

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC
33RD STATED MEETING
MAY 2 - 3, 2019
HIGHLIGHTS

Commissioners, Presbytery Leaders, Presbytery Stated Clerks and Guests gathered at the *New Life Presbyterian Church* in College Park, Georgia to discuss the mission and purpose of the Synod. The Rev. Dr. Laurie J. Ferguson, coach, consultant and psychologist, facilitated the discussion.

Round tables of discussion considered the question, “What is God calling the Synod of South Atlantic to focus upon?” Topics of discussion included leadership development, support around Presbytery leaders, new pastors, those in regional ministries, and a consideration of the audience. Discussion of traditional roles, local demographics, grassroots movements, the need for a greater connection, and the use of technology helped to shape the final motion. The following was agreed upon:

- *Motion 1: (adopted May 3, 2019)*

In community, through connections and relationships, the purpose of the Synod of South Atlantic through 2021 is to:

Ensure full integration of diversity in all of its life and work;
Equip and empower transformational leadership;
Provide for mutual enrichment among the leadership of our 16
presbyteries; and,
Use innovative technology to accomplish its purpose, model
effective communication strategies, and share best practices.

- *Motion 2: (adopted May 3, 2019)*

By December 31, 2019, the Executive Administrative Commission (EAC) shall oversee a process to develop an implementation plan.

- The synod committee chairs offered reports of their work during the past year.
- Former Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Joan Wooten, preached a sermon relevant to the Synod’s new direction, with the question, “What Shall We Do?”

