

Notes from the Session Meetings on March 23, 2021

Submitted by Jon Barnett, Clerk of Session

1. The Session APPROVED the minutes of the stated Session meeting on February 23, 2021.

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: April 27, June 1, June 22, July 27, August 24



Co-Pastors' Contact Info

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Stewardship News



Financial Report Summary as of March 31, 2021

	Actual to Date	Expected to Date	More (less) than Expected
Contributions Received	\$196,704	\$177,847	\$18,857
Total Income	\$229,072	\$196,877	\$32,195
Total Expenses	<u>\$211,127</u>	<u>\$196,871</u>	<u>\$14,256</u>
Surplus (Deficit) to Date	\$17,945	\$6	\$17,939



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Thank you!

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2021 Per Capita Apportionment

Total Number of Contributions Received as of April 22, 2021

Total Number = 68

Amount = \$3,878.90

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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Dates to Remember for Elected Officers:

Tuesday, May 11—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Orientation and Training Class for Elders-elect via Zoom

This training is required by the Book of Order.

If you cannot make this date please contact Pastor Morton as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

Tuesday, May 18—7:00-9:00 p.m.—Orientation and Training Class for Deacons-elect via Zoom

This training is required by the Book of Order.

If you cannot make this date please contact Pastor Morton as soon as possible to discuss alternative arrangements.

Tuesday, June 1— Stated Session Meeting via Zoom begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Elders-elect and Deacons-elect meet with the Session for examination, which will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

Examination is required by the Book of Order.

**Sunday, June 13—Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook and YouTube
Ordination and/or Installation of Elders and Deacons**

There will be a brief Zoom meeting to record the Ordination and Installation at a date to be arranged. This meeting will take place (via Zoom) between June 1 and June 13. Please watch for an email about this zoom meeting.

Monday, June 14 — New Officers begin term of service

Tuesday, June 8 — Super Tuesday Meetings — 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Newly elected Elders begin work with their Ministry Areas – both incoming and outgoing classes are asked to attend. Super Tuesday Meetings are always the 2nd Tuesday of the month, except for P3 (2nd Wednesday). The time of your Ministry Area meeting is either 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. The chair will contact you.

Tuesday, June 15 — 7:00 p.m. — Deacons Meeting via Zoom

First regular Deacons Meeting for new Deacons-elect. (All new and serving on Board of Deacons).

Tuesday, June 22 — 7:00 p.m. — Stated Session Meeting via Zoom

All new and serving Session members

Session meeting begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Thank you for serving!