

**Agenda 131st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina**  
**Meeting as the West Community**  
**June 15, 2024 Zoom**

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.

Pre-Registration is needed by Wednesday, June 12, to get a zoom link. (same as the full Presbytery Meeting)

**At End of Full PCC Mtg**

**Welcome & Call to Order**

TE Barrett Payne, Facilitator

Gathering Prayer

**Business Meeting**

TE Barrett Payne, Facilitator

- Declaration of a Quorum (20 persons including at least 10 teaching elders and 10 ruling elders representing at least 7 different congregations.)
- Welcome of first-time participants
- Approval of the agenda

**West Steering Committee Report**

RE Wendy Tomczak, Chair

**1) Upcoming Plans**

- a) Presbytery Wide Invitation to Presbyterian Night at the Woodpeckers Ballgame Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Invitational Flyer was in the main Presbytery Packet.
- b) 4-D Training Event is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 at Culdee Presbyterian - a Saturday of learning and growth. Plans are still in development.

**2) Report of the Steering Committee Actions**

- a) **\$500 Grant Applications** are being received.
  - i) Applications are due by Monday, June 17.
  - ii) See the attached form or apply online at <https://forms.office.com/r/uYsSBGc5Fr>
  - iii) 7 applications have already been submitted.

**3) Budget Proposal – motion for its approval**

- a) 8,000 Total available funds
  - i) \$ 1,500                      4-D and other Training Events
  - ii) \$ 3,500                      Grants to Churches
  - iii) \$ 2,000                      Confirmation Event
  - iv) \$ 1,000                      Officer Training

**Nominations Committee/Elections**

TE Barrett Payne, Facilitator

Nominations from the floor are permissible.

Clerk for the West Community: RE Shirley Gilliam

For the Steering Team:

Scotland Co: TE Rebekah Carpenter (Laurinburg) (2026)  
Lee Co.: ( \_\_\_\_\_ /nomination needed) (2025)  
Moore Co: Martha Currie (Jackson Springs) (2026)

**West Commission on Ministry Highlights**

REs Bucky Holmes & Janice Thompson, Co-Chairs

Introduction of Pastors: Rev. Rebekah Carpenter of Laurinburg Presbyterian

Note about honorariums for assigned session moderators and guest preachers.

The COM through an Administrative Commission (AC) is in the process of closing two churches:

- Broadway (Closed/AC working) and
- Horseshoe (AC is being formed/volunteers needed).

**Sessional Records Review** - 44 completed/20 churches not reviewed

To have your 2023 records reviewed, please contact Robert Gordon at 910-215-6893.

**Mission Engagement & Resource Reports**

- **Summer Camp is underway at Camp Monroe.** 😊 Donations to the Campership Fund are welcome. Contact the Camp at 910-276-1654 or [www.MonroeCamp.org](http://www.MonroeCamp.org)
- **Camp Monroe is asking for churches to sponsor a Friday night meal for the camp staff during the summer.** The camp has a large number of international staff members that do not have local homes to visit on their day off. Contact the Camp Office to sponsor one dinner.

**Remarks** from our Mission Coordinator

TE Laura Lupton

- Officer Training will be scheduled for January 2025 HOST LOCATION NEEDED
- [Puerto Rico Volunteer Team 2025](#) – Flyer with details was in the main Presbytery Packet. Apply by August 5th

**Adjournment** Adjourn the business meeting with prayer

TE Barrett Payne, Facilitator

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**Thank you for your support of the Shared Mission of Presbytery and for sharing these invitations with church leaders.**

Grant Application on next 2 pages

## West Community Cares Grant Application Strengthening Churches for Growth and Service

The West Community is offering grants of up to \$500 to help our churches in one of two ways:

1. **To help churches addressing Poverty or Injustice** For Example: setting up the church to host for family promise, funding to set up a food pantry, funding to host a medical screening for low income families, help with a community assistance fund in the church for individuals/families (Needs of Neighbors Fund) or funding for serving meals for the needy in the community or funding to enable need based camperships for children in your church to go to Camp Monroe.
2. **To help churches publicize/promote their ministry.** Special event mailers, online advertising, radio ads, improve live streaming tools, promote VBS, publicize Easter, etc.

**NOTE: These funds are not to 'pass through' to any other agency.**

**The West Steering Committee is seeking applications for five \$500 grants.**

Have an elder or deacon complete the attached application form, the application will be reviewed by the West Community Steering Team.

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

- Only congregations of the West Community are eligible.
- Only one application per church is permitted.
- The proposal must aim to be in one of the two areas shown above
- The event/project/mission must be held or completed by June 30, 2025. Funds not used by that date must be returned to the Presbytery.
- An accounting of funds used will be due July 30, 2025.
- 5 - \$500 grants available
- If approved, funds will be disbursed payable to the church.
- Note: Funds may not be passed through to another organization.
- If more than 5 grants are requested, the steering team will see if more funding can be obtained but cannot make any promises.
- You must use the form provided so your application presents the needed detail.

The completed grant proposal **application must be received by Monday, June 17, 2024** to Laura Lupton at [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) (324 Bahama Loop, Fayetteville NC 28314; email preferred). Review of applications and decisions will be made by early July.

Application is next page.

**GRANT APPLICATION FORM – WEST COMMUNITY Cares Grant**  
online application form <https://forms.office.com/r/uYsSBGc5Fr>

Name of the Church Applying:

City/Town of the Church:

Project Name/Theme/Topic:

Name of Primary Contact Person:

Email of Point Person:

Best Phone:

Please describe the project proposal goals and/or purpose:

Is this ministry new or ongoing?

How much money are you requesting? \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum is \$500)

Please describe how the funds will be used, if granted (estimated budget for these funds):

Please describe the other funding sources that are helping the church to do this:

What is the proposed timeline of implementation:

These grants are only possible when churches support the Shared Mission Giving of Presbytery.

Our church supports the Shared Mission Budget of Presbytery Yes No Don't know

**This proposal must be received by June 17, 2024** to [LauraLupton@presbycc.org](mailto:LauraLupton@presbycc.org) (Laura Lupton, 324 Bahama Loop, Fayetteville NC 28314, email preferred). Contact Laura, 910-818-9938, if you have any questions.