

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS— August 17, 2026

The Finance Committee's Larry Mobley presented the plans and schedule for our 2027 Budget preparation. There need to be cuts made as Larry projects we will have Income below Expenses for this year of perhaps \$60,000 to \$80,000. Luckily, we had a hold-over amount in the General Fund of more than \$200,000 retained within the General Fund account during our previous good years, but we need to be very cautious doing this type of “faith budgeting” this year.

The session created a Sabbatical Designated Fund as recommended by the Finance Committee to help cover both church pulpit expenses during the pastor's sabbatical absence and help with some of our Pastor's sabbatical expenses.

The Discipleship Committee proposed having a presentation on Maximizing Charitable Giving Using Favorable IRS Rules, accompanied by a simple luncheon, following a church service. A financial planner from Arden, Dustin Schlabach, will give a brief presentation on these tax saving tips on November 8.

The Pastor asked the session whether to extend the Reach Global contract as our current two-year contract ends in October. A part of the discussion focused not just on the volunteers scheduled through November 2027 or the 30 houses already scheduled for future work; but also, on the possibility of our asking Reach Global for their expertise in planting and relaunching churches to come on board with us to help the situation in which we currently find ourselves. After this discussion, which was generally very positive, a two-year contract extension was unanimously approved.

There was then some discussion of the staffing needed for the restart of the early service as promised for September 13. Our member guitarist has had hip surgery; and two of our Reach Global musicians (piano and vocalist) are not going to be available, and there is no real money available for hiring paid replacements. No final decision was made about this.

Ryan, Paula, and Olivia Kling (Ryan has headed up our Reach Global Team for the last two years) will be leaving for their home in Morehead City soon, and session approved \$75 for the purchase of a thank you/farewell gift card with funds from the Hurricane Helene Designated Fund.

The Pastor had wanted to have a lengthy discussion of his Pastoral Role, but felt at nearly 9:00, it was too late to start that discussion this evening. It was agreed that we have a called meeting to discuss this and other still unfinished business in about two weeks.

The Clerk reminded the elders of the upcoming September 25-26 Presbytery meeting at Centre Presbyterian Church in Mooresville. Mimi Jamieson said that if Pastor Rob was going on the Friday she might be able to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk of Session