

# Lay School of Theology

## Presbyterian College; October 14-16, 2016

### Sponsored by the Five Presbyteries of South Carolina

FOR WHOM: Lay persons who wish to

1. Participate in an in-depth study of the Bible, Theology, or Church History.
2. Be trained as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.
3. Better prepare themselves to teach the Bible or Church School.
4. Serve as Directors of Christian Education.
5. Be certified by the Association of Presbyterian Administrators.

PLEASE NOTE: These courses are not for ministers, candidates for the ministry, or those considering changing denominations to the PC (U.S.A.).

### SCHEDULE

\*\* CS-Comfort Suites PCC-Presbyterian College Cafeteria HPC-Harrington-Peachtree Center

<u>FRIDAY</u>	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
4:00-?-Check-in @CS**	6:00-8:00-Breakfast @ CS	6:00-8:00-Breakfast @ CS
4:00-6:00-Check-in with Registrar (PCC)	8:30-8:45-Morning Worship (HPC)	8:30-8:45-Morning Worship (HPC)
5:00-6:00-Dinner at PCC	9:00-12:00-2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Session	9:00-10:00-5 <sup>th</sup> Class Session
6:15-7:00-Plenary/Orientation (HPC)	12:00-1:00-Lunch (PCC)	10:15-10:30-Presentation of Certificates/Diplomas/Announcements (HPC)
Check-in with Registrar (HPC)	1:00-1:30-Free Time	
7:15-8:45-1 <sup>st</sup> Class Session	1:30-4:30-3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Session	10:30-11:15-Closing Worship
9:00-9:15-Evening Worship	5:00-6:00-Dinner (PCC)	11:15-Noon-Check out @ CS
	6:15-7:45-4 <sup>th</sup> Class Session	
	8:00-8:15-Evening Worship	

\*Ten-minute break on the COURSES OFFERED

### ROOM AND BOARD

The cost will be \$120 per person double occupancy or \$200 per person single occupancy at the Comfort Suites located right off Exit 52 of I-26, Clinton. This will include two nights lodging and five meals, breakfast at the Comfort Suites and lunch and dinner at the Presbyterian College Cafeteria. The cost for those commuting will be \$75, which includes three meals at PC and registration fee.

### **COURSES OFFERED**

**A. New Testament Survey** (Core Course) This class is an overview of the New Testament books to help students become better acquainted with the origins of the scriptures and the story of the New Testament along with its key historical, literary, and religious dimensions.

**LEADER:** *Dr. Robert Bryant* is the Kristen Herrington Professor of Bible, Chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, and a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA). He is the author of *The Risen Crucified Christ in Galatians*, *The Gospel of Matthew: God With Us*, *First Corinthians: One in Christ*, and of numerous articles. He has been a visiting scholar for Duke University, has taught at Union Presbyterian Seminary, and twice has been named a German Academic Exchange Fellow to teach and lecture in Germany. Dr. Bryant has also served churches as pastor and supply pastor in the Synods of the South Atlantic (South Carolina and Georgia) and Mid-Atlantic (North Carolina and Virginia). He and his family live in Clinton, SC.

**B. Pastoral Care** (Core Course) The course will cover the theology of pastoral care, ways of using that theology, and a variety of circumstances that call for pastoral attention. Students will be encouraged to bring real life situations to the group for review and discussion. The limitations and responsibilities of being a pastoral care-giver will be emphasized. CLP candidates will have two follow up assignments. Class limit: 20

**LEADER:** *Dr. William "Chip" Summers* is a retired Presbyterian minister, and for over 45 years served six churches in North and South Carolina. He most recently completed a 2-year interim ministry at Johns Island PC in May of this year. Chip and his wife, Lynne, continue to reside on Johns Island.

**C. Preaching** (Core Course) We will look at the theology of preaching from a reformed perspective and then examine the basics of sermon preparations with emphasis on practical methods and available resources. (Prerequisites: Bible I, Bible II, Reformed Theology) Class limit: 12

**LEADER:** *Michael Bush* is Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Athens, Alabama. He was also director of the Office of Presbyterian Ministries at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and taught Worship & Preaching at Erskine Theological Seminary. His academic field of research is history of doctrine, focusing on Reformed theology in the 16th through the 18th centuries. He has pastored churches in Virginia, Alabama, and Georgia, and served several congregations as an interim pastor.

**D. Reformed Theology** (Core Course) This course looks at the theology of the Presbyterian Church. A confessional church rooted in the Protestant Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, we worship Jesus Christ as Lord over all of life; we seek to do all things according to the scriptures; and we explore life vigorously under God through the eyes of faith. Class limit: 20

**LEADER:** Dr. Richard Burnett is a graduate of King College, Yale University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has been a pastor in the PCUSA for more than 14 years and served churches in Tennessee, New Jersey, and North Carolina. He is the author of *Karl Barth's Theological Exegesis* (2001). He served as Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Erskine Theology, and is currently the editor of *Theology Matters*.

**E. The Book of Exodus** (Elective Course) "Exodus is arguably the most important book in the Hebrew Bible," writes the author of the introduction to *Exodus, The New Oxford Annotated Bible*. The book relates the exciting story of God's deliverance of the Hebrew slaves from Egyptian bondage. In doing so, the book of Exodus recounts some of the more unforgettable stories of the OT. As God delivers them, the people of Israel are pointed toward a new land, as well as a new understanding of their freedom and their responsibility as a covenant people. We will look carefully at the structure and message of the book and then consider how to teach it and preach it.

**LEADER:** Tom Malone retired after 42 years as a pastor and educator in the PCUSA. He worked at all levels of the church. Tom has taught workshops all over the USA and in Puerto Rico and Canada. He is the author of numerous curriculum pieces for both elementary children and adults and for church camping. In retirement, he continues to serve the church as a preacher, teacher, educational consultant, and retreat leader. Most recently, he wrote several leader guides for the adult courses for *The Thoughtful Christian*.

**F. Music & Worship** (elective course) **No musical knowledge or experience necessary.** This course will provide a practical but extensive overview of what has changed, as well as what has remained the same in church music, particularly congregational singing through the years. Hymnody, other musical genres, and the role of music in worship and Christian life will be explored.

**LEADER:** Sylvia Trimmier has served as Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg, SC for 26 years. She has a Master's Degree in Church Music from Scarritt Graduate School. Mrs. Trimmier has led workshops at STEPS and the SC Association of Lutheran Musicians. She frequently performs as an organist, pianist, and vocal accompanist.

## *Lay School of Theology*



South Carolina Presbyteries  
Fall Session  
October 14-16, 2016  
Presbyterian College  
Clinton, South Carolina

**Registration Deadline: SEPTEMBER 23, 2016 – Full payment due with registration.**

**THE FIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) PRESBYTERIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY REGISTRATION FORM  
PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE, CLINTON, SC  
OCTOBER 14-16, 2016**

Name (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Church \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

**A. ENROLLMENT AND TRACK OF STUDY**

**Lay Pastor Track** (LP Track) - 8 core courses required for diploma  
Has the Committee on Ministry of your presbytery approved you for this track?  Yes  No  Pending  
**(LP Track participants-You are required to pay an additional \$20 academic fee for each core course)**  
If you are a first-time student, check \_\_\_\_\_ If you are eligible to receive a **diploma**, check. \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Lay Enrichment Track** (LE Track) - 7 core courses required for certificate  
If you are a first-time student, check \_\_\_\_\_ If you are eligible to receive a **certificate**, check. \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Continuing Education** (for graduates of LP and LE tracks – 1 course required per year)

**B. COURSES OFFERED** (Indicate 1st and 2nd choices)

New Testament Survey (Core Course) – Robert “Bob” Bryant  
 Pastoral Care (Core Course) – William “Chip” Summers  
 Preaching (Core Course) – Michael Bush  
 Reformed Theology (Core Course) – Richard Burnett  
 The Book of Exodus (Elective Course) – Tom Malone  
 Music & Worship (Elective Course) – Sylvia Trimmier

**C. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS** (cost includes registration fee, room, and meals)

**Lodging at the Comfort Suites, Clinton - Exit 52 Breakfast at CS; lunch, dinner at PC**

REGISTRATION AND DOUBLE ROOM (2 nights, 5 meals): **\$120** per person (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)  
Roommate \_\_\_\_\_ (**no roommates will be assigned; if you do not have a roommate, register for a single room**)  
 REGISTRATION AND SINGLE ROOM (2 nights, 5 meals): **\$200** per person (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)  
 REGISTRATION AND MEALS ONLY (5 meals) : **\$ 75** per person (+ **\$20 fee** for LP participant)  
 Handicapped-accessible room Special request \_\_\_\_\_

**E. DEADLINE/CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

Deadline for registering is **SEPT. 23**. Full refund for cancellation **prior to that date**. Confirmations will be e-mailed or mailed after **SEPT. 23**. To make inquiries or to cancel, e-mail **Janis Blocker, registrar, at dajaview@lowcountry.com** or call 843-835-2173

**FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THE REGISTRATION. THE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PRE-PAYMENT.**

Send registration form with check made payable to:  
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery  
Attn: Barbara Burger  
2421 Ashley River Rd.  
Charleston, SC 29414

Remember to bring snacks, etc., for the break room.

## **Books for 2016 Fall Session**

### **Lay School of Theology**

#### **New Testament Survey:**

##### **Required Text:**

Primary Text will be the **Bible**, whichever translation student prefers. Handout: Introduction to the Bible: Survey of the New Testament

##### **Recommended texts (not required):**

Attridge, Harold W., ed. *The Harper Collins Study Bible with the Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books, NRSV*. Revised Edition. San Francisco: Harper Collins, 2006

#### **Pastoral Care:**

##### **Required Text:**

Weaver, Revilla, and Koenig: *Counseling Families Across the Stages of Life*.

#### **Preaching:**

##### **Required Text :**

Karl Barth's *Homiletics*.

##### **Recommended (not required)**

Tom Long's *Witness to Preaching*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

#### **Reformed Theology:**

##### **Required Text:**

*The Book of Confessions, Part I of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*; (Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003)

*Calvin's Institutes, Abridged Edition.*, Donald McKim (Louisville: WJK, 2001)

#### **The Book of Exodus:**

##### **Required Text:**

*The Holy Bible (NRSV will be utilized in class)*.

Donald Griggs and W. Eugene March, *Exodus from Scratch* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013) ISBN978066423755. *The Thoughtful Christian* has the best prices.

#### **Worship & Music:**

Students will receive Handouts for the class.

##### **Required Text:**

None



## **Frank's Prayers and Goodbyes**

**by Martha Yeargin Norris**

**My husband, Frank, bravely battled cancer for two years. Throughout that time he and I were blessed by the prayers and encouragement of a host of friends and family. God answered Frank's prayer by giving him the strength to keep preaching at Varennes Presbyterian Church right up until three weeks before he died.**

**The last two weeks of Frank's life were spent at the Rainey Hospice House in Anderson. Although Frank slept most of the time, there were many**

times that he was able to talk with friends and family. One afternoon Frank looked towards the door and heartily proclaimed, "Come on in here, Ray Fisher, and let me see you." Both Ray and Ann were delighted by his cheerful welcome.

Frank's friend, David Bessinger, came from Monroe, N.C., to visit him. When it was time for David to leave, he wanted to have a prayer with Frank. We thought Frank was asleep, but when David started praying, Frank started praying, too. This was Frank's prayer: "Don't worry about the past. Don't worry about the future. The most important thing is my relationship with you, my Lord." Hopefully we will let Frank's prayer become our prayer, too.

One day at Hospice House when Frank and I were alone, he began to speak with much enthusiasm: "Look how beautiful it is! Look at all the beautiful trees! I'm going to build a house for us. And we will be so happy, so happy!" I am convinced that God gave Frank a glimpse of Heaven

and allowed me to witness the joy of it, too.

Early on the morning of February 26, 2016, the Hospice nurses and I knew that Frank was dying. I phoned our sons to come to be with us. Because of his great difficulty breathing, Frank could not talk to us that morning, but he was alert and watched us intently.

Over and over I said, "Darling, you are my hero. You have always been my hero. I love you." Frank gathered enough strength to put his arm on my shoulder as a last hug of goodbye.

"Are you in Heaven yet, Darling?" I cried. And Frank went to be with the Master he loved and served.

Frank so loved his family and his friends and his church. Take Frank's last words into your hearts and be assured that Heaven is real. The next time we see Frank, he will joyfully say, "Come on in here and let me see you!" And then our laughter will blend with the songs of the angels!

## SOUTH CAROLINA LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY The Two-Track Approach

The S.C. Lay School of Theology offers a two-track approach to receiving either a certificate or a diploma. Ordained or non-ordained students may enroll in the Lay Enrichment (LE) Track. The Lay Pastor Track (LP) is provided for **ruling elders** who want to become Lay Pastor candidates. They must receive endorsement from their Session and from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery. Once the endorsement is complete, a copy of the form will be sent to the registrar of the school.

LE Track students and LP Track students will enroll in and attend the same classes. Students in the LP Track will be assigned extra reading and will complete an examination or paper to be graded by the Lay School faculty who teach the course. Faculty who teach LP track students will receive extra compensation for the extra responsibilities. This additional cost will be covered by a \$20 academic fee paid by the student for each course taken. A student in the Lay Pastor Track (LP) will have a deadline for submitting work to be graded. If the student does not submit the work by the deadline date, then the professor will report "no work submitted" for the record, and the student will have to re-take the course. **February 15** is the deadline for receipt of work for the fall session; **July 1** is the deadline for receipt of work for the spring session.

Certificate or Diploma graduates of the school will be able to continue taking courses through Continuing Education (CE) coursework. Students who receive a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track will be required to take one refresher course per year in Continuing Education (CE) in order to keep the diploma validated.

### Core Courses for the Lay Enrichment Track:

1. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
2. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
3. New Testament Survey (Fall)
4. Reformed Theology (Fall)
5. Polity (Spring)
6. Church History (Spring)
7. Pastoral Care (Fall)

### Core Courses for the Lay Pastor Track:

1. Old Testament Survey (Spring)
2. New Testament Survey (Fall)
3. Reformed Theology (Fall)
4. Polity (Spring)
5. Church History (Spring)
6. Pastoral Care (Fall)
7. Worship and Sacraments (Spring)
8. Preaching (Fall)

In each presbytery, the Committee on Ministry has supervision over Commissioned Ruling Elders. In order to enter the LP track at the Lay School, a student must be a ruling elder, who is endorsed for the LP Track by the Session of the student's church and by the Committee on Ministry of the presbytery. A student may enroll in the LP Track pending endorsement; however, all endorsements must be received by the registrar prior to the next session of Lay School in order for the student to continue in the LP Track. If courses have been taken prior to 2002 (when the two-track system was adopted) in the Lay School, it is up to the Committee to determine whether or not those courses count toward commissioning as a lay pastor.

If a student is enrolled in the Lay School and completes the required core course work (seven courses), then a Lay School of Theology *certificate* in the Lay Enrichment Track will be awarded. If a ruling elder completes the course work (eight courses) with satisfactory grades, then the ruling elder will receive the Lay School of Theology *diploma* in the Lay Pastor Track. Receiving a diploma in the Lay Pastor Track only certifies the ruling elder's **eligibility** for commissioning if a presbytery issues a call. If called, the ruling elder must be examined and approved by presbytery in order to be commissioned for a specific call.





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#### West Plaza

- W 1 Patrick Center
- W 2 Smith Administration Building
- W 3 Pharmacy School Offices
- W 4 President's House
- W 5 Belk Auditorium
- W 6 Edmunds Hall
- W 7 Bailey Hall
- W 8 Callaway Tennis Courts
- W 9 Douglas House
- W 10 Bookstore Gazebo
- W 11 Harrington-Peachtree Center
- W 12 Jacobs Hall
- W 13 Russell Publications House
- W 14 Counseling and Wellness Center
- W 15 Moorefield House

#### G. Edward Campbell Plaza

- C 1 Georgia Hall
- C 2 Neville Hall
- C 3 Smyth Hall
- C 4 Godfrey House
- C 5 Laurens Hall
- C 6 James H. Thomason Library and Russell-Arnold Archives
- C 7 Richardson Science Hall
- C 8 Lassiter Hall
- C 9 Springs Campus Center
- C 10 Doyle Hall

#### East Plaza

- E 1 Public Safety
- E 2 Harper Center for the Arts
- E 3 Reynolds Health Center
- E 4 Greenville Dining Hall
- E 5 Clinton Hall
- E 6 Mary Irwin Belk Hall
- E 7 Grotnes Hall
- E 8 M&L Brown Commons
- E 9 Carol International House
- E 10 Barron Hall
- E 11 Senior Hall
- E 12 CHAMPS House

#### Blue Hose Athletics Plaza

- A 1 Martin Stadium
- A 2 Mabry-Smith-Yonce Center
- A 3 Templeton Physical Education Center
- A 4 Johnson-Callaway Center
- A 5 Kemper Lake Sports Medicine Complex
- A 6 Templeton Tennis Complex
- A 7 Young Intramural Park
- A 8 & PC Softball Field
- A 9 Senior Townhouses
- A 10 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Center
- A 11 Fraternity Court
- A 12 PC Baseball Complex
- A 13 Maintenance Complex
- A 14 Bailey Stadium
- A 15 Organic Garden

## HOW DO I GET TO PC?

Presbyterian College is located in Clinton, South Carolina, three miles from Exit 52 on I-26.

Clinton is located between the cities of Spartanburg and Columbia, SC.

From Atlanta, GA, take I-85 North to Greenville, SC. See directions below from Greenville.

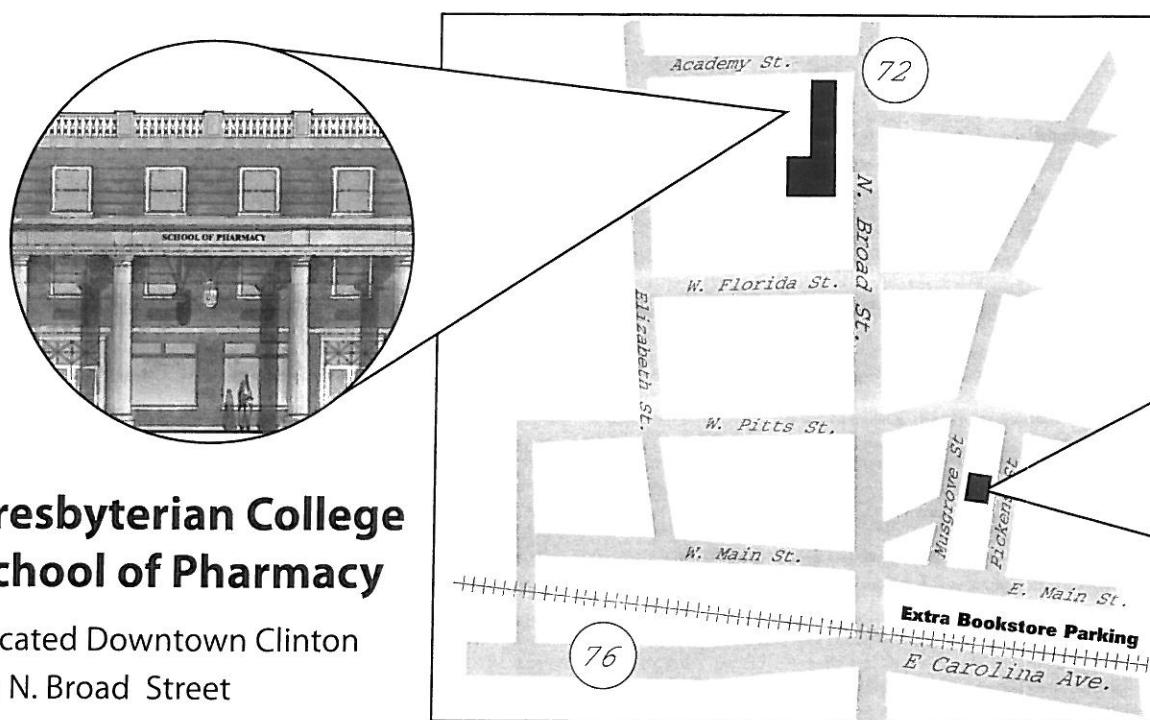
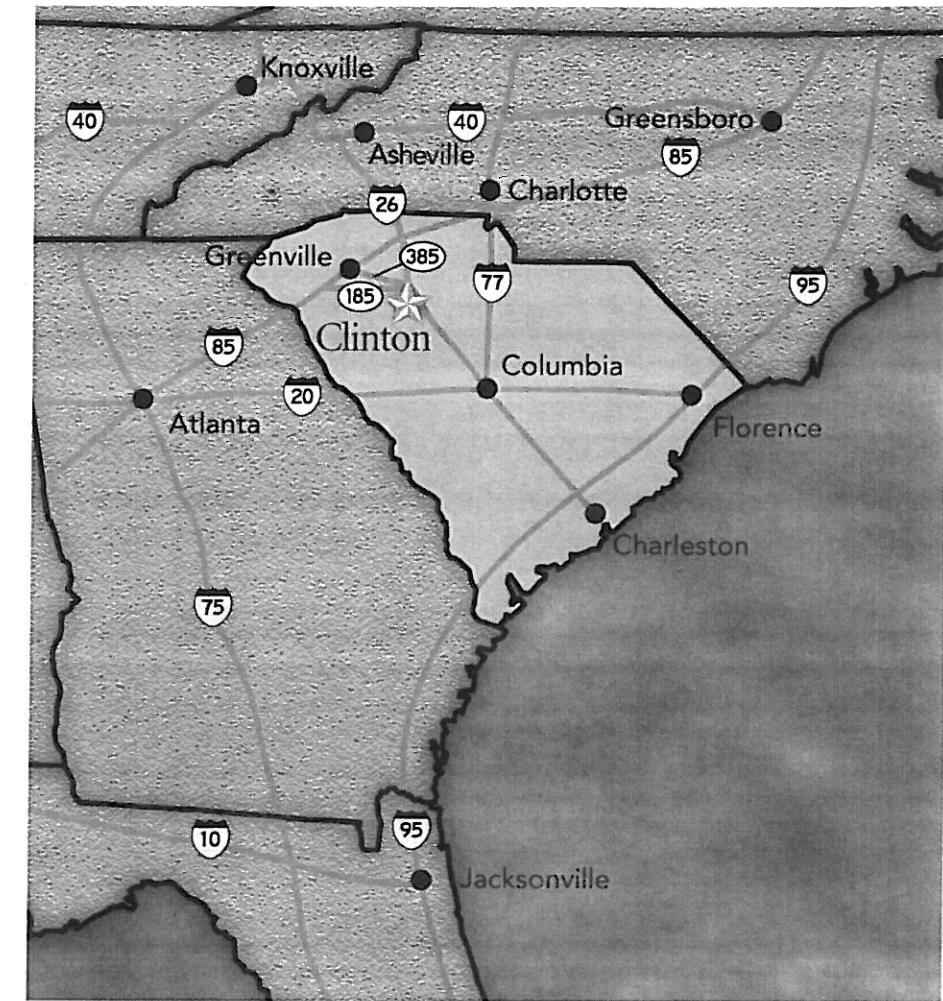
From Greenville, SC, take I-385 South (toward Columbia) to the intersection of I-385 and I-26. Stay in the right lane which will become Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Asheville, NC, take I-26 East to Spartanburg, SC. See directions below from Spartanburg.

From Spartanburg, SC, take I-26 East (toward Columbia) to Exit 52. Turn right at the exit onto Hwy. 56 and travel approximately two miles to an intersection. Veer right to follow Hwy. 56/72, which becomes Broad Street. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Charlotte, NC, take I-77 South to Exit 65. Turn right onto Hwy. 9 (toward Chester). Turn left onto Hwy. 72 in Chester and follow it to Clinton. Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.

From Columbia, SC, take I-26 West (toward Spartanburg) to Exit 52. Turn left onto Hwy. 72 (toward Clinton). Go through downtown Clinton and cross Hwy. 76 at the traffic light (McDonald's will be across the street on the left). On the left, approximately one mile from the intersection, is East Calhoun Street and the Patrick Center of Presbyterian College (where the admissions office is located). Turn left on East Calhoun Street and take an immediate right into the Patrick Center parking lot.



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