

Annual Meeting of the Synod of Living Waters
January 22, 2024

The annual Meeting of the Synod of Living Waters was held via Zoom, on January 22, 2024. The meeting was opened in prayer by the Rev. Ann Laird Jones, moderator of the synod. Worship included a message from the Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, president of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Reports were received from the Moderator, the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Synod Executive. In addition, a report was received from Steve Young, Director of Living Waters for the World, introducing the idea of a Legacy Fund to receive gifts from churches within the Synod that are planning for closure. Joanie Lukins introduced a newly released Vacation Bible School created by LWW, available immediately.

The business meeting included reports from the Moderator, the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer and the Synod Executive. Highlights from these reports:

- Approved the results of the 2022 peer review of minutes of the twelve Presbyteries.
- Per capita for 2024 will remain at \$3.98.
- Going forward, synod meetings will be held virtually in even numbered years, in person in odd numbered years.
- Accepted with gratitude the resignation of Synod Stated Clerk Charlie Evans effective 1/31//24. Moderator named Greg Goodwiller to be Acting Stated Clerk until new Stated Clerk is elected.
- Approved change of name of the “Permanent Administrative Commission (PAC)” to “Administrative Board” (Board).
- Set date of next meeting of the Synod of Living Waters for 1/25/25, place TBD.
- Announcement of actions taken by the Permanent Administrative Commission, which included:
 - Changed insurance carrier from Guide One to Insurance Board.
 - Elected Joanie Lukins as one of the three representatives to the Board of Living Waters for the World (LWW).
 - Approved negotiating covenant partnership with Presby. Homes for Children.
 - Created a Special Committee to revise the *Manual of Administrative Ops.*
 - Authorized training for GA Commissioners, April 21-22, 2024.
 - Supported candidacy of Marian McClure Taylor (Mid-KY presbytery) to stand for Moderator of next General Assembly, June/July 2024.
 - Approved renewal of covenant relationship with King University, and created of new covenant with Presbyterian Home for Children.
 - Approved proposed 2024 budget be sent for adoption at Synod meeting.
 - Approved creation of a long-term legacy fund to support the future of Living Waters for the World.
 - Approved staff cost of living increase of 4.0% for 2024.

- Approved overture to GA to move First Presbyterian Church of Phenix City, AL, from Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley to the Presbytery of Flint River in the Synod of South Atlantic.
- Numerous revisions to the Manual of Administrative Operations were approved, most regarding the name change from “Permanent Administrative Commission (PAC)” to “Administrative Board (Board)” and the structure of the Synod and its committees.

The body received reports from:

- General Assembly Entities, including Board of Pensions, PMA, Columbia Seminary, Pikeville University, and Rhodes College
- Covenant partnerships, including King University, Presbyterian Home for Children, and Maryville College.
- Presbyterian Women
- Communications and Technology Commission
- Budget and Finance Commission.
- Nominations and Representation Committee

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanie Lukins, Ruling Elder, Commissioner from Transylvania Presbytery