

## Appendix E

### New Minister Information

1. Erin Horne, Validated Ministry – Presbytery of St. Augustine, Area Relationship Coordinator (Area 3)
2. Rebecca Putman, Pastor – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Gainesville
3. Jean Goodwin, Validated Ministry – Chaplain, Westminster St. Augustine

# STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR THE CALL COMMISSION

## Erin Horne

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

1. God is the author of life, revealed by Holy Scripture. Before humans existed, God was. God has authority over all things. God is above the furthest lengths of human comprehension. It is the glory of God to be mysterious and the glory of humankind, is to search God out. God is worthy of honor and worship, exists in three persons: Father/Parent, Son/Human, Spirit. The earth is The Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.
2. The posture of the human heart is naturally inclined to selfishness; sin is in the heart of every human. (Original Sin) The wages of sin is spiritual death, separation from God. This, however is not the end of the story for humanity. Humans are made in God's image, innately endowed with the capacity for creativity and beauty, generosity, vision. This Godly expression in humanity exists alongside the sinful inclination of the human heart.
3. As all people are made in God's image, it is incumbent upon Christians to see themselves as superior to none, inferior to none. We are all The Lord's (see the earth is the lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it) and therefore have equal value.
4. God has chosen human beings as care-takers of God's creation. Therefore it is incumbent upon Christians to endeavor to treat nature with respect and reverence. Nature belongs to God, entrusted to us, as stewards of God's good gifts in creation.
5. Jesus Christ walked the earth; Jesus was fully human and fully God. In Jesus, God entered into humanity, experienced firsthand human brokenness, beauty, and agony. God is empathetic toward humans.
6. Jesus lived a human life without sin. Jesus is the healer of sin and its affects. Jesus lived in the geographical area known today as Israel & Palestine, was put to death at the hands of the government via crucifixion, and supernaturally raised to life again. Thus Jesus spiritually fulfilled the Abrahamic Covenant of the Old Testament and ushered in a new revelatory covenant of forgiveness for sins, offering grace through belief in Jesus' name. Jesus is the (ultimate priestly) intermediary between God and humanity, making a way to bring humans to God, restored. Christians are raised to spiritual life in Christ and will worship God in heaven for all eternity.
7. This is the Church: God's covenant people gathering to worship, bringing God's kingdom to bear, filling the earth with God's glory. Through Jesus, Christians are freed to live into God's created order, as ones made in God's image. Christians continue to be God's image bearers, bringing light and God's love to bear in our world. We embody and project the image of God thus participating as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation to all people. All tribes, all nations, people of every ethnicity and stripe will worship as the church. As people who belong to The Lord, Christians ought to regard their lives as offerings.

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8. Through the Holy Spirit, Christians receive God's guidance, are empowered by wisdom, have the ability to desire greater gifts of Christlikeness, practice the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians). As Christians seek God, their spiritual ears become tuned to hear God's voice, through The Spirit.
9. Sacraments - I believe baptism is an outward sign of an internal spiritual reality: one's new life in Christ. As Presbyterians, we are baptized into a covenantal family. We belong to one another. I believe Holy Communion is an act that brings renewal and unity. We are renewed with and unified by Christ's presence among us as we sup at the Lord's Table. It is our powerful ritual of remembrance, as Jesus asks us to eat this meal in remembrance of him (Luke 22:19). We remember Jesus: his shed blood, his broken body.

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I was spiritually aware at a young age. I had a powerful moment when I was preschool-aged, sitting alone in the backseat of my parents' car one evening. I quietly had a conversation with God. I told God I believed in God, and using the language I heard earlier that day in at my religious preschool, I 'asked Jesus into my heart.' I grew up attending non-denominational Christian churches. Even when my parents did not go, I asked them to drive me and drop me off. In middle school I switched to a different church, where my parents never attended, but gave me rides. I learned about the major stories and themes of the Bible in my Christian school, and through my youth group I learned about Jesus' love for me. My Christian friends and I earnestly tried to love and serve God. As a young person I served at church: worship team, nursery, children's church, youth leadership team. I attended Young Life (YL, a non-denominational Christian organization) as a teenager. YL taught me that God was very personal and that an individual could laugh hard, not be perfect, and still be a Christian. The YL leaders left deep impressions on me as authentic people who cared about others, had deep joy, and gave their time selflessly. At YL I heard the good news that God loves us first. Before we were, God loved.

My call to ministry came in high school. After leaving my first Young Life meeting, I was deeply struck by the personal way in which everyone prayed to God and spoke about Jesus as a real person. I remember lying in my bed that night, at age 15, being overcome by a desire to love God and serve God. I remember quietly crying and telling God that I would serve, that I would "go" and tell people about God's love for them. In retrospect, I believe this was the significant moment of my call to ministry. I have returned to this memory many times as affirmation of my call. The reality of this call has been fleshed out and reaffirmed repeatedly in the years since. My college years were an intellectual torment. On the one hand I faithfully attended Covenant Presbyterian Church, served and ministered to young people through Young Life. On the other hand I wrestled spiritually, attempting to make peace between my intellect and my faith. My soul felt battered and splintered when I graduated in 2003. God was faithful to surround me with kindness and people who were patient with me. God rubbed salve into my chapped soul through Scripture and God's people. God's faithfulness renewed me.

After college I took a job with Young Life outside Washington, D.C. What a rich time in my life spiritually and personally. In Young Life my gifts were valued and encouraged; I was given opportunities to lead early in my career. I grew in my dependence on God, juggling the requirements of full time ministry: developing something from nothing, leading a steering committee of adults far older than me, raising a large budget. I received fruitful spiritual and professional mentoring. I took seminary courses. I received effective non-profit leadership training: entrepreneurship, strategic planning, marketing, fundraising, relationship-building,

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large-scale event planning. I was chosen to be the keynote speaker for a month at a Conference for Young Life. This was a high honor and I was humbled and terrified. I developed a Six-Talk-Series and delivered these messages four weeks in row. The crowd each week numbered around 500 individuals. People came to faith in Christ. This was one of the most powerful things I have ever done. To this day I am deeply grateful for the opportunity.

In this time the Holy Spirit came to the fore in my spiritual life. Through times of communal prayer, intentional solitude, individual Scripture-reading, and hearing powerful sermons, my spiritual life expanded as I experienced the wonder of the Holy Spirit. This time included ministry-motivated travel to countries in the developing world. Under the leadership of pastors and evangelists in these countries, I received prophetic words and renewal through powerful prayer. My eyes opened to a new realm of spiritual living I previously did not know. I slowly began to experience mystical parts of Christian spirituality that previously did not fit my paradigm.

I've often noticed that, for some reason, God speaks more clearly and directly when I am away from my typical routine. Perhaps God is speaking at the same volume as usual, but I have less 'noise' in my life or fewer distractions when I am away, so that I hear God more clearly.

In the next movement of my life, God graciously called me to something new, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Is. 43:19). It was as though God said to me, "Thank you, Erin. Now, go." I quit my job and spent my savings traveling in Europe and Africa for an extended period of time. That time of life opened my eyes to God's pleasure over me when I was not professionally working in ministry. It became apparent how entrenched I had become, living the lie of works-based righteousness. Though I ascribed to "grace alone" theology, in practice my life was motivated by a cunning lie: I would only receive God's approval as a direct result of obediently fulfilling spiritual duty to minister and evangelize. Words from Luke 12:48, "to whom much is given, much is required" reverberated like those of a demanding task-master in my head. This burdensome thinking was twisted around my earnest motivation, choking the life out of the good gift. Previously I did not experience the Jesus whose yoke was easy and burden, light. What a gift this time of travel and discovery were for me! What a privilege to live this. I discovered God's generosity toward me in this season. It freed me. I am changed because of this time.

I returned to the states and took a job in business. During this period of time I learned the special community a church can provide. There were a large number of young professionals at the

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church I attended and we spent lots of time together in play, service, sharing meals, studying Scripture, showing up for one another. I struggled in this time as well. The church I attended did not celebrate women's leadership in ministry, ascribing to complementarian theology. In fact, after years of robust and meaningful ministry leadership, I was not permitted even to lead a co-ed community group in this church. I was torn because the fellowship was rich in this place, but I felt anger and injustice. It bubbled up one particular week. A male elder preached when the pastor was away. Though well-meaning, he was terrible. Not a public speaker or communicator by gifting, he sputtered and painfully made his way through a poorly-organized, patched-together (I hesitate to even call it a) sermon. I remarked to my brother, who also attended, "I can't lead a community group Bible study, but that guy can preach on Sunday morning?" on my way out the door.

Interestingly, this church is also the place where I learned a powerful truth about The Lord's Supper. I felt prolonged, simmering anger toward a theologically-conservative, complementarian friend. I remember so vividly taking communion one Sunday. I walked forward for the bread and the wine, returned to my seat. Across the sanctuary I saw him walk forward for the bread and the wine; he partook. It struck me that though we were divided in our interpretation of God's intent for men and women, we were united in Christ. Christ's body broken for me, for him. Christ's blood poured out for me, for him. We both sup at the same table, our bodies metabolize the same physical loaf of bread, drinking from the same bottle of wine (read: grape juice). My resentment melted. I saw my brother as someone attempting to be faithful. I laid down my "right" to offense and chose to disagree while loving and valuing his gifts. It is worth mentioning presently his views have changed and he has since apologized for limiting the expression of women's gifts.

During my twenties I would frequently say, "one day I think I'll go to seminary, but it doesn't seem like the right time now." People asked what I would do with a seminary degree. My response, "I am not sure. I desire deeper learning and preparation for ministry, but not sure how it will all shake out." I knew I had a call to ministry, gifts of communication and teaching, love for the Bible, desire to care for others and build God's kingdom. I was apprehensive saying I wished to be a pastor. Though it would have been the natural step for a male in my situation, I felt unsure because I was formed in a complementarian faith tradition.

I have encountered God while working in ministry and in the marketplace. During my years in business I felt out of place, but endeavored to make business relationships valuable. I viewed this time as a particular litmus test for my Christianity, where I was challenged to bring faith and

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life together while doing work which appeared “non-spiritual.” An obvious misnomer, as all of life is in fact, spiritual. I was pretty miserable selling insurance. This experience solidified my understanding of my call. My gendered experience in the church I attended solidified my theology of women: equality equipped, equally called. This was also the time period where I met my now husband, Jon, a Naval aviator. I accepted God’s kind gift: my husband, and still revel in God’s generosity expressed through Jon.

After getting married in 2011 and moving to Jacksonville, we settled into a church that valued women in leadership, St. John’s Presbyterian Church in Avondale. The next year I took a position with Young Life in Jacksonville and enrolled locally in the M.Div. program at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. The years at seminary were intellectually stretching and an incredible space to reason, read, write, and learn. Over the next several years it became natural to see women in pastoral roles. The PCUSA has been a breath of fresh air, where women lead and it’s a norm. My confidence to express and live into my desire to become a pastor was the natural outcome of consistent Presbyterian worship. I became an Inquirer with The Presbytery of St. Augustine in 2016, a year after graduating with my M. Div. from Gordon-Conwell and completing CPE at Community Hospice of NE Florida. I served as a Pastoral Intern at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, learning the rhythm of pastoral life and serving in various pastoral roles. The pastor and congregation were kind and this was a warm, meaningful time of relationship, learning and serving.

Since becoming an Inquirer with the Presbytery I’ve had two children and moved states twice. The last year and a half have brought an unexpected chronic cancer diagnosis in my immediate family, my mother’s health has declined, and we’ve had an unusually high number of peers die quite young. This pushes my theology of death and dying to the fore. I am asking questions about what hope means. Our grief is with us. It’s a journey I continue to walk and wrestle through. I cling to the joy of The Lord as my strength and my strong, proven belief that God will provide. What a rich life I have, what a gift it is to live it. The requirements of daily life have increased with the addition of my children, especially during Covid. I find myself longing to serve, to use my gifts outside of my household. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the church as Area Relationship Coordinator for Area 3, pending ordination. God has surprised me generously again with a position that utilizes my gifts, and a time requirement that suits my current life. I hope to listen well, encourage honestly, and share life authentically with church leaders in Area 3, while we witness to the good news of Jesus together.

## **Statement of Faith: Rebecca Lawson Putman**

I believe in the one triune God. I believe in God the Father of Jesus Christ, who created all things seen and unseen. God created the heavens and the earth and rules over God's marvelous creation with loving providence. God makes all people equally in God's own image. Though humans were created good in order to live in community and worship God, we have defied our Creator by breaking God's commandments, failing to honor our planet as God's creation, and denying the love due to our neighbors as those who are also created in the image of God. Despite the sin that humans commit again and again, God elects to be reconciled with creation. In the Hebrew Scriptures, God makes a covenant with Israel as the people chosen to be a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, all people are allowed to enter into covenant with God. God the Father remains faithful and merciful to us and, through baptism, adopts us as God's own children.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God the Father. He is both fully human and fully God. In him, God was united with a human and walked in the world that God created. Through the Incarnation, Jesus Christ taught humanity about God in a way that had not been possible in any other way. Because of human sin, Jesus Christ suffered and was crucified on the Cross. As the Resurrected One, he tasks us as his followers with spreading the Good News of salvation, mercy, love, and justice to the whole world. He ascended to be with God the Father and will one day return to rule in glory.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who is the giver and sustainer of life. The Holy Spirit allows us to know God, our salvation, and our calling through God's grace and mercy. In this knowledge, we are able to love both God and our neighbor. The Holy Spirit spoke to us through the prophets, apostles, and Holy Scripture, and the Spirit continues to speak through the study and proclamation of the Word of God in both word and deed. In the two sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit makes the Earthly elements of water, cup, and bread into visible signs of God's invisible grace. The Holy Spirit empowers us through prayer to do the work of God in the world and become co-creators in bringing about God's dream for the world. This work includes witnessing to all people that Christ is our Lord and Savior, hearing the cries of those oppressed, and working toward peace and justice for all of creation as we wait and prepare for the glorious reign of Jesus Christ in the new heaven and the new earth.

I believe in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. The Church is the earthly form of the Body of Christ and is bound together by the Holy Spirit. As the Body of Christ, the Church helps prepare the world for the coming reign of Jesus Christ by being a witness to and a witness for the saving action of God as witnessed to us by the Holy Scriptures, which are the unique and authoritative witness to the action of God in creation. Through grace, I can say with faith and gratitude that God's love is total, complete, and unconditional.



## **Faith Journey: Rebecca Lawson Putman**

My family and I first started attending church when I was 5 years old. Since my mother had grown up Presbyterian, we picked the closest congregation in the PC(USA), which happened to be the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta, New Jersey. I had been familiar with Bible stories from picture books my parents had read me when I was very little, but it wasn't until I started attending Sunday school and church that I really fell in love with God. I asked to be baptized and was baptized on my sixth birthday. From that point on, I was continually actively involved in the congregation, from being in youth group, participating in the Easter and Christmas pageants, attending Sunday school, and "helping" the older and mostly-retired parish associate decorate the sanctuary for special services while my mother worked in the church office. It was during one of those afternoons that he helped me climb into the pulpit and told me I belonged there. I giggled, but he never backed down from his statement, repeating it multiple times throughout my childhood and adolescence.

In high school, I was very excited to get to participate in confirmation class. I deeply enjoyed spending those 18 months covering much of what was in the Bible, but the more I learned, the more questions I had about what the Bible said, theology, and what the differences were between different denominations. I turned to Wikipedia to answer some of my questions, but I became deeply concerned about the fact that the Bible as I knew it was a translation, and therefore I couldn't be completely sure what it actually said. I considered teaching myself Greek and Hebrew, but that seemed too difficult, so I contented myself to obsessively comparing Bible translations to try to figure out where there were significant differences in what certain passages meant. It was around that time that my mother started suggesting I go to seminary after college, but I didn't pay much attention.

After college, I moved in with my parents while I attended graduate school, and we joined the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Denton, Texas. My mother ended becoming involved in an intense Bible study class with reading assignments for every day. The problem was that although my mother is an absolutely brilliant person, she has dyslexia and struggles reading most Bibles since they have small print on see-through paper. Because of her difficulty, I decided to read her daily passages out loud to her. Over the course of about 9 months, I read the entire Bible to my mother. We ended up getting into many discussions about the essays she was also assigned to read and the research we did on the passages we were reading. I had already considered myself strongly Christian and fond of the Bible, but it was during this period that I fell completely in love with Scripture. The more I learned, the more I wanted to know. I also loved talking about what I was learning and thinking with my mother, my friends at church, and the other people in the Bible study.

I realized that this intense and growing desire to learn about the Bible and theology, and teach others, what I was learning was indeed a call to seminary. Since I had grown up in New Jersey, the word "seminary" was synonymous with Princeton Theological Seminary, so I decided to go there, and then I informed my parents of my decision. Thankfully, they were supportive! My mother's exact comment was, "Finally!" When I arrived at seminary, I was certain that God was

calling me there, but I wasn't certain what my calling after seminary would be. I was excited and relieved that I would finally get to learn Greek and Hebrew, which had been my dream for over a decade.

After my first year, I did a summer pastoral internship at the Mayfield Central Presbyterian Church in the Adirondack Mountains in New York. When I led worship for the first time, I knew without a doubt that this was what God was calling for me to do. The rest of my internship further confirmed that impression, so I joined the church and came under care of Albany Presbytery as I started the ordination process. I also met an extraordinary man named Greg that summer, and I am blessed to now call him my husband.

Since graduating from seminary in 2015, I have served as the solo pastor of Northville United Presbyterian Church, which is also in Albany Presbytery and the Adirondack Mountains. I have also served the Presbytery during that time, including as the co-chairperson of the Committee on Ministers and Congregations and later as the Stated Clerk. I am excited to continue to serve God and the Church as the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gainesville. I trust that God is calling the congregation and I together so that we can learn and serve as we grow together into the people that God is calling us to be and extend God's welcome to those in our midst.

**REPORT OF TERMS OF CALL**  
**Presbytery of St. Augustine**  
**2021**

*Complete the fillable fields  
below, print, sign and return  
via email or mail.*

Pastor / Certified Educator \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Church or employing entity \_\_\_\_\_

Terms of Call	2020	2021
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**A. Personal Compensation**

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| 1. Annual cash salary   | _____     | _____     |
| 2. Housing allowance (if no manse)                                | _____     | _____     |
| 3. Utilities allowance (if applicable)                            | _____     | _____     |
| 4. Medical supplement (if any)                                    | _____     | _____     |
| 5. <b>OPTIONAL</b> SECA tax reimbursement<br>(above required 50%) | _____     | _____     |
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| 7. Other income (specify _____)                                   | _____     | _____     |
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**B. Expenses**

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| 10. Reimbursable professional expenses                     |           |           |
| a. Auto expenses<br>(OR provision of auto w/full expenses) | _____     | _____     |
| b. Book allowance  | _____     | _____     |
| c. Other reimbursable expenses                             | _____     | _____     |
| 11. Continuing education allowance                         | _____     | _____     |
| <br>12. <b>Total Expenses</b>                              | <br>_____ | <br>_____ |

**C. Required Benefits\* ([click here](#) for Board of Pensions Calculator)**

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| 13. Major medical (27% of line 9)          | _____     | _____     |
| 14. Pension / Disability (10% of line 9)   | _____     | _____     |
| 15. <b>REQUIRED</b> 50% SECA Reimbursement | _____     | _____     |
| <br>16. <b>Total Benefits</b>              | <br>_____ | <br>_____ |

**TOTAL PACKAGE**

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**D. Vacation and Leave**

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| Parental Leave | _____ | _____ |

**Additional Terms (may use separate page)** \_\_\_\_\_

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PNC Chair or Clerk of Session

*Rebecca Lawson Patterson*  
Pastor/Associate Pastor / Certified Educator / CRE  
Designated Pastor / Interim Pastor / Stated Supply

**\*Section C is required by our minimum terms of call for installed positions; SECA is provided for many of our contract positions. BOP benefits – if provided for contract positions – may be subject to different calculations. Please check with a tax advisor for tax advice.**

Please return by **March 3, 2021** by email to Sandra Hedrick, Stated Clerk ([Sandra@staugpres.org](mailto:Sandra@staugpres.org)) OR  
By mail: Presbytery of St. Augustine, 1937 University Boulevard W., Jacksonville, FL 32217

Additional Terms to  
Report of Terms of Call  
for  
Rebecca Lawson Putman  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Gainesville Florida

C. Required Benefits

Add Line 13a. Dental Insurance \$1,327.00

D. Vacation and Leave

Add Line: Moving expenses to be a mutually  
agreed upon amount

Retirement Savings Plan 403(b)(9) \$1,200.00

[This is a deferred income match by the church  
not counted as income]

*Rev. Rebecca Lawson Putman*

*Anne Newman*

## **Statement of Faith – The Rev. Mrs. Jean Hilton Goodwin**

I believe in the one triune God, whose self-revelation comes to us as God the Father and Creator; God the Son and Redeemer; God the Holy Spirit and Sustainer.

I believe in God, the Creator of the universe, the Source and Sustenance of all that has being. Female and male were created equally in God's image to live in faithful relationship with God and in harmony with each other. Despite our distortion of that image, God chooses to redeem us from our sinfulness. The final Word in our lives and the universe belongs to God.

I believe that God can be known, above all, in the love shown to us in Jesus Christ. As the fully divine and fully human Only Son of the Living God, Christ reveals both the mystery of God and the true meaning of humanity. Jesus Christ is my Savior and the Redeemer of all creation. Through Jesus' life and ministry, His death and resurrection, we recognize the truth that Christ is victorious over sin and death, and offers us new life in Him. Christ is accomplishing what we human beings cannot; the restoration of all creation to a proper relationship with God. This reconciliation is truly the grace of God, made known to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes fresh life into our hearts and minds. Our Counselor and Comforter, the Holy Spirit guides and sustains us, offering healing and wholeness to a broken world. The Spirit of the Living God enables us to believe what we cannot see and to live in hope, courage, and love.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative witness to God's relationship with the world. Both Old and New Testaments give coherence and continuity to the faith and tradition of the Church. God's story becomes our story, as we strive to embody the living Word.

The Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is the denomination of my birth and my choice. I appreciate the orderliness of our polity, the watchful guidance of our discipline, the joyful creativity of our worship, and the rich inspiration of our confessions. I value our honest attempts to be reformed yet always reforming while furthering the peace, purity, and unity of the Church.

The Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's Supper are visible ways of recognizing God's promises and presence in our lives. In Baptism, we celebrate our identity as beloved Children of God, called into Christian community to grow in faith. The waters of Baptism symbolize cleansing from sin, a dying with Christ, and a rising with Him to new life. Communion is a celebration of our reconciliation with God and one another, as we joyfully share the bread of life and the cup of salvation offered by our Savior.

Affirmed and renewed, we go forth into the world to share the Good News and to live the life of grace and love which God has shown us in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **Brief Biography - The Rev. Mrs. Jean Hilton Goodwin**

God has graced me with an ecumenical heritage and a deep appreciation of the spoken and sung Word.

I was born in St. Paul, MN to a Presbyterian (U.S.A.) minister and a Lutheran RN/Musician. A shy child, I was surrounded by two gregarious sisters and a younger brother. In order to be heard, I learned to choose my words carefully. One Sunday morning - while on the road during a family vacation - we four kids led a 'Traveling Church Service.' My first sermon, preached in a car, sparked a nascent sense of Call.

The eclectic academic and spiritual setting of Carleton College and Princeton Theological Seminary stretched my faith and inspired me to explore non-traditional ministry. I've always had an affinity with older adults. Upon graduation, I began as the Chaplain Intern for The Presbyterian Homes (Philipsburg, PA) while completing a basic unit of C.P.E. (Clinical Pastoral Education) with The Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center.

The next year, I was ordained as the full-time Chaplain for The Presbyterian Homes, confirming my sense of call for this specialized ministry. For five years, I provided spiritual care for older adults, their families, and the staff in assisted living and nursing care. This validated ministry included worship leadership for two Sunday services, Bible studies, coordination of a family support group, spiritual counseling, and bereavement support.

My husband and I met while singing together in a Madrigal and Choral Society. Cecil fine-tunes my heart. We've been married for 30 years and I am blessed with a lovely stepdaughter, son-in-law, and young granddaughter who live in Tallahassee, FL.

My faith resonates with music and finds joyous expression through voice, piano, bowed psaltery, and Celtic harp. Martin Luther noted: "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world." I have sung in church choirs, musicals and operettas, jazz and a cappella groups, and even with a rock and roll band. My part-time music ministry has included roles as a Minister of Music, Choir Conductor, Worship Pianist, Handbell Director, and Assistant to the Cantor in Presbyterian, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches.

My first parish Call was in Tennessee. I served as the Associate Pastor of Visitation, Evangelism, and Counseling (Interim) for Second Presbyterian Church (Knoxville, TN), followed by Calls as Stated Supply Pastor for Washington Presbyterian Church (Corryton, TN) and Associate Executive Presbyter for Mission Interpretation & Christian Education (Interim) for the Presbytery of East Tennessee.

When we moved to Paso Robles, CA, I served in palliative care and end-of-life ministry as a Spiritual Counselor with Hospice Partners of the Central Coast. On alternate Sundays, I also served as a Worship Pianist for Community Presbyterian Church and the Choir Director/Pianist for St. Paul's Episcopal Church (both in Cambria, CA).

After 9/11, we decided to move closer to my family in Florida. In Jacksonville Beach, FL, my validated ministry included: Church Relations Coordinator and Development Officer - and later, Chaplain - for Westminster Woods on Julington Creek (a Presbyterian-related retirement community), and Development Officer for the Presbyterian (U.S.A.) Foundation. I also served twice as the part-time Minister of Music (Interim) for St. Patrick's Episcopal Church.

When we moved to a small, mountain-side cabin in Hendersonville, NC, I served part-time as Assistant to the Cantor at The Lutheran Church of the Nativity, and then as Assistant Pastor for Congregational Care at First United Methodist Church. Two years ago, Four Seasons Hospice offered me a full-time position as their Chaplain for seven western NC counties. However, the excessive driving proved to be too much and I resigned last spring.

After a restorative Sabbatical, I accepted a full-time Call as the new Chaplain at Westminster St. Augustine, which began on February 15, 2021. This Presbyterian-related retirement community has never had a Chaplain before. It is a deep joy to return to my first love: ministry with older adults.