



Handbook
Flint River Presbytery
131st Stated Online Meeting



April 17, 2021

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ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS to keep with you during the meeting!

The day of the meeting....

1. **Allow at least 15-30 minutes to get connected before the meeting starts.** Office Manager Elizabeth Cantrell and Zoom Technician Curtis White will be present at 9:30 am to assist commissioners in registering. As you enter, please type your first and last name and church and/or other denominational connection. **If you are a non-voting participant in this meeting, be sure to type a Z before your name, so our moderator is aware of who are serving as commissioners and who are guests.**
2. **Mute yourself upon joining** and keep yourself muted during the meeting until you are needed or required to speak or respond. To unmute, you can press the spacebar. Press it again to mute. Or you can press the “mute/unmute” button located in a corner of your screen. If you are on a landline/cell phone, remember that *6 will mute/unmute your phone. *9 on keypad will “Raise Hand” to alert Host you would like to be called on to speak.
3. **Rename yourself** if you are using someone else’s computer or you have a company name. To do this, click on participants in the bottom of your screen, then when your name pops up on the right, float mouse over your name in the box and re-type. **Please be sure to provide your first name, last name, and congregation name.**
4. **Please use the “hand-raised” feature to ask a question.** This feature is the most efficient way of communicating. You can find this feature by pulling up the “Participants” list located at the bottom of the Zoom window. Clicking the illustration of a raised hand, will let us know you have a question. **In addition, note that you will use the “hand-raised” feature to register an objection during a vote.** Each of the action items listed in our presbytery handbook will be addressed by *unanimous consent*, which assumes that there will be general agreement among the gathered body. If you do not agree with an item, you will raise your hand, so your objection can be noted. **Again, a raised hand during a motion of unanimous consent will be registered as a NO vote rather than concurrence.**
5. **Plan to stay for the duration of the meeting as it should not be terribly long;** there will moments to pause, break, and breathe.
6. **If you happen to get bumped off, wait a minute, as ZOOM often re-connects on its own.**
7. **LANDLINES/cell phones:** If you are joining the meeting by phone, please select the phone number given for the Eastern time zone from the Zoom invitation. Connect with dial-in number provided from Elizabeth. Please identify yourself once you begin to speak. ***6 will mute/unmute your phone. *9 on keypad will “Raise Hand”** to alert Host you would like to be called on to speak. **Please try to make every effort to join via computer so you can participate more fully!**
8. **To make a motion:** You may physically raise your hand to be called on by the moderator. You may also raise your hand via the “Participants” list. Either way, **you must type the motion in the chat, so everyone can see the motion as written.**

For issues before/during the Presbytery Meeting, please text Office Manager, Elizabeth Cantrell at 229.435.9726 or St. Andrews (Macon) pastor Curtis White, who will serve as our Zoom Technician at 425.422.7001

Recommendations from the Stated Clerk regarding an Electronic Meeting:

Recommendation 1: That Flint River Presbytery approve the 131st Stated Meeting be held electronically on April 17, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am ET using Zoom videoconferencing as well as teleconferencing for those without access to Zoom.

Recommendation 2: That for the purpose of this electronic meeting only, Flint River Presbytery approve these special rules of order and suspend any standing rules which interfere with them:

- a. All information about this meeting will be sent out via the presbytery packet with log-in information for Zoom and teleconferencing included in the packet.
- b. Online and teleconference service availability will begin 30 minutes before the start of the meeting by way of a chat room to which commissioners and visitors will be admitted.
- c. The presence of a quorum shall be established by the logging into Zoom and the video and/or audio presence of commissioners. The continued presence of a quorum shall be determined by monitoring the online list of commissioners and those joining via teleconferencing. Elizabeth Cantrell will be assigned the duty of monitoring the presence of a quorum.
- d. **Participants entering Zoom should “rename” themselves to ensure their first and last name, followed by their congregation, campus ministry or organization name, is listed. Non-voting participants will type a “z” before their names. This will ensure that voting commissioners are clearly identified so their chats, questions, or votes are clearly seen. Voting members entering the meeting by teleconferencing should state their name and congregation upon entering. Non-voting participants joining by teleconferencing should identify themselves as visitors and/or non-voting participants as they enter.**
- e. Every effort will be made to provide stable access to the platforms of Zoom and teleconferencing, but each voting member is responsible for his/her audio and internet connections. No action will be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of -- or poor quality of -- a commissioner’s individual connection.
- f. Only minister members, duly elected elder commissioners, and members by virtue of office will be allowed to vote.
- g. The moderator will use voting by “unanimous consent” whenever possible and appropriate (i.e. “If there is no objection... it is so ordered).
- h. **Commissioners (and visitors) should remain muted at all times unless there is a need to request recognition by the moderator. To make a motion or speak for any reason, a commissioner will use the “hand raise” button on Zoom and wait until called upon by the moderator to speak. When called upon by the moderator, unmute your microphone and address the moderator.** For those joining via teleconferencing, unmute your microphone and address the moderator giving your name and congregation. Wait on the moderator to recognize you. Curtis White, our Zoom technician for the day, will be monitoring the “chat” function and “hand raise” button in Zoom and monitoring those on the telephone to help the moderator prioritize the order in which to recognize anyone wishing to speak.
- i. Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting electronically. The moderator has the discretion – but not requirement – to allow visitors to address the presbytery and to limit the time for any presentation.



Debra Tregaskis, Executive Presbyter
Rebecca Willis, Stated Clerk
Toni Hatfield, Bookkeeper
Elizabeth Cantrell, Office Manager

Easter Monday

Dear Flint River Saints,

As we give thanks for the tremendous gift of the resurrection during this Easter Season, we offer this presbytery packet with gratitude and joy.

This meeting will be full of rich learning and beautiful worship! Gifted Northminster musicians will livestream their offerings as we prepare to hear George Haugen reflect about his call to international mission and later commission him to this validated ministry. Two of the 2020 Walter Flint Grant recipients will share how these funds have enriched their congregational witness. We will also be commissioning 7 trained ruling elders as presbytery-trained moderators. These particular individuals have completed 8+ hours of training in order to serve small congregations.

As always, this packet is intended to assist you in preparing for the virtual 131st Stated Meeting of Flint River Presbytery on **Saturday, April 17, 2021**. Online registration will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The pages that follow will include an agenda along with information and attachments from our committees. **Please read all the enclosed material carefully prior to coming to the meeting so you can make informed decisions and share resources with your Session and congregation after the meeting.**

Please note as well that our offering for the day will go to support George and Jeanne Haugen as they depart to serve in the Middle East. George has served as the pastor at Edgewood (Columbus) for the past 6 ½ years and he and his wife will depart for the mission field in August. Any gift you offer will go to support them directly through Antioch Partners. You can give by going online to www.flintriverpresbytery.org or by sending a check directly to the presbytery office. Please add a memo noting that your gift is for the April 2021 FRP offering.

As you may have heard, our last online presbytery meeting in February was completed in less than 2 hours. This meeting will be just as focused and deeply celebratory! As you prepare for this meeting, do try to attend the meeting using both video and audio so that you may participate fully. **At the end of the meeting, we are inviting all children of any age to join us for a quick and joyful “hello” during our Virtual Coffee Hour. We loved seeing our new babies and growing children in your laps at the February meeting and want to encourage this moving forward whenever we meet virtually.**

As you well know, our connection to Jesus Christ and to one another matters more than ever during this pandemic.

We look forward to “seeing” your smiles as we serve our Lord Jesus Christ together!

In Christ’s Hope and in His Service,

Deb, Becky, Elizabeth, and Toni

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Presbytery Partners Connected in Prayer

Congregation	Pastor	Praying for Each Other	Congregation	Pastor
Forsyth	Marilyn Tucker-Marek		Cuba & Cuthbert	Richard Hawks
Fort Valley	Edna Watts, CoS		Wayside	Paul Childs, CoS
Northminster	Ralph Hawkins		Thomasville Second	Henry Walden
Ft. Gaines	Wade Spooner		Quitman & Trinity Sylvester	Brad Shealy
Edgewood	George Haugen		Thomaston	Glenn Gilstrap
St. Andrews	Curtis White		Valdosta First	Glenda Hollingshead
Westminster	Lucie Perkins		Elmodel & Dillon Road	Eric Newman
Covenant	Sam Henderson		Twin Lakes & West End	John Akers
Trinity Valdosta	Anghaarad Teague-Dees		Beth Salem	Charlotte Caldwell
Warner Robins First	Sarah McClelland-Brown		Camilla	Joy Tabb, CoS
Cairo & Dawes	Becky Willis		Boston	Don West
The Center at VSU	Melissa Coleman		New Hope	Colleen Cook
Albany First	Joshua Bower		The Pres House at GSW	Mary Runyon
Adel (process of closing)	DonaLee Preston		Americus	Sommer Bower
Cordele	Brandon Lucas, CoS		C.K. Smith	Darrell Leggett
The Abbey Fellowship	John Mock		St. Paul	Walter Nesbitt
Columbus First	Danny Dieth		Donalsonville First	Stephen Webb
Bainbridge First	John Erthein		Moultrie First	Jerry Little
Tifton First	Jarred Hammet		Sherwood	Judy Hay
Korean	Insick Jang		UKirk	Marilyn Tucker-Marek
Washington Ave	Kenneth Moye		Carver Heights	Virgil Marshall

Flint River Presbytery Presents

Walking St. Cuthbert Way

About the Walk

The St. Cuthbert Way is a 60mi. path through the borderlands of Southern Scotland and Northern England. Starting in Melrose, and ending on Holy Island (Lindisfarne) this walk winds its way through places significant in the life of its namesake, Cuthbert, the Wandering Saint.

Our Route, and Daily Distances

Melrose to Maxton	10mi
Maxton to Morebattle	15mi
Morebattle to Hethpool	11.5mi
Hethpool to Wooler	8mi
Wooler to Fenwick	11.5mi
Fenwick to Holy Island	6mi

Fitness

To get the most out of the experience, participants should be able to maintain a walking pace of 2 miles per hour, and hike up to 15 miles in one day.

The route is on average of moderate difficulty, and some sections are quite hilly, so participants should be comfortable with both up and downhill hiking. The longest day will be mostly flat. The walk will also include crossing the mudflats between the mainland and Holy Island at low tide along the Pilgrim's Way, which is best done barefoot, or in galoshes (hiking boots are NOT recommended).



Above: The view from Wideopen Hill, the highest point on the walk.
At Top: The Pilgrim's Path from the mainland to Holy Island, at low tide.

Dates

Arrive in Melrose: June 6, 2022

Depart from Holy Island: June 14, 2022

Cost

\$1250 (per person for a shared double room)

\$1670 (per person for a single room)

What the Trip Includes:

3 nights accommodation in Melrose, Scotland, UK (June 6, 7, & 8)

3 nights accommodation in Wooler, England, UK (June 9, 10, & 11)

2 nights accommodation on Holy Island, England, UK (June 12 & 13)

Six Days of Guided Hiking

Devotional Guide

Breakfast (8 days)

Lunch (6 days)

Transportation to and from trail heads (as needed)

Two Luggage Transfers

Admission to Melrose Abbey

Excursion to Inner Farne Island (St. Cuthbert's hermitage site)

Dinner reservations at a pub on Holy Island for each of the two nights (note this does not include the cost of the meal).

What You Will Need to Pack for the Hike

Comfortable, well-fitting, broken-in hiking boots

(ankle support and waterproof recommended)

Comfortable Hiking Shirt and Pants

(breathable material, long sleeves and long pants recommended)

Multiple pairs, wool or other good hiking socks

a second pair of comfortable shoes for off-trail wear

Galoshes

(if you are not comfortable walking barefoot across the mudflats)

Sunscreen and Bug Spray

Wide-Brimmed Hat and Sunglasses

Fleece Jacket or Other Warm Layer

Waterproof Raincoat and Waterproof Over-Trousers

Two, One Liter Water Bottles

Comfortable Backpack in which to carry water, a sack lunch, trail snacks, and any other items you may want with you on the trail

Reservations must be made by June 1, 2021. This trip is open to 15 participants. A \$500 deposit is due with registration, and you must specify when you register if you wish to share a room, and with whom. When registering you may also request additional nights on Holy Island (note: additional nights will be at an additional cost). Rev. Marilyn Tucker-Marek will be booking and guiding this trip. If you have questions before making your reservation you may contact her via phone (334-202-2004); or e-mail (Marilyn.McK.Tucker@gmail.com).

Agenda of the Presbytery of Flint River
of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Saturday, April 17, 2021

Via Zoom

***“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.”***
– Psalm 107:1-3

Online Registration with Office Manager, Elizabeth Cantrell 9:30 am

Gathering as God’s People

Opening Worship 10 am

*We are grateful for the livestream music provided today by
Northminster (Macon) musicians, Sandy Smith and Pat McCall.*

*We are grateful for this time of Scripture-shaped Testimony
offered by George Haugen of Edgewood (Columbus) who, together with his wife
Jeanne, will be heading to the Middle East in August with Antioch Partners.*

*The offering today will go support George and Jeanne Haugen
as they travel to the Middle East through Antioch Partners.
You can find more information about this ministry in the Attachments on page 1.
(George has served as the pastor at Edgewood/Columbus for nearly 7 years.)*

Ways to give:

1. Go to www.flintriverpresbytery.org and click on the “online giving” button
2. Send a check directly to our presbytery office at 826 Liberty Expressway SE,
Albany, GA 31705

Please note that your gift was an offering for the April presbytery meeting.

Call to Order Patti Kauffmann, FRP Moderator

Motion to Allow Electronic Meeting Becky Willis, Stated Clerk

*I move that the two recommendations sent out in the presbytery packet for allowing
and conducting an electronic meeting of Flint River Presbytery be adopted. **(These
recommendations can be found on page 2.)***

Approval of the Agenda Fields Varner, AB Moderator

FRP’s Purpose

***Empower**
congregations
in their local
witness

***Encourage**
- and strengthen -
all congregational
leaders

***Equip**
congregations so
that they may
give voice to
God’s story of
redemption and
renewal in middle
GA and SW GA

***Engage**
in local, national,
and international
mission, with an
emphasis upon
campus ministry

***Experiment**
often around new
ways of “being
church” in the 21st
century

Proclaiming Good News

Reflections from our Executive Presbyter

Debra Tregaskis

Information about our Joint Ministries

- Advisory Board
- Stated Clerk Report
- Committees and Commissions

Patti Kauffmann, FRP Moderator

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Giving Thanks for Ministry Made Possible by the Walter Flint Fund

Brief Reflections from Demetrise Battle, ruling elder at Beth Salem
and Cynthia Richmond, ruling elder at First (Americus)

Action Items

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Sending God's People to Serve

Commissioning of our Presbytery-Trained Moderators

Glenn Gilstrap, moderator of COM and Glenda Hollingshead, past moderator of COM

Raymond Haggard – Ft. Valley

Edna Watts – 1st (Warner Robins)

Nancy Reimer – C K Smith

Kent Sanders – Camilla

Jill Adkins and Kent Sanders – Elmodel

Tom McFarland – Dillon Road (to serve with Don West)

Melissa Coleman – Quitman (to serve with Don West)

Commissioning George Haugen in his Validated Ministry to the Middle East

Connie Happell and Ralph Hawkins, members of COM

Announcements for the Common Good

A word from Joyce Lieberman, our Synod Executive from the Synod of the South Atlantic

Departing Song

Blessing for Stephanie Boaz, member at large, who has moved to TN

Deb Tregaskis, Executive Presbyter

Call for Adjournment and Prayer

Patti Kauffman, FRP Moderator

Virtual Coffee Hour with Children of Every Age!

2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Saturday, August 7
Central Cluster IN PERSON
details TBD

Saturday, October 16 (World Food Day and weekend after Columbus Day)
NE Cluster IN PERSON
details TBD

***Moving forward into 2022, the Advisory Board is planning to offer
2 online presbytery meetings/year
and 2 in-person presbytery meetings/year
as a way to involve a wide range of generations and honor a variety of preferences.
All of this could change in a twinkling of an eye!***

FOR INFORMATION

The ministry items mentioned in the follow pages occur because of the commitment and imagination of faithful people *just like you* from every corner of our presbytery. Please read this attentively and prayerfully and learn about the ways in which we are working together so that our 47 worshipping communities (42 congregations, 4 campus ministries, and 1 new worshipping community in Tifton) may be vibrant witnesses to the transformative love of God in Jesus Christ.

Advisory Board (AB) – Fields Varner, moderator

1. Reflected on Matthew 13: 24-30, the Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds, particularly around the words “while everyone was asleep”. Noted that no one was paying attention and that this passage encourages actions of prayerful self-examination, intentional diversity, equity, and inclusion.
2. The minutes of the Flint River Presbytery’s 130th Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 6, 2021, which was held virtually, are attached for your awareness. (* See Attachments; pages 16-20) *These minutes have not yet been formally approved by the Advisory Board.*
3. **Remember!** At our January meeting, a Presbytery Office Building Task Force was established to further discuss and study how our current office building can best support the mission of our presbytery. Members of this committee include Bonny Dorough (Property Moderator), Richard Hawks, Fay Isele, Patti Kauffman (presbytery Moderator), Pam Moye (Volunteer Staff Associate), Ginny Sanders (Finance Moderator), and Anghaarad Teague-Dees.
4. At the March meeting, an initial recommendation from this task force was received, based on a 9-page summary of responses which focused on the following questions:
 - a. Is the FRP building necessary for you to achieve your pastoral or congregational goals?
 - b. How do you see the presbytery best supporting you in your work? Is the building an essential part of that? Why or why not?
 - c. What do you think the best way is for us to be present together? Physically? Virtually? Pros and Cons?

Stated Clerk -- Becky Willis

5. All Terms of Call have been received. Contracts and annual reports were due by January 31, 2021. **Please note that all contracts and reports are due on January 31st each year.** All forms for contracts and annual reports can be found on the *Clerk of Session* page under *Forms*. The CRE Annual Report form can be found on the *Pastors* page of our website under CRE/CLP.
6. 98% of our congregations submitted Statistical Reports to the Office of General Assembly. *Great job, Clerks of Session!*
7. Minutes and Records Review will be conducted in August 2021 for review of 2020 data. More information to come soon.
8. A quarterly “Clerks Corner” is in development to provide training by the Stated Clerk to new Clerks of Session and/or to all Clerks of Session who would like to receive training and share best practices with colleagues. Additional information and scheduling will be provided. Suggestions regarding this new resource are welcomed at bwillis123a@yahoo.com

Committee on Ministry (COM) – Glenn Gilstrap, moderator

9. ALL Terms of Call (TOC) were received, and all met the presbytery minimum [\(Click HERE to see FRP minimums\)](#) with one minor exception.

10. The following contracts were approved through 12/31/2021, unless noted differently:

Northeast Cluster:

Lucie Perkins as stated supply at Westminster

Northeast Cluster:

Charlotte Caldwell as CRE at Beth Salem

Judith Hay as CRE at Sherwood

Central Cluster:

Rebecca Blackwell as bridge interim at Covenant through 3/31/2021

Richard Hawks as stated supply at Cuthbert and Cuba

Sam Henderson as interim at Covenant

Darrell Leggett as temporary supply at C.K. Smith

Paul Luthman as Parish Associate at Covenant

Walter Nesbitt as CRE at St. Paul

Eric Newman as Temporary Supply at Elmodel

Brad Shealy as CRE at Trinity (Sylvester)

Wade Spooner as CRE at Ft. Gaines

Southern Cluster:

Jerry Little as Interim at First (Moultrie) through 8/01/2021

Eric Newman as stated supply at Dillon Road

Jane Shelton as CRE at First (Valdosta)

Henry Walden as CRE at Second (Thomasville)

Stephen Webb as Interim as (First) Donalsonville through 11/1/2021

Becky Willis as CRE, Cairo & Dawes

11. The following commissions were approved between the following:

Brad Shealy	Trinity (Sylvester) through December 2023
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12. The following individuals were appointed to serve as moderators:

Glenn Gilstrap	Forsyth from May through August 2021 (while Marilyn Tucker-Marek is on Sabbatical)
Jerry Little	Donalsonville
Curtis White	Washington Avenue

13. Recognized George Haugen's impending ministry in the Middle East as a validated ministry of our presbytery.

14. For the April presbytery meeting, recommended the following actions:

- Commission George Haugen as a missionary being sent to the Middle East on behalf of our presbytery and designate the offering at this meeting for this ministry.
- Bless Stephanie Boaz, who was instrumental in the fusion of All Saints and Morningside into New Hope, as she has moved to TN and will be transferring her presbytery membership in the future.

15. Examined & approved Connie Happell and her Terms of Call as the Designated Pastor at Edgewood (Columbus). Connie will begin in May and an in-person installation celebration is being tentatively scheduled for September.
16. Examined & approved Sam Henderson and his contract as Interim at Covenant (Albany). Sam will retain his presbytery membership in Cherokee, while participating intentionally in our presbytery events.
17. Approved a request from Rebecca Blackwell to labor within the bounds of the Flint River Presbytery as she retains her presbytery membership in Cherokee.
18. Approved a request from Maretta Arnold-Franklin to labor outside the bounds of our presbytery in NE GA.
19. Emphasized the crucial work of our congregational liaisons, who are to stay engaged with their assigned congregations through regular prayer and meaningful communication. **Every congregation has a COM liaison and yours can be found below.** Please make an effort to include them in your weekly updates or monthly newsletters.

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Quitman
Second Thomasville

20. The current TRE class, which consists of 9 individuals, will complete their 2-year training in May, be examined by this committee in July, and recognized at our August presbytery meeting
21. Plans for a future TRE class are underway with tentative plans to offer a variety of tracks for meaningful focus:
- Preaching and teaching
 - Administrative leadership (moderating Sessions and congregations)
 - Community outreach (training to equip leaders in community missions)
 - Pastoral care (nursing home visitation)

Finance Committee (FIN) – Ginny Sanders, moderator

The following attachments are included for your benefit:

- Per Capita Report as of 2/28/2021 (See Attachments, page 2)
- Pledge Report as of 2/28/2021 (See Attachments, page 3)
- Operating Budget Performance (OBP) as of 2/28/2021 (See Attachments, pages 4-9)
- Special Funds Narrative Report as of 2/28/2021 (See Attachments, pages 10-12)
- Balance Sheet as of 2/28/2021 (See Attachments, pages 13-14)

In this past year of pandemic, your Finance Committee continues to be endlessly grateful for the steady and generous giving of our congregations. Thank you! Rest assured that this committee continues to pray, collaborate, and discern how to stretch pennies into dollars. Our staff are doing no less!

Remember! As a cost-saving measure, the presbytery office has an excellent XEROX machine, the contract of which does not end until April 2024. **This lease can be transferred to any congregation and/or non-profit organization in need of a new copier. The presbytery would be willing to share in the cost of the contract as potential grant.** Please be in touch with Elizabeth Cantrell at 229.435.9726 if this is something you would like to further explore.

Specifications for copier:

- Model: EC7856
- 110 Sheet Single Pass Automatic Document Feeder
- 5 Paper Sources for total capacity of 3140 sheets
- Copy / Print / Scan functionality
- Print speeds up to 55 pages per minute black and white and 50 pages per minute full color
- Integrates with Xerox App Gallery

Lease details:

- \$117.38 per month plus click charges at \$0.01 per black/white and \$0.069 per color print
- Click charges are capped at 5% escalation year over year
- Contract includes all service and supplies except paper

Committee on Education and Nurture (CEN) – Danny and Vickie Dieth, co-moderators

22. Discussed the possibility of hosting another Celebration of Faith (COF) event at Lake Blackshear in 2023. If you would like to provide feedback about this possibility or assist the team in planning, please reach out to Michelle Cobb, one of the event's co-moderators at mcobb2981@gmail.com or 334.538.6363

Montreat Youth Conference Dates are June 12-19, 2021.

Adults and students are currently registered from First (Columbus) and Northminster (Macon) and we still have room remaining in Reynolds Lodge.

If additional students would like to attend OR if pastors and their families would like to enjoy an inexpensive week of vacation/continuing education sharing this space with us, please be in touch with Elizabeth Cantrell at ecantrell@flinriverpresbytery.org

Total cost for the youth conference is \$550 and total cost for the housing for the week is \$300/per couple or family.

Dogwood Acres Camp – see www.dogwoodacres.org for available dates and cost breakdown

Covenant (Albany) is planning to participate from June 27- July 2 and would love to have sister churches join them. To learn more about joining with them, please contact Elizabeth Deming at Covenant at

deming238@gmail.com

Trinity (Valdosta) is planning to participate from July 18-22 and would love to have sister churches join them.

To learn more about joining with them, please contact Brittany DiGiammarino at britd@trinitypresval.org

23. The pilot program of Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Internship Scholarships has begun! **Click here for more information and a copy of the application.** Note that the deadline for application submission is May 1st. Sessions must be involved in this process, so please plan ahead!

Committee on Mission and Evangelism (CME)

-- Rita Montgomery, moderator, and Pam Moye, volunteer staff associate

24. Endorsed the decision of The PresHouse @ GSW's board to call Mary Runyon as the campus minister, effective March 15.
25. Allocated \$2600 from the Harry Halpert Fund to First (Cordele) for building repairs.
26. Allocated \$2000 from *International Mission Giving* line item to the National Union of Presbyterian Women in Guatemala.
27. Funded Technology Grants totaling \$14,011.00 to the following congregations/campus ministries:

Beth Salem (Columbus)	\$2360.00
Carver Heights (Columbus)	\$2000.00
Donalsonville	\$750.00
Edgewood (Columbus)	\$1447.00
Forsyth	\$1600.00
New Hope (Columbus)	\$1943.00
The PresHouse @ GSW	\$825.00
Thomaston	\$730.00
Trinity (Valdosta)	\$1100.00
First (Warner Robins)	\$425.00
Westminster (Warner Robins)	\$831.00

**These grants were made possible through designated synod funds (54%),
Walter Flint funds (31%),
and designated presbytery funds (15%) .**

CME grant program update

Deadline for Second Round of Walter Flint Fund Grant Applications is Monday, April 26, 2021.

All application information can be found on our website.

28. Approximately \$40,000 has been accrued over several decades toward a presbytery-wide Habitat for Humanity build. Congregations interested in hosting this event will be invited to apply for funds in October. Application will be introduced at our August presbytery meeting.

29. Initial plans for our presbytery-wide “Rise Against Hunger” events on October 3, World Communion Sunday, have begun. Host congregations are needed in each cluster. If you are interested in hosting, please reach out to Rita Montgomery ritaj3@bellsouth.net and Pam Moyer pambmoye@charter.net.
30. Discussed plans to support the Haugens in their international ministry to the Middle East if budget lines can be increased in 2022.
31. Met with the Guatemala Union of Presbyterian Women via Zoom and are working carefully to build this relationship in meaningful ways with guidance from our Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) liaison, Sy Hughes.

ACTION ITEMS

- **Advisory Board (AB) Task Force regarding the best use of the Presbytery Office Building – Anghaarad Teague-Dees, moderator**

Requests permission from the presbytery to be given authorization to research the potential selling of the office building with the understanding that a clear recommendation will be made at our in-person August meeting.

Note: If the above motion is approved, one portion of the research will include AB members’ gathering of information from their cluster’s worship communities so that a list of congregations who are willing to host committees will be broadly known. Available space, kitchen facilities, and WIFI will be included in the listing.