

Dear Friends in Christ,

Mission Council continues its work on staffing, finances, property matters, committee structure, and the care of congregations across the Presbytery. Here are a few highlights from this spring's work:

- Mission Council/Trustees approved the contract with **Robinson, Cox and Farmer** to complete the 2025 financial review, while the Finance Subcommittee continues working with Trustward to strengthen reporting and align financial systems with the budget and Resource Management Policy. We look forward to sharing some details with you at the June POJ meeting.
- The search process for the **Transitional General Presbyter / Stated Clerk** continues moving forward. Mission Council approved the MDP in May. You will see it in the June POJ materials.
- The **Forest Hill Administrative Commission** continues its work and will bring a report and recommendations to the June Presbytery meeting. The **Ebenezer Administrative Commission** was elected at the May 12 special meeting.
- Work has begun on new grant application processes for both the **Resurrection Fund** and the **Reparative Action Fund**. Draft materials will be included in the June meeting packet for first reading.

Looking ahead to the **June 17 stated meeting (virtual)**:

- The Presbytery will be asked to elect **Kerry Foster as Stated Clerk** for a one-year term or until the Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk is elected.
- The meeting will also include ordination and candidacy examinations, a presentation from the Board of Pensions, and the Forest Hill AC report.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in the Presbytery of the James's shared ministry. Please reach out to me at 804-651-6710 or joelmissioncouncil@gmail.com with questions.

Grace and peace,

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