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Rev. Gable feels honored to have served the Bowling Green Church, the Tirzah (Y) Church, and the Woodlawn Church as installed pastor. He has served the Hebron Church as stated supply, the Oakdale Church as interim, and also the Bethesda (Y) Church as interim and parish associate. He is enjoying his retirement.

**Rev. Dorothy J. Killian  
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Rev. Killian graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary in 2015, and was ordained in 2016. As a seminarian and as a candidate for ordination, Dot has preached in many of the churches in Providence Presbytery including Fishing Creek, Lancaster First, Allison Creek, Beaver Creek, Uriel, Oakdale, Tirzah-L, Hermon, Rock Hill First, St. Paul, and Van Wyck. In October 2016, Dot was called as Interim Pastor of Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church. From 2007-2017, Dot served Providence Presbytery as Associate Presbyter for Congregational Development and Mission. Dot completed Transitional Ministry Training in August 2017.

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Dr. Lambert has been a part of Providence Presbytery for many years and he has served full time at Riverview and Woodlawn churches. He also served Uriel, Van Wyck, and Cornwell churches as stated supply. He was ordained in 1973 and was honorably retired on Aug. 7, 2016.

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Rev. McPhail recently retired from Beth Shiloh Presbyterian Church after serving as pastor for over 15 years. He has had interim pastor training and has served at First Presbyterian Church, York, as parish associate.

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Rev. Moss served Providence Presbytery as the Associate Presbyter for Education and Church Development from 2001 to 2007. He has served several of our churches as interim pastor since his honorable retirement in 2007. He is serving Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, as parish associate.

**Rev. James Platt**

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Rev. Platt grew up in Rock Hill as a member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, graduated from PC and Columbia Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of churches in Alabama and Abbeville County. He has also filled the pulpit in many churches throughout Providence Presbytery. He has been a mental health counselor for over 19 years and is happy to fill a pulpit when he can.

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Pastor Fred grew up in Providence Presbytery and has served as certified Interim Pastor (1st, Union) and Stated Supply (Uriel) as well as Called Minister both in Chicago (Rogers Park) and most recently, in New Orleans (1st Presbyterian). He also has served on staff in the Presbytery office, both in Communications as well as in Mission Advocacy. He would be delighted to provide pulpit supply, sharing the sacraments as well as conducting weddings and funerals.

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Rev. Winifred recently moved to Rock Hill after retiring. She has served churches in Wyoming, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan.

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Rev. Salmond graduated from seminary in 2008 and was ordained in November 2009. She served as a hospice chaplain for a time. She is very active in church and the presbytery, and has preached in several of our churches.

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Dr. Verdery is the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk of Providence Presbytery. Previously he was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, for approximately 20 years.

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Rev. Watson most recently served as the Associate for Christian Education at Unity Church in Fort Mill. She is now a member-at-large in Providence Presbytery and a stay-at-home parent to James and Elizabeth who are in elementary school.

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Rev. Bedford is a member of Charlotte Presbytery. She served Fishing Creek Presbyterian Church, Chester County, as temporary supply pastor. Skills include Missional Outreach, Leadership Development and small group development. Experienced in helping congregations discern their role in the community of faith. Skilled in leading groups and teams, and public presentations, serves as a supply pastor, teaches Bible study groups, and participates in the Spiritual Direction and Education area at Mercy Hospital, Charlotte, NC. Also actively helps individuals and groups understand the spiritual practice of Centering Prayer and Meditation.

**Rev. Jason Bryant**

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Rev. Jason Bryant is presently serving River Hills Community Church as Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Nurture. Previously, he served as Head of Staff pastor at First Mount Holly, NC. He focuses his ministry on pastoral counseling, teaching and administration. Particular topics of interest are evangelism, the intersection of the Scriptures and theological systemizing, leadership development, and faith formation. As a former chef, Pastor Jason loves cooking when he's not working with congregations.

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Rev. Jim Burton is an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery of New Harmony, PC (USA). Serving in the denomination as a member since 1975 and an ordained minister who was graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary in 1987, he is available for preaching, teaching, officer training, retreats, and interim ministry. He is a trained and experienced interim pastor from Ohio and lastly from Sumter, SC. Jim lives in Manning, SC.

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Dr. Fant is the Director of Foundation Services and Church Relations for Presbyterian Communities of SC. Prior to taking this position, he served on the PCSC Board of Trustees for 9 years and was the pastor of Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church in Columbia for almost 11 years. He is glad to supply preach, serve as liturgist and/or provide a Minute for Mission during worship about the ministry of Presbyterian Communities. He is also available to speak at church gatherings of any kind and can arrange to have other speakers from the organization come to make presentations in their areas of expertise.

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Dr. Hobbie, the George and Emma Cornelson Professor of the Christian Religion, Emeritus, came to

Presbyterian College in 1990 after serving three years as chaplain and professor at Bethel College in Tennessee. He received an A. B. degree from Davidson College, and a D.Min. and Ph.D. in Church History from Union Presbyterian Seminary. He taught courses in American Religion, the History of Christianity, World Religions, Christian Doctrine, and the African-American Religious experience. He retired in 2014 and continues to reside in Clinton, SC.

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Rev. Phillips concluded her ten year ministry as associate pastor at Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte last September when she became the caregiver for her mother, who suffered with Alzheimer's. Ms. Phillips is a member of Charlotte Presbytery and is currently serving on the committee on ministry there. Prior to coming to North Carolina she served churches in Tucson, Arizona and Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Rev. Smith serves as president of Thornwell Home for Children, our presbytery and synod ministry with children in need and their families and one of the primary ways we help keep the promises made in Baptism. He welcomes the opportunity to share the inspiring story of Thornwell's ministry with the churches of Providence Presbytery and the difference we make in the lives of God's children with our prayers and offerings. Rev. Smith is available for worship participation as guest preacher, liturgist, minute for mission, as well as presentations to adult Sunday school classes, Presbyterian Women and other church groups, including church fellowship suppers – any time the church comes together.

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Rev. Youngblood has been a hospital chaplain and a solo pastor. She is a member of West Virginia Presbytery and works for Palmetto Health Hospital System while studying to become an RN. She is skilled in pastoral care, spiritual care, public speaking and teaching, and moderating meetings.

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**Providence Presbytery Commissioned Ruling Elders Cadre**

**Mike Conn**

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Mr. Conn was commissioned as CLP in 1994 by Cimarron Presbytery, re-commissioned by Presbytery of Des Moines in 2001, and commissioned as CRE by Providence Presbytery in 2010. He has served as pulpit supply, interim pastor, and stated supply in Providence Presbytery.

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