all fully God, distinct from each other, and yet exist in perfect unity and harmony. This, of course, is a profound mystery. At its best, the Church emulates both the unity and community of God albeit imperfectly.

I believe that God created me for his own glory, and that God has effectively called and redeemed me. As I follow and seek to emulate Christ, he continues to sanctify me, until I am raised from death in glory.

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son Jesus into the world as the supreme act of self-giving love. Jesus lived a perfect life, and willingly gave his life so that everyone who believes in him will be saved (Jn. 3:16). Yet even my belief is a gift of God; salvation is the work of God from start to finish (Eph. 2:8). Apart from God's gracious initiative, I would have no hope in this life or the life to come. Though I cannot earn his love, I am empowered through the Holy Spirit to respond to his grace and live a life of faithful obedience, and complete the work He has planned in advance for me to do. Just as God has reconciled me through the cross, I am given the ministry of reconciliation, so that all who are far off might be brought near (Eph. 2:17). In this way, my relationship with God colors everything I do.

It has rearranged my priorities and commitments, and it touches every decision I make.

I believe that God has revealed Himself in creation (Ps. 19; Rom. 1:19-20). Creation testifies to the wisdom, majesty, and incredible generosity of God, yet General Revelation alone could not save us from our sin. Thus, God lovingly reveals himself in the person of Christ and in both the Old and New Testament Scriptures. Here, everything that is necessary for our salvation and the living of the Christian life is laid out before us. This Word is true, authoritative, complete, and sufficient. Because our minds have been darkened by sin, we need the Holy Spirit to illuminate God's Word. In addition, God has graciously provided faithful men and women who have come before us and worked together in order to provide summaries of the essential doctrines of our faith. Thus, the creeds and confessions found in our Book of Confessions can guide us in our understanding of Scripture. Even so, they are--and must always be--subordinate to God's Word.

I believe the Church is the gathering of God's people. The Church is a hospital for sinners; it is not a hotel for saints, or merely another social action club. The Church is where the Word is proclaimed, and the Sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are rightly administered. These Sacraments are gifts from God—visible signs of his invisible grace. Christians are made for community, and our faith is strengthened through the teaching, admonishment, and encouragement of one another. Thus, having been claimed, fed, and nurtured, the Church sends us out into the world share God's grace and make disciples of Christ.

James Lewis Johnson Biography/ Call Statement

I am James "Lewis" Johnson. I live on Lake Bowen with my wife Janet and our dog Belle of the Kirk. I have, recently, finished 13 years of service as an Interim Pastor. I served in Pastoral ministry from 1959 to 2002 prior to a period of interim ministries. I make this distinction because it represents the two phases of my call experience.

From early childhood the church was a constant and shaping force in my life. Sunday School, worship, and service were part of who I was. My minister and his wife acted as though I was their child to guide through prayer and study. They were like second parents.

In my teens I sensed a call to Christian ministry and pursued that call through college and seminary studies. During my college years I served, with the approval of presbytery, a small but strong rural church. As a candidate under care of presbytery I needed help and the presbytery executive came at least every three months to serve communion and to guide me. This guidance continued through my seminary years.

As part of the old Synod of Kentucky I experienced the reality of divided Presbyterianism because both PCUS and UPC,USA were active in my state. Reunion and cooperation became a reality that sharpened my awareness of the effect of division. My seminary years were marked by the civil rights movement, the Vietnam Nam War and increased social ministry involvement. These forces shaped me and my ministry. Seminary was shaped by these forces and an era of changing leadership in the Church. The faculty went from retirement age professors to young persons who were under 40 years of age. I sometimes feel as though I came from two different eras. If what I have described were not enough it was also the time the church began to include women in ministry. All of these realities have shaped my life and ministry.

After many years of pastoral ministry I recognized that was receiving calls to churches that were not prepared to move on from their former pastors to new eras of ministry. An exploration into interim ministry training gave me keener insight into ways that intentional interim ministry might be a service to the church. Those insights and emphases have provided the impetus and focus of nine periods of interim ministry.

I have been out of active interim ministry for 16 months. During that time Janet and I have moved back to the upstate where're we are near our children and back to a presbytery where I previously served (John Knox).

Faith Statement of J. Lewis Johnson

Throughout my life there has been a strong sense that I and all humans are persons of value because we are children of God's creation. God has sought to establish a relationship with us. This God relationship has been enhanced by the presence in my life of Jesus Christ, who is Savior and Lord. This reality enriches all human interaction. For Christians this enrichment is often found most fully in the church, a community of faith and worship. Church exists for nurturing other persons of faith and for seeking out those persons who are in need of community. The church exists to serve her members and the world. There is an imperative to live out faith and to share it.

For me scriptures, the Bible, carry the weight of truth and for faith guidance. I believe that these scriptures are formative for me and hopefully others. It is imperative that we study these words in order to continue discovering the Word of life. We are compelled to use our minds to continually enlarge these creative words to reveal God's will and intention. We are to view these teachings as a dynamically powerful source of personal and community vitality. Scripture will show us the way to better, deeper relationships with all people of faith and those of unfaith as well.

Throughout history in times of conflict and need the Church has formulated documents to express particular theological positions. These have become our Book of Confessions. Herein we find a great breadth of expression that continues to fuel our theology and encourage us to talk of faith with sense, logic and clarity.

I have lived all my life in the shadow of the Presbyterian Church. I am pleased that my church is willing to wrestle with weighty subjects that confront us in our ever changing society. I expect us to be in this process. Even though I may at times be at odds with the final decision I recognize that there is collective wisdom in the living body of Christ. I am then required to listen to that collective wisdom.

There are many other specifics of my faith life. I believe that the above statement carries the broad scope of my present position.

J. Lewis Johnson, D. Min.

STATEMENT OF CALL FOR HOLT ANDREWS

In the early spring of 2003 I was in my 11th year as Music Director at First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, SC. We were rather suddenly faced with an unusual situation...our Senior Pastor of only seven months abruptly resigned due to fallout in the congregation following a mission trip he was on. At the time, for various reasons, there were no full-time called pastors on the staff, and I was the longest-tenured professional staff member. I ended up writing the lead article for the first church newsletter following the resignation.

It was well-received by both those who felt the resignation was needed and those who did not. In a manner of speaking, for about two months until an interim minister was hired I was head of staff and (somewhat) the voice of the church. During this period I saw the congregation from a very different perspective, and had conversations and interactions that I had never had before. I began to wonder if there was more for me to do than serve as the Music Director. A choir member and elder suggested I look into becoming a CLP, which I did, but discovered that CLPs must be elders and as a staff member that did not seem appropriate. I continued as Music Director but with a new sense of restlessness about the remainder of my career. Was I being called to more, or to a different kind of work?

Fast-forward to 2010. Dr. David Renwick, our Senior Pastor at the time, proposed a way for me to renew my exploration of the CLP (now CRE) process. The church would ordain me as elder to fill a very brief unexpired term, and I would be replaced on the Session when a new class was ordained and installed. The Session agreed and I began my coursework. Because my Master's program in Sacred Music had included several classes at Vanderbilt Divinity School I received some exemptions. I did, however, profit greatly from my independent study with the late Dr. Bill Arthur in homiletics, the CPE program at Spartanburg Regional Hospital, and classes in Polity, Theology, and Church History at Dubuque Seminary.

Now I have completed all the requirements (save the examination) and am ready for my commissioning. My commission will look very similar to my current job description, at least initially. I am already a part of the church's pastoral care team, and preach and teach on occasion. Going forward, my new credentials may lead to my officiating at occasional weddings and funerals, as well as perform baptisms and lead communion as needed. I could also see a somewhat reduced list of musical duties replaced by more teaching and congregational care, again as needed.

I could also envision, after my time with FPC Spartanburg is done, assisting a smaller congregation in need of a pastor, and/or serving the presbytery in various (as yet unknown!) ways. I see the years to come as challenging ones for the PCUSA, as well as other mainline denominations; conversely, I also believe the message of the gospel and our way of communicating it will be needed more than ever. I look forward to finding ways to be a part of that process.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Raphael Holt Andrews

I believe that there is an “intelligent designer” of the universe, and that God, as the term is commonly understood, is the designer.

I stand in the Judeo-Christian-Islamic tradition in believing humanity on earth is a unique manifestation of God’s creation, reflecting aspects of the divine.

I believe God’s intention was that, while we would begin, in a manner of speaking, as little children of God, over time we would grow more into God’s likeness and reflect a will that included humanity living together in peace and goodness.

I believe that when this did not happen, God chose to send Jesus into the world to show us by word and deed how God wants us to live, and that the death and resurrection of Jesus proved that this particular person was a divine revelation of God’s will for us. In short, Jesus provided the path for us to return to God.

I believe that since that time God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit (that as Jesus predicted came upon the early church) have been active in promoting God’s agenda for humanity. I believe this activity is present in a myriad of ways through Christianity particularly, but is seen in all faiths and in people who claim no faith.

I believe that Jesus calls us to reflect the will of God by loving one another, especially those who seem to be unloved, by helping one another, especially those who seem to need it most, and by day to day living that promotes our own journeys towards God, respect for all people and, in this unique time, care for the world God has given us.

I have come to believe these things by my study of scripture, the traditions of the church, such reason as I possess, and my own experience of seeing God alive, vibrant, and active in the world.