



PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA  
807 West King Street  
Elizabethtown, NC 28337  
910-862-8300  
May 17, 2019

Greetings Pastors, CREs, QREs, Commissioners, and Visitors:

Welcome to our 2019 Central Community Summer Gathering. We will meet Saturday, June 1, at First Presbyterian Church, 1002 North Chestnut St., Lumberton, Telephone, (910) 738-7581. We give special thanks to Rev. David Ruth and the Session for hosting us.

Our Gathering begins at 9:00 A.M., with praise singing and worship service. During worship, we will receive a special offering for the Matthew 25 Initiative (see attached flyer). Please make a donation to, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. After that, we will have a town hall conversation focusing on our community neighborhood. The theme for this event is “Conversations...Love My Neighbor.” There will be three presenters, Rev. Dr. Doug Cushing, speaking on outreach; Rev. Dr. Cassandra Thomas, speaking on stewardship; and Elder Jeremy Wright, speaking on loving our neighbor. Following each presenter, we will have a fifteen-minute question and answer period. And following that, we will conduct some small business matters.

You will find the agenda for the meeting and other information on the Presbytery’s website: [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org). You will also find the Guidelines for being a first time Elder Commissioner and a form for requesting to be excused. From your computer, you may print the necessary pages you need for the meeting. Packets will be available on a limited basis, so please bring your copies.

For lunch, we are asking for a donation of \$10.00 to be given when you register at the table. Please make your donation to the Presbytery.

Registration begins at 8:30 – 9:00 A.M. and will conclude with a business meeting at 1:00 P.M. Please print your name in the notebook on the table. There will be three sign-ins: (1) Teaching Elders and CREs, (2) Ruling Elders Commissioners (register under their church name), (3) QREs, Committee Chairs, Church Educators and Visitors. Only commissioned representatives can vote. Your name badge will be available at registration. Please return it before you leave.

We look forward to your coming and hope you will enjoy the Gathering. Directions are enclosed in your packet.

Central Community Mission Coordinator  
Clarence G. Page

**DIRECTIONS:**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1002 CHESTNUT ST., LUMBERTON**

**NORTHBOUND:** take I-95 South to Exit 19 (Lumberton), turn left on West Carthage Rd; go to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and make left; go to Chestnut Street; the church is on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

**SOUTHBOUND:** take I-95 North to Exit 19 (Lumberton), turn right on West Carthage Rd; go to 10<sup>th</sup> Street and make left; go to Chestnut Street; the church is on the corner 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

**WESTBOUND:** take Hwy 74 East to Hwy 72 (Lumberton); turn left and go approximately 15 miles; Hwy 72 becomes Roberts Ave (in town); turn left on Elizabethtown Rd; go about 2 miles and turn right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street (2 miles) and go to Chestnut St.; the church is on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

**EASTBOUND:** take Hwy 74 West to Hwy 72 (Lumberton); turn right and go approximately 15 miles; Hwy 72 becomes Roberts Ave (in town); turn left on Elizabethtown Rd; go about 2 miles, turn right on 10<sup>th</sup> Street and go to Chestnut St.; the church is on the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and Chestnut.

## ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS



Dr. Doug Cushing is the Organizing Pastor of the Bridge Presbyterian Church in Leland, NC. Doug was born and raised outside of Milwaukee, WI. He attended Carroll College earning B.S. degrees in Clinical Psychology and Communications. Doug earned a Master of Arts in Christian Thought from Trinity Divinity School; a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary. Additionally, Doug has studied in Israel and at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Doug is also a coach and consultant for new church pastors with Pinnacle Leadership Associates. Last year, Doug published his first book: Where There's No Road At All: Adventures in Church Planting.

Doug and his wife Sharon live in Waterford of the Carolinas along with their 10 year old Cocker Spaniel named Mattie. They both enjoy scuba diving, sailing and traveling and watching the Green Bay Packers – of which Doug is a part owner of the team.



The Reverend Doctor Cassandra O. Thomas (Sandy), a 20-year ordained minister of Word and Sacrament with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has been working within the bounds of Coastal Carolina Presbytery (PCUSA) for over 10 years. Doctor Thomas has served as Temporary Supply Pastor for Mars Hill PCUSA and College Heights PCUSA, as well as being available to preach on the Pulpit Supply List. She has been Chair of the Central Community Steering Team; member of the Commission on Ministry (COM); guest speaker/ presenter for Central Community Gatherings/Officer Trainings, Presbyterian Women, Leadership School/E3 Learning Fairs and COM. She retired as an Air Force chaplain after 22 years of active duty service. She received her Doctor of Ministry degree in 2018. Currently, she resides in Fayetteville, NC.



***Jeremy Wright*** is a community servant with a passion for serving, loving people, inspiring others and creating change through community activism. Jeremy is a native of Andrews, South Carolina but has called Fayetteville, North Carolina his home for nearly 30 years. He is a proud graduate of Fayetteville State University and has pursued his Master of Divinity degree at United Theological Seminary. Jeremy has experience working in a number of sectors that include: entertainment management, the mental health field, publishing, and is the founder and Executive Director of ***AsONE Fellowship Inc.*** – a non-profit organization that offers reconciliation and community unification through an array of activities and services. As a man of faith, Jeremy has created an impressive résumé that reveals how he has meshed his social justice work, entrepreneurship, and community activism into a career that has always centered Fayetteville. Jeremy is the proud father of three children, ***Jerenaë, Jada*** and ***Jared***.

**Proposed Agenda**  
**Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**  
**Central Missional Community**  
**The Seventh Gathering**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, NC**  
**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

8:30-9:00	Registration and Fellowship	
9:00-9:30	Praise Songs and Worship	
9:30-11:50	Town Hall Conversations	
12:00-12:50	Lunch	
1:00-1:10	Opening of Meeting	
	1. Call to Order with Prayer	Rev. Chip Grammer, Moderator
	2. Declaration of Quorum	Rev. Chip Grammer
	a. (20 people: 10 TE, 10 RE from 7 different congregations)	
	b. Corresponding Members Received	
	c. Welcome New TEs, CRES, and QREs	
	3. Adoption of Agenda	Rev. Chip Grammer
	4. Reception of New Business (must be in writing)	Rev. Chip Grammer
	5. Report from Stated Clerk	Rev. Clarence Page
	6. Central Steering Team Report	Elder Stan Mertz
	7. Nomination of Leadership	Elder Fred McMillan
	a. Temporary Clerks: First Presbyterian, Lumberton	
	b. Attendance: Jerome Brown RE, Haymount Church	
	c. Thanks Committee: Dennis Corbin RE, Panthersford Church	
1:10-1:35	8. Presbytery Associated Committee Reports	
	a. Youth Council	Erin Wehrmeister
	b. Finance and Property	Rev. Clarence Page
	i. Mars Hill Church Loan	
	c. Preparation for Ministry	
	d. Commission on Ministry	Rev. Steuart Link
	i. First Reading of 2020 Terms of Call	
1:35-1:45	9. Attendance Committee	Elder Jerome Brown
1:45-1:55	10. Thanks Committee	Elder Dennis Corbin
1:55-2:00	11. Adjourn with Prayer	Rev. Chip Grammer

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Stated Clerk's Report  
May 16, 2019

**Presbytery Meeting Review** - Evaluations reflected that there was great energy and excitement surrounding the presbytery meeting. The evaluation format was changed and enabled individuals to reflect upon the work done at a presbytery meeting that energized respondents. Evaluations are available for those that would like to review them. In the future we may consider a different presentation for Bills and Overtures. Laurinburg PC did a wonderful job hosting the presbytery meeting. I cannot thank the staff enough for their support and encouragement preparing, running, and cleaning up after the meeting.

**Correspondence** - none to be shared.

**AC updates** - three Administrative Commissions were recently trained to dissolve the following congregations: Pike Rocky Point, Teachey, and Pearsall. The AC for Faison Memorial is receiving proposal for selling the property.

**Hurricane Recovery Grant updates** - Several Long Term Recovery Groups operating in the bounds of the presbytery have been endorsed and received unrestricted grants from the synod. Sixteen congregations have applied for an extension of the PDA church damage grant (\$150,000 available). Carteret County LTRG is the only group that has applied for additional grant funds made available to the presbytery by PDA (\$350,000 available).

**Presbytery Staff Retreat** - PDA is working with Nancy to organize a staff retreat. PDA funds these retreats to provide respite care for mid-council offices that have been impacted by natural or human disasters. It is my hope that this event will be a time for rest, relaxation, and getting to know each other better.

**Holly Grove & Harmony** - I've had conversations with Jay Bender regarding the congregations of Holly Grove and Harmony. Both congregations have shared that they wish to not be members of the PC(USA) and not be dismissed to another reformed body. It has been suggested that Mission Cabinet move to arrange for their dissolution and property transferred to the congregation that meets on the premises. It's my understanding that both congregations are not interested in coming to an agreement. I'm interested to hear the will of this body.

**Summer Hours** - I submit to you a proposal to reduce office staff hours during the summer months. The office would be opened from Monday - Thursday and closed on Friday. I anticipate the restructure will not impact the productivity of the office. The proposal should reconfigure work hours but not compensation to ensure that staff salaries are not negatively impacted. I do not foresee their being any concern financial implications.

CENTRAL MISSION COMMUNITY REPORT  
TO MISSION CABINET  
MAY 13, 2019

**STEERING TEAM MEMBERS**

Robert (Bobby) Newman TE, Cumberland, (2019) \*Chair; Fred McMillan RE, Robeson, (2021) \*Vice-Chair; Bonnie Barr, RE, Sampson, (2020) serving a second term \*Clerk; Stan Mertz, RE, Sampson, (2020) serving a second term; Teresa Page RE, Robeson, (2021); Johnny Robertson RE, Robeson (2021) Matt Bowman TE, Cumberland (2020); Jerome Brown RE Cumberland (2019); Chip Grammer TE, Moderator; Becky Durham TE, Vice Moderator; PJ Southam TE, Parliamentarian; Clarence Page, Mission Coordinator, Ex-officio.

**CLERK OF SESSION RECORD REVIEW**

As of February 23, 2019, thirteen session records have been reviewed. Record review for Bladen, Columbus, and Robeson Counties will be Saturday, June 22, 2019, 10:00 A.M., at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Lumberton. Record review for Cumberland is to be announced.

**LONG TERM RECOVERY**

Applications to apply for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Grant were sent out to churches who have damages from Hurricane Florence. Deadline to receive applications into the Presbytery Office was April 26. The long term recovery groups in Cumberland and Robeson Counties are functioning well. PDA is also providing grants to these group through the Presbytery. *Disaster Recovery Rebuilding Opportunities: United Methodist Men, (888) 440-9167; NC Baptist Men, (800) 395-5102, ext. 5596.*

Submitted by,  
Central Steering Team

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry  
Report to Mission Cabinet  
Prepared by Philip K. Gladden, Chairperson

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met via Zoom video conference on Monday, April 29, 2019.

Applicant James “Jamie” Nobles from First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, NC was approved as an Inquirer, effective April 29, 2019. Rev. Lee Hinson-Hasty was appointed as his committee liaison.

Candidate Elizabeth B. Hipp was certified as ready to receive a call, pending the following conditions (all of which should be fulfilled by mid-June 2019): (1) the successful completion of the biblical exegesis standard ordination exam; (2) graduation from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and presentation of a final transcript; (3) the completion of the entire twelve month period of candidacy (June 2, 2019); and (4) the presentation of a call to a position of ordained ministry.

ROSTER OF INQUIRERS AND CANDIDATES

Inquirers

Rachel Cheney, Princeton Theological Seminary (2017 graduate),  
Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines

Thomas Miller, Columbia Theological Seminary, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen

Abby Modlin, Wesley Theological Seminary, Community Presbyterian Church, Pinehurst

James “Jamie” Nobles, Louisville Theological Seminary (beginning September 2019)  
First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton

Candidates

Elizabeth Hipp, University of Dubuque Seminary, First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington

Chris Taylor, Pittsburgh Seminary, Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines

Travis “T” Worrell, Union Presbyterian Seminary/Charlotte,  
St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Wilmington



Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Mission Cabinet Report to Communities  
June, 2019

**Action Items:**

**Request approval for a \$4,000 loan to Mars Hill PC for replacement of their HVAC system. Terms of the loan are 5 years with 0% interest, and all Per Capita and Shared Mission will be paid to the Presbytery as a condition of the loan.**

Note: They are applying to the Synod for a grant, and, if received, it will be used to offset the loan.

**Information:**

- The Mission Cabinet and SPOR are planning a joint retreat to engage in conversation about the role of presbytery and reflect upon Simon Sinek's "Start with Why".
- Minutes from the January 28, 2019 and the March 2, 2019 Presbytery meeting were approved
- COM will be instructed to re-engage Holly Grove and Harmony in conversation about dismissal.
- The Cabinet approved summer working hours for the office staff: Monday through Thursday, Friday closed, beginning Memorial Day and ending Labor Day
- The Vital Congregation Coaching Contract with George and Beverly Thompson runs through December, 2019 and will not be renewed.

## **Finance and Property Information**

**At the end of April 2019, expenses exceeded revenue by \$20,212**

**Information Items:**

1. A \$1,000 grant from the Opportunity Fund was approved for Mars Hill PC to help with replacement of HVAC
2. **Insurance Coverage: In light of damages from the recent storms, It is vitally important that churches assess their insurance coverage annually to insure that they are adequately covered, especially with Flood and Wind/Hail. This should be done at least six months prior to the expiration date of present policies. Insurance agents are the best sources for explanation of insurance coverage available, coverage possibly needed, and the cost.**
3. Funds from the Capital Needs Fund were approved to underwrite an upgrade of the computer system to Microsoft 365, if needed.
4. Freedom East PC update. One item needs to be inspected and then the loan will be forgiven as a grant. Extensive modifications have been done to the church.
5. Update on Fuente de Agua Viva church building. The building they had the architect to draw plans for is too expensive, current estimates being \$500,000. They are currently meeting in the Teachey PC building on Saturdays and Sundays

6. Erwin Presbyterian Church has been dissolved and is being used by Manantial de Vida, the Hispanic fellowship who was meeting in Fuquay-Varina. Seems to be working out extremely well, although they have not yet remitted any funds to PCC to cover their operating expenses and insurance.
7. Dismissals Completed: Cypress, Galatia, Grove-Dunn, and Antioch-Jacksonville.
8. Amy's Chapel transfer of deed to Grace Anointed Chapel, Inc. has been completed.
9. Faison Memorial PC in Clinton, NC has been dissolved and has an AC in place. Rev. Lowry gave an update. There are currently three parties interested in buying the property, but no decision has been made yet.
10. An AC has been formed to help with the dissolution process of Pike-Rocky Point PC.
11. An AC has been formed to help with the dissolution of Pearsall Memorial PC in Wilmington, NC. The deed is in the process of being transferred to PCC, and we will be picking up their insurance.
12. The historical Brown Marsh PC deed is being transferred to Clarkton PC. Should be completed within the month.
13. Synod and PDA Grants are being processed as we receive the applications.
  - a. \$100,000 (\$5,000 maximum per applicant) in Synod grants available. Long-term recovery groups in Carteret, Duplin, and Cumberland counties have been given grants in the amount of \$5,000 each.
  - b. \$150,000 in PDA church structure repair grants for Florence recovery are being requested for the 16 churches in the Presbytery from which applications were received. These include New Hope, Grace, Cape Fear-Wil, First-Morehead City, First-Jacksonville, Black River, Bethany-Wil, Bethany-Lumberton, Shallotte, Highland, Church of the Covenant, Wallace, St. Pauls, Hallsville, Woodburn, Oak Grove. The committee was charged with recommending the amounts for each church, and after much discussion, decided upon a formula which they considered fair for each applicant. Rev. Lowry will forward to PDA for their approval. See Att#1
  - c. \$350,000 in PDA grants are available: Carteret County long term recovery group has received a grant for \$74,125 to hire a director.
14. Investment balance:

12/31/2018	\$2,976,411
04/26/2019	\$3,342,176

Presbytery of Coastal Carolina  
Commission on Ministry  
Report to Cabinet  
May 16, 2019

The reports of the following commissions were found to be in order and dismissed with thanks:

The commission to install Rev. Matthew Bowman as Pastor at Sardis Presbyterian Church, Linden, NC on Sunday March 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM: Teaching Elders: Clarence page, Meg Dudley, Hank Bellomy, Ruling Elders Suzanne Hayes, Kathy Jones.

The commission to install Rev. Brad Simpson, IV, as Designated Pastor at First Presbyterian, Sanford, North Carolina on Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 3:00 PM: Teaching Elders: John Taylor, Mamie Hooker, Laura Lupton, Kathryn Dudley, Jerrod Lowry, Ruling Elders: Kaye Bledsoe, Betty Sherrod, Bucky Holmes. Guests of the Commission, Rev. Warren Lesane, and Rev. Jenny Lee.

The commission to ordain and install Thomas Wesley Moore, IV as Pastor at Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, Pollocksville, NC on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 2:30 PM: Teaching Elders: Timothy Havlicek, Maggie Beamguard, Ben Burrows, Ruling Elders: Matlynn Yeoman, James Bender, Jr., Guests of the Commission: Rev. Dr. John Vest, Rev. Lauren Elise Voyles, both of the Presbytery of the James

The commission to commission Gracie M. Williams, Commissioned Ruling Elder, at Blandonia Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC on Sunday May 5 at 2:30 PM: Teaching Elders: Laura Lupton, Kathryn Dudley, Howard Dudley, Ruling Elders: Cathy McRae, Sherry Garner, Donna Matthews

The commission to commission Marlene Dean as Commissioned Ruling Elder at Cameron Hill Presbyterian Church, Cameron, NC on Sunday, May 5, 2019: Teaching Elders: Glen Hallead, Katherine Dudley, David Dudley, Ruling Elders: Maggie Nichols, Jane Sullivan, Timmy Hickman, Buren Fuller was approved by common consent via email in March.

The commission to ordain and install Delphia Nicole Newton as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC on May 5, 2019 at 3:00 PM: Teaching Elders: Derek Mcleod, Ben Burrows, Ann Jahnes, Ruling Elders: Ivy Murrain, Billy King. Guests of the commission were Charlotte Presbytery Teaching Elder, Rebecca Davis, and Salem Presbytery Teaching Elder, Lindsey Clifton.

Appointments/Renewals

1. Michael Baker, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Philippi through December 2021

2. Gracie Williams, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Blandonia through December 2019
3. Marlene Dean, Commissioned Ruling Elder, and Cameron Hill through December 2019
4. Rev. Thomas Spence, Stated Supply, and Summerville through June 2019
5. Rev. George Walton, Stated Supply, and Buffalo through December 2019
6. Rev. Keith Miller, Stated Supply, and Euphronia through December 2019

Other:

1. The ministry of Rev. Dr. Tim Verhey at St. Andrews University was approved as a Validated Ministry

## 2019 Central Community Pastor Terms of Call

NOTE: 1. Presbytery's Minimum Terms of Call for 2019 is \$68,330. 2. P/T denotes call is not full- time.

<b>CHURCH (membership) (2)</b> <b>MINISTER</b>	<b>Effective Cash Salary</b>	<b>Board of Pensions</b>	<b>Professional Reimbursements</b>	<b>Other/SECA</b>	<b>TOTAL (1)</b>
ACME (17) Rebecca Raynor P/T	\$7,200				\$7,200
ASHPOLE (66) Rowland	No Minister				
BETHANY - LUMBERTON (61 ) Helene Church P/T	\$12,000				\$12,000
BETH CAR (27) Johnny Simpson	No Report				
BIG ROCKFISH (15)	No Report				
BLACK RIVER (16)	No Minister				
BLUFF (93) Margaret Dudley	\$42,900	\$16,148	\$6,000	\$3,282	\$68,330
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN (16)	No Minister				
CENTRE (87) Scott Miller P/T	No Report				
CHADBOURN (34)	No Minister				
CHURCH OF THE COVENANT(20) Floyd Benfield P/T	No Report				
CLARKTON (114 ) David McKirachan P/T	\$6,600		\$2,400		\$9,000
COLLEGE HEIGHTS (118) Lesley Bligen	\$45,000	\$16,650	\$6,000	\$3,443	\$71,093
DOTHAN (19) Earnest Parish, Jr.	No Report				
ELIZABETHTOWN (267) David Holloway	\$46,580	\$17,900	\$12,000	\$3,600	\$80,080
FIRST FAIRMONT (32) Ronald Hughes P/T	No Report				
FIRST - FAYETTEVILLE (618) Michael Garrett	\$107,019	\$39,597	\$7,000	\$8,187	\$161,803
FIRST - FAYETTEVILLE (618) Johnathan West	\$51,511	\$19,059	\$6,000	\$3,941	\$80,511
FIRST HISPANIC-F'VILLE (22) Trinidad Martinez	\$53,900		\$5,000		\$58,900
FIRST LUMBERTON (544) David Ruth	\$87,433	\$32,329	\$6,307	\$6,685	\$132,754
FIRST MAXTON (79) Robert Dendy P/T	\$15,600	\$14,000	\$2,400		\$32,000
FIRST SPRINGLAKE (38) Gary Borcharding P/T	\$25,800				\$25,800
FIRST WHITEVILLE (168) Joe Washburn	\$69,750	\$25,808	\$7,000	\$5,200	\$107,758
GODWIN (10) No Minister	No Minister				
GRAVES MEMORIAL (381) Stephen Wilkins	\$98,053	\$36,280	\$4,000	\$7,501	\$145,834
HARMONY (59)	No Report				
HAYMOUNT (59) James Belle P/T	\$24,000	\$16,031	\$5,133	\$1,836	\$47,000
HIGHLAND (719) Chip Stapleton	No Report				
HOLLY GROVE (26)	No Minister				
HOPE MILLS (65) Debra Patterson P/T	No Report				
IONA (39)	No Minister				

## 2019 Central Community Pastor Terms of Call

CHURCH (membership) (2) MINISTER	Effective Cash Salary	Board of Pensions	Professional Reimbursements	Other/SECA	TOTAL (1)
LAKE WACCAMAW (77) Steuart Link	\$44,200	\$16,354	\$4,800	\$3,382	\$68,736
LUMBER BRIDGE (81)	No Minister				
MACPHERSON (295) James W. Randall, Jr.	\$62,964	\$23,307	\$8,400		\$94,671
MARS HILL (26)	No Minister				
MCMILLAN (9)	No Report				
MIDWAY (62) Michael McGehee P/T	\$28,800				\$28,800
MOUNT HOREB (7)	No Minister				
MOUNT OLIVE (14)	No Minister				
MOUNT PELIER (130)	No Minister				
PALESTINE (44) Donald Fischer	No Report				
PANTHERSFORD (53) Willie McCaskill P/T	No Report				
PARKTON (68) Robert Price P/T	\$17,560		\$3,000		\$20,560
PEACE (72) Becky Durham	\$43,450	\$16,214	\$6,000	\$3,324	\$68,988
PHILADELPHUS (15) Gene Miller P/T	No Report				
RED SPRINGS (159) Vivain Millar P/T	No Report				
REILLY ROAD (73) Herman Autry P/T	\$21,600				\$21,600
REX (30) Bebe Briggs	No Report				
ROWLAND (26)	No Minister				
SARDIS (76) Matthew Bowman	\$46,561	\$17,228	\$4,000	\$3,562	\$71,351
SECOND - Elizabethtown (17) Arnold Walker P/T	\$4,600		\$600		\$5,200
SHERWOOD (65) Chip Grammer P/T	No Report				
SOUTHVIEW (43)	No Minister				
ST. PAULS (121) PJ Southam	\$48,985	\$16,425	\$3,000	\$3,443	\$71,853
SUNNYSIDE (69)	No Minister				
VAUGHAN MEMEORIAL (18) Douglas Jordan P/T	No report				
VILLAGE (29) Larry Hogan P/T	\$9,600				\$9,600
WESTMINSTER/FAYETTEVILLE (314) Richard McDuffie	\$67,961	\$25,145	\$1,000	\$5,199	\$99,305
WESTMINSTER/WHITEVILLE (47) Mark Fisher P/T	\$ 16,275				\$16,275
WHITE PLAINS (28) Chris Carlisle P/T	\$4,500				\$4,500
WILSON CHAPEL (14) Ernest Parish	No Report				
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Jerrod Lowry	\$75,489	\$27,931	\$8,200	\$5,775	\$117,395
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Nancy Gladden	\$47,291	\$17,498	\$7,000	\$3,618	\$75,407
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Laura Lupton	\$48,710	\$18,023	\$7,000	\$3,726	\$77,459
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Clarence Page	\$43,000	\$16,160	\$7,000	\$3,290	\$69,450
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Eduardo Moreno	\$42,710	\$16,125	\$4,000	\$3,267	\$66,102
Presbyterian Mission Agency G. Lee Hinson-Hasty	No report				

## Presbytery of Coastal Carolina -- Youth Ministry Report -- May 13, 2019

### 2018-2019 Activities:

- **30 Hour Famine (Mission Activity)** >> Friday, March 22 – Saturday, March 23, 2019  
Attendance: 28 participants (5 churches)  
Team Goal: \$1,000 ÷ **Raised: \$1,855!**
  - Ø Funds support World Vision's fight against worldwide hunger & poverty
  - Ø Began at Bethesda (Aberdeen), service project at First Hispanic Presbyterian (Fayetteville), ended at Westminster (Fayetteville)
  - Ø "Break the Fast" Meal provided by the Presbyterian Hunger Committee
- **Guy's Overnight Event**
  - Ø "Steadfast" – Cancelled a SECOND time due to military training.
  - Originally RSVP'd: 39 (10 churches) ; College Heights Pres. providing dinner
  - Host site says return to August date will avoid training conflicts
  - Ø "Overcome" >> All Guys Retreat, Raeford – August 26-27, 2017  
26 participants (8 churches)
- **Middle School Retreats (Camp Kirkwood)**
  - Ø March 9-10, 2019: Attendance: 91 participants (18 churches)
  - Keynote: Howard Dudley, First Presbyterian – Dunn
  - Music: Steve Hall
  - This maxed out group meeting space (group too large for Unit Lodge; could only use "Main Lodge" for meals/worship/keynote. I've spoken with Camp Kirkwood Director Luke Dooley about additional options so that this event may grow – will close-in basketball court, add sound and heat to use as 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting area.*
  - Ø March 2018 – Attendance: 72 participants (15 churches)
  - Ø March, 2017 – Attendance: 80 participants (14 churches)
  - Ø March, 2016 – Attendance: 65 participants
- **Confirmation Retreats (Camp Monroe) – Coordinated by Western Community**
  - Ø February, 2019 – **RSVP 64; Attended: 58 (11 churches)**
  - Ø February, 2018 – Attendance Est: 48
- **College Conference @ Montreat**
  - Ø January 2-5, 2019 – 15 students, 2 adults (13 colleges)
  - Ø January 2018 – 9 students, 2 adults (7 colleges)
- **All Girls Slumber Party with PW Fall Gathering**
  - Ø PW Fall Gathering 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Gatherings)  
26 Participants – 6 congregations; ALL youth remained for Fall Gathering; PYC ushered
  - Ø PW Fall Gathering 2017 (August 18-19, 2017)  
24 participants – 7 congregations
- **High School Retreats (Camp Kirkwood)**
  - Ø November 17-18, 2018 – Attendance: 55 participants (16 churches)
    - o Keynote: Rev. Cam Thomas, Topsail Presbyterian
    - o Music: Steve Hall & PYC
  - Ø November, 2017 – Attendance: 68 youth (12 churches)
  - Ø November, 2016 - Attendance: 50
- **PYC Planning Retreat & Training (Camp Monroe)**

Council 2018-2019 = 26 youth, 9 adults. \*\* 4 Graduating youth in Class of 2019.

Council 2017-2018 = 21 youth, 6 adults

Council 2016 – 2017 = 15 youth, 6 adults

• **Montreat “Week Six”**

Ø July, 2019. No large group – individual churches taking their own

Ø July, 2018. 48 Participants (14 congregations)

Ø July, 2017. 29 Participants (10 congregations)

**Planned Activities**

• **Presbyterian Youth Triennium >> July 16-20, 2019**

Ø 55 Seats on Charter Bus:

§ 32 Seats – Presbytery of Coastal Carolina

§ 6 Seats – Delegation of Tabasco Mexico [pending visa approval]

§ 16 Seats – Presbytery of New Hope

Ø Verbal commitments from Bethesda, First Laurinburg to provide \$2K each for Tabasco group expenses AND awarded a grant from the PYT National Office. Several youth also applying for PCUSA Office of Racial, Ethnic, and Women’s Ministries financial aid.

Ø All Youth (both presbyteries) to spend night at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres – Sanford before drive to Purdue University

Ø **GLOBAL PARTNERS – Tabasco, Mexico.** Continued work. Awaiting confirmation on everyone’s visas before purchasing plane tickets. **\*\*Will need assistance in logistics for Mexico group pre and post Triennium. – meals, travel to/from airports, etc.**

• **Training Opportunities–**

o Provided leader/adult training for Bethesda Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 5.

o I attended *Montreat’s Arts, Recreation, and Worship Conference* and was able to develop a better outline for training youth leaders – I’m prepared to provide training to adults/leaders in local congregations as able.

o Scheduled “Stewards of Children” Child Protection Training for Monday June 3 at Warsaw Presbyterian Church. 9am-11:30am. Warsaw will provide refreshments. FREE training for anyone working with minors. Deadline to RSVP: May 24. Open to all – church members or not.

§ Per requests, will ALSO schedule “Stewards of Children” Saturday training in August/September

**MISC.:**

1. **Event Resources.** It’s come to my attention that the amount we pay for keynote/music leadership is roughly 1/5 of the standard for leadership at comparable presbytery youth retreats and youth events in our area (and in surrounding states). The PYC has made an express effort to keep costs low – asking for donated materials, being creative with activities, etc. AND local speakers and musicians have been VERY generous with their time and talent. However - as these events grow, we should consider the need for increased resources to provide quality leadership while keeping costs low for churches.

2. **Presbytery’s Child/Youth Protection Policy.** Policy does not include guidelines for participation, housing, nor youth-adult ratio standards, with the participation of individuals who are transitioning or have completed a gender transition, non-binary or gender non-conforming individuals.

Considering the sensitive nature of this topic, the need for mindfulness towards privacy and HIPAA restrictions, *and* the inevitability that such a policy will be required in the next 1-3 years, it’s wise to develop a plan while this is a *theoretical* scenario, instead of as a reaction to a specific situation. I have been asking other youth leaders how they address this topic and I’ve also reached out to the staff at *More Light* – an organization focused on “working toward the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) – and in society.”



# WHAT is a **Matthew 25** CHURCH?

Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve the hungry, the oppressed, the imprisoned and the poor.

## HOW the **VISION** unites all Presbyterians

By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, you can help our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world by

- **Connect and unite the PC(USA), creating a spark that energizes and joins us in our common mission together**
- **Celebrating and calling forth churches that actively engage the world**
- **Showing our understanding as Presbyterian Christians that we are “saved to serve”**

**WE INVITE YOU** to join us  
on this journey by choosing to become a  
**MATTHEW 25 church.**

### WHERE TO BEGIN?

There are already PC(USA) congregations that identify themselves as Matthew 25 churches. We aim to help multiply this loving commitment to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to help them embrace one or more of these three focuses:

- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of “people of color.”
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

### HOW CAN THE NATIONAL CHURCH HELP?

Our goal is to be a clearinghouse of resources, training materials, devotional and preaching aids, success stories, curricula and more — everything to help you strengthen relationships, transform your church, and bring alive your commitment to “serve the least of these” in your community and around the world.

### HOW DO WE BECOME A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH?

It’s easy. Simply pledging to become a Matthew 25 church and letting us know is the first step. As you live out your commitment, tell us your stories so we can share them with the wider church and continue to fan the flame of our common mission.

### LEARN MORE

Watch for more details soon! Visit us at [pcusa.org/matthew25](http://pcusa.org/matthew25)



MATTHEW 25

### ABOUT THE MATTHEW 25 MARK

**The circular shape** represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world.

**The three interlocking figures** represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systematic poverty, as well as the Trinity.

**The color palette** is bright, lively, friendly and energetic — suggestive of our active commitment.

Finally, **the legend** “Matthew 25” below the symbol is the literal identification of the mark. We use a handwritten font to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.







## MATTHEW 25

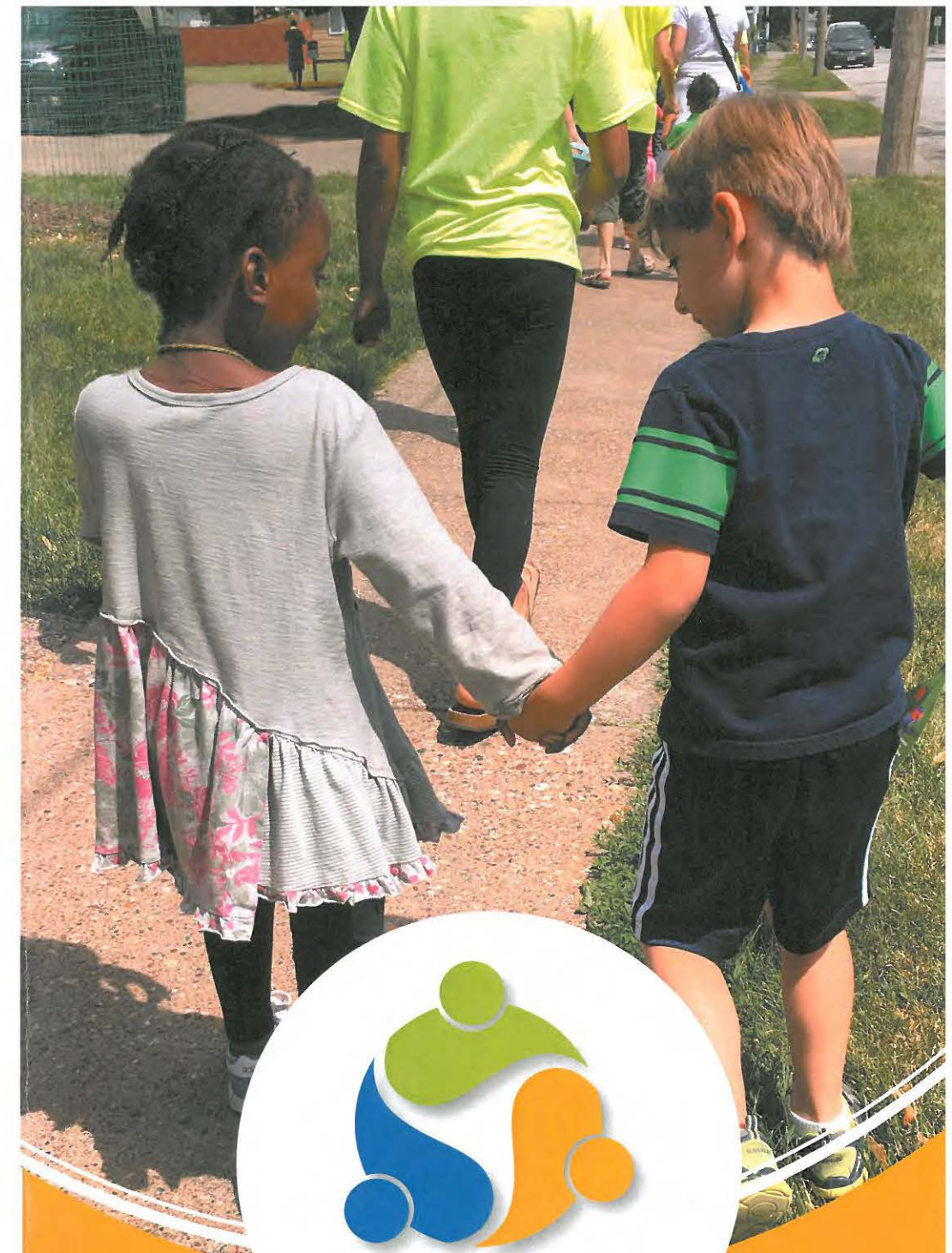
“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

— Matthew 25:31–46



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**Matthew 25 in the PC(USA):**  
A bold vision and invitation

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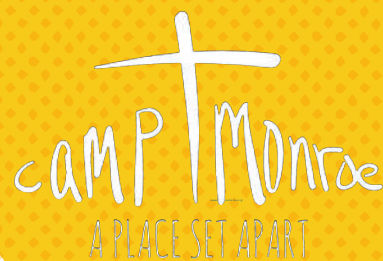
- engage in quarterly gatherings, peer learning groups and webinars
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# **FEEDBACK AND EVALUATION OF THE CENTRAL MISSIONAL COMMUNITY GATHERING SATURDAY, June 1, 2019**

Please complete this form and turn in before leaving today's Central Missional Community Gathering. Thank you for your thoughtful, constructive feedback and comments.

Please use the scale below as a rating tool for answering the questions

5 = Excellent    4 = Very Good    3 = Good    2 = Fair    1 = Poor    0 = No Response/Not Applicable

<b>Evaluation Items</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Were the communication networks used to communicate about the CMC Gathering effective in terms of time, agenda, and location?	
Was the CMC Gathering enjoyable and/or relevant to you?	
Was the location comfortable?	
Was the agenda timing sufficient for activities?	
Were the materials and information provided helpful?	
Was CMC Gathering well organized?	
How was the business meeting?	
How was the breakout session you attended? Breakout Session: _____	
How was worship?	
How was lunch?	
How was parking?	
<b>General Questions (Please print your responses):</b>	
In your breakout session, what was enjoyable and/or helpful to you?	
List some strengths of the CMC Gathering?	
List some areas for improvement in planning and/or executing a gathering?	
What do you suggest to make next gathering more productive and/or fun?	
Additional comments:	

<b>Primary Position Today</b> (Check the Box Which Best Applies)	
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