

**Appendix P**  
**Synod of South Atlantic**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Rev. Kathi Parchem, Synod Moderator, welcomed first-time and returning Commissioners, first-time and returning Presbytery Leaders, Stated Clerks, Consultants for Racial Ethnic Ministries, the Synod's Presbyterian Women moderator, and guests, gathered to conduct the business of the Synod by ZOOM on Friday, April 16, 2021.
- The Rev. Dr. Ray Jones, Director of Theology, Formation and Evangelism for the Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) preached on Luke 24:13-35, meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus. Church members of Savannah Presbytery provided music, liturgy and prayer.
- Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, reported on the status of the Synod, including the membership, the Presbytery and Synod minutes approvals, Synod Permanent Judicial Commission decisions, and her schedule during COVID. She highlighted that though there continues to be a pandemic, racism, violence and division in the world, the work of the church continues.
- The Executive Administrative Commission (EAC) reported on the decisions made since the last Synod Stated Meeting:
  - The Stated Meetings for 2022 will be held on April 28-29, 2022, at Epworth-By-The-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia, as well as an electronic meeting on November 15, 2022.
  - The formation of a Family Leave Task Force to consider Synod leave policy
  - An updated Synod website and logo
  - Development of a cohort group with the *Ministry Collaborative*, following the Synod Bolsinger webinar.
- The Leadership Task Force, formed to implement the Synod's vision of transformational leadership, will host the Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger for a Zoom webinar, *Leading the Church into the Post-Covid World*, on April 27, 2021, 3:00 pm.
- The Synod audit for 2020 was completed and Synod investments performed to the composite benchmark level. The 2021 amended budget was approved with per capita remaining at \$1.50 and suggested mission giving remaining at \$1.00.
- The National Black Caucus 46<sup>th</sup> Biannual event will be held virtually in Charleston, South Carolina. Details to follow.

