## "The Foundations of Being a Church Officer"

Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Elder and Deacon Training January 20, 2024, 10:00 – 11:30 Zoom Only

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 16, 2024



## This training will lay the groundwork for serving as a ruling elder or deacon.

Join us for an introduction to serving the church in this way as part of your preparation for this important ministry in your congregation.

## **Training presenters:**

Rev. Katie Aumann, Morningside PC Elder Ken Whitehurst, Trinity Decatur PC Elder Paula Coleman, Radcliffe PC

"We encourage Ruling Elders and Deacons to live into their unique gifts and to serve God and the people wholeheartedly, as one of the constitutional questions states, with energy, intelligence, imagination and love."

## More on our leaders...



Rev. Katie Owen Aumann is a lifelong Presbyterian and grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas, the church where she was baptized, confirmed, ordained and married. She serves as the Pastor and Head of Staff at Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, GA. Prior to her current role, she has served as Associate Pastor at Covenant Presbyterian in Atlanta (2017-2020) and as Presbyterian Campus Minister at Duke University (2011-2017). She is a graduate of Duke University and Columbia Theological Seminary, and she has served as adjunct faculty at Duke Divinity School and

Columbia Theological Seminary where she taught the Presbyterian History & Polity course. She is equal parts pastor, partner, and parent and pours her love into her family: her husband Wait, a pediatric oncologist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, daughter Mollie (age 7), and son Jack (age 5). In her "spare time," she enjoys college basketball (Go Duke!), baking (and eating) chocolate chip cookies, and travel.



Paula Lynn Jarrett-Coleman was born in Nashville, Tennessee. She attended local schools in Atlanta, Georgia, graduated summa cum laude from Fisk University in Nashville Tennessee in 1968. Her professional career spanned personnel and hospital administration in New York City, Atlanta, Cobb County, and DeKalb County. She has been a member of Radcliffe Presbyterian Church (USA) since 1990 and has served her congregation and the broader church in a variety of ways. At Radcliffe,

Paula serves on the Evangelism and Outreach and Education Teams, has taught Sunday school, and coordinates mentor programs and other ministries. In 2015 she was ordained as a Deacon and served faithfully for seven years, supporting the congregation and the community. She was ordained as an Elder in 2023 and serves as the Moderator of the Evangelism and Outreach Ministry.



Kenneth "Ken" Whitehurst, a native of New Bern NC, is a graduate of Duke University, Durham NC with the bachelor's and master's degrees, holds a certificate of completion from the Leadership Institute of Union Presbyterian Seminary for Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the Certificate of Theology from the Interdenominational Theological Center. He is a Commissioned Ruling Elder for Westhills Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, ruling elder and deacon of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Decatur (chair of the deacons), a member of

the board of directors of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and chair of the Administrative Team, a commissioner to the Synod of South Atlantic, member of the Executive Administrative Commission, and chair of the Ministry Support Committee. Ken is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and a member of the National Black Presbyterian caucus. He was reelected to the Council of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta's class of 2026. He is pleased to have served as 2016 moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, member and co-chair of the Committee on Ministry, COM liaison, chair of the Presbytery's grants committee, past chair of the board of trustees of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, and commissioner to the 221st and 222nd General Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Ken has been a member of the Presbyterian Church for 40+, elder for 14 years, deacon for 7 years and lives in Stone Mountain GA. Before his retirement, he taught in the public schools of eastern North Carolina, worked in the NC Community College System as a TRIO program director, community college campus dean of students, and associate vice president of academic and student services of the community college system. He is a devoted father and grandfather.