MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
August 11, 2026
First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tennessee
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Call to Order

Moderator Gary Helton called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, opening with prayer. Rev. Todd Jenkins was invited to bring welcome from First Presbyterian Church. Moderator Helton announced that there was no new business for this meeting.

Enrollment

TEACHING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Adams, Collin Blair	**X**	
Alderman, Brian		**X**
Amstutz, Sharon		**X**
Anderson, William	**X**	
Askew, Catherine Clasen		**X**
Austin, Richard C.		**X**
Barron, Earle		**X**
Bement, Gary		**X**
Bier, Tom		**X**
Bohn, Christine		**X**
Cave, Payne		**X**
Christian, H. Martin		**X**
Clark, Dan		**X**
Clements, Lee	**X**	
Cobb, Harrell L.	**X**	
Coggin, Mitch		**X**
Davis, Brandon		**X**
Donaldson, Dan	**X**	
Fifield, Richard L.		**X**
Florence, Kaye		**X**
Greene, Bishop	**X**	

Hazelwood, Deven		**X**
Helphinstine, Paul	**X**	
Hopper, Barron		**X**
Hollingshead, Glenda		**X**
Huff, Allen		**X**
Hutchison, Ralph		**X**
Hyers, William D.		**X**
Jenkins, Todd	**X**	
Jordan, Greg		**X**
Kendall, Teresa	**X**	
Kestner, C. Phillip		**X**
Knisley, Mark		**X**
Locke, Patricia		**X**
Marcos, Ramy	**X**	
Martin, James		**X**
Martin, John L.		**X**
Mattern, Rebecca	**X**	
Meredith, Tim W.	**X**	
Moore, Diana	**X**	
Pearson, Russ	**X**	
Randolph, J. David		**X**
Raum, Richard	**X**	
Russell, Karen		**X**
Rust, Maggie		**X**
Scruggs, Glenn		**X**
Schaus, Samuel	**X**	
Sharrett, Lawrence		**X**
Shaw, Angus	**X**	
Shelton, Mike		**X**

Walker, Bradley	**X**	
Weisz, Stephen R.		**X**
Welch, David	**X**	
White, Katherine		**X**
White, Ray		**X**
White, Robert	**X**	
Willard, Pat		**X**
Wintringham, John		**X**
Wyatt, Brian	**X**	
Young, William		**X**

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Diddle, Mark		**X**
Gomola, Tom	**X**	

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Ballinger, Calvin		**X**
Brown, Mark		**X**
Cagle, Tracy	**X**	
Cobb, Marci		**X**
Farmer, Mary Jane		**X**
Freshour, TJ		**X**
Helton, Gary	**X**	
Light, David		**X**
Phillips, William E., II		**X**

Becky Wilcox	**X**	

RULING ELDERS PREVIOUSLY COMMISSIONED BUT NO LONGER ACTIVE

Name	Present	Absent
Austin, Jim		**X**
Barnette, Anthony		**X**
Catts, John		**X**
Culbertson, Mike		**X**
Dalton, David		**X**
Morelock, Jeff		**X**
Rice, Cheryl		**X**
Stevens, Betty		**X**
Wise, Scott		**X**
Wright, Kathleen		**X**

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Visitor/Other
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport			
Blountville			
Bristol, First			
Cedar Creek			
Cedarview			
Clinton			
Cold Spring			
Colonial Heights			

Cove Creek			
Covenant			
Cross Anchor			
Elizabethton, First			
Erwin			
Greeneville, First			
Hebron			
Hopewell			
Jefferson City, First			
Jennie Moore			
Johnson City, First			
Jonesborough			
Keystone			
Kingsport, First			
Magill Memorial			
Morristown, First			
Mountain City			
New Bethel			
New Market			
New Providence			
Newport			
Oakland			
Old Kingsport			
Philadelphia			
Piney Flats			
Preston Hills			
Reedy Creek, Bristol			
Reedy Creek, Kingsport			

Rock Creek			
Rogersville			
Salem			
Shady Valley			
Shenandoah			
St. Paul			
Strawberry Plains			
Timber Ridge			
Tri City Korean			
Watauga Avenue			
Waverly Road			
Weaver Union			
West Ridge			

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR: Gary Helton

PRESBYTERY VICE-MODERATOR: Teresa Kendall

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Collin Blair Adams, Trinity Gibson, Beverly Johnson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: (General Mission Board), Brian Wyatt (Committee on Ministry), Sam Schaus (Committee on Preparation for Ministry), (Mission and Discipleship), Bill Anderson (Nominations)

VISITING/CORRESPONDING TEACHING ELDERS/MINISTERS: None

VISITORS: Madeline Chandler, Holston Camp. Keenan Rodgers, Board of Pensions. Cindy Fisher, Presbyterian Home for Children.

Consent Agenda

The docket was removed from the consent agenda. The docket was amended, moving the report of the General Assembly Commissioners to after lunch. The Consent Agenda passed as amended.

Approve Enrollment
Declaration of Quorum
Approve granting voice to visiting teaching elders
Approve minutes from the November 2025 Stated Meeting
Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Russ Pearson and Kim Fifield
Appointment of Bills and Overtures Committee: Diana Moore and Tracy Cagle
The Consent Agenda passed by consensus

Report of the General Mission Board

Dave Welch reported that the General Mission Board has hired Rev. Nikki Cooley to be the next Presbyter of Holston Presbytery.

Report of the Stated Clerk

Collin Adams reported that Russ Pearson (TE), John Grindstaff (RE), Richard Raum (TE), and Mary McClellan (RE) have been appointed to the Mountain City Administrative Commission.

Session Record reviews are being scheduled. The next review will be Saturday, August 15 at cold Spring.

Report of the Committee on Ministry

Brian Wyatt came and gave the report of the Committee on Ministry.

MOTION: That the call between Colonial Heights and David Randolph be dissolved. The motion passed.

MOTION: That Rodney Norris' membership be transferred to Trinity Presbytery. The motion passed.

Brian Wyatt then informed the Presbytery that Sharon Amstutz has been appointed the moderator of Cold Spring and that Dan Donaldson has been appointed the moderator or Rogersville.

Amendment of Docket

The Docket was amended to move Presentations, and the reports of the Nominating, Discipleship, and Committee on Preparation for Ministry to before worship.

Presentations

Madeline Chandler presented on behalf of Holston Camp. Cindy Fisher presented on behalf of the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega. Keenan Rodgers presented on behalf of the Presbyterian Foundation.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Bill Anderson presented the following motions:

MOTION: Nomination of Ruling Elders Julia Beeson and Karen Clark as Co-Moderators of the Mission and Discipleship Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Nomination of Ruling Elder Reese Barringer to the 2026 Class of the Mission and Discipleship Committee. There were no nominations from the floor. Motion passed.

Report of Mission and Discipleship Committee

Julia Beeson reported on behalf of the committee. Five Cents a Meal Grants are available on the Presbytery website; applications are due by October 15. Bulletin Inserts are also available on the website.

Russ Pearson spoke about the Presbytery Youth Retreat which will be held at Holston Camp on November 13-15.

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Dam Schaus reported on behalf of the committee. John Golden was moved to the status of ready to receive a call.

Worship

After an adjournment of five minutes the Presbytery gathered in worship. Rebecca Mattern led worship and communion was served.

After Worship, the meeting broke to have lunch.

Report of Budget, Stewardship and Finance Committee

Rick Raum and members of the committee shared a presentation on the finances of Holston Presbytery and had a time for questions.

MOTION: To ask Presbytery to approve contract with BCS Accounting (Siena Rambo, CPA) to conduct a comprehensive audit, at an estimated cost of about $20,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Feedback and Promotions

Teressa Kendall (Vice-Moderator) invited the Presbytery to submit the feedback form so that we can better our meetings.

Commissioners were invited to make any announcements and also to share Joys and Concerns.

The Committee on Thanks made their report.

It was reported that $785 was collected during the worship offering. This offering was designated for Five Cents a Meal.

Adjournment

Teressa Kendall closed the meeting with prayer. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

Appendix 1: Minutes of General Mission Board

General Mission Board

July 28, 2026

3:00 pm First Presbyterian, Johnson City

Call to Order and Opening Prayer by Kathi Carey.

Members Present: Rick Raum, Bill Anderson, Dave Light, Brian Wyatt, Kathi Carey, Julia Beeson, Teresa Kendall, Gary Helton, Todd Jenkins, Karen Clark

Ex-officio Members Present: Collin Adams, Stated Clerk. Bev Johnson, Treasurer

Absent: Dave Welch, Pam Pope

Guests: David Roane, Trinity Gibson

Approval of Minutes called meeting and stated meeting.

Reports/Recommendations to the General Mission Board

Treasurer Report

According to the financials we are in the black. Bev will be getting trained in Realm.

There is a form that Bev would like them to use when sending money to Presbytery, so she will highlight that at the Presbytery meeting.

Question came up about PCUSA mission passthrough. We will wait to see what to do with that money.

Finance, Budget and Stewardship

Terms of Call for Nikky Cooley were presented by the committee. The terms of call were moved, seconded and passed.

MOTION FROM COMMITTEE: Recommend to General Mission Board contract with BCS Accounting (Siena Rambo, CPA) to conduct a comprehensive audit, at an estimated cost of about $20,000.

GMB Motion: To ask Presbytery to approve contract with BCS Accounting (Siena Rambo, CPA) to conduct a comprehensive audit, at an estimated cost of about $20,000, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Committee on Ministry

It was reported that Rogersville has severed their relationship with Bishop Greene. Dan Donaldson has been appointed the moderator.

PINNACLE REPORT: CoM moved to GMB: engage Mark Tidsworth with Pinnacle Consulting (option #2 of attached proposal) for small church discernment with Holston facilitation coordinated with: Teresa Kendall, David Roane, Tracy Cagle, and

Gary Helton. GMB Motion to postpone discussion until October GMB meeting. Motion was made and seconded. Motion passed.

Administration & Personnel Subcommittee

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Nominations Committee

Mission & Discipleship

Trustees

Administrative Commissions

Stated Clerk's Report

The first session record review was done. Next will be at Cold Spring on August 15.

Moderator's Report .....

Vice-Moderator's Report .....

Recommendations to Presbytery from General Mission Board

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Joys & Concerns

Meeting was closed with prayer at 5:00 PM