

SUPPLEMENT

**to the Commissioner's Handbook
for the
Spring Stated Meeting
of the
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
May 15, 2018
New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church
635 Pinckney Street
McClellanville, South Carolina**

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**Please take a few moments before the Presbytery
Meeting begins to carefully read the information
contained in this Supplement.**

**CERTIFICATION AND RESOLUTION FOR
PRESBYTERY AS GUARANTY**

WHEREAS, the Edisto Presbyterian Church (“Church”), located at 1890 Cyprus Bottom Road, Edisto Island, SC, 29438 is a member congregation in good standing with the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) , and

WHEREAS, the Church has applied for a loan from the **Presbyterian Church (USA) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., (the “Lender”)** in the amount of \$90,000 (**the “Loan”**), it is

RESOLVED, that the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, A South Carolina nonprofit corporation, (**Presbytery**) having received and received and reviewed the Loan application, hereby approves the Loan application, and guarantees the repayment of principal and interest on the Loan to the Lender as provided in the Commitment Letter dated April 6, 2018, from the Lender to The Rev. Dr. Charles Heyward, Sr, and

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED, and further authorizing and directing Jessie C. Dove, Baxter Norris, E. M. Seabrook, III and Beulah Washington, or any three of them, as Trustees of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, to sign and execute the Guaranty Agreement with regard to this loan be approved and admitted to the record.

CERTIFICATION

*I, Catherine D. Byrd, duly elected Stated Clerk of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed at a duly authorized Called Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery held on the 15th day of May, 2018, in the New Wappetaw Presbyterian Church, McClellanville, SC, at which meeting a due and properly constituted quorum was present and acted throughout; and I do further certify that in accord with the **BOOK OF ORDER, 2017-2019** of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), all proceedings were constitutionally authorized; and I do further certify that Jesse C. Dove, Baxter Norris, E. M. Seabrook, III, Beulah Washington and LeRoy Hutchinson are the Trustees of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery.*

Catherine D. Byrd,
Stated Clerk
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

The above Resolution Certification are hereby ratified and approved.

Elder James Parlor, CRE
Moderator of Stated Meeting
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery



Investment & Loan Program Inc.

April 6, 2018

The Reverend Dr. Charles Heyward, Sr.
Edisto Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
1890 Cypress Bottom Road
Edisto Island, SC 29438

Dear Reverend Heyward:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Program", is pleased to offer the following loan to Edisto Presbyterian Church, hereinafter referred to as "Borrower". This letter does not set forth all the terms and conditions of the loan offered herein. Rather, it is only an outline, in summary format, of the major points of understanding, which shall be the basis of the final Loan Documentation will be drafted by the Program. This commitment is valid for a period not more than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of this letter (until **October 5, 2018**). The Program requests that the Borrower take the necessary steps, along with Program to close this loan within 60-days of the date of this letter.

The sources of funding for this loan are from the Church Loan Program and Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program. The following is a summary of the terms and conditions under which the loan will be made:

Borrower:	Edisto Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
Purpose:	Proceeds of this loan will be used for renovation
Permanent Phase:	\$90,000 (Ninety Thousand and 00/100 dollars).
Term:	180 months
Amortization:	180 months
Interest rate:	<p>The Permanent Phase blended base interest rate is 3.078% per year. This rate is good for thirty-six (36) months from the closing date at which time it will be adjusted to the Program's then current blended base interest rate. The blended base interest rate for the loan will be adjusted every thirty-six (36) months from the date of the loan closing to reflect the Program's current cost of funds plus a margin that is generally three percent (3%) per annum (but can be greater or smaller).</p> <p>Borrower must provide proof of energy related materials to qualify for the Restoring Creation Loan rate and accessibility costs to qualify for the Accessibility loan rate. Any portion of the project that does not qualify for Restoring Creation and Accessibility will be at the base rate of 3.50%.</p>
Investment Requirement:	<p>As a condition for obtaining this loan from the Program at the preferred blended base interest rate, the Borrower must obtain and maintain supporting investments with the Program of \$5,200.00 (see investment addendum).</p>

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Repayment:	Monthly payment at \$ 624.91 fixed for the first 36 months. The monthly payment shall be adjusted during the term of the loan, when the interest rate is adjusted.
Collateral:	First Mortgage on property located at 1890 Cypress Bottom Road, Edisto Island, SC 29438
Guarantee:	Presbytery of Charleston-Atlantic
Title Policy:	Title opinion or Title Search (the lesser price of the two) will be acceptable.
Hazard Insurance:	Evidence of liability and fire insurance coverage naming the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc., as additional insured, loss payee and mortgagee
Fees:	Borrower will pay all legal fees, recording fees, appraisal fees (if applicable), and other cost incurred by the Program in connection with making, documenting, and closing of the loan.
Appraisal:	None. Prior to closing, the church will be required to complete the Appraisal checklist document.
Points:	None
Prepayment Penalty:	None. The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program will not charge a prepayment penalty for early payment of the loan.
Financial Statements:	Borrower shall provide the Program a copy of fiscal year-end financial statements within 90 days of fiscal year-end.
Additional Debt:	Borrower covenants and agrees that it will not incur additional indebtedness or permit any lien or any other encumbrances of the property securing the Promissory Note without the prior written consent of the Program.
Grant:	A Joan Fong Capital Grant in the amount of \$10,000 has been approved and awarded to Edisto Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

The Program reserves the right to add additional terms and conditions and to modify existing terms and conditions for the loan upon written notice to the Borrower. Attached to this letter and incorporated herein is a list of Requirements, which contains the Program's minimum requirements for making a loan. This commitment is conditional upon meeting these requirements as well as the conditions set forth herein. If in the Program's sole determination, the facts, conditions or circumstances have changed from those stated in the loan application or otherwise, the Program reserves the right to withdraw this commitment at any time. This commitment is not assignable or transferable by the Borrower without the express written consent of the Program.

Further, upon termination of use of the property to be mortgaged as a particular church or upon termination by declaration or otherwise of the Borrower's status as a particular church, entity or agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and subject to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), any loan created by this commitment shall be immediately due, payable and collectible.

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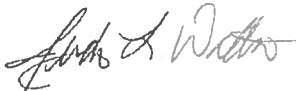
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The terms of this letter may not be waived, modified or in any way changed except as agreed to in writing and signed by all parties. If you agree with the terms and conditions contained herein, please sign and return the enclosed Acceptance Page. Acceptance of this commitment letter means acceptance of the standard conditions, provisions, limitations, and required documentation necessary to secure the loan as set out herein.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Edisto Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and its capital project need. Our program's long history of working with Presbyterian churches and related Presbyterian entities gives us a unique perspective in providing the appropriate level of financing and structure for this capital project need. As your relationship manager, I look forward to working with you on the closing and funding of this loan. Our office team will be calling you in a few days to follow up and answer any questions that you may have about this commitment.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy L. Walton
Director of Credit Operations
1-800-903-7457 Ext. 5231

ACCEPTANCE

This signature page of the commitment letter must be signed, dated and returned within 15 days from the date of this letter, to the Program. Enclosed is a self-addressed envelope for your convenience.

By signing and returning a copy of this letter, the undersigned acknowledges receipt of the Program's Commitment Letter and Requirements and agrees to all of the terms and conditions set forth herein.

EDISTO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A.

By: _____
(Authorized Corporate Signature)

Printed or Typed Name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

NURTURE MINISTRY TEAM SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

The Journey: Charleston Area Campus Ministry

SPRING BREAK

Six Journey students successfully traveled to Cuba, building relationships with two Presbyterian churches -- one in the small fishing village of Caibarien and one in Havana. Among other supplies, the students raised money for two laptop computers for the church in Caibarien, who's previous computers were destroyed by Hurricane Irma.

LEADERSHIP DISCERNMENT

College of Charleston students and Citadel cadets have both held "Leadership Discernment Dinners," where freshmen and sophomores were invited to explore leadership in the campus ministry.

RECORD NUMBER OF GRADUATING SENIORS

This year, Journey will bid farewell to 12 seniors at the College of Charleston and 3 seniors at the Citadel. Of this group 8 volunteered to deliver senior sermons to their peers. Also a new record!

HIRE OUR OUTGOING MINISTRY RESIDENT

This is the last year of Journey's ministry resident grant provided by 1001 New Worshiping Communities. Our ministry resident, Elena Layton, completed her contract in April. If your church is looking for someone youth ministry or counseling (LSW), you couldn't find a better person!

SEMI-ANNUAL BEACH BAPTISMS

In cold April waters, two students publicly declared their faith for the first time and reaffirmed their baptisms while one cadet publicly declared his faith and was baptized with the help of Dr. Vance Polley of Sunrise Presbyterian Church.



U-KIRK CAMPUS MINISTRY

CAMPUS MINISTRY ACTIVITIES 2017-2018

The St. Luke (co-host, First Presbyterian Church) Campus Ministry Program has continue reaching out in Christian love to the college communities; sharing Christian love and providing hospitality which allows the college students to grow spiritually, emotionally, and academically in a nurturing Christ-like environment; and to have “a home away from home” with people who care and keep in touch.

ACTIVITIES.

An end of the year recognition for student growth and awareness of self

Claflin University, South Carolina State University and Voorhees College students were included in worship the St. Luke Family, in areas such as: 1) the preached word, 2) the choir, 3) liturgist, 4) usher board, and 5) community services. Students serving the community, includes participating in prepared care baskets for special situation, and with the help of the Department of Social Services adopting families and community mission program.

Students has served as presenters and mentors through participation in activities such as music, Bible Study, arts and craft, and face painting during Vacation Bible School. The St. Luke Family recognized and honored perspective graduates and participants with an end of-the year fellowship luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We still have Summer students who will continue to serve with us, and is excited of what’s ahead. Thanks to the Charleston Atlantic presbytery for affording the u-kirk campus ministry another successful Fall and Spring semester.



U-Kirk Recognize Campus ministry students



High School students looking forward to the 20018-19

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery

Presbyterian Women

May 15, 2018

Greeting;

The Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Presbyterian Women held its Annual Spring Gathering hosted by The Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island, Edisto Island, South Carolina, on Saturday April 14, 2018. The event was well attended by 136 Presbyterian Women representing seventeen churches and other guests.

We were led in an inspiring worship experience by our Worship Leader Rev. Ella F. Busby, from Second Presbyterian Church Sumter, South Carolina. Her sermon title was "Many But One". Scripture from 1Corinthians 12:12-20. Rev. Busby and Rev. Cecilia Armstrong were co-celebrants in the celebration of Communion.

These new officers were elected and installed: **Moderator** Kay Keeler Sea Island Presbyterian Church, Beaufort, South Carolina. **Moderator Elect** Linda Rousseau St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Charleston, South Carolina. **Secretary** Irene Whaley Edisto Presbyterian Edisto Island, South Carolina.

Fifteen Presbyterian Women were recipients of Scholarships from the Faye Rivers Memorial Scholarship Fund. These scholarships will assist these women in attending Churchwide at Louisville, Kentucky August 2-5, 2018.

Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Presbyterian Women remain committed to the shared purpose of Presbyterian Women around the world: Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study; to support the mission of the church world-wide; to work for justice and peace; and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church, (USA) and witness to the promise of God's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria B. Parlor



RECEIVING CANDIDATES UNDER CARE OF CAP

Kahyla Johnson and Elizabeth Nix

FAITH JOURNEY STATEMENTS – Kahyla and Elizabeth

OPENING SENTENCES – Richard Cushman

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; *Isa. 43:1b-3a*
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and through the rivers,
they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through the fire
you shall not be burned.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS – Moderator, James Parlor

Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ministry
of the Word and Sacrament?

I do.

Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to main-
tain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and
faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?

I do.

Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in
matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?

I do.

Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a
candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

I do.

CHARE

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is
of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding
promise for both the present life and the life to come. The
saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this
end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on
the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially
of those who believe. These are the things you must insist
on and teach. Let no one despise your youth but set the
believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in
faith, in purity. (I Tim. 4:7b-12)

PRAYER

Let us pray (Unison)
**God of prophets and apostles,
you have chosen leaders to train your
people in the way of Jesus Christ.
We thank you that in our day
you are still claiming men and
women for special work within the
church.**

**As Kahyla and Elizabeth have dedicated
themselves to you, let us pledge ourselves
to them, so that, surrounded by
affection and hope, they may grow in
wisdom, mature in love, and become a
faithful worker, approved by Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

**Preparation for Ministry Team, Spring Stated Meeting
May 15, 2018**

Harbor View Presbyterian Church
Charleston, South Carolina

The following contract dated
Transitional Pastor
Contract

The following contract dated the 26th day of March, 2018, between the Session of Harbor View Presbyterian Church (HVPC) and the Reverend Deane Kemper is for the purpose of providing pastoral services to HVPC. The Session, being satisfied with Pastor Kemper's qualifications and trusting that his ministry in the Gospel will be to our spiritual benefit, hereby commits our congregation to the following Covenant with this pastor.

The Reverend Dean Kemper is invited to be Transitional Pastor for a three quarter time position for HVPC.

The Transitional Pastor is a member of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. He will serve as moderator of the Session; head of staff; assist the Presbytery consultant in the conduct of mission study; and assist in preparation of the Church Information Form.

The Transitional Pastor will be responsible for providing pastoral duties as indicated in the following position description which shall include provisions for evaluation.

- Lead worship and preach one service each Sunday.
- Provide for a leader of worship on Sundays not present.
- Make pastoral calls to sick and shut-ins as time permits.
- Officiate at weddings, baptisms, and funerals as requested.
- Plan and moderate Session and Congregational meetings.
- Work with ministry teams and committees to assist them in carrying out their assigned tasks.
- Train newly-elected officers in conjunction with staff and experience church officers.
- Lead weekly staff meetings.
- Coordinate closely with the Music Team Leader.
- Perform other administrative duties as requested e.g. work with church office assistant in preparing bulletins and newsletters; exercise general oversight of church facilities; and, represent the church in dealing with outside organizations.

Goals for this ministry shall be:

- Maintenance of a healthy congregational life.
- Continuity of pastoral leadership.
- Development of short-range goals identified in the goal-setting process of the church.
- Preparation of the congregation for the arrival of a new pastor.

During the length of the agreement, the Rev. Kemper will be accountable to the Presbytery through the Committee on Ministry (COM). At the end of the contract, the session will provide a performance review. It is understood that should the Transitional Pastor have any serious difficulties with any former pastors(s) of this congregation, the matter will be referred to Presbytery's COM.

The Rev. Kemper agrees not to be involved in any way with the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), except to see that it makes adequate reports to the church. Any suggestions the Transitional Pastor has regarding the PNC are to be submitted to the COM.

The Rev. Kemper also agrees not to be a candidate for the position of installed pastor of HVPC and in every way will seek to prepare for the coming of another as installed pastor.

This agreement is for a period of 10 months from the date below. This agreement may be terminated by the session upon 60 days' written notice. The interim pastor may terminate the agreement with 30 days' written notice and forfeiture of any payment beyond the 30-day period. This agreement may be extended in one (1) month periods if all parties to the contract concur.

Beaufort Salem Presbyterian Church
Adm. Commission Report to Commission on Ministry
May 8, 2018

March 23 – James Parlor, Donnie Woods, McKinley Washington and Reggie Simmons met at Beaufort Salem Church to walk through the building and grounds. The sanctuary was in good condition and seats around 40-50. The restrooms, kitchen and appliances, 4 small classrooms, and fellowship hall are in good condition, but there was evidence of mold/mildew on the back walls of the interior of the building.

The exterior of the building needs touch-up paint, but the lawn is kept neatly. There are large tree limbs covering about half of the roof, which need to be removed. While the building is not leaking, it probably needs a new roof. Some of the bushes and weeds on the back side of the church building need attention also.

We had conversations with Elders Deloris Mitchell (COS) and Betty Bolden (Treasurer) about the state of the membership of the church. Their assessment is that members have scattered to various churches in the community but might be willing to return. We gathered in the sanctuary for prayer and laid our hands upon Reggie and gave him the keys to the church to begin his ministry. Here are the results of his ministry so far:

April 5 – James Parlor and Reggie gathered with a few of the members for prayer and discernment.

April 8 – There were 10 in worship, and offering was \$152.00.

April 15 – There were 26 in worship (2 teenage visitors who want to join the church); offering was \$278.00. The session members requested to have Communion, since it has been such a long time. Reggie has invited Rev. McKinley Washington to administer Communion on May 6 and receive 2 new members into the fellowship if the church as soon as the session is active again. There was a donation of \$400.00 to purchase a small sound system.

April 22 – There were 22 in worship, with an offering of \$172.00.

May 6 – There were 26 in worship, with an offering of \$230.00. Holy Communion was celebrated.

Reggie and session members are still working on estimates for necessary repairs, which includes the roof.

Reggie is seeking permission to continue this ministry and be commissioned to service at Beaufort Salem PC. He says, "I am teaching the word with simplicity and understanding and the congregation loves it." COM has signed off on getting estimates for necessary repairs and granted Reggie permission to continue this ministry. He will be examined for commissioning at the June COM meeting.

Submitted on behalf of the Adm. Commission
Donnie Woods/Staff Resource

On June 22, 2016, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on a vote of 305-264 approved the following the following “Affirmation of Creation,” and approved its distribution electronically to all councils of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (synods, presbyteries, sessions) for their study, reflection and, where possible, their approval.

Affirmation of Creation

From early in its life the Christian church has affirmed metaphorically that God is the author of two books of revelation: the Book of Scripture (the Old and New Testaments) and the Book of Nature. Because God is the author of both and God neither deceives nor is incoherent, these books cannot in principle be in conflict even though they are expressed through fallible creatures.

However, over the centuries some Christians have sought to deny observations of Nature by reference to Scripture. In the 5th century CE Augustine warned that claims about Nature, contrary to human reason and experience but supposedly derived from Scripture, should be avoided, lest they make Christians seem ignorant and the objects of scornful laughter. Yet we recognize that God has called forth in *Homo sapiens* an exploratory curiosity and a critical intellect. A fruit of these gifts is our capacity for scientific inquiry.

The results of this inquiry are provisional because they are open to new discoveries and revision. Yet these results are also highly reliable because the Creation itself, through observation and experimentation, attests to them. Scientific inquiry to date has provided descriptions and ever more profound understandings of the scope of God’s creation in space and time, of the myriad of creatures which inhabit and have inhabited this Earth, and of the means by which the Creation itself has shared in the work of creation.

In light of these discoveries, today with confidence we can affirm:

- That God has been calling this universe into being for at least 13.8 billion years and continues calling upon the Creation to bring forth new creatures;
- That God’s creative call has resulted in virtually countless stars and planetary systems, and new stars and planetary systems are continuing to be created;
- That, in response to God’s creative call, the Earth took form at least 4.6 billion years ago;
- That, in response to God’s call, living creatures emerged on the Earth at least 3.6 billion years ago;
- That God has connected all life on Earth in a network of kinship by virtue of biological evolution from common ancestors;
- That, in response to God’s call, we *Homo sapiens* (modern humans) emerged, in our wide diversity and different cultures, as a species over more than 6 million years of hominin development;
- That, since our line of descent split from the line that resulted in our contemporaries, the chimpanzees and bonobos, we *Homo sapiens* were preceded by at least eighteen already identified hominin species, all of which are now extinct;*

- That, in the providence of God, we *Homo sapiens* have come to exercise extraordinary power over other creatures and their habitats, the Earth's geological structures, and the meteorological systems of the Earth;
- That, by virtue of the powers of intellect and creativity called forth in us by God, we bear exceptional responsibility for the future of the Earth and all its constitutive creatures.

This affirmation provides a framework in which we are called to worship God, are called to proclaim the Gospel of Grace, and are called to live as faithful expressions of God's love for the whole Creation.

*The eighteen identified species are: *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, *Orrorin tugenensis*, *Ardipithecus kadabba*, *Ardipithecus ramidus*, *Australopithecus anamensis*, *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Australopithecus garhi*, *Australopithecus sediba*, *Australopithecus africanus*, *Paranthropus aethiopicus*, *Paranthropus boisei*, *Paranthropus robustus*, *Homo habilis*, *Homo rudolfensis*, *Homo erectus*, *Homo heidelbergensis*, *Homo neanderthalensis*, *Homo floresiensis*. See <http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/human-evolution-timeline-interactive>.

Rationale

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.
Psalm 19:1-4

With these words the Psalmist declares that the Creation gives witness to its Creator. This theological sense of nature spurred Christians to study nature as a way of honoring God.

At the beginning of the western scientific revolution in the 16th century Nicolas Copernicus captured this sense when he wrote,

To know the mighty works of God, comprehend His wisdom and majesty and power, to appreciate in degree the wonderful working of His laws, surely all this must be a pleasing and acceptable mode of worship to the Most High to whom ignorance can not be more grateful than knowledge. [1]

In the 20th century Albert Einstein expressed the mutuality between inquiries about nature and religious life when he wrote: "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind." [2]

This is not to say that religion is obligated to tie its theological cart irrevocably to any particular scientific horse. As Presbyterian teaching elder, ethicist, and philosopher Holmes Rolston III notes, "The religion that is married to science today will be a widow tomorrow." [3] Yet he goes on to add this caution, "But the religion that is divorced from science today will leave no offspring tomorrow." [4]

Evidence for this latter effect can be found in the results of the 2011 Barna Group Study that reported that among the reasons given by teens and young adults for their disassociation from churches were that “churches are out of step with the scientific world we live in” (29%) and “Christianity is anti-science” (25%). [5]

Yet the idea is not new that a Christian faith, uninformed by a credible understanding of nature, is compromised in its ability to faithfully proclaim the Gospel. Augustine of Hippo perhaps most eloquently expressed this concern in the 5th century when he wrote,

Often a non-Christian knows something about the earth, the heavens, and the other parts of the world, about the motions and orbits of the stars and even their sizes and distances, ... and this knowledge he holds with certainty from reason and experience. It is thus offensive and disgraceful for an unbeliever to hear a Christian talk nonsense about such things, claiming that what he is saying is based in Scripture. We should do all that we can to avoid such an embarrassing situation, which people see as ignorance in the Christian and laugh to scorn.... [6]

All Christians affirm that God is Creator. Many, perhaps most Presbyterians value science as a means to gain appreciation of God’s creation. Scientific inquiry also makes possible insights into nature that enable more effective service to God through service to neighbor. Yet these same scientific discoveries also challenge traditional ways of thinking about God, God’s creation, and God’s creative activity. In 1947 the Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin described this challenge.

When we speak of a ‘theology of modern science,’ it obviously does not mean that by itself science can determine an image of God and a religion. But what it does mean, if I am not mistaken, is that, given a certain development of science, certain representations of God and certain forms of worship are ruled out, as *not being homogeneous* with the dimensions of the universe known to our experience. (Emphasis in the original.)

He went on to expand on the importance of homogeneity for the relationship of science and the Christian faith.

This notion of homogeneity is without doubt of central importance in intellectual, moral and mystical life. Even though the various stages of our interior life cannot be expressed strictly in terms of one another, on the other hand they must agree in scale, in nature and tonality. Otherwise it would be impossible to develop a true spiritual unity in ourselves – and that is perhaps the most legitimate, the most imperative and most definitive of the demands made by man of today and man of tomorrow. [7]

Yet the Christian churches, and specifically Presbyterians, virtually never publicly acknowledge the significance of even the most basic discoveries that humanity has made through science about the history, structure and processes of creation for Christian faith and life, and often speak theologically as though they lived in a pre-Copernican cosmos.

Over the past 500 years humankind has gained more depth and breadth of understanding of creation than in all the preceding millennia of human history. Even within those five centuries there have been several revolutions in our understanding of creation. Though the findings of the sciences do not determine the Gospel message, as Augustine noted they do influence how that message can be credibly declared and persuasively received. The first task of an effective contemporary evangelism

must begin with an assent to the Creation that God has indeed been calling and is calling into existence. It is for this purpose that the affirmation above has been developed.

Endnotes

[1] Louis E. Van Norman, *Poland: The Knight Among Nations*, 3rd ed. (New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1908) 290.

[2] Albert Einstein, "Religion and Science" *New York Times Magazine* (9 Nov. 1930).

[3] Holmes Rolston, III, *Science and Religion: A Critical Survey*, 1st ed. (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1987) vi (Preface).

[4] Rolston, ix (Preface).

[5] Barna Group, "Six Reasons Young Christians Leave Church." Web. 28 Sep. 2011.

[6] Augustine of Hippo. *De Genesi ad litteram libri duodecim (The Literal Meaning of Genesis)*, I, xix, 39.

[7] Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, *Science and Christ* (New York: Harper & Row, 1965) 221.

**Cane Bay NCD
2018 Working Budget****
(First Quarter)**

	Budget	Budget Q1	Actual Q1	Variance
Income*				
Offerings**	83,200	20,800	13,826.10	(6,973.90)
Presbytery Regular NCD	80,000	20,000	20,000.00	-
Presbytery Supplemental NCD	60,000	15,000	15,000.00	-
Special Offerings	1,800	450	-	(450.00)
Grants	-	-	-	-
Interest			5.66	5.66
Total Income	225,000	56,250	48,831.76	(7,418.24)
Expenditures				
Staff				
Pastor				
Cash Salary	36,050	9,013	9,048.00	35.50
Housing Allowance	18,800	4,700	4,699.00	(1.00)
Utilities Allowance	6,385	1,596	1,591.00	(5.25)
Effective Salary	61,235	15,309	15,338.00	29.25
SECA Supplement	4,730	1,183	710.00	(472.50)
Auto Allowance	3,090	773	152.93	(619.57)
Study Allowance	775	194	737.70	543.95
Pension/Med	21,435	5,359	5,958.09	599.34
Dental	1,750	438	-	(437.50)
Total Pastor	93,015	23,254	22,896.72	(357.03)
Part Time Secretarial Support				
Salary	5,200	1,300	1,661.53	361.53
FICA	400	100	316.30	216.30
Music Director	10,710	2,678		
Salary			2,330.00	2,330.00
FICA			131.86	131.86
Young Adult /Media Ministry***	2,600	650		
Salary			3,323.40	3,323.40
FICA			100.64	100.64
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Children's Ministry Coordinator	7,800	1,950		
Salary			3,790.24	3,790.24
FICA			6.13	6.13
Total Staff	119,725	29,931	34,556.82	4,625.57
Administration				
Publicity Team	5,000	1,250	1,270.65	20.65
Supplies	4,000	1,000	1,457.83	457.83
Media	-	-	260.85	260.85
PayPal	-	-	18.23	18.23
Total Administration	9,000	2,250	3,007.56	757.56
Program Teams				
Worship	6,000	1,500	548.76	(951.24)
Outreach/Front Porch	6,000	1,500	-	(1,500.00)
Family Ministries	9,000	2,250	1,227.46	(1,022.54)
Compassion	8,350	2,088	-	(2,087.50)
Total Teams	29,350	7,338	1,776.22	(5,561.28)
Scholarship	1,000	250	-	(250.00)
Consultation Services	2,905	726	1,692.24	965.99
Facilities Rental and Expenses				
Cane Bay Middle School	30,720	7,680	7,680.00	
Office Space	4,200	1,050	1,050.00	
Storage	1,320	330	334.80	4.80
Total Facilities	36,240	9,060	9,064.80	4.80
Per Capita (CAP/Syn/GA) @\$10	1,000	250	250.00	-
External Missions				
Special Offerings	1,800	450	-	(450.00)
PCUSA Mission	23,980	5,995	5,557.50	(437.50)
Other Mission	-	-	120.00	120.00
Total Missions	25,780	6,445	5,677.50	(767.50)
Undistributed	-	-	228.00	228.00
Total Expenses	225,000	56,250	56,253.14	3.14
Surplus/Deficit	-	-	(7,421)	

Notes:

* There was a combined carryover from 2016 and 2017 of \$59,342.99.

** The first quarter only had twelve rather than thirteen Sundays. The offerings for first six weeks of the second quarter are running 12% ahead of the first quarter.

*** Originally budgeted for part-time Media Ministry. Expanded after the first of the year to include Young Adult Ministry.

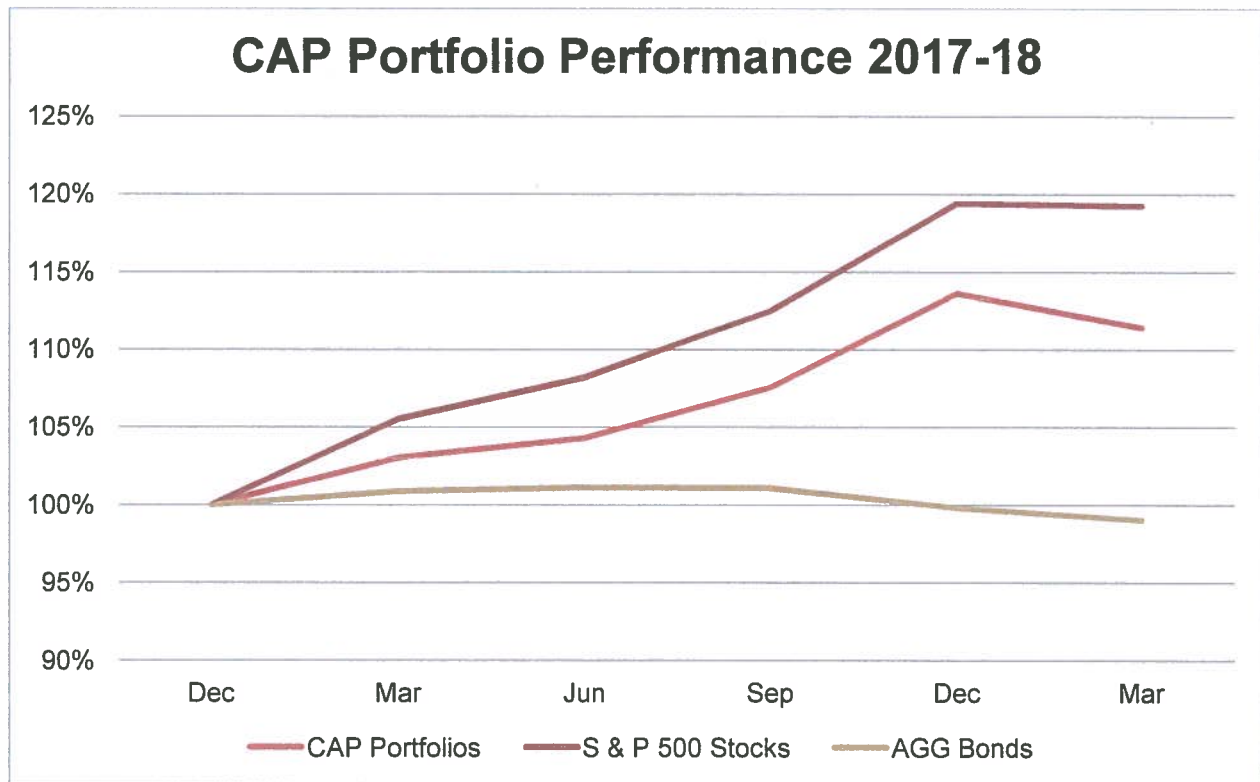
**** In addition there are memorial funds amounting to \$11,105

CAP Financial Assets Report

15 May 2018

TD Ameritrade Investment Accounts:

While 2017 was an exciting year of steady improvement for investors, 2018 is proving to be both volatile and nerve wracking. The good news is that both economic results and future forecasts continue at encouraging levels. The challenges are twofold: (a) worldwide fears of instability as the most powerful economies banter about tariffs and (b) rising interest rates putting a damper on profit margins & expansion projects. Equity values have vascillated over the past quarter in a 17% range from new highs in January back to levels of last October and in-between. Bonds have inched lower every month since last September. Our current blend of investment choices has returned 8% over the past twelve months.



Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program Accounts:

An even larger portion of our cash balances, the “ultra safe” portion, is held at our denominations own PILP. The interest rates received here range from 0.45% to 1.45% depending on how long we agree to tie it up. Most of our ± \$500K with PILP is earmarked for New Church Development and is committed to Certificates of Deposit that are maturing as Cane Bay Presbyterian Church needs them. The balance is part of our Operating Reserves fund.

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	Mar 18	Budget	Jan - Mar 18	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
4100 · Investments & Reserves					
4115 · Miscellaneous Receipts(Oper Res	0.00	0.00	70,460.87	0.00	74,183.00
4140 · Unified Mission Giving	87,388.55	53,493.83	136,704.69	160,481.53	641,926.00
4100 · Investments & Reserves - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	241,411.00
Total 4100 · Investments & Reserves	87,388.55	53,493.83	207,165.56	195,481.53	957,520.00
Total Income	87,388.55	53,493.83	207,165.56	195,481.53	957,520.00
Expense					
50000 · ACCOUNTABILITY					
5000 · Staff					
5100 · General Presbyter - Salary	5,643.58	5,643.58	16,930.74	16,930.78	67,723.00
5102 · Housing Allowance	2,652.66	2,652.66	7,957.98	7,958.06	31,832.00
5103 · Utilities Allowance	891.82	891.83	2,675.46	2,675.53	10,702.00
5104 · SECA Tax	702.90	702.91	2,108.70	2,108.81	8,435.00
5101 · GP Expense Allowance	32.18	125.00	64.02	375.00	1,500.00
5110 · Director of Youth Ministry (PT)	986.00	985.25	2,958.00	2,955.75	11,823.00
5111 · Expense Allowance	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.53	250.00
5120 · Asso. Congregational Nuture & S	5,047.58	5,047.58	15,142.74	15,142.78	60,571.00
5121 · Cong.Nurture Expense Allowance	0.00	41.66	100.00	125.06	500.00
5125 · Consultant for NCD/Transform	1,500.00	1,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	18,000.00
5142 · Comm Dir (2)	1,040.42		3,121.26		
5145 · Director of Administration	3,587.26	3,587.25	10,761.78	10,761.75	43,047.00
5160 · Stated Clerk	2,000.00	2,000.00	6,082.54	6,000.00	24,000.00
5161 · Stated Clerk Expense Allowance	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.06	500.00
5175 · Recording Clerk	0.00	0.00	525.00	625.00	2,500.00
5180 · Temporary Clerical Assistance	285.00	500.00	667.50	1,500.00	6,000.00
5190 · Pensions, Ins & SocSec	8,728.20	7,916.66	26,190.85	23,750.06	95,000.00
Total 5000 · Staff	33,097.60	31,656.87	99,786.57	95,596.17	382,383.00
50001 · Shepherding Ministry Team Exp					
5245 · Shepherding Team Expenses	0.00	83.33	46.98	250.03	1,000.00
5245.5 · Shepherding Team Credit					
5247 · Exec Comm Expenses	0.00		240.00		
Total 5245.5 · Shepherding Team Credit	0.00		240.00		
50001 · Shepherding Ministry Team Exp - Other	0.00		85.02		
Total 50001 · Shepherding Ministry Team Exp	0.00	83.33	372.00	250.03	1,000.00
5220 · Office Expenses					
5200 · Payroll Direct Deposit Expenses	31.50	33.33	92.75	100.03	400.00
5221 · Building Maintenance	416.33	625.00	1,068.28	1,875.00	7,500.00
5222 · Equipment/Maintenance	664.18	750.00	3,263.39	2,250.00	9,000.00
5223 · Janitor Service	210.00	275.00	630.00	825.00	3,300.00
5225 · Postage	0.00	208.33	71.57	625.03	2,500.00
5226 · Supplies/Printing					
5226.5 · Supplies/Printing Credit	-88.00		-920.00		
5226 · Supplies/Printing - Other	0.00	583.33	1,400.42	1,750.03	7,000.00

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Total 5226 · Supplies/Printing	-88.00	583.33	480.42	1,750.03	7,000.00
5227 · Telephone	615.96	500.00	2,208.94	1,500.00	6,000.00
5228 · Utilities	534.03	791.66	3,220.59	2,375.06	9,500.00
5229 · Yard Maintenance	0.00	300.00	600.00	900.00	3,600.00
5230 · Bank Service Charges	505.00		513.29		
Total 5220 · Office Expenses	2,889.00	4,066.65	12,149.23	12,200.15	48,800.00
5235 · General Expenses					
5236 · Fellowship Mission	117.58	117.58	352.74	352.78	1,411.00
5237 · Presbytery Insurance	5,188.00	1,875.00	5,188.00	5,625.00	22,500.00
5238 · Staff Training	619.50	500.00	1,017.46	1,500.00	6,000.00
5239 · Staff Travel	2,416.01	2,250.00	5,355.93	6,750.00	27,000.00
5240 · Commissioners to GA	0.00	0.00	116.55	0.00	2,000.00
5246 · Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
5250 · Presbytery Technology	433.66	416.66	2,585.95	1,250.06	5,000.00
6143 · County Fees/Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total 5235 · General Expenses	8,774.75	5,159.24	14,616.63	15,477.84	77,911.00
5300 · Ministry Team Expenses					
6130 · NC Development/Redevelopment	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.03	1,000.00
Total 5300 · Ministry Team Expenses	0.00	83.33	0.00	250.03	1,000.00
5400 · Cane Bay New Church Development					
6134 · Cane Bay NCD	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	140,000.00
Total 5400 · Cane Bay New Church Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	35,000.00	140,000.00
5500 · Strategy Ministry Team					
5248 · Presbytery Meetings	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	300.00	1,200.00
Total 5500 · Strategy Ministry Team	1,050.00	0.00	1,050.00	300.00	1,200.00
Total 50000 · ACCOUNTABILITY	45,811.35	41,049.42	127,974.43	159,074.22	652,294.00
60000 · NUTURE					
6000 · Commission on Ministry					
6004 · Judicial Procedures	0.00	150.00	0.00	450.00	1,800.00
6005 · Pastoral Support System	714.82	250.00	1,264.30	750.00	3,000.00
6006 · Professional Development					
6006.5 · Prefessional Dev Credit	-806.00		-10,221.00		
6006 · Professional Development - Other	11,141.42	375.00	12,130.23	1,125.00	4,500.00
Total 6006 · Professional Development	10,335.42	375.00	1,909.23	1,125.00	4,500.00
6008 · BOP Shared Grants	0.00	166.66	0.00	500.06	2,000.00
6010 · Unit Expenses	0.00		986.71		
Total 6000 · Commission on Ministry	11,050.24	941.66	4,160.24	2,825.06	11,300.00
6050 · Committee on Prep for Ministry					
6001 · Candidates Eval & Scholarship	0.00	250.00	0.00	750.00	3,000.00
6002 · Candidate Workshop Expense	0.00	25.00	0.00	75.00	300.00
6009 · Ministry Team Expense	0.00	58.33	0.00	175.03	700.00
Total 6050 · Committee on Prep for Ministry	0.00	333.33	0.00	1,000.03	4,000.00
6100 · Congregational Salary Support					
6123 · Beaufort-Salem Salary Support	375.00	375.00	375.00	375.00	1,500.00

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6126 · Aimwell Salary Support	648.00	648.00	648.00	648.00	2,592.00
6128 · Hopewell Salary Support	216.00	216.00	216.00	216.00	864.00
Total 6100 · Congregational Salary Support	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	1,239.00	4,956.00
6200 · Neighbor Connection Ministry					
5252 · Stipends Neighbor Coordinators	500.00	500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	6,000.00
5253 · Ministry Team Expenses	0.00	16.66	0.00	50.06	200.00
Total 6200 · Neighbor Connection Ministry	500.00	516.66	1,500.00	1,550.06	6,200.00
6270 · Nurture Ministry Team					
6112 · Evangelism	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.53	250.00
6113 · Small Church Network	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.53	250.00
6152 · Leader Development	0.00	177.91	0.00	533.81	2,135.00
6155 · Resource Center	0.00	208.33	38.75	625.03	2,500.00
Total 6270 · Nurture Ministry Team	0.00	427.90	38.75	1,283.90	5,135.00
6280 · Spiritual Formation of all ages					
6012 · Adult Ministry	0.00	25.00	0.00	75.00	300.00
6162 · S.T.E.P.S.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00
6205 · Children's Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
6206 · Middle School Ministry	0.00	0.00	6,408.05	0.00	1,500.00
6208 · High School Ministry					
6208.5 · Sr High Min Credit	-1,000.00		-6,790.00		
6208 · High School Ministry - Other	1,350.91	0.00	1,975.91	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 6208 · High School Ministry	350.91	0.00	-4,814.09	2,500.00	2,500.00
Total 6280 · Spiritual Formation of all ages	350.91	25.00	1,593.96	2,575.00	8,400.00
Total 60000 · NUTURE	13,140.15	3,483.55	8,531.95	10,473.05	39,991.00
70000 · SERVICE TO OTHERS					
6305 · COUNCIL GIVING					
6300 · GENERAL ASSEMBLY					
6301 · General Assembly Mission Giving	416.66	416.66	1,249.98	1,250.04	4,999.98
6302 · General Assembly Per Capita	4,218.93	4,358.33	10,959.43	13,075.03	52,300.00
Total 6300 · GENERAL ASSEMBLY	4,635.59	4,774.99	12,209.41	14,325.07	57,299.98
6350 · SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC					
6351 · Synod Mission Budgeted	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	5,000.00
6352 · Synod Per Capita Budgeted	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00	15,000.00
Total 6350 · SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00
Total 6305 · COUNCIL GIVING	9,635.59	9,774.99	17,209.41	19,325.07	77,299.98
6400 · INSTITUTIONS					
6202 · Bethelwoods C & C Center	4,083.33	4,083.33	12,249.99	12,250.03	49,000.00
6401 · Presbyterian College	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
6402 · Presbyterian Home of SC	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
6403 · SC Campus Ministry Cabinet	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
6405 · Villa International Operations	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00	500.00
6406 · South Carolina Inn, Montreat	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
Total 6400 · INSTITUTIONS	5,083.33	5,208.33	13,249.99	13,375.03	53,500.00
6500 · SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM					

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6240 · Compassion Partnerships					
6244 · Wallingford Sr Activity Day	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	1,000.00
6246 · Campus Ministry	1,166.66	1,166.66	3,499.98	3,500.06	14,000.00
Total 6240 · Compassion Partnerships	1,416.66	1,416.66	3,749.98	3,750.06	15,000.00
6250 · Global Missions					
6251 · Global Mission Project Sup.	0.00	62.50	0.00	187.50	750.00
6252 · Latin American Ministries	752.20	166.66	752.20	500.06	2,000.00
6253 · Mission Programs/Education	0.00	41.66	0.00	125.06	500.00
Total 6250 · Global Missions	752.20	270.82	752.20	812.62	3,250.00
6260 · Justice Issues					
6230 · Local Missions	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.53	250.00
6261 · Black Presbyterian Caucus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
6262 · Justice Issues Prog & Projects	0.00	33.33	0.00	100.03	400.00
6264 · Self Development of People	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
6265 · Ministry Team Expenses	0.00	20.83	0.00	62.53	250.00
6404 · SC Christian Action Council	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00	500.00
Total 6260 · Justice Issues	0.00	199.99	0.00	400.09	1,700.00
Total 6500 · SERVICE MINISTRY TEAM	2,168.86	1,887.47	4,502.18	4,962.77	19,950.00
Total 70000 · SERVICE TO OTHERS	16,887.78	16,870.79	34,961.58	37,662.87	150,749.98
Total Expense	75,839.28	61,403.76	171,467.96	207,210.14	843,034.98
Net Income	11,549.27	-7,909.93	35,697.60	-11,728.61	114,485.02

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