

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—October 20, 2025

The first session meeting without Pastor Rob McClelland was moderated by Rev. Bill Wade, pastor at Overbrook EPC in Gaffney, SC. As usual, the elders discussed those with needs and problems in the congregation and had a roundtable of prayer for these folks.

Finance Committee member Larry Mobley laid out a worsening financial picture for the last months of 2025. He went on to point out the severe imbalance projected between income and expenses as presented in the 2026 Budget requests submitted by the session committees. It was decided to call a session meeting for November 3 to discuss the 2026 Budget and nominate the officers for the HPC Corporation. A Congregational/Corporation meeting was called for November 16. A letter of resignation from Steve Spangler as Treasurer was received. The elders then voted unanimously to approve Maureen Dierenzo as Treasurer for HPC and to appoint Larry Mobley to present the 2026 Budget at our congregational meeting.

The Clerk presented the names as lined up by Mimi Jamieson and Andy Morris for the next few weeks of supply pastors to fill our pulpit for session approval. Mimi presented a Stewardship letter and pledge card for session approval to be mailed on November 17. The front page for the November Update newsletter was also approved.

The resignation of Danielle Ciaramitaro as temporary youth pastor effective October 26 was received. Robert Wallace volunteered to help with the youth SS with wife Jessica; Andy Morris said he is also available to help with the youth, and a 21-year-old here with Reach Global named Andrew might be able to help. Andy Morris' resignation as a paid part-time worship leader and his continuance in that position on a volunteer basis was received.

Louis Haynes was appointed as non-voting representative from the session as a member of the Board of Directors of Creative Beginnings Christian Preschool. There was discussion of how the Congregational Care Committee could conscientiously offer communion according to the Book of Order to our shut-in and nursing home members, and solutions agreed upon. Efforts to find accounting firms to do a full audit of our church finances were discussed. We will hire an auditor for a full audit and pay for it from the HPC Legacy Fund.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS—November 16, 2025

Rev. Robert Howard, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Central Carolina served as Moderator for the Congregational/Corporation meeting.

The Budget for 2026 was presented to the congregation by Finance Committee member, Larry Mobley. The 2026 Budget was presented with the main expense categories, their percentage of the Budget, and the percentage of significant changes from 2025 as follows:

Church Staff	\$367,092	48.6%	-17.2%
Administration	\$203,827	27.5%	+7.2%
Worship	\$ 15,500	2.1%	+25.0%
Discipleship	\$ 17,750	2.4%	-28.7%
Member Life & Diaconal	\$ 14,400	1.9%	-8.5%
Outreach, Comm., Evangelism	\$ 5,612	0.8%	+3.0%
<u>Total Benevolences</u>	<u>\$124,275</u>	<u>16.8%</u>	<u>-22.0%</u>
Total Church 2026 Expenses	\$741,776		- 12.0%

Larry informed the congregation that even with the significant cuts from last year's budget of \$843,194, this budget represents a shortfall from our current expected giving for 2025. He went on to explain our commitment of 20% of the Budget to Benevolences and that even though the amount shown in the Budget shows only 16.8%, that difference is being made up by input from our Designated Funds for Local and Global Missions so that the actual total going to our Local and Global partners is \$158,400 which is 21.35% of the total 2026 Budget figure.

The Terms of Call for Rev. Robert McClelland were presented with a 4.6% total increase. There was only a 3% increase in salary, but there was a sizeable increase in EPC Medical, Dental, and Vision Insurance. All else remains the same as in 2025.

The Meeting of the Corporation: The Corporation of Hendersonville Presbyterian Church met and elected the Officers of the Corporation as placed in nomination by the Board of Trustees (the Session):

For President:	Louis Haynes
For Vice President:	Pam Van Tassel
For Secretary/Treasurer:	Mimi Jamieson

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk