



Welcome to the October 22nd, 2026 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks! It is good to gather together in person, and we are grateful to Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church and Rev. Andrew Whaley for hosting us today.

This is our last stated meeting of 2026: a time to give thanks for the year, hear from our General Assembly commissioners, and call the leaders who will serve us in 2027.

Highlights of our agenda include:

- **Report from Our General Assembly Commissioners:** Rev. Dr. Linda Dickerson and Rev. John McCarthy will report on the 227th General Assembly in Milwaukee and host a breakout afterward for questions.
- **Use of Newly Acquired Funds:** The Cabinet will present a recommended policy for the use of newly acquired funds.
- **Our Leaders:** We will thank our 2026 Moderator and Vice-Moderator and install their successors for 2027.
- **Equipping the Saints:** Small-group conversations after our business: the CEDEPCA trip, anti-racism policies, Forward in Faith churches, and a coffeehouse.

For those of you serving as first-time commissioners, we invite you to participate in the New Commissioner Training. This will be online, due to the small time between check-in and the start of the meeting. The video is at <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/training/> under First-Time Commissioner Orientation.

This will be my last meeting as your Moderator, and it has been a privilege to serve you this year. I look forward to seeing you, worshipping with you, and engaging together in the business God has set before us.

Yours in Christ,

David Smith

Moderator, Presbytery of the Peaks



**Presbytery of the Peaks
Oct. 22, 2026 Stated Meeting
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church**

- 9:15 a.m. Check In**
- 9:35 a.m. Call to Order and Welcome from Host Church**
David Smith, Moderator, Andrew Whaley, Raleigh Court
- 9:40 a.m. Declaration of a Quorum, Approval of Consent Agenda**
Dave Baker, Stated Clerk
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service**
- 10:15 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Open Mic**
- 10:40 a.m. Justice and Mercy Commission**
Denise Pillow, JMC Moderator
- 11:00 a.m. Commission on Ministry**
Anghaarad Teague Dees, COM Moderator
- 11:20 a.m. Commission on Administration**
Kym Wiederholt, COA Moderator
- 11:25 a.m. Cabinet**
Bea Miller, Cabinet Moderator
- 11:45 a.m. Constitutional Ministries Committee**
Betsy Soto, CMC Moderator
- 11:50 a.m. Reports from Synod and GA Commissioners**
- 12:05 p.m. Recognition of 2026 Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Installation of 2027 Moderator and Vice-Moderator**
Dave Baker, Stated Clerk
- 12:10 p.m. Stated Clerk Report and Closing Business**
Dave Baker, Stated Clerk
- 12:20 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Equipping the Saints (Small Group Discussions)**
Discussion groups and room locations are listed on the back of this page.

Rm. 201, Group 1: CEDEPCA Trip Participants

Rm. 203, Group 2: Developing Anti-Racism Policies

Sanctuary, Group 3: 227th General Assembly Highlights

Youth Group Room, Group 4: Forward in Faith Churches Gather Together in Conversation

Coffeehouse, Group 5: Narthex

CONSENT AGENDA RECOMMENDATION ITEMS

Report of the Stated Clerk:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the minutes of the May 21, 2026 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks and minutes of the August 4, 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 clerk's table before discussion.

3. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That Pam Claterbaugh be appointed as recording secretary for the October 22, 2026 Stated Meeting.

Report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg

RECOMMENDATION:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the Presbytery of the Peaks dismiss the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg with thanks and gratitude.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE AND MERCY COMMISSION

INFORMATION:

Updates from the Subcommittees

Abukloi Subcommittee:

The Abukloi Foundation team, including both South Sudan and USA members, recently met with the Justice & Mercy Commission (JMC). An overview of the Foundation's current work, supported by several POP congregations, was highlighted. Building on the success of the existing secondary school and efforts to promote food security, the Foundation plans to start a primary school in the near future. Understanding the need and valuing the impact of the Abukloi Foundation's work, the JMC voted to establish a task force to consider and pursue a partnership with the Abukloi Foundation.

CEDEPCA Subcommittee:

At our presbytery meeting we will acknowledge and celebrate that our presbytery has served with CEDEPCA for 40 years as mission partners. This gospel ministry has been effective and mutually beneficial. The mission partnership has opened 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. It focuses on "Education which Transforms".

CEDEPCA's ministry with women provides literacy, Bible training, and new hope. Women learn the Biblical message that they are worthy, loved by God, and created in God's image.

CEDEPCA responds with disaster relief and economic assistance including Eco Filters which provide clean and healthy water for families. They help break the cycle of poverty and inequality by assisting marginalized people to set up small businesses which can support their families.

CEDEPCA has pioneered outreach to teen girls and boys which combats domestic violence and sexual violence, and focuses on each individual's life and purpose as beloved children of God.

CEDEPCA plans and guides mission trips to Guatemala which provides intercultural encounters, and helps faith to grow. Over the years, more than 200 people from our presbytery have participated in these week-long mission trips.

We celebrate this mission partnership with CEDEPCA, and we celebrate a new covenant agreement to continue to work together.

Earth Care Subcommittee:

To learn about the work of this subcommittee and much about earth care in general, read the monthly Peaks Postings submissions on a variety of related topics. Recent (and near future) articles feature native plants, General Assembly overture approvals, Indigenous Peoples Day, and recommended books for learning more about earth care projects.

Those interested are encouraged to learn more about the following:

- Climate Ambassador Training: <https://blessedtomorrow.org>
- Presbyterians for Earth Care: <https://presbyearthcare.org>

Churches are encouraged to apply for earth care mini grants, which can be awarded more than once per year, for eligible projects, to the same congregation.

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
 DREAM BIG deadline November 1, 2026

Racial Equity Subcommittee:

The subcommittee will offer a breakout session during the October 22 presbytery meeting with a focus on the Book of Order mandate that all church councils, including congregations, have and implement an anti-racism policy. Sample policies will be shared.

Vernie Bolden led a September virtual gathering series titled “Difficult Conversations.” Each Wednesday meeting was centered on discussion related to race and reconciliation.

JMC Task Force:

George Anderson/Second Presbyterian and Beth Broschart/Forest Presbyterian participated in the recent New Wilmington Mission Conference. Their meetings with JMC have raised awareness and educated regarding current “mission” status.

A Changing Landscape for Presbyterian Mission

Over the past year, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has undergone a major restructuring of its national mission work. The former Presbyterian Mission Agency and Office of the General Assembly have been brought together as Presbyterian Life & Witness, and the denomination has moved from the former World Mission model toward a new approach called Global Ecumenical Partnerships. The new model emphasizes relationships with global partners, with a smaller number of global ecumenical liaisons working alongside churches and organizations around the world.

One of the most significant consequences has been the ending of most of the denomination’s mission co-worker positions. The transition has affected long-standing ministries and

relationships that many Presbyterians have supported for years. The PC(USA) itself has acknowledged both the pain of that transition and the need to develop a new way of engaging in mission.

The question before the Presbytery of the Peaks in terms of the missionary co-workers who have lost funding is, “How can we help?” At an upcoming meeting of the Presbytery, we will have an opportunity to hear a brief report about the changes in the PC(USA)’s mission structure and how the Justice and Mercy Commission is exploring what role our presbytery might have in the new landscape.

The need for partnership, relationship, and faithful Christian witness around the world has not disappeared. The work of discerning how we participate in it continues.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. The JMC has approved a new Memorandum of Understanding with CEDEPCA for 2027-2029. Included in the Memorandum is an annual financial commitment of \$28,000 for the three year period.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR
PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP
October 22, 2026**

Presbytery: Presbytery of the Peaks
Overseas Partner: CEDEPCA

I. Background Data:

A. Presbytery Contact Persons:

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B. Brief Outline of Contacts and Negotiations Leading Up to the Previous Agreement

1. Antecedent Presbytery, Fincastle, had a partnership with CELEP dating from 1983-1989.
2. After the organization of the Presbytery of the Peaks, conversations were held among former Fincastle and former Blue Ridge. representatives along with representatives of CELEP and CEDEPCA.
3. The Partnership Proposal was re-negotiated in 1990, 1995, 2000 and 2016 each time for a five-year term and we have continued with this partnership through 2026.

C. This Memorandum of Understanding for the Partnership is to continue from 2027 – 2029 and will be presented for approval by the Justice and Mercy Commission at its meeting on October 5, 2026.

1. The Partnership Work Group is responsible for implementing partnership activities in the Presbytery. This work group is accountable to the Presbytery through the Justice and Mercy Commission.
2. It is anticipated that this Memorandum of Understanding for the Partnership will be approved by CEDEPCA in November 19, 2026.

II. Partnership Goals and Objectives mutually agreed to by the Presbytery and the Central American Partners:

Over the next 3 years:

- A. Continuing the support for the ministry of CEDEPCA**
- B. Exchanging visits involving women, men and youth, clergy and laity. A representative number of the participants in these visits should be from minority groups. The Presbytery will send at least one Travel/Study group annually to Central America and CEDEPCA will send at least one delegation annually to the U. S.**
- C. Virtual Journey. CEDEPCA will offer virtual journeys for the Presbytery, churches, and universities with specific topics of interest.**
- D. Joining with CEDEPCA in responding, when possible, to specific human needs, humanitarian emergencies (hurricanes, draughts, earthquakes, etc.) through block grants, 2-Cents-a-Meal and other special offerings.**
- E. Maintaining regular communication between Partners including monthly exchange of prayer requests.**
- F. Sharing publications, training materials, and liturgical materials.**

III. Specific Partnership Activity Commitments:

A. The Presbytery Partner (Presbytery of the Peaks) agrees to do the following to achieve the above objectives:

1. Sponsor at least one delegation bi-annually to Central America preceded by thorough orientation.
2. Prepare carefully for visits of CEDEPCA representatives to the Presbytery. Special attention will be given to taking advantage of the skills offered by CEDEPCA representatives so that they can share in local pastoral, academic community and bilingual ministry settings, visits to government officials, senators in Washington, D.C.
3. Sponsor/organize at least one virtual journey every year.

B. The Central American Partner (CEDEPCA) agrees to do the following to achieve the above objectives:

1. Plan, host and provide logistical support for delegations coming from the Presbytery.
2. CEDEPCA will provide virtual journeys to the presbytery, churches, universities in the Presbytery area. At least one virtual journey for the Presbytery.
3. CEDEPCA will provide appropriate orientation for their representatives who visit the Presbytery.
4. Communicate regularly with the Presbytery of the Peaks, providing appropriate interpretation materials on current cultural, social, emergency response, and pastoral issues in Central America.
5. Provide an annual Summary of Activities from the CEDEPCA USA Board, and an annual Financial Report and Audit Opinion from the General Assembly of CEDEPCA Guatemala.

IV. Available Resources for the Partnership

A. Human and/or material resources will be available for carrying out the partnership activities such as:

1. Resource people in the area of the Presbytery and in our churches will assist in carrying out partnership activities.
2. Line items in the Presbytery Justice & Mercy Commission budget
3. Contributions from local churches

B. The anticipated funding requirements for the Partnership activities or objectives are:

1. Line item in the Presbytery Justice & Mercy Commission budget sent as a Block Grant of at least U.S. \$28,000.00 per year.
2. Money for specific hunger and emergency related CEDEPCA projects.
3. Contributions from churches and individuals.

C. Funding patterns beyond the Justice & Mercy Commission budget will be developed by the Partnership Work Group

V. Needs to be Addressed by Each Partner

A. Presbytery Needs

1. Grassroots lay participation – educating local churches of the issues facing Central America's churches and of the opportunities to be directly involved in visits to the region.
2. Explore together with Central Americans how we can share the love of Jesus Christ throughout the world.
3. Increase awareness of Central America in local communities
4. CEDEPCA Leadership in workshops in the Presbytery on Pastoral and theological education from a Central American viewpoint.
5. Encouragement of more clergy to visit Central America
6. Provide opportunities for immersion, work and strengthening partnerships through CEDEPCA

7. Provide more opportunities for women-to-women involvement.

B. Central American Partner's Needs:

1. Involvement of members of Presbytery of the Peaks in CEDEPCA's various groups for pastoral study and action.
2. Explore together with people from the U.S. ways in which we can share the Good News of Christ's Gospel.
3. Involvement in regional and national advocacy activities by U.S.
4. Churches and individuals in response to ongoing needs and specific emergencies.
5. Training opportunities for CEDEPCA leaders (study of English language for medium and advanced level, opportunities to participate in workshops or conferences on mission, exchange for peace, women rights, etc.)
6. Financial needs to cover program expenses and our general budget. Financial support for Disaster Response. Financial support for computer equipment and internet services.
7. More opportunities for women-to-women involvement, especially for ordained women to share their experience of church and community leadership.

VI. To Be Shared Between Partners:

A. Identification of the Presbytery Partner's Gifts:

1. Sharing faith stories
2. Sharing in worship
3. Sharing Bible study (a group in Central America and one in the U.S. studying the same text)
4. Providing financial resources in the form of block grant to be administered by CEDEPCA
5. Sharing human resources
6. Practicing hospitality
7. Sharing new insights and opportunities for ministry arising in the Presbytery.
8. Visiting Central America and sharing experiences upon return.
9. Working with CEDEPCA to minister jointly to migrant workers and undocumented workers in the U.S.

B. Identification of Central American Partner's Gifts:

1. Sharing faith stories
2. Sharing models of holistic pastoral ministry
3. Sharing in worship (especially Latin American music and liturgy)
4. Sharing Bible study (a group in Central America and one in the U.S. studying the same material)
5. Sharing human resources
6. Sharing Central American's hope, faith, simplicity, enthusiasm and creativity
7. Practicing hospitality
8. Sharing insights into inter-racial and inter-cultural relationships and, minority concerns
9. Working with the Presbytery of the Peaks to minister jointly to migrant workers and undocumented workers in the U.S.

Evaluation

The partners therefore agree to undertake a joint review process in August 2029 to assess the partnership and determine the way forward.

Signed:

David Baker, Stated Clerk
Presbytery of the Peaks

Date: October 22, 2026

Judith Castaneda, General Coordinator
CEDEPCA

Date: October 22, 2026

Flor Cox, President
CEDEPCA Guatemala Board

Date: November 19, 2026

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

INFORMATION:

1. Met in person on June 25, 2026 and by Zoom on July 9, 2026, August 13, 2026, and September 10, 2026.
2. Hosted the Small Church Summit at Northminster Presbyterian Church on September 26, 2026.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Approved the dissolution of the Validated Ministry contract between Rev. Chad McCain and Centra Hospital effective June 30, 2026.
2. Approved the Temporary Supply contract between Rev. Nancy Dawson and First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg effective June 7, 2026 to June 6, 2027.
3. Approved the Pastoral Leadership Grant for “Meet the New General Presbyter” in the amount of \$1500.00 to help offset the presbytery budget and give Leigh Anne an opportunity to extend hospitality to a range of pastors and CPs in the presbytery.
4. Approved the dissolution of the relationship between Fairlawn Presbyterian Church and Rev. Allison Unroe effective July 26, 2026.
5. Approved Donna Britt and Kim Jeffreys to receive funds from the Burke Memorial Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$500.00 each.
6. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg and Rev. Blaine Hill effective August 16, 2026 to August 15, 2027.
7. Approved the waiver of rotation of Session Elders at Mizpah PC for a three year period due to small membership.
8. Approved Rev. Don Makin as moderator for Fairlawn PC effective August 1, 2026.
9. Approved Felecia Parsell, Missional Commissioned Pastor, as moderator for Clifton Forge PC effective September 1, 2026.
10. Granted Rev. Chad McCain Minister at Large status effective August 1, 2026.
11. Approved the contract renewal between Donna Britt, CP and Buchanan Presbyterian Church effective July 5, 2026 to July 4, 2027.
12. Approved the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Ben Banner at Bedford Presbyterian Church on August 23, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Teaching Elders:

Steve Willis, High Bridge PC
 Amy Merrill Willis, MAL
 Anghaarad Teague Dees, Quaker Memorial PC

Ruling Elders:

David Smith, Farmville PC, Moderator
 Zane Dees, Quaker Memorial PC
 Paul Van Dyke, Bedford PC

13. Approved to recommission Joyce Perez, Commissioned Pastor, to Mercy Seat Presbyterian Church effective August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.
14. Approved Missional Commissioned Pastor Dick Boswell as moderator for Villamont PC effective August 13, 2026.

15. Approved the Temporary Supply contract renewal between Oak Level PC and Rev. Ronn McCracken effective July 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
16. Approved the Terms of Call for Rev. Hoover Haney and Fincastle PC.
17. Appointed Rev. Russ Merritt as Moderator for West End PC effective immediately due to health concerns of CP, Tony Ward.
18. Approved an honorarium for Steve Willis in the amount of \$250.00 for serving as keynoter at the Small Church Summit.
19. Approved the request to add Rev. Skip Hastings to the Pulpit Supply List
20. Approved the grant request from Cabinet for Day of Service and Learning expenses up to \$5,000.
21. Approved to send Commissioned Pastor, Tony Ward, a check for \$1000.00 from the COM Emergency Fund to help offset medical expenses.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That presbytery approve the 2027 Minimum Financial Terms of Call with a recommended 3% cost of living increase. (NEXT PAGE)

2027 Minimum Terms of Call for Congregational Pastors Package

The Commission on Ministry will recommend a 3% cost of living increase at the October 22 Presbytery Meeting. The following example reflects the 3% increase.

With Manse (Base Cash Salary with a Manse-\$37,986)	Pastor Only	Pastor + Children	Pastor+ Spouse	Pastor + Family
1. Annual Cash Salary + Utilities Allowance + Other Applicable Income	37,986			
2. Manse Value (Manse value is based upon a minimum of 30% of the total effective salary. Annual cash salary + Utilities Allowance + Other Applicable Income+ Equity Escrow)	11,756			
3. Shared House Equity Escrow	1,200			
Effective Salary	50,942			
4. Social Security Offset (7.65% of Effective Salary)	3,897			
5. Board of Pensions-Congregational Pastors Package 29.75% of Effective Salary-Pastor Only	15,155			
• Additional Medical Coverage, Child(ren) \$5,700		5,700		
• Additional Medical Coverage, Spouse \$14,050			14,050	
• Additional Medical Coverage, Family \$19,750				19,750
6. Moving Expense				
7. Continuing Education Expense	1,200			
8. Vacation	Four Weeks			
9. Continuing Education	Two Weeks			
10. Travel Expenses-mileage reimbursed at IRS business mile rate				
11. Family Leave-12 weeks family leave upon the birth or adoption of a child.				
Total	71,194	76,894	85,244	90,944

Without Manse (Base Cash Salary without a Manse-\$52,090)	Pastor Only	Pastor + Children	Pastor+ Spouse	Pastor + Family
1. Annual Cash Salary + Housing + Other Applicable Income (The amount designated for the housing allowance may not exceed the fair rental value of the home plus furnishings and utilities)	52,090			
4. Social Security Offset (7.65% of Effective Salary including housing, utilities allowance, other applicable income)	3,985			
5. Board of Pensions-Congregational Pastors Package 29.75% of Effective Salary-Pastor Only	15,497			
• Additional Medical Coverage, Child(ren) \$5,700		5,700		
• Additional Medical Coverage, Spouse \$14,050			14,050	
• Additional Medical Coverage, Family \$19,750				19,750
6. Moving Expense				
7. Continuing Education Expense	1,200			
8. Vacation	Four Weeks			
9. Continuing Education	Two Weeks			
10. Travel Expenses-mileage reimbursed at IRS business mile rate				
11. Family Leave-12 weeks family leave upon the birth or adoption of a child.				
Total	72,772	78,472	86,822	92,522

2027 Minimum Terms of Call for Transitional Pastor's Participation

The Commission on Ministry will recommend a 3% cost of living increase at the October 22 Presbytery Meeting. This sample reflects the 3% increase.

With Manse (Base Cash Salary with a Manse-\$37,986)	
1. Annual Cash Salary + Utilities Allowance + Other Applicable Income	37,986
2. Manse Value (Manse value is based upon a minimum of 30% of the total effective salary. Annual cash salary + Utilities Allowance + Other Applicable Income+ Equity Escrow)	11,756
3. Shared House Equity Escrow	1,200
Total Effective Salary	50,942
4. Social Security Offset (7.65% of Effective Salary)	3,897
5. Board of Pensions-Transitional Pastor's Participation 52.25% of Effective Salary	26,617
6. Moving Expense	
7. Continuing Education Expense	1,200
8. Vacation	Four Weeks
9. Continuing Education	Two Weeks
10. Travel Expenses-mileage reimbursed at IRS business mile rate	
11. Family Leave-12 weeks family leave upon the birth or adoption of a child.	
Total	82,656

Without Manse (Base Cash Salary-\$52,090)	
1. Annual Cash Salary + Housing + Other Applicable Income (The amount designated for the housing allowance may not exceed the fair rental value of the home plus furnishings and utilities)	52,090
2. Social Security Offset (7.65% of Effective Salary including housing, utilities allowance, other applicable income)	3,985
3. Board of Pensions-Transitional Pastor's Participation 52.25% of Effective Salary	27,217
4. Moving Expense	
5. Continuing Education Expense	1,200
6. Vacation	Four Weeks
7. Continuing Education	Two Weeks
8. Travel Expenses-mileage reimbursed at IRS business mile rate	
9. Family Leave-12 weeks family leave upon the birth or adoption of a child.	
Total	84,492

Board of Pensions 2027 Rates

Congregational Pastors Package: 29.75% (27.5%-2026)

- Medical-19.75%
- Short Term Disability-.5%
- Long Term Disability-1%
- Pension-8.5%

Additional Coverage:

- Child/Children-\$5,700
- Spouse-\$14,050
- Family-\$19,750

Transitional Pastors Package: 52.25% (47%-2026)

- Medical-42.25%
- Short Term Disability-.5%
- Long Term Disability-1.0%
- Pension-8.5 %

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION

INFORMATION:

1. The Commission met by Zoom on July 14, 2026, July 21, 2026, September 10, 2026 and October 6, 2026.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approved to establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Building Maintenance at 1% of our current budget with the 2027 budget.
2. Awarded a \$2,500.00 scholarship from the Leila Sanford Memorial Fund.
3. Approved the request from Oak Level Presbyterian Church for the transfer of cemetery and real property to a new corporation.
4. Approved a Covenant Medical Health Insurance Package for the Transitional General Presbyter.
5. Approved the request of the West End Administrative Commission to have the West End property inspected by Pillar to Post.
6. Approved the holiday closure of the Presbytery Office from Dec. 22, 2026-January 1, 2027.
7. Approved a 3.25% cost of living increase for staff for 2027.
8. Approved a change of percentages for investment of funds from 60% Equities and 40% Fixed Income to 65% Equities and 35% Fixed Income.
9. Approved 2026 leftover COM and CPC grant funds roll over to Justice and Mercy for 2027.
10. Approved bringing the Stated Clerk position in line with all other staff positions with the Board of Pensions.
11. Approved \$1,400.00 to send Sharon B. to the Mid-Council Financial Conference, November 18-20, 2026 in Minneapolis, MN.
12. Approved the 2027 Covenant of Intent Letter and Covenant of Intent form as amended.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That presbytery approve the 2027 Presbytery Budget as presented. (NEXT PAGE)

Presbytery of the Peaks
2027 Draft Budget

	Actuals 8.31.2026	2026 Budget	Proposed 2027 Budget
Income			
Covenants of Intent	194,087	389,577	439,199
Financial Sustainability Fund (6.65%)	345,729	396,332	450,544
Missional Grant Fund (2.87%)	49,963	183,965	97,578
Two Cents Justice & Mercy Funding	4,000	8,000	8,000
Camp Income	538		540
Miscellaneous	2,689	100	100
Total Income	597,007	977,974	995,961
Cabinet			
Cabinet Expense	456	500	600
Presbytery Meeting Expense	220	1,300	1,300
Day of Service and Learning	1,782	-	5,000
Commissions Meeting Day	300	-	500
Total Cabinet Expense	2,757	1,800	7,400
Constitutional			
Moderator Expenses	54	1,400	700
Stated Clerk Expenses	-	400	-
Nominating Committee	-	100	100
Sexual Misconduct Policy/Background Checks	31	200	100
Synod Unified & Per Capita	5,640	13,746	13,149
GA Unified & Per Capita Giving	47,249	103,187	114,309
Total Constitutional Expense	52,974	119,033	128,358
Administration			
Commission Expenses	283	350	350
Communications Expense	2,037	2,600	2,600
Telephone Expense	1,804	3,000	3,120
Postage	710	600	800
Electric	2,779	3,300	4,500
Internet	781	1,200	1,200
Insurance	7,064	22,000	18,000
Office Contracts	7,931	14,000	12,000
Office Expenses	999	2,075	2,000
Presbytery Office Equipment	1,783	3,500	1,500
Property Maintenance	1,715	5,500	5,500
Audit Expense	395	15,500	15,600
Capital Reserve Fund	-	0	10,000
Total Expenses Excluding Staff	27,247	73,625	77,170
Staff:			
Transitional General Presbyter	49,538	150,000	142,523
Communications Director	33,345	52,344	53,690
Justice & Mercy Specialist	59,455	91,087	99,376
Church Leadership Specialist	38,442	55,939	59,615
Office Administrator	63,921	98,961	98,061
Accountant	57,448	86,878	90,408
Stated Clerk	36,556	50,793	63,542
Temporary Help	-	1000	1,000
Office Staff Expenses	541	950	1,000
Search Committee	9050	10,000	-
Total Staff Expense	348,296	597,952	609,215
Total Administration Expense	375,543	671,577	686,385

Presbytery of the Peaks
2027 Draft Budget

	Actuals 8.31.2026	2026 Budget	Proposed 2027 Budget
Commission on Ministry			
Commission Expenses	1,631	1,000	550
Grants	3,664	30,661	18,000
Total Commission on Ministry Expense	5,295	31,661	18,550
Church Partnership			
CPC Expenses	122	300	300
Higher Education Expenses	29,667	47,090	47,090
Scholarships	5,291	5000	5,000
Curriculum Grants	-	2500	2,500
Grants	8,000	22,062	21,120
Total Partnership Expense	43,079	76,952	76,010
Examinations Commission	0	100	100
Justice & Mercy			
Commission Expenses	159	200	200
Community Outreach Grants	16,320	31,000	31,000
CEDEPCA	13,500	27,000	28,000
Earth Care Grants	200	2,000	2,000
Grants	14,760	16,652	17,958
Total Justice & Mercy Expenses	44,939	76,852	79,158
Total Presbytery Expenses	524,589	977,974	995,961

REPORT OF THE CABINET

INFORMATION:

1. Hosted the Commission and Committee Meeting Day at Northminster PC on June 25, 2026.
2. Met by Zoom on July 23, 2026 and September 24, 2026.
3. Hosted the Day of Service and Learning at Forest PC on August 22, 2026.
4. Met in-person on October 8, 2026 at Quaker Memorial PC.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approved to award \$500.00 to the winning neighborhood of the Sculpting Contest and approved \$100.00 to the other 5 neighborhoods for participating. Neighborhoods decided what charity to donate money to.
2. Approved to send a \$5000.00 grant request to Church Partnership Commission to help cover the Day of Service and Learning expenses.
3. Approved to send a \$5000.00 grant request to Commission on Ministry to help cover the Day of Service and Learning expenses.
4. Approved an honorarium of \$300.00 plus mileage reimbursement at the IRS mileage rate, to Heather Wilson for providing lunch.
5. Approved to collect a Two Cents a Meal love offering at lunch.
6. Approved the October 22, 2026 Presbytery Meeting Docket.
7. Approved the 2027 Presbytery Meeting Dates:

Feb. 20, 2027 (Saturday)-In-person

May 20, 2027 (Thursday)-In-person

October 21, 2027 (Thursday)-In-person

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Cabinet recommends a policy that Presbytery disburse fifty percent (50%) of Newly Acquired Asset Funds for five new ministry opportunities that live into our priorities.

Rationale

In March 2025 the Special Task Force for the Newly Acquired Assets presented their report to the presbytery for information, and its recommendations went to the Cabinet for action. Its key points:

- Postpone action on the November 2023 policy.
- Continue to sequester and invest newly acquired assets.
- Refer the report to the Cabinet.
- Through the Cabinet, engage an outside consultant for long-range strategic planning, because "money must have a strategic purpose."
- Create a **Strategic Initiatives Fund** for larger grants.
- Create a **Strategic Initiatives Commission**, reporting to the Cabinet. It would oversee receipt and allocation of newly acquired assets "in consultation with the Coordinating

Cabinet."

- Further suggestions: lower the spending rate to 4–5%, adopt missing policies, and retain an outside fund manager.

The Presbytery has **never adopted** a Newly Acquired Assets Policy. Since November 16, 2023, a standing action of the Presbytery has required that newly acquired assets not otherwise designated "be held and not spent or placed in current established funds until a policy is approved."

The Presbytery alone can adopt a policy or release the held funds. The November 2023 action is the Presbytery's own, so only the Presbytery can lift or change it.

The Cabinet's role comes from two places:

1. **The Manual of Operations.** The Cabinet "is responsible for leading the Presbytery to discern God's will in all its work" and supervises the work of the commissions and committees. It is also charged to "evaluate the presbytery's structure and organization with attention to vision and priorities," and "any recommendations from the Coordinating Cabinet will be sent to the presbytery for consideration and a vote."

2. **The Task Force referral (March 6, 2025).** The Special Task Force on Newly Acquired Assets presented its report "for information," and the minutes record that its "recommendations and suggestions will be taken to Cabinet for action." The report's own Recommendation 3 asked that it be "referred to the Coordinating Cabinet for further review, discussion, refinement and expected action."

In short: the Cabinet is charged with taking the Task Force's work forward and bringing a recommendation to the Presbytery. Neither the Cabinet nor any commission can adopt the policy or spend the held funds on its own.

At the June 26, 2025, Presbytery Meeting, the Cabinet reported that it had "began work on the recommendations from the Newly Acquired Assets Task Force." Kym Wiederholt told the Presbytery that the Cabinet would lead the work of clarifying purpose and priorities itself, rather than starting a new consultant-led process. She said the urgency came from the November 2023 freeze: "Lest we sit on such sequestered funds for longer than necessary." The Purpose and Priorities had their first reading. At the October 23, 2025 Presbytery Meeting, the Presbytery approved the **Purpose and Priorities**, as amended. On January 22, 2026, Cabinet sorted the focus-group results under the three priorities: Beloved Community, Equipping the Saints, and Expanding the Kingdom. The concerns it named included trust, transparency, and "money-investing and supporting staff."

Since the presentation of the report in March 2025, listening sessions have occurred through meetings, gatherings, special events and the Commission/Committee Meeting Day held on June 25, 2026. The following problems were identified:

"We are holding on to the money instead of spending it" - "We are not being accountable. We are doing nothing. Do something!" (raised four times) - fear of division - no professional guidance

Cabinet reviewed these summaries in July and has worked to create a policy that is gracious, generous and sustainable. The strategic initiatives being proposed are transforming funds into something that benefits our *beloved community, equips the saints and expands the kingdom*.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Cabinet recommends a policy that Presbytery disburse fifty percent (50%) of Newly Acquired Asset Funds for five new ministry opportunities that live into our priorities.

I. Rural Church Pastoral Residency Program (up to \$250,000) (Equipping the Saints, Beloved Community, Expanding the Kingdom)

The funds for this program would provide seed money to start the Rural Church Pastoral Residency Program and sustain it for a three-year period. The goal of this program is to address the leadership void in rural areas of our presbytery and support small churches.

II. PILP Loans (\$160,000) (Equipping the Saints)

The Presbytery would underwrite PILP loans (The Presbyterian Investment Loan Program) for capital improvement and deferred maintenance for churches in our presbytery by funding a percentage of the downpayment requirement for a loan. Information about PILP loans is available on the PCUSA website.

III. Funding a Mission Co-worker (\$20,000 per year/\$60,000 total) (Expanding the Kingdom, Equipping the Saints)

The Presbytery would support a Mission Co-worker, a missionary previously employed by Presbyterian Mission Agency, identified by the Justice and Mercy Commission for a three-year period.

IV. Funding a New Mission Partner (\$10,000 per year/\$30,000 total) (Expanding the Kingdom, Equipping the Saints)

The Presbytery would support a new mission partner identified by the Justice and Mercy Commission for a three-year period.

V. Forward in Faith 1.0 and 2.0 (\$250,000) (Equipping the Saints, Expanding the Kingdom)

Working from the success of the Forward in Faith program, 2.0 would provide the seed money to expand the visions of the churches already invested in the program. Money would also be available for churches interested in beginning the program. (Forward in Faith 1.0)

Cabinet will evaluate these ministry opportunities each year in conjunction with the appropriate commissions:

Rural Church Program-Commission on Ministry

PILP Loans-Commission on Administration

Mission Co-worker and New Mission Partner-Justice and Mercy Commission

Forward in Faith-Church Partnership Commission

Funds for the new ministry opportunities would be disbursed in 2027 with the remainder of the Newly Acquired Asset Funds continuing to be invested. Suggestions for new programs can be brought to the Cabinet for further discussion. Thank you to our Coordinating Cabinet for their vision and hard work in creating these new ministry opportunities.

Coordinating Cabinet Members:

Bea Miller, Cabinet Moderator

Smith Chaney, Member at Large

Isabella Fagiani, CPC Moderator

Anghaarad Teague Dees, COM Moderator

Beth Broschart, Member at Large

Betsy Soto, CMC Moderator

Kym Wiederholt, COA Moderator, Rep. from
Examinations

Pam Claterbaugh, Member at Large

Shelda Wills, Presbyterian Women Moderator

Russ Merritt, 2026 Peaks Vice-Moderator

David Smith, 2026 Peaks Moderator

Ray Williams, Black Caucus Moderator

Denise Pillow, JMC Moderator

Jackson Weller, CPC Substitute Moderator

REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

INFORMATION:

1. Met July 8, 2026 and October 1, 2026 by Zoom.
2. Organizing a Mandatory Reporter Training Class (Date TBD)

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Approved the Peaks Representation Report for Synod.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That presbytery approve the following Teaching and Ruling Elders to the positions listed below.

Moderator:

Russ Merritt TE 2027 Northminster

Vice-Moderator:

Nancy Gray RE 2027 Second

Cabinet:

David Smith RE 2027 Moderator

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Chris Vogado TE 2030 Salem

David Smith RE 2030 Farmville

Betsy Soto TE 2030 Member at Large/Validated Ministry

Margie Anderson RE 2032 Missional Commissioned Pastor

Mark Hinchcliff TE 2032 Retired

Allison Unroe TE 2032 Christiansburg/U-kirk, VA Tech.

2027 Ordination Examination Readers:

Cynthia Coleman RE 2027 Altavista

Betsy Soto TE 2027 Member at Large/Validated Ministry

Beth Broschart TE 2027 Forest

Commission on Ministry:

Kim Jeffreys TE 2028 Madisonville, Village

Anghaarad Teague Dees TE 2028 Quaker Memorial

David Dickerson TE 2029 Retired

John McCarthy TE 2029 First, South Boston

Janet Rakes RE 2029 Blacksburg

Elise Wilson RE 2029 Holbrook St.

Anghaarad Teague Dees TE 2027 Moderator

Constitutional Ministries Committee:

Betsy Soto TE 2027 Moderator

Steve Willis TE 2029 High Bridge

Sue Bentley RE 2029 Northside

Examinations Commission:

Bob McLavey TE 2027 Moderator

Bob McLavey TE 2029 Floyd

Church Partnership Commission:

Jackson Weller RE 2027 Moderator

Jeffrey Schroeder TE 2029 Cumberland

Justice and Mercy Commission:

Terri Cornwell TE 2028 Member at Large

Jennifer Dickson RE 2029 Clarksville

Carlos Malave TE 2029 New Concord, Appomattox CH

PRESBYTERY REPORT TO SYNOD ON REPRESENTATION

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2026 Form for Year 2025

Presbytery Peaks

I a If you have a COR:

how often does it meet? _____

does it meet with the Presbytery Nominating Committee? _____

how does it report to Presbytery? _____

b If you do not have a COR, please state how you handle oversight of appropriate representation?

Our COR has become a part of the Constitutional Ministries Committee, which also considers nominations.

II What is the size of your presbytery? Churches 107 Members 8766What percentage of members are minorities? 2 %

III. Of the leadership positions with in your presbytery (Leadership includes all Presbytery level committee members) :

How many are filled by women? 36 How many are filled by men? 37

IV. In the past 5 years, have you had a non-majority Moderator?

Yes x No _____

V. What actions or initiatives has your COR taken to try and improve your record of representation on committees?

As part of our meetings, we consider the parity of ruling and teaching elders, parity of men and women, and representation across our six presbytery neighborhoods, in addition to racial representation.

VI. What might the Synod COR do to assist your efforts to be more effective in your work?

Report submitted by _____ Signature _____

Phone # _____ e-mail _____

This document was/will be part of COR's report to Presbytery on _____

Stated Clerk _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please return this form via email to cmotley@synatlantic.org

VI.

2025 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION REPORT

PRESBYTERY NAME: PEAKS

	Committee	Total	Male Clergy	Male Laity	Female Clergy	Female Laity	Asian Amer.	African	African Amer.	Hispanic Latino	Native American	Multi-Cultural	Middle Eastern	White	Other Self Ident	Person With Disability	Youth 25/ Under	Young Adult 26-35	Adult 36-64	Senior Adult 65+
1	Budget & Finance (COA)	9	2	3	1	3								9				2	1	6
2	Church Dev. (CPC)	12	3	3	3	3								12				2	4	6
3	Committee on Ministry	17	5	3	4	5			1					16				1	5	11
4	Presbytery Officers (Board of Directors)	4	1	1		2								4				1		3
5	Presbytery Council (Cabinet)	13	2	4	4	3			1					12				1	6	6
6	Nominating Com. (CMC)	9	5	1		3			1					8					4	5
7	Commissioner to 226 GA	3	1		1	1								3					2	1
8	Commissioners to 253 rd SOMA Assembly	2	1			1			1					1						2
9	Committee on Preparation (Subcommittee of COM)	4	2		1	1								4					2	2
	TOTAL	73	22	15	14	22			4					69				7	24	42

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

FOR INFORMATION:

1. The 227th General Assembly (2026) has sent twenty-five proposed amendments to the Book of Order (26-A through 26-Y) to the presbyteries for their votes. The Bills and Overtures Subcommittee of the Constitutional Ministries Committee will review them and bring recommendations to a future meeting. Votes must be reported to the Office of the General Assembly by July 2, 2027.
2. The second AI training session, “Ethical AI Use in Ministry,” was held June 18, with a follow-up session July 25. Recordings of both presbytery AI trainings are available from the Stated Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT:

- 1. Manual of Operations (G-3.0106).** The Presbytery maintains a Manual of Operations, last revised January 2024, and Standing Rules, last revised August 20, 2016. Revisions are under review by the Constitutional Ministries Committee.
- 2. Required policies (G-3.0106).** The Presbytery has adopted a Sexual Misconduct Policy (adopted January 16, 2018; revised May 4, 2019) and a Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Program (adopted February 13, 2016). A revision extending the child protection policy to adults with vulnerabilities is under review by the Constitutional Ministries Committee. The Presbytery has not yet adopted harassment and antiracism policies of its own; model policies were provided to sessions in 2026.
- 3. Boundary training (G-3.0106; G-2.0603, G-2.1002, G-2.1103).** All members of the Presbytery actively engaged in ministry are required to complete boundary training at least every thirty-six months. The Presbytery offered boundary training in three locations on November 10–11, 2025, and again on February 21, 2026. As of October 7, 2026, the Presbytery’s records show current boundary training for 38 of the 55 ministers of the Word and Sacrament serving in pastoral and other validated positions, and for 11 of the 17 commissioned pastors. Twelve honorably retired ministers have also completed the training. Boundary training may be completed online at any time through the Presbytery’s Training Center:
<https://www.peakspresbytery.org/training/>
- 4. Roster of former Permanent Judicial Commission members (D-3.0602b).** The Stated Clerk keeps the following roster of those whose terms have expired within the past six years. These persons may be called upon in rotation should the commission be unable to obtain a quorum.
 Class of 2024: Rev. Herndon Jeffreys (TE), Gail McCullough (RE), Rev. George Wilson (TE)
 Class of 2022: Dick Boswell (RE), Janet Rakes (RE)
 Class of 2020: Rev. David A. Kirk (TE), Judy Loughhead (RE), James D. Snyder (RE)
- 5. Committee on Representation (G-3.0103).** The functions of the Committee on Representation are carried out by the Constitutional Ministries Committee. The Presbytery’s

2026 report to the Synod on representation, approved by the Constitutional Ministries Committee in October 2026, is included in this packet for information and entered in these minutes.

6. Synod review of the prior year's minutes (G-3.0108). The minutes of the Presbytery for 2025 were reviewed by Abingdon Presbytery on behalf of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and its attestation letter was received June 9, 2026. The reviewer found the minutes "in fantastic order" and noted "a few minor discrepancies, such as the absence of the COR report within the meetings," while observing that the report had been completed and is on file in the presbytery office. The 2026 report is entered in these minutes (item 5).

7. Insurance (G-3.0112). The Presbytery carries insurance with Church Mutual Insurance Company.

8. Records and registers (G-3.0107, G-3.0305). The records of the Stated Clerk are maintained in the presbytery office, and the Presbytery keeps the rolls and registers required by the Book of Order. Records of dissolved congregations are deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society.

9. Statistical reporting. The 2025 Church Summary and Minister Summary were submitted to the Office of the General Assembly.

10. Membership of the Presbytery. As of December 31, 2025, the Presbytery had 126 ministers of the Word and Sacrament and 107 congregations. Changes during 2025:

1. Ministers received from other presbyteries: 2 (Rev. Tim Verhey, Rev. Ben Banner)
2. Ministers received from other denominations: 1 (Rev. Jeffery Schroeder)
3. Ministers dismissed to other presbyteries: 3
4. Ministers deceased: 4
5. Berry Hill Presbyterian Church dismissed to another denomination (February 20, 2025); Jamestown Presbyterian Church dissolved (September 8, 2025)

11. Attendance. Attendance at each stated meeting of 2026, with the sessions not represented, is recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

1. Submitted the Presbytery's 2025 minutes, with the completed Synod checklist, for peer review; the attestation from Abingdon Presbytery was received June 9, 2026.
2. Reviewed the 2025 minutes of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia on behalf of the Synod and submitted the attestation letter on June 9, 2026.
3. Arranged for digital copies of the records of Walker's Presbyterian Church, Pamplin, to be provided to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
4. Submitted the Presbytery's necrology to the Synod on September 9, 2026.
5. Submitted the Presbytery's 2026 report on representation to the Synod following its approval by the Constitutional Ministries Committee.
6. An investigating committee appointed to consider an accusation against a minister member of the Presbytery determined that the facts alleged did not constitute an offense; the matter is concluded. A separate investigating committee appointed in March 2026 continues its work.

7. A remedial complaint against the Presbytery (Synod PJC Case 2026-003) was filed with the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, challenging references in the report of the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, and an alleged recommendation of that commission. On June 25, 2026, the officers of the Synod PJC issued a preliminary ruling that the complainant lacked standing and that the complaint did not state a claim upon which relief can be granted. No challenge to the preliminary ruling was filed, and on July 20, 2026 the case was dismissed without challenge by the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission. The Stated Clerk, a member of the Synod PJC, did not participate in the case.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That the minutes of the May 21, 2026 Stated Meeting and the August 4, 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 clerk's table before discussion.

3. FOR CONSENT AGENDA: That Pam Claterbaugh be appointed as recording secretary for the October 22, 2026 Stated Meeting.

Report of West End PC Administrative Commission

The Administrative Commission for West End Presbyterian Church has set the closing date and Service of Witness for Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., with the Rev. Kyle Allen preaching. A reception will follow the service. Members of Presbytery are invited to attend and celebrate the long history of West End's ministry. The dissolution will take place at a future Presbytery meeting.

**Final Report of the Presbytery of the Peaks
Administrative Commission
on work with
First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Virginia**

October 2026

1. Commission Charges and Powers

1. Visit the congregation, which is reported to be affected with disorder, and inquire into and settle the difficulties therein. (G-3.0109(b)(5))
2. Require, request, have access to, receive, and review all documents of the congregation, including but not limited to session minutes, membership rolls, and business and financial records. (G-3.0107, G-3.0108)
3. Direct that corrective action be taken if matters are determined to be out of compliance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). (G-3.0108c)
4. Make provision for and name a moderator for the session, if necessary. (G-1.0504, G-3.0201)
5. Call meetings of the congregation and/or the session, if necessary, to transact business in accordance with the Book of Order. (G-1.0502, G-3.0203)
6. The Presbytery specifically authorizes the Commission to inquire into reported difficulties and, if necessary, to dissolve the pastoral relationship, after consultation with the minister of the Word and Sacrament, the session, and the congregation, if it finds the church's mission under the Word imperatively demands it. (G-2.0901, G-2.0904)
7. Maintain appropriate confidentiality throughout the process, sharing information only on a need-to-know basis as determined by the Commission.
8. If, after a thorough investigation and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session, the Commission concludes that the session of the congregation is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs, assume original jurisdiction with the full power of session. (G-3.0303e).

2. Key Dates

March 17: AC and Charter created by Presbytery

March 18: Presbytery training for and first meeting of the AC

April 06-16: Meetings with Pastor, staff, and Congregation

May 17: Voluntary resignation submitted by Pastor

June 07: Congregational meeting that dissolved relationship with Pastor

July 09: Verbal out brief to Presbytery

September 16: Verbal out brief to new Interim Pastor

3. Investigative Findings

The AC concluded that the Pastor's continued service would lead to continued division within the church.

4. Actions Taken

Children and Youth Programming: The AC halted Children and Youth Programming until staff and volunteers were trained on Mandated Reporting and Boundary Training.

Session: An AC member was assigned as moderator of the Session. The duties were returned to the Interim Pastor on September 16.

Separation agreement: The AC advised Session of their findings regarding the pastoral relationship and worked together to execute his voluntary resignation and separation agreement.

Called Congregational meeting on 07 June: Moderated by AC for the purpose of dissolving the Pastor's call with the church.

Briefings: The AC provided a verbal summary of our observations and conclusions to the Presbytery and Interim Pastor.

5. Motions for the Presbytery

FOR CONSENT AGENDA Dismiss the Administrative Commission at the October meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION

INFORMATION:

As you begin to think about planning for 2027, keep in mind the next grant deadline is February 1, 2027. Grants for curriculum, partnership, redevelopment and youth summer camp are available. You can learn more about Church Partnership grants to assist congregations on the presbytery website <https://www.peakspresbytery.org/grants/>.

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- Approved \$5,290 in youth summer camp grants, helping send around 20 youth to camp!
- Presented a grant workshop at the Day of Service and Learning with assistance from COM and Justice and Mercy.
- Approved Partnership grant funding for up to \$5,000 for Day of Service and Learning.
- Approved a \$5,000 Partnership grant for First Presbyterian Church of Martinsville and Grace Presbyterian Church of Martinsville for a project entitled "Building Community Through Fun, Food, Fellowship, and Service."

- Approved a Redevelopment grant for \$5,000 for Altavista Presbyterian to upgrade their livestreaming technology.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

None