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Southwest Presbytery

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“Serving with Joy” celebrates recovering the membership, financial strength, and vitality of congregations.

The Presbyterian Church in Puerto Rico is over one hundred years old. Six of the twenty-nine congregations in Southwest Presbytery have one hundred or more years of service to their communities. Members of Southwest Presbytery want to create and maintain a historical conscience of their Presbyterian heritage and keep the legacy for future generations. The history and the legacy are not contained inside the building walls. They are in the efforts made to keep them alive, day by day doing the mission that they are called to

do. There is a lot of work to do—but there are many brothers and sisters cooperating in the effort.

Southwest Presbytery has 29 churches with 2,524 members.

**Let us join
in prayer for**

Presbytery Leadership

Rev. Manuel J. Pérez Rodríguez, 2005–06 moderator

Rev. Rubén Ortiz Rodríguez, stated clerk

Elder Franklin Rodríguez Mangual, mission council chairperson

Elder Maribel Cardona Sepúlveda, treasurer

Elder Sandra Marcial Ramírez, administrative assistant

PC(USA) General Assembly Staff

Rev. Skip Herbert, FDN

Gilbert Herbig, MSS

Elder Frederick J. Heuser, OGA

Scripture

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises (Ps. 98:4).

Lectionary

Ps. 66, 98, 116, 146

Lev. 26:1–20

1 Tim. 2:1–6; Matt. 13:18–23

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