

## The Covenant between the Synod of the South Atlantic and Presbyterian College

Presbyterian College, in covenant with the Synod of the South Atlantic, affirms its founding purpose and deep commitment to the Presbyterian Church (USA) expressed through transformative liberal arts education, a strong tradition of service, and intentional relationships with partner churches, presbyteries, and other church-related institutions. Central tenets of the Reformed tradition such as the life of the mind in service to God, the priesthood of all believers, and a life of gratitude lived in response to God's grace are all core to the identity of the College.

With its historic emphasis on the need for ongoing reformation of the church and the transformation of society, the Reformed tradition encourages an open and rigorous search for truth, meaning, and purpose expressed in lives of service. Thus, Presbyterian College integrates excellence in academics with the development of servant-leaders imbued with a sense of honor and integrity. The College strives to play a meaningful role in society and to embody in the lives of its members the College's motto "*Dum Vivimus Servimus* – While We Live, We Serve."

The history of the College's relationship with the Presbyterian Church has evolved since its founding in 1880 as an outgrowth of the mission of First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, SC to provide a college education for young people at Thornwell Orphanage. Today, Presbyterian College is governed by an independent Board of Trustees, and its intentional relationship with the church is still celebrated and vibrantly maintained as faith, learning, and service are woven together through the its curriculum, extracurricular activities, and spiritual life.


Alongside the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s commitment to celebrating the image of God in all people, Presbyterian College is committed to creating a culture where students, staff, and faculty of all faiths, identities, and backgrounds experience a sense of welcome, belonging, thriving, and wellbeing on campus.

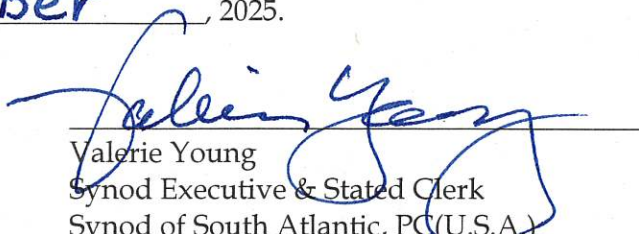
Presbyterian College fosters a rich environment of spiritual life, creating space for students to deepen their sense of identity, grow in the practice of justice, and explore the richness of theological traditions. Through their course of study and mentoring relationships, students are invited into an ecology of vocation where they can discern God's calling on their lives.

The Synod of South Atlantic, in covenant with Presbyterian College, will pray regularly that the students, faculty and staff of the College might find intellectual, physical and spiritual wholeness; support Presbyterian College and its mission throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA); promote the College through Synod newsletters, website, and social media; maintain regular communication with the College Chaplain; embrace Presbyterian College as a locus not only of the church's teaching, but also for the church's learning, especially as a source of information about the culture of contemporary young adults; and celebrate the relationship between church and college that God may be glorified.

This covenant can be reviewed at the request of either party in a process agreed upon by both.

Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025.

  
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