

**Meeting of the Synod of South Atlantic
November 14, 2023**

**Commissioner Report
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The Synod of South Atlantic met on November 14 at 10:00AM via Zoom. The meeting was opened by Moderator Rev. David Shelor. The meeting began with a devotion on the Acknowledgement of Land led by Moderator Elect Brian Henderson. Worship was lively and beautiful with a sermon by Rev. David Shelor.

Corresponding members were acknowledged including new Lead Presbytery of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, David Rollins.

A report from the Executive Administrative Committee introduced a new Task Force focused on visioning and bylaw reviews for the Synod. This Task Force will meet and make recommendations to the Synod on future plans and organization.

In order to assist this Task Force a survey was sent out to all commissioners. We broke into smaller groups of 5-6 to discuss the results of this survey. My group talked about community, diversity, technology, and hope for the future.

After breakout groups the Treasurer gave a report thanking the presbyteries for meeting our 2023 Per Capita goals.

We renewed our covenant with Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. Thornwell is celebrating 150 years of ministry with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM.