

South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America
One Hundred Sixty-first Stated Meeting
Southside Community Church
3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414
January 30-31, 2026

GATHERING

Pursuant to the Book of Church Order for the Presbyterian Church in America and the Standing Rules of the South Texas Presbytery, presbyters from Presbyterian churches located in South Texas were called together by an announcement made and distributed on January 7, 2026 for a quarterly stated meeting to be held on January 30 and 31, 2026 at Southside Community Church at 3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, Texas (78414).

Standing committees of the presbytery met prior to the convening of the meeting to conduct business.

Afterwards presbyters and guests shared a meal.

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

The Moderator of the Presbytery TE Josh Keller welcomed presbyters and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 30, 2026. The meeting was opened by the moderator with a prayer of thanks.

PRESENCE OF QUORUM

The Standing Rule requiring the presence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders elected by their sessions from at least three different churches was met and a quorum was present.

WORSHIP

Welcome and Call to Worship. TE Rob Bailey welcomed the presbyters and guests and called all to worship through Psalm 105:1-3.

Confession. TE Bailey called the presbytery to confess their faith and their sins and pronounced the assurance of pardon.

Sermon. TE Dean Williams preached a sermon from 1 Samuel 12:1-5.

Communion. TE Williams presided over the administration of Holy Communion.

Benediction. TE Williams pronounced the benediction.

Recess. The presbytery recessed for the day at 8:16 p.m. Presbyters retired to an evening of fellowship and rest.

CALL TO ORDER

Reconvening. Moderator Keller called the meeting back to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 31 and opened the meeting in prayer. Stated Clerk RE Barry McBee affirmed the continuing presence of a quorum for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Adoption of Docket. The proposed docket was distributed to the members on January 20, 2026 by email. A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to adopt the proposed docket.

SEASON OF PRAYER

TE Keller invited the presbyters to gather in small groups of two to three to pray for the wives of presbyters. TE Keller concluded the time by leading the presbyters in corporate prayer.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk RE McBee opened his report with prayer.

Responses to Exceptions. RE McBee reported on the proposed responses to the exceptions to the presbytery's 2024 minutes that had been received from the 52nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the responses to the exceptions and to amend something previously adopted in order to correct past minutes and take other actions to fulfill the responses, all as set forth in the report attached to these minutes (Attachment A), with the deletion of the second paragraph in the fourth response in the report.

Approval of Minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to approve the minutes of the October 2025 stated meeting and to permit the stated clerk to make corrections to perfect the final copy of the minutes.

Attendance. Requests for excused absences were received from the following active teaching elders:

- TE Brent Baker (pastoral commitment)
- TE Michael Barber (work commitment)
- TE Nick Bullock (illness in family [children])
- TE Craig Chapman (pastoral commitment)
- TE Ezekiel Dean (funeral of family member)
- TE Ryan Dougan (pastoral and family commitments)
- TE Terry Dykstra (family commitment)
- TE Chris Fisher (work commitment)
- TE Tim Frickenschmidt (pastoral and family commitments)
- TE Tom Gibbs (out-of-state)

TE Pedro Guzman (illness in family [wife])
TE Keith Howard (illness)
TE Adam Lopez (family commitment)
TE Victor Martinez (family commitment)
TE Bryant McGee (family commitment)
TE Tom McKeon (funeral of family member)
TE Michael Novak (pastoral commitment)
TE Adam Radcliff (family commitment)
TE Marcus Serven (family commitment)
TE Bryce Waller (personal conflict)
TE Greg Ward (family commitment)
TE John Weller (family commitment)
TE Lee Wright (RUF commitment)
TE Dan Young (Mission to the World commitment)

A motion was made, seconded, and passed without objection to approve excused absences for these teaching elders.

Excused absences are also recognized for all active teaching elders who are on sabbatical, serving as missionaries or military chaplains, laboring out-of-bounds, living out-of-state, and honorably retired.

The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:

TE Will Stockdale, All Saints
TE John Sweet, Grace + Peace
TE David Vilches, All Saints

Requests for excused absences were received from the following sessions:

Trinity Grace San Antonio

The following churches were without representation from their sessions at the meeting without excuse:

Christ Kerrville
Christ Victoria
Dios Con Nosotros Edinburg
Emmanuel Austin
Grace + Peace Austin
Hope New Braunfels
Redeemer College Station
Trinity Boerne
Westminster Bryan

Reports of Commissions. Reports of commissions for the actions described below have been received and are attached to these minutes (Attachment B).

Commission to Dissolve Pastoral Relationship Between TE Derek McCollum and Hope Presbyterian Church in New Braunfels, to Approve Call of TE McCollum to Labor Out-of-Bounds with Reformed University Fellowship, and to Adjust Housing Allowance of TE Adam Lopez of Grace Mosaic Mission Church

Commission to Conduct Character Examination of and License TE Todd Capen

Commission to Approve Minutes of Executive Session of Presbytery Conducted on October 25, 2025

Treasurer's Report. RE McBee summarized the Treasurer's Report from RE Ken Kieley for the year ended December 31, 2025. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to receive the Treasurer's Report (Attachment C).

RE McBee closed his report with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE Joshua Torrey delivered the report of the Administrative Committee in place of Committee Chairman TE Michael Novak and opened his report in prayer.

Overture on Minutes of Congregational Meetings. RE Torrey reported on a proposed overture to the 53rd General Assembly of the PCA from Redeemer Austin to amend the Book of Church Order to require that minutes of congregational meetings be included for review of sessional records by presbyteries (Attachment D). After discussion, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve and submit the overture to the 53rd General Assembly.

Overture on Speaking Rights at General Assembly. RE Torrey invited TE Ben Hailey to share with the presbyters a proposed overture to the 53rd General Assembly of the PCA from Redeemer College Station to amend the Rules of Assembly Operations to provide preferential speaking rights for commissioners objecting to inclusion of recommendations in omnibus votes (Attachment E). After discussion, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve and submit the overture to the 53rd General Assembly and to create a commission to refine and perfect the specific wording of the overture prior to its submission, the members and the convener of which will be appointed by the moderator.

Presbytery Study Committee on Bitcoin. TE Hailey presented a proposal for the South Texas Presbytery to create a study committee to study incorporating Bitcoin as a Saving Vehicle for Church and Presbytery Balance Sheets (Attachment F). After discussion, a motion coming from the committee was made and passed to create the study committee, with its members and the convener to be appointed by the moderator.

The report of the Administrative Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Torrey closed his report in prayer.

SESSIONAL RECORDS:

Committee Chairman TE Rob Bailey opened his report in prayer. TE Bailey reminded presbyters that sessional records for 2025 should be submitted to the committee prior to the April meeting.

The report of the Sessional Records Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Bailey closed his report with prayer.

NOMINATIONS:

Committee Chairman RE Joshua Torrey opened his report in prayer.

Committees of Commissioners at 53rd General Assembly. RE Torrey reported that the committee recommends the following men for committees of commissioners at the 53rd General Assembly of the PCA:

Administration Committee	RE Barry McBee (replacing RE Joshua Torrey)
Interchurch Relations Committee	TE Ezekiel Dean
PCA Foundation	RE Joshua Torrey

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve the nominations.

Permanent Committees of PCA. RE Torrey reported that the committee recommends the following men for permanent committees of the PCA:

Administrative Committee	TE Ben Hailey (replacing RE Jeremy Whitley)
Committee on Discipleship Ministries	TE Nick Bullock

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve the nominations.

Commission to Fill Vacancies in Committees of Commissioners. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to establish a commission, consisting of RE Barry McBee (convener), RE Joshua Torrey, TE Josh Keller, and TE Ben Hailey, to appoint men to fill vacancies in committees of commissioners for the 53rd General Assembly.

Additional Members of Mission to North American Committee. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to add TE “Gama” Pozos and TE Byron West to the presbytery’s Mission to North America Committee for the class of 2028.

RE Torrey encouraged presbyters to speak to committee chairs if they wish to be nominated and added to presbytery committees.

The report of the Nominations Committee was received by the presbytery and RE Torrey closed his report with prayer.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES:

Committee Chairman TE Steve Johnson opened his report with prayer.

RUF at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi. TE Johnson invited TE Todd Robinson, campus minister for Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, and Hampton McCollum, a current student involved with RUF, to share about the work of RUF. TE Johnson prayed for TE Robinson and McCollum.

RUF at Texas State University. TE Johnson reported an account remains open to prepare for beginning an RUF work at Texas State University in San Marcos, but it is the committee's desire to wait until a church plant begins in San Marcos to move forward.

The report of the Campus Ministries Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Johnson closed his report with prayer.

MISSION TO THE WORLD:

Committee Chairman TE Jon Herr opened his report with prayer.

TE Herr reported that he had been elected the new chairman of the committee, with TE Matt Southerland serving as the new committee secretary.

Report on Isaiah 55. TE Herr reported that many partners expressed the need for additional support. TE Herr invited Tim and Kristy Holliday to share about their work with Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico. Kristy shared about the unique opportunity to reach the deaf population living in Reynosa. The Hollidays thanked the presbyters for their prayers and financial support.

Report on Mission to the World in Scotland. TE Herr invited TE Titus Bagby to share about his departure to work with Mission to the World coming alongside church planters in the Free Church of Scotland in Inverness, Scotland. TE Bagby thanked the presbyters for their prayers, fellowship, and encouragement.

The report of the Mission to the World Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Herr closed his report with prayer.

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA:

Committee Chairman TE Paul Hahn opened his report with prayer.

Report on Metanoia. TE Hahn reported that the committee heard from TE Paul Miller about his work with Metanoia, the PCA's prison ministry, and current challenges presented by lockdowns in Texas prisons.

Report on Mission to North America on Texas-Mexico Border. TE Hahn invited TE "Gama" Pozos to share about his work with Mission to North America alongside TE Dan Young along the Texas-Mexico border. TE Pozos shared about a vision trip to the border to allow presbyters to understand more about the context and challenges of planting churches in the Rio Grande Valley and requested prayer for wisdom and collaboration as they move forward. Pozos also requested prayer for Sarah Guzman, the wife of Pedro Guzman, Stated Supply at Dios Con Nosotos Edinburg, who has just been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. TE Hahn encouraged the presbyters to give financially to TE Pozos's work. RE Bob Hardister prayed for TE Pozos and his work in the Rio Grande Valley.

Report on Reach South Texas. TE Hahn invited TE Luke Evans to share about his work with Reach South Texas. TE Evans encouraged the presbyters to "face south" as they considered directing their efforts in missions. TE Evans shared about TE Adam Radcliff's work with Resurrection Mission Austin and TE Adam Lopez's work with Grace Mosaic Mission San Antonio and encouraged the presbyters to pray for the work of the former as they begin elder training and the latter as they have begun regular worship. TE Evans also asked that the presbyters pray for Kendall, TE Lopez's wife, who is struggling with adrenal fatigue, and that a church planter would be identified who would like to come to San Marcos. TE Evans also shared that discussion is beginning with a core group who desire to start a church plant in the Brenham area and about the possibility of a new church plant by Cole Kirby in central San Antonio in the next two to three years. RE Bob Donaldson prayed for TE Radcliff; RE Morriss Hurt prayed for TE Lopez; TE Eric Landry prayed for TE Danny Morgan; and TE Pozos prayed for TE Evans.

Report on Church Plant in East Austin. TE Hahn invited TE Danny Morgan to share about his transition to serve in a hybrid residency through Reach South Texas in partnership with Redeemer Austin to plant a church in East Austin. TE Morgan requested prayer for provision from the Lord in his labors and for renewal of his family. TE Hahn commended TE Eric Landry and Redeemer Austin for their creativity and humility in pursuing their fifth church plant. TE Hahn reported that the committee had taken action to approve a preliminary budget for TE Morgan.

TE Hahn reported that the committee had re-elected him as chairman and RE Mitch Young as secretary and elected TE Byron West as vice-chairman.

The report of the Mission to North America Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Hahn closed his report with prayer.

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS:

Committee Chairman TE Allen Taha opened his report in prayer.

Retirement of TE Keith Goode.

TE Taha invited TE Chaplain Keith Goode to share about his ministry. TE Goode has served as an active-duty Army chaplain for 33 years and is retiring. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to change TE Goode's status under Book of Church Order 23-2 to honorably retired, effective March 1, 2026, and TE Mike Singenstreu prayed for TE Goode.

Dissolution of Relationship of Iglesia La Vid and TE Eduardo Martorano. The committee reviewed the request from Iglesia La Vid Laredo under Book of Church Order 23-1 to dissolve the call of TE Eduardo Martorano due to a change in immigration law that necessitated TE Martorano's leaving the field in March 2025. The church continued to support TE Martorano through December 2025 and continues to provide help through an immigration lawyer in the hope that TE Martorano can some day return to the U.S. The committee reviewed and found in order the minutes of the November 30, 2025 congregational meeting at which TE Martorano's call was dissolved and TE Martorano's communication with the congregation concurring with the congregation's decision. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to dissolve the relationship of Eduardo Martorano with Iglesia La Vid Laredo and move TE Martorano's status to without call.

Change of Call of TE Bryan Lee. The committee reviewed and found in order under Book of Church Order 20-1 and 20-6 the call of Christ Church San Antonio to move TE Bryan Lee from assistant pastor to associate pastor. The committee reviewed and found in order the minutes of the January 18, 2026 congregational meeting electing TE Lee to the office of associate pastor and approving the call. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to approve the change in call of TE Bryan Lee to serve as associate pastor at Christ Church San Antonio.

Renewal of Call of Evangelist TE Guillermo Salinas. The committee reviewed the call of TE Guillermo Salinas to serve as an evangelist under Book of Church Order 8-6. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to renew TE Salinas's call for one year and to encourage him to seek a definite call and work.

Renewal of TE Pedro Guzman as Stated Supply to Dios Con Nosotros. The committee reviewed the request from the session of Dios Con Nosotros Edinburg, including minutes of the December 17, 2025 session meeting, to renew TE Pedro Guzman as Stated Supply. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to renew the relationship of Dios Con Nosotros Edinburg and TE Pedro Guzman as Stated Supply for one year.

Annual Reports of TEs Laboring Out-of-Bounds. The committee reviewed required annual reports under Book of Church Order 8-7 from all of the teaching elders who are laboring out-of-bounds:

TE Whit Anderson
TE Wes Baker
TE Josh Eby
TE Luke Evans
TE Chris Fisher
TE Tim Fox
TE Tom Gibbs
TE Tim Hoke
TE Danny Shuffield

Annual Reports of TEs Without Call. The committee reviewed required annual reports under Book of Church Order 13-2 from those teaching elders who are without call:

TE Terry Dykstra
TE Italo Furieri
TE Bryce Waller

Updates on Churches Without Pastors. The committee discussed and received updates regarding the churches within the presbytery that are without a pastor:

Christ the King Austin
Trinity Grace San Antonio
Christ Church San Antonio
Covenant Harlingen
Iglesia La Vid Laredo

TE Taha reported that he had been re-elected as chairman of the committee.

Retreat Opportunities for TEs. TE Taha noted the presbytery will again be hosting a teaching elder and wives retreat in October 2025 and that Camp Eagle in Rock Springs is hosting a minister's retreat from March 9-11.

TE Taha recognized RE Gordon Landreth for his many years of faithful service on the committee.

The report of the Ministerial Relations Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Taha closed his report in prayer.

As a matter of personal privilege, TE Southerland prayed for TE Eduardo Martorano and Iglesia La Vid

CANDIDATES:

Committee Chairman TE Ben Hailey opened his report with prayer.

TE Hailey shared with the presbyters about the committee's desire to explore more avenues for developing and encouraging young men in preparation for gospel ministry even prior to the existence of a possible call.

Dismissal of Candidate Russell Sigler. TE Hailey shared that candidate Russell Sigler has applied to be dismissed to the North Texas Presbytery under Book of Church Order 18-7. A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to dismiss Russell Sigler to the North Texas Presbytery.

Examination of Cole Kirby Under Book of Church Order Chapter 18

TE Hailey introduced Cole Kirby as a candidate to come under care of the presbytery for the gospel ministry as he explores becoming a church planting resident.

Kirby gave a description of his Christian experience and motives for and sense of inward call to the ministry of the Word.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to sustain the examination of Cole Kirby on experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry.

TE Hailey also reported that the committee sustained Kirby's character examination and prayed for Kirby.

Reports of Interns. Reports of interns under Book of Church Order 19-2 have been submitted to the stated clerk by internship mentors. (Attachment G)

The report of the Candidates Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Hailey closed his report in prayer.

RECESS AND RECONVENING

Moderator Keller recessed the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Moderator Keller reconvened the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

CREDENTIALS:

TE Kevin Witten delivered the report of the Credentials Committee in place of Committee Chairman TE Matt Beham and opened his report with prayer.

Examinations of Jonathan Bendo, Tomas Sanchez, and Michael Chapa on Book of Church Order

TE Witten introduced Jonathan Bendo, received as a candidate for ministry in October 2023, Michael Chapa, received as a candidate for ministry in April 2022, and Tomas Sanchez, received as a candidate for licensure in October 2024.

RE Alan Tysinger asked questions of Bendo, Chapa, and Sanchez on the government of the Presbyterian Church of America, as defined in the Book of Church Order. Bendo, Chapa, and Sanchez answered questions from the floor.

Motions coming from the committee were made and passed to sustain the examinations on the Book of Church Order of Jonathan Bendo, Michael Chapa, and Tomas Sanchez.

Examination of Justin Outlaw on English Bible

TE Kevin Witten introduced Justin Outlaw as a candidate for licensure, serving as an intern at CrossPointe Austin.

RE Randy Scott asked questions of Outlaw on the English Bible. Outlaw answered questions from the floor. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to arrest the examination.

A motion coming from the committee was made and passed to sustain Justin Outlaw's examination on the English Bible.

The report of the Credentials Committee was received by the presbytery and TE Witten closed his report in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee on Implementation of Background Checks. Moderator Keller reported on the progress of the ad hoc committee that had been established in January 2025 to clarify the issues raised by and the procedures to be utilized to implement an addition to the presbytery's standing rules requiring background checks on candidates for licensure and ordination. TE Keller has appointed TE Danny Morgan to serve as the convener of the committee and TE Adam Radcliff, TE Matt Southerland, RE Andrew Waller and RE Barry McBee to serve on the committee, with the intent for the committee to deliver its report at the August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Commission for Installation of TE Bryan Lee. Moderator Keller appointed a commission consisting of TE Bryant McGee (convener) and TE Holt West and the ruling elders on the session of Christ San Antonio to install TE Bryan Lee as Associate Pastor at Christ Church Presbyterian, San Antonio.

Upcoming Presbytery Meetings. TE Keller reminded the presbyters of the upcoming 162nd stated meeting of the presbytery at Christ New Braunfels on April 24-25, 2026.

Other upcoming presbytery meetings are:

August 14-15, 2026	Redeemer Austin	North
October 30-31, 2026	Christ Kerrville	Central
January 29-30, 2027	Grace + Peace Austin	North
April 23-24, 2027	Trinity Boerne	Central

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn. The one hundred sixty-first stated meeting of the South Texas Presbytery adjourned at 10:26 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026 with a benediction from Moderator TE Josh Keller and singing the *Doxology*.

Respectfully Submitted,

RE Barry R. McBee
Stated Clerk

DOCKET

South Texas Presbytery, 161st Stated Meeting
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Southside Community Church
3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78414

Friday, January 30, 2026

Standing Committee Meetings	1:30 PM
Reach South Texas Discussion and Panel	5:00 PM
Shared Meal for Presbyters and Guests	6:00 PM
Convene and Welcome	7:00 PM
Roll Call and Quorum	
Worship and Lord's Supper	
Recess to Fellowship	8:00 PM

Saturday, January 31, 2026

Call to Order	8:00 AM
Adoption of Docket	
Season of Prayer	
Report of Stated Clerk	
Consideration of Responses to Exceptions from 52nd General Assembly	
Review of Presbytery Records	
Standing Committee Reports:	
Administrative	
Consideration of Overture to 53 rd General Assembly on Congregational Meeting Minutes	
Consideration of Overture to 53 rd General Assembly on Omnibus Voting Procedures	
Consideration of Resolution to Form Presbytery Study Committee on Bitcoin	
Sessional Records	
Nominations	
Campus Ministries	
Mission to the World	
Mission to North America	
Ministerial Relations	
Candidates	
Credentials	
Old Business	
Ad Hoc Committee Report on Implementing Background Checks	
New Business	
Announcement of Time and Place of Next Meeting	
Closing Hymn and Benediction	
Adjournment	Noon

South Texas Presbytery Attendance Rolls
Southside Community Church
January 30-31, 2026

Teaching Elders:

TE Titus Bagby, Reformed University Fellowship International, Texas A&M University
TE Rob Bailey, Southside Community Corpus Christi
TE Matt Beham, Redeemer San Antonio
TE Pablo Chavarria, Redeemer San Antonio
TE Wade Coleman, Westminster Bryan
TE Billy Crain, Christ Kerrville
TE Luke Evans, Reach South Texas
TE Brandon Flynn, CrossPointe Austin
TE Keith Goode, Chaplain
TE Mike Haberkorn, Hope New Braunfels
TE Paul Hahn, Redeemer San Antonio
TE Ben Hailey, Redeemer College Station
TE Ian Hammond, Reformed University Fellowship International, University of Texas at Austin
TE Steve Hampton, Westminster Bryan
TE Jonathan Herr, Redeemer Austin
TE Steve Johnson, CrossPointe Austin
TE Joshua Keller, All Saints Austin
TE Avery Kelley, Grace + Peace Austin
TE Eric Landry, Redeemer Austin
TE Bryan Lee, Christ San Antonio
TE Daniel McDowell, Christ Georgetown
TE Danny Morgan, Redeemer Austin
TE Elias "Gama" Pozos, Mission to the World
TE Todd Robinson, Reformed University Fellowship, Texas A&M Corpus Christi
TE Michael Singenstreu, Christ Victoria
TE Matthew Southerland, CrossPointe Austin
TE Allen Taha, Trinity Boerne
TE Ben Tharp, Trinity Grace San Antonio
TE Andrew "Tree" Triolo, Westminster Bryan
TE Byron West, Stated Supply
TE Holt West, Reformed University Fellowship, Trinity University
TE Dean Williams, Christ Georgetown
TE Kevin Witten, Trinity Boerne

Ruling Elders Representing Churches:

RE Ed Arvin, Southside Community Corpus Christi
RE Michael Chapa, Grace McAllen
RE Bob Donaldson, All Saints Austin
RE Edmundo Garza, Grace McAllen
RE Bob Hardister, Christ the King Austin
RE Tim Holliday, Covenant Harlingen

RE Morriss Hurt, Redeemer San Antonio
RE Gordon Landreth, Southside Community Corpus Christi
RE Larry Laine, Christ the King Austin
RE Larry Lorimor, Christ Georgetown
RE Justin Outlaw, CrossPointe Austin
RE Randy Scott, Redeemer Austin
RE Mike Simpson, Faith San Antonio
RE Bob Tankersley, Covenant Harlingen
RE Joshua Torrey, Redeemer Austin
RE Alan Tysinger, Christ San Antonio
RE Desi Vasquez, Iglesia La Vid Laredo
RE Andrew Waller, Redeemer Austin
RE Jonathan Wells, Christ Georgetown
RE Fred Willard, Christ New Braunfels
RE Mitchell Young, CrossPointe Austin

Other Ruling Elders:

RE Ramon Hernandez, Grace McAllen
RE Barry McBee, Redeemer Austin

Licentiates

TE Todd Capen, Trinity Grace San Antonio
RE Tim Mulder, Southside Community Corpus Christi
RE Andrew Waller, Redeemer Austin

Interns:

Jon Bendo, Christ San Antonio
Michael Chapa, Grace McAllen
Justin Outlaw, CrossPointe Austin
Tomas Sanchez, Grace McAllen

Guests:

Zachary Bagnall, Christ Victoria
Kristy Holliday, Mission to the World
Erin Hurt, Redeemer San Antonio
Daniel James, Bridge Ministries Laredo/First Presbyterian Church San Antonio
Cole Kirby, Redeemer San Antonio
Hampton McCollum, Reformed University Fellowship, Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Esperanza Pahiajea, Bridge Ministries Laredo/First Baptist Church Laredo
Maximiliano Pahiajea, Bridge Ministries Laredo/First Baptist Church Laredo
Roy Poston, Grace McAllen
Wendy Poston, Grace McAllen
Ross Van Klavan, Redeemer San Antonio
Nathan Vasquez, Iglesia La Vid Laredo

Churches:

All Saints Austin

Christ Georgetown

Christ New Braunfels

Christ San Antonio

Christ the King Austin

Covenant Harlingen

CrossPointe Austin

Faith San Antonio

Grace McAllen

Iglesia La Vid, Laredo

Redeemer Austin

Redeemer San Antonio

Southside Community Corpus Christi

ATTACHMENT A

Minutes of
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Stated Clerk's Report on Exceptions from 52nd General Assembly

Exceptions of Substance

The 52nd General Assembly reported the following four exceptions of substance to the South Texas Presbytery following the review of the Presbytery's 2024 minutes by the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records (RPR).

The proposed response is set forth after each exception. The proposed motions to Amend Something Previously Adopted are found at the end of the report.

Exceptions of Substance: *Jan 26–27, 2024; Apr 26–27, 2024; Aug 9–10, 2024; Oct 25–26, 2024.*

2025-01: Jan 26–27, 2024 (*BCO 21-4; RAO 16-3.e.6*) — Stated differences not recorded in the candidate's own words.

[Note to clerk: *RAO 16-3.e.6* requires stated differences to be recorded and judged for ordination exams. Presbytery cannot neglect to do so because they formerly licensed a man. 13]

Proposed Response:

The Presbytery acknowledges its error in failing to have the stated differences of a candidate for ordination (including one who has previously been licensed) with the *Confession of Faith* and *Catechisms* recorded in the candidate's own words and judged by the Presbytery. The Presbytery has changed its practice to require this in all instances for ministers and ministerial candidates.

The Presbytery has corrected its record by a motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted* to reflect that the Presbytery was advised of the stated differences of the candidate at the meeting and to record the differences in a marginal notation to the original minutes reflecting this response. The Presbytery has also reaffirmed that the differences are more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine.

2025-02: Apr 26–27, 2024 (*BCO 15-2; RAO 14-2*) — Presbytery gave commission-like power to a single individual to appoint representatives to a Committee of Commissioners. Representatives to Committees of Commissioners must be elected by Presbytery or a commission thereof.

Proposed Response:

The Presbytery acknowledges its error in granting to a single individual the authority to appoint representatives to committees of commissioners to General Assembly. The Presbytery will change its practice to authorize only a properly constituted commission of the Presbytery to make such appointments when the need arises.

2025-03: Aug 9–10, 2024 (BCO 13-2) — No record of TE laboring out of bounds with concurrence of Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.

Proposed Response:

The Presbytery acknowledges its error in failing to seek and record the full concurrence of the presbytery in which a member of the Presbytery is laboring out of bounds. The concurrence of the presbytery where this minister is laboring was subsequently obtained.

The Presbytery has corrected its record by a motion to *Amend Something Previously Adopted* to reflect that the concurrence was obtained and has made a marginal notation in the original minutes reflecting this response.

2025-04: Oct 25–26, 2024 (BCO 13-6; 19-2.f; 21-4.g; RAO 16-3.e.6) — A candidate's difference with the Standards' teaching on creation must be stated in the minutes of Presbytery in the candidate's own words.

Background

The exception is premised on the failure of the minutes to state the stated differences of a candidate in his own words, specifically as to the Standards' teaching on creation. The minutes contain such a statement.

Proposed Response:

Given that the exception is factually incorrect and that the actual rationale for the exception is not stated, the following response is recommended:

The Presbytery is of the view that the exception is not well taken. The stated difference of the candidate in his own words was recorded in the minutes.

To the extent some other issue with the candidate's stated difference was the basis for the exception, the Presbytery respectfully believes this exception should be specifically articulated.

Exceptions of Form

Two exceptions of form were reported.

One relates to the failure to provide minutes from the executive session held in the January 2024 meeting. They will be submitted with the executive session minutes from meetings held in 2025.

The second notes that the Presbytery roll does not contain the addresses of all teaching elders and clerks of session. The stated clerk will continue efforts to collect all this information and update the roll.

Proposed Motions

Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted

Whereas, the minutes of the January 26-27, 2024 Stated Meeting of the South Texas Presbytery reflect that the stated differences of Holt West, who was coming for ordination at that meeting and had been licensed at the August 12, 2023 meeting of the Presbytery, were read by Teaching Elder Matt Beham, but not recorded in the minutes, and

Whereas, in the meeting West affirmed nothing had changed in his views, but the Presbytery did not affirmatively make a judgment as to the stated differences,

I move that the January 26-27, 2024 minutes of the One Hundred Fifty-third Stated Meeting of the South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America be amended to include Licentiate Holt West's stated differences in his own words, set forth below, that the Presbytery re-affirm its judgment that the stated differences are more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine, and that a marginal notation be added to these minutes reflecting these actions.

4-1 – I hold to an analogical view of Genesis 1 rather than 6 24-hour day view. I appreciate the analogical view for how it retains the chronology of the text and asserts that the primary way for understanding the passage of time (days in particular) at its initiation is as analogical days of God's work. The emphasis is primarily on the pattern of work and rest.

21-7 – I agree with the Sabbath principle, but simply take exception to what observation looks like. In examination of Isaiah 58, I agree that the Sabbath is not for us to pursue our pleasure apart from God, but I don't think that excludes all leisurely activities (a father playing catch with his son, for example).

Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted

Whereas, the minutes of the August 9-10, 2024 Stated Meeting of the South Texas Presbytery fail to reflect the concurrence of the Northern California Presbytery to the work of Teaching Elder Tim Fox laboring out of bounds in that presbytery, and

Whereas, subsequent to the meeting the Northern California Presbytery in its October 2024 meeting concurred with the Presbytery under BCO 13-2 in approving TE Fox laboring out of bounds within the geographic bounds of the Northern California Presbytery,

I move that the August 9-10, 2024 minutes of the One Hundred Fifty-fifth Stated Meeting of the South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America be amended to note the full concurrence of the Northern California Presbytery of the PCA with the South Texas Presbytery under Book of Church Order 13-2 in approving Teaching Elder Tim Fox to labor out of bounds within the geographic bounds of the Northern California Presbytery and that a marginal notation be added to these minutes reflecting these actions.

ATTACHMENT B

Minutes of
South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America
One Hundred Sixty-first Stated Meeting
Southside Community Church
3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414
January 30-31, 2026

MR Commission Meeting Minutes
Online Meeting via Google Meet
11-13-2025
10:00 am

Acting as a commission of the South Texas Presbytery, the Ministerial Relations Committee had an online called meeting on November 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman TE Allen Taha called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and noted that a quorum was present. TE Bryant McGee opened the meeting in prayer.

Attending the meeting were the following:

TE Allen Taha (Chair)

RE Gordon Landreth

TE Bryant McGee

TE Michael Barber

A quorum was achieved.

The purpose of the meeting was to take action on TE Derek McCollum's call in accordance with the Standing Rules of the South Texas Presbytery which allow the Ministerial Relations Committee to act as Commission in the following instance: "The Ministerial Relations Committee has the authority to act as a commission of South Texas Presbytery in dissolving pastoral relationships in cases where the minister and congregation formally concur in such dissolution and when pastoral problems are not involved" (page 21, item 7). The other purpose of the meeting was to adjust the housing allowance portion of TE Adam Lopez's call.

It was noted that the committee had received a report from TE Derek McCollum previously at the October 24, 2025 Ministerial Relations Committee meeting. A ruling elder representative of Hope Presbyterian Church also met with the committee at that time confirming no problems were involved.

The congregational minutes dissolving TE Derek McCollum's call with Hope Presbyterian Church New Braunfels were reviewed and it was confirmed that TE Derek McCollum and the congregation concur on the dissolution.

TE Bryant McGee made the motion to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Derek McCollum and Hope Presbyterian effective December 31. Motion was seconded by RE Gordon Landreth and passed.

RE Gordon Landreth prayed for the leadership transition and God's blessing at Hope Presbyterian.

TE Derek McCollum's new call with RUF was reviewed and found in order.

It was noted that TE Derek McCollum will be laboring out of bounds in a needful work as RUF Associate Coordinator - PCA & Church Engagement according to the standing rules of the South Texas Presbytery (page 16).

The Ministerial Relations Committee confirmed that TE Derek McCollum will be “engaged in preaching and teaching the Word” and we were “assured he will have full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, and that he report at least annually on his work” (BCO 8-7). In addition, during the meeting, the Ministerial Relations Committee confirmed that the new call “will afford the liberty to proclaim and practice fully and freely the whole counsel of God, as contained in the Scriptures and understood in the Westminster Confession of Faith” (BCO 20-1).

Seeing that the conditions of BCO 8-7 and 20-1 were met, TE Michael Barber made a motion to approve TE Derek McCollum’s new call and change in call to labor beyond the bounds of the Presbytery (page 21 of the Standing Rules) as RUF Associate Coordinator - PCA & Church Engagement beginning January 1. Motion was seconded by RE Gordon Landreth and passed.

It came to the commission’s attention the need to increase TE Adam Lopez’s call in the housing allowance portion by \$1,200 or \$100/month. This was due to an administrative error when the call was issued by the presbytery at the April 2025 stated meeting. RE Gordon Landreth made the motion to increase TE Adam Lopez’s call by \$1,200 in the housing allowance portion of his compensation making the housing allowance total \$43,200 (see original call below). Motion was seconded by TE Bryant McGee and the motion passed.

With no other business before the commission, the commission ended their meeting with prayer by TE Michael Barber at 10:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Allen Taha
Chairman
Ministerial Relations Committee

Hope Presbyterian Church
Called Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 26, 2025

This meeting was verbally announced on Sunday, October 19, 2025 after the worship service with the purpose stated to dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Dereck McCollum and Hope Presbyterian Church.

I. Call to Order and Prayer

TE McCollum called the meeting to order at 11:20, followed by prayer.

II. Quorum

A quorum was confirmed.

III. Meeting Clerk

RE Abrahamsen moved to nominate RE Armstrong as Meeting Clerk. RE Thames seconded and the motion passed.

IV. Information

TE McCollum addressed the reason for the congregational meeting and explained the importance of the congregation's participation in the meeting. He then informed the congregation of procedure regarding a Pastoral Search Committee, including the congregation's role in approving the Committee and the prospective pastor they would recommend. The length of time for locating and hiring a pastor was said to be between 6 to 18 months, 12 months being the average. TE McCollum then explained what a Pastoral Search Committee actually does and mentioned the option of hiring an outside search firm. He next addressed the role anxiety can play in the pastoral search process and encouraged the congregation to resist the urge for homeostasis and embrace change—to trust the process and trust the Lord.

V. Q&A

TE McCollum opened the floor for questions and answers. The primary questions asked concerned the status of the current ongoing property search, the nature of TE McCollum's new position, options for the interim between senior pastors, and the description of a healthy church. TE Luke Evans addressed the congregation concerning the importance of a congregational survey in the search process.

RE David Armstrong addressed the congregation, highlighting the expected support of the South Texas Presbytery throughout the search process. An additional question came up regarding TE Mike Haberkorn's status with regard to the open position. TE Luke Evans answered this by emphasizing that clarity on this issue should/would come through the process itself. TE McCollum added that the congregation would not be aware of whether TE Haberkorn became a candidate or not—for the protection of everyone. TE McCollum assured the congregation that the pastoral search would have no effect on the search for a Youth Director, but that the search will continue. He also addressed what communication will look like

during the search and hire process and how best to pray.

VI. Janie Childers, member of the congregation, moved to proceed to a vote to release Derek McCollum from his call as Sr. Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2025. Member Jack Haberkorn seconded. Ballots were distributed and collected. The motion passed by a 74-1 vote.

VII. TE McCollum closed the meeting with prayer at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Armstrong, clerk

Report of Commission to License

Report of the Commission to license Rev. Todd Capen to preach in the South Texas Presbytery.

The Commission met on Monday, November 17th, 2025, at p.m. at 7:00 PM. A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE Matt Beham	RE Jim Moore
TE Adam Lopez	RE Jeremy Mueller
RE Dave Sisk	RE Shane Riggs

Others Present: TE Todd Capen, TE Ben Tharp, Deacon James Watson, Deacon Joe Davis

The Commission meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Rev. Todd Capen. Rev. Matt Beham was elected Chairman and Rev. Adam Lopez was elected Secretary of the Commission. The agenda for the Commission meeting was reviewed and accepted and the minutes were read and approved.

The Commission was acting pursuant to a motion adopted by the South Texas Presbytery (Presbytery) at its 160th Stated Meeting on October 25, 2025 for a commission to be appointed by the Moderator to conduct the character examination of Rev. Todd Capen that is required under the Standing Rules of the Presbytery and, upon this examination being sustained, to license Rev. Capen under Book of Church Order (BCO) 19-1 for the purpose of regularly providing the preaching of the Word in his capacity as Stated Supply at Trinity Grace Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, Texas. Rev. Capen's views examination under BCO Section 13-6 was sustained at that Stated Meeting, his exception to the Westminster Shorter Catechism judged under BCO Section 19-2 as more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of the system of doctrine of the Presbyterian Church in America, and his call to serve as Stated Supply under BCO Sections 22-5 and 22-6 approved.

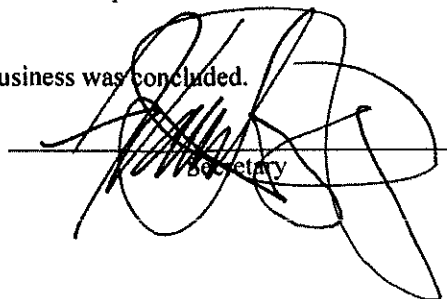
Rev. Beham introduced Rev. Capen, who is a member of the Northern California Presbytery. Rev. Beham asked Capen about his Christian character and ministry experience and Rev. Capen answered questions from the members of the Commission. RE Moore moved to sustain Rev. Capen's character examination.

Rev. Todd Capen, having met all the requirements for licensure under Section 19-1 of the Book of Church Order. Rev. Beham announced that the licensure process for Rev. Todd Capen has been completed.

Rev. Beham asked Rev. Capen the questions from Book of Church Order 19-3, which Capen answered in the affirmative. Rev. Beham pronounced the licensure of Capen with the language of Book of Church Order 19-4 and RE Sisk prayed for Capen.

Therefore, at San Antonio, Texas, the 17th day of November, 2025, the duly appointed Commission of the South Texas Presbytery, having submitted to Rev. Todd Capen the prescribed examination for licensure, which was met to the approval of the Commission, and Capen having satisfactorily fulfilled all other requirements for licensure, Rev. Todd Capen was licensed by the Presbytery to preach the Gospel within the bounds of the South Texas Presbytery.

The minutes having been approved, the Commission's business was concluded.



Secretary



REPORT OF COMMISSION

Report of the Commission to Act on Minutes of Executive Session on October 25, 2025.

The Commission met by videoconference, as is authorized by the Standing Rules of the South Texas Presbytery, on January 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE Rob Bailey
TE Holt West

RE Joshua Torrey
RE Barry McBee

The Commission meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by TE Rob Bailey at 9:05 a.m.

Without objection, Rev. Bailey served as Chairman and Mr. McBee served as Secretary of the Commission.

The Commission had been delegated the authority to amend and approve the minutes of the executive session of the South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, conducted in its 160th Stated Meeting on October 25, 2025.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the draft minutes, with an amendment to add a period after the word "committee" in the sixth paragraph. The approved minutes are attached to this report.

RE Torrey prayed and the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

Secretary

Date

South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America
One Hundred Sixtieth Stated Meeting
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
903 N. Saint Mary's Str., San Antonio, Texas 78215
October 24-25, 2025

ORDER OF THE DAY

During the Stated Meeting on October 25, 2025, a motion was made, seconded, and passed for the presbytery to move into executive session, with all of the ruling elders of Christ Presbyterian Church in Georgetown and officers of the Presbytery permitted to attend the executive session.

Moderator Torrey invited TE Rob Bailey to share the Final Report of the Investigative Committee regarding the complaint filed against the Session of Christ Presbyterian Church, Georgetown regarding a report under Sections 40-4 and 40-5 of the Book of Church Order from Deacon Kevin Tanner of Christ Georgetown that was received by the committee on April 27, 2025.

Motion coming from the committee is to receive the report. The motion was made seconded and passed.

TE Wade Coleman made a second motion requesting that the presbytery direct the Session of Christ Presbyterian Church to reinstate the Deacon until either he reaffirms in writing his stated resignation, reconciliation is established between the Deacon and the Session and thus the matter jointly discarded, or the Deacon be deposed by regular trial.

TE Danny Morgan made a substitute motion that South Texas Presbytery exhort the session of CPC to clarify to the congregation of CPC the status of the deacon and proceed with the regular relationship with the deacon until he affirms in writing his resignation, reconciliation is established between the Deacon and the Session and thus the matter jointly discarded, or the Deacon be deposed by regular trial. The Motion was seconded and passed.

RE Barry McBee took a point of personal privilege to exonerate the committee.

TE Dean Williams made a motion to lift the secrecy of the actions taken in this executive session as to the investigation of the actions of the session of Christ Presbyterian Church Georgetown and the conclusions of the investigation that were reported to and received by the presbytery. This would not extend to release of the report itself or any portions thereof. The motion was seconded and passed.

RE Barry McBee made a motion to appoint a commission of TE Rob Bailey, TE Holt West, RE Joshua Torrey, and RE Barry McBee of presbytery to amend and approve the minutes of the executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

TE Wade Coleman prayed for Christ Presbyterian Georgetown.

As a point of personal privilege, TE Dean Williams rose on behalf of Christ Presbyterian Georgetown to thank the committee for their hard work and pastoral hearts.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to rise from executive session.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B R McBee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

RE Barry R. McBee
Stated Clerk

Approved

January 22, 2026

ATTACHMENT C

Minutes of
South Texas Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America
One Hundred Sixty-first Stated Meeting
Southside Community Church
3346 Airline Road, Corpus Christi, Texas 78414
January 30-31, 2026

**South Texas Presbytery
Presbyterian Church in America**

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**Commentary to the January 2026 Treasurer's Report
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025**

The cash balance at the end of December was \$170,186, an increase of over \$15 thousand from the beginning of the year. The unrestricted cash balance was \$97,370, an increase of just over \$9 thousand.

Total unrestricted giving for the year was \$122,922, an increase of \$3,677. Total unrestricted expenses for the year were \$114,765, an increase of \$5,762. This resulted in an unrestricted surplus of \$15,448, slightly below the surplus the prior year.

Administrative expenses came in at 61% of the annual budget due to lower insurance costs and to supplies budgets not being spent.

Mission to North America spending was essentially on budget, but with some pluses and minuses for the various missions. These are due to several issues during the year with miscommunications between the Treasurer and MNA which the Treasurer is working to resolve.

Mission to the World spending is at 95% of budget, also with pluses and minuses for the various missions. These are also due to several issues during the year with miscommunications between the Treasurer and MNA which the Treasurer is working to resolve.

The Treasurer has confirmed all account numbers and mailing addresses for 2026 MNA and MTW giving, which should eliminate the allocation issues that occurred in 2025.

South Texas Presbytery
Presbyterian Church in America

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
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Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Mission To North America		
Redeemer College Station (prev Westminster)	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500
Mission to the World, McAllen (Dan Young)	5,000	5,000
Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (Chris Fisher)	5,000	5,000
Mission to the World, Border (Gama Pozos)	5,000	5,000
Metanoia (Paul Miller)	5,000	5,000
MNA Disaster Response	1,500	3,000
Resurrection Austin	10,000	10,000
Grace Mosaic (Adam Lopez)	5,000	10,000
Vida House (Josh Eby)	5,000	5,000
MNA Hispanic Ministry (Hernando Saenz)	3,000	4,000
Redeemer SA Resident (SA plant)	-	2,500
Hope NB Resident (San Marcos plant)	-	2,500
Reach South Texas -- Ex. Director (Luke Evans)	-	5,000
City to City San Antonio	-	3,000
Hispanic Leadership Initiative (El Paso-Jose Portillo)	3,000	-
Total Mission to North America	\$ 52,500	\$ 67,500

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Mission To The World		
African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Mission to the World, Harlingen	1,800	1,800
H3 - Heads Hearts and Hands	1,200	1,200
Isaiah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico	1,200	1,200
Mission to the World, Peru (Pekarek)	1,200	1,200
MTW Japan - Valez	1,200	1,200
MTW Japan - Olivares	2,400	2,400
MTW Bulgaria - Jolly	-	1,200
Matt Ziehr	1,200	-
Total Mission To The World	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,200

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Campus Ministries		
RUF Texas Area Coordinator	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
RUF International Texas Area Coordinator	-	2,000
Texas A&M University College Station RUF	4,500	5,000
Texas A&M University College Station, RUF Intl.	4,500	5,000
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi RUF	4,500	5,000
Texas State University	-	5,000
Trinity University RUF, San Antonio	4,500	5,000
University of Texas at Austin, RUF	4,500	5,000
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl.	4,500	5,000
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl. Farrel	2,000	2,000
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl. Coppedge	2,000	2,000
University of Texas San Antonio RUF	5,000	5,500
Total Campus Ministries	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,500

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
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Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Ministerial Relations		
Presbyterian Reformed Commission on Chaplains	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Barnebas Fund	2,000	2,000
Teaching Elders Retreat	2,500	2,500
Total Ministerial Relations	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Designated Ministry		
Rev. Isaias Uc, Retirement Account	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Cano Family Support	-	-
Total Designated Ministry	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Candidates and Credentials		
Candidate Meal Expenses	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total Candidates and Credentials	\$ 500	\$ 500

Category	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Administrative Expenses		
Administration/Insurance	\$ 1,100	\$ 900
Website	160	160
Review of Sessional Records	50	50
Stated Clerk Supplies and Materials	1,500	750
Stated Clerk Stipend	1,800	2,200
Treasurer Supplies and Materials	400	200
Bank Fees	100	100
Christian Nationalism Study Committee	5,000	5,000
Total Administrative Expense	\$ 10,110	\$ 9,360

Total Budget	\$ 125,310	\$ 150,060
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South Texas Presbytery
Presbyterian Church in America

	Quarter Ended			YTD through Dec-25		Annual Budget
	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	% Budg	

	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	YTD through Dec-25 Actual	% Budg
Cash Balances						
Beginning Cash Balance	154,738	165,431	155,832	159,071	154,738	
Total Giving	21,628	32,924	38,436	38,226	131,213	
Total Expenses	(10,935)	(42,524)	(35,196)	(27,111)	(115,765)	
Ending Cash Balance	165,431	155,832	159,071	170,186	170,186	

	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	YTD through Dec-25 Actual	% Budg
Giving						
All Saints Church-Austin	6,160	9,240	9,240	9,240	33,879	
Christ Church Presbyterian-Kerrville	-	-	2,700	-	2,700	
Christ Church-Georgetown	789	1,183	1,465	1,465	4,902	
Christ Church-San Antonio	750	2,250	563	-	3,563	
Christ Church-Victoria	800	600	600	600	2,600	
Christ the King Church-Austin	450	450	450	450	1,800	
Covenant Church-Harlingen	-	300	-	300	600	
GrossPointe Church-Austin	938	938	938	938	3,750	
Faith Church-San Antonio	450	450	250	250	1,400	
Hope Presbyterian - New Braunfels	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000	
Mission to North America	2,500	417	-	-	2,917	
Redeemer Church-Austin	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	12,000	
Redeemer Church-San Antonio	-	6,372	6,372	12,746	25,490	
Southside Community Church-Corpus Christi	600	600	700	600	2,500	
Trinity Church-Boerne	-	-	4,600	-	4,600	
Trinity Grace-San Antonio	733	1,467	1,100	1,100	4,400	
Westminster Church-Bryan	1,609	1,609	1,609	1,609	6,434	
Private Gifts	450	1,950	300	300	3,000	
Presbytery Meeting Offerings	-	-	-	388	388	
Restricted Gifts						
Presbytery Meeting Offerings - Ukraine	-	-	-	791	791	
Christian Nationalism Study	-	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	
Christ Church-New Braunfels-UK Retirement	450	150	-	-	600	
Southside Community-Corpus Isaias Uc	300	300	200	300	1,100	
PCA Pastoral for Widows	400	400	600	400	1,800	
Total Giving	21,628	32,924	38,436	38,226	131,213	
Unrestricted Giving	20,478	32,074	35,136	34,235	121,922	

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	Quarter Ended				YTD through Dec-25 Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25			

Disbursements

	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	YTD through Dec-25 Actual	% Budg	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Administrative Expenses								
Administration/Insurance	-	-	751	-	751	68%	1,100	1,100
Website	-	-	-	128	128	80%	160	160
Review of Sessional Records	-	-	-	-	-	--%	50	50
Stated Clerk Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	--%	1,500	1,500
Stated Clerk Stipend	300	450	450	1,050	2,250	125%	1,800	1,800
Treasurer Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	--%	400	400
Bank Fees	-	-	-	-	-	--%	100	100
Total Administrative Expense	300	450	1,201	1,178	3,129	61%	5,110	5,110

Mission To North America

Redeemer College Station (prev Westminster)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000	100%	5,000	5,000
All Souls Dripping Springs Church Plant (West)	(16,540)	16,540	-	-	-	--%	-	-
Hispanic Leadership Initiative (El Paso-Jose Portillo)	750	-	-	2,000	2,750	92%	3,000	3,000
Mission to the World, McAllen (Dan Young)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000	100%	5,000	5,000
Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (Chris Fisher)	1,250	1,250	1,250	833	4,583	92%	5,000	5,000
The Crossing, McAllen	1,250	1,250	1,250	833	4,583	92%	5,000	5,000
Metanoia (Paul Miller)	1,250	1,250	1,250	833	4,583	92%	5,000	5,000
MNA Disaster Response	375	375	375	375	1,500	100%	1,500	1,500
Resurrection Austin	2,500	(0)	6,250	1,667	10,417	104%	10,000	10,000
Grace Mosaic (Adam Lopez)	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000	100%	5,000	5,000
Vida House (Josh Eby)	1,250	1,250	3,333	417	6,250	125%	5,000	5,000
MNA Hispanic Ministry (Hernando Saenz)	750	750	750	750	3,000	100%	3,000	3,000
Total Mission to North America	(3,415)	26,416	18,208	11,458	52,667	100%	52,500	52,500

Mission To The World

African Bible University, Kampala, Uganda	750	750	750	500	2,750	92%	3,000	3,000
Mission to the World, Harlingen	450	450	450	300	1,650	92%	1,800	1,800
H3 - Heads Hearts and Hands	300	300	300	300	1,200	100%	1,200	1,200
Isalah 55 Ministries, Reynosa, Mexico	300	300	300	300	1,200	100%	1,200	1,200
Mission to the World, Peru (Pekarek)	300	300	300	300	1,200	100%	1,200	1,200
Matt Ziehr	300	300	300	100	1,000	83%	1,200	1,200
MTW Japan - Valez	300	300	300	200	1,100	92%	1,200	1,200
MTW Japan - Olivares	600	600	600	600	2,400	100%	2,400	2,400
Total Mission To The World	3,300	3,300	3,300	2,600	12,500	95%	13,200	13,200

South Texas Presbytery
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	Quarter Ended			YTD through Dec-25		Annual Budget
	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Actual	
Ministerial Relations						
Presbyterian Reformed Commission on Chaplains	-	750	375	375	1,500	100%
Barnabas Fund	-	858	-	-	858	43%
Teaching Elders Retreat	-	-	1,362	750	2,112	84%
Total Ministerial Relations	-	1,608	1,737	1,125	4,470	74%
Total Missions Expense	(115)	31,324	23,245	15,183	69,637	97%
Campus Ministries						
RUF Texas Area Coordinator	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	4,000	100%
Texas A&M University College Station RUF	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
Texas A&M University College Station, RUF Intl.	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi RUF	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
Trinity University RUF, San Antonio	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
University of Texas at Austin, RUF	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl.	1,125	1,125	1,125	1,125	4,500	100%
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl. Fairrel	500	500	500	500	2,000	100%
University of Texas at Austin, RUF Intl. Coppedge	500	500	500	500	2,000	100%
University of Texas San Antonio RUF	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	5,000	100%
Total Campus Ministries	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	40,000	100%
Designated Ministry						
Rev. Isaias Uc, Retirement Account	750	750	750	750	3,000	100%
Total Designated Ministry	750	750	750	750	3,000	100%
Candidates and Credentials						
Candidate Meal Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	--%
Total Candidates and Credentials	-	-	-	-	-	--%
Total Expenses	10,935	42,524	35,196	27,111	115,765	96%
Giving less Expenses	10,693	(9,600)	3,239	11,115	15,448	120,310

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Whereas, BCO 25-11 requires church bylaws to conform to the constitution of the PCA; and

Whereas, congregational meetings must be conducted in conformity to our constitution (BCO 25); and

Whereas, church congregations make important decisions in congregational meetings including elections of officers and pastors (BCO 21 and 24); and

Whereas, the Committee on Constitutional Business received a non-judicial reference requesting guidance on whether congregational meeting minutes are required to be submitted to presbyteries; and

Whereas, the Committee on Constitutional Business could only answer by saying "it is *clear by implication* that such records must be maintained" [emphasis added] with regards to congregational meeting minutes; and

Whereas, the Constitutional definition of "records" does not explicitly include congregational meeting minutes; and

Whereas, the Standing Judicial Commission in Case No. 2021-12 Complaint of Christian Michelson and Stuart Michelson v. Northwest Georgia Presbytery has stated that a "Presbytery could take note of a Constitutional deficiency in a congregational meeting in their review of the records of the Session (note BCO 25-5, last sentence and BCO 13-9(b))" (M49GA (2022), 822–825, 823); and

Whereas, it would benefit sessions and presbyteries to make this practice explicit;

Therefore, be it resolved that BCO 13-9(b) and 25-5 be amended by adding language as follows (underlining for additions, ~~strike through~~ for deletions):

12-7. Every Session shall keep an accurate record of its proceedings and the proceedings of congregational meetings, which record shall be submitted at least once in every year to the inspection of the Presbytery.

13-9(b). To review the records of church Sessions (including minutes of congregational meetings), redress whatever they may have done contrary to order and take effectual care that they observe the Constitution of the Church;

25-5. A clerk shall be elected by the congregation to serve at that meeting or for a definite period, whose duty shall be to keep correct minutes of the proceedings and of all business transacted and to preserve these minutes in a permanent form, after they have been attested by the moderator and the clerk of the meeting. He shall also send a copy

of these minutes to the Session of the church to be included in the record of the church Session.

So that the amended paragraphs would read,

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OVERTURE from South Texas Presbytery

To the 2026 Presbyterian Church in America General Assembly

Amend RAO 19-4 to Provide Preferential Speaking Rights for Commissioners Objecting to Inclusion of Recommendations in Omnibus Votes

Whereas, the Rules of Assembly Operations (RAO) establish procedures for commissioners to speak to recommendations, including overtures, that are brought before the General Assembly, even those that are pulled out of omnibus votes; and

Whereas, under current RAO provisions, the Moderator may propose that the Assembly vote on all recommendations passed by a committee "in gross" (together), but any commissioner may object from the floor to the inclusion of specific recommendation(s) in the gross vote, resulting in those recommendation(s) being voted upon separately (RAO 14-9.d, 15-8.c); and

Whereas, once a recommendation or overture is considered separately, it is debated under the standard rules governing debate as detailed in RAO 19-4, which include equal opportunity to speak, time limits, and fairness in debate, but do not explicitly guarantee that the commissioner who objected to its inclusion in the omnibus vote is recognized first for debate; and

Whereas, the adopted parliamentary authority, Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR), generally provides that the maker of a motion or the reporting member of a committee is entitled to be recognized first in debate, meaning that in the context of an overture reported by a committee, the chairman or designee of that committee would typically have the preferential right to speak first; and

Whereas, under the current RAO and RONR, a commissioner who pulls an overture out of omnibus has an opportunity to speak under standard debate rules but not necessarily as the first speaker, as the committee chairman would generally hold that right; and

Whereas, to guarantee that the commissioner who objects to an omnibus vote and pulls out a recommendation (including an overture) is recognized first for debate on that item, a specific amendment to RAO 19-4 is necessary to establish this preferential right, overriding the general preference given to the reporting committee's chairman; and

Whereas, such an amendment would promote fairness by ensuring that the voice of the objecting commissioner is heard promptly, aligning with the principles of free and open debate in RAO 19-4; and

Whereas, amendments to the RAO may be proposed by overture from a presbytery and require a two-thirds vote of those voting, which must also be a majority of the total enrollment of commissioners, for adoption;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the 2026 General Assembly amend RAO 19-4 by adding a new subsection f., as follows (new text in italics):

"19-4. Procedure in debating a question:

a. No commissioner may speak on the same question more than once until all desiring to speak have done so.

b. Debate on a main motion is limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended. When necessary for full discussion, a motion for extension of time may be made. The time for debate may be extended by a simple majority vote of those voting.

c. No commissioner may speak on the same question more than three (3) minutes unless the court by a simple majority grants additional time.

d. Debate shall be free and open, with equal time being given to proponents and opponents insofar as possible.

e. The Stated Clerk shall keep a Speakers List for all commissioners who wish to speak on a given matter. Commissioners who wish to speak must add their name to the Speakers List in advance. The Speakers List will be made available to the Moderator and floor clerks.

f. Notwithstanding any other rule of recognition, when a recommendation (including an overture) is brought to separate vote due to an objection from the floor to its inclusion in a gross vote (as provided in RAO 14-9.d or RAO 15-8.c), the Commissioner who initially made the objection and thereby caused the recommendation to be voted upon separately shall be recognized first for debate on that specific recommendation, provided they claim the floor before any other commissioner has been recognized for debate on that question."

Adopted by _____ Presbytery at its stated meeting, _____, 2025.

Attested by _____, Stated Clerk.

Notes:

The Rules of Assembly Operations (RAO) already establish procedures for commissioners to speak to recommendations, including overtures, that are brought before the General Assembly, even those that are "pulled out of omnibus". However, if your intent is to guarantee a *preferential* right for the commissioner who specifically objects to an overture's inclusion in an omnibus vote, an amendment to RAO 19-4 would be necessary to establish such a right.

Current Provisions for Debating Overtures Pulled from Omnibus

1. **"Pulling Out of Omnibus"**: The Moderator has the discretion to propose that the Assembly vote on all recommendations (including overtures) passed by a committee "in gross" (together). However, any commissioner may **object from the floor to the inclusion of specific recommendation(s)** in the gross vote. If such an objection is made, those specific recommendation(s) **shall be voted upon separately** [598.d, 611.b]. This is the mechanism by which an overture is "pulled out of omnibus" for individual consideration.
2. **Standard Rules of Debate**: Once a recommendation or overture is being considered separately, it "shall be considered under the standard rules governing debate" [599.e, 611.c]. These rules, as detailed in RAO 19-4, include:
 - **Equal Opportunity to Speak**: "No commissioner may speak on the same question more than once until all desiring to speak have done so". This ensures every commissioner has an opportunity to speak.
 - **Time Limits**: Debate on a main motion is generally "limited to ten (10) minutes unless extended," and each commissioner is "limited to three (3) minutes on the same question unless the court by a simple majority grants additional time". Time extensions are determined by a simple majority vote.
 - **Fairness in Debate**: Debate "shall be free and open, with equal time being given to proponents and opponents insofar as possible".
 - **Preference for the Maker of the Motion**: While not explicitly stated in RAO 19-4, the adopted parliamentary authority, *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RONR), provides that the "maker" of a motion (or the reporting member of a committee recommending an action) is entitled to be recognized first in debate if they claim the floor before others. In the context of an overture reported by a committee of commissioners or the Overtures Committee, the chairman or designee of that committee would typically be considered the "maker" of the recommendation, and thus would have this preferential right to speak first in support of it [598.d, 611.b].

Under the current RAO and RONR, if a commissioner pulls an overture out of omnibus, that overture will be debated individually, and the commissioner will have an opportunity

to speak to it under the standard debate rules, but **not necessarily as the first speaker**, as the committee chairman would generally have that right.

The Need for Amendment to Guarantee Preferential Speaking Right

To guarantee that the **commissioner who objects to an omnibus vote and pulls out an overture** is "definitely be allowed to speak to it" *and* is "recognized first for debate on that overture," a specific amendment to RAO 19-4 is required. This amendment would establish a **preferential right of recognition** for this specific scenario, overriding the general preference given to the reporting committee's chairman.

Proposed Amendment to RAO 19-4

To achieve this, you could propose adding a new subsection to RAO 19-4, for example, as subsection f.:

Proposed Amendment to RAO 19-4:

Amend RAO 19-4 by adding a new subsection f., as follows:

"19-4. Procedure in debating a question: ... f. Notwithstanding any other rule of recognition, when a recommendation (including an overture) is brought to separate vote due to an objection from the floor to its inclusion in a gross vote (as provided in RAO 14-9.d or RAO 15-8.c), the Commissioner who initially made the objection and thereby caused the recommendation to be voted upon separately shall be recognized first for debate on that specific recommendation, provided they claim the floor before any other commissioner has been recognized for debate on that question."

Explanation of the Proposed Amendment

- **"Notwithstanding any other rule of recognition"**: This critical phrase ensures that this specific rule takes precedence over general rules of recognition, including the one in RONR that typically grants preference to the maker of a motion or the reporting member of a committee.
- **"when a recommendation (including an overture) is brought to separate vote due to an objection from the floor to its inclusion in a gross vote (as provided in RAO 14-9.d or RAO 15-8.c)"**: This precisely defines the scenario as "pulling out of omnibus" by directly referencing the RAO provisions that allow for such an objection [598.d, 611.b]. This provides clarity and avoids ambiguity about when this special right applies.
- **"the Commissioner who initially made the objection and thereby caused the recommendation to be voted upon separately shall be recognized first for debate on that specific recommendation"**: This directly establishes the

"preferential speaking right" you requested, ensuring the commissioner who initiated the separate vote gets the first opportunity to speak to the overture.

- **"provided they claim the floor before any other commissioner has been recognized for debate on that question"**: This aligns with general parliamentary principles that preferential rights of recognition must be claimed in a timely manner, typically before another member has actually been assigned the floor [13, 28, 42:7, 42:9].

Process for Amending the RAO

To amend the Rules of Assembly Operations (RAO), the following process, drawing from the sources, must be followed:

1. **Method of Proposal**: An amendment to the RAO can be proposed in one of two ways:
 - **By Overture from a Presbytery**: This is a common method for proposing changes to the RAO or the Book of Church Order (BCO). Such an overture "requiring references to the Committee on Constitutional Business shall be delivered by at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening of the General Assembly to the Stated Clerk". It will then be referred to the Committee on Constitutional Business for advice to the Overtures Committee.
 - **By Recommendation from the Standing Judicial Commission**: The Standing Judicial Commission's Operating Manual, which is appended to the RAO, states that "Amendments to this Manual may be proposed to the General Assembly by overture from a presbytery (cf. Article XI), or by recommendation from the Standing Judicial Commission". While this specifically refers to the Manual, it indicates the SJC can recommend changes to governing documents.
 - **New Business (Generally Not Permitted)**: A proposed amendment to the RAO **cannot typically be introduced as new business** by a commissioner during the General Assembly's proceedings, as the RAO specifies, "No proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be received as new business". Although RAO is distinct from the BCO (the "Constitution"), the explicit instruction in RAO 11-5 to refer RAO amendments to the Committee on Constitutional Business, similar to BCO amendments, implies a comparable level of procedural rigor.
2. **Debate and Vote**: A motion to amend the RAO is **debatable**.
3. **Required Vote for Adoption**: The RAO "may be amended... only by a **two-thirds vote of those voting, which must also be a majority of the total enrollment of commissioners**". This high voting threshold protects the established rules and ensures broad consensus for changes.

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South Texas Presbytery Bitcoin Study Committee Proposal

“To Study Incorporating Bitcoin as a Savings Vehicle for Church & Presbytery Balance Sheets”

Whereas the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) seeks to exercise faithful stewardship over the resources entrusted to her care, applying biblical principles of prudence, integrity, and accountability, so that the ministries of the Church may be sustained and the work of the Gospel advanced (WLC 141; cf. BCO 8-3; 8-4); and

Whereas Sessions and Presbyteries bear responsibility for prudent financial oversight, seeking to preserve and wisely employ the financial assets under their stewardship as an expression of obedience to the eighth commandment's duties of diligence and faithful increase (WLC 141–142); and

Whereas changing economic conditions, including inflationary pressures, currency fluctuations, and market volatility, encourage thoughtful consideration of diversified asset allocations that may help maintain or enhance the Church's long-term financial stability; and

Whereas Bitcoin—an innovative, decentralized digital asset—has emerged as a globally recognized store of value and medium of exchange, operating independently from traditional banking systems, thereby offering opportunities to diversify holdings beyond reliance on any single national currency; and

Whereas Bitcoin's underlying blockchain technology, characterized by transparency and verifiability, may offer benefits such as reduced transaction costs, enhanced financial accountability, and potentially increased donor confidence in the stewardship of Church resources; and

Whereas an increasing number and variety of organizations and individuals have adopted Bitcoin as part of their financial strategies, citing its resilience in economic downturns and its capacity to hedge against certain systemic risks; and

Whereas the pursuit of wise stewardship requires careful study and discernment, so that decisions regarding financial assets—whether conventional or innovative—are informed by Scripture, the Reformed confessional standards, and a thorough understanding of potential risks, benefits, and long-term implications;

Therefore be it resolved that South Texas Presbytery form a study committee to consider the economic wisdom, biblical stewardship implications, financial prudence, logistical mechanics, and potential benefits and risks of incorporating Bitcoin into church balance sheets.

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**Intern Reports
Candidates Committee
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Intern: Luke Rodgers
Mentor: Kevin Whitten
Report: No report received.

Intern: Russell Sigler
Mentor: Derek McCollum
Report: No report received.

Intern: Oscar Palin
Mentor: Matt Beham
Report: He has continued to work in our youth ministry and has assisted in worship some as well.

Intern: Ramon Alvarez
Mentor: Dan Young
Report:

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Thank you for your continued oversight and encouragement. I'm submitting this brief update for Q1, reflecting on the past quarter and sharing plans for the coming months.

Recent Activity (Q4 2025)

- Continued serving as a ruling elder and leading the young adult Sunday School class at Dios Con Nosotros PCA.
- We are nearing completion of the Heidelberg Catechism (expected within 3–5 weeks).
- Hosted occasional Friday gatherings, though attendance declined.
- Remained engaged with youth and young adults through personal connection and encouragement.
- Participating in The Journey, a discipleship group led by T.E. Gamaliel Pozos.

Ongoing & Upcoming Plans (Q1 2026)

I officially restarted seminary on January 19 and am now enrolled at Seminario San Pablo, following a projected four-year track.

- Classes meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.
- I'll be taking one class at a time.
- Four prior classes have been approved for credit.

With the session's continued support, I'll remain focused on youth and young adult ministry throughout 2026:

- Finish the Heidelberg Catechism, then collaborate with T.E. Gama on a follow-up discipleship plan.
- Begin gatherings centered around The Prodigal God to explore engagement and outreach.
- Aim for biweekly Sunday evening meetings, complemented by monthly fellowship events.

- Launch monthly evangelism efforts with support from the congregation.

Prayer Requests

- For strength and focus as I balance seminary, work, ministry, and family life.
- For wisdom and discernment as we shape the next phase of young adult ministry.
- For spiritual fruit from The Journey discipleship group and continued growth in Christlikeness.

Grateful to serve under your care,

R.E. Ramon Alvarez

Dios Con Nosotros PCA

Under Care – South Texas Presbytery

Intern: Michael Chapa

Mentor: Tom McKeon

Report: Michael continues to progress in his studies with LAMP Seminary. He will finish his final class this spring. In addition, Michael is preparing for licensure in the South Texas Presbytery.

Intern: Joey Perez

Mentor: John Sweet

Report: Joey has been working hard prepping for winter HS camp, attending RYM training, and launching a college ministry at G+P.

Intern: Nicolas Manley

Mentor: John Sweet

Report: No report received.

Intern: Nate Esbenshade

Mentor: Jon Herr

Report: Nate has finished his first semester from RTS, and wrapped up a Fall of Youth Ministry. He teaches regularly in Youth Group, manages our youth Sunday school teachers, hosts monthly youth fellowship events and meets with me weekly for mentoring, prayer and ministry debriefing.

Intern: Ryan Slabach

Mentor: Ben Hailey

Report: No report received. Will report in person.

Intern: Madison Hagen

Mentor: None assigned

Report: No report received.

Intern: Justin Outlaw

Mentor: Steve Johnson

Report:

Education:

Continuing education at Covenant Theological Seminary, expected graduation Spring '27.

Fall '25 Classes with Grades:

- Cohort I - Pass
- Counseling in the Church - A
- Educational Foundations - A+
- Hebrew II - B+

Upcoming Spring '26 Classes:

- Cohort II
- Pastoral & General Epistles and Revelation
- OT Exegesis
- Sin, Christ, & Salvation

Recent Church Involvement:

- Pastoral Intern
- Leading Men's Adult Bible Study (Recently led study on the Sermon on the Mount)
- Occasionally Teach Adult Sunday School
- Serving on Session
- Assisting with Liturgy
- Leading Community Group
- Leading Young Adults Ministry (Recently led Christmas Fellowship with Advent devotional)

Recent Preaching:

- November 9, 2025 @ Providence OPC
- December 21, 2025 @ Providence OPC
- December 28, 2025 @ CrossPointe

Recently completed the presbytery English Bible written exam, planning to complete committee and oral component at the Jan. presbytery meeting.

Intern: Grant Carter

Mentor: Wade Coleman

Report: Grant has begun his second semester as the Campus Associate for Texas A&M and is leading the RUF group admirably. He preaches weekly for Large Group and leads a couple of small group studies. The group is growing spiritually and numerically. Great leadership team and campus impact. Grant has also preached at a number of churches throughout Texas in recent weeks.

Intern: Noel Coppedge

Mentor: Avery Kelly

Report: Noel has been doing some great work with Ian memorizing Titus. He's had a couple of opportunities to teach at our Sunday youth gatherings. We've also recently planned out some time in the spring semester for him to teach Sunday school and preach. He was given the opportunity to preach at Hope Pres in New Braunfels. This all in addition to the Bible studies and campus events with RUF-I have been a good season of labor and experience.

Intern: Jon Bendo

Mentor: Bryan Lee

Report: Jon finished off the semester with youth ministry high-school and young adults Christmas parties, and has started off the year teaching both kids and youth ministries. He is taking his BCO oral exam at the upcoming presbytery, and completed his Bible content exam at the last presbytery meeting. Lord willing he will complete his theology exam in April and complete licensure. After presbytery in April, he will continue with his MDiv studies, for which he has 6 classes remaining, and still expects to finish in February 2027.