

Rev. Laura L. Lupton  
Mission Coordinator - Western Community

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May 29, 2017

Dear Sessions, Pastors and Members of the West Community,

Thank you for your interest in and commitment to strengthening our shared ministry in Harnett, Lee, Moore, Hoke and Scotland Counties. The church commissioners and pastors of the West community will **gather Saturday, June 10**, at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen. At this meeting we will be building upon the conversations started at previous meetings. We will spend time with our Presbyterian neighbors exploring what ministry God is equipping us to undertake in partnership together.

Our focus at this gathering is on “*Discerning God's Call, Big or Small*” led by Rev. Dr. Duane Hix, Interim pastor at Laurinburg PC. His keynote presentation and the ensuing discussion groups will be looking at very tangible methods churches can employ to enhance their focus on God’s calling. This renewed focus can lead to renewed vitality and empowered leaders. It is our prayer that these tools will help you strengthen your congregation. **In order for your session to maximize this learning opportunity, you are strongly encouraged to send 2 or more elders to this meeting.** Just be sure the one(s) elected for voting know who they are, please.

We will have a time of worship that will include receiving communion. It is our hope that our pastors can experience a worshipful moment without the pressures of being the leader.

The business to be conducted at this meeting will include several presentations about learning opportunities and resources for you. In our time together we are working on living into our new vision of partnering in Christian Formation (Education), Youth, Shared Mission, and Congregational Vitality. See the agenda details in this packet.

Lunch **reservations are required by Tuesday, June 6, at Noon.** We will convene with worship at 9AM and conclude around 1:30.

Also included with this packet are several announcements for your congregation and session. Please publish these announcements in your newsletter.

Prayerfully,

*Laura*

Rev. Laura L. Lupton, Mission Coordinator for West

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### **Directions:**

Bethesda Presbyterian Church is located at  
1002 N Sandhills Blvd, Aberdeen, NC 28315(this is US1 / 15/501)

See it on Google Maps at <https://goo.gl/maps/3pce4m6anF72>

### Directions from Points South (Moore, Hoke, Scotland)

1. Take 15/501N or 211N to US1 in Aberdeen
2. **Turn right onto US1 / 15/501 North** in Aberdeen
3. Head NORTH for 1.4 miles to Bonnie Brook Road  
(see the church sign and pond)
4. Turn Right on Bonnie Brook Road into the church parking lot on the side or rear of the church.

### Directions from Points North and East (Lee and Harnett)

1. Take US1 South or 15/501 South toward Aberdeen
2. NOTE: US1 and 15/501 Merge together headed south
3. From where 15/501 joins US1 – Go 0.6mile to see the church on the left (if you get to the 15/501 or 211 turns you have gone too far)
4. Turn left onto Bonnie Brook Road then into the church parking lot on the side or rear of the church.

**Proposed Agenda Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Meeting as the West Community  
June 10, 2017 at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, NC**

**Rooted ~ Growing ~ Branching  
Christian Formation ~ Congregational Vitality ~ Shared Mission**

*Living as a connectional church in the Reformed tradition, we focus on*

- *Connecting Congregations,*
- *Facilitating Shared Mission,*
- *Supplementing Christian Education and Youth Ministry,*
- *Empowering Leaders,*
- *Strengthening Congregations.*

*Together living into the Great Ends of the Church.*

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**8:15** Registration and Refreshments

**9:00** Call to Order, Quorum, Recognition of guests, Welcome, Adopt Agenda,  
Elect a clerk for this meeting

**Keynote address by Dr. Duane Hix**

Recommended book to delve deeper: *Holy Conversations* by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann

**9:45** Invitation to breakout sessions (Goals/Purpose)

**10:00 – 11:00** Breakout sessions

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| A. Harnett Co (18 congregations)           | Tom Brown / Jason Hammersley  |
| B. Lee Co (12 congregations)               | Glen Hallead / Kathryn Dudley |
| C. Moore Co A (1/2 of 21 congregations)    | Karen Allen / George Wilson   |
| D. Moore Co. B (1/2 of 21 congregations)   | Bill Russell / Wesley Owens   |
| E. Hoke & Scotland Co (5 +9 congregations) | John Baker / Charles Wentz    |

**11:00** Break to move back into Plenary

**11:15** Business Session

1. Call to Order And Prayer Bruce Lax
2. Election and Installation of Mrs. Edna Ann Loftus as Facilitator and Bill Ingle as Vice-Facilitator

3. Report and Updates from the Ad Hoc Committees that formed at our last meeting
  - a. **Mission 1– Focusing on Senior Citizens** Dawn Stoker & Elizabeth Colebrook  
**Leann Blackmon**, Harnett County Division on Aging representative (10 Minutes)  
Launch the Mission Challenge to support a senior center in your community (5 Min)
  - b. **Mission 2 –Focus Mental Health Resources** Charles Wentz & Bob Whitehouse  
Resource listing is in your packet. (2 Min)
  - c. **Youth Ministry** – Howard Dudley (5 Minutes)
  - d. **Christian Education** – Elizabeth Forester (5 Minutes) – Elizabeth Forester  
Event on Using and Leading Sunday School well using “The Present Word” October 29,  
3PM-5PM at John Hall Presbyterian in Carthage
4. COM Report (5 Minutes) Rick Martindale
5. Board of Pensions Representative (5 Minutes) Elizabeth Little
6. Peacemaking Scholarship Award Recipients Bill Hayes
  - a. **Taylor Green** of Freedom East Presbyterian Church
  - b. **Caroline Kimbell** of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church
7. 2016 \$1,000 Grant Recipient Reports
  - a. Freedom East (Gospel in the Park) (10 Minutes) **Taylor Green** (Pastor Willie McCaskill)
  - b. Laurel Hill PC (Camp Monroe Renovations) *Written Report by Jim Norfleet*
  - c. Lillington (Harnett Food Pantry Fund Raiser) *Written Report by Dawn Stoker*
  - d. Salem (Pastors’ Retreat) *Written Report by Tyler Williams*
8. Steering Committee Report (5 Minutes) Jason Hammersley
  - A. Presbytery Budget West Community Budget Report Information
    - a. Of our \$8000 budget, we have spent very little year to date. (grants were fr 2016 funds)
    - b. We have committed to hold the Confirmation Retreat in Feb 2018, using \$1,300.
    - c. Motion: **That we once again make available four \$1000 Grants for churches cooperating together in one of the core areas (Christian Formation ~ Congregational Vitality ~ Shared Mission). The deadline would be October 31, the proposals would then be voted upon at our December gathering of the West community.**
  - B. Nominations
    - d. To the West Steering Committee - John Baker (RE from Moore Co.)
    - e. Motion that we form a West Community Nominating Committee in this way:  
“**The Nominating Committee of the West Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina shall be composed of five (5) members. Three of these members shall be: (1) the immediate past facilitator (moderator), (2) the current facilitator (moderator), (3) the vice-facilitator (vice-moderator). The two (2) at-large members are to come from the counties not already represented on the committee.**”
    - f. Nominations are now needed from Hoke, Lee or Harnett Counties.
    - g. First Reading from Presbytery's Nominating Committee of General Assembly Nominees.
9. Reprise by **Duane Hix** – How to build upon our Keynote & Work sessions in your church (10 min)

10. Sessional Records Informational Written Report by Jane Callahan & Judy Davis
11. Mission Cabinet – see the packet Bill Ingle
- a. Action Items
  - b. Stated Clerk's Report
  - c. Presbytery Shared Mission
  - d. Congregational Shared Mission Support and Per Capita
12. Mission Coordinator Report Laura Lupton
13. Information on the Schedule for 2017 Edna Ann Loftus
- a. Full Presbytery Mtg is on Oct. 14, 2017 (First-Fayetteville)
  - b. West Community **Thursday, December 7** (Host location needed)
14. Other Announcements and Words of Thanks Edna Ann Loftus
- a. **Meet the Coaches** Event June 15, 10:30AM Elizabethtown
  - b. Big Tent Event July 6-8, 2017 in St Louis, MO
  - c. Continuing Education Events are offered quarterly at the Presbytery Office
  - d. **African American Church** Gathering Saturday, August 12
  - e. **PW Fall Gathering** Saturday, August **19 (updated date)**
  - f. **Officer Training** will be in November 11, 2017 and in January 20, 2018 – Host locations needed
  - g. **Women's Retreat** at Monroe Camp this Fall Nov 17-19 (Facilitator is Beth Elliott)
  - h. **General Assembly 2018** in St Louis, MO – Nominations are before you for a first reading
  - i. **YOUTH HAPPENINGS**
    - i. **Group going to Montreat Youth Conference** - Fast Approaching and I have two openings for female youth. Scholarships available. (Sunday, July 30- Saturday, Aug. 5). PLEASE contact me now, if your young ladies may be interested.
    - ii. **PYC Applications** are out and Erin is looking for MORE Youth Council Members! Please encourage your young people to return their applications ASAP.
    - iii. **Presbytery-Wide, All-Guy Event.** We are seeking a location and "instructors" to help with an "All Guy" event on the weekend of August 25-27 (will be one night, exact date TBD). The event will be entitled "Overcome" and include instruction on various survival skills. If you have a recommendation for either (1) Instructors who may be willing to donate their time or (2) A Low-Cost/Free Location for the Overnight event, PLEASE let me know.
    - iv. **All-Girl Event** in conjunction with the PW Fall Gathering Aug 18-19 is shaping up.
    - v. **Confirmation Retreat 2018** at Monroe Camp in February 2-4, 2018
    - vi. Presbytery has adopted a youth & child protection policy ... it is online at [www.presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Presbytery-Of-CC-Child-Protection-Policy-Aproved-May-2017.pdf](http://www.presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/Presbytery-Of-CC-Child-Protection-Policy-Aproved-May-2017.pdf) please review it.

**12:30 Worship** with Communion Served

**1:00** Directions for Lunch, Blessing of the Meal & Adjournment to Lunch

The next full Presbytery Meeting will be at  
First Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville on Saturday, October 14.

**“Mental illness: Our story is the church’s story”**

is the lead article in the May 31, 2017 issue of the Presbyterian Outlook. In it is a powerful reminder,

*“Pastors are also on the front lines, often the first person to come into contact with a parishioner with a mental health crisis. According to Health Services Research, pastors are contacted more often than psychiatrists or general medical doctors by people with mental illness. This research concludes that pastors, whether we want to or not, play a crucial role in mental healthcare treatment. Yet how many pastors are actually trained to recognize mental illness or provide appropriate therapy? ....*

*In the church’s efforts to be holy, we have sacrificed what it means to be whole. At times the idealized spiritual life has masked a hurting, broken spirit. For too long it was considered unholy to have a mental illness or a family member with a mental illness. Heaven forbid you are a pastor with a mental illness. So, like me, many Christians have kept mental illness hidden, choosing silence over shame and stigma.”*

This article goes on to give wisdom and practical advice for church leaders.

Please read the whole article at

<http://pres-outlook.org/2016/05/mental-illness-story-churchs-story/>

**To help congregations and pastors here is a selected list of Mental Health & Support Resources  
available in the West Community of Presbytery**

REGIONAL RESOURCES

Regional Services – Offices in many communities

- **Crisis Solutions of North Carolina** (An Initiative of the NC Dept. of Health and Human Services – Div. of Mental health, Developmental Disabilities & Substance Abuse Services.)  
To find a provider in your county: [www.crisissolutionsnc.org](http://www.crisissolutionsnc.org)
- **Carenet Counseling Centers** Find one near you  
[www.wakehealth.edu/CareNet/CareNet-Centers-and-Affiliates.htm](http://www.wakehealth.edu/CareNet/CareNet-Centers-and-Affiliates.htm)
- **Alliance Behavior Health Services**, Find one near you <http://providersearch.alliancebhc.org/>

For veterans in crisis call:

- **Veterans crisis line 1-800-273-8255** Confidential crisis help for veterans and their families
- Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

For people with mental health needs (and others) who need additional community supports

- **United Way Community Resource Hotline 211**
- This is an information database for available community resources throughout North Carolina

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**This is NOT A COMPREHENSIVE list. NOTE: These agencies have not been vetted by the Presbytery and this is not an endorsement of their services.**

This list is meant to focus on resources in the West Community of Presbytery  
(Harnett, Lee, Moore, Hoke & Scotland Counties)

If you wish to help us expand and strengthen this list, to **add additional resources** please email Robert Whitehouse at [R\\_JWhitehouse@hotmail.com](mailto:R_JWhitehouse@hotmail.com) or Charles Wentz at [dir@scotlandcounseling.org](mailto:dir@scotlandcounseling.org) or Laura Lupton at [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org)

**If someone is discussing suicide or  
threatening harm to themselves or others  
CALL 911 Immediately**

## CHURCH SPECIFIC RESOURCES

For church education resources for dealing with mental health issues

- [www.mentalhealthministries.net](http://www.mentalhealthministries.net) (offers pastor training seminars in NC)
- [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org) (General Training for anyone)

### **Stephen Ministries**

- [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org) – training and equipping members to care for members
- Churches currently using Stephen Ministries: Bethesda, Community, McDonald's Chapel, Brownson Memorial and others.

**Ministry Development Services**, (704) 554-9222, [www.ministryds.org](http://www.ministryds.org), 6100 Sardis Rd, Charlotte, NC 28210

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has teamed with the Insurance Board and Praesidium to help PC(USA) church councils and church members prevent child sexual abuse. The partnership has launched a **toll-free Abuse Prevention Helpline (866-607-SAFE)** to help keep predators away from children.

## LEE COUNTY

The Lee County has published a brochure of Mental Health Support Resources found at

- [www.leecountync.gov/Departments/PublicHealth/LeeCAN.aspx](http://www.leecountync.gov/Departments/PublicHealth/LeeCAN.aspx)

For homeless people in Lee County some resources are:

- **Family Promise (919) 718-0569**
- **Pastor Kivett – homeless shelters (919) 499-3194**

## HARNETT COUNTY

- Carenet Counseling Center - Erwin Center, 910-897-8930, 400 Denim Drive, Erwin, NC 28339,

## SCOTLAND COUNTY

- **Scotland Family Counseling Center**, Charles Wentz, Director, (910) 276 7011



## MOORE COUNTY (and beyond)

For a person who is suicidal, homicidal, or engaged in uncontrolled substance abuse call:

- **Mobile Crisis Management 1-877-626-1771** 24/7/365 crisis response by professionally trained staff. Mobile crisis staff will provide assistance by phone or in person, if necessary, including assessment, crisis stabilization, linking to appropriate resources, pursuing commitment for treatment, etc.

Support for suicide prevention/support call

- **Lifeline Suicide Prevention/Talkline 1 800 273 8255**  
The Lifeline provides free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals. Website includes information on suicide prevention chat lines, texting, and further support for suicide prevention [www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

For a referral for mental health, substance abuse, and intellectual disabilities services call:

- **Sandhills Center Immediate Helpline 1-800-256-2452** [www.sandhillscenter.org](http://www.sandhillscenter.org)

Support for individuals and families dealing with severe mental illness call;

- **NAMI – North Carolina 1-800-451-9682** [www.naminc.org](http://www.naminc.org) Moore County NAMI number is 910 295-1053. Website [www.nami-moorecounty.org](http://www.nami-moorecounty.org) Helpline with answers to questions about mental health diagnosis, treatment and area resources. Website includes information about support groups, family-led classes, and other resources related to mental health recovery.

Support for domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking call:

- **Friend to Friend (910) 947-3333** Services include Serenity House, woman and children's shelter, pet shelter, counseling services, court advocacy and more.
- **NC Project No Rest** (Human Trafficking Prevention Resources & Training) [www.projectnocest.org](http://www.projectnocest.org)
- **National Human Trafficking Hotline** 1-888-373-7888

For dealing with an individual who is having a mental health crisis call:

- **First Health Moore Regional Hospital (910) 715-1000** Ask for the behavioral health assessment team or For individuals seeking counseling or a psychiatrist call:  
**First Health Behavioral Outpatient Clinic (910) 715-3370**

For resources for homeless people (a condition that often comes from mental health issues) visit

- [www.lindenlodgenc.org](http://www.lindenlodgenc.org) and click on the homeless shelter links
- Family Promise of Moore Co. [www.familypromiseofmoorecounty.org](http://www.familypromiseofmoorecounty.org) For Women/ children

**West Commission on Ministry  
Report to West Community Gathering  
June 10, 2017**

**Ministers new to Presbytery**

1. Margaret “Maggie” Beamguard from the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery

**Relationships:**

1. Elizabeth Forester, SS, and Jackson Springs through December 31, 2017
2. John Baker, CRE, and Montpelier through December 31, 2017
3. Ruby Lennon and Westminster/Laurinburg through December 31, 2017
4. Tim Verhey and Trinity/Laurinburg for pastoral care through the summer months
5. Margaret Beamguard as Pastor at West End beginning May 30, 2017

**Moderators:**

1. Doug Houston at Raven Rock
2. Brown Patton at Cypress
3. Allen McLean at Blandonia

## **AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

### **Maggie Frampton Beamguard**

I do not remember my baptism. I was an infant when my parents presented me to be baptized at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church in SC. But I do remember the rich warmth of the Sunday School teachers, the comforting rhythm of the prayers in worship, and the gentleness of the pastor as my faithful parents and the church made good on their promises. My earliest memories include the church.

I did not always feel God's call to be a minister, believing, as a young adult, that I might become a lawyer, or perhaps a photographer or a journalist. So when a church member asked me as a high school student if I might consider ministry as a career, my answer was a resounding "no!" But she planted the seed of a calling that took root and grew as I participated in worship leadership and youth retreats.

While a student in the Graphic Communications degree program at Clemson University, I also became an active participant in the Presbyterian Student Association (PSA), a campus ministry of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church. My faith continued to be nurtured through the fellowship, worship and mission of PSA. I was encouraged to develop and share my gifts. I met my husband, David, and as we considered getting married, I shared with him my growing sense of call. He offered his love and support as I discerned a calling to seminary.

At Columbia Theological Seminary my heart, mind, and soul were opened and challenged. Through study and friendships my love of the gospel and passion for the church were strengthened. I was thrilled to accept my first call as the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, Tennessee. My father died shortly after I was ordained, and during a time of enormous grief, I received the blessing of the congregation's ministry of care. They were patient and encouraging with their new young pastor. They became true models of discipleship and showed me what the extension of God's grace to one another can look like. Our family grew during these years, and we welcomed two little girls (now nine and eleven) into the world.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served two other churches, Trinity Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina as Pastor and First (Scots) Presbyterian in Charleston, SC as Associate Pastor. I have had some wonderful mentors along this journey and have the joy of many colleagues in ministry. I rejoice and give glory to God for the ministry I have shared with the congregations I've been called to serve. As my call to ministry takes shape in a new context, I look forward to joining West End Presbyterian Church and Coastal Carolina Presbytery in sharing the good news of the Gospel. My husband, daughters, and I look ahead with great hope and confidence in God's abundant grace. I pray for God's guidance and blessing as we move forward into the future God has planned.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

### **Maggie Frampton Beamguard**

I believe in God, by whose voice the light shined in the darkness and by whose breath humankind was created to love and serve in God's name. I believe in a living God, who numbers the stars but is also a very present help; who calls us into covenant relationship; who is present with the sick, the poor, the hungry, the prisoner and the oppressed; and who is revealed in the Triune relationship: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. Born of a woman, Jesus is God's Word made flesh. Though he was without sin, Jesus lived as one of us: experiencing the depth and breadth of human hunger and despair, fullness and joy. Jesus extended God's love and forgiveness to all: healing the sick, befriending the outcast, opening blind eyes, proclaiming good news to the poor, welcoming children, and breaking bread with sinners. Jesus freely offered himself to death on a cross, taking our sin upon himself. I believe Jesus was raised by God from death, breaking the power of sin and death and establishing a new covenant for all people. I believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been reconciled to God by grace through faith, set free from the power of sin and death, granted new life, and empowered to share the love of Christ with the world. I confess with the Church in all times and in all places: "Jesus is Lord."

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the life-breath of God. Through the Holy Spirit, men and women receive gifts by which to live and order human life. The Holy Spirit sustains us in joy, comforts us in sorrow, illumines us in understanding, and stirs us to compassion. God's will for humanity is discerned by the Spirit's presence in the Church, Scriptures, and Sacraments.

I believe in loving as God first loved us, we become as the living body of Christ in the world, the community of God's people the Church. Christ is present as we are present for each other. We demonstrate Christ's abiding, sacrificial love by living in and among the world as salt and light; weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice; welcoming the stranger; feeding the hungry; caring for our neighbor; sharing the good news of salvation, daily seeking God's grace and forgiveness; acknowledging that God works through us and despite us; and working for the justice, equity, peace, unity, and purity of the Church.

I believe the Scriptures are God's unique and authoritative Word, containing the good news of the people of God. God's living Word guides our faith and life. I believe the Sacraments are expressions of God's grace, made real for us in the waters of Baptism and the bread and the cup of the Lord's Supper; shaping us, claiming us, nurturing us as a community of faith, reconciling us to the body of Christ, and impelling us to participate in the mission of God even as we anticipate with joy the coming of God's new heaven and new earth.

## 2017 West Community Pastor Terms of Call

NOTE: 1. Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2016 is \$65,959.15. 2. P/T denotes call is not full- time.

<b>CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER</b>	<b>Effective Cash Salary</b>	<b>Board of Pensions</b>	<b>Professional Reimbursements</b>	<b>Other/SECA</b>	<b>TOTAL (1)</b>
Antioch/Red Springs (70) Jim Smith P/T	\$32,400			\$2,479	\$34,879
BARBECUE (182) David Sherrod	\$47,543	\$17,353	\$6,000	\$3,637	\$74,533
BETHESDA (365 ) David and Sue Hudson	no report				
BISCOE (116) Bruce Lax	\$53,000	\$19,345	\$6,000	\$4,054	\$82,399
BLANDONIA (119) Allen McLean	No report				
BROADWAY (38) Richard Rodda P/T	no report				
BROWNSON MEMORIAL (1147) John Hage	\$115,500	\$42,157	\$6,000	\$8,836	\$172,493
BROWNSON MEMORIAL (1147) Karen Allen	\$66,197	\$24,162	\$5,500	\$5,064	\$100,923
BUFFALO (101) George Walton P/T	\$16,800				\$16,800
BUNNLEVEL (22) Thomas Brown	\$14,400				\$14,400
CAMERON (113) Whitney Wilkinson	\$53,175	\$19,410	\$6,000	\$4,070	\$82,655
CAMERON HILL (54) No Minister	No Minister				
CAPE FEAR/LILLINGTON (61) Roger Horn P/T	\$22,200				\$22,200
CHURCH IN THE PINES (50) No Minister	No Minister				
COMMUNITY (701) Roderick D. Stone	\$95,680	\$34,903	\$7,900	\$7,319	\$145,802
COMMUNITY (701) James D. Ewing	\$55,167	\$20,136	\$7,100	\$4,220	\$86,623
CULDEE (285) Joseph Dean Washburn	\$60,479	\$22,075	\$6,347	\$4,627	\$93,528
CYPRESS (127) No Minister	No Minister				
EBENEZER (173) Jason Hammersley	No report				
EDGEWOOD (99) William C. Hayes	\$45,738	\$23,686	\$6,000	\$3,439	\$78,863
ELISE (21) Jon Neuhs P/T	No Report				
EPHESUS (34) Bertrand Pitchford P/T	No Report				
ERWIN (20) Shirley Bain P/T	\$12,200				\$12,200
EUPHRONIA (60) Keith A. Miller P/T	\$18,000				\$18,000
EUREKA (92) No Minister					
FAITH (64) Jeffrey Mercer P/T	\$39,000		\$500		\$39,500

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FIRST CARTHAGE (145) Richard Martindale	No Report				
FIRST DUNN (402) Howard Dudley	\$57,900	\$20,554	\$5,000	\$4,429	\$87,883
FIRST LILLINGTON (21) Kenneth Stealing P/T- (split)	\$26,798	\$15,603		\$2,058	\$44,459
FIRST SANFORD (377) Ron Stoker	\$74,000		\$6,730	\$1,632	\$82,362
FREEDOM EAST (25) Willie McCaskill	No Report				
GROVE - DUNN (111) Michael Weaver	\$51,592	\$18,235		\$3,822	\$73,649
HORSESHOE (15) No Minister					
INGRAM BRANCH (32) Fred Goins P/T	No Report				
JACKSON SPRINGS (83) Elizabeth Forester P/T	No Report				
JOHN HALL (21) Joseph Thompson P/T	No Report				
JONESBORO (228) John Taylor	\$42,359	\$16,741	\$5,470	\$3,508	\$68,078
LAKEVIEW (13) No Minister					\$9,700
LAUREL HILL (146) J. Dechard Guess	\$55,158	\$20,133	\$5,500	\$4,216	\$85,007
LAURINBURG (484) Duane Hix, Interim	No Report				
LEAFLET (44) David Priddy P/T w/ Raven Rock	\$34,991		\$994		\$35,985
LILLINGTON (200) Dawn Stoker	No Report				
MANLY (22 ) Ronald Holmes P/T	\$11,000				\$11,000
MCDONALDS CHAPEL (40) Robert Whitehouse	\$15,400	\$12,620	\$1,200		\$29,220
MONTPELIER (83) John Baker P/T	\$19,700			\$1,200	\$20,900
MORNINGSIDE (18) Wendell McGee P/T	No report				
MOUNT PISGAH (327) B. Douglas Houston	\$59,300	\$21,644	\$0	\$4,536	\$85,480
OLIVIA (115) Jean Horman	No report				
PHILIPPI (51) Michael Baker P/T	\$14,400		\$125		\$14,525
PLEASANT VIEW-LAURINBURG (24) Richard Hodges P/T	\$13,000				\$13,000
POCKET (174) David Dudley	No Report				
PRIEST HILL (29) Archie Stevens P/T	\$25,000				\$25,000
PROVIDENCE (12) No Minister					

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<b>CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER</b>	<b>Effective Cash Salary</b>	<b>Board of Pensions</b>	<b>Professional Reimbursements</b>	<b>Other/SECA</b>	<b>TOTAL (1)</b>
RAEFORD (234) Steven Fitzgerald	\$60,000	\$21,900	\$6,000	\$4,590	\$92,490
RAVEN ROCK (56) David Priddy P/T w/ Leaflet	\$28,680				\$28,680
RIOS DE AGUA VIVA (110)	No Report				
SALEM (73) Tyler Williams	\$43,445	\$14,902	\$6,200	\$3,049	\$67,596
SHILOH (31) Rufus McLean P/T	\$16,900		\$1,000		\$17,900
SILVER HILL (52)	No Minister				
SPOUT SPRINGS (55) Kenneth Stealing P/T (split)	\$26,798	\$15,603		\$2,058	\$44,459
ST ANDREWS (164) Glen Hallead	61601	\$22,484	\$9,240	\$4,712	\$98,037
SUMMERVILLE (42) Thomas K. Spence P/T	No Report				
TRINITY - LAURINBURG (108)	No Minister				
UNION (58) Shane Owens	\$50,700	\$15,712	\$6,000	\$3,114	\$75,526
VASS (61) Wendell McGee P/T	No Report				
WAYSIDE (44) Robert Johnson P/T	No report				
WEST END (436) Jane Love Interim	\$70,000	\$25,550	\$4,850	\$5,355	\$105,755
WESTMINSTER/L'BURG (62) Ruby Lennon P/T	No report				
WHITE HILL (145) Brown Patton	\$48,233	\$18,618	\$5,016	\$4,074	\$75,941
Williams Chapel (18) Kenneth Stealing P/T (split)	\$26,798	\$15,603		\$2,058	\$44,459
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina William T. Reinhold	\$75,489	\$27,554	\$8,200	\$5,775	\$117,018
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Nancy Gladden	\$47,291	\$17,261	\$7,000	\$3,618	\$75,170
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Laura Lupton	\$48,710	\$17,779	\$7,000	\$3,726	\$77,215
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Clarence Page	\$43,000	\$15,940	\$7,000	\$3,290	\$69,230
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Eduardo Moreno	\$42,710	\$15,905	\$4,000	\$3,267	\$65,882
Presbyterian Mission Agency G. Lee Hinson-Hasty	No report				

## Old Laurel Hill & Others at Monroe Camp ~ 1000 Grant Report

It is with great pleasure that I report on progress at Camp Monroe (a place that is near and dear to many of us on this side of the Presbytery), made possible by the generous grant of \$1,000 from West Community of Presbytery. Our group of workers from five churches in our area – lovingly known as the Grumpy Old Men (GOM), meets on Friday to do various repairs and updates to the grounds of the camp. We have various skills learned through a lifetime of working with our hands and apply those skills, as needed, to perform the tasks that face us. [Our group has been meeting regularly now for almost two years and have accomplished a number of enhancements.](#) All our members are retired and enjoy the opportunity to support the camp any way we can and look forward to using our abilities to complete the jobs assigned.



Let me do some sharing so you will know what churches combined to spend your grant – **Old Laurel Hill, Pleasant View, Midway, Trinity, Raeford and Montpelier Presbyterian.** Each church contributed members who helped perform the tasks that will be listed below. We also have GOM members from the Central Community who are also involved in our group – First Presbyterian (Lumberton), as well as a couple of Methodists who aren't afraid of getting dirty. [The entire grant of \\$1,000 was exhausted on the three projects – decks, water/electrical line, and canoe dock.](#)



We used grant monies [provided](#) to build two new decks with steps and railings on the McKnight lodge side of Boyd Hall. One deck has a handicap ramp to ease accessibility, while the other deck also serves as a loading platform for caterers and workers. Our group purchased materials (water line/electrical line) to run water and power from the picnic shed down to the waterfront near the pier (about 300 feet) – this gives the ability to pressure wash the pier as needed and also supplies electricity for the various functions that occur at the lake front. Additional materials were obtained to raise the canoe dock a few inches above the water as the dock had begun to sink due to foundation problems. All these tasks were completed with the use of the grant money.

The GOM group has a shared mission to support the camp by using our skills to solve the challenges that confront the camp concerning ongoing maintenance with the buildings and grounds. It is a two way street, not only do we aid the camp but we also have the opportunity to feel better about ourselves – *it ain't work, its therapy*. Our group has formed a bond amongst us and enjoy what we are doing and will continue to meet on Friday to strap it on again. The GOM group would like to thank you for your financial support to help us accomplish our mutual goal of supporting Camp Monroe, and along with the splinters, perspiration, blisters, and sunshine.

– thank you. [Jim Norfleet](#)







## TOGETHER HELPING THE HUNGRY – Grant Report

On Friday, May 19, 2017, the **Harnett County Shared Mission Planning Team** with representatives from **Barbecue, Bunnlevel, Cape Fear, Ebenezer, Grove, Lillington and Raven Rock Presbyterian Churches** staged a BBQ Pork Plate Sale from 11am-7pm at Crossroads Church, 1301 S Main Street, Lillington. The proceeds from the sale were donated to the Harnett Food Pantry Building Fund as they seek to purchase property *to further their mission to eliminate hunger in Harnett County.*

We believe that our 1,577 plate sale and its **generated income of \$10,525**, was remarkable for our first attempt at this type of event. Working in partnership with Ron's Barn, who prepared the BBQ pork, potatoes, green beans and hush puppies, volunteers plated, served plates at Crossroads Church offering drive through pick up, an eat in area as well as delivered meals across the county. In the end, **a total of 11 Presbyterian Churches actively participated** in the selling of tickets and volunteering on the day of the event. Many thanks to the over 50 individuals who participated,



representing: **Leaflet, Raven Rock, Ephesus, Bunnlevel, Cape Fear, Ebenezer, Lillington, Barbecue, Olivia, Erwin, and Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Churches.**

Other Harnett churches that helped to sell tickets and volunteer on the day of the event included: **Spring Hill UMC, Pentecost Center, Union UMC, Flat Branch EPC, Lillington UMC, Crossroads Church, Mt. Ariel UMC, Kipling UMC, Harmony Baptist Church and Coats Chapel Free Will Baptist.**

We also had volunteers from the Anderson Creek Women's Club and the Harnett Food Pantry.

We feel very blessed by the success of this event and its goal to unite our Harnett Presbyterian Churches in mission. **We used our \$1000 seed money to publicize the event through mailings, banners, posters and tickets as well as a donation to Crossroads Church Youth Group for the use of their amazing space.** We look forward to continued opportunities to work together in support of the Harnett Food Pantry as they work to eliminate hunger in Harnett County.

**Thank you to the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina for offering this grant to unite our churches together in mission.**



Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Dawn Stoker, Interim Pastor  
Lillington Presbyterian Church





## Pastors' Retreat Report - \$1,000 Grant

Thank you for the grant of \$1,000. With these funds awarded and funds from the Central Community, Rev. Laura Lupton and I coordinated and helped lead a Pastoral Retreat for the West and Central Communities of the Presbytery. This retreat ran from April 30-May 2, 2017 at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina, NC with Derek Maul as the leader. We had fourteen participants attend the retreat and received positive feedback on the experience over all.

This was an opportunity to “retreat” from normal pastoral duties in order to learn more about pastoral discipleship, take sabbath, as well as develop collegial connections within the presbytery for support in the ministry. A note that is often sung within our rural pastoral ministries is the feeling of isolation and not being connected with others in the presbytery in a meaningful or substantive way. This retreat was organized to address this issue and offer an opportunity for pastors to meet, learn and build rapport with regional presbytery members.

The success of the retreat was due to Derek's fine workshops and lectures but also the participants' willingness to engage each other and be present with one another over the course of the retreat. The support, respect and friendships that were nourished over the four days will faithfully strengthen Christ's ministry throughout the presbytery.

*On a personal note, I thought this was a successful first step in addressing some of the pastoral care needs of pastors within the presbytery. I look forward to the future where similar events, both smaller and larger, can consistently be available for our pastors as we all face the challenges of living out Christ's call on our lives.*

Grace and Peace be with you,

*Rev. Tyler Williams*, Salem Presbyterian Church,  
Sanford, NC



### **Participant of the Pastors Retreat:**

Rev. Bill Hayes; CRE Larry Hogan; Rev. (TS) David Priddy; Rev. Tyler Williams; Rev. Laura Lupton; Rev. Evan Harrison; Rev. Bill Reinhold; Rev. Catherine Taylor; Rev. Clarence Page; Rev. Dawn Stoker; Rev. John Taylor; Rev. Jason Hammersley; CRE Rob Price; Candidate Kelly Lyndsey **Pictures by Derek Maul**

# REPORTS

## West Community 2017 Budget Report for the West Community

Category	Budget	Spent	Income
Youth Ministry	600	0	
Confirmation Retreat in 2018	1,300	pledged	Via Monroe
Christian Formation (Christian Education)	600	0	
Congregational Vitality (strengthening Congregations)	600	0	
<b>Shared Mission 1</b>	600	Some used today	
Training Events (Pastor's retreat)		1941.70	2450.00*
Grants for Cooperating Congregations	4,000	0	
<b>Steering Team Expenses/Administrative</b>	300	159.24	
Total	<b>\$8,000</b>		

\*\*This is because the central community transferred \$1000 to West for retreat scholarships but only \$625 was used. \$375 will be returned to the Central Community. Bringing that number to \$2,075, not all expenses are in this summary report.

**PROPOSAL/MOTION: That the West Community offer four \$1000 grants again from our 2017 budget in the same basic format that we did in 2016.**

## West Community of Presbytery

### **Strengthening Churches for Growth and Service**

*Imagine an outpouring.... What if you had \$1,000 to get that ministry idea rolling?*

Can you spark a group of congregations in the West Community come together to create an activity, project, event, or mission, if so, THEN the West Community may provide a grant of \$1,000 to help your idea come to life.

**The West Steering Committee is seeking applications for four \$1,000 grants** to fund mission, education and vitality in our community. If 5 or more congregations will partner together in one of the core focus areas and complete the attached form, the request will be presented to the West Community Gathering on Thursday, December 7, for consideration of a \$1,000 grant. Here is the scoop:

#### **Criteria for a grant request:**

- At least 5 specific congregations of the West Community must be involved/invited or participating/helping/attending, preferably more. (Ideally the event/project/idea/mission will be open to all the West Congregations but clearly some ideas would not be suited to an open invitation.)
- The proposal must aim to be in one of three core areas of the Presbytery's Vision:
  1. Christian Formation (Education)
  2. Congregational Vitality/Vibrancy
  3. Shared Mission.
- The event/project/mission must be held or completed by June 30, 2018. Funds not used by that date must be returned to the Presbytery. An accounting of funds use will be due July 15, 2018.
- 4 - \$1,000 grants may be available, hopefully only one per county.
- The confirmation and awarding of these grants is contingent upon the majority vote of the West Community at its December Gathering based upon the recommendation of the West Steering Committee. If approved, funds will be disbursed later in December to the lead church.
- If more than 4 grants are requested, the recommendations will be made by the Steering Committee based upon A. the number of churches committed/involved/included in the project. B. the proposal meeting the core objectives. C. the order in which the request was received. D. All proposals received by the deadline will be presented to the West Community Gathering for consideration.
- You must use the form provided so all applications present the needed detail.
- The completed grant proposal **application must be received by Noon, Tuesday, October 31, 2017** to Laura Lupton at [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) (PO BOX 66, Cameron, NC 28327, email preferred) who will give it to the West Steering Committee and the West Community.

#### **Examples – but don't let these ideas limit you! (see what happened in 2016 Grant proposals too)**

- ✚ 5 churches want to partner together to send youth on a Mission Experience trip, the \$1,000 might buy supplies or help rent the van or pay the way of the chaperones.
- ✚ Church might know of a food pantry needing remodeling, the funds might buy the supplies while the churches provide the labor.
- ✚ The Men/Women of the Church (5 churches) might want to have a work day at a local mission site or at a small church that needs help with landscaping or painting/repairs –grant may provide materials.
- ✚ Youth leaders might get together desiring to have a youth rally event of some sort.... this might funds for renting a venue or the honorarium/travel for a keynote speaker or musician.

## GRANT REQUEST FORM

Project Name/Theme/Topic:

Name of Primary Coordinator (Point Person):

Email of Point Person:

Best Phone:

Of what Church is the point person a member:

Please list the Participating Churches

Church	Church Town	Type of Participation	Contact Person's Name
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			

☐ Yes, this event can be publicized more widely and is open to additional churches being involved.

Please describe the event – project – mission – proposal -- idea:

Which of these best fits your event's purpose/goals:

☐ Christian Formation (education) ☐ Congregational Vitality (Revitalization) ☐ Shared Mission

Please describe how the funds will be used, if granted:

What is your estimate of (hope for) the number of participants: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the proposed date, time, place of the event:

**This proposal must be received by Noon, October 31, 2017** to [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) (Laura Lupton, PO BOX 66, Cameron, NC 28327, email preferred). The West Community will vote on applications at the December mtg.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Nominating Committee  
**Commissioners to 2018 and 202**  
**General Assembly Meetings**  
First Reading – June, 2017

## Background

At the March 25, 2017, Presbytery Meeting the Nominating Committee offered amendments to the Guidelines for nominating commissioners and alternates to Synod and General Assembly. These amendments were required because the membership of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina dropped below 24,000 and therefore we went from sending 4 ruling elder and 4 teaching elders to the General Assembly to 3 of each.

As soon as the new Guidelines were in place the committee sent letters to each clerk of session of congregations eligible under the guidelines to suggest ruling elder commissions and to each pastor eligible to be considered by the committee. These letters were followed up by an email as well.

The Guidelines for Nominating Commissioners and Alternates spell out the criteria that the committee will use to select a slate of proposed commissioners and alternates. Among other things these criteria<sup>1</sup> call for active participation in the life and work of the Presbytery and support of its mission including that of the larger church through payment of per capita. Ministers and churches who have gone/sent a ruling elder within the last 10 years were (per the guidelines) not considered.

A review of these criteria produced a list of 15 teaching elders (ministers) and 34 congregations (for ruling elders) divided as follows:

Community	Teaching Elders (Ministers)		Congregations (for Ruling Elders)	
	Eligible	Applications	Eligible	Applications
Central	4	2	9	1
East	6	3	11	3
West	5	2	14	2

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<sup>1</sup> Potential commissioners need to have attended 4 of the last 6 meetings of Presbytery or their Missional Community, been active (either as minister or by representatives of the congregation) on Presbytery or Community committees, and have contributed per capita and shared mission giving to the Presbytery. Ministers or elders representing congregations who do not meet these criteria can always be nominated from the floor of the Presbytery in October, but will not be considered by the Nominating Committee in their work. The full text of the Guidelines can be found on the Presbytery's website ([www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org)) under *Resources/ Policies, Manuals and Handbooks*.

In keeping with the Guidelines, the persons elected in 2015 as alternate commissioners for 2016 are being nominated as the principal commissioners for 2018. From the applications received the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to serve as Commissioners for the 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore. (These persons might serve as alternate commissioners if needed at the 2018 General Assembly in Saint Louis.)

## **Nominations:**

**Principal Commissioners** to 2018 General Assembly in St. Louis (served as alternates last time):

<b>Community</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Ethnic</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Central TE	Steuart Link	Lake Waccamaw	W	M
Central RE	William (Paul) Pope	First, Whiteville	W	M
East TE	William Young	Sneads Ferry	W	M
East RE	Curt Simpson	Wallace	W	M
West TE	Mamie Wilson-Hooker	HR (Blandonia)	AA	F
West RE	John Baker	First, Carthage	W	M

**Alternate Commissioners** to 2018 General Assembly in St. Louis – **Principal Commissioners** for 2020 General Assembly in Baltimore:

<b>Community</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Ethnic</b>	<b>Gender</b>
Central TE	Evan Harrison	Sunnyside	W	M
Central RE	Robert C Hill, Sr.	Parkton	W	M
East TE	Emile Harley	Winter Park	W	M
East RE	Matlynn Yeoman	Chestnut Street	AA	F
West TE	Karen Allen	Brownson Memorial	W	F
West RE	Linda Hayes	First, Dunn	W	F

## **Important Note**

Alternate commissioners for 2018 (principals for 2020) will need to continue to meet the criteria for attendance, participation, and support of the ministry of the Presbytery in order to retain their standing as principal commissioners for 2020.



## SESSIONAL RECORDS REVIEW

The following 2016 sessional records have already been reviewed

1. Barbecue – Approved	15.Mt Pisgah – Approved
2. Broadway – Approved	16.Olivia – Approved
3. Bunnlevel – Approved	17.Phillipi – Approved w/Exception
4. Cape Fear – Approved	18.Pleasant View – Approved w/Exception
5. Ebenezer – Approved	19.Pocket – Approved
6. Edgewood – Approved	20.Priest Hill – Approved
7. Erwin – Approved	21.Raven Rock – Approved
8. Eureka – Approved	22.Salem – Approved
9. Faith – Approved	23.Spout Springs – Approved
10.First, Dunn – Approved	24.St. Andrews – Approved
11.Jonesboro – Approved	25.Summerville – Approved
12.Leaflet – Approved	
13.Lillington – Approved	
14.Montpelier – Approved w/Exception	

**This is 25 of 66 or 38% reviewed.**

The next (and last) review is **Sunday, June 11, 2017 at 3:00 PM at Manly Presbyterian Church**, 544 Yadkin Rd., Southern Pines, NC 28387.

Clerks are asked to bring their records along with a completed form.

The form is found at:

[www.presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/sessionCHECKLIST2017.pdf](http://www.presbycc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/sessionCHECKLIST2017.pdf)  
or [presbycc.org/presbytery-commitees/forms/](http://presbycc.org/presbytery-commitees/forms/)

If you have questions please contact:

Judy Davis, Jonesboro PC – [jpcadministrator@windstream.net](mailto:jpcadministrator@windstream.net)  
919-774-9435 (Church) – 919-258-9567 (Home)

Gracie Williams, Blandonia PC – [graciemwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:graciemwilliams@gmail.com)  
919-258-3601 (Home)

Jane Callahan, Faith PC – [janec7@bellsouth.net](mailto:janec7@bellsouth.net) (910) 276-2016

**CLERKS** – Please make every effort to attend the June 11 review.

**Mission Cabinet Report**  
**West Community Gathering**  
**June 10, 2017**

**Action Item:**

1. Freedom East Presbyterian Church requested a loan of \$25,000 for church complex safety upgrades, renovations, and maintenance. The loan will be for 5 years at 1% interest. The Finance and Property committee recommended to Mission Cabinet that due to recent growth and condition of their building, a payment of \$400/mo. for the first year with no interest being charged, and, if the project is completed and inspected within that year, their loan will be forgiven in full. They were also informed to continue Per Capita and Shared Mission giving.

**Other information:**

1. The Mission Cabinet has endorsed the request from College Heights Presbyterian Church for a loan of \$60,000 for a church complex safety upgrades, renovations, and maintenance. The loan will be for 5 years at 1% interest. They were also informed they are to continue paying Per Capita and Shared Mission. The payment will be \$1,025.62/mo. This request will be voted on by the Central Community at its meeting on June 5.
2. The Mission Cabinet endorsed this request and the West Community will vote to approve on June 10.
3. The Presbytery is running a deficit of about \$25,000 at the end of April.
4. Minutes from the March 25, 2017 Presbytery meeting were approved.
5. The Covenant between George and Beverly Thompson and the Presbytery has been renewed through 2018 with Finance and Property charged with sourcing funds in addition to a possible grant.
6. The Mission Cabinet approved the chartering of Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Fayetteville (First Hispanic Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville). An administrative commission has been appointed to guide this process with the expectation that an action related to chartering will come to the Full Presbytery meeting in October.
7. A Youth Protection Policy for the Presbytery has been approved and is available on our website.

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Central Missional Community Gathering  
**General Presbyter – Stated Clerk’s Report**  
June 3, 2017

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I am **delighted with the progress** that we have seen across our Presbytery since we first gathered in our three Missional Community Gatherings this time last year. Thanks to the leadership of your fine steering team and the hard work of many, many dedicated members of this community we are further along the road to building the sort of fellowship and shared mission that you indicated that you were thirsty for when so many of you took part in the *Listening, Learning, Dreaming – Together* process in 2015. Now a short two years later we are seeing those dreams come to reality. Thank you!

Our new vision statement calls for **three key areas of work** within each of our communities: 1) Christian formation, 2) shared mission, and 3) congregational vitality. Real progress has been made in each of these areas. I challenge all of you gathered here today to keep looking for ways in which you and your congregation can be an active partner in this work.

In March we voted on the **proposed amendments** to the *Book of Order*. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has informed us that all of the proposed amendments were approved by enough of the presbyteries to become part of our constitution. A new *Book of Order* representing these changes (2017-2019 Edition) will be coming out later this summer. Please be sure that you have an up-to-date version when they are available. Printed copies or free downloads will be available at <http://www.pcusastore.com/>.

One of the changes that will effect all of us is the clarification that each council of the church have a Sexual Misconduct Policy (often called a Safe Church Policy) AND a **Child and Youth Protection Policy**. Over the next few months each congregation needs to be sure that it has both of these policies in place and is following them. *Sample policies can be found on the Presbytery website* along with suggestions and resources for adapting them to fit your particular situation. The Mission Cabinet has approved the Presbytery’s Child and Youth Protection Policy on behalf of the Presbytery as authorized by the March 25, 2017, meeting of the full Presbytery. This policy has some important details that you might want to consider as you put together your policy, but it should not be copied directly since the presbytery’s policy does not deal with such things as Sunday school classes and teachers, church outings, and church vehicles.

Some of us pastors are beginning to get renewal notices from **SafeGatherings**. By Presbytery action in 2015 your certification from SafeGatherings is good for three years. The notice which you have received (or will receive soon) is a warning that you have one year in which to sign up for, take the training, and re-do the background check with SafeGatherings. The Presbytery appreciates the efforts that each minster is making to assure that our congregations are indeed friendly and SAFE places for our children and youth.

The Nominations Committee will be meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> to select a slate of **nominees for commissioners to the 2020 General Assembly** in Baltimore, Maryland. These commissioners *may be* called upon to serve next year if the principal commissioner is not able to attend the 2018 GA in St. Louis, Missouri. As soon as the Nominations Committee completes its work this slate will be posted on the Presbytery website as a supplemental item to the packet of information for your gathering. This slate comes to you for a first reading and will not be acted upon until the October 14<sup>th</sup>. At that time nominations can be made from the floor in addition to the slate proposed by the Nominations Committee.

At the same time that so many great things are happening across the Presbytery the continued decrease in **giving to the mission of the Presbytery** is of great concern. The overwhelmingly vast majority of the budget of the Presbytery is spent in supporting the mission and ministry of our congregations. The *attached flyer* points out many of the ways that all of us who make up the presbytery support our common ministry. Please study the Giving to Date sheet in your packet and affirm what is going on in our midst by your congregation’s contributions. Thank you!

*Bill Reinhold, General Presbyter and Stated Clerk*

***In response to God's goodness and grace we are...***

## **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**

*"For we are God's servants, working together" 1 Corinthians 3:9*

### ***Does our Presbytery do missions anymore? Absolutely!***

- 2 cents per meal offerings support hunger ministries in Haiti and Malawi
- Over 20 grants given to local congregations for hunger projects
- Peacemaking scholarships awarded
- Seats and Feets (sock and underwear collection)
- Mexico Partnership (health clinic, friendship visits)
- Disaster assistance grants (local and beyond)
- Forward special offerings as designated
- Provide emergency grants to pastors
- Plant new churches
- Provide loans to churches (renovations, repairs)
- Financial support to Camp Monroe
- Provide funds for Committee for African American Ministries annual event
- Support/training for Hispanic missions/congregations
- Support PCUSA Missions

### ***What does Presbytery staff actually do? So glad you asked!***

- Pray for our churches/pastors/particular concerns
- Read Scripture together
- Respond to calls/inquiries
- Preach every Sunday
- Moderate session/congregational meetings
- Visit churches and sessions
- Participate in installation/chartering services
- Coordinate pastor retreats, lunch groups, support groups
- Assist with training/development of Hispanic missions/congregations
- Participate in local church events/programs
- Represent Presbytery at PW/CAAM events, funerals
- Resource committees and Community Steering Teams
- Assist Pastor Nominating Committees
- Assist our candidates preparing for ministry
- Communicate information to and for churches/pastors
- Deliver resources to churches
- Coordinate/support church revitalization opportunities
- Maintain resource center
- Maintain database, website, and ENews
- Record and disseminate minutes
- Maintain minister files with GA
- Coordinate Presbytery meetings
- Provide/update pulpit supply list
- Update/develop policy statements
- Pastoral care for pastors



- Maintain Kate B. Reynolds lists for Synod
- Assist churches with statistical reports
- Provide leadership for trainings: clerks, treasurers, CRE seminars, workshops
- Research and provide resources to assist church officers/pastors
- Provide church statements for reporting purposes
- Manage funds of the Presbytery
- Offer hospitality to visitors to Presbytery office
- Assist churches with finance concerns/pastor terms of call
- Liaison with Board of Pensions
- Coordinate disaster relief with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- Coordinate youth retreats
- Offer support/resources for youth leaders

***What's happening in the three Communities? So much mission, training, worship, fun!***

- Grants to churches for local mission projects
- Pastor retreats
- Workshops on topics of interest
- Trainings for sessional record reviewers, clerks of session, officers
- Re:Charge youth revival
- Confirmation retreat
- Mission grants to Camp Kirkwood, Camp Monroe, Community Counseling Center, hurricane relief
- Community worship services
- Keynote speakers on topics of congregational vitality, Christian formation, etc.
- Chili cook-off and bake-off (proceeds benefitted missions of winners' choice)
- Live worship painting and church drawing for finished artwork
- Therapy/Hygiene items collection for Children's Hope Alliance
- Planning for future Community Gatherings and events

***Why does all of this happen? Because our hearts must respond to God's goodness and grace, and...***

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina is a group of churches who truly love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We care about sharing the Gospel, providing for the least of these, and encouraging one another in the faith. We understand that God has been remarkably good to us in this part of the Kingdom, and calls us to be part of God's on-going life-changing work in our communities and around the world. In this Presbytery we are God's servants, working together.

***Who is the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina? YOU are! And you have a staff whose joy it is to serve our churches and pastors.***

General Presbyter/Stated Clerk – Bill Reinhold  
 Administrative Assistant – Jan Krause  
 Receptionist/Database Specialist – De Scott  
 Treasurer/Business Manager – Gayle Boykin  
 Youth Ministries – Erin Wehrmiester  
 Hispanic Ministries – Eduardo Moreno



Mission Coordinators:  
 East – Nancy Gladden  
 Central – Clarence Page  
 West – Laura Lupton  
 Transformation Coaches:  
 George and Beverly Thompson

## East Giving through May 12, 2017

Per Capita based  
on 2015  
Membership

		Shared Mission	Per Capita
67	Antioch-Jacksonville	\$1,000.00	\$207.64
48	Bethany-Wilmington	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
34	Bethel-Beulaville	\$500.00	\$316.00
174	Beulaville	\$7,000.00	\$809.00
	Bowden Community		
148	Burgaw	\$2,916.70	\$558.75
93	Calypso	\$1,668.00	
165	Cape Carteret	\$1,833.32	\$551.68
163	Cape Fear - Wilmington		
238	Carolina Beach	\$4,200.00	\$642.00
62	Caswell		
71	Chestnut Street	\$1,150.00	\$660.00
17	Chinquapin		
107	Croatan		
94	Faison		
143	First - Jacksonville	\$3,380.00	\$481.00
563	First - Morehead City	\$3,016.50	\$837.75
1452	First - Wilmington	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00
42	Grace	\$213.00	\$147.00
77	Grove-Kenansville	\$820.00	\$239.20
85	Hallsville	\$1,133.32	
38	Harper Southerland	\$2,262.50	\$176.50
44	Hopewell	\$200.00	
26	Iglesia de Fuente de Agua Viva	\$214.10	
410	Little Chapel/Boardwalk		\$1,531.25
64	Maple Hill		
47	McClure Memorial	\$1,263.00	\$437.00
81	Mt. Zion		\$753.00
35	New Hope		
52	Oak Grove		
27	Oak Plain		
46	Pearsall Memorial		
27	Pike-Rocky Point	\$1,700.00	\$251.00
64	Pink Hill	\$1,449.37	\$147.99
24	Pleasantview - Albertson		
95	Pollocksville	\$4,795.00	\$884.00
20	Potts Memorial		
110	Rios de Agua Viva		
37	Rockfish	\$888.36	\$126.36
295	Shallotte	\$7,533.36	\$900.00
64	Smith		
238	Sneads Ferry	\$6,080.00	\$942.00
280	Southport	\$4,125.00	\$2,604.00

## East Giving through May 12, 2017

1337	St. Andrews-Covenant	\$7,970.32	\$4,113.68
51	Stanford		
6	Teachey	\$500.00	\$46.25
316	Topsail	\$2,668.00	\$980.00
43	Trinity - Havelock	\$500.00	
300	Wallace	\$6,666.72	\$930.00
114	Warsaw	\$1,161.40	\$393.90
71	Westminster-Wilmington	\$1,000.00	\$266.68
74	Wildwood	\$433.32	\$229.32
129	Windermere	\$3,000.00	\$600.00
254	Winter Park	\$3,750.00	\$590.50
78	Woodburn	\$400.00	\$241.80

the bridge counted in 2018

## Central Giving through May 12, 2017

Per Capita based  
on 2015  
Membership

		Shared Mission	Per Capita
18	Acme	\$750.00	\$167.00
12	Amy's Chapel		
69	Ashpole		
37	Beth Car		
70	Bethany-Lumberton		\$650.00
17	Big Rockfish		
16	Black River	\$1,000.00	\$149.00
90	Bluff	\$1,933.40	\$279.00
18	Central		
87	Centre		
36	Chadbourn		
22	Church Of The Covenant		
123	Clarkton	\$1,000.00	\$388.68
107	College Heights	\$4,255.00	\$666.00
20	Dothan		
259	Elizabethtown	\$2,125.00	\$542.00
6	Faison Memorial		
33	First - Fairmont		
1091	First - Fayetteville		\$4,460.00
543	First - Lumberton	\$5,000.00	\$1,098.25
83	First - Maxton	\$4,100.00	\$772.00
43	First - Spring Lake		
240	First - Whiteville	\$3,720.00	\$527.00
215	Galatia		
19	Godwin		
394	Graves Memorial		\$1,831.50
59	Harmony		
62	Haymount		
1119	Highland	\$833.31	\$2,557.54
26	Holly Grove		
75	Hope Mills		
40	Iona	\$1,000.00	\$372.00
68	Lake Waccamaw	\$1,500.00	\$210.68
85	Lumber Bridge		
292	MacPherson	\$250.00	\$500.00
28	Mars Hill	\$300.00	\$150.00
10	McMillan	\$650.00	\$93.00
64	Midway		
9	Mt. Horeb	\$600.00	\$84.00
14	Mt. Olive		
130	Mt. Pelier		
41	Palestine		
58	Panthersford		



## Central Giving through May 12, 2017

75	Parkton	\$2,700.00	\$325.50
87	Peace	\$700.00	\$809.00
13	Philadelphus		
129	Red Springs		\$403.75
85	Reilly Road	\$1,927.30	\$270.00
32	Rex		
26	Rowland	\$1,690.00	\$242.00
75	Sardis		\$698.00
14	Second - Elizabethtown	\$350.00	\$130.00
56	Sherwood	\$1,700.00	\$184.00
43	Southview		
126	St. Pauls	\$250.00	\$160.43
65	Sunnyside	\$733.32	\$567.00
18	Vaughn Memorial		
29	Village		
308	Westminster-Fayetteville	\$2,666.68	\$840.00
50	Westminster-Whiteville	\$1,453.90	\$862.51
24	White Plains	\$597.00	\$42.00
13	Wilson Chapel	\$850.00	\$121.00

## West Giving through May 12, 2017

Per Capita based  
on 2015  
Membership

		Shared Mission	Per Capita
81	Antioch-Red Springs		\$175.00
190	Barbecue		\$441.75
320	Bethesda	\$5,366.25	\$744.00
115	Biscoe	\$1,600.00	\$358.00
119	Blandonia	\$1,200.00	\$1,198.00
29	Broadway	\$2,800.00	\$270.00
1106	Brownson Memorial	\$12,333.00	\$2,557.50
99	Buffalo		\$226.25
22	Bunnlevel	\$2,000.00	\$205.00
114	Cameron		
54	Cameron Hill		
63	Cape Fear - Lillington	\$1,250.00	\$128.75
45	Church In The Pines		
699	Community	\$5,000.00	\$2,083.35
293	Culdee	\$3,009.75	\$681.25
127	Cypress	\$1,500.00	\$1,181.00
159	Ebenezer	\$336.00	\$324.00
98	Edgewood	\$1,730.00	\$850.00
21	Elise		
33	Ephesus		
20	Erwin		
41	Euphronia	\$375.00	\$62.50
74	Eureka	\$375.00	\$62.50
69	Faith	\$2,000.00	\$214.00
148	First - Carthage	\$3,166.64	\$458.64
389	First - Dunn	\$4,500.00	
21	First - Lillington	\$1,365.00	\$195.00
361	First - Sanford	\$800.00	\$1,119.00
40	Freedom East		
120	Grove-Dunn		
15	Horseshoe		
32	Ingram Branch		\$315.00
83	Jackson Springs	\$1,750.00	\$385.00
21	John Hall		
226	Jonesboro	\$1,457.84	\$527.25
13	Lakeview		\$500.00
144	Laurel Hill	\$4,668.00	\$1,332.00
484	Laurinburg	\$6,500.00	
44	Leaflet	\$2,800.00	\$409.00
199	Lillington	\$4,000.00	\$616.64
28	Manly		
41	McDonalds Chapel		\$128.00

## West Giving through May 12, 2017

82	Montpelier		
18	Morningside	\$200.00	\$127.50
322	Mt. Pisgah		
115	Olivia	\$1,500.00	\$1,350.00
50	Philippi		\$472.00
24	Pleasantview - Laurinburg		
167	Pocket	\$2,828.00	\$403.00
28	Priest Hill	\$1,750.00	\$242.00
12	Providence		
216	Raeford		\$2,009.00
51	Raven Rock		
72	Salem-Sanford		
29	Shiloh	\$1,500.00	\$270.00
52	Silver Hill		
55	Spout Springs Memorial	\$3,500.00	\$512.00
155	St. Andrews		\$1,366.67
39	Summerville		
112	Trinity - Laurinburg	\$3,000.00	\$845.00
57	Union		
61	Vass		
423	West End		\$983.50
63	Westminster-Laurinburg		
141	White Hill	\$2,240.00	\$347.75
18	Williams Chapel		

You are invited to join us on Thursday,  
June 15 @10:30 at Presbytery Office

MEET OUR COACHES!  
*Tested, effective resources  
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Beverly and George bring a unique set of experiences and skills to their ministry as coaches. Beverly is a third-career pastor, a native of Atlanta, who served congregations in Atlanta and northeast Georgia and taught leadership and ministry practice in Atlanta. She holds a D.Min. degree in spirituality from Columbia Theological Seminary. George has served several congregations across the country and for 14 years was Professor of Leadership and Ministry Practice at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta. He holds doctorates in spirituality, biblical interpretation, and theology and the human sciences.

The Thompsons were field consultants with the **Alban Institute** and have published several books, the most recent being Grace for the Journey: Practices and Possibilities for In-Between Times (2011) and Ready to Lead: Harnessing the Energy in You and Around You (2015). They now are engaged in this ministry as the full time coaches for Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

For more information, call 404/731-3281 or email [drbeverlythompson@gmail.com](mailto:drbeverlythompson@gmail.com).

# **PRESBYTERY YOUTH EVENTS 2017-2018**

## **“LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS”**

**THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,  
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT. - JOHN 1:5**

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**Presbytery Youth Council Planning/Training**  
(Camp Monroe): Thursday, August 10-Friday, August 11

**Presbytery-Wide, All-Girl Slumber Party &  
Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering: “Better Together”,**  
MacPherson Presbyterian (Fayetteville);  
Friday, August 18 - Saturday, August 19\* 6th-12th Grade  
**FREE EVENT — T-Shirt Orders & Pricing TBA**

**Presbytery-Wide, All-Guys Event: “Overcome”**  
Tentative: Saturday, August 26-Sunday, August 27;  
6th-12th Grade \* Location TBD \* Pricing & Details TBA

**Senior High Retreat @ Camp Kirkwood:**  
Saturday, Nov. 18-Sunday, Nov.19 \* 9th-12th Grade Youth

**Confirmation Retreat:** Friday, Feb. 2 - Sunday, February 4  
(Camp Monroe) \* 6th-8th Grade Confirmands

**Middle School Retreat @ Camp Kirkwood:**  
Saturday, Mar. 10– Sunday, Mar. 11 \* 6th-8th Graders

## Resources & Invitations for All Congregations

**Confessing Peace** -- Anyone can use our Presbyterian Book of Confessions to understand the work of Peacemaking. Designed for a Small group Bible Study or Sunday School Class, our own Peacemaking Committee has developed a video resource and conversation guide found online at <http://presbycc.org/2016/confessingpeace/> or contact Whitney Wilkinson of Cameron PC.

### **Monroe Camp Information:**

Summer Camp is underway! Enrollment is up this year! *Are your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren experiencing God in this beautiful outdoor chapel?* Please promote Monroe Camp in your church newsletter! More children still need scholarship to attend in the remaining weeks of camp, every penny helps! Monroe Camp had a strong year in 2016. *The camp was sustained by donor support from churches and individuals* and it was supported by quality volunteer helping maintaining the camp. [www.MonroeCamp.org](http://www.MonroeCamp.org) **The support of Presbyterian Churches makes this offer of hospitality possible. Thank you for supporting Monroe Camp.**



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s **Big Tent** Event is meeting in St. Louis, July 6-8, 2017. Now is the time to register and make travel arrangements. Join with Presbyterians from around the country for worship, workshops, and the opportunity to learn and connect with other Presbyterians facing the same joys and challenges as you.

**The Gathering of African American Churches** is Saturday, August 12.

This all day event is open to all ages. It will be at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg. Guest Speak is **Rev. Warren Lesane**, Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Moderator. For More information contact Joyce Peay, 910-608-1513 [peayjoyce@aol.com](mailto:peayjoyce@aol.com)

**Officer Training** for New and Returning Elders and Deacons is will be held

- November 11, 2017 – **Host location needed**
- January 20, 2018 – **Host location needed**
- Contact Laura Lupton [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) or 910-818-9938 to offer your church as a host.

# CHANGE OF DATE

for the

*Presbyterian Women of Coastal Carolina  
Fall Gathering*

to

*Saturday, August 19, 2017  
MacPherson Presbyterian Church  
3525 Cliffdale Road  
Fayetteville, NC 28303*

It has come to the attention of the PW Coastal Carolina Coordinating Team that the **Committee on African American Ministries (CAAM) gathering** is scheduled for August 12, 2017. Not wishing to create a conflict in scheduling, the women of MacPherson Presbyterian Church have graciously consented to host the **PW Fall Gathering on August 19, 2017** (instead of August 12<sup>th</sup>, as previously publicized.)

Please share this important change of date with the women of your congregation.

We hope to see you at the PW Fall Gathering on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Sisters in Christ,

Kathy

Kathy R. Benson  
SE Regional Communicator  
May 3, 2017

Come to a  
Women's Fall Retreat

Hosted by  
Monroe Camp & Retreat Center  
November 17-19, 2017



***Called By Name***

*"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do Not Fear, for I have redeemed you; I have CALLED YOU BY NAME, you are mine." ~ Isaiah 43:1-7*

*Friday: Gathering & dinner at 6:30pm followed by Session 1*

*Saturday: Breakfast, lunch and dinner with sessions 2 & 3,*

*Free time & movie night with discussion at the fire pit.*

*Sunday: Breakfast followed by the last session & closing worship*

*Cost: \$60 per person: accommodations in McKnight on a first come, first served basis. Cabin one is also available and winterized.*

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*Sponsored and subsidized by: the board of Monroe Camp & Retreat Center*

*Led by Beth Elliott, DCE & QRE from Laurinburg Presbyterian.*

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Registration Form

Church Name or Individual's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If a group then what is the number of participants \_\_\_\_\_ *please list all names on the back.*

Group Leader or Individual's Phone or Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to Monroe Camp. (Please pay the full amount due)

Send to: Monroe Camp & Retreat Center ~ 24501 Camp Rd. ~ Laurel Hill, NC 28351  
910-276-1654 or [Office@monroecamp.org](mailto:Office@monroecamp.org) (credit card can be used over the phone)