

**ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVENTH STATED  
MEETING MINUTES OF SALEM PRESBYTERY  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The One Hundred Thirty-Seventh Stated Meeting of Salem Presbytery, held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 by Zoom, was called to order by the Presbytery Moderator, Elder Catrelia S. Hunter at 9:00 a.m.

**ENROLLMENT:**

Commissioners		Commissioned Ruling Elders	11
Elders	57	Lay Pastors	2
Ministers	103	Presbytery Staff	2
		Corresponding Members	1
		Stated Clerk	1
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>177</b>
		(+Visitors - 21)	198

The following were present for this meeting of Presbytery:

**Ministers (103):**

Almeida, Margaret	Heyward, Will	Pitts, Wes
Anderson, Amanda	Horan, Amanda	Priddy, Kim
Barner, Taylor	Hoyle, Bill	P Pruitt, John
Barrett Todd, Katie	Hoyle, Felicia Stewart	Rawson, Stewart
Bates, Timothy	Johnson, John	Rhodes, Paul
Beach, Kathy	Jones-Johnson, Vicki	Richardson, Nicole
Blankinship, Joe	Jordan, Stephen	Ridolfi, Paul
Bowers, Erin	Kirby, Barrie	Riker, Cassandra
Brinson, Ann	Kirby, Randal	Ritsch, Fritz
Broman-Fulks, Kenneth	Lambeth, Jay	Rummage, Brian
Browne, Kellie	Lansden, Phanta	Schaefer-Coates, Suzanne
Bruner, Olen	Lawson, Scott	Schlaman Larsen, Emily
Burleson, Thomas	Layman, Debbie	Senior, John
Campbell, Kathryn	Lee, Charlie	Sherrill, Butch
Conley, Kevin	Lenger, Ruth	Sink, Paul
Cowan, Newton	Levens, Kristen	Smith, Barbara
Curl-Dove, Keith	Lingan, Jodi	Smith, David
Duffield, Jill	Martin, Jon	Smith, Jay
Ealy, David	Martin, Susanne	Smith, Jeff
Elam, John	McCain, Vicki	Snipes, Steve
Fearing, Stephen	McCutchen, Joseph	Sockwell, Jeff
Gaska, Jonathan	McFarland, Bryan	Stevens, Courtney
Glaser, Joanne	Milam, Judson	Taylor-Troutman, Andrew
Goodman, Kyle	Milam, Travis	Thompson, Ernie
Griffin, R. C.	Miranda, Alfredo	Todd, Mason
Gritter, Joshua	Moorefield, Susan	Trapp, Danny
Hall, James	Moss, Stephen	Troyer, Elizabeth
Hankins, Stephanie	Mullen, Lisa Florence	Tysinger, Arlo
Harley, J. Randy	Murphy, Charlie	Vazquez, Jorge
Harper, Kate	Musser-Gritter, Lara	Wilson, Alicia
Harris, Randy	Otterbacher, Glenn	Wisner, Leigh
Harrison, Evan	Perkins, Sam	Wyche, Frank
Hazelrigg, Marti	Pharr, Steve	Zehmer, Lee
Hemrick, Jennie	Phillips, Caroline	
Henry, David	Phillips, Jon	

**Ruling Elder Commissioners (57):**

Alamance	Pat Lovell	John Calvin	Hinshaw, Sammie
Asheboro 1st	Watson, Susan	Lexington 1st	Hill, JoAnn
Baird's Creek	Miller, Jinx	Logan	Rucker, Faye
Bethany Statesville	Bass, Ronny	Mocksville 1st	Alexander, Kelly
Bethel McLeansville	Burney, Jackie	Mount Jefferson	Barr, Avery
Burlington 1st	Byrd, Denese	Mount Tabor	Russell, Margaret
Burlington 1st	Gant, Eddie	Mount Vernon	Hunter, Rachel
Burlington 1st	Moffitt, Scott	New Creation	Chase, Donna
Chapel in the Pines	Fisher, Karen	North Wilkesboro	Pruitt, Polly
Clemmons	Hollomon, Bridget	Old Providence	Pence, Carla
Clemmons	Allred, Susan	Parkway	Childers, Linda
Cooleemee	Dodd, James	Pittsboro	Adcox, Martha
Community in Christ	Pierson, Betty	Pleasant Grove	Jordan, Annette
Concord	Ervin, John	Reidsville 1st	Harrill, Jane
Elkin	Carpentier, Nick	Rumple Memorial	Scott, Gary
Faith	Rule, Betsy	Rumple Memorial	Apker, Jenny
Forest Hills	Salter, Cindy	Saint Andrews	James, Craig
Greensboro 1st	Driscoll, Claire	Saint Paul High Point	Davis, Doris
Greensboro 1st	Wilson, Jackie	Salisbury 1st	Cook, Elizabeth
Greensboro 1st	Moore, Patricia	Salisbury 1st	Sanborn, Kathy
Griers	Morris, Bill	Shady Side	Peoples, Rebecca Jo
Guilford Park	Higgins, Martha	Springwood	Bleiler, Jim
Guilford Park	Hickling, William	Stony Creek	Greene, Joey
Gulf	McElroy, Susan	Taylorsville	Dew, John
Highland	Lancaster, Jim	Third Creek	Steele, Gary
Highland	Abernethy, Miles	Thyatira	Lambert, Janet
High Point 1st	Briggs, David	Trinity Salisbury	Green, Monica
Immanuel	Brown, John	Unity	Fleming, Karen
Jamestown	Shaw, Bruce		

**Commissioned Ruling Elders (11):**

- Bates, Bill
- Beard, James
- Blankenship, Jerry
- Braxton, Steve
- Brooks, Rachael
- Crunk, Sidney
- Glaser, Tim
- Moore, Sue
- Purcell, Rick
- Richardson, Robin
- Terry, Fred

**Lay Pastors (CREs without current commission) (2):**

- Bates-Harley, LaQreshia A.
- Ratchford, Rainey

**Corresponding Members (1):** Lesane, Warren (Synod of Mid Atlantic)

**Stated Clerk, Salem Presbytery (1):** Vaughan, David

**Presbytery Staff (2):** Carter, Renee  
Ratledge, Christine

## CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

The Moderator, Elder Catreliia S. Hunter, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and constituted the meeting with prayer.

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## MORNING WORSHIP

Acknowledging Black History Month, Salem Presbytery participated in worship and celebrated the Lord's Supper under the leadership of Salem Presbytery's Black Caucus (Rev. Olen Bruner, moderator) and with music by the choir of Logan Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, co-moderator of the 225th General Assembly of the PC(USA) preached from texts in Isaiah and celebrated The Lord's Supper following the sermon.

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## QUORUM

The Stated Clerk, Elder David Vaughan, advised the Moderator that a quorum was present for conducting the business of Presbytery, and the Moderator declared a quorum present.

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## APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The docket was presented by the Moderator of Salem Presbytery, Elder Catreliia S. Hunter.

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### **ACTION:**

1. Presbytery approved the docket.
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## WELCOME AND REPORT FROM THE MODERATOR AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Moderator welcomed Salem Presbytery to the meeting and extended a special welcome to Elders attending a Presbytery meeting for the first time. Visitors and guests were also welcomed and recognized. Special instructions for participating by Zoom were given.

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A Land Acknowledgement statement was offered by Stated Clerk David Vaughan, to recognize Indigenous Peoples who are the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.

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## OMNIBUS MOTION – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS David Vaughan and Rev. Jennie Hemrick

The following amendments to the Book of Order were approved by the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2022) and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote: 22A, 22B, 22D, 22F, 22G, 22H, 22I, 22J, 22K, 22L, 22M, 22N, 22Q, 22R, 22T, 22V, 22W, 22X, 22Y, 22Z, 22AA, 22BB, 22CC, 22DD, 22EE, 22FF

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**ACTION:**

2. Approved motion to suspend standing rules requiring written vote on constitutional amendments.
  3. Motion passed to affirm the following constitutional amendments proposed by the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly: 22A, 22B, 22D, 22F, 22G, 22H, 22I, 22J, 22K, 22L, 22M, 22N, 22Q, 22R, 22T, 22V, 22W, 22X, 22Y, 22Z, 22AA, 22BB, 22CC, 22DD, 22EE, 22FF. 22C was removed from the Omnibus Motion.
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**REPORT FROM TRANSITIONAL GENERAL PRESBYTER**  
Rev. Barbara Smith

We are into our third year together! And today marks one more very important step on your journey toward installed leadership. Today you will elect your General Presbyter Search Team.

After their election today, the Search Team will schedule their first meeting, which will include our Synod Executive, the Rev. Warren Lesane, Jr. They will be “trained” by Rev. Lesane for their work together and then hit the ground running! And – not to put any undue pressure on them – the hope is that a candidate for your next General Presbyter will be presented to you for election at your September 9 stated meeting. The plan (of course, it’s all in God’s time) would be for that person to begin their work with you as of November 1, following my October 31 retirement.

But while we look ahead, be assured that our work together continues. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is restructuring their work this year. And the very important work of a Campus Ministry Task Force is underway. Jodi Lingan continues to work with our smaller churches as they discern their own way forward, a position that continues until – at least – October 31, 2025!

In my November 2022 report to you, I highlighted the work of our Engagement Pastors. Now I want to give a shout out to your presbytery staff – David Vaughan, Jodi Lingan, Renee Carter, John Johnson and Christine Ratledge. They are competent, caring, and conscientious. And together, this team works seamlessly together. I hope you realize how lucky you are because not all presbyteries are as blessed as you! I am privileged to call them colleagues, team members, and friends!

Salem Presbytery – you have done, and continue to do amazing work to enter the future God has for you – with hope! You are a very different presbytery than when I arrived, and I look forward to seeing what progress we continue to make in our last number of months together.

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**REPORT FROM PARISH ENGAGEMENT PASTOR**  
Rev. Evan Harrison, Engagement Pastor from Parish A

Rev. Evan Harrison spoke about a new upcoming project that will entail two representatives from a church visiting a guest church to pray for and receive a prayer from the church they visit. Along the way a short video will be made of the visitors and the church they are visiting “passing the peace” to one another.

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**REPORT FROM DESIGNATED PRESBYTER**  
Rev. Jodi Lingan

Greetings Light Bearers of Salem Presbytery!

Since we were last gathered, one of God’s precious in Salem Presbytery has dissolved: Covenant Presbyterian Church in Winston Salem. We wrap a lot around how to go about dissolving a church decently order. It is not something anyone takes lightly. At its ambitious, our polity can feel oppressive and burdensome. However, at its very best it provides us a for moving forward relationally in love during the most of times.

SALEM PRESBYTERY  
 DISSOLVING A CONGREGATION:  
 GUIDELINES FOR AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE  
 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION  
 March 2022  
 (adapted from the Presbytery of New Harmony)

From Companion to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.;  
 When a Church Is Dissolved or Dismissed

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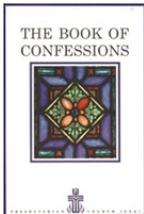
Our polity is continually being assessed, so that it can best be applied to serve Jesus Christ. It is not a weapon to be wielded in anger or frustration, but a resource to bind and connect us in love. This polity yielded support from the entire Presbytery to enable Covenant to have time to discern if it was able to continue its ministry. Members of five churches in two Parishes served on two Administrative Commissions walking alongside as Covenant’s Session ultimately made the heart-rending decision to dissolve.

*“No branch can bear fruit by itself” ~John 15:4*

On  
 February



2nd, several of our installed church ministers participated in a Call to Conversation to better understand some of the issues facing uninstalled ministries as well as share lessons learned to strengthen their ministries. This Spring a similar opportunity will be held for our uninstalled ministries. Our relational connectedness to walk together is a hallmark of our PCUSA tradition to honor Jesus Christ as the head of the church.



As we emerge from this season of Epiphany light, may we be committed to what it means to be relational and connectional in Salem Presbytery: to friend among our colleagues” in these dynamically changing times. And in may we “try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ”. And especially this with “energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.” To God be the With a grateful heart for each of you, jodi



reclaiming  
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 our service,  
 may we do  
 glory!

*“A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” ~Matthew 5:14-16*

<sup>1</sup> PCUSA Constitutional Vows

STATED CLERK REPORT  
 David Vaughan

**FOR INFORMATION:**

**May 2023 Presbytery Meeting**

I am delighted to announce that we have accepted the kind invitation of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church to host our in-person meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023. Pre-registration will be strongly encouraged. (We are working on the provision of ZOOM participation and/or live-streaming of the meeting.) Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us for our first in-person gathering since February 2020!

**Session Minutes Reviews**

I am working on a schedule of these gatherings, to take place from March-May in various parish locations. Clerks of Session should watch upcoming editions of *Salem Matters* and their email in-box.

**Synod of the Mid-Atlantic - End of the Year letter**

Please see the letter from the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic which is a part of today's packet.

**FOR ACTION:**

**Final Report, Administrative Commission #1 for Covenant PC**

I am including in the packet the final report of the first Administrative Commission for Covenant PC. This AC's work was to help the Covenant Session determine the church's future in the wake of a major embezzlement. This AC's work is complete, and I will ask the Presbytery to dissolve the AC with profound thanks.

**Administrative Commission #2 for Covenant PC**

The work of this AC is nearly complete. The Covenant PC congregation was dissolved by act of this AC on January 31, 2023, and the real property is now in the Presbytery's custody. I invite the Presbytery to review the history of Covenant PC as included in today's packet. I will ask the Moderator to invite the Rev. Jodi Ligan to lead the Presbytery in prayer.

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**ACTION:**

4. Voted to dismiss (with gratitude) the Administrative Commission #1 for Covenant Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem

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**BOARD OF PENSIONS**  
Elder Elizabeth Little

Elder Elizabeth Little with the Board of Pensions touched briefly on the Assistance Programs available through the Board of Pensions to serve ministers, employees, retirees and surviving spouses who have financial need. She also spoke of a new online alternative to the Board's in-person THRIVE seminar entitled Retirement Conversations. It is designed to offer educational offerings on topics related to retirement. Retirement Conversations is open to plan members, spouses, and surviving spouses within one year of retirement.

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**CHURCH GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE**  
Rev. Lee Zehmer, Moderator

The Rev. Liz Troyer continued the seven-part series on vital congregations with the focus on the fifth mark of Signs of Spirit Inspired Worship. Rev. Troyer presented three signs which include: A holy encounter with God, all people are welcome and a challenging, engaging and empowering worship.

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**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**  
Rev. Kyle Goodman and Rev. Kim Priddy, Co-Moderators

Rev. Kyle Goodman noted that Salem Presbytery's income from churches was up in 2022. Rev. Kim Priddy gave an update on current pledges and the need for additional volunteers on the Stewardship Committee.

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**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**  
Rev. John Senior and Rev. Courtney Stevens, Co-Moderators

The CPM moves the following motion:

1. That Salem Presbytery examine Meagan Kelly, a member of Parkway Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem and a student at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte, and that following her successful examination, she be enrolled as a Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

Additionally, the CPM offers the following statement in response to the winter 2023 exegesis exam requiring an analysis of Judges 19: 1-30:

The CPM is aware of the situation surrounding the most recent exegesis ordination exam. As Salem Presbytery's CPM, we are charged with the care of those seeking ordination in the PC(USA). Therefore, we believe the passage from Judges 19 was an egregious choice of text. We are saddened and concerned about the way this exam unfolded and share concern for the process going forward. We express concern and care for those who sat for and served as readers of this exam who may have been affected adversely. Our Salem Presbytery CPM and Barbara Smith, in her role as a mid-council leader, are part of wider ongoing conversations about this exam with other parts of the denomination.

Finally, the CPM reports the following items:

1. The CPM wishes to thank Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry for her many years of service to the committee and, in particular, for faithfully compiling minutes of the CPM's monthly meetings.
2. On February 5, 2023, Rev. Jasmine Evans, formerly under the care of the Salem CPM, was installed as Associate Pastor for Young Adults at North Ave Presbyterian in Atlanta, GA.
3. The CPM received Alison Sink, a member of Taylorsville Presbyterian Church, as an inquirer in the ordination process on February 7, 2023.

## **Faith Journey**

**Meagan Kelly**

Faith has always been an important part of my life; it is one of the things that my mom helped us to understand. Life could be in absolute ruin, but faith would keep us going. I think I have had my fair trials and faith crisis moments throughout my life, but discarding my faith never felt like an option. As a child, I am sure my faith was similar to that of other children; we went to church, and I participated in the children's ministry programs until I aged out, and then I participated in the youth ministry programs until I went to college. Late in high school, I found myself having questions and asking questions about faith and the church, and Jesus to the adults in my life, but no one ever seemed to be interested in answering them for me.

Looking back, I feel kind of thankful that no one ever took the time to answer the questions that I had because it encouraged me to do the work myself. When I was in undergrad, I took religious studies courses until my junior year without declaring a major. Honestly, I didn't know what I wanted to do for a job once school ended. The first time I thought about working in ministry was when I was working as a summer camp counselor in the mountains of North Carolina. In all, I spent four summers working in various positions at camp. During that time, my love for the outdoors grew immensely as did my love for kids and Jesus. It was during those summers that I thought maybe I would like to work in youth ministry.

Children and youth ministry seemed to be the way I thought about working in ministry. It was never modeled for me and said that women could do other things, like preach, in the church. I had grown up believing that if I was going to work in ministry, then it was going to be in the realm of children and youth ministry. I also didn't quite feel like I could possibly work in ministry because surely God chose certain and special people for that.

I didn't attend church often during college or in the early years after, but my faith continued to grow. I spent much of my extra time outdoors, cultivating a strong love for Creation and the One who created it. In an attempt to run from the nudge of the Spirit after deciding that I wasn't fit to work in ministry, I moved to New England and worked for 2.5 years in Wilderness Therapy as a Guide. I spent my time backpacking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire and Maine with youth struggling with their academics and their mental health. Spending so much time in nature continued to help me grow in my faith and my relationship with God and Christ Jesus. When I left New England and moved back to North Carolina, I spent several months working in Juvenile Justice at a camp for boys. During that time, I was the designated

staff member to take the boys to participate in Bible studies and church as they wanted and were allowed. After getting injured while working in the detention center, I began to work full-time in the service industry. I served in bars, breweries, coffee shops, and restaurants until the start of the pandemic. Right before the start of the pandemic, I was going to start attending church again because I was looking for a church community to be a part of, to continue to nurture my faith in that way, but unfortunately, the first Sunday I had off from work was the first Sunday of the pandemic lockdown. Church was put on pause.

The pandemic forced me (and everyone) into a great pause. It gave me time to think about my life and what was important to me. I spent more time in my Bible and journaling about my faith and decided that I wanted a more active part in the life of the church, not knowing what that would look like or mean. Shortly into the start of the pandemic, after we moved to Winston-Salem, I accepted a part-time position as the evangelist at Parkway Presbyterian. I had decided it was finally time to stop and fully listen to what the Spirit was calling me to do. During my first meeting with the pastor, I had this feeling that I was making a very important decision in my life. It was no longer a quiet nudge to ignore but some time to be an active participant in.

The people of Parkway encouraged me to start Seminary, which I did in January of 2021, and that has been such an amazing and life-giving experience. In my time at Parkway, I have also learned that women can have very active roles in the church that aren't just children and youth ministry. Through the help of the congregation, my seminary experience, and the work of the Holy Spirit, I have found a love for preaching and teaching. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given and am very grateful for the quiet nudge of the Spirit and my ever-growing and supportive faith in such a loving and Holy God.

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#### **ACTION:**

5. Salem Presbytery successfully examined and welcomed Meagan Kelly as an enrolled Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

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#### **COM TASK FORCE ON EXAMINATIONS** Rev. Debbie Layman and Rev. Travis Milam, Co-Moderators

The Examinations Committee has successfully examined the following for service in Salem Presbytery. The COM has received all of these to membership in Salem Presbytery.

#### **Faith Journey**

**Rev. Ann Williams Brinson**

God has shaped my faith journey through people and events: family, friends and involvement in various congregations.

Nurtured in family heritage and profoundly shaped within the Reformed tradition, I received infant baptism. Confirmation at a large urban church during my formative teen years allowed participation in a congregation struggling with how to serve God amidst racial tensions in the inner city.

Discerning a call from God to ministry was truly a mid-life challenge. A Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit, focusing on discernment to enter seminary afforded twelve weeks of prayer, and hand-on-ministry in a large hospital. While ministering to both patients and staff at this trauma hospital, I realized that ministry was what God in Jesus Christ had created me to be and do.

Called to small church ministry, I have served three congregations. I was ordained as an Interim Minister and really enjoyed helping this community examine its past and discern its future mission. The summer of 2007 was spent covering a pastor's Sabbatical in the lovely town of New Bern, NC. What a joy to facilitate worship, moderate Session and give pastoral care to this hospitable congregation, amidst its ministry of nurturing Myanmar refugees.

I also served a typical family size church in eastern North Carolina, which had recently survived a difficult split in the

congregation. My Interim Ministry Skills were useful as we moved from woundedness to healing to reaching out through mission to the community and the world. What a great joy to attend this congregation's 100th Anniversary several months ago and celebrate with them.

Through facilitating worship, moderating Session and giving pastoral care in several congregations, I have relished developing one-on-one relationships with both young and old and walking alongside them through the ups and downs of life. I have been privileged to witness and experience their growth in Christian faith. Above all, I have been amazed and awed at God's working in the ministry and mission of these congregations within their particular contexts.

Three years ago, I took Honorable Retirement, praying for God's guidance in where to do ministry. A nurse's request to facilitate Sunday morning worship services in the skilled nursing unit at River Landing at Sandy Ridge seems to answer that prayer and also facilitate my spiritual gifts. I eagerly look forward to both to facilitating Sunday morning worship services and giving pastoral care to older adults within this retirement home setting.

### **Statement of Faith**

**Rev. Ann Williams Brinson**

A mysterious, sovereign God, source of all being, created humankind in God's image. Despite humanity's brokenness, a redemptive God reaches out to bring wholeness and healing to a wounded creation. The grace of God is ever present.

Jesus embodies God's presence and God's love. In life, he healed the sick, practiced inclusive table fellowship and radically challenged the oppressive structures of his society. In death, he "set his face for Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51) in obedience to God's will. Through resurrection, the Risen Christ is immanently present in the world, empowering humanity for God's continuing transformation of creation.

The Holy Spirit is a God-world relationship. As I transform into the person God has created me to be, the Holy Spirit comforts, guides, sustains and often prods. Indeed, the Holy Spirit "helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words." (Romans 8:28)

The Bible is the recorded word of God, revealing historical experiences and oral traditions, out of which Christian faith emerged. The Bible remembers and testifies to Jesus' embodiment of God, and our empowerment for God's transformation of creation. Mediated by the Holy Spirit, Scripture is continuing revelation, contemporary to all time and place.

The Church is the corporate body of Christ in the world, called into being in response to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is the place where the narrative is preserved I retold and dramatized. The sacraments of Baptism and Lord's Supper liturgically remember God's ever-present grace in the death resurrection and on-going life of Christ. The community of faith celebrates and witnesses to God's love through prayer, word, worship and a service oriented ministry of reconciliation in the world.

### **Faith Journey**

**Rev. Suzanne Schulz Martin**

When I was eight years old, I moved from Mannheim, Germany to the mountains of southwest Virginia, a profoundly influential event in my life that came complete with a different language and culture. Leaving behind our German Lutheran roots, my family soon joined a small, rural Southern Baptist church in which we became increasingly active in congregational life and felt accepted by people of faith who functioned as the extended family we had left behind.

In the fall of 1989 I entered Wake Forest University, and during my second year in college, I believed God was drawing and guiding me to declare Religion as my major course of study. I did so, unsure of exactly where this would lead me. In the summers of 1992 and 1993, I was hired as the Youth Director for a Methodist church in my hometown where I had the chance to do ministry with teens who were filled with challenging questions about their Christian identity and gifts.

When two of my Religion professors approached me with the idea of going to seminary, it was as if someone had given voice to a deep longing inside of me. I wanted to live out, proclaim and testify to the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ in creative and joyful ways with all of my being.

In the fall of 1993 I entered Princeton Theological Seminary beginning three amazing years of learning and growing in Christian faith, doctrine, and leadership. It was there that I encountered the Reformed worship, theology, and polity of the PC(USA). When I approached my home church about my call to ministry and ordination, they decided to exercise

the power of the local congregation and voted to ordain me in March 1995 despite possible repercussions from the Southern Baptist Convention.

In seminary I also met my husband, Jon, who was completing his own Master of Divinity degree. We were married in August 1995, and after my graduation from Princeton in May 1996, we moved to Martinsville, VA. While he served as an Associate Pastor, I began two very different ministry positions. The first was as part-time minister to youth and children in a local Baptist church which ended 2 ½ years later with the birth of our daughter, Katherine. The second position was as the first chaplain of King's Grant Retirement Community for 5 ½ years.

As the inaugural chaplain it was exciting to shape the program, including a weekly prayer group, study and worship opportunities for 230 residents who were diverse in their backgrounds, denominationally, and physical/mental capabilities. I appreciated the chance to be part of building a chapel, working with local pastors, and providing pastoral care to so many residents and their families.

In June 2000 after taking the Presbyterian ordination exams, I was received into the Presbytery of the Peaks and into the PC(USA). It felt like coming home to a denomination I had come to love in seminary. In 2003 our family moved to Versailles, KY where we welcomed our son Jonah. In Transylvania Presbytery, I first served as a minister at large, preaching, moderating, and serving on the Certified Lay Pastor committee, until I accepted the call to serve the congregation of Salem Presbyterian Church as their minister for four blessed years. It was a time of providing healing to a wounded, conflicted church and leading them into a vision for their future.

In January 2009 we moved to Abingdon Presbytery in Virginia where I served as interim, and as pastor to two yoked congregations for a decade. It was here that my love for small church ministry unfolded in more creative ways, incorporating my love for art, drama, and music. As we seek to make Lexington, NC our new home, I am excited about what the Lord has in store for me in Salem Presbytery, relying on grace, listening to the Spirit, serving and loving and hoping for the goodness of God's future.

## **Statement of Faith**

**Rev. Suzanne Schulz Martin**

I profess my faith in the triune God who, without ceasing to be a mystery, has taken the initiative in making Godself known in creation, in the history of the Israelites, and supremely in the person of Jesus Christ. The Word of God written is the unique and authoritative witness of this revelation of God.

Humanity is created in the image of God to be in relationship with the Creator and to live together with other people and the rest of creation. As sinners, we deny and distort our created being, but as forgiven sinners we are enabled to live life anew, not by our own merit, but by God's love and the gift of salvation that comes through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I profess that Jesus Christ is the revelation of God's sovereign and holy love, the eternal Word that has become incarnate: fully God, fully human. Jesus' ministry of compassion, healing, forgiveness, and teaching as well as his suffering, death, and resurrection was for us, for all humanity. This good news of God's love in Christ continues to work transformingly in the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is God at work in us, enabling us to confess, "Jesus is Lord," and equipping the body of Christ with gifts for service, calling us as partners in God's redemptive work. The Spirit makes Christ present to believers and continues to unite us to God and to each other. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are united to Christ in the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

In baptism we are sealed to the body of Christ by the Spirit. We participate in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, and as we are born to new life, we affirm that we are recipients of God's gift of love and that we are claimed for God's service. In baptism we begin our journey of faith and discipleship in community—in the community of believers gathered to glorify, enjoy, and serve God in response to God's love and saving action through Christ.

As the church we are called to share the good news of salvation and to embody the love of Christ in our lives. We are called to be the sign in the world and for the world of the new reality that God makes available through Jesus Christ, the head of the church. The Holy Spirit uses the witness of Scripture to form and re-form us in the Christian life.

In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit unites us with the real presence of Christ and binds us together with all believers in the sharing of this joyful feast in thanksgiving. By God's grace, we spiritually feed on Christ's body broken for us and his blood shed for us. We are thereby nourished, sustained, and given hope as we proclaim the saving death of our risen Lord until he comes again.

As resurrection people, we wait with longing, with joy, with gratitude, and with hope in the goodness of God's future.

## **Faith Journey**

**Rev. Laura Arlowyn Lee Tysinger**

At nine years old, I knew I was going to be an actress. I loved the way that stories could transform people's lives and the close community that came with being a theater kid. I had even become a Christian while watching *Godspell*. I had been raised in the Church, but it was while watching Lamb's Players Production of *Godspell*, that I came to the realization that Christ and his disciples were real people who lived, who loved and who struggled to live out their faith. In college, while getting a degree in acting and playwriting, during the summers I volunteered at a Presbyterian camp called Calvin Crest. Halfway through college, I started to become frustrated and discouraged by being an actress. I didn't like how it was always about me, about my waist size, or how I looked standing next to some guy. When I was up at Calvin Crest that summer, one of the staff members asked me why I wasn't going to Seminary. I told him, "Because I'm going to be an actress." However, as I walked back to my cabin, it was as if my eyes had been opened. Why wasn't I going to Seminary?

The idea of going to Seminary was intimidating and something I wrestled with. It was getting close to when I needed to start applying to seminary and I still wasn't confident in this call. I had spoken to pastors and mentors, but I was still unsure. I told God I needed a break from praying and went to Barnes and Noble. At Barnes and Noble I was flipping through *American Theater Magazine* and came across an image from a play of a woman kneeling and praying (or what looked like praying) with a man, and I realized I was called to live out this life, not as an actress or on stage, but in the Church. I have this image framed in my office.

I went to Columbia Theological Seminary. I chose Columbia because I liked the size of the seminary and how much they invested in each student. This was important to me because I was still discerning what it would mean to be a pastor and wanted that individual attention and help with discernment. While in Seminary, I also worked/volunteered full time at the non-profit StandUp for Kids. Throughout this time, God and I discerned that I was called to serve with Churches that are involved in their community and social justice issues.

My first call was to First Presbyterian Church of Metuchen (in New Jersey) as their Associate for Youth and Their Families. I served there just short of 3 years, though it wasn't a good fit, and I sought a call elsewhere. The greatest thing about serving in Metuchen was meeting my husband. Zach and I have been married for 8 years and have two wonderful children and two dogs. I couldn't ask for a more supportive family, and they make my ministry possible.

I have been at Shadow Hills Presbyterian Church for over 7 years. They called me because of my desire to help the Church connect with their local community and become more outward facing. I have really enjoyed preaching and helping them connect with their community. Though after 7 years I have come to the sad realization that the majority of Church members there aren't interested in connected with their neighbors and expect their pastor to do the majority of that work. Because of this realization, I have decided it is time to find a Church where I can partner with the members to do the work of God. I have been incredibly moved and excited by the work that Elkin Presbyterian Church is doing and would be honored to be called as their Pastor and a member of their Presbytery.

## **Statement of Faith**

**Rev. Laura Arlowyn Lee Tysinger**

I believe in our living Triune God who is without beginning or end. God created the heavens and earth out of nothing. The Trinity is composed of the Father/Creator, Jesus Christ/Redeemer and the Holy Spirit/Sustainer: God in three persons, together a holy and mysterious divine dance.

Humankind was created in God's image to worship and be in relationship with our sovereign God. All have been made in the image of God. Yet humanity became disobedient and sinful. And yet, God is still merciful and remains faithful.

Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary. During his life he healed the sick, performed miracles, gave hope to the hopeless, and ate with sinners. Jesus is fully human and fully God. He was

crucified and placed into a tomb. On the third day Jesus was raised from the dead. Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, the Word of God, Messiah, Prince of Peace and Savior. Jesus is God incarnate and shows us how we should live in relation to God.

Christ gave us two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Sacraments are visible signs and seals of God's invisible grace. The Holy Spirit calls forth believers and sustains them. The Holy Spirit is at work in us all, calls the Church into being, intercedes for us, and helps us to respond to God's call.

Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. Scripture is the Word of God and is inspired by the Holy Spirit but written by humanity. Through the Bible we come to know of God's saving acts. Through worship, prayer, service, Bible study, fellowship we are blessed to get to know the living God.

We are saved by grace alone. There is nothing we can do to save ourselves, though we are called to respond to God's grace. The only person who was truly obedient to God and without sin was Jesus Christ. Because he was without sin he was able to reconcile us to God. Because of Christ our sins are forgiven. I agree with Karl Barth who says that because of Christ we are freed from sin, which enslaves us. When we are freed from sin we are able to be in relationship and serve God and others.

I believe that because of what Christ has done for us we are able to be in relationship with God. I believe that the Holy Spirit is still calling forth believers and sustaining them. We are called to share the gospel, baptize believers, care for the disheartened, give hope to the hopeless, and above all worship and be in relationship with God. We are each create by God to worship and serve during a particular time and place, perhaps we are called to do that together starting today.

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COMMISSION ON MINISTRY  
Rev. Amanda Anderson and Rev. John Johnson, Co-Moderators

Rev. Amanda Anderson presented the following report on the work of the Commission on Ministry.

**I. COMMISSION ACTION REPORTED FOR THE INFORMATION OF PRESBYTERY**

**A. STATED SUPPLY RENEWAL**

Concurred with the Session of **Baird's Creek Presbyterian Church**, Vilas, North Carolina, in renewing the Stated Supply contract with the **Reverend Keith Freeman** for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2023.

**B. RENEWING A CONTRACT WITH AN INTERIM PASTOR/TRANSITIONAL MINISTER**

Concurred with the Session of **First Presbyterian Church, High Point**, North Carolina, in renewing the Interim/Transitional contract with the **Reverend Lee Zehmer** for a period of six months.

**C. SECURING A PARISH ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT**

1. Concurred with the Session of **Guilford Park Presbyterian Church**, Greensboro, North Carolina, in securing a Parish Associate Agreement with the **Reverend Fred Beck** for a period of 5 years beginning January 1, 2023.
2. Concurred with the Session of **Guilford Park Presbyterian Church**, Greensboro, North Carolina, in securing a Parish Associate Agreement with the **Reverend Kit Schooley** for a period of 5 years beginning January 1, 2023.

**D. SABBATICAL PLAN APPROVAL**

That the sabbatical plan for **Rev. Jeff Smith** was approved (May 29-September 3, 2023)

**II. COMMISSION ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY**

**A. COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS/LAY PASTORS (RENEWAL)**

1. Concurred with the Session of **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**, China Grove, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Jim Beard** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder– Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning March 1, 2023.
2. Concurred with the Session of **Wentworth Presbyterian Church**, Reidsville, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Marty Brim** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder– Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2023.

3. Concurred with the Session of **Unity Presbyterian Church**, Woodleaf, North Carolina, in renewing the contract of **Sue Moore** to serve as their Commissioned Ruling Elder– Lay Pastor for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2023.

#### **B. TRANSFER MINISTER INTO SALEM PRESBYTERY**

1. That the **Reverend Ann Williams Brinson**, member of Coastal Carolina Presbytery, was received by Salem Presbytery on December 1, 2022.
2. That the **Reverend Susanne Martin**, a member of Abingdon Presbytery, was received by Salem Presbytery on December 1, 2022.
3. That the **Reverend Laura Arlowyn Lee Tysinger**, a member of the Presbytery of San Fernando, was received by Salem Presbytery on February 1, 2023.

#### **C. MODERATOR OF SESSION**

1. That the **Rev. John Elam** was appointed Moderator of Session for **Second Presbyterian Church, Salisbury**, North Carolina.
2. That the **Rev. John Johnson** was appointed Moderator of Session for **Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Burlington**, North Carolina.
3. That the **Rev. Frank Dew** was appointed Moderator of Session for **Vandalia Presbyterian Church, Greensboro**, North Carolina.
4. That the **Rev. Pat Fletcher** was appointed Moderator of Session for **First Presbyterian Church, Thomasville**, North Carolina.
5. That the **Rev. Ray Mims** was appointed Moderator of Session for **Dogwood Acres Presbyterian Church, Asheboro**, North Carolina.
6. That the **Rev. Jeff Sockwell** was appointed Moderator of Session for **Bixby Presbyterian Church, Advance**, North Carolina.

#### **D. DISSOLUTION OF PASTORAL RELATIONSHIPS WHERE BOTH PARTIES AGREE**

1. Dissolved the Pastoral relationship between the **Reverend Bill Hoyle** and **Clemmons Presbyterian Church, Clemmons**, North Carolina, effective December 4, 2022.
2. Dissolved the Pastoral relationship between the **Reverend Sangwon Cheo** and **Korean First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro**, North Carolina, effective December 4, 2022.

#### **E. PULPIT SUPPLY LIST**

Added the following individuals to the pulpit supply list: **Rev. Kevin Conley**

#### **F. TRANSFER MINISTER OUT OF SALEM PRESBYTERY**

That the **Reverend Sangwon Cheo** was transferred to Eastern Korean Presbytery, December 4, 2022.

### **III. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ACTION OF PRESBYTERY**

#### **A. CALL EXTENDED TO MINISTER MEMBER OF SALEM PRESBYTERY**

That the call of **Elkin Presbyterian Church**, Elkin, North Carolina, to the **Reverend Laura Arlowyn Lee Tysinger** to serve as Pastor be found in order; and the terms of the call (printed below) be approved; and that the call be placed in her hands. The Commission on Ministry is satisfied that this congregation has complied with the EEO provisions of the Book of Order (G-3.0307) and the AAEEO Policy adopted by Salem Presbytery (July 1993) in offering this call. The effective date is February 1, 2023.

Effective salary  
Cash Salary: \$60,000  
Housing Allowance: na  
SECA Supplement: \$4,590  
TOTAL \$64,590

Reimbursable expenses (by voucher)  
Automobile expense (at IRS rate per mile)  
Continuing Education \$2,000  
Moving Costs (up to) \$10,000

Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions.  
Two months maternity leave at full pay or one month paternity leave at full pay.  
2 Days off per week  
4 Weeks Paid Vacation  
2 Weeks Paid Continuing Education  
In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave (Sabbatical), continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing for pulpit supply in the pastor's absence.

**B. REQUEST FOR ELDER TO CELEBRATE SACRAMENTS**

1. That **Commissioned Ruling Elder Steve Marks** be allowed to celebrate the sacraments and moderate session meetings in Parish E of Salem Presbytery for one year beginning February 21, 2023.
2. That **Commissioned Ruling Elder LaQreshia Bates-Harley** be allowed to celebrate the sacraments at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Salisbury, North Carolina, for one year beginning February 21, 2023.

**C. REQUEST FOR HONORABLE RETIREMENT**

That the **Reverend Felicia Stewart Hoyle** be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective December 31, 2022.

**D. SERVICE OF HONORABLE RETIREMENT**

That Salem Presbytery recognize the **Reverend Felicia Stewart Hoyle** with a service of Honorable Retirement.

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**ACTION:**

6. Salem Presbytery approved the call to the **Reverend Laura Arlowyn Lee Tysinger** from Elkin Presbyterian, Elkin, North Carolina and the call was placed in her hands.
7. Salem Presbytery approved the Commissioned Ruling Elder Steve Marks be allowed to celebrate the sacraments and moderate session meetings in Parish E of Salem Presbytery for one year beginning February 21, 2023.
8. Salem Presbytery approved the Commissioned Ruling Elder LaQreshia Bates-Harley be allowed to celebrate the sacraments at Trinity Presbyterian, Salisbury, North Carolina for one year beginning February 21, 2023.
9. Salem Presbytery approved granting of the status of Honorably Retired to the **Reverend Felicia Stewart Hoyle** effective December 31, 2022, and participated in a Liturgy of Retirement.

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**SALEM PRESBYTERY**

**The Rev. Felicia Stewart Hoyle  
Honorable Retirement**

The papers shift on the table in the now-quieted meeting. The members of the Salem Presbytery Commission on Ministry do not know their next move. "Well, who knows what the current COM policy states?" one member asks. The answer - Felicia Stewart Hoyle.

Felicia came to Salem Presbytery in 2001 as a member-at-large transfer from West Virginia Presbytery, alongside her husband Bill and their two children (ages seven and ten). Felicia has proven to be a great gift to the life of Salem Presbytery.

She received her formal education at Meredith College in Raleigh and Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Felicia was ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on September 1, 1985 by the American Baptist Church USA and later moved her ordination to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) She completed the coursework for Educator Certification; also, she received her Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia Theological Seminary in 2013.

Felicia's pastoral leadership and her Christian Education expertise included service at Hudson Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church in Charleston, West Virginia, and Clemmons Presbyterian Church in Clemmons. Felicia has also distinguished herself in providing pulpit supply to our churches in various times of transition. Felicia has earned the status of "pulpit supply emerita" if such a designation should be made official.

Another gift that Felicia brings to Salem is her commitment to the crucial work of committees and task forces in the life of a presbytery. Here in Salem, she has served on Personnel, moderated the COM, chaired the Central Neighborhood of COM, and she currently leads the Task Force on Policy and Compensation of Salem's COM. Felicia has served multiple terms as a commissioner to the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic and she represented Salem Presbytery as a commissioner to General Assembly in 2018. She has mentored countless church leaders in their roles as CREs and Christian Educators. She has been a listening ear to churches in transition and a sounding board for congregations in crisis. Felicia also served as Moderator of Salem Presbytery from 2018 to 2020.

Through the years Felicia's servant leadership has reminded us that we are a connectional church not only in our organization and polity but also in our mission and ministry. Wherever the Spirit has called, she has woven connections between and among people beyond the local church. She has led us with grace, flexibility and humor.

Every presbytery needs committed leaders like Felicia Stewart Hoyle. On the occasion of her retirement, Salem celebrates and gives thanks for her dedication to our life as a presbytery.

The Reverend Amanda Anderson  
The Reverend Ingram Hedgpeth

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Rev. Jennie Hemrick, Moderator

The Executive Council (EC) met on December 15, 2022 and January 19, 2023.

Regular reports were received from Barbara Smith (Transitional General Presbyter), Jodi Lingan (Designated Presbyter), and David Vaughan (Stated Clerk).

**For Information –** The Executive Council:

*Acting on behalf of Presbytery:*

- Elected CRE James Harley to a 3-year term on the COM's Task Force on Ministry for the Changing Church.

*Business of the Executive Council:*

- Approved the docket for the February 2023 meeting of Presbytery;
- Received regular, detailed financial reports from the Budget and Finance Committee; Budget/Finance moderator reported that Fiscal Year 2022 concluded in a healthy position;
- Heard reports on the work of the Administrative Commission to close the Covenant PC (Winston-Salem);
- Authorized the Property Management Committee to negotiate with Monte Sinai Church for the purchase of the Covenant PC property, and agreed to the terms of sale (price, financing, and deposit);
- Elected the Rev. Jennie Hemrick as EC Moderator for 2023, and elected the Rev. Lara Musser-Gritter as the Vice Moderator for 2023;
- Established a task force to develop recommendations regarding the deployment of income from sold real properties;
- Agreed to nominate the following for service on the Search Committee for a General Presbyter: Rev. Stephen Fearing (Guilford Park), Elder Donna Hines (Mt. Jefferson), Elder Catreliia Hunter (Mt. Vernon), Rev. Charlie Lee (Starmount), Rev. Rosa Miranda (Validated Ministry, Presbyterian Mission Agency), Rev. Paul Sink (Taylorsville), Elder Charles Watlington (St. James);
- Approved minutes of previous meetings of the EC and the Presbytery.

**For Action –**

1. The Executive Council moves that the Presbytery elect the following to a term ending 12/31/2025 on the Committee on Representation: Elder LaQreshia Bates-Harley (Trinity, Salisbury), Rev. Ruth Lenger (HR), Elder Jinx Miller (Baird's Creek), Rev. Paul Sink (Taylorsville).
2. The Executive Council draws the Presbytery's attention to the Report of the Budget and Finance Committee included in today's packet. Elder Ronda Tatum is, we trust, enjoying her trip to the Holy Land today, but Presbytery Financial Secretary Renee Carter is present today to address any questions related to this report.
3. The Executive Council moves that the Presbytery elect the following to the Search Committee for a new General Presbyter: Rev. Stephen Fearing (Guilford Park), Elder Donna Hines (Mt. Jefferson), Elder Catreliia Hunter (Mt. Vernon), Rev. Charlie Lee (Starmount), Rev. Rosa Miranda (Validated Ministry, Presbyterian Mission Agency), Rev. Paul Sink (Taylorsville), Elder Charles Wallington (St. James).
4. The Executive Council asks the Moderator to recognize Rev. Kyle Goodman and Rev. Kim Priddy to speak to the Presbytery on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.

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**ACTION:**

10. Salem Presbytery elected the following to a term ending 12/31/2025 on the Committee on Representation: Elder LaQreshia Bates-Harley (Trinity, Salisbury), **Rev. Ruth Lenger** (HR), Elder Jinx Miller (Baird's Creek), **Rev. Paul Sink** (Taylorsville).
11. Salem Presbytery elected the following to the Search Committee for a new General Presbyter: **Rev. Stephen Fearing** (Guilford Park), Elder Donna Hines (Mt. Jefferson), Elder Catreliia Hunter (Mt. Vernon), **Rev. Charlie Lee** (Starmount), **Rev. Rosa Miranda** (Validated Ministry, Presbyterian Mission Agency), **Rev. Paul Sink** (Taylorsville), Elder Charles Watlington (St. James).

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COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION  
Rev. Sam Perkins, Moderator

**For Information:**

Ministers and Elder Commissioners are strongly urged to nominate individuals for service on Presbytery committees. A flyer that describes committees of Presbytery, together with a nominating form, is a part of this meeting's packet.

**For Action:**

**Vacancies on Presbytery Committees and Commissions:** The COR moves the following nominations for service to Salem Presbytery:

*Budget and Finance*

2025 Elder Ronda Tatum (Logan)

*COM - Task Force on CRE Training and Oversight*

2025 Elder Rick Purcell (Bethany, Graham)

*COM - Task Force on Examinations*

2025 Rev. Nancy Williams-Berry (HR)

*COM - Task Force on Ministry for the Changing Church*

2024 Rev. Suzanne Schafer Coates (HR)  
2024 Rev. Paul Ridolfi (HR)

*COM - Task Force on Transitions in Ministry (Installed)*

2024 Elder Martha Higgins (Guilford Park)

*Committee on Preparation for Ministry*

2023 Rev. Kent Berry (Validated Ministry)  
2023 Elder Alice Milam (Highland)

*Permanent Judicial Commission*

2028 Rev. Emily Schlaman Larsen (St. Andrews)  
2028 Rev. Paul Rhodes (Bethel)

*Property Management*

Elder Randy Gettys (Spencer)  
Elder Glenn Patterson (Bethany, Graham)

*Synod of the Mid-Atlantic*

2025 Elder Lee Woods (Logan) - as Elder Commissioner to Synod Assembly  
2025 Rev. Felicia Stewart Hoyle (MAL) - as Minister Commissioner to Synod Assembly  
2025 Elder LaQreshia Bates-Harley (Trinity, Salisbury) - to the Jubilee Fund

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**ACTION:**

12. Salem Presbytery approved the slate of nominees for service on the committees as they are listed.

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HUNGER COMMITTEE  
Rev. Leigh Wisner, Committee Chair

Rev. Leigh Wisner shared that the Hunger Committee will be meeting to review the recipients for the spring Hunger Grants. Rev. Wisner also shared the upcoming Pennies for Hunger campaign for the Lenten season will be in full swing starting Ash Wednesday and asked that pennies be collected each Sunday during Lent.

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PEACE AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE  
Rev. Wes Pitts and Rev. Jessica Rigel, Co-Moderators

Rev. Wes Pitts announced that the next racial equity equipping event is to take place May 25, 2023, at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. This training is required to be done every three years. Information can be found on Salem Presbytery's website at [www.salemraciaequity.org](http://www.salemraciaequity.org)

## ADJOURNMENT AND BENEDICTION

The Moderator announced the date of the next Presbytery meeting, May 16, 2023 in person only (Live Stream/Zoom participation TBA) at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. The Moderator adjourned the meeting with the benediction.

Recorded by:  
Christine Ratledge  
Administrative Assistant

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Vaughan Stated". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Vaughan Stated  
Clerk

## Appendix A

### Ministers Absent from the February 2023 Presbytery Meeting (excluding HR, unless she/he is currently serving a congregation)

Asher-Lawson, Marybeth	Gaither, Otto	Puryear, Sam
Barrow-Ziglar, Kaye	Gipe, Will	Rigel, Jessica
Beck, Fred	Greene, Sandra Lee	Rivers Mesa, Francis
Berry, Kent	Hanlin, Maria	Roberson, Angela
Braswell, Steve D.	Higgins, Cindy	Robison, Lee
Cannada, Charles	Howell, Charles	Roseman, Dana
Choplin, Patty	Jordan, Stephen	Sandlin, Mark
Conner, Deborah	Joyce, Boyd	Schooley, Christopher
Coppage, Jeffrey	Kim, Ki Seok	Simmons, Allison
Crainshaw, Jill	Kim, Seulki	Spangler, Laura
Davee Lomax, Amanda	Kunkle, Lynn	Sutphin, J. Grant
Durham, Larry	Lewis, Robert	Tickle, Blake
Eads, Will	McLaughlin, Alberta	Tuttle, Caroline
Fitch, Rachel	McLeroy, Douglas	Waldruff, Harold
Freeman, Keith	Mitchell, Pamela	White, Curtis
Freese, Scott	Nesbit, Thomas	Wood, Virginia
Fruits, Dana	Oliver, Jones (Gregory)	Wray, Tom
Fuller, Harold	Peters, Rebecca Todd	
Fulp, William	Porter, Timothy	