

SUPPLEMENT

**to the Commissioner's Handbook
for the
Winter Stated Meeting
of the
Charleston Atlantic Presbytery
February 23, 2019**

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
1157 Sam Rittenberg Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29407**

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

ADDITION TO TERMS OF CALL FOR 2019: (handbook, page 26)

CHURCH		FROM	TO
James Island (Pastor)	Salary	\$ 31,052	\$ 35,273
	Housing Allowance	\$ 38,500	\$ 39,500
	Professional Expenses	\$ 9,050	\$ 7,000
James Island (Assoc. Pastor)	Salary	\$ 11,668	\$ 17,556
	Housing Allowance	\$ 36,000	\$ 36,000
	Professional Expenses	\$ 9,550	\$ 4,550

REVISIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT on MINISTERS of CAP: (handbook pp 28-33)

The Reverend TEDDY ADAMS, honorably retired, no longer moderates the Session at St. Luke

The Reverend SAM COOPER is honorably retired and lives in the Beaufort area.

The Reverend FRANK PORTEE is a member-at-large.

The Reverend HOLTON L. SIEGLING is serving as Pastor of First (Scots) Presbyterian Church in Charleston.

The Reverend WILLIAM F. (CHIP) SUMMERS serves as Stated Supply of Yeamans Park Presbyterian Church in Hanahan.

The Reverend DUDLEY WEAVER is a member of Trinity Presbytery and is no longer laboring in bounds at Barnwell Presbyterian Church.

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHARLESTON ATLANTIC
PRESBYTERY: COMMISSIONERS TO THE STATED MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23RD
ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR CHECKBOOKS OR CASH:

The offering received at the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery meeting on February 23 will support the Presbytery's first "global" mission trip to be commissioned in many years. A team of eight will travel to Puerto Rico on March 9, returning March 16. **Each member of the CAP mission team pays their own expenses for the trip; the offering received at the meeting will go entirely to rebuilding efforts on the island.** More particularly, this offering will support the work Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations in Puerto Rico are doing to rebuild.

Most of us know that Puerto Rico is a territory of the United States and was devastated by Hurricane Maria in September, 2017, with recovery still ongoing a year and half later. What comes as a surprise to many is that the island is a synod of the Presbyterian Church (USA), with three Presbyteries! Many of the churches of these presbyteries were damaged and yet continued in worship, even while acting as first responders after the storm. Danilie C. Hilerio Villanueva, Disaster Coordinator for Presbiterio del Noroeste writes:

There are 30 congregations within our Presbytery that have been actively involved in short term and long term recovery efforts. Our churches have been first responders, while distributing water, food, clothes, filters, radios, lanterns, generators, cots, stoves and other appliances. At the same time, our leadership is committed in rebuilding and repairing church buildings and other premises.

More information about the work and long term goals of the Presbiterio del Noeoste is attached. Also attached is a letter from Rev. Jorge Daniel Zijlstra Ardun, Pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana USA en Levittown (in the Presbiterio De San Jaun), describing both the destruction his church suffered and also its continued ministry: *In spite of this situation, we do not stop meeting, not a single Sunday since hurricane Maria.*

When CAP mission team arrives, we first will be hosted by the Iglesia Presbiteriana USA en Levittown, where we will see the chairs mentioned in the pastor's letter, which purchased last year through donations by generous member of CAP! After Sunday services there, we will travel across the Island to begin work in the Presbiterio del Noroeste. We will be assisting the "First Prez Aguada" (Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Aguada) to renovate a former school building for use as a hosting site for future teams. (Ours will be only the second PC(USA) disaster relief team to come to the area).

The offering received at the CAP meeting will be used to purchase supplies needed for our work in Presbiterio del Noroeste, and to help fund their long term goals. It also will help fund the construction of the altar in the main worship space of Iglesia Presbiteriana USA en Levittown.

Please give generously to help our Presbyterian sisters and brothers continue to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Maria and its aftermath. Their work helps make up for some of the government shortfalls, while at the same time reflecting the light of Christ's love.

Danilie C. Hilerio Villanueva,
LTR Disaster Coordinator- Presbiterio del Noroeste, writes about the work of the PC(USA) churches in the Northwest Presbytery of the Boriquen En Puerto Rico Synod:

Presbytery Overview

Presbiterio del Noroeste is located in Northwest Puerto Rico. It covers 11 towns from Utuado, Lares, Camuy, Hatillo, Quebradillas, Isabelita, San Sebastián, Moca, Aguadilla, Aguada, to Rincón. There are 30 congregations within our Presbytery that have been actively involved in short term and long term recovery efforts. Our churches have been first responders, while distributing water, food, clothes, filters, radios, lanterns, generators, cots, stoves and other appliances. At the same time, our leadership is committed in rebuilding and repairing church buildings and other premises. You may search for our congregations through the following link in google map:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1WxScQYhioABLcHnoTtWzCaf7ynN11wxl&usp=sharing>

Long Term Recovery Goals

Our long term recovery main goals are:

- Provide sustainability and mitigation efforts to our churches through church planning, reconstruction, water reserves and backup generators.
- Coordinate clean water initiatives and purification systems to our communities.
- Provide emotional support and resilience workshops to our communities.
- Develop food bank facilities within our congregations.
- Engage in long term recovery effort in our community in order to support home reconstruction toward the unmet needs of state and federal government.

Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana en Aguada

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Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/NH2JpBT4sS92>



Puerto Rico. January 24, 2019.

Dear brothers and sisters:

The blessings of God be with each one of you and with the whole church of Jesus Christ and in every place where you gather to worship God and serve the community.

The Presbyterian Church (USA) in Levittown is a small community of faith with low resources, located at the Municipality of Toa Baja, which was affected by Hurricane María. Of the churches of the Presbytery of San Juan, our congregation has been the most affected. In addition to the damages caused by the wind the night after the hurricane, when the winds had already passed, the government open three floodgates of the dam that was about to overflow. It produced floods in various areas of the municipality where the church is located. Our church was flooded with more than two feet of dirty water affecting all the installations.

The church lost almost the entire roof. The temple was very damaged, the church pews, furniture, liturgical cloths, the pulpits and the communion table were lost. The Pastor's office was a total loss, including the whole library with more than 500 specialized books on Latin American theology in Spanish among other damages.

In spite of this situation, we do not stop meeting not a single Sunday since Hurricane María. We have maintained the worship service, community service, prayer meetings and bible studies in the homes. Initially, we prepare a small room that was less

SOMOS una Iglesia unida e inclusiva, donde la multiplicidad de dones se manifiesta en diversidad de ministerios y servicios para testimonio de la buena noticia y extensión del Reino de Dios



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affected and from there we adore and serve. Then we fix temporarily the roof with awnings, so we cannot get wet when it rained and we can worship in our temple. This was very comforting and a part of the healing process after this major disaster as was Hurricane María.

Presently, (since October) we have to move out from our church because the initiation of construction works. We are meeting at school canteen of the Nazarene Church and they had received us with love until our temple is finished. During the week, we are meeting in the homes of our members.

PDA approved the full money for the construction of the roof of the church and to make all the necessary repairs to the structure and the multipurpose room. The new roofs will not be made of wood, but of concrete. We are eight weeks away to finish the project which will allow us to have a completely renewed place for worship and service.

On the other hand, with great effort and the solidarity of some congregations, presbyteries and synods of the continent, we already bought 76 new chairs for the temple, (we are replacing the pews that were lost in the floods) and we also have funds available to develop a program for the strengthening of the community designed to serve the neighborhood, the school near us, and our church through workshops. We are waiting to return to our "home" to begin this important task. As you can see, we have a lot to do, but every project have been taking care according to the priorities and the Lord has been with us.

At this moment, we are trying to get the support and solidarity that allows us to build a concrete altar -before the construction company finishes its works- so we can return to the temple and we can overcome the construction phase and dedicate ourselves to the tasks that we have as a church. The construction company that is working with us made a proposal for a semicircular altar with access to the persons in wheel chairs -as we requested- with terminations in a material that imitates marble and with a fascia that stands out the beauty of our worship space. If we can achieve this, then we will think of pulpit, communion table, etc. The important is that we can finish this project while the construction company is working in our church and we can be peaceful that we have already done the most and dedicate ourselves to other details while we recover our mission and the services we want to carry out. For all of this, the meeting place and worship is fundamental.

This is a project that we work by faith. We do not have the funds for this, but we trust that God will help us to get the generous hands that support this effort and at the same time relieve our works and worries. Everything for the grace of God.

We trust that we will achieve this with the help of God and we rejoice as those who see the harvest time. So help us God.



Rev. Jorge Daniel Zijlstra Arduín, Pastor.