

➤Screen shots of some of the participants at the virtual General Assembly were the best we could do! Not quite the same as being together in person but still a good chance to catch up.

CBFSC holds first VIRTUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

On Friday afternoon, June 26, CBFSC conducted the 2020 General Assembly by Zoom video conference. Seventy-eight people joined the virtual General Assembly that included worship, a business session, and fellowship.

Originally scheduled for April 24 at First Baptist Pendleton, concerns about the spread of Covid-19 led CBFSC's Administrative Council to postpone the Assembly until the CBFSC state meeting of the CBF global General Assembly.

When the same coronavirus concerns led CBF leaders to make the global General Assembly virtual, CBFSC conducted the Zoom Assembly in the time assigned for state meetings by CBF.

“Considering the challenges of technology and the novelty of hosting more than 75 people on Zoom,” Coordinator Jay Kieve quipped, “I



think the General Assembly went very well.”

Moderator Cheryl Patterson opened the General Assembly session with a welcome and devotional thought. The Reverends Jennifer Rygg and Chris Cottingham, pastor and associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Pendleton, respectively, introduced “Encouraging Congregations to Thrive” as the Assembly theme and then led in worship. Read Jennifer’s short message about thriving congregations on our website (cbfsc.org | [About CBFSC](#) | [News](#)).



By Jay Kieve
Coordinator

The Assembly approved a 2020-2021 budget of \$447,026 and the slate of nominated officers and Coordinating Council members. Matt King of Greenville is the new moderator.

BUSINESS SESSION

Following worship, the business of the Fellowship proceeded with committee reports offered by Jay Kieve on behalf of committee chairs.

The Assembly voted to approve the 2020-2021 budget of \$447,026 and the slate of nominated officers and Coordinating Council members. See the list of officers and Council members on our website (cbfsc.org | [About CBFSC](#)).

The Assembly named the Reverend Dr. Matt King, pastor of Augusta Road Baptist Church, moderator and the Reverend Jennifer Rygg as moderator-elect.

The Assembly also amended the CBFSC constitution and by-laws to specifically sanction the use of electronic meetings for the conducting of the Fellowship’s business.

The by-laws changes, approved by the Administrative Council in February and recommended to the Assembly, ensure that meetings of the Fellowship will be deliberative,

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Gifts given through CBFSC

Calendar year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

These are gifts given through CBFSC. Some churches may make direct gifts to CBF Global, and to other designated causes.

Church	City	CBFSC	Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions	CBF Global	Global Missions	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
Augusta Heights Baptist	Greenville	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Augusta Road Baptist	Greenville	\$12,932.19	\$0.00	\$15,806.01	\$1,610.00	\$0.00	\$30,348.20
Belmont Baptist Church	Columbia	\$625.89	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$758.89
Boulevard Baptist Church	Anderson	\$38,044.27	\$25.00	\$46,498.52	\$1,255.00	\$0.00	\$85,822.79
Brunson Baptist Church	Brunson	\$1,798.42	\$1,250.00	\$2,198.06	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,246.48
Cedar Spring Baptist	Spartanburg	\$383.85	\$0.00	\$469.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$853.00
Cherokee Avenue Baptist	Gaffney	\$288.00	\$0.00	\$352.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
Chesterfield Baptist	Chesterfield	\$2,250.00	\$540.00	\$2,750.00	\$460.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Earle Street Baptist	Greenville	\$6,226.92	\$0.00	\$7,610.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,837.60
Eau Claire Baptist Church	Columbia	\$3,835.95	\$0.00	\$4,688.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,524.29
Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship	Columbia	\$62.35	\$0.00	\$76.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$138.55
Fernwood Baptist Church	Spartanburg	\$9,389.00	\$500.00	\$6,259.00	\$390.00	\$0.00	\$16,538.00
First Baptist Church	Belton	\$6,727.10	\$4,280.00	\$3,764.17	\$11,206.07	\$0.00	\$25,977.34
First Baptist Church	Orangeburg	\$15,119.30	\$0.00	\$28,078.62	\$3,534.00	\$0.00	\$46,731.92
First Baptist Church	Piedmont	\$633.56	\$0.00	\$212.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$845.72
First Baptist Church	Mauldin	\$262.52	\$0.00	\$320.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$583.35
First Baptist Church	Walterboro	\$5,271.13	\$44.00	\$6,442.48	\$103.00	\$0.00	\$11,860.61
First Baptist Church	Clinton	\$4,068.32	\$2,183.00	\$0.00	\$4,098.00	\$0.00	\$10,349.32
First Baptist Church	Lake View	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
First Baptist Church	Pageland	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
First Baptist Church	York	\$6,599.84	\$1,329.50	\$7,497.50	\$1,150.00	\$0.00	\$16,576.84
First Baptist Church	Aiken	\$49,685.58	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$19,193.04	\$4,487.33	\$73,795.95
First Baptist Church	Pendleton	\$8,000.00	\$1,050.23	\$8,000.00	\$1,636.00	\$2,200.00	\$20,886.23
First Baptist Church	Greenwood	\$8,775.00	\$775.00	\$14,325.00	\$4,945.00	\$4,175.00	\$32,995.00
First Baptist Church	Greenville	\$4,000.00	\$12,262.79	\$8,000.00	\$56,988.96	\$1,000.00	\$82,251.75
First Baptist Church	Laurens	\$31,015.56	\$0.00	\$17,901.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,917.05
First Baptist Church	Conway	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,750.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.04
First Baptist Church	Anderson	\$22,592.78	\$2,382.50	\$27,613.42	\$7,319.00	\$0.00	\$59,907.70
First Baptist Church	Gaffney	\$1,731.12	\$0.00	\$2,115.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,846.93
First Baptist Church	Easley	\$2,387.50	\$0.00	\$1,952.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,340.00
First Baptist Church	Clemson	\$13,698.00	\$0.00	\$16,742.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,440.00
First Baptist Church	N. Charleston	\$276.75	\$0.00	\$338.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$615.00
First Baptist Church	Denmark	\$0.00	\$431.65	\$0.00	\$288.36	\$0.00	\$720.01
Greenlawn Baptist Church	Columbia	\$2,746.37	\$520.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$3,616.37
Inman FBC	Inman	\$18,979.99	\$340.00	\$10,881.01	\$571.00	\$0.00	\$30,772.00
Kathwood Baptist Church	Columbia	\$2,362.50	\$1,162.00	\$2,887.50	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,412.00
Lake City First Baptist	Lake City	\$12,285.00	\$0.00	\$15,015.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27,300.00
Lakeview Baptist Church	Camden	\$1,810.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,670.51	\$0.00	\$3,481.04
New Heights Baptist	Gaffney	\$2,601.50	\$0.00	\$4,559.51	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$7,211.01
New Hope Christian Fellowship	West Columbia	\$900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00

OUR MISSION: We are women and men participating in God's mission together. We nurture spiritual development, encourage congregations to thrive, and value collaborative and innovative ministry and missions.

Church	City	CBFSC	Beverly Greer Offering for State Missions	CBF Global	Global Missions	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
Nixonville Chapel	Conway	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Oakland Baptist Church	Rock Hill	\$30,859.15	\$0.00	\$20,572.78	\$24,431.30	\$0.00	\$75,863.23
Palmetto Missionary Baptist Church	Conway	\$405.00	\$0.00	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Pelham Road Baptist	Greenville	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Providence Church	Daniel Island	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	\$3,280.00	\$7,280.00
Shaws Fork Baptist	Aiken	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
St. Andrews Baptist	Columbia	\$12,191.22	\$885.00	\$14,900.35	\$5,360.50	\$0.00	\$33,337.07
Swift Creek Baptist	Hartsville	\$141.48	\$0.00	\$172.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$314.40
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	Beaufort	\$14,333.04	\$0.00	\$4,430.74	\$3,437.50	\$50.00	\$22,251.28
Tidal Creek Fellowship	Beaufort	\$337.50	\$0.00	\$412.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Timberlake Baptist	Myrtle Beach	\$1,824.00	\$0.00	\$2,229.33	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,053.33
Trinity Baptist Church	Seneca	\$19,932.18	\$5,415.00	\$24,361.57	\$9,767.00	\$5,600.00	\$65,075.75
Total Church Giving		\$387,935.36	\$36,375.67	\$336,485.44	\$162,327.24	\$20,842.33	\$943,966.04
Total Individual Giving		\$37,412.00	\$1,700.00	\$4,323.00	\$800.00	\$1,760.00	\$45,995.00
Total ALL Giving		\$425,347.36	\$38,075.67	\$340,808.44	\$163,127.24	\$22,602.33	\$989,961.04



July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

- In memory of **CAROLYN DAVIS** by Charles Walker, Norway
- In Memory of **MILBRA REESE** by Robert Reese, Columbia
- In memory of **GENE SMITH** by Debbie and Richard Dantzler, Conway
- In honor of **SARA AND RANDY GARDNER** by Marcia and Mason Harris, Spartanburg
- In honor of **BEVERLY GREER** by Janice and John Johnson, Greenville
- In honor of **MARY E. MOORE** for her 90th birthday by Debbie and Richard Dantzler, Conway

IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS NEWS ON OUR WEBSITE
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We have published numerous articles about CBFSC life on our website in the past three months. Here's a sampling:

- What does youth ministry look like this summer? by Mary Carol Anderson, Greenville
- How Covid-19 changed seminary studies by Jennifer Jennings, Greenwood
- What children's ministry looks like at FBC Clemson during the days of Covid-19 by Lauren Hamilton
- Reflect in the Upper Room—then go into the world by Judith Myers, Lexington
- Racial justice: What some CBFSC churches are doing by associate coordinator Lane Riley
- Summer interns are working virtually at Metanoia and Palmetto Works by Rebecca Hett and Collar Bell-Graves
- FBC Aiken makes graduation special by Megan Turner-Doud
- How Covid-19 changed seminary studies by Jennifer Jennings, Greenwood
- Church finances in chaos by immediate past moderator Cheryl Patterson
- Pelham Road reinvented its ministry overnight by Sam Coates, Greenville
- Encouraging congregations to thrive by Jennifer Rygg, Pendleton
- Volunteers advocate to better their community by Tony McDade, Greenville
- Trinity Baptist Church's response to a tornado that struck its community by Tony Vincent, Seneca

BEING CONNECTED through networks



By Lane Riley
Associate Coordinator

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship has many networks that connect people of a similar practice or passion for support, encouragement, and resources. I am especially grateful for the people that lead these networks, and all the ministers and leaders that participate.

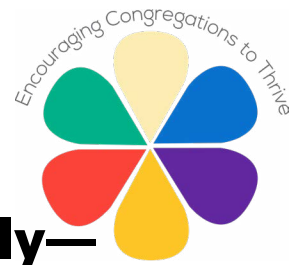
For my role of working with young Baptists, there are three main networks with CBF that I am involved in:

1. Children's Ministry Network,
2. Youth Ministry Network, and
3. Collegiate Ministry Network.

All of these have a social media presence, and are a place where ministers can ask other ministers for advice or suggestions, offer additional resources, share articles or podcasts, and fellowship together.

When most churches made the difficult decision to close their doors a few months ago, these networks were where I went for advice. There were regularly scheduled video conferences, and active online conversations about ideas, best practices, and resources. When George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor were killed, these networks created and shared resources about antiracism, and facilitated conversations on how to talk to children and youth about racism. When CBF General Assembly decided to move online, these networks also moved their meetings online so we could still connect, share, and fellowship together.

Ministry can be isolating and difficult, and even more so when we are still social distancing. But I'm grateful that CBF creates space for diverse networks to meet over shared interests and calling areas.



General Assembly—

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open and accessible when conducted electronically.

The General Assembly welcomed updates from CBFSC covenant missions partners Metanoia, Inc. in North Charleston, Palmetto Works in Conway, Koinonia of Columbia, and Carolina Immigrant Alliance in Rock Hill.

The Reverend Brenda Kneece brought greetings from the South Carolina Christian Action Council and the Reverend Colleen Burroughs expressed thanksgiving from Passport Camps for financial assistance related to coronavirus cancelation of summer camps.

The General Assembly closed with brief remarks from the staff, final thoughts from outgoing moderator Cheryl Patterson and a benediction.

General Assembly attendees then experienced a few minutes of Fellowship in randomly assigned Zoom "breakout rooms."



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THANK YOU to all who contribute to the ministry of CBFSC, either individually or through your churches. Our work depends on your generous gifts.

Thank you for your incredible generosity. Year in and year out, faithful churches and individuals share their money with CBFSC and it goes to work across South Carolina and the world. People's lives are better in tangible, emotional, and spiritual ways, and churches find support and resources, because friends fund CBFSC.

It is tempting in times of high anxiety and uncertainty to grasp a bit tighter the resources at our disposal. But you haven't done that. Those of you who are able have given to your churches and to CBFSC. You have shown incredible faithfulness and the hope that God through our shared ministries is addressing challenges of health, justice, and inequity in God's world. You've ensured that the Gospel of love is proclaimed and lived in ways that make a difference.—Jay