

**113TH Stated Meeting
of
Foothills Presbytery**

May 16, 2020

**Virtual Meeting
Via Zoom**

Supplement

Committee on Ministry
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The Committee on Ministry **reports:**

1. Approval of the following Stated Supply Contracts: Christi Brown and Patrick Jinks as Bridge Stated Supplies at St. Giles, Charlie Pratt as Part-Time Stated Supply at McCarter.
2. Jennifer Fouse Sheorn has been moved to the Member-at-Large category after her faithful service as Stated Supply at St. Giles, and Stan Reid has been moved to the Member-at-Large category after his faithful service as Stated Supply at McCarter. Cassie Wolfe has been moved to the Member-at-Large category after her faithful service as Stated Supply at First Simpsonville.
3. Joanne Hull was elected as PNC Liaison for Limestone.
4. Dan Sansbury, Limestone Interim, was elected as Moderator for the Bethesda Session.
5. Associate Stated Clerk Gordon Raynal shared the news of the Personnel Committee's affirmation of July 31, 2020 as his official retirement date.
6. COM members have attempted to be in touch with every Pastor and/or Clerk of Session in the last month. Reports about these communications were shared. CSM is likewise in communication with Christian Educators, Youth Leaders and Musicians. A second round of contacts will follow with Validated Ministers and Retired Ministers who are active in the work of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

Nath Briley, Chair

Committee on Shared Ministry

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) Update

In response to the EF3 tornado that struck Seneca, SC on Monday morning, April 13, 2020, at Debbie Foster's (Presbytery Leader & Stated Clerk) request, Rick Turner was virtually deployed by PDA to respond. Rick, Debbie Foster and Pressley Cox (Chair of CSM) were in touch with each other that morning.

Debbie discovered that Seneca church and Townville church sustained some damage. We were in contact with Richard Caldwell of Seneca church. Richard and his wife, Susan, were part of a work team that responded to Superstorm Sandy in NJ and stayed at a PDA host site. Their experience allowed them to quickly form a team and begin helping those impacted by the storm.

On behalf of the Presbytery and Coordinating Council, Debbie applied for, and, we received a PDA "initial response" grant to allow the presbytery to assist those impacted. It was decided that part of the funds would be used to procure needed supplies and the rest would be held for future needs.

Richard and Susan have been steadily working with the people in the Seneca area. They have kept Debbie, Pressley and Rick updated as to their progress. PDA shipped some flood buckets (clean-up supplies) and hygiene kits to Seneca church. Richard is distributing them as needed.

Richard and Rick joined in a phone conference with the SC Emergency Management Division, some Oconee officials and some disaster response partners. The purpose of this call was to establish a long-term recovery group to ensure needs were met and resources were being used fairly and efficiently. The Oconee County LTRG (OCLTRG) has had twice-weekly calls since the initial call.

On May 02, 2020 the POTUS issued a disaster declaration at the request of the SC governor. This allowed FEMA to become involved in the recovery and freed up funds for assistance.

FEMA plans to be active with the OCLTRG.

On May 13, 2020 there will be a conference with Debbie, Pressley, Richard and Rick to discuss how to begin distributing the funds that have been granted and donated for this disaster.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Turner

PDA Sub-Committee Chair, on behalf of the Committee on Shared Ministry

Coordinating Council Report Supplement May 16, 2020

The Council **reports** the following:

1. Via email approval the Council considered the following request submitted on behalf of the Committee on Shared Ministry by Pressley Cox, Chair. Council unanimously approved the request:

Dear Coordinating Council-

As most of you are aware, due to the early morning tornadoes on Monday, April 13, parts of Foothills Presbytery were damaged or destroyed. The EF3 tornado that struck Seneca, damaging Seneca Presbyterian and the surrounding community, was the strongest ever reported in the upstate of SC.

On Friday, April 17, the Committee on Shared Ministry unanimously voted to recommend to the Coordinating Council that Foothills Presbytery apply for a \$5000 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support those impacted and to provide needed supplies to residents of the affected communities.

After discovery of further damage (including the Townville Church and community), Stated Clerk/Presbytery Leader Debbie Foster and PDA National Response Rep Rick Turner propose increasing the grant about to \$7,500.

The Committee on Shared Ministry is asking for the Coordinating Council's endorsement of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance grant in the amount of \$7,500 on behalf of Foothills Presbytery.

2. The Coordinating Council met via Zoom Conference and **reports** the following from that meeting:
 - A. That PDA approved the grant request and that CSM is now seeking a second grant specifically for damage at the Seneca Church, which it approved.
 - B. Heard the report that the 2020 Meeting of GA will be a virtual meeting that will only consider essential matters related to the ongoing work of the PCUSA.
 - C. As the bank informed us of new rules regarding the Payroll Protection Loans that disqualifies Presbytery from application, Council approved withdrawing the application.
 - D. Council discussed issues around safe resumption of Foothills congregations in-person gatherings for worship and approved a Pastoral Letter from Debbie Foster and a list of tools for careful consideration of this important issue. (sent May 7, 2020)

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Hoyt, Chair

Foothills Presbytery
Finance & Stewardship Committee Report
May 16, 2020

The Finance & Stewardship Committee met via Zoom Conference on April 30, 2020 and **reports** the following:

1. Warren Templeton reported that the Presbytery is within the budget for the first quarter. Receipts are down, but we have received 11% of the budget which is not far off for what is typical in our history of the Annual Commitment.
2. The audit for our 2019 budget and giving is underway.
3. The Tyger River Session generously sent a gift of \$1900 to Foothills to use for emergency needs in congregations during the COVID-19 Crisis. These monies will be placed in the COM Emergency Fund.
4. Presbytery has applied for and was initially approved for a PPP Loan of \$66,000. (*Per the Coordinating Council Supplemental Report, this was reported to Council. Subsequently Council was informed that new rules meant the Presbytery may not be qualified for the loan and so the application was withdrawn.)
5. F&S noted that the Presbyterian Foundation is a good resource for congregations wanting to begin online giving.
6. F&S noted that the Scholarship Working Group is meeting and it will develop guidelines and rules for the use of the income off of the approved Scholarship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Latham, Chair

Members: Dennis Latham, Chair; Daniel Elmore, Laura Smith Conrad, Brian Johnson, Justin Cazal, McCrady Gwinn, Hudson Neely, Sandi Tolly, Russ Williams; Ex Officio: Debbie Foster, Presbytery Leader & Stated Clerk; Gordon Raynal, Associate Stated Clerk; Stan Reid, Treasurer; Warren Templeton, Bookkeeper & Office Manager;

Foothills Presbytery
Selected Financial Information
Revenue and Expenditures
For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Revenue		
Unified Giving - from Foothills churches	60,767	145,591
Other-PYC fees, MIS trip, Hunger Prog, COM Emgncy, etc.	16,719	-
Total Revenue	77,486	145,591
Expenses		
Committee on Shared Ministry ¹	10,152	11,037
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	354	2,375
Council ²	120,034	131,179
Committee on Ministry	138	1,000
Total Expenditures	130,678	145,591
Net	(53,192)	-

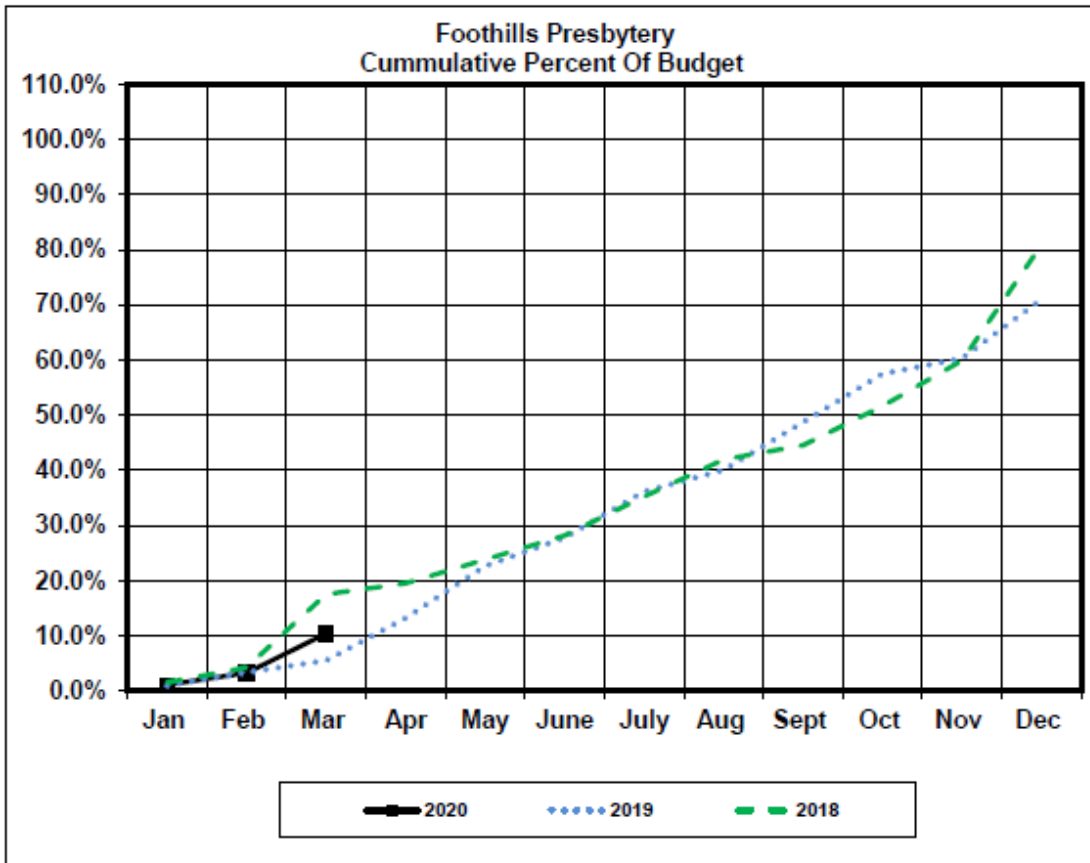
Notes:

1 - Includes Mission Expense, Youth Council, Resource Library, Leader Training, etc.

2 - Office staff and facility expense

FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY ANNUAL COMMITMENT

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$513,559	\$534,142	\$582,366
From Prior Year Budget % Change	1.8%	4.01%	9.03%
End of Year Over/(Under) Bud	-\$81,576	-\$120,632	
End of Year % Budget Received	84.12%	77.42%	



	2017 Budget		2018 Budget		2019 Budget	
	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	Percent	Cumulative	Percent
January	\$ 8,440	1.6%	\$ 5,872	1.0%	\$ 6,488	1.1%
February	\$ 22,936	4.3%	\$ 19,795	3.4%	\$ 19,233	3.3%
March	\$ 93,614	17.5%	\$ 32,149	5.5%	\$ 60,767	10.4%
April	\$ 104,344	19.5%	\$ 77,163	13.2%	\$ -	0.0%
May	\$ 127,299	23.8%	\$ 132,018	22.7%	\$ -	0.0%
June	\$ 150,519	28.2%	\$ 161,842	27.8%	\$ -	0.0%
July	\$ 188,466	35.3%	\$ 210,542	36.2%	\$ -	0.0%
August	\$ 224,086	42.0%	\$ 233,353	40.1%	\$ -	0.0%
September	\$ 238,064	44.6%	\$ 283,790	48.7%	\$ -	0.0%
October	\$ 276,067	51.7%	\$ 334,846	57.5%	\$ -	0.0%
November	\$ 320,058	59.9%	\$ 351,220	60.3%	\$ -	0.0%
December	\$ 431,983	80.9%	\$ 413,510	71.0%	\$ -	0.0%

Foothills Presbytery Personnel Committee Report

May 16, 2020

The Personnel Committee met via Zoom Conference on Monday, April 27, 2020 and **reports** the following:

- I. The Personnel Manual to be included in the Presbytery Manual of Operations is at the attorney for review.
- II. The Search Committees for the next Associate Stated Clerk and the new Associate for Mission & Ministry have received a good number of Personal Information Forms and are conducting interviews.
- III. The committee discussed the time-line for bringing new staff on board considering the COVID-19 crisis. The Associate Stated Clerk Search Committee believes it will make a hiring decision soon and make its recommendation to the Coordinating Council for the hire and recommendation to Presbytery for his/her election. The hope is that a new Associate Stated Clerk can be brought on board by late May or early June. On this schedule Gordon Raynal will still be here to help Debbie orient the new hire, and then retire as scheduled on July 31st. It is the hope that the new Associate for Shared Mission & Ministry can also be hired this summer.
- IV. Bill Sibley reported on the work of the Transition Think Tank. Of special import the Task Force has considered the fundamental changes of recent years wherein less than half of the congregations of Foothills are able to Call an Installed Pastor. A critical piece for moving forward in Presbytery's shared mission will be the work of the Council, working with Debbie, to guide and support the work of the new staff, particularly the Associate for Shared Mission & Ministry.
- V. Gordon Raynal reported on the work of the Coordinating Council in its shift from the programmatic model of Presbytery work to the Ecclesial and Diaconal model put in place upon the work of the Discernment Task Force. For the last year plus the Coordinating Council has shifted the center of its work from Presbytery meeting preparation to function as mission and ministry leaders, similar to the role the Session plays for the congregation. This shift has gone well.
- VI. Phil Lyles brought up the role of Personnel as it relates to the new staff. Discussion followed and Personnel affirmed its role to come along side Debbie to be the support and guidance team for both new positions.
- VII. The committee thanked Gordon Raynal for his faithful leadership as Stated Clerk from June 1, 2013 to December 31, 2019, and for his continuing work as Associate Stated Clerk since January 1, 2020. And the committee gave its good wishes for Gordon's retirement later this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Evans, Chair

Members: Tom Evans, Chair; Christie Gravely, Bill Sibley, Robert Barkley, Deborah Broadwell, Phil Lyles; Ex Officio: Debbie Foster, Stated Clerk and Presbytery Leader; Gordon Raynal, Associate Stated Clerk

Dear Foothills Presbytery Churches,

As summer camps continue to be cancelled due to safety and concern for all, Camp Fellowship has re-imagined outdoor ministry for summer 2020. They are committed to share faith formation through re-envisioned summer programs including the “Camp in a Box” program as detailed below. Please consider how your congregation might partner and support Camp Fellowship this summer. Visit <https://www.campfellowship.org/reimagine2020> for more information.

**Camp Fellowship has re-imagined Summer Camp
with children, youth and families this summer!**

This will be a summer like none before with opportunities to engage as the community of faith in real and meaningful faith formation. Join Camp Fellowship in making this a summer "re-imagined" with amazing possibilities for outreach and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the homes of your church families and in your community!

RE-IMAGINE SUMMER 2020

CAMP IN A BOX

5 ACTIVITY PACKS

EACH PACK INCLUDES:

- Bible study guide
- Nature activity
- Game instructions
- Music & book resources
- Table talk cards

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Craft supplies
- Access to unique online content
- Limited edition camp swag!

CAMP FELLOWSHIP

www.campfellowship.org

Camp Fellowship will be sending this amazing resource to EVERY Camper Family that attended in 2019 AND to other families who want to be a part!

With your financial support, we will be able to underwrite this program and share these boxes FREE OF CHARGE with:

Camp Fellowship Families who attended in 2019.

Families of children and youth (k-12th grade) in your congregation who might not have attended in 2019. “Camp in a Box” is a great way to offer Faith Formation to families in your congregation.

To support, please visit <https://www.campfellowship.org/reimagine2020>

**Presbytery Meeting -- Order of Worship
Saturday, May 16, 2020**

THE PRAISE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: The Spirit of God is upon us. We are called to be God's people.
The Spirit of God is upon us. We are called to be the body of Christ.
- All: Creator of life and love, we gather together in different ways this morning,
from computer screens, from telephones, we gather,
reaching out across the wires, waving from a safe distance,
to come together in our community.**
- One: From living rooms to front porches, we gather as we are able,
ready to be of service to each other, to the world,
ready to build the community of hope and love, as we face this morning and
gathering.
- All: We are apart, but we are together,
offering our love, our commitment, our hope, and our prayers,
in service to one another and to this world.**
- One: Come, for this is a new way, but an old way,
that we come together to worship God today.
- All: Come, let us worship God, who binds us together in love and service.**

OPENING HYMN #307 stz. 1 & 2 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*

THE WORD

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

THE MESSAGE

While we listen to "The Ground" by composer Ola Geilo, we will be viewing images of ***The Body of Christ at Work*** here in our Presbytery during this time.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Osana in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domina. Benedictus qui venit. Osana in excelsis.

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccata mundi. Dona nobis pacem.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is he who comes.

Hosanna in the highest. Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

SENDING FORTH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

All: In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we truth in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CLOSING HYMN #300

We Are One in the Spirit

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

- 1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*
- 2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*
- 3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*
- 4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

BENEDICTION

Participating in Worship Today

Mt. Zion Presbyterian	Allyson Helvie and Chancel Choir
First Presbyterian, Anderson	Chad Wright Pittman
First Presbyterian, Spartanburg	Chancel Choir and Chamber Singers
Foothills Presbytery	Debbie Foster
Central Presbyterian	Mandy Davis and Annette Martin
McKinney Chapel	Beverly Kelly

Special Thanks: To our Presbytery's Christian Educators, who invited children in a variety of our churches to submit the beautiful illustrations reflecting the 1 Corinthians 12 reading.

A note from Holt Andrews (Chair of the Worship Committee): The worship service for this presbytery meeting is a wonder. I can say this not because I have seen it but because I was fortunate enough to be a part of the team that created it. We were determined to make a virtue of necessity in its development, make every moment count, and to reflect the diversity of our presbytery in its production. Every team member contributed significantly to its focus and structure in a joyful dance of a Zoom meeting, and then followed through on his/her respective assignments with wit and dispatch. Our team includes Allyson Helvie, Jimmy Cheeks, Mandy Davis, Debbie Foster, Beverly Kelly and Chad Wright-Pittman. A special thanks to Craig Foster and to our producer Stone Foster.