

PRESBYTERY HIGHLIGHTS

May 13, 2025

It was a true joy to gather in-person at Countryside Presbyterian Church for our Presbytery meeting, as well as attending by Zoom! Thanks go to Lisa Wells, Jennifer Tucker and the Countryside volunteers for the smooth registration process. The entire staff and volunteers at Countryside were very gracious and helpful in preparations for this meeting and much gratitude goes to each of them.

Worship started us off on the right note with the hymns being sung with great vigor. Rev. Becca Putman delivered the message based on Revelation 7: 9-17 entitled “Crying out with a loud Voice”. The peace of Jesus Christ was passed among those in attendance and The Lord’s Supper was celebrated. The offering collected at both the Presbytery meeting and from among the Zoom participants will go toward the ministry of the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN).

Moderator Cliff Lyda guided the Presbytery through the agenda. Highlights included:

- The election of Assistant Stated Clerk Patti Phillips. Patti is a Ruling Elder member of First Presbyterian Church of High Springs.
- Recognition of ordination anniversaries for those celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of ordination.
- Greetings from Jake Wilson from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF), who also presented a financial gift to the Presbytery from TPF
- A reduction in size of some of our Presbytery committees.
- Filling vacancies on many committees by the Volunteer Management Team.
- A review of our recently adopted Anti-Racism Policy led by Rev. John White.
- An update from Rev. Becca Putman about immigration litigation involving Westminster.
- A report from our Cuban Mission Team and an update from Montgomery Center.
- AND.....the approval of all proposed amendments to the Constitution!

Additional reports and updates were given as well. The Presbytery recessed during the meeting for a delightful lunch served by the Countryside church, which included a wonderful selection of various pies. Many pleasant conversations were held around the tables and in the sanctuary. Please plan to participate in the next meeting of Presbytery on October 7, 2025 at a location to be determined.