

EAST CENTRAL PRESBYTERY

Fall 2025 Meeting Minutes, October 3-4, 2025

On Friday evening, October 3, attendees gathered for dinner and worship. Rev. Rob Burns preached, and Rev. Rob Burns and Rev. Elisabeth Hayes were the co-celebrants of the Lord's Supper. Guest speaker, Dr. Jake Mulder, gave the first of three presentations on Friday evening. Rev. Elisabeth Hayes shared a devotional on Saturday morning, and Dr. Jake Mulder shared his second presentation. The Fall 2025 business meeting of the East Central Presbytery was convened on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 10:12 a.m. at Third Church, Richmond, Virginia, and opened with prayer by Moderator Doug Nagel.

A quorum was more than present when the Moderator called the meeting to order. All congregations were represented except the following: Christ Presbyterian Church, Huntington, WV, Community West Church, Henrico, VA, First Presbyterian Church, Catlettsburg, KY, Neelsville Presbyterian Church, Germantown, MD, and Windy Cove Presbyterian Church, Millboro, VA.

OLD BUSINESS

None

TEAM REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – A printed copy of the budget showing income and expenses was distributed; there were no questions.

Church Planting Team – Josh Modrzynski encouraged churches in our presbytery to partner financially with our church plant, Sojourners Church in Chesapeake, VA. Dorothy Hood shared some stories of what God is doing through Sojourners Church, and Rob Burns encouraged churches to help financially. (Church of the Living Hope, also in Chesapeake, was not mentioned.)*

Ministry Partnership Team – Steve Hartman presented a resolution (attached) celebrating the 150th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church of Catlettsburg, KY. A motion was made and seconded to approve this resolution, and the motion was approved.

Presbytery Ministry Ordination Team – Rebecca Modrzynski shared that there are currently seven candidates in our presbytery, and two of them will attend their second retreat later this month. PMOT team works to set up mentors for each candidate who can talk through questions candidates may have and ensure they are not alone through the process of ordination.

Global Engagement and Mission Team – Bradley Long shared that his team has worked together to re-focus how they can engage presbytery. They have new brochures that share about their mission. Bradley encouraged our presbytery that we are all called to be Great Commission believers. Currently 3 billion out of the 8 billion people in the world don't have access to the gospel.

*As clerk, this does not match my own recollection and I believe this is incorrect, but this version of the minutes was approved by ECP Council.

Nominating Team – Bob Andrews reported that they are working to fill slots before our election at the spring meeting. His team welcomes suggestions.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

CLOSING

The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. Following a short break, guest speaker Dr. Jake Mulder resumed his presentation on the Future Focused Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Hood
Stated Clerk



October 4th, 2025

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
CONSTRUCTION AND DEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY OF THE FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CATLETTSBURG, KENTUCKY

Whereas, the congregations of the East Central Presbytery are part of a covenanted order of Presbyterian Christians, and

Whereas Scripture enjoins all Christians to, “Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn,” (Romans 12:15), and

Whereas the First Presbyterian Church of Catlettsburg, Kentucky will, this year, celebrate the 150th anniversary of the construction of its historic church building:

Be it therefore resolved that the East Central Presbytery of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians notes with joy the heritage of faithfulness, witness, and perseverance of this congregation.

We join in celebrating this milestone in the First Presbyterian Church of Catlettsburg’s corporate Christian life, expressing sincere gratitude for the congregation and its pastors and their families with prayers for continued health, growth, witness, and well-being.

Rev. Douglas Nagel, M.Div., D.Min., Moderator
Stated Clerk

Rev. Dorothy Hood, M.Div.

Robin L. Keesee, Ph.D., Vice Moderator

William Smith, Treasurer