

To all in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta:

I am deeply humbled and moved by your action at the June 14 meeting of Presbytery to vote to affirm me being named as Executive Associate Presbyter. I am grateful for Ed Albright's leadership in this proposal, as well as the Personnel Committee, Operations Ministry Team, Coordinating Council and the staff team. When I was first introduced to this presbytery on October 2, 1992 at Clairmont Presbyterian Church, I told the presbytery that I had always served local congregations and that in serving this presbytery, I would continue to keep that as a focus - serving congregations.

I continue to give thanks to God for calling me to serve in this presbytery. This is such a wonderful presbytery, with so many wonderful and outstanding leaders. May God bless us and guide us as we seek to do what God would have us do here.

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HE IS RISEN INDEED

—Rocke Thompson, Elder, formerly of Clifton Presbyterian Church
Member, CSM Board of Directors

Clifton Presbyterian Church opened in 1924, as a typical suburban church, dedicated to serving Jesus Christ and the needs of the community. By the 1970's the neighborhood had begun changing. The congregation chose to welcome new members from the surrounding community.

These were anti-war anti-exclusionary pro-civil rights community activists who turned to Bible study and found Isaiah 58 and 61 and the call to feed the hungry and to serve the poor. In 1979, Clifton established "Clifton Night Hospitality," an emergency shelter, providing year-round housing for thirty sick, disabled and/or elderly men. This ministry was expanded in 1997 when a non-profit was established and a small apartment building was purchased to provide transitional housing for seven men advancing from Night Hospitality. This new ministry was called "Joe's Place"

and was located across the street from the church. In 2003 both programs merged into the non-profit named Clifton Sanctuary Ministries (CSM).

Of the 280 men that CSM served in 2004, twenty-two were over the age of 70, fifty-five were diagnosed with addictive disorders (many of those also had mental illnesses), and 41 were living with HIV/AIDS. CSM also served 106 veterans with addictive disorders and/or mental illnesses. None of this would have been possible without the unfailing support of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and its many churches that have given financially and provided hundreds of volunteers over the years.

On October 5, 2003 Clifton Presbyterian Church held its last worship service. After Clifton closed, the Presbytery assumed ownership of the property. A lease is being drawn up that will allow continued operation of the ministries with a caveat that

FREE PIANO

Weber mahogany upright piano in good condition, built around 1900, available free for a church or individual in need of a piano and can move it to new location – needs tuning, but is tunable according to a piano tech who inspected it on Friday, June 3. Contact Martha Olson at 404/378-2261 evenings or 404/228-7715 daytime.



CSM develop and implement a plan to redevelop the facilities to better serve people who are homeless. The Board and staff have recently begun the process of developing a Strategic Plan with the help of Ruth and John Hicks from Presbytery.

Clifton PCUSA no longer exists, but its legacy of ministry to the community lives on. One can visit Clifton any night of the year and find Presbyterians and others worshipping there together. Fredrick Buechner points out that phrases like Worship Service or Service of Worship are tautologies (needless repetition of an idea in different words). We worship God by serving God.

While this is an exciting undertaking, it is also a scary time. There are many issues to address and obstacles to overcome. We are counting on your continued support. Please keep Clifton in your prayers and in your budgets.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW CLERGY MEMBERS

—Ruth Hicks, Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry



ROBERT (BOB) COLEMAN is an instructor with Shorter College and Assistant Dean of the Riverdale Campus. He comes to us from Ohio Valley Presbytery.



KATHY DAWSON is the Assistant Professor for Christian Education for Columbia Theological Seminary and comes to us from the Presbytery of the James.



LEAH HORTON is a candidate for ministry from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and is the Associate Pastor for Adult Education at Trinity church, Atlanta.



CADER HOWARD is a candidate for ministry from New Hope Presbytery and is the Associate Pastor at the Druid Hills church.



VICTORIA KELLY is a candidate for ministry of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and will be ordained to chaplaincy in the United States Navy.



STEPHANIE MEDLIN is a candidate for ministry from Holston Presbytery and is the Associate Pastor of the Alpharetta church.



CHRISTOPHER MOORE-KEISH comes to us as a minister at large from Ohio Valley. He is also serving as a parish visitor for First, Atlanta.



CHUCK ROBERTS is the new associate pastor at Peachtree Presbyterian Church and will be moving from Mississippi Presbytery.

new faces



RIX THREADGILL is from Coastal Caroline Presbytery and is the new associate pastor of the Buford church.

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for...

The presbytery office would like to supplement our resources by acquiring minutes of General Assemblies missing from our collection. If you have minutes from any of the following years in your personal or church library and would be willing to donate them to the presbytery office, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you. PCUS: 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, or any prior to 1958. PCUSA: 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997. We would also like to acquire a Book of Order from the PCUS's final year, 1982.