OUR JOURNEY

The Synod of South Atlantic, PC(USA) embodies the grace and love of Jesus Christ, cultivates authentic community within and across presbyteries, and inspires impactful ministry, developing leaders so that the Church becomes united in faith, hope, love, witness, and service.

This journey together calls for more than a description of why and what we do. Our values represent a commitment to serve in a way that demonstrates integrity and is centered on Christ.

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LEADER FORMATION

With a vision for sustainable and holistic leadership, the Embody Leader Formation Program equips leaders at every level to lead impactful ministry for tomorrow's church, today. Each new Synod Commissioner will be in a cohort to take part in formative education that encourages self-awareness, empathy and builds capacity for deeper service. Example topics include:

Human Systems & Organizational Culture
Communicating for Change
Transforming Conflict
Building Agreement
Emotional Intelligence

Presbyteries that do not have a new Synod Commissioner in a particular year will be invited to send someone else to participate in the training.

We are all on a journey to becoming that which God intends.

NETWORKS

Synod Networks are open, collaborative groups, centered around a shared interest, purpose, mission, or ministry, building relationships and connections across the Synod. Networks are organized by people and/or ministries that come from multiple presbyteries. They may form for various lengths of time to accomplish their purposes. They build on the example of our existing Racial Ethnic Ministries to provide a space for people to gather to support one another, deepen their work, and broaden their connections with interested persons around the Synod.



Beyond these connections, Synod Networks provide openings for people to step into the work of the Synod. A representative of each approved Synod Network has voice in the deliberations of the Synod and its committees, providing better communications and opportunities for wider impact.

Funding is included in the Synod budget for 2025 and beyond to provide seed money for Synod Networks, and these networks will be eligible to apply for grants through an expanding grant program to support their work.



GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The Grants and Scholarships program of the Synod has been deepened and broadened to offer more support to Synod Networks, partnerships, and new ministries.

The creation of a Youth and Young Adult Grant Program beginning in 2026 will support networking and leadership development efforts, with our young(er) Presbyterians.

All annual applications for grants and scholarships are online only and available on synodofsouthatlantic.org.

Scholarship Application Deadlines: May 15th

Grant Application Deadlines: October 1st

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