

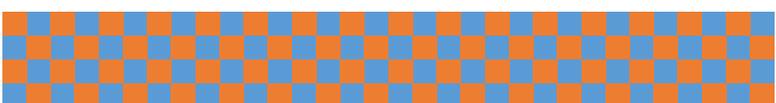
East Central Presbytery Spring Meeting

Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church

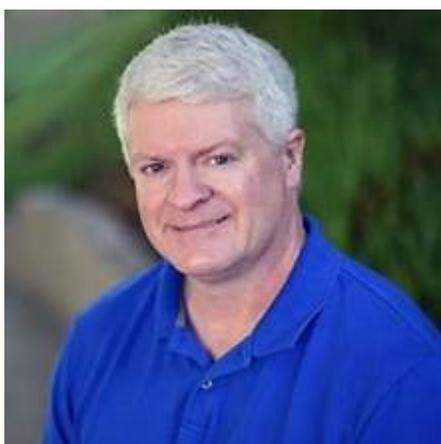
6470 Main Street

Gloucester, Virginia

23061



Keynote Speaker — The Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart



Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart is the Director of Global Engagement for ECO. In 1995 he was ordained as an evangelist and over the following years he served two church plants, one in Tennessee and the other in North Carolina. In 2009 Brian became the Associate Pastor for Missional Discipleship at First Presbyterian Church Greenville, SC (ECO) where he and the congregation greatly expanded the scope and depth of that church's global mission relationships. Brian received his MTS from Duke Divinity School and

Coordinator. Brian served ECO in our early roll-out season as the first moderator of the East Central Presbytery. This presbytery covered all of the Southeast United States except for Florida...which is not a southern state anyway. He currently lives in Greenville, SC with his wife, Tracie, who is also an ordained Presbyterian pastor and chaplain. They have two grown sons: Brian in Charleston, SC and William in Portland, OR.



LODGING INFORMATION

Housing: 30 rooms at a rate of \$130 for Friday, April 24 have been reserved at: Hampton Inn, 6638 Forest Hill Avenue, Gloucester, VA 23061. You must call this number: 804-693-9393 before April 15th to book at this rate. When you book your room, please let the Hampton Inn know that you are with the block of rooms reserved under Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND

Friday:

4:30-5:30 PM- Registration

5:30-6:30 PM- Dinner

6:30-7:20 PM- Worship with Communion

7:20-7:25 PM- Welcome from Host Pastor or Staff Member

7:25-7:30 PM- Introduction of Guest Speaker

7:30-9:00 PM- Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart---Session 1

Saturday:

7:30-8:30 AM- Continental Breakfast or Breakfast at hotels

8:30-8:45 AM- Worship

8:45-10:00 AM- Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart---Session 2

10:00-10:30 AM- Presbytery reports and business meeting

10:30 AM-12:00 PM- Rev. Dr. Brian Stewart---Session 3

12:00-1:00 PM- Boxed lunches and departure

Brian Stewart's Presentations

Session #1 The WHY of Global Engagement

We might look at some combination of these three areas: A) The foundational biblical call for all disciples and churches to engage in God's mission to the world; B) How a global missions dynamic in a local church can benefit its ministry culture in a variety of ways? and C) Why Global Engagement helps local churches live into ECO's "movemental" mission, vision, values and measurables?

Session #2 The WHAT of Global Engagement

Here we might look at the current global context and the trend lines we see for missions and how that impacts the way we as Westerns should approach missions. This is in contrast to how Americans approached missions both 150 years ago but also just 50 years ago. For example, the growth, maturity, and resources of the global church has to be considered when we in the West think about international missions today.

Session #3 The HOW of Global Engagement

This is where we really get into the brass tacks: how and where does a local church that has never done anything like this get started? What criteria should a church look for when considering partnering? What does a healthy partnership look like? What other resources are out there to help local churches discern their way into the mission field?

UPDATES FROM PRESBYTERY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM

Rev. Rob Burns

Church Planting has been working to clarify our processes with plants related to relational connection and financial commitments. Guiding documents are being put together as we see tremendous possibilities for more plants to emerge, with one already targeted to begin in roughly two years.

GLOBAL MISSION TEAM

Rev. Bradley Long

We continue connecting with all our congregations to hear what YOU are doing globally and how we might multiple our efforts in the world! Look soon for new resources to help you deepen engagement in the Great Commission in your church! Email us at [**eastcentralglblmiss@ecopresbytery.org**](mailto:eastcentralglblmiss@ecopresbytery.org)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Bob Andrews

EAST CENTRAL PRESBYTERY Ministry Team Nominees for April 2026 Election

All terms are three years unless otherwise indicated & begin/end with the April presbytery meeting.

PRESBYTERY/CORPORATION OFFICERS

Vice-Moderator/Vice-President (Moderator Elect serving as vice-moderator 1-year, Moderator 2-years, Past Moderator serving as vice-moderator 1-year, 4-year term total)

Sarah Hill, Elder (St. Giles PC, Richmond, VA)

Treasurer (2-year term, re-election possible)

Bill Smith, Elder, Class of 2028 (Centreville PC, Centreville, VA)

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM Class of 2029

Rev. Jeff Rickett (Neelsville PC, Germantown, MD)

Rev. Rob Burns (Crestwood PC, Richmond, VA)

Bill Eadie, Elder (Spring Hill PC, Staunton, VA)

Class of 2027 on the Church Planting Team to replace Josh Modrinsky.

Rev. Corey Widmer (Third Church, Richmond, VA)

MINISTRY PARTNERSHIP TEAM (Must have 8 members minimum, equal elders and pastors, no more than two from the same congregation, Polity 3.0105) Class of 2029

Rev. Aaron McMillan (Centreville PC, Centreville, VA)

Elder: Ann Huffer (Crestwood PC, Richmond, VA)

Pastor: Rob Bromhead (HR, Centreville PC, Centreville, VA)

NOMINATING TEAM Class of 2029

Bob Andrews, Elder (Christ PC, Richmond, VA)

Rev. Todd Lilly (Spring Hill PC, Bridgewater, VA)

Class of 2028 on the Nominating Team to replace John Kupiec.

Rev. Rob Laukoter (People's Community Church, Hurricane, WV)

PMOT: PRESBYTERY MINISTRY ORDINATION TEAM Class of 2029

Rev. Keith Hill (HR, St. Giles PC, Richmond, VA)

Rev. Rebecca Modrzynski (St. Giles PC, Richmond, VA)

HR = Honorably Retired VM = Validated Ministry CLP = Commissioned Lay Pastor

Attached to this email is a very important document from the Synod entitled, “Proposed Changes to ECO Constitution Polity and Rules of Discipline for Presbytery Vote” from the 2026 Synod Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Please read and thoroughly digest these five amendments upon which East Central Presbytery will be voting during the presbytery meeting. These amendment proposals will be the first items on the East Central Presbytery Meeting docket and will be addressed and voted upon before we hear from the chairpersons of the East Central Leadership Teams and Committees.