

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS

STATED MEETING

May 21, 2026

Blacksburg Presbyterian Church



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 One Hundred and forty-first Stated Meeting
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Meeting Attendance
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Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Present

George Anderson	Lisa Marshall	Pete Smith
Ben Banner	Sarah Martin	Anghaarad Teague Dees
Ben Brannan	John McCarthy	Allison Unroe
Beth Broschart	Bob McLavey	Tim Verhey
Janet Chisom	Russ Merritt	Chris Vogado
Linda Dickerson	Jonathan Moelker	Rachel Vogado
Isabella Fagiani	Jim Moss	Morgan Whitfield
Jeff Garrison	Mikel Pugh	Sarah Wiles
Annette Goard	Mark Rackley	Brent Williams
Geoff Hubbard	Emily Rhodes Hunter	Steve Willis
Elizabeth Link	Dave Roberts	
Gary Marshall	Jeffrey Schroeder	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Excused

Philip Bouknight	Kim Jeffreys	Peter Thompson
Herndon Jeffreys	Bea Miller	

Active Ministers of Word and Sacrament Absent

Shawn Hyska
Carlos Malave
Andrew Whaley

Retired Ministers in Attendance

Terry Blevins	Tupper Garden	Jim Slate
Glenn Coleman	Skip Hastings	Dave Snyder
David Dickerson	W.D. Hasty	John Wiederholt
Bob Fiedler	Don Makin	George Wilson
Dusty Fiedler	Cheryl Peoples	

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers in Attendance

Dave Baker	Kathy Carpenter	Robin Williamson
Vernie Bolden	Terri Cornwell	
Jen Brothers	Steve Darr	

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Excused

Chad McCain
 Betsy Soto
 Ed Soto

Ministers at Large and Validated Ministers Absent

Ellen Anderson	Todd Hester	Debra McKune
Richard Goodman	Paul Johnson	Amy Merrill Willis

Commissioned Pastors in Attendance

Dick Boswell	Jan McGilliard
Donna Britt	Joyce Perez
Naomi Hodge Muse	Ray Williams

Commissioned Pastors Excused

Margie Anderson
 Rich Henderson
 Mike Whorley

Commissioned Pastors Absent

Todd Atkins	Felecia Parsell	Linda Trumbo
Phil Berry	Kelvin Perry	Tony Ward
Nancy Gray	Mike Price	
Bill Meneeley	Laura Jane Ramsburg	

Cabinet and Committee Chairs Attending Not Counted Elsewhere

Smith Chaney
 Pam Claterbaugh
 Shelda Wills

Voting Elders for Churches

Altavista	Randy Dunn
Amherst	Nancy Massie
Blacksburg	Anna Bach
Blacksburg	Janet Rakes
Bluemont	Gerald Potter
Buchanan	Peggy Thrasher

Chatham	John Buck
Christiansburg	Gary Overstreet
Clarksville	Richard Pulliam
College	Ken Perkins
First, Collinsville	Kym Wiederholt
Cool Spring	Marilyn Hubbard
Covenant	John Fedison
Covenant	Melissa Cranwell
First, Covington	Denise Pillow
Diamond Hill	David Maxey
Farmville	Michael Broden
Fincastle	Patsy Dickerson
Floyd	Joyce Blevins
Forest	John Bates
Guinea/Cumberland	Charlotte Hazelgrove
Holbrook St.	Eleese Wilson
Low Moor	Rebecca Irvine
First, Lynchburg	Bucky Neal
First, Lynchburg	Caskie Giles
Mallow	Ronnie Linkenhoker
Mayberry	Jack Palmer
McAllister Memorial	Augustus Hayslett
Mercy Seat	Mark Gosney
New Concord	John Lewis
New Dublin	Martha Parker
Northminster	Sherry Moses
Northside	Joe Hunnings
Pearisburg	Jesse Ring
Radford	David Young
Raleigh Court	Martin Trussell
Raleigh Court	Hunter Moore
Roanoke Valley	Teresa Agnew
Salem	Sarah Eller
Second	Cathy Swanson
Second	Daniel Hodges
St. Andrew	Dan Snellings
Trinity Ecumenical	Ann Duncan

Visitors

Visiting Minister	Leigh Anne Ring
Melanie Smith	Blacksburg
Sarah Windes	Blacksburg
Rebecca Hayslett	McAllister Memorial
Grant Massie	Amherst
Kylie Young	Second

Richard Claterbaugh	Northminster
Sally Irvine	Low Moor
Gael Chaney	Trinity Ecumenical
Sue Bentley	Northside
Rachel Parson	Blacksburg
Mia Copeland	Second
Elaine Boswell	First, Lynchburg
Jim Ring	Providence, Presbytery of the James
Elizabeth Barksdale	Candidate for Ordination
Michael Briggs	Bedford
Janice Nevergold	Pearisburg
Valeria Edwards	Christian View Mission Baptist
Jaquelyn Kardalewski	Jerusalem Christian Church

Churches not attending the meeting

Appomattox CH	Falling Spring	Oak Level
Appomattox PE	Fellowship	Oak View
Arvon	Fifth Avenue	Old Brick
Beale Memorial	Fork Union	Old Concord
Bedford	Gethsemane	Peaks
Belmont	Grace	Phenix
Belspring	Hat Creek	Pisgah
Bethlehem	Hermon	First, Pulaski
Briery	High Bridge	Quaker Memorial
Brookneal	Kayser Memorial	Roanoke
Browns	Kentuck	Rocky Mount
Buffalo	Madisonville	Rough Creek
Campbell Memorial	First, Martinsville	Sinking Spring
Clifton Forge	Mary Horner Walker	First, South Boston
Colonial	Massies Mill	Trinity, Arvon
Concord	Maysville	Unity
Coolwell	Meherrin	Village
Danube	Memorial	Villamont
First, Danville	Mizpah	Virginia
Davis Memorial	Montvale	West End
Douglas	Mt. Carmel	Westminster
Drakes Branch	First, Narrows	Williamson Memorial
Fairlawn	New Store	

Staff Not Counted Elsewhere

Julie Burnett
 Sharon Bogdan
 Donna Garrison

**Presbytery Meeting Minutes
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Call to Order and opening Prayer by Vice Moderator, Russ Merritt.

Welcome by Sarah Wiles and Emily Rhodes Hunter, Blacksburg PC

Stated Clerk, Dave Baker, declared a quorum.

No items were removed from the consent agenda, and the docket and consent agenda were **approved** by consensus.

CONSENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

Report of the Stated Clerk:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the minutes of the February 21, 2026 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks and minutes of the March 17, 2026 Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks, as reviewed by those persons designated by the Standing Rules, be approved.

2. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That motions be reduced to writing and sent to the clerks' table before discussion.

3. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That Pam Claterbaugh be appointed as recording secretary for the May 21, 2026 Stated Meeting.

Report of the Commission on Ministry:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the 2026 Terms of Call for Installed Pastors be approved as presented. (Appendix A)

No items were removed from the consent agenda, and the docket and consent agenda were **approved** by consensus.

Worship with Communion: Beth Barksdale, Candidate for Ordination, presented the sermon. Ben Banner, Tim Verhey, Jeffrey Schroeder, Sarah Wiles and Emily Rhodes Hunter also participated in the service.

Break followed by open mic.

Report of the Examinations Commission**Linda Dickerson**

Commission on Examinations, Moderator, Linda Dickerson, recommended that Beth Barksdale be ordained as a member of Peaks Presbytery and installed in a validated ministry as chaplain at Chatham Hall. **(Approved)**

Beth Barksdale, Statement of Faith

I believe in one living and sovereign God, infinite in being and perfection, who calls us to be stewards of the earth and skies; neighbors to its inhabitants and the universe beyond; and advocates of life, justice, peace and love, giving hope to humanity so we may work together to reconcile our world.

Joyfully, I celebrate and embrace the mystery of the Trinity; that God the Creator, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are one, distinct yet inseparable, revealed in accordance to the scriptures and present for all people. I trust in one God, most loving, gracious, merciful and kind, a spirit pure and holy, the source of truth and love. I accept Jesus Christ as the son of God, fully human and fully divine, and know it is in the Word Incarnate that we are one with Christ, transformed and made new, equipped to disclose a redeemed life of discipleship. I encounter the Holy Spirit embodying us and sustaining us, connecting us one to another and with all creation, revealing the very presence of God and giving purpose to our lives.

Faithfully, I engage the scriptures of God as a unique and necessary authority, the written word, instructing, teaching, guiding, encouraging, fostering and helping to discern our interpretation of culture and circumstance in light of tradition, and the ecumenical work and witness of the church.

Confidently, I know we are all God's people, invited to learn and grow together in faith, guided by a personal relationship with the very nature of God, understood as a covenant and strengthened by a community of believers.

I am called to be an instrument of God, to compassionately serve the mission and ministry of the church, affirming the value of all creation and the humanity of all people, with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.

I believe God is of us, I believe God is for us, I believe God is among us.

Transitional GP Search Committee-Presentation of GP Candidate**Dave Roberts**

Dave Roberts, Moderator, introduced Rev. Leigh Anne Ring to the presbytery. Information on her background and terms of call can be found in the packet and online. A **motion** was made to approve this candidate for the position of Interim/Transitional Presbyter. A vote was taken by acclamation. **(Approved)**

A **motion** was made by Morgan Whitfield to dismiss the GP Search Committee with thanks from the Presbytery. **(Approved)**

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL GP SEARCH COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

The Transitional General Presbyter Search Committee, with concurrence from Cabinet, recommends the Rev. Leigh Anne K. Ring as our candidate to be the Interim/Transitional General Presbyter for the Presbytery of the Peaks. This contract will be reviewed for an extension of time at the end of three years.



Leigh Anne Ring, Biographical Statement

I was born to a PC(USA) pastor and an elementary school librarian. Both of their professions imprinted on me earlier than I can remember. I'm drawn into story, and I'm connected to the story of faith I learned from parents and the church, and I'm still enamored with library books (especially children's literature).

After college, I found community and connection to my call to educational ministry at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. My first church in Summerville, SC launched this call over 30 years ago. Congregational ministry from the lens of the educator provides a unique perspective. The training and the opportunity to share ministry and life with all ages is a holy gift. Walking the journey alongside those with joys and sorrows is sacred. Training teachers to share their faith with children, youth, and adults is sowing seeds of discipleship that you pray will be watered and tended by others along the way.

After getting married to a young Captain in the Virginia National Guard, I settled in Richmond and served three congregations in the Presbytery of the James as an Educator. I was active in the work of the presbytery as a youth advisor for the Youth Council, a member of COM, a member of administrative commissions, a member of short-term committees and task forces, and the vice-moderator and moderator of the presbytery.

In the midst of my twenty-fifth year of educational ministry, I answered the call to explore ordained ministry. I had wrestled with this call for many years beforehand. Why didn't the denomination value my call to educational ministry? Why didn't the local church understand my call to educational ministry? Would I have to set the first call aside in order to answer the second? The frustrating part of the process of discernment is that the questions you most wrestle with are not always answered.

When I graduated from seminary, the Presbytery of the James was building a new staffing pattern. This had been my family since 1997. I knew the pastors, the educators, the presbytery leaders, the congregations, and the work of COM. It felt natural to consider the position, but with a twist. Everyone expected me to apply for the Congregational Life position, and I sought out the Pastoral Relations position. From the beginning, the transition from one staff person to four staff people in the presbytery (three Presbyters and a Stated Clerk) was on thin ice. I didn't realize the precarious standings, and when I went in with all my skills and my heart, my heart was shattered, and I doubted my skills when the presbytery voted just two years later to dissolve the staffing design.

Since then, I have built some new skills through some coaching classes and done the important work that heals a wounded heart. I'm strengthened by the constant support of my family, including my Dad, my husband, and our two young adult children. I'm hopeful for an opportunity to join the leadership team of the Presbytery of the Peaks.

These days, I find myself holding onto the stories that have always sustained me—stories of a God who calls, who accompanies, and who provides, even when the way forward is unclear. Like Gideon, I have asked for assurance; like the Israelites, I have known seasons of wandering. And yet, in each moment, God has remained faithful. I carry that trust with me, along with a deep love for the Church and a desire to support its leaders and congregations with wisdom, compassion, and hope. I would be honored to bring these gifts to the Presbytery of the Peaks, trusting that God is already at work among us, inviting us into what comes next.

Presbytery of the Peaks Purpose & Priorities

Presbytery is the tie that binds our diverse contexts to share God's love by: supporting, connecting, guiding, equipping, and resourcing ministries.

Beloved Community

Equipping the Saints

Expanding the Kingdom

At the time when the MDP was created, stated priorities for the GP were:

1. To focus on relationships and building community.
2. To help small and/or struggling congregations.
3. To facilitate connections between congregations
4. To focus on ministry to young adults
5. To better utilize communication and technology tools.
6. To restructure/reconsider the staff and ministry configuration to fit the current goals of the presbytery

Duties, Expectations, and Responsibilities for the position

-Guide the Presbytery theologically as it pursues its whole life and mission through interpretation, reflection, planning, and implementation;

- Interpret to its ministries the presbytery's vision, priorities and values, as well as represent the presbytery at the higher councils of the church and other communities of faith;
- Maintain a presence within congregations by regularly preaching, teaching, visiting, and leading throughout the presbytery;
- Serve as head of staff, through whom all staff are accountable to the Presbytery, seeking both collegiality and effectiveness in staff assignments, training and distribution of skills;
- Provide support to the Cabinet, Commission on Ministry, and Board of Directors;
- Serve as pastor to the Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the presbytery in personal and professional matters.
- Be accountable to the Presbytery through its Commission on Administration

Compensation Package can be found in Appendix B.

Report of the Justice and Mercy Commission

Denise Pillow

Kathy Carpenter, CEDEPCA, reported that five people will represent our Mission Partnership in Guatemala this summer. They are Rachel Parsons, Shanan Sessor, Layla Sessor, Juan Gathman, and Patrick Brayton. A Commission service was held, followed by a prayer by Denise Pillow.

Vernie Bolden, Justice & Mercy Ministry Specialist, and Rachel Parsons announced the "Dream Big" Grant opportunity. This will be a one-time grant of \$15,000 to fund new projects that make a meaningful impact in their local communities. All applications must be submitted by November 1.

Racial Equity, Bob and Dusty Fielder read a Virginia State Resolution presented to Naomi Hodge Muse for her Black Storyteller award and many other accomplishments.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON JUSTICE AND MERCY

INFORMATION:

Updates from the Subcommittees

CEDEPCA Subcommittee:

REPORT OF CEDEPCA MISSION PARTNERSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE

Five travelers to Guatemala will represent our Mission Partnership this summer. Our Mission Partnership travelers will include two college students, a high school student, and two adults. They will celebrate 40 years of the Mission Partnership between our presbytery and CEDEPCA. The mission trip will be July 13-20. Our representatives will be Rachel Parsons, Shanan Sessor, Layla Sessor, Juan Gathman, and Patrick Brayton. They will meet up with 6 representatives from

the Presbytery of the James for this mission trip to Guatemala. The CEDEPCA Mission Partnership has helped open our eyes and our hearts as we experience God at work in CEDEPCA, in the people of Guatemala, and in our own lives. CEDEPCA trains lay pastors and church leaders for life changing ministry, especially in rural areas. CEDEPCA's ministry with women provides education, Bible study, and support for stronger and healthier family life. CEDEPCA responds with disaster relief and economic assistance including Eco Filters which provide clean and healthy water for families and micro-loans which allow women to create a small business to support their family. CEDEPCA has pioneered outreach to teen girls and boys which challenge assumptions about domestic violence, and focuses on each individual's life and purpose as beloved children of God.

Earth Care Subcommittee:

Make sure you receive a flyer upon arrival and take a tour on May 21st of Blacksburg PC's Creation Care team efforts to learn what your congregation can also be doing to care for Creation.

Grants Subcommittee:

Two Cents-a-Meal / application deadlines April 1 and October 1

Community Outreach Block / application deadline February 1

Earth Care application deadlines February 1, May 1, October 1

Justice & Mercy deadlines February 1, May 1, October 1

For more information, visit www.peakspresbytery.org/grants

Racial Equity Subcommittee:

On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate its 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This anniversary will feature many events and programs to encourage national reflection and celebration throughout 2026. Before we reach July 4th celebrations we can celebrate a national holiday on June 19th. Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") marks the day when U.S. federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas in 1865 to take control of the state, and ensure that 250,000 enslaved people in Texas were free. Juneteenth honors the end of slavery in the United States. In Texas, slavery had continued even after the Civil War had ended. Many enslavers from outside the Lone Star State had moved there, as they viewed it as a safe haven for slavery. Then on June 19, 1865, U.S. Army General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and announced this order: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free!" Juneteenth officially became a Virginia state holiday in 2020, and it officially became a federal holiday in 2021. Why celebrate Juneteenth? Sterling Morse of the PCUSA Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministry explains: "Juneteenth serves as a chronological turning point in American history, celebrating the triumph of the human spirit over the cruelty of slavery. Juneteenth is not just an African American holiday, but it is a template of God's redeeming grace to all Americans -indeed, all globally who hunger and thirst after righteousness, mercy and justice." You and your congregation can join in Juneteenth celebrations in your community. For example: Martinsville-Henry County NAACP invites you to a Juneteenth Gospel Music Extravaganza. June 19, 6 pm-8:30 pm at New College Institute, 191 Fayette St., Martinsville;

Farmville- The Civil Rights Walking Tour is a two-mile, self-guided tour that revisits influential sites and events in Prince Edward County's contributions to the civil rights movement. The route begins and ends at Moton Museum where a student walkout headed by Barbara Johns in 1951 led to the Davis v. Prince Edward court case that eventually became part of the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision. The trail includes 17 stops marked by Civil Rights Walking Tour signage; Lynchburg- Juneteenth observance pairs with the James River Batteau Festival on June 19-20 at Riverfront Park. The celebration features live music, food, and educational programming on the Black history of the James River Corridor; Roanoke- Virginia Cares Presents Juneteenth Praise and Worship Extravaganza, Saturday, June 13, 3-6PM, Dumas Center, 108 Henry St., Roanoke;

Pulaski- The Calfee Community and Cultural Center hosts Juneteenth events that focus on the history of Calfee Training School and local African American Heritage.

Report of the Commission on Ministry

Anghaarad Teague-Dees

Anghaarad Teague Dees, Commission Moderator, reported the following:

- Small Church Summit will be held on September 26, 2026.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

INFORMATION:

1. Held a Moderator Training Workshop on Feb. 26 with 25 people in attendance.
2. We are sending 2 people to the Town Square Collaborative at University of Ozarks on June 24-June 26.
3. Met by Zoom on March 12, 2026 and May 14, 2026

ACTIONS:

1. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Montvale Presbyterian Church and Rev. Rodney Wilson effective Jan. 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
2. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Fincastle Presbyterian Church and Rev. David Dickerson effective Jan. 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
3. Approved the formation of an Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg with a called meeting date set for March 17, 2026.
4. Approved the Temporary Supply contract renewal between Oak Level Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ronn McCracken effective January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
5. Approved the recommissioning contract between Phil Berry, CP, and Villamont Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
6. Approved the \$2000.00 Pastoral Grant Request from Rev. Peter Thompson to attend Davidson Clergy Center.
7. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. Geoff Hubbard and Cool Spring PC effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
8. Approved Rev. John Wiederholt as moderator for First PC, Collinsville.

9. Approved the Stated Supply contract renewal between Rev. Terry Blevins and Roanoke Valley PC effective from December 1, 2026 to November 30, 2027.

10. Approved the formation of an Administrative Commission to ordain and install Beth Barksdale in a validated ministry, if the way be made clear, for May 22, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** Approve the 2026 Terms of Call as presented. (Appendix A)

Report of the Church Partnership Commission

Isabella Fagiani

Isabella Fagiani, Commission Moderator, reported the following:

- Grant funds are available for K-12 church camps. You must apply by July 1.
- Grants are also available for church school curriculum.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION

INFORMATION:

1. As Summer draws near the Commission wants to remind churches to take advantage of the Summer Camp Scholarships the guidelines are as follows:

- The Church Partnership Commission supplies camp scholarships for children and youth of the Presbytery from kindergarten through age 18.
- These scholarships are for Camp Bethel, Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, and Montreat Youth Conference.
- Youth need to be registered for camp by July 1st to receive tuition discounts.
- For Camp Bethel, campers apply directly through Camp Bethel, noting Peaks Presbytery. Peaks pays ½ tuition directly to Camp Bethel.
- For Massanetta Springs Middle School Conference, Group Leaders should contact colleen@massanettasprings.org. If a child of Peaks Presbytery receives a scholarship through Massanetta Springs, Peaks pays ½ tuition back to the Massanetta Springs Scholarship Fund.
- For Montreat Youth Conference, Group Leaders should contact Montreat. If a child of Peaks Presbytery receives a scholarship through Montreat, Peaks pays ½ tuition back to Montreat's Scholarship Fund.

2. As Churches begin planning for Fall and new Sunday School classes, the commission wants to remind you to take advantage of our curriculum grants.

- The Presbytery will help cover the cost up to ¾ the cost of materials for curriculum or books for a study. The maximum grant awarded will be \$500.
- After finishing with your study, these materials will then will be made available for other churches within the Presbytery to loan.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Approved a \$5,000 Church Redevelopment Grant Application for Fincastle Presbyterian Church to upgrade sound equipment in the sanctuary.
2. Approved a \$5,000 Church Redevelopment Grant Application for First Presbyterian Church of South Boston to create a contemporary coffee house style service in the church's Fellowship Hall on Sunday evenings.
3. Approved a \$5,000 Church Partnership Grant for First Presbyterian Church of South Boston for a Mobile Blessing Bucket Packing Event.
4. Approved a \$3,000 Church Partnership Grant Application for Second Presbyterian Church to cover meal expenses during The Bible in Black and White study.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

The commissioners to the 227th General Assembly were commissioned by Vice Moderator, Russ Merritt. They are Linda Dickerson, John McCarthy, and Laura Jane Ramsburg.

Stated Clerk Report and Closing Business**Dave Baker**

Dave Baker, Stated Clerk, reported the following:

- An Ethical AI Training Class will be offered on June 18, 1-4 with follow up on July 25, 10-11.
- An accusation against a Minister Member of the Presbytery has been received by the Stated Clerk.
- Presbytery Evaluations may be done online using the QR code or on the website.
- Additional reports not presented during the Presbytery Meeting were mentioned.

Total attendance was 129 with 38 churches represented.

Vice Moderator, Russ Merritt, closed with thanks to the Blacksburg church and a prayer.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That the minutes of the February 21, 2026 Stated Meeting and March 17, 2026 Special Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks, as reviewed by those persons designated by the Standing Rules, be approved.
- 2. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That motions be reduced to writing and sent to the clerk's table before discussion.
- 3. FOR CONSENT AGENDA:** That Pam Claterbaugh be appointed as recording secretary for the May 21, 2026 Stated Meeting.

INFORMATION

1. The Stated Clerk has received an accusation against a Minister Member of the Presbytery.
2. The second AI training session will be held via Zoom on June 18th from 1pm to 4pm with a follow up on July 25th from 10am to 11am. The focus will be on using AI ethically in preaching and will equip pastors to create sermons better and faster while also automatically generating bulletins, hymn selections, social media content, etc. from that work. Access to tools created for Peaks Presbytery is included.

CABINET REPORT

INFORMATION:

1. Held meetings by Zoom on March 26, 2026 and April 23, 2026
2. Reviewed Feb. 21, 2026 Presbytery Meeting.
3. Continued planning for A Day of Service and Learning which will be held on August 22, 2026, at Forest Presbyterian Church.

ACTIONS:

1. Approved to host an In-person Meeting Day for all Commissions and Committees on June 25, 2026 at Northminster PC.
2. Approved the May 21, 2026 Presbytery Meeting docket.
3. Granted permission to establish a subcommittee to evaluate the supervised rehabilitation of Rev. Peter Thompson, review the report from Davidson Clergy Center, confirm that the rehabilitation has stuck and that he is repentant.
4. Approved the following nominations for this subcommittee:
 - John Lewis, RE, New Concord
 - Bob McLavey, TE, Floyd
 - Emily Rhodes Hunter, TE, Blacksburg
 - Paula Mitchell, RE, Raleigh Court (alternate)
5. Reviewed the information presented to Cabinet from the Transitional GP Search Committee and concurred with the recommendation they are presenting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION ON WORK WITH THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

INFORMATION:

1. The AC has held six meetings to date, with approved Minutes from five of them.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. March 19 and 21, 2026: Requested documents from FPCL.
2. March 21: Direction to FPCL that no statements about staff should be made from the pulpit on Sunday.
3. March 21: Various FPCL church children's activities suspended pending required training and AC review.
4. March 26: Direction to replace the Session Moderator.
5. April 6, 8, 10, 13, and 16: Conducted listening sessions with FPCL Congregation, staff, and Pastor.
6. April 21: Direction to call a FPCL Session meeting to update them on the AC work.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. None at this time. Recommendations will be included in the AC final report.

COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION REPORT**INFORMATION:**

1. The Commission on Administration met by Zoom on May 12, 2026.

ACTIONS:

1. Approved the request of First Presbyterian Church, Pulaski to sell their manse to generate needed revenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**INFORMATION:**

- Instead of the usual Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women, the Presbytery of the Peaks PW Coordinating Team decided to host two Neighborhood Brunches in April this year. Women in the Roanoke Valley, Highlands, and New River Valley Neighborhoods were invited to a brunch at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Roanoke on April 18. Women in the Piedmont, Southside, and Hill Cities Neighborhoods were invited to a brunch at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg on April 25. Twenty women representing 11 churches attended the brunch at Northminster, and 15 women representing 14 churches attended the brunch at Quaker Memorial. Along with time for food and fellowship, attendees received information from the Presbytery of the Peaks PW Coordinating Team and discussed individual interests and concerns.

- A few copies of the Peaks PW cookbook, *Serving with Love*, are still available. The price for each cookbook is \$25. To purchase a cookbook, contact Theresa Underwood, PW Treasurer, at tundwood@aol.com.
- The 2026 Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Presbyterian Women Summer Gathering will take place June 11-14, at the Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center in Harrisonburg. Sarah Leer, author of the “Suggestions for Leaders” for the 2026-2027 PW/*Horizons* Bible Study entitled *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians*, will discuss the Bible Study in plenary sessions and present two “how-to” workshops for attendees. Contact Shelda Wills (swills@usit.net) for more information.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Plans are being made for the 38th Annual Gathering of Peaks Presbyterian Women that will take place on Saturday, October 3, at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg. More information will be available soon, so watch for more details!
- The Coordinating Team continues to communicate with local PW groups by sending them a mini newsletter every other month.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. No recommendations

REPORT OF THE SESSION RECORDS WORK GROUP

INFORMATION:

- The Session Records Work Group continues to receive and review both past and current Session Minutes. Please see the following pages for the quarterly report showing the running record of Session Minutes submitted for review.
- Past or current sets of Session Minutes may be submitted for review at any time. Please note, however, that **2025 Session Minutes are due for review during 2026**. The Work Group reviews Session Minutes alphabetically by church name. The remaining schedule for the **review of 2025 Session Minutes in 2026** is as follows:
 - May 21 – Churches with names beginning with D-H
 - August 22 – Churches with names beginning with J-O
 - October 22 – Churches with names beginning with P-W
- When the Presbytery of the Peaks is unable to meet in person, churches are asked to **EITHER mail hard copies** of the Minutes (no binders, please), along with a completed

“Session Records Review Form,” to Shelda Wills, Session Records Work Group Chair, Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, 107 West Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073, **OR email digital copies** of the Minutes, along with the completed “Session Records Review Form,” to swills@usit.net. Contact Shelda with questions. **Churches should NOT send Minutes to the Presbytery Office!**

- Materials to assist Clerks of Session in their duties are available online through the Presbytery website at www.peakspresbytery.org. Click on “Resources”; then click on “Forms & Documents”; then click on “Session Records” to view these materials. The “Session Records Review Form” is available there for download.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The Session Records Work Group continues to review Session Minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. No recommendations

**✓ = 2020-2025 Session Minutes Received and Reviewed
(as of May 8, 2026)**

Name of Church	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Name of Church	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Altavista	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Covington, First		✓	✓	✓	✓		
Amherst	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Cumberland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Appomattox CH								Danube	✓	✓					
Appomattox PE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Danville, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Arvon								Davis Memorial							
Beale Memorial								Diamond Hill	✓	✓	✓				
Bedford	✓	✓	✓					Douglas	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Belmont								Drakes Branch							
Belspring								Fairlawn	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Bethlehem								Falling Spring							
Blacksburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Farmville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Bluemont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Fellowship							
Briery	✓	✓				✓		Fifth Avenue							
Brookneal			✓	✓	✓			Fincastle							
Browns								Floyd	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Buchanan	✓	✓	✓	✓				Forest	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Buffalo								Fork Union							
Campbell Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓				Gethsemane United							
Chatham	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		Grace	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Christiansburg	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Hat Creek							
Clarksville	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Hermon	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Clifton Forge	✓	✓	✓	✓				High Bridge							
College	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Holbrook Street	✓	✓	✓				
Collinsville, First								Kayser Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Colonial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Kentuck	✓	✓	✓				
Concord								Low Moor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Cool Spring								Lynchburg, First	✓	✓	✓				
Coolwell								Madisonville							
Covenant	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Mallow		✓	✓	✓	✓		

Name of Church	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Name of Church	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Martinsville, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Roanoke							
Mary Horner Walker	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Roanoke Valley	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Massies Mill	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Rocky Mount					✓	✓	
Mayberry			✓					Rough Creek							
Maysville	✓	✓	✓	✓				Saint Andrew	✓	✓	✓		✓		
McAllister Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Salem	✓	✓	✓				
Meherrin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Second							
Memorial								Sinking Spring							
Mercy Seat		✓						South Boston, First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mizpah	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Trinity, Arvonnia							
Montvale								Trinity Ecumenical	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mount Carmel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Unity							
Narrows, First					✓			Village	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
New Concord	✓	✓	✓	✓				Villamont	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
New Dublin	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Virginia							
New Store								West End	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Northminster	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Westminster							
Northside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Williamson Memorial	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Oak Level	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Oak View															
Old Brick	✓														
Old Concord															
Peaks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Pearisburg	✓	✓	✓		✓										
Phenix															
Pisgah															
Pulaski, First															
Quaker Memorial		✓	✓	✓	✓										
Radford	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Raleigh Court	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			Totals	62	63	64	53	51	17	

Grand Total of Minutes Reviewed from 2002-2025 = 2,159

Total includes: 115 (2002), 117 (2003), 117 (2004), 113 (2005), 122 (2006), 122 (2007), 117 (2008), 113 (2009), 107 (2010), 104 (2011), 102 (2012), 94 (2013), 91 (2014), 95 (2015), 88 (2016), 85 (2017), 83 (2018), 64 (2019)

Dismissed: Berry Hill, Bethel, Bouldin Memorial, Dublin, Elon, Falling Spring (Alleghany County), First (Roanoke), Galatia, Matthews Memorial, New Hope, Northminster (Madison Heights), Piedmont, Providence, Rivermont, Slate Mountain, Spring Garden (Danville area), Walker's. **Closed by Presbytery:** Clarktown, Covenant (Lynchburg), Forest Hills, Laurel Grove. **Merged:** Green Ridge with Northminster, Shelton Memorial with Unity. **Dissolved:** Glasgow, Glen Wilton, Harmony, Holmes Memorial, Jamestown, Peace, Rustburg, Trinity (Ridgeway).

Presbytery of the Peaks

APPENDIX A

2026 Terms of Call for Pastors provided a Housing Allowance

		Base Cash	50% SECA	Housing +	Other	Total	BOP Effective	Total BOP	2026 TOC	Other	Cost to	ong. Or Tran	% of
<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>@7.65%</u>	<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Rec'd</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Package</u>	<u>Call</u>
	Pastor provided				(See Note 1)			C-13908 T-23769		(See Note 2)	(See Note 3)		
2026 Minimum TOC	Housing	50,573	3,869			54,442	50,573	Family \$ Noted			#VALUE!		
Anderson, George	Second, Roanoke - Pastor	92,737	12,895	55,000	20,826	181,458	168,563	46,306	yes		227,764	C	100
Banner, Ben	Bedford	30,000	5,738	45,000		80,738	75,000	42,825	yes	600	124,163	C	100
Brannan, Ben	Second, Roanoke - Assoc.	36,456	5,814	38,000	1,842	82,112	75,998	30,850	yes		112,962	C	100
Chisom, Janet	Trinity-SML, Assoc.	48,250	6,368	35,000		89,618	83,250	22,894	yes	984	113,496	C	100
Dees, Anghaarad	Quaker Memorial	40,698	5,988	30,000	7,580	84,266	78,278	33,777	yes	983	119,026	C	100
Dickerson, Linda	Northside	37,813	4,901	25,000	1,252	68,966	64,065	17,618	yes	446	87,030	C	100
Fagiani, Isabella	Raleigh Court - Associate	46,511	5,256	19,608	2,584	73,959	68,703	18,893	yes	50	92,902	C	100
Garrison, Jeffrey	Bluemont & Mayberry	28,600	5,459	40,800	5,000	79,859	74,400	32,710	yes	997	113,566	C	100
Goard, Annette	Clarksville	44,652	4,495	12,912	1,200	63,259	58,764	16,160	yes	446	79,865	C	100
Jeffreys, Kim	Village, Madisonville	10,330	867	1,000		12,197	11,330		no		12,197		25
Jeffreys, Herndon	Brookneal/Phenix/Roanoke	28,869	3,006	9,639	789	42,303	39,297	20,757	yes	1,448	64,508	C	100
Link, Elizabeth	Second, Roanoke - Exec.	37,662	8,027	65,000	2,270	112,959	104,932	49,318	yes		162,277	T	100
Marshall, Elizabeth	Low Moor	21,019	2,006	5,987		29,012	27,006	9,201	yes		38,213	C	100
McLavey, Robert	Floyd	49,000	4,667	12,000		65,667	61,000	16,775	yes		82,442	C	100
Miller, Bea	First, Martinsville	45,000	5,737	30,000		80,737	75,000	30,575	yes		111,312	C	100
Moelker, Jonathan	Campbell Memorial	46,556	3,944	5,000		55,500	51,556	14,178	yes		69,678	C	100
Moss, James	McAllister Memorial	35,020	4,056	18,000		57,076	53,020	24,918	yes		81,994	T	100
Rackley, Mark	St. Andrew	73,651	5,634			79,285	73,651	34,616	yes		113,901	T	50
Roberts, David	St. Andrew	73,651	5,634			79,285	73,651	34,616	yes		113,901	T	50
Schroeder, Jeffrey	Cumberland	52,836	4,042		8,700	65,578	61,536	14,529	yes		80,107	C	100
Smith, Peter	Farmville	31,500	5,164	34,000	2,000	72,664	67,500	40,764	yes	2,000	115,428	C	100
Thompson, Peter	First, Lynchburg	51,319	7,843	50,000	1,200	110,362	102,519	48,184	yes	1,448	159,994	T	100
Unroe, Allison	Fairlawn/Christiansburg	42,000	5,050	24,000		71,050	66,000	18,474	no	446	89,970	C	50/50
Vogado, Christopher	Salem	42,030	5,970	36,000		84,000	78,030	21,458	yes		105,458	C	100
Vogado, Rachel	Covenant	53,600	5,829	22,000	600	82,029	76,200	20,955	yes		102,984	C	100
Whaley, Andrew	Raleigh Court	75,513	8,360	30,000	3,765	117,638	109,279	51,361	yes	50	169,049	T	100
Whitfield, Morgan	Radford	50,225	6,348	32,750		89,323	82,975	38,999	yes		128,322	T	100
Wiles, Sarah	Blacksburg	93,238	7,519		4,959	105,716	98,197	42,225	no	1,300	149,241	T	100
Williams, Brent	Colonial	56,854	6,321	25,776		88,951	82,630	22,723	yes		111,674	C	100
Willis, Steven	High Bridge	36,771	4,716	24,875		66,362	61,646	16,953	yes		83,315	C	100
Note 1: Other Compensation that is included BOP Effective Salary.													
Note 2: Other Church Payments include additional SECA payments over 50%, deferred payments (403b, etc.), optional dental or other insurance, utilities paid by the church.													
Note 3: Cost to Church does not include travel reimbursement, continuing education or professional reimbursement expenses for the pastor.													

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2026 Terms of Call for Pastors with a Church Manse															
		Base Cash	Utilities &	Other	50% SECA	Total Cash	Manse	POP	BOP	Total	2026				
Pastor	Church	Salary	Furnishings	Compensation	@7.65%	Salary	Value	Escrow	Effective	BOP	TOC	Other	Cost to	% of	
				(see note 1)								(see note 2)	(see note 3)	Or Trans. Package	
2026 Minimum TOC	with Church Manse	36,880			3,787	40,667	11,424	1,200	49,504	C-13614, T-23267		#VALUE!			
Malavé, Carlos	ACHPC & NCPC	32,021	19,884		5,281	57,186	15,931	1,200	69,036	32,446	yes	687	91,519	100 T	
Marshall, Gary	Mallow	44,610			4,566	49,176	13,773	1,300	59,683	16,413	yes	891	67,780	100 C	
McCarthy, John	First, South Boston	40,408			4,138	44,546	12,482	1,200	54,090	14,875	yes		60,621	100 C	
Pugh, Mikel	Chatham	45,324		1,800	4,836	51,960	14,587	1,500	63,211	16,435	yes		69,895	100 C	
Verhey, Tim	College	57,000			5,838	62,838	17,610	1,700	76,310	19,841	yes		84,379	100 C	
Note 1: Other Compensation that is included BOP Effective Salary.															
Note 2: Other Church Payments include additional SECA payments over 50%, optional dental or other insurance, utilities paid by the church, etc.															
Note 3: Cost to Church does not include the value of the manse, travel reimbursement, continuing education or professional expenses reimbursement for pastor.															

**PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS
2026 COMPENSATION PACKAGE
FOR REV. LEIGH ANNE K. RING**

Cash & Deferred Payments

Annual Base Cash Salary & Housing Allowance	\$ 98,000
SECA reimbursement OVER 50% (Included in effective salary)	_____0
Deferred Compensation	_____TBD
Sub-Total	\$ 98,000

Other Disbursements

Insurance paid for by church (BOP dental ins., etc.)	_____
Section 125 Flexible Spending Account	_____
Other	_____
Sub-Total	\$ 0

Total Annual BOP Effective Salary (Cash + Housing + Other) **\$ 98,000.00**

SECA @50% reimbursement (Not included in effective salary) **\$ 7,469.15**

Board of Pension Basic Benefits

Medical Coverage	\$ 17,086.00	
ST Disability (.5% of effective salary)	488.00	
LT Disability/Death (1% of effective salary)	976.00	
Pension (8.5% of effective salary)	8,299.00	
Subtotal – BOP Basic Benefits		<u>\$ 26,849.00</u>

Other Benefits

Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks
Family Leave	12 weeks
Sabbatical	In 7 th year per Presbytery policy

Total Board of Pensions and Other Benefits **\$ 34,318.15**

Professional Reimbursements

Professional Expenses-includes mileage reimbursement, books, meals, etc.	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
Continuing Education Expenses	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>

Total Professional Reimbursements **\$ 12,000.00**

Total Cost to Presbytery

(Effective Salary, SECA, BOP Benefits and Professional Reimbursement) **\$144,318.15**

*Package to include relocation expense reimbursement up to \$8,500

2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

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Membership			
Prior Active Members	9196	Adjusted membership	9232
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	75	Certificate	33
Youth Professions	40	Deaths	229
Professions & Reaffirmations	113	Deleted for any Other Reason	432
Total Gains	228	Total Losses	694
Total Ending Active Members	8766		

Baptisms		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	3425
Presented by Others	40	Friends of the Congregation	1341
At Confirmation	8	Ruling Elders on Session	535
All Other	8	Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	14 / 57

Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	303	Hearing impairment	315
18 - 25	380	Sight impairment	120
26 - 40	729	Mobility impairment	300
41 - 55	957	Other impairment	416
56 - 70	1832		
Over 70	2801	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	7002	Women	4213
		Men	3013
		Non-Binary	3

Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	142	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	178
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	293	High School (9th – 12th grade)	203
		Total Youth	816

Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	17	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	2
Black/African American/African	152	White	6590
Middle Eastern/North African	4	Multiracial	27
Hispanic/Latino-a	17		
		Total Racial Ethnic	6809

Budgeted Income	13,970,081		
Budgeted Expense	14,463,032		

Receipts			
Regular Contributions	12,111,502	Bequests	1,307,030
Capital Building Fund	1,158,023	Other Income	649,296
Investment Income	2,889,728	Subsidy or Aid	50,933

Expenditures			
Local Program	11,501,352	Investment Expenditures	986,175
Local Mission	1,483,115	Per Capital Apprt	285,080
Capital Expenditures	3,273,584	Other Mission	448,299

