

Notes from the Session Meetings on January 26, 2021 and the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 31, 2021 Submitted by Jon Barnett, Clerk of Session

From the called new member Session meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021:

Session RECEIVED Bob and Sarah Jo Pelletier as new members (by letter of transfer from Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church).

From the stated Session meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2021:

1. Session APPROVED the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Session on November 19, 2020 and the minutes of the Called Meeting of the Session on November 22, 2020.
2. Session APPROVED the annual PCUSA church statistical report.
3. Session APPROVED the use of \$11,000 from Special Funds to pay for the new Fire Panel.
4. Session APPROVED the continued use of livestreaming as the primary mode of worship through August 2021, with the possibility of adding outdoor worship as weather warms, after Easter 2021.
5. Session APPROVED the use of the remainder of the Baughman fund (\$353) to help with the 2021 CE budget, to offset the cost of curriculum and/or bibles.
6. Session APPROVED the 2021 budget as presented.
7. Session APPROVED the 2021 co-pastors terms of call as presented, and recommended them to the congregation for approval.
8. Session APPROVED the 2020 Annual Report as presented.
9. Session APPROVED the renewal of the Covenant of Support and Fellowship between the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County and the Union Maya Quiché Boca Costa Presbytery for an additional five years.
10. Session APPROVED an offering be collected to be sent to Adolfo Santizo, a long-time friend and mission partner in the Guatemala project, whose business of providing transportation for mission and tourist groups in Guatemala has been decimated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

From the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, January 31, 2021:

1. The congregation affirmed the 2021 budget as presented.
2. The congregation approved the 2021 pastors terms of call.
3. The congregation heard a report about the Session's plan to propose an Amendment to the church's corporate Bylaws. The reason for the proposed Amendment is to allow for online meetings. Even though we have been meeting online by necessity during the pandemic, the Bylaws do not formally recognize online meetings as meetings. [CLICK HERE](#) for the full report and proposed Amendment.

Stated Session Meetings 2021

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom until further notice. Optional chat-and-gather time at 6:30 p.m.

2021: March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, August 24



SESSION MEETING

Co-Pastors' Contact Info

Morton and Sue's cell phone numbers & emails:

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Stewardship News



Financial Report Summary as of January 31, 2021

	Actual to Date	Expected to Date	More (less) than Expected
Contributions Received	\$95,942	\$59,283	\$36,659
Total Income	\$106,213	\$30,257	\$75,956
Total Expenses	<u>\$65,828</u>	<u>(\$6,320)</u>	<u>\$72,148</u>
Surplus (Deficit) to Date	\$40,385	\$36,577	\$3,808

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2021 Per Capita Apportionment

Total Number of Contributions Received as of February 18, 2021

Total Number = 58

Amount = \$3,074.30

Per Capita for 2021 is \$36.06
Have you paid yours yet?
Thank you if you did!

The “Per Capita” is each church member’s share of the expenses of the larger church – the Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly of the PCUSA. Our congregation is required to pay this amount for each member of the church. First Presbyterian Church of Howard County is faithful in fully paying our congregation’s apportionment; we put the total amount in our operating budget every year for all our members.

Some of our members regularly pay their “per capita” each year in addition to their regular giving. Thank you! It’s a big help to the annual budget.

Wouldn’t it be great if every member of the church made an additional contribution of his or her Per Capita apportionment? A contribution of \$36.06 from every member would mean that money could be put to work in other ways for our congregation’s ministries this year.

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