

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Utah  
March 2, 2024  
First Presbyterian Church Salt Lake City  
9:30  
Agenda

Call to Order and Welcome

Open with prayer, establish a quorum, approval of agenda

Land Acknowledgement

Seat new and corresponding members

Carol Day, Moderator Matthew 25 Working Group

Rob Hagan Presbyterian Foundation

Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Necrology Report

Reports:

Coordinating Council

Amend 2024 Budget

Approve Anti-Harassment Policy

Approve Inclusion & Diversity Statement

3 motions to amend admin/policy manual

Committee on Ministry

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Committee on Nominations and Representation

Youth of Utah Presbytery

GA 226 COLA Report

NWC Report

Matthew 25 Work Group

Preach B&B

Finance and Treasurer's Report

Report of the Executive Presbyter

Report of the Stated Clerk

Additional Business to come before the Presbytery

Community of Grace & GA Overtures

Pulpit Exchange Sorting Hat

Adjournment

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Utah will be held November 9, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Logan.

There will be a Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Utah on April 6, 2024, 9:30am via zoom to review and concur with any overtures that are of interest

Report of the Coordinating Council  
March 2, 2024

The Coordinating Council of The Presbytery of Utah met on January 25, 2024.

It was voted to apply to have Dumitru Roibu, director of the Moldova YMCA, come to Utah. Dumitru will be traveling to the USA as part of the Peacemakers Program of the PCUSA Ralph and Mirjam met with Dumitru on their mission trip last year and want our churches to hear his story.

There are several overtures to GA that Community of Grace is interested in concurring with. When the overtures are posted Presbytery will be asked to concur at a Called Meeting.

For the last year and a half, presbytery executives have been working with Dubuque Theological Seminary to develop a synod wide training program for CLPs. A grant was received from the Lily Foundation but the additional cost per class module (there are eight) is \$3,500. Synod of the Rocky Mountains is picking up \$1,000 which leaves \$312.50 per presbytery, per class. Council recommends that the budget be amended to cover the cost.

A draft anti-harassment policy was presented to council. Mirjam, Candice and Hansen will make editorial changes to make it applicable for the presbytery, present it at the next meeting and recommend that churches take the policy and adapt it as their own. An Anti-Harassment Policy is mandated by the Book of Order G-3.0106.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**MOVE to amend the 2024 Budget by adding \$1,250 for the Synod wide Dubuque CLP training course**

**MOVE to approve the Anti-Harassment Policy and add it to our Administrative and Policy Manual**

**MOVE to approve Inclusion and Diversity Statement**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY MANUAL**

##### **Section G-2: Amending/Suspending or Adding Manual Provisions**

- Whereas the Presbytery Administration and Policy Manuals have been combined into one manual,
- Whereas the former Administration Manual and the current combined manual assigns responsibility for modifying the committee manuals to the individual committees,
- Whereas the last sentence of Section G-2 of the combined manual states:  
*"This change provision supersedes change provisions in all other Manuals of the Presbytery of Utah,"* and
- Whereas this conflicts with committee responsibilities,

**MOVE to delete the last sentence of Section G-2 of the combined manual**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY MANUAL**

##### **Presbytery Meeting Designations**

- Whereas Section A-5.01 of the Presbytery Administration and Policy Manual defines the FIRST, SECOND and THIRD stated meetings of the Presbytery,
- 00Whereas other sections of the manual have the older designations of WINTER, SPRING And FALL meetings,

**MOVE to substitute "FIRST", "SECOND" and "THIRD" for "WINTER", "SPRING" and "FALL" respectively in the Administrative And Policy Manual**

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLICY MANUAL

### Boundaries Definition

- Whereas Section A-3.01 of the Presbytery Administration and Policy Manual reads “The Presbytery of Utah, a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), consists of all the churches of this denomination in the State of Utah, **excluding the General Assembly designated portions of San Juan County** and including Franklin County, Idaho.”,
- Whereas, in 2021 the Office of the General Assembly initiated a project to develop a database with the descriptions of each presbytery’s geographic district, as well as a precise and accurate map. When the process revealed a variety of discrepancies and needs for clarification, OGA had conversations with mid council leaders in every synod to resolve identified issues, and
- Whereas, the Synod of the Rocky Mountains is proposing a GA Overture defining the boundaries of the Presbytery of Utah which states “(excluding that portion lying within the Navajo Nation)”

**MOVE to change that portion of our Boundary Definition to the Synod definition.**

## HARASSMENT-FREE WORKPLACE POLICY

The Presbytery of Utah is committed to maintaining a workplace free of harassment. This policy defines what harassment is, why it is harmful, and when it is illegal. We include our steps to prevent harassment, and our process to report, investigate, and respond to complaints of harassment. We do not tolerate intimidation, humiliation, physical or mental abuse in our workplace. Those found to engage in this behavior will be disciplined, up to and including termination.

### *Definition*

Harassment is unwelcome or offensive behavior. It becomes unlawful when (1) enduring the offensive conduct becomes a condition of continued employment, and/or (2) the conduct is severe or pervasive enough to create a work environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive.

If the harassment is based on race, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, ethnicity characteristics, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, disability, or genetic information, it can be a form of employment discrimination that violates Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Anti-discrimination laws also prohibit harassment against individuals in retaliation for filing a discrimination charge, testifying, or participating in any way in an investigation, proceeding, or lawsuit under these laws; or opposing employment practices that they reasonably believe discriminate against individuals, in violation of these laws.

### *Offensive Conduct*

Offensive conduct may include, but is not limited to, offensive jokes, slurs, epithets or name calling, physical assaults or threats, intimidation, ridicule or mockery, insults or put-downs, offensive objects or pictures, and interference with work performance. Harassment can occur in a variety of circumstances, such as:

- The harasser can be the victim's supervisor, a supervisor in another area, a co-worker, or a non-employee.
- The victim does not have to be the person harassed, but can be anyone affected by the offensive conduct, also known as third-party harassment.

### *Types of Harassment*

1. **Physical** or threatening behavior toward a person or property – in its extreme, it can be termed assault.
2. **Personal/Psychological** harassment can include bullying, where the victim is subjected to unwanted remarks, insults, offensive and derogatory statements.
3. **Discriminatory** harassment is directed at someone's race, age, sex, or other form of protected class (as listed above), who is subjected to offensive remarks.
4. **Cyberbullying** harassment is threatening or offensive conduct on social media. It spreads quickly and can easily get out of hand. Cyberbullying is very serious and has caused victims to take their own life.
5. **Sexual** harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature on the part of supervisors, employees, and non-employees. See separate policy in this Handbook.

6. **Third-party** harassment is often someone who witnesses harassment in the workplace and is adversely affected by it.

#### ***Actions to Prevent Harassment***

- This Harassment-Free Workplace policy is required reading by all new employees.
- We strive to create a work environment where staff feels free to raise concerns and are confident those concerns will be addressed.
- The Chair of Personnel ensures that the Harassment-free workplace policy is read and understood by Presbytery staff.
- Annual Harassment Awareness Training, that includes specific Sexual Harassment Awareness Training, will be required for all staff persons, and is recommended for members of Session, Deacons, and key church volunteers. These awareness sessions for the staff of the Presbytery of Utah should be documented and recorded by the Stated Clerk.
- Staff persons who find themselves the target of harassment or in a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable are strongly encouraged to inform the harasser directly that the conduct is unwelcome and must stop, and discuss the situation with the Executive Presbyter or a member of the Personnel Committee. Incidents of harassment should be reported to management at an early stage to prevent escalation.
- If personal safety for a staff person or others in the workplace is determined to exist, the offender can be removed from premises. The incident must be reported to the Executive Presbyter and may be followed by an investigation and possible termination.
- If serious harassment is observed or reported, such as assault, verbal or written threats, steps should be taken to separate the parties, with or without the aid of police. The incident must be reported to the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk who may take immediate steps as deemed appropriate, including forming of a Response Team. Please see this procedure outlined in the Sexual Misconduct Policy.
- If the harassment continues and the staff person wishes to formally document the harassment, a formal letter of complaint needs to be send to the Stated Clerk who then initiates a investigation committee according to the Presbytery's policies.

## Presbytery of Utah Diversity and Inclusion Statement

**God's love embraces the beautiful diversity of humanity, welcoming all individuals with acceptance and respect.** This inherent truth guides our belief in a world where all individuals can flourish as their genuine selves, regardless of any difference in race, religion, skin color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

**The Presbytery of Utah stands firmly against any legislation or action that aims to harm, marginalize, or discriminate against any individual or group based on their identity.** We unequivocally affirm the inherent worth and dignity of all people, recognizing their fundamental right to live and participate fully in society without fear or prejudice.

**We are deeply concerned about the harmful impact of policies and practices that target specific groups, particularly those who already face significant challenges.** Discrimination can lead to negative consequences for mental health, well-being, and opportunity.

**Instead, we believe in creating safe and inclusive spaces where everyone feels respected and supported.** This includes access to opportunities that contribute to physical and mental well-being, personal growth, and a sense of belonging. Denying individuals access to these opportunities based solely on their identity is unacceptable.

**We firmly believe that every individual, regardless of identity, is beautifully and wonderfully made. Therefore, the Presbytery of Utah remains committed to actively opposing discriminatory practices and advocating for the full humanity of all individuals, including those within the LGBTQIA+ community.** We remind the wider communities we live in, that God's love knows no bounds, and Jesus calls us to share this message of inclusivity and compassion with the world, promoting justice and understanding for all.

Committee On Ministry's Report to the Presbytery, meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Salt Lake, Utah, March 2, 2024

The Committee On Ministry last met on February 8, 2024

At that meeting COM acted to:

Increase Pulpit Supply to \$130 for one service and \$185 for two.

Moderating rate has been increased to \$80

Mileage is at 2024 IRS rate of \$0.67

Effective February 8, 2024

Increase Minimum Pastor Salary to \$55,508

Committee On Ministry brings no actions for Presbytery's consideration at this meeting.

Committee On Ministry will next meet March 14, 2024

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Dr. Ralph Clingan

Moderator

Committee On Ministry

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report – March 2024**

Robby Higgins met with the committee in October 2023 to become an inquirer and begin the ordination process. The committee approved his request and Robby is under care at First Pres SLC where he is also a Deacon and teaches a Bible study. He is currently studying at Dubuque Seminary and occasionally preaches at Springville Church.

Joe Bagdanov (FPC SLC) Candidate has passed all his ordination exams, and the committee will be in consultation with Joe as to the next steps at the committee's March meeting.

April Hewes (Wasatch) Candidate and met with committee for her annual consultation in October 2023. She continues studying for her DMin at Redlands University and is completing a 2 year CPE internship and moving toward becoming a board certified chaplain and will begin taking ordination exams later this year.

Submitted by Nathan Sautter, Moderator

Matthew 25 Working Group  
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➤ **In 2024 the Matthew 25 Working Group is focusing on Matthew 25:36 “I was in prison and you came to visit me.’**

There will be a virtual book club Wednesday nights Sept 4-Nov 6, 7:00-8:30 on the book Prisons Make us Safe and 20 Other Myths about Mass Incarceration by Victoria Law. Each week will be a stand alone discussion that people can attend when they are available. Registration link for book club:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-ugrToqHtPDjWI72c2KlszvrpZFDc28>

for questions email Bobbie Ramer <[mountvilleman@gmail.com](mailto:mountvilleman@gmail.com)>

There will be a virtual movie night and discussion for the video “13th”.

There are plans to assist in creating a resource guide in conjunction with the Salt Lake Interfaith Roundtable to help prisoners transition to life outside of jail. .

- LAP: Lament (Belong), Affirm, Prayer groups designed to offer support and fellowship for members of our diverse communities. are being created by and for Black Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQIA +, Neurodivergent people.
  
- Carol Day and Mirjam Haas Melchior attended the first ever Matthew 25 Summit at the New Life Presbyterian Church in Atlanta Georgia. It was inspiring and challenging. Many of the plenary and workshop sessions can be found on [PCUSA.org/mission](https://www.pcusa.org/mission) Matthew 25 website. The musical group The Many were involved in the Summit. Look them up online.
  
- Souper Bowl of Caring

12 churches joined the effort collecting 4472 food items \$ 5776. as of 2/22/24. totals and point winners will be announced at the Presbytery meeting. The spreadsheet of results will be emailed to participating congregations.

Thank you for tackling hunger in Utah

Presbytery of Utah Matthew 25 Working Group

Carol Day, Bobbie Ramer, Ami Noshiravan, Loyda Kyremes, Mirjam Haas  
Melchior, Melody Oliphant, Anna Cordes

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
<b>Assets</b>					
1.1000.00	Wells Fargo Checking	154,891.49	355,848.64	(200,957.15)	56
1.1500.00	Zions Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.1510.00	Zions Bank Savings	0.00	100,640.70	(100,640.70)	100
1.1520.00	Edward Jones CDs	237,985.53	N/A	237,985.53	-
	<b>Total Cash in Bank</b>	<b>\$392,877.02</b>	<b>\$456,489.34</b>	<b>(\$63,612.32)</b>	<b>14</b>
1.2000.00	New Covenant Funds (NCD)	169,135.87	151,399.50	17,736.37	12
1.3000.00	Presbyterian Investment & Loan	100,243.96	98,408.19	1,835.77	2
1.3500.00	Myton Legacy - PILP	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.4000.00	West Legacy Foundation Endowment Services Account	820,825.12	786,219.42	34,605.70	4
1.4500.00	New Covenant Myton Legacy	203,639.80	181,161.01	22,478.79	12
1.4600.00	New Covenant COPM Scholarship Fund	14,020.79	8,704.20	5,316.59	61
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$1,307,865.54</b>	<b>\$1,225,892.32</b>	<b>\$81,973.22</b>	<b>7</b>
1.5000.00	Presbytery of Utah	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0
1.5001.00	American Fork	1,054,000.00	1,054,000.00	0.00	0
1.5002.00	Brigham City	1,978,000.00	1,978,000.00	0.00	0
1.5003.00	Cedar City	2,710,000.00	2,710,000.00	0.00	0
1.5004.00	Delta	514,000.00	514,000.00	0.00	0
1.5005.00	Fruit Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5006.00	Kanab	272,000.00	272,000.00	0.00	0
1.5007.00	Logan	2,078,000.00	2,078,000.00	0.00	0
1.5008.00	Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5009.00	Myton	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0
1.5010.00	Ogden First	3,868,000.00	3,868,000.00	0.00	0
1.5011.00	Japanese Church of Christ	1,182,000.00	1,182,000.00	0.00	0
1.5012.00	Ogden Trinity	1,834,000.00	1,834,000.00	0.00	0
1.5014.00	Richfield	458,000.00	458,000.00	0.00	0
1.5015.00	Cottonwood	2,532,946.00	2,532,946.00	0.00	0
1.5016.00	Salt Lake First-A	6,682,500.00	6,682,500.00	0.00	0
1.5017.00	Salt Lake First - B	6,682,500.00	6,682,500.00	0.00	0
1.5018.00	Korean	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	0.00	0
1.5019.00	Mt. Olympus	3,970,000.00	3,970,000.00	0.00	0
1.5020.00	Wasatch	3,830,000.00	3,830,000.00	0.00	0
1.5021.00	Westvale	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5022.00	Community of Grace	2,426,725.00	2,426,725.00	0.00	0
1.5023.00	Springville	1,110,000.00	1,110,000.00	0.00	0
1.5024.00	St. George	1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00	0.00	0
1.5025.00	Preston	343,000.00	343,000.00	0.00	0

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
<b>Total Properties Held in Trust</b>		<b>\$46,522,671.00</b>	<b>\$46,522,671.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>
1.4100.00	Insurance Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.4200.00	Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.6000.00	Heaney Memorial Endowment Fund	33,249.67	31,656.79	1,592.88	5
1.9999.99	Asset Suspende	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>\$33,249.67</b>	<b>\$31,656.79</b>	<b>\$1,592.88</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$48,256,663.23</b>	<b>\$48,236,709.45</b>	<b>\$19,953.78</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
2.1000.00	941 Tax Payable	(1,635.38)	1,474.04	(3,109.42)	211
2.1100.00	State Tax Payable	0.00	1,300.00	(1,300.00)	100
2.1110.00	BOP Payable	226.40	212.80	13.60	6
2.1120.00	Salary Deferral Payable	(75.00)	0.00	(75.00)	-
2.1999.00	Payroll Clearing Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>		<b>(\$1,483.98)</b>	<b>\$2,986.84</b>	<b>(\$4,470.82)</b>	<b>150</b>
2.5000.00	Fruit Heights Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5001.00	Community of Grace Loans	344,973.20	370,631.08	(25,657.88)	7
2.5002.00	Ogden First Loan	78,726.87	122,109.82	(43,382.95)	36
2.5004.00	Utah Presbytery Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5005.00	Westvale Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5006.00	SLC First Loan	30,826.80	51,037.47	(20,210.67)	40
2.5007.00	Wasatch Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5008.00	Cottonwood Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5009.00	Logan Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5010.00	St. George Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5011.00	Ogden Trinity Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5012.00	Korean PC Loan	49,841.36	60,767.26	(10,925.90)	18
2.5013.00	Cedar City Loan	208,680.55	224,793.04	(16,112.49)	7
<b>Total Loans Outstanding</b>		<b>\$713,048.78</b>	<b>\$829,338.67</b>	<b>(\$116,289.89)</b>	<b>14</b>
2.0000.00	<i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.0001.00	Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.1200.00	Deferred Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.1500.00	PPP Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.2222.22	Allen Thornberry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.2222.32	American Express	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$711,564.80</b>	<b>\$832,325.51</b>	<b>(\$120,760.71)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
3.0001.00	Per Capita	90,199.44	132,587.28	(42,387.84)	32

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3.0002.00	Presby.Mission	(4,967.51)	3,781.71	(8,749.22)	231
	<b>Total PC &amp; Mission Fund Balanc</b>	<b>\$85,231.93</b>	<b>\$136,368.99</b>	<b>(\$51,137.06)</b>	<b>37</b>
3.2996.00	Fruit Heights Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.3000.00	PILP	54,379.16	54,379.16	0.00	0
3.3000.01	New Covenant NCD	169,135.87	151,399.50	17,736.37	12
3.3000.02	New Worshipping Communities Balance	96,798.33	98,385.62	(1,587.29)	2
3.4000.00	NCD Checking Account	(41,481.35)	(41,481.35)	0.00	0
	<b>Total NCD Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$278,832.01</b>	<b>\$262,682.93</b>	<b>\$16,149.08</b>	<b>6</b>
3.0003.00	Synod Mission Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0005.00	Workers Comp.	(1,040.74)	(478.74)	(562.00)	117
3.0006.00	Pentecost Offering Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0007.00	Presbytery Mtg. Offering Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0007.01	CRE/CLP Scholarship Fund Fund	951.98	951.98	0.00	0
3.0008.00	Reserve Per Capita Fund	23,670.24	23,670.24	0.00	0
3.0009.00	Reserve Mission Fund	92,047.37	92,047.37	0.00	0
3.0010.00	Triennium	4,406.66	0.00	4,406.66	-
3.0011.00	Scholarship COPM	12,054.43	10,459.20	1,595.23	15
3.0012.00	Admin.Commission	1,096.19	1,096.19	0.00	0
3.0013.00	Leadership Development Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0014.00	Peacemaking	6,703.65	8,792.54	(2,088.89)	24
3.0015.00	Excellence in Ministry -Henry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0016.00	Pastor Emergency Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00	0
3.0017.00	Myton General Fund Balance	5,377.53	377.53	5,000.00	1,324
3.0018.00	Myton CD Balance	31,906.07	31,906.07	0.00	0
3.1905.00	Insurance - Church Mutual	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1906.00	Mission Yearbook Orders Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1907.01	American Fork Salary Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1908.00	Mortgage Defaults Fund	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	0
3.1909.00	Emergency Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2000.00	Korean PC Building Fund Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2000.01	New Beginnings Commitment	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2001.00	Stated Clerk GA Fund	(99.62)	(99.62)	0.00	0
3.4001.00	West Legacy Unrealized Gains	(114,743.44)	(146,628.76)	31,885.32	22
	<b>Total Designated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$362,662.33</b>	<b>\$306,276.93</b>	<b>\$56,385.40</b>	<b>18</b>
3.2500.00	GA Mission Pass Through	2,532.32	4,470.29	(1,937.97)	43
3.2600.00	Synod Mission (Pass Through)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2600.02	Christmas Joy Offering Fund	915.62	2,613.00	(1,697.38)	65
3.2600.03	OGHS Fund	400.00	2,377.65	(1,977.65)	83

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3.2600.04	Peacemaking Pass Through Fund	2,629.07	1,487.53	1,141.54	77
3.2600.05	Pentecost Pass Through Fund	509.00	1,878.80	(1,369.80)	73
3.2600.06	Pres. Hunger Fund Fund	700.00	0.00	700.00	-
3.2600.07	Theological Education Fund Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2600.08	Extra Commitment Opp.	600.00	800.00	(200.00)	25
3.2995.00	Presbyterian Disaster Assistan	2,838.00	2,940.10	(102.10)	3
	<b>Total Pass Through Mission</b>	<b>\$11,124.01</b>	<b>\$16,567.37</b>	<b>(\$5,443.36)</b>	<b>33</b>
3.0010.01	YUP Events Balance	415.55	(11,870.71)	12,286.26	104
3.0010.02	Mental Health Grant Balance	0.00	499.32	(499.32)	100
3.0018.01	Myton PILP Interest Balance	532.53	532.53	0.00	0
3.0019.00	Myton Property Sale Balance	146,208.00	146,208.00	0.00	0
3.0019.01	Myton Legacy New Covenant Earnings Balance	9,431.19	(6,768.96)	16,200.15	239
3.0019.02	Myton 160 Acres Sale Balance	98,968.00	98,968.00	0.00	0
3.0020.00	West Legacy Principle	992,249.22	992,249.22	0.00	0
3.0022.00	Peer Preaching Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2002.00	GA 2024 Payroll Expense Balance	(5,944.97)	N/A	(5,944.97)	-
3.2600.09	Heaney Memorial Fund	2,374.09	1,390.07	984.02	71
3.2700.00	Heaney Endowment Proceeds Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.4002.00	Blessing Grant Funds	0.60	0.00	0.60	-
3.5000.00	Net Fixed Assets #1	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5001.00	Net Fixed Assets #2	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5002.00	NetFixed Assets #3	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5003.00	Net Fixed Assets #4	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5004.00	Net Fixed Assets #5	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5005.00	Net Fixed Assets #6	808,596.28	692,306.39	116,289.89	17
3.5010.00	Heaney Memorial Endowment Fund Balance	33,249.67	31,656.79	1,592.88	5
3.9999.99	Fund Balance Suspense	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$47,545,098.43</b>	<b>\$47,404,383.94</b>	<b>\$140,714.49</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$48,256,663.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,236,709.45</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,953.78</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

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<b>Income</b>					
4.1051.00	Edward Jones CD Interest	2,049.74	2,261.17	0.00	
4.1200.00	Presbytery Mission Income	11,074.31	69,348.62	87,683.19	60,000.00
4.1250.00	Other Mission Income	0.00	2,283.78	9,093.77	
4.2033.00	Financial Services Income	0.00	4,599.40	9,525.16	15,000.00
	<b>Presbytery Mission Income</b>	<b>\$13,124.05</b>	<b>\$78,492.97</b>	<b>\$106,302.12</b>	<b>\$75,000.00</b>
4.1060.00	Royalty Income oil leases	0.00	544.52	347.16	
4.1200.10	West Legacy Realized Mission Income	0.00	3,932.35	0.00	40,200.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$13,124.05</b>	<b>\$82,969.84</b>	<b>\$106,649.28</b>	<b>\$115,200.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
5.2007.00	Council-Mission	0.00	0.00	731.13	1,200.00
	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$731.13</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>
5.2013.00	Office Lease -Mission	756.45	9,077.32	9,232.04	9,092.00
	<b>Administration</b>	<b>\$756.45</b>	<b>\$9,077.32</b>	<b>\$9,232.04</b>	<b>\$9,092.00</b>
5.1023.00	EP Housing - Mission	0.00	0.00	33,549.23	39,784.00
5.1025.00	EP BOP - Mission	1,293.33	17,072.68	13,545.59	14,807.00
5.1027.00	EP Prof. Exp. - Mission	0.00	5,943.01	8,795.08	10,962.00
5.2033.00	AdminAssist(AA)Mission	884.97	16,712.62	28,065.03	21,893.00
5.2033.01	Financial Services Expenses	0.00	677.85	1,434.87	910.00
5.2034.01	AA BOP - Mission	193.91	1,998.15	2,472.60	2,832.00
5.2247.00	Joint Youth Director	1,558.82	11,244.55	8,713.12	15,912.00
	<b>Salaries and Support</b>	<b>\$3,931.03</b>	<b>\$53,648.86</b>	<b>\$96,575.52</b>	<b>\$107,100.00</b>
5.2241.00	COPM	0.00	(1,059.99)	1,500.00	3,500.00
5.2245.00	Clergy Emergency Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.2246.00	Church Support -Small Churches	0.00	49.20	51.41	15,000.00
5.2248.00	YUP Expenses Current Year	5,700.59	6,000.00	1,272.76	6,000.00
	<b>Committees and Programs</b>	<b>\$5,700.59</b>	<b>\$4,989.21</b>	<b>\$2,824.17</b>	<b>\$24,500.00</b>
5.2252.00	Joint Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
5.2254.00	Strategic Initiatives	0.00	9,216.36	7,967.84	2,000.00
5.2254.01	Pastor/CLP Retreats	0.00	2,501.05	0.00	
	<b>Total Strategic Initiatives</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$11,717.41</b>	<b>\$7,967.84</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>
	<b>Total PC &amp; Mission Exp.</b>	<b>\$10,388.07</b>	<b>\$79,432.80</b>	<b>\$117,330.70</b>	<b>\$148,392.00</b>
5.2035.00	AA Prof. Expenses - Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.2249.00	YUP Expense Prior Yrs	12,286.26	12,286.26	0.00	
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$22,674.33</b>	<b>\$91,719.06</b>	<b>\$117,330.70</b>	<b>\$148,392.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$9,550.28)</b>	<b>(\$8,749.22)</b>	<b>(\$10,681.42)</b>	<b>(\$33,192.00)</b>

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
<b>Assets</b>					
1.1000.00	Wells Fargo Checking	154,891.49	355,848.64	(200,957.15)	56
1.1500.00	Zions Bank	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.1510.00	Zions Bank Savings	0.00	100,640.70	(100,640.70)	100
1.1520.00	Edward Jones CDs	237,985.53	N/A	237,985.53	-
	<b>Total Cash in Bank</b>	<b>\$392,877.02</b>	<b>\$456,489.34</b>	<b>(\$63,612.32)</b>	<b>14</b>
1.2000.00	New Covenant Funds (NCD)	169,135.87	151,399.50	17,736.37	12
1.3000.00	Presbyterian Investment & Loan	100,243.96	98,408.19	1,835.77	2
1.3500.00	Myton Legacy - PILP	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.4000.00	West Legacy Foundation Endowment Services Account	820,825.12	786,219.42	34,605.70	4
1.4500.00	New Covenant Myton Legacy	203,639.80	181,161.01	22,478.79	12
1.4600.00	New Covenant COPM Scholarship Fund	14,020.79	8,704.20	5,316.59	61
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$1,307,865.54</b>	<b>\$1,225,892.32</b>	<b>\$81,973.22</b>	<b>7</b>
1.5000.00	Presbytery of Utah	45,000.00	45,000.00	0.00	0
1.5001.00	American Fork	1,054,000.00	1,054,000.00	0.00	0
1.5002.00	Brigham City	1,978,000.00	1,978,000.00	0.00	0
1.5003.00	Cedar City	2,710,000.00	2,710,000.00	0.00	0
1.5004.00	Delta	514,000.00	514,000.00	0.00	0
1.5005.00	Fruit Heights	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5006.00	Kanab	272,000.00	272,000.00	0.00	0
1.5007.00	Logan	2,078,000.00	2,078,000.00	0.00	0
1.5008.00	Mt. Pleasant	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5009.00	Myton	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0
1.5010.00	Ogden First	3,868,000.00	3,868,000.00	0.00	0
1.5011.00	Japanese Church of Christ	1,182,000.00	1,182,000.00	0.00	0
1.5012.00	Ogden Trinity	1,834,000.00	1,834,000.00	0.00	0
1.5014.00	Richfield	458,000.00	458,000.00	0.00	0
1.5015.00	Cottonwood	2,532,946.00	2,532,946.00	0.00	0
1.5016.00	Salt Lake First-A	6,682,500.00	6,682,500.00	0.00	0
1.5017.00	Salt Lake First - B	6,682,500.00	6,682,500.00	0.00	0
1.5018.00	Korean	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00	0.00	0
1.5019.00	Mt. Olympus	3,970,000.00	3,970,000.00	0.00	0
1.5020.00	Wasatch	3,830,000.00	3,830,000.00	0.00	0
1.5021.00	Westvale	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.5022.00	Community of Grace	2,426,725.00	2,426,725.00	0.00	0
1.5023.00	Springville	1,110,000.00	1,110,000.00	0.00	0
1.5024.00	St. George	1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00	0.00	0
1.5025.00	Preston	343,000.00	343,000.00	0.00	0

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance	Previous Year Balance	Amount Diff YTD	% Diff YTD
<b>Total Properties Held in Trust</b>		<b>\$46,522,671.00</b>	<b>\$46,522,671.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>
1.4100.00	Insurance Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.4200.00	Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
1.6000.00	Heaney Memorial Endowment Fund	33,249.67	31,656.79	1,592.88	5
1.9999.99	Asset Suspende	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Other Assets</b>		<b>\$33,249.67</b>	<b>\$31,656.79</b>	<b>\$1,592.88</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$48,256,663.23</b>	<b>\$48,236,709.45</b>	<b>\$19,953.78</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
2.1000.00	941 Tax Payable	(1,635.38)	1,474.04	(3,109.42)	211
2.1100.00	State Tax Payable	0.00	1,300.00	(1,300.00)	100
2.1110.00	BOP Payable	226.40	212.80	13.60	6
2.1120.00	Salary Deferral Payable	(75.00)	0.00	(75.00)	-
2.1999.00	Payroll Clearing Account	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>		<b>(\$1,483.98)</b>	<b>\$2,986.84</b>	<b>(\$4,470.82)</b>	<b>150</b>
2.5000.00	Fruit Heights Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5001.00	Community of Grace Loans	344,973.20	370,631.08	(25,657.88)	7
2.5002.00	Ogden First Loan	78,726.87	122,109.82	(43,382.95)	36
2.5004.00	Utah Presbytery Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5005.00	Westvale Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5006.00	SLC First Loan	30,826.80	51,037.47	(20,210.67)	40
2.5007.00	Wasatch Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5008.00	Cottonwood Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5009.00	Logan Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5010.00	St. George Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5011.00	Ogden Trinity Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.5012.00	Korean PC Loan	49,841.36	60,767.26	(10,925.90)	18
2.5013.00	Cedar City Loan	208,680.55	224,793.04	(16,112.49)	7
<b>Total Loans Outstanding</b>		<b>\$713,048.78</b>	<b>\$829,338.67</b>	<b>(\$116,289.89)</b>	<b>14</b>
2.0000.00	<i>Accounts Payable/Vendors</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.0001.00	Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.1200.00	Deferred Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.1500.00	PPP Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.2222.22	Allen Thornberry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
2.2222.32	American Express	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>\$711,564.80</b>	<b>\$832,325.51</b>	<b>(\$120,760.71)</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>					
3.0001.00	Per Capita	90,199.44	132,587.28	(42,387.84)	32

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3.0002.00	Presby.Mission	(4,967.51)	3,781.71	(8,749.22)	231
	<b>Total PC &amp; Mission Fund Balanc</b>	<b>\$85,231.93</b>	<b>\$136,368.99</b>	<b>(\$51,137.06)</b>	<b>37</b>
3.2996.00	Fruit Heights Property	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.3000.00	PILP	54,379.16	54,379.16	0.00	0
3.3000.01	New Covenant NCD	169,135.87	151,399.50	17,736.37	12
3.3000.02	New Worshipping Communities Balance	96,798.33	98,385.62	(1,587.29)	2
3.4000.00	NCD Checking Account	(41,481.35)	(41,481.35)	0.00	0
	<b>Total NCD Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$278,832.01</b>	<b>\$262,682.93</b>	<b>\$16,149.08</b>	<b>6</b>
3.0003.00	Synod Mission Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0005.00	Workers Comp.	(1,040.74)	(478.74)	(562.00)	117
3.0006.00	Pentecost Offering Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0007.00	Presbytery Mtg. Offering Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0007.01	CRE/CLP Scholarship Fund Fund	951.98	951.98	0.00	0
3.0008.00	Reserve Per Capita Fund	23,670.24	23,670.24	0.00	0
3.0009.00	Reserve Mission Fund	92,047.37	92,047.37	0.00	0
3.0010.00	Triennium	4,406.66	0.00	4,406.66	-
3.0011.00	Scholarship COPM	12,054.43	10,459.20	1,595.23	15
3.0012.00	Admin.Commission	1,096.19	1,096.19	0.00	0
3.0013.00	Leadership Development Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0014.00	Peacemaking	6,703.65	8,792.54	(2,088.89)	24
3.0015.00	Excellence in Ministry -Henry	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.0016.00	Pastor Emergency Fund	500.00	500.00	0.00	0
3.0017.00	Myton General Fund Balance	5,377.53	377.53	5,000.00	1,324
3.0018.00	Myton CD Balance	31,906.07	31,906.07	0.00	0
3.1905.00	Insurance - Church Mutual	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1906.00	Mission Yearbook Orders Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1907.01	American Fork Salary Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.1908.00	Mortgage Defaults Fund	21,000.00	21,000.00	0.00	0
3.1909.00	Emergency Loan Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2000.00	Korean PC Building Fund Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2000.01	New Beginnings Commitment	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2001.00	Stated Clerk GA Fund	(99.62)	(99.62)	0.00	0
3.4001.00	West Legacy Unrealized Gains	(114,743.44)	(146,628.76)	31,885.32	22
	<b>Total Designated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$362,662.33</b>	<b>\$306,276.93</b>	<b>\$56,385.40</b>	<b>18</b>
3.2500.00	GA Mission Pass Through	2,532.32	4,470.29	(1,937.97)	43
3.2600.00	Synod Mission (Pass Through)	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2600.02	Christmas Joy Offering Fund	915.62	2,613.00	(1,697.38)	65
3.2600.03	OGHS Fund	400.00	2,377.65	(1,977.65)	83

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3.2600.04	Peacemaking Pass Through Fund	2,629.07	1,487.53	1,141.54	77
3.2600.05	Pentecost Pass Through Fund	509.00	1,878.80	(1,369.80)	73
3.2600.06	Pres. Hunger Fund Fund	700.00	0.00	700.00	-
3.2600.07	Theological Education Fund Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2600.08	Extra Commitment Opp.	600.00	800.00	(200.00)	25
3.2995.00	Presbyterian Disaster Assistan	2,838.00	2,940.10	(102.10)	3
	<b>Total Pass Through Mission</b>	<b>\$11,124.01</b>	<b>\$16,567.37</b>	<b>(\$5,443.36)</b>	<b>33</b>
3.0010.01	YUP Events Balance	415.55	(11,870.71)	12,286.26	104
3.0010.02	Mental Health Grant Balance	0.00	499.32	(499.32)	100
3.0018.01	Myton PILP Interest Balance	532.53	532.53	0.00	0
3.0019.00	Myton Property Sale Balance	146,208.00	146,208.00	0.00	0
3.0019.01	Myton Legacy New Covenant Earnings Balance	9,431.19	(6,768.96)	16,200.15	239
3.0019.02	Myton 160 Acres Sale Balance	98,968.00	98,968.00	0.00	0
3.0020.00	West Legacy Principle	992,249.22	992,249.22	0.00	0
3.0022.00	Peer Preaching Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.2002.00	GA 2024 Payroll Expense Balance	(5,944.97)	N/A	(5,944.97)	-
3.2600.09	Heaney Memorial Fund	2,374.09	1,390.07	984.02	71
3.2700.00	Heaney Endowment Proceeds Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
3.4002.00	Blessing Grant Funds	0.60	0.00	0.60	-
3.5000.00	Net Fixed Assets #1	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5001.00	Net Fixed Assets #2	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5002.00	NetFixed Assets #3	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5003.00	Net Fixed Assets #4	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5004.00	Net Fixed Assets #5	9,000,000.00	9,000,000.00	0.00	0
3.5005.00	Net Fixed Assets #6	808,596.28	692,306.39	116,289.89	17
3.5010.00	Heaney Memorial Endowment Fund Balance	33,249.67	31,656.79	1,592.88	5
3.9999.99	Fund Balance Suspense	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$47,545,098.43</b>	<b>\$47,404,383.94</b>	<b>\$140,714.49</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$48,256,663.23</u></b>	<b><u>\$48,236,709.45</u></b>	<b><u>\$19,953.78</u></b>	<b><u>0</u></b>

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<u>Changes</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>	<u>YTD actual</u>	<u>YTD budget</u>	<u>diff</u>	<u>%</u>
per capita giving		\$91,034.05	\$92,111.00	(\$1,076.95)	-1.17%
mission giving		\$59,348.62	\$60,000.00	(\$651.38)	-1.09%
per capita income		\$93,084.10	\$94,111.00	(\$1,026.90)	-1.09%
per capita expenses		\$163,841.93	\$135,350.00	\$28,491.93	21.05%
net per capita income		(\$70,757.83)	(\$41,239.00)	(\$29,518.83)	71.58%
mission income		\$82,969.35	\$75,000.00	\$7,969.35	10.63%
mission expenses		\$91,719.06	\$148,392.00	(\$56,672.94)	-38.19%
net mission income		(\$8,749.71)	(\$73,392.00)	\$64,642.29	-88.08%
total income		\$176,053.45	\$169,111.00	\$6,942.45	4.11%
total expenses		\$255,560.99	\$283,742.00	(\$28,181.01)	-9.93%
total net income		(\$79,507.54)	(\$114,631.00)	\$35,123.46	-30.64%
investments		\$1,307,865.54	\$1,225,892.32	\$81,973.22	6.69%
add back realized gains		\$32,302.34	2.41%		
net		\$1,340,167.88			
cash		\$392,877.02			
<u>Cash</u>		<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>		
		\$456,489.34	\$392,877.02	(\$63,612.32)	-13.9%
less GA set aside		\$100,000.00		EdJones CDs	
Payroll account payable		(\$1,483.98)			
Accounts payable		\$0.00			
Workers Comp	-\$1,040.74				
CRE/CLP Scholarship Fund	\$951.98				
Triennium	\$4,406.66				
Scholarship COPM	\$12,054.43				
Admin Comm	\$1,096.19				
Peacemaking	\$6,703.65				
Pastor Emergency Fund	\$500.00				
Stated Clerk GA Fund	-\$99.62				
YUP Events	\$415.55				
Blessing Grants	\$0.60				
GA 2024 Payroll Expense Balance	-\$5,944.97			to be reimbursed by GA	
less designated funds		\$19,043.73			
less pass through accts		\$11,124.01			
Reserve Per Capita Fund	\$23,670.24			EdJones CDs	
Reserve Mission Fund	\$92,047.37			EdJones CDs	
Mortgage Defaults Fund	\$21,000.00			EdJones CDs	
less reserves		\$136,717.61	\$265,401.37		
Net Available Cash			\$127,475.65		
Oper Exp - Monthly			\$24,299.25		
Oper Exp - GA (to be reimbursed by GA 2024)			\$2,031.00		
Total Oper Exp			\$26,330.25		
Net Available Cash/Oper Exp				4.84 months	
investments			\$1,307,865.54		
net available cash & investment			\$1,435,341.19		
# Oper Exp			54.51 months		
Monthly Deficit			(\$7,227.96)		
add back Realized Gains			(\$2,936.58)		
Total deficit			(\$10,164.53)		
# Monthly Deficit			141.21 months		
			11.77 years		



## Executive Presbyter Report for the Stated Presbytery Meeting March 2024

View from Gateway Presbyterian Church, Colorado Springs

Friends,

The Presbytery of Utah continues to deepen and widen its ministries, not only on our local church level but also on Presbytery and Synod level. Over the last few months, I have enjoyed making and maintaining all those connections on your behalf to enrich and enliven our work together. My report is not really about my work, but the work that of all you do, where I can to support, to witness, to educate, to resource, and to connect. The efforts to collaborate take more and more roots.

Our Matthew 25 working group continues to offer materials, workshops, and book studies in different areas for the Presbytery so we can continue to grow together in our efforts to becoming welcoming and just place of fellowship and worship here in Utah (See their report). The NWC working group continues to have conversations with people who have ideas how to minister in areas where we are not (yet) represented as a welcoming church here in Utah. (Please see their report)

On Synod level we continue to establish collaboration in different areas. The small church working group continues to work diligently on new ways to serve our small churches not only here in Utah, but Synod wide. My Preach BnB idea found other “crazy” people like me who think that this is a great idea how to advertise our Presbytery/Synod and bring folks into our states and experience congregational life here in the Intermountain West (See Presentation at Presbytery meeting)

Further the Synod collaborated with Dubuque University to offer CLP training. This way we guarantee valuable education that all Presbyteries in the Synod approve of. This way we open the pathway that CLPs like Pastors can work out of bounds and Presbyteries know that they have the same education. The guidelines for CLPs to work out of bounds are still in process to be developed but this is a first step to guaranteeing quality education for CLPs that is comparable within the Synod.

Not to forget are our ongoing efforts to welcome GA 226 here in Utah. The wonderful members of COLA are hardworking to make the GA a great experience. And since almost everybody is somehow involved in this effort I can only say "Thank you to all of you" to offer your time, efforts, talents, and prayers for this endeavor. I am very grateful to serve alongside you here in Utah.

From the smallest new worshipping community to the nationwide General Assembly, I am glad to make sure we are all connected in the ministry we share in common.

Respectfully submitted

*Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior*

Stated Clerks Report  
March 2, 2024

The Statistics season is now closed with all churches except Delta reporting their statistical information. Many thanks to Kanab for submitting their information and to all the clerks for their dedication to this work.

All Presbytery year end reports the clerk is responsible for have been completed and filed with the Office of the General Assembly.

The following churches did not send a commissioner to Presbytery Meetings in 2023:

Delta  
Kanab  
SL Korean  
Preston

The Administrative Commission to install Timm High as Pastor of Community Presbyterian Church of Cedar City in the Presbytery of Utah met on November 13, 2023 at Community Presbyterian Church. The meeting convened with prayer led by Ruling Elder David Patten, Moderator of the Presbytery of Utah.

Members of the Administrative Commission were:

David Patten, RE Moderator	Rev. Robyn Eddy
Rev Mirjam Haas-Melchior	Mary High, RE
Jane McCoy, RE	

It was voted:

1. To convene the Administrative Commission and authorize the Moderator to submit the report of the Administrative Commission to the Stated Clerk.
2. To approve any changes in the Administrative Commission and/or participants in the installation service.
3. To dissolve the Administrative Commission following the benediction at the end of the installation service.

Candice Sweet  
Stated Clerk

STATED CLERK'S REPORT  
January 1 – December 31, 2023

<b>Ministers Dismissed to other Presbyteries</b>	<b>3</b>
Nancy Pearson	
Catherine Tobey	
Luana Uluave	
<b>Ministers Received from other Presbyteries</b>	<b>2</b>
Timm High	
Ken Tracy	
<b>Ministers Ordained by this Presbytery</b>	<b>1</b>
Luana Uluave	
<b>Ministers – Number of Installations</b>	<b>2</b>
Timm High	
Scott Whipperman	
<b>Ministers Dismissed to other Denominations</b>	<b>1</b>
Steve Aeschbacher	
<b>Minister Necrology Report</b>	<b>1</b>
Kyu Moon Kim	
<b>Ministers Received from other Denominations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ministers Removed from the Rolls</b>	<b>1</b>
Silas Samuel	
<b>Temporary Members Removed</b>	<b>1</b>
Celeste Lasic	

**Ministers on the Roll**

Noel Allen	H Retired
Gerson Annunciacao	Validated Ministry
Jan Bartlett	H Retired
Gordon Butcher	H Retired
Michael Clang	Validated Ministry
Ralph Clingan	Validated Ministry
Nancy Cormack-Hughes	Validated Ministry
Stan DeLong	H Retired
Jon Draskovic	Validated Ministry
Robyn Eddy	Validated Ministry
Andrew Fleishman	Validated Ministry
Derek Forbes	Validated Ministry
Daniel Haas	Temporary Member
Mirjam Haas-Melchior	Validated Ministry
Monica Hall	Validated Ministry
Alan Hammond	H Retired
Man Sik Han	Validated Ministry
Timm High	Validated Ministry
Philip Hughes	Validated Ministry
Michael Imperiale	H Retired
Michelle Jean-Mary	Validated Ministry
Kenyon Kalvesmaki	H Retired

George Lower	H Retired
Breanne Magill	Validated Ministry
Virginia Memmott	H Retired
Martha Moler	Validated Ministry
Christine Myers-Tegeder	Validated Ministry
Andrew O'Dowd	H Retired
Christopher Pritchett	Validated Ministry
Catherine Putnam-Netto	H Retired
Nathan Sautter	Validated Ministry
Catherine Schreiber	Validated Ministry
Richard Scott	H Retired
Robert Sheldon	Validated Ministry
H. Jeffrey Silliman	H Retired
David Stellmon	H Retired
Ken Tracy	H Retired
Hansen Wendlandt	Validated Ministry
Jamie White	Validated Ministry
Dolores Wiens	Temporary Member
Scott Wiperman	Validated Ministry
Laura (Stellmon) Wood	Validated Ministry

**TOTAL**

**42**

**Other Ministers on the Roll – Non Resident**

Elaine Jo Besthorn	H Retired
David Crockett	H Retired
Lesley Davies	H Retired
David Henry	H Retired
Thomas Holslag	H Retired
Nancy Holve	H Retired
S. Kent Ikeda	H Retired
Darlene Makin	H Retired
Jonathan Schmick	H Retired
Malcolm Toriumi	H Retired

**TOTAL**

**10**

**Churches as of December 31, 2022**

**20**

American Fork, Community  
 Brigham City, Community  
 Cedar City, Community  
 Delta, Community  
 Kanab/Fredonia  
 Logan, First  
 Ogden, First  
 Ogden, Japanese  
 Ogden, Trinity  
 Richfield, Valley Community  
 Salt Lake City, First  
 Salt Lake City, Cottonwood

Salt Lake City, Japanese Christian  
 Salt Lake City, Korean Presbyterian Church of Utah  
 Salt Lake City, Mt. Olympus  
 Salt Lake City, Wasatch  
 Sandy, Community of Grace  
 Springville, Community  
 St. George, Good Shepherd  
 Preston, Idaho, Community

**Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry** **1**  
 April Hewes

**Commissioned Ruling Elders/Lay Pastors** **6**  
 Marilyn Collins  
 Evan Day  
 Kirk Probasco  
 Bobbie Ramer  
 Linda Skogrand  
 Peter Stirba

**Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission Whose Terms have Expired Within the Last Six Years**

2022	MWS	Steve Aeschbacher
	RE	Loyda Kyremes
2020	MWS	Andrew O’Dowd
	RE	Curt Singleton
2018	RE	Andrew Buffmire
	MWS	Nancy Cormack-Hughes
	RE	Jeanette Swent

<b>Presbytery Balance of Ministers and Ruling Elders</b>			
Total Ministers on Roll	52	Churches 1 RE each	20
Non-resident Ministers	-10	RE Presbytery Members	7
Local HR Ministers	-15	CRE	6
HR Ministers attending meetings in 2018	+ 5		
<b>Total Ministers</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>Total Ruling Elders</b>	<b>33</b>

From the Presbytery’s Administrative/Policy Manual 3.05: *Balance will be attained when the number of Ruling Elders exceeds the adjusted number of Ministers by one*

## 2023 Presbytery Statistical Report

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### Membership

Prior Active Members	<b>2094</b>	Adjusted membership	<b>2094</b>
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<b>Gains</b>		<b>Losses</b>	
Certificate	34	Certificate	31
Youth Professions	31	Deaths	36
Professions & Reaffirmations	96	Deleted for any Other Reason	192
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>Total Ending Active Members</b>	<b>1996</b>		

<b>Baptisms</b>		Average Weekly Worship Attendance	<b>1433</b>
Presented by Others	15	Friends of the Congregation	924
At Confirmation	16	Ruling Elders on Session	132
All Other	10	Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	14 / 5

<b>Age Distribution of Active Members</b>		<b>People with Disabilities</b>	
17 & Under	107	Hearing impairment	161
18 - 25	69	Sight impairment	44
26 - 40	238	Mobility impairment	117
41 - 55	307	Other impairment	55
56 - 70	404		
Over 70	744	<b>Gender Distribution</b>	
<b>Total Age Distribution</b>	<b>1869</b>	Women	1216
		Men	746
		Non-Binary	5

<b>Youth in Congregation</b>			
Age 4 and under	89	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	98
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	193	High School (9th – 12th grade)	102
		<b>Total Youth</b>	<b>482</b>

<b>Racial Ethnic</b>			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	129	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	11
Black/African American/African	41	White	1651
Middle Eastern/North African	49	Multiracial	50
Hispanic/Latino-a	36		
		<b>Total Racial Ethnic</b>	<b>1967</b>

<b>Budgeted Income</b>	<b>4,452,864</b>
<b>Budgeted Expense</b>	<b>5,172,605</b>

<b>Receipts</b>			
Regular Contributions	4,478,483	Bequests	509,855
Capital Building Fund	223,626	Other Income	1,283,620
Investment Income	379,088	Subsidy or Aid	0

<b>Expenditures</b>			
Local Program	4,516,211	Investment Expenditures	820,448
Local Mission	261,247	Per Capital Apprt	86,874
Capital Expenditures	369,735	Other Mission	196,398

## 2023 Presbytery Statistical Report

## Confessing our Complicity in Christian Zionism Today

### **Recommendation:**

The Synod/Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ overtures the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly to the PC(USA) 2024 to update and expand on the Resolution confronting Christian Zionism approved in 2004. Specifically, we call upon the General Assembly through the Office of Theology, Formation and Evangelism to:

- A. Reject Christian Zionism in all its forms
  1. See Appendix A - 2004 Resolution on Rejecting Christian Zionism
  2. Acknowledge the expansion of Christian Zionism in all its forms
  
- B. Issue a study document that addresses the expansion of Christian Zionism since our 2004 policy, including the following:
  1. Provides a record of General Assembly Resolutions dealing with Israel and Palestine since 2004;
  2. Covers the ways the heretical views of Christian Zionism have been expanded since our 2004 resolution, notably:
    - a. How mainstream Christianity implicitly and sometimes explicitly links the State of Israel to biblical views of Scripture's "promised land;"
    - b. The Global spread and adoption of Christian Zionism which focuses simply on the State of Israel as the Biblical kingdom; and
    - c. The growing understanding of settler colonialism with reference to the Doctrine of Discovery —rather than a conflict and occupation— showing how mainline Christians and those of other faiths are complicit, though unaware of connections with Zionism;
  3. Points to a biblical theology based on the Ten Commandments (Decalogue), a core requirement of Judaism, as it is found today in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Exodus 20:17 makes it clear that you shall "...not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor 's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor." This directly contradicts the ideology that justifies taking land and displacing the indigenous people. All neighbors are to be treated with respect.
  
- C. Call upon the General Assembly through the office of World Mission to work with our partners across the world, who are also confronting the spread of Christian Zionism in their contexts, and convening spaces where experiences and resources can be shared through networks built to counter the spread of Christian Zionism globally. This would include holding events with partners in the United States, Africa and Asia where Christian Zionism is spreading.
  
- D. Call upon people of faith to advocate for a just peace with full and equal human rights for all the people in Palestine and Israel.

## Rationale

**A. Rejecting Christian Zionism.** We must reject Christian Zionism in all its forms. This rationale lists the many ways it has developed since 2004 and calls for a Study Document to assist the church in its understanding. Twenty years ago our denomination denounced as a heresy the theology undergirding Christian Zionism. As summarized by the Stated Clerk, Clifton Kirkpatrick in 2004:

The assembly declared that Christian Zionism is not consistent with the basic values of Reformed theology because it makes use of idiosyncratic interpretations of Scripture to undergird a certain reading of current events, and to generate support for specific political goals that do not bolster work toward peace and potentially endanger Palestinian and Israeli people.[\[1\]](#)

Kirkpatrick went on to note that the Resolution did not invite comparison of Israeli policies to those of apartheid South Africa and that the Assembly had not asserted any moral equivalency between the two at that time. That has changed and our understanding of Zionism and how it relates to “settler colonialism” has also changed. We need new study materials to understand this fully. That new study would address the issues listed in part B of the Overture, as follows.

**B. I. Our History of Complicity in Christian Zionism.** The theology of Christian Zionism, held by many millions of American Evangelicals, flourishes in many parts of the U.S., Asia, South America, and Africa. It is “gospel” to those who support Israel’s conquest and dispossession of Palestinians at any cost, in order to “return the Jews to the land of Israel and bring about the final battle of Armageddon so that our Messiah can return.” This is pure imperial theology which rose out of the British Empire but was taken to its current heights by US evangelicals.

Today, it is clear that mainline protestants are also complicit in this theology that oppresses and erases Palestinians but also exploits Jews. Here is an overview of the theology:

Christian Zionism (CZ hereafter) is a political and theological entity that uses Christian texts to support the modern nation-state of Israel out of the belief that Israel has a cosmic purpose to bring about the “End Times” which will culminate in the second coming of Jesus and the end of the world. CZ theology holds that Israel must gather all the Jews of the world, enlarge its territory, destroy Muslim holy places, and ethnically cleanse “the holy land” of all non-Jews. About 1/3 of evangelical Christians in the US believe that support for such actions from Israel will help hasten the desired end of the world. While most theologians consider it heresy, many Christians hold this far-right ideology without realizing its implications. [\[2\]](#)

**B.2. How Zionism has expanded.** Zionism is a political ideology that has been used by Israel to legitimize its “settler colonial” policies and practices today. It didn’t start out that way, but it is clearly in effect today. Jews needed a safe place to land because of the Holocaust of mass extermination of Jews and others and because Western powers would not admit them as refugees in numbers that would accommodate those fleeing Nazi rule. Christian guilt over

complicity in persecuting Jews over a long history of antisemitism hastened their agreement to establish Jewish rights to live in Palestine. The Western practice of colonialism (ruling a land temporarily to use its resources) was just beginning to unravel at the end of WW II in 1945, but it did not stop the creation of the state of Israel in 1948.

Since 1967, Israeli leaders have used Zionism to justify taking land from Palestinians. This practice is called “settler colonialism,” the practice of taking land and pushing out indigenous people. This has accelerated since 2000 under the leadership of the current Prime Minister of Israel. Israeli leaders have established a theme of religious justification to take over land that belonged to Palestinians.

**B.3. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).** The UDHR was adopted in 1948 and calls for equal human rights for everyone. Christians recognize its validity from the Ten Commandments; Exodus 20:17 makes it clear that you shall “...not covet your slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” All neighbors are to be treated with respect.

**C. Call on the Office of World Mission (WM) to work with partners to confront the spread of CZ** WM has partners to work with who are also confronting CZ in their contexts. WM should convene spaces where experiences and resources can be shared to counter the spread of CZ globally. Specifically, such conferences should be held in Asia, Africa, South America and the US.

**D. Advocate for a just peace with full and equal human rights for all the people in Palestine and Israel.** Recognizing the rights of all people and showing solidarity for all, Jewish Voice for Peace concludes their position paper, *Our Approach to Zionism*,<sup>[3]</sup> with these words:

Rather than accept the inevitability of occupation and dispossession, we choose a different path. We learn from the anti-Zionism Jews who came before us, and know that as long as Zionism has existed, so has Jewish dissent to it. Especially as we face the violent antisemitism fueled by white nationalism in the US today, we choose solidarity. We choose collective liberation. We choose a future where everyone, including Palestinians and Jewish Israelis, can live their lives freely in vibrant, safe, equitable communities, with basic human needs fulfilled. Join us.

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[1] “Statement from the Stated Clerk concerning the 216<sup>th</sup> General Assembly regarding Israel and Palestine and outreach to Jewish people,” 7.20.2004, an Appendix, published in church and Society, PC(USA), Vol. 95, No. 1

[2] FOSNA.org (Friends of Sabeel North America), an ecumenical group of Christians supporting Palestinian Christians.

[3] “Our Approach to Zionism,” Jewish Voice for Peace.  
<https://www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org/resource/Zionism/>

**The Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_ overtures the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to:**

1. Direct the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to begin focused engagement with General Electric (GE) and Palantir Technologies, Inc. in the 2025 and 2026 proxy seasons and to report back to the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2026) with possible divestment recommendations for the companies that are not moving toward compliance with established General Assembly policies.

**Rationale**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has long recognized that church investment is “an instrument of mission.”<sup>1</sup> General Electric and Palantir Technologies are both involved in activities that bring them into direct conflict with our policy of mission-directed investment.

**Military-Related Production, Human Rights, and Divestment**

The PC(USA) has identified concerns that can qualify a company for divestment and/or proscription. The most relevant criteria for these two companies are military-related production and human rights violations.<sup>2</sup>

Regarding military-related production, the divestment/proscription list offers guidelines that include “the sale of weapons to states involved in armed conflicts where there are heightened risks of those weapons being used in ways that constitute serious and systematic violations of international humanitarian law (IHL).”<sup>3</sup>

Regarding human rights violations, the list notes,

It is in conflict-affected and high-risk areas (CAHRA) ... that people are most vulnerable to violations of their human rights. CAHRA may include ... military occupations (e.g., Occupied Palestinian Territories)....<sup>4</sup>

**General Electric (GE)<sup>5</sup>**

GE is a vast corporation involved in a wide variety of activities. Its revenues in 2022 totaled \$76.6 billion, with a “defense revenue” of \$4.4 billion.<sup>6</sup>

***Military Production and Human Rights Violations in Israel/Palestine***

GE's F110-GE-129 engines are found in all F-15 and F-16 fighter jets. Its electronic components are included in F-35 fighter jets.<sup>7</sup> F-15, F-16, and F-35 fighter jets have been used regularly in strikes on Gaza, including in 2008-09, 2014, 2021, and 2023-24. For each of those bombing assaults Israel has been accused of war crimes by the human rights organizations Amnesty International (AI), B'tselem, and Human Rights Watch (HRW).<sup>8</sup>

GE's T700 engines are employed in Israeli helicopters, including the Apaches that have been prominent in military operations against the West Bank and Gaza.<sup>9</sup>

The LM2500 produced by GE is the turbine part in the Sa'ar 5 warship with which the Israeli Navy enforces the naval blockade of Gaza.<sup>10</sup> In 2010 a Sa'ar ship assaulted the Gaza Freedom flotilla, leading to war crimes charges by the ICC's chief prosecutor.<sup>11</sup>

### ***Human Rights Violations in Yemen and China***

GE works with the Royal Saudi Air Force, which has been implicated in war crimes in Yemen. The company provides Saudi with engines used in F-15 jets and Black Hawk and Apache helicopters. According to the human rights organization, PAX, the company “should be seen as ‘contributing’ to the [human rights] violations in Yemen.”<sup>12</sup>

GE is connected through its supply chain to the forced migration and labor of the Uyghur population in China. GE is a customer of Dongguan Yidong Electronic Co. Ltd., a supplier with factories in China that participate in the forced transfer, re-education, and exploitation of the Uyghurs.<sup>13</sup>

### **Palantir Technologies, Inc.**

Palantir Technologies develops technology used in machine-assisted and human-driven data analysis. Palantir was created with start-up money provided by the CIA’s venture capital branch.<sup>14</sup>

### ***Military Production and Human Rights Violations in Israel/Palestine***

Palantir’s leading international clients include Israel’s security forces, which use Palantir’s predictive systems to identify individuals considered a “threat.” Using this technology, Israel jails Palestinians because they fit the ‘terrorist profile. One officer commented in 2016, “Unlike terrorists who belong to Hamas or the Islamic Jihad, if you get to their house a week before the attack the kid doesn’t know that he is a terrorist yet.”<sup>15</sup> By its police profiling, Palantir Technologies contributes to the mass incarceration of Palestinians.”<sup>16</sup>

### ***Contribution to Human Rights Violations against Migrants and Asylum Seekers***

Palantir’s products contribute to human rights violations in the U.S. and on the U.S.-Mexico border in immigrant surveillance and targeting. In 2020 AI concluded, “there is a high risk that Palantir is contributing to serious human rights violations of migrants and asylum-seekers.”<sup>17</sup> ICE has used its products to carry out workplace raids, deportations, and separate migrant families.<sup>18</sup> Palantir developed a tool used by ICE to separate immigrant families and build cases against migrants slated for deportation. Palantir’s “FALCON” product has been used to help conduct workplace raids against undocumented migrants.<sup>19</sup>

### ***Contributions to U.S. Police Forces and Military***

Palantir provides predictive policing technology to law enforcement agencies in the United States, a practice widely recognized as racist.<sup>20</sup> The company has garnered more than \$600 million in Pentagon contracts since 2008. Since 2018, Palantir has worked on “Project Maven,” an “initiative to deploy autonomous AI drones that can track vehicles and people, with the goal of sending those drones to combat zones to help the military prioritize targets and plan raids.”<sup>21</sup>

### **Conclusions**

Both General Electric and Palantir Technologies are involved in activities that conflict with the mission-directed investment policy of the PC(USA). We urge the General Assembly to direct the

Presbyterian Mission Agency Board to instruct MRTI to begin a focused engagement process with General Electric (GE) and Palantir Technologies, Inc. with the aim of moving these companies away from actions that create human harm, are a barrier to peace, and violate human rights.

## Notes

- <sup>1</sup> [Office of Faith-Based Investing and Corporate Engagement](#), PC(USA).
- <sup>2</sup> [PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH \(USA\) 2023 General Assembly Divestment/ Proscription List 2023](#), p.1.
- <sup>3</sup> [Ibid.](#), pp. 5-6.
- <sup>4</sup> [Ibid.](#), p. 7.
- <sup>5</sup> The following section and the section on Palantir Technologies utilize reports on the AFSC's [Investigate website](#).
- <sup>6</sup> ["Top 100 Defense Companies"](#), *Defense News*, 2023.
- <sup>7</sup> ["GE's F110 Engine"](#), GE Aerospace.; Christine Gibson, ["The F-35 Stealth Fighter..."](#) Aug. 24, 2023.; ["Boeing"](#), Investigate website, AFSC.; ["Lockheed Martin Corp."](#), Investigate website, AFSC.
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- <sup>9</sup> ["The T-700..."](#) GE Aerospace; ["GE XT700-GE-700 ..."](#), National Air and Space Museum; ["Boeing Co."](#), Investigate website, AFSC; ["Lockheed Martin Corp."](#), Investigate website, AFSC; Christine Gibson, ["Trusted Around the World ..."](#), GE, Jun. 22,2023, Lubna Masarwa and Oscar Rickett, ["Israel uses Apache ..."](#), *Middle East Eye*, June 19, 2023; ["2021 is deadliest year ..."](#), DCI, Dec. 10, 2021; Karen Yourish and Josh Keller, ["The Toll in Gaza and Israel ..."](#), *NYT*, Jul. 15, 2014; Anne Barnard, ["Boys Drawn to Gaza Beach ..."](#),*NYT*, *July 16, 2014*; ["HUMAN RIGHTS IN PALESTINE ..."](#), Human Rights Council, UN, Sept. 25, 2009.; ["US-made Apaches ..."](#), *Al Jazeera*, *Sept. 1, 2009*,.
- <sup>10</sup> ["LM2500 ..."](#), GE.
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## Educational Resources for Seeking Ways to End Israeli Apartheid

### RECOMMENDATION

The \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery overtures the 226th (2024) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to:

1. Inform members, congregations, presbyteries, and national staff of the following two educational resources that can be used to equip PCUSA members and entities on understanding Israeli apartheid in the broader framework of European colonialism.
  - a. *Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle To End Colonialism*. by the Israel Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church USA.
  - b. *Focus: Palestine*, by the World Communion of Reformed Churches.
2. Urge members, congregations, presbyteries, and national staff, including the Office of Interfaith Relations, to seek appropriate ways to bring an end to Israeli apartheid, including equipping Presbyterians with knowledge of the Israeli laws and policies that constitute apartheid.
3. Direct the Stated Clerk to communicate this action to all PC(USA) agencies, mid-councils, and congregations.

### RATIONALE

The PCUSA General Assembly has repeatedly reaffirmed Israel's right to exist as a sovereign nation within secure and internationally recognized borders in accordance with United Nations resolutions. It has also declared its support for a free, viable, and secure state for the Palestinian people.

From 2004 to 2022 the General Assembly has passed 3 major reports and 20 overtures regarding Israel-Palestine which urged that Israel end its occupation of Palestinian territories and come into full compliance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by granting full human rights to Palestinians living in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

During that time frame the Palestinians suffered increased oppression and restriction of basic human rights. Today in Israel/Palestine 15 million people live under the control of the Israeli government, but with one set of laws for Jews who comprise half the population and another different set of laws that apply to the Palestinian who comprise the other half of the population.

The 225<sup>th</sup> (2022) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) recognized that Israel's laws, policies, and practices regarding the Palestinian people fulfill the international legal definition of apartheid. Apartheid is legally defined as inhumane acts committed for the purpose of establishing and maintaining domination by one racial or ethnic group of persons over any other group of persons, and then systematically oppressing them to maintain supremacy by having different sets of laws for different groups of people. This overture was passed with the hope it will lead to a peaceful reconciliation for the people of Israel and Palestine like that which occurred in South Africa when apartheid was internationally acknowledged.

The General Assembly also urges members, congregations, presbyteries, and national staff, including the Office of Interfaith Relations, to seek appropriate ways to bring an end to Israeli apartheid.

To that end, this overture informs Presbyterians of two educational resources to assist their understanding of Israeli apartheid in the broader framework of European colonialism and placing Israel/Palestine issues in a global context.

Israel's apartheid laws and actions are not unique; they are part of a 400-year period of colonization when European powers raced to colonize other continents, exploit them for resources, and permanently occupy lands of the indigenous people. In many cases the colonists appropriated culture and stole land and resources resulting in erasure of the indigenous peoples.

By the 1880's, colonialism was seen by many European powers as an acceptable practice as many of them had colonies on other continents. It was in this atmosphere of colonization, land appropriation, and displacement of indigenous people that Zionism was born. A political ideology that grew out of a need for a security, Zionism was created mostly by European Jews advocating for a homeland where Jews would be safe. Reacting to European antisemitism, European Jews were encouraged to colonize the lands of biblical Israel, which had been continuously inhabited by another group of people for millennia.

By the early 1900's, many people in Europe and around the world were questioning the theft within colonialism, the oppression of indigenous peoples, and the moral justification for having one ethnic group dominate another.

The United Nations was formed in 1945 and members declared an end to colonialism as well as the gradual liberation of colonial territories becoming independent nations. At the very time when European powers were ending the age of colonization, the Zionist movement was promoting a new colonial project calling for an in-gathering of world Jewry to settle Palestine and replacing the indigenous Palestinians who lived there by moving out as many Palestinians as possible.

Viewed within the framework of colonialism, the Zionist movement was not unique. However, it took place after the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, explicitly stating that forcibly replacing indigenous populations with settlers from another country was against international law.

In May 1948, Israel declared statehood and signed the UN Charter as a member. But it continued its colonization of Palestine through forced evacuations of the resident Palestinians, and expropriation of their land, and the destruction of hundreds of Palestinian villages.

By 1967, European nations had given up most of their colonies who were asking for independence. In that same year, Israel invaded the West Bank of Palestine and started Jewish-only settlement colonies that now house more than 500,000 people. As the world was leaving colonization behind, Israel was embracing it and creating colonies at a breakneck pace.

By looking at the Israeli system of Apartheid against the Palestinian people through the lens of colonialism, the following two recommended educational resources show how other countries have successfully ended their colonial era and become reconciled with the people they once oppressed or exploited, such as Afrikaners and indigenous blacks in South Africa or New Zealand settlers and indigenous Mauri tribes. They show how systems of apartheid can be dismantled to the benefit of both the oppressed and oppressor.

The overture does not ask the General Assembly to endorse the two educational materials, but to lift them up for study.

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## **1. *Why Palestine Matters: The Struggle To End Colonialism***

Published by The Israel/Palestine Mission Network of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The network is one of over 40 mission networks lodged in the Presbyterian Mission Agency and it has a 2004 General Assembly mandate to advocate for Palestinian rights and to educate Presbyterians on their plight.

*Why Palestine Matters, The Struggle to End Colonialism*, contextualizes the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people within other global justice struggles. With a foreword by Richard Falk, former UN Special Rapporteur of Human Rights in the Palestinian Territories, the book is grounded in international law and brings Palestine into focus through a lens of intersectionality, calling all those who struggle for justice against oppression to consider the challenge of seeing Palestinians in the context of other justice struggles. *Why Palestine Matters* demonstrates that the project of human emancipation is not limited to Palestine, but it also cannot proceed without Palestine.

*Why Palestine Matters* is a 108-page, full-color publication with visuals on every page, a discussion guide, and maps. A companion website features enhanced resources for study, including video clips and discussion tools. It is available at [whypalestinematters.org](http://whypalestinematters.org).

Praise for the book:

“...[This] wake-up call alerts us to the reality that Palestinians are real people who have real human needs and real political legitimacy, who live under an oppressive system of colonial occupying exploitation. This important book summons us to a new awareness that carries with it a mandate to policies and actions that bespeak compassion and embody restorative justice.”

—Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary

## **2. *Focus: Palestine***

Published by the WCRC, World Communion of Reformed Churches.

The 2017 General Council received a call from the Palestinian Christian community to respond to the continuing crisis in their homeland. Heeding that call, a mandate was issued to collect resources and engage in sharing those with a particular focus on how theologies are used to legitimate the continuing oppression of the Palestinian people.

This resource—*Focus: Palestine*—is the result. It is a comprehensive resource, spanning three parts, an extensive appendix, and linked videos.

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The book is organized in modular sections that can stand alone, The sections are:

Part 1: Voices and Lenses

Part 2: Theologies, Ideologies, and Resistance

Part 3: Systems of Sin and the Jerusalem Microcosm

This resource includes 13 short video episodes that are designed to accompany different parts of the book. The episodes are:

1. The Occupation Will Survive The Pandemic
2. Meet The Palestinian Christians
3. The Other Side Of The Wall
4. Evils Of Colonialism
5. What Is Your Name?
6. Is Israel A Settler Colonial State?
7. Beyond The Two-state Solution
8. Decolonization Is The Way Out
9. Why BDS? [Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions]
10. BDS In A Global Context
11. Culture As Resistance: Sumud
12. Jerusalem Dance Challenge And Palestine
13. Solidarity From Around The World

This educational resource is available at:

<http://wrcr.ch/justice/palestine>

March 30<sup>th</sup> | 8 PM MST

Ogden Christian Church Online

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# VIRTUAL EASTER VIGIL

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All are invited to join Ogden Christian Church online for a virtual Easter Vigil. We will have a traditional lighting of the Pascal Candle, scriptures, hymns, and an interactive meditation lesson.

Participants are encouraged to bring a candle or flashlight, a pencil and paper for our activity, and a snack to enjoy during virtual fellowship to follow. Service to be held ONLINE ONLY.

**For more information or to request a Zoom link,  
please email [ogdenchristianchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ogdenchristianchurch@gmail.com).**

# LAP: Lament, Affirm, Pray groups

## What are LAP groups?

- Safe spaces for prayer, connection, and mutual support.
- Open to members of specific communities: LGBTQIA+, BIPOC, and Neurodivergent.
- Allies are welcome to observe and support
- Not intended for educational discussions.

## How to participate

Meetings are held monthly via Zoom

For the privacy and safety of participants, please register to obtain a personal zoom link

## Group leadership

LGBTQIA+: Bobbie Ramer and Melody Oliphant

BIPOC: Loyda Kyremes and Ami Noshiravan

Neurodivergent: Micah Mahaney and Ami Noshiravan

## Meeting Schedule:

1st Thursday, 6 PM: LGBTQIA+

Registration [here](#)

2nd Thursday, 6 PM: BIPOC

Registration [here](#)

3rd Thursday, 6 PM: Neurodivergent

Registration [here](#)

\*For additional questions or to register send an email to [admin@pbyutah.org](mailto:admin@pbyutah.org)

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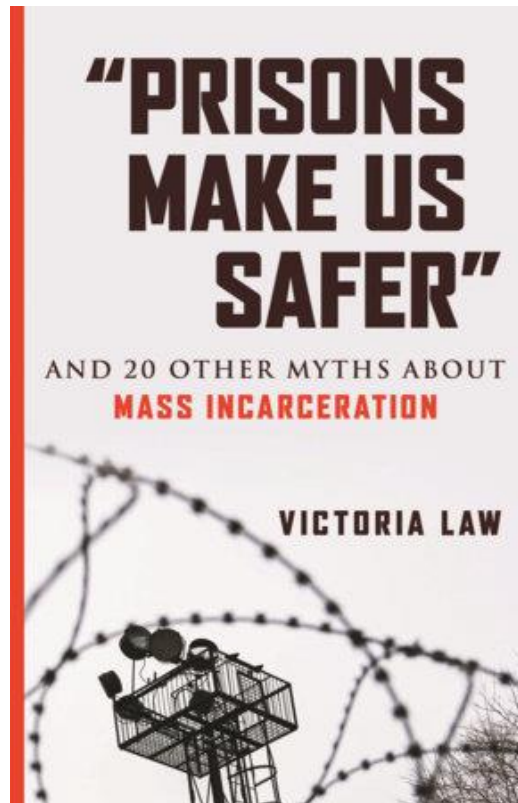
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and a supportive space  
to share your journey.**

**Please share this with your congregation.**

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September 4-November 6 2024

Wednesdays at 7:00-8:30 pm



Each week's discussion will be a stand alone topic.

Join when you are able.

This book is free on Audible

Registration link for book club

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vc-ugrToqHtPDjWI72c2KlszvrpZFDc28>

For more details email Bobbie Ramer [mountvilleman@gmail.com](mailto:mountvilleman@gmail.com)

*Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering*

*Gracious Welcome*

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in order to bring praise to God. *Romans 15:7*



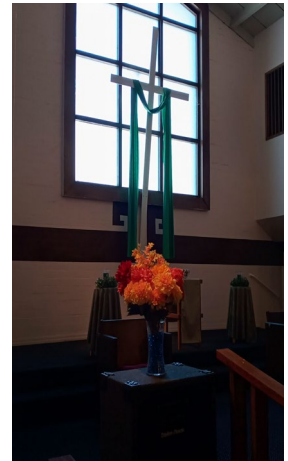
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