



# Stated Meeting Highlights

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The Summer Stated Meeting of Trinity Presbytery was held on Saturday, August 8, 2020, in Diaspora with in-person meetings available at the following locations:

First Presbyterian Church, Aiken  
First Presbyterian Church, Greenwood  
First Presbyterian Church, Laurens  
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greenwood  
Shiloh First Presbyterian Church, Winnsboro  
Trinity Presbytery Office, Lexington

Following are some highlights from the meeting:

- Ruling Elder Martha Casto, a member of our Eastminster Church, was elected and installed as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery Coordinating Team (PCT), class of 2020.
- The Rev. Dr. David Torrey, Stated Clerk, gave his annual report, a summary of 2019 statistical information. The numbers show that Presbytery's active membership changed by a decrease of 426. These losses occurred due to the review of membership rolls by sessions, transfers, and those who have passed on to the Church Triumphant.

Presbytery approved the addition of one elder commissioner for each of the following five churches to address the re-balancing of Presbytery:

Providence (West Columbia)  
Shady Grove (Clinton)  
Spring Valley (Columbia)  
Westminster (Greenwood)  
Whitmire (Whitmire)

- Four new members were welcomed into membership of Trinity Presbytery:
  - Mr. Nick Demuynck will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of Youth at Eastminster Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00 a.m.
  - Mr. Lucas Jones will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of Downtown Presbyterian Church later this year.
  - Ms. Eliza Smith will be ordained at Shandon Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 16th at 2:00 p.m., and will be serving in the validated ministry of a one-year appointment to the chaplain residency program at Prisma Health in Greenville.
  - Mr. Gordon Tubbs will be ordained and installed as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Greenwood on Sunday, August 16th at 3:00 p.m.
- Inquirer Ms. Rachel Smith, a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church, was received as a Candidate under care of Trinity Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. Our brothers and sisters in South Sudan were especially remembered in the closing prayer offered by the moderator.
- The Hunger Offering is collected at three of our stated meetings each year to address hunger issues in Trinity Presbytery. A link for the offering was sent to participants of the August 8th meeting. You may contribute by clicking [here](#). This link is also available on [Trinity Presbytery's website](#).