

Peaks Postings

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Session Records Review and Covid-19

The current remaining schedule for reviewing 2019 Session Records is as follows:

Churches with names beginning D – H are scheduled November 19, 2020, Zoom Meeting

With the remaining 2020 Presbytery meeting being a Zoom meeting, all churches can **either email** their session records with their filled out “Session Records Review Forms” to davidlavhayes@gmail.com or **mail** copies of minutes (please don’t mail the only existing original) along with filled-out “Session Records Review Forms” (no binders or covers please) to Dave Hayes, Session Records Review, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, 701 Church St. SE, Blacksburg VA 24060. We will mail your reviewed forms and copies of minutes (let me know if you don’t need the copies returned to you, saving mailing expense) back to the Clerk of Session. Churches whose minutes are so massive the expense would be prohibitive to mail can bring their minutes to the next in-person meeting whenever that takes place. **Please do not email or mail session records to the Presbytery Office.**

Mission Grant Applications due November 1st!

POP Congregations! Your Mission Committee is here to assist you in your mission work! The Mission Committee has a total of \$32,000 designated for mission outreach, made available from Church Dismissal Funds. \$10,656 is for mission beyond our presbytery and \$21,364 for mission within our presbytery. We are here to help your church Session submit a recommendation or an application for a seed grant. The presbytery Mission Committee especially seeks to assist smaller budget churches who hope to work with at-risk children and youth in their neighborhood. Mission causes outside the presbytery can be in Virginia, in the United States, or an international work.

It is understood that congregations may have great ideas that will be delayed by the current pandemic. But it’s fine to start making those plans now for working with young people for when you can put them in motion.

The simple application can be found on the presbytery’s website: www.peakspresbytery.org click on “Ministry/Mission,” then “Presbytery Missions.” The application is under “New Mission Grant Applications.”

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by **November 1, 2020 (extended from October 1)** to the Presbytery of the Peaks, 108 Melinda Dr., Lynchburg, VA 24551.



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

Actively engaged in the world

[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 people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or 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. We recognize Christ's urgent call to be a church of action, where God's love, justice and mercy shine forth and are contagious. And we rejoice how our re-energized faith can unite all Presbyterians for a common and holy purpose: our common identity to do mission.

[A 3-minute introduction to Matthew 25](#)

[Watch the video](#) | [Watch the longer version \(8 minutes\)](#) | [The 40-second version](#)

[Matthew 25 Resources](#)

Whether you are just starting on your Matthew 25 journey or are fully engaged and active in your community, you may find these resources helpful as you seek to “unleash the spirit” of the Matthew 25 vision!

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/welcome-kit/>





POP Congregations, what are you doing to meet community needs in pandemic times? Many of you are making a difference in your corner of the world or beyond. Let us know so that we can learn from each other! Please send brief stories/descriptions/photos to denisepillow@gmail.com.

Welcoming New Staff Per Design

At our August presbytery meeting we approved a mission study report that included a new staff design. Anticipating approval, the Administration Committee had prepared for the search for a Program Director for Discipleship (part-time) and Communications Director (full time). Position descriptions were written, approved and posted. Applications were reviewed and interviews were conducted by members of the Personnel Committee and the general presbyter, and upon their recommendations the Administration Committee was pleased to approve the new staff members.

Please welcome Sam Smith, a member of First Presbyterian Martinsville and their part-time Director of Children and Youth, to our presbytery staff. Same is a lifelong presbyterian, having grown up at FPC Martinsville. Sam is a 2014 graduate of Roanoke College, where he received his BA degree in Business Administration and Literary Studies, and a 2018 graduate of Hollins University where he was awarded an MA in Film Studies and Screen Writing. Sam has a passion for ministry to children and youth and has experience with three of our presbytery ministries to youth: Youth Council (POPYOCO), Camp Peaks, and Youth Triennium. He will serve as a resource to the Discipleship committees and workgroups of our presbytery. Sam can be reached thru his presbytery email address: sam@peakspresbytery.org.

Please also welcome teaching elder Dave Baker to the staff as our Communications Director. Dave is currently the stated supply at Williamson Memorial Presbyterian Church, where his service will end in mid-October. Dave is also a lifelong presbyterian, having grown up at First Presbyterian Church in Danville. Family brought Dave, his wife, and two children back to Danville.

Dave is a 1999 graduate of The College of William and Mary with a BA in Psychology, and a 2002 graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary. He has divided his continuing education between PCUSA evangelism conferences and the Polity Conference and Stated Clerk conferences of the PCUSA. Before coming to Williamson Memorial Dave was the Stated Clerk and Director of Communications for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Finally, Dave is the founder and CEO of Internet Outreach Experts, a company he started in 2013.

Dave brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the position of Communications Director and we look forward to him becoming a part of the staff team. Dave will continue to live in Danville while working closely with the staff in Lynchburg.

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TO THE TEAM



PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location
10/8/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Ministry	Zoom
10/13/20	9:30 a.m.	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Zoom
10/13/20	10:00 a.m.	Missions Committee	Zoom

Next Presbytery Meeting:

November 19, 2020

Zoom

[On-Line Calendar](#)

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- Keep the information to one page or less.
- Use links to web sites rather than including lots of details.
- Please obtain permission from the people pictured in your photos before submitting them to *Peaks Postings*.

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- feature or not feature an article. Our first priority is to feature activities within POP churches and the Presbytery.
- edit submitted articles/announcements.
- limit the number of weeks an article/announcement is featured.

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