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2 **WINTER PRESBYTERY MEETING**
3 BLUE SPRINGS BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTER
4 MARIANNA, FLORIDA

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6 **January 26, 2008**
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8 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian
9 Church (U.S.A.) met for its Winter Stated Meeting at Blue Springs Baptist
10 Conference Center, Marianna, Florida on Saturday, January 26, 2008.

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12 The following 46 ministers and 51 elders were enrolled as commissioners:
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14 **Ministers:** Nan Adams, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Jerry Blacklaw, Robert Bohnsack,
15 Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher,
16 Ted Chumley, Joseph Chung, Richard Conner, Brant Copeland, David Darrow, Jim
17 Duncan, Terry Dyer, Joseph Eckstine, Chris Erde, Nancy Forinash, Hugh Hamilton,
18 Eugene Harris, Ruth Hempel, Cherie Isakson, Randy Jackson, Harvey Jenkins,
19 Walk Jones, George Kessler, William Lee, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske, Beth
20 McCaw, Dan Mitchell, Paul Mixon, John Napoli, Roger Nicholson, Eleanor Norman,
21 Dan Ottaviano, Russ Owens, Sharon Schuler, James Stansbury, Richard Troost,
22 Shuford White, Joan Wooten, Sam Yuk Yang, and Ezra Yune.
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24 **Elder Commissoners:** Roger Van Landingham (First Chipley); Linda Rhea
25 (Crawfordville-Wakulla); Beth Brant (Crestview-First); Annie Ruth Campbell and
26 Jimmy Macon (DeFuniak Springs-Bethel); Tommy Yates (DeFuniak Springs-Euchee
27 Valley); Rebecca Mooney (DeFuniak Springs-First); Marigail Smoak and Henry
28 Goode (Defuniak Springs-Pleasant Grove); Everett Raspberry (Ft. Walton Beach-
29 First); Sunsook Kimm (Ft. Walton Beach-First Korean); Faye Craig (Freeport); Mike
30 Clark (Gretna); Nesta Cumbie (Havana-First); Mabel Jean Morrison (Laurel Hill);
31 John Hopkins (Lynn Haven-First); Virgil Oswald Jr. (Marianna, First); Jeanette
32 Harman (Milton-First); Brent Johnson (Monticello-First)Frankie Sublett (Navarre);
33 Chuck Cobb (Pace); Grady McDaniel (Panama City-Grace); Andrew Jackson
34 (Parkway); Bob Jones (Pensacola-First);Carol Ozburn (Northminster); Ted and Betty
35 Nickinson (Pensacola-Trinity); Thomas Sykes (Pensacola-Westminster); Sally
36 Malone (Port St. Joe-First); Jane Hinson (Quincy-First); A.E. Gomillion (Red Bay);
37 Harvey Marshewske (Sawdust-Woodland); Karen Moore (Shalimar); Margaret
38 Duerbeck (Sunny Hills); Carol Deloach (Tallahassee-Christ); Christie Kimbrel
39 (Tallahassee-Covenant); Lewis Shelley, Janis Leach and Jim Wiley (Tallahassee-
40 Faith); Cliff Jordan (Tallahassee-Fellowship); David Custis (Tallahassee-First);
41 Robert Keyt (Tallahassee-Lafayette); Lorie Gordon (Tallahassee-Trinity United);
42 **Elder Members of Council:** Frank Adams, Nesta Cumbie, Martha Jean Woodward
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44 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors: Elders:** Patty Arnett (Gulf Breeze);Jeannie
45 Dixon (Tallahassee-Fellowship); Beth House (Tallahassee-Christ); Rew Randolph
46 (Pensacola-Northminster); Jean Silva (Associate Executive Presbyter-CAEE)
47 **Certified:** Jennie Langham-Retired)Ft. Walton Beach);Christy Williams

1 (Tallahassee-First) **Non-Certified:** Laurice Andrews (DeFuniak springs-First);
2 Deborah Potter (Pensacola-First); Leigh Welch (Gulf Breeze); Lisa Wilder (Quincy-
3 First); Mike Frandsen (Tallahassee-Faith)

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5 **Visitors:** There were 25 visitors registered including: Anna Harman (Milton-First);
6 Barbara Robertson (Tallahassee-Fellowship); Diana McAda (Tallahassee-First); Ruth
7 Eckstine (Port St. Joe); Mary Clemmons (DeFuniak Springs); Jean Souter and
8 Rochelle Davis (Tallahassee-First); Anna Duncan, Marie Currier, Jane Morris,
9 Wanda Alford, Patty Danico, June Warmath, and Frank McGoogan (Tallahassee-
10 Fellowship); John Hopkins and Rich Kangas (Lynn Haven-First); Korey Lowry, Andra
11 Copeland, and James Vance; Karen Kessler (Pensacola-Westminster); Sarah
12 McCarren, and Leona Hutchinson (Navarre); Minora Mixon (Shalimar) **Presbytery**
13 **Staff Members:** Darline Ray (Ministries Secretary); Jennifer Joiner (Missions
14 Secretary); Pam McVety (Stewardship of Creation Enabler)

15 16 **ABSENSES**

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18 **Excused Ministers:** Barry Arnold; Lewis Bullard, Arthur Crosswell, Tully Hunter,
19 Taylor Phillips, Joe Vaughn, and Stephen Yates

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21 **Unexcused Ministers:** Sally Campbell-Evans, Charley Grant, Lawrence Greenslit,
22 Kenneth Kelley, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Stephen Melamed, Steven
23 Schaick,

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25 **Excused Churches:** None

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27 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown, Destin-First, Gulf Breeze, Panama City-St.
28 Andrews, Panama City Beach-Gulf Beach, Pensacola - First, Wewahitchka-First

29 30 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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33 The meeting was called to order at 9:17 CST and opened with prayer by moderator
34 George Kimm. Opening worship was held, with the installation of Brant Copeland as
35 moderator, Jean Silva as Associate Executive Presbyter and Tae Ho Cheung, Sam
36 Suk Yang, and Jean Silva as commissioners to South Korea. The Lord's Supper
37 was celebrated during the worship. The necrology of elders and ministers of the
38 Presbytery of Florida who died during 2007 was included by the youth during the
39 service.

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41 Following worship and announcements the meeting was in recess until 1:00 P.M.

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43 The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM with prayer.

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45 **The docket was presented and adopted** with the addition of a report by Dan
46 Mitchell on Budget and Finance.

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2 **First time elders were introduced.** The members of the Pastor Nominating
3 Committee from Fellowship, Tallahassee were recognized and welcomed as well as
4 members of First and Fellowship, Tallahassee.

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6 Moderator Brant Copeland announced that Jack Stotts died yesterday and a brief
7 prayer of thanksgiving for his life was offered.

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9 **A sermon by candidate** Mary P. Vance was heard as part of the candidate's
10 examination.

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12 **Joan Wooten presented a report of the PC(USA) Ministries.**

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14 **Roger Nicholson presented a report for the Committee on Ministry.** A motion
15 was made and seconded to sustain the sermon part of the examination of candidate
16 Mary P. Vance. This was **approved**. Rev. Nicholson asked Mrs. Vance about her
17 faith journey and her call to ministry. Following her response a motion was made
18 and seconded to sustain that portion of the examination. This was **approved**. Rev.
19 Sharon Schuler asked the questions in the area of Bible views. Following Mrs.
20 Vance's response, it was moved and seconded to sustain the Biblical part of the
21 examination. This was **approved**. Rev. Bill Bess asked the questions in the area of
22 theology. Following Mrs. Vance's response, it was moved and seconded to sustain
23 the Theology part of the examination. This was **approved**. Rev. Frank Beall asked
24 the questions in the area of worship and sacraments. Following Mrs. Vance's
25 response, it was moved and seconded to sustain the worship and sacrament part of
26 the examination. This was **approved**. Rev. Rob Bohnsack asked the questions in
27 the area of church polity. Following Mrs. Vance's response, it was moved and
28 seconded to sustain the polity part of the examination. A motion was made and
29 seconded to grant the chair of the COM permission to appoint the
30 ordination/installation commission for Mary P. Vance. This was **approved**.

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32 **Rev. M. Anghaarad (Ann Herod) Teague was introduced** as the new Associate
33 Pastor for Children, Youth and Family at Trinity Presbyterian, Pensacola. She
34 shared her faith journey and was welcomed into the presbytery.

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36 It was moved and seconded that the **Reverend Doctor Arthur G. Crosswell be**
37 **granted the status of Honorably Retired** effective January 26, 2008. This was
38 approved and Cherie Isakson led a prayer of thanksgiving for his service and for
39 healing for him.

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41 **John Lown made a presentation on Thornwell Home.**

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43 **Information on the Administrative Personnel Association was shared by Rev.**
44 **Brant Copeland.**

1 **Terry Dyer presented the communications to the presbytery and report of the**
2 **stated clerk.** The report notes that 2 sets of minutes for 2006 remain to be read.
3 The review sheets for 2007 will be mailed next week; the Ecclesiastical Concerns
4 Ministry has the responsibility for conducting the review for 2007. Rev. Dyer moved
5 that the Presbytery of Florida accept the invitations of First Presbyterian Church,
6 Quincy, to host the Spring Presbytery of Florida meeting on April 29, 2008 and of
7 First Presbyterian Church, Lynn Haven to host the Fall Presbytery of Florida meeting
8 on November 11, 2008. This was seconded and approved.

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10 **Nesta Cumbie presented the Council report.**

11 **The following items were approved for the omnibus report:**

12 Report from the Nominating Committee:

13 Clergy Alternate of 218th General Assembly – Roger Nicholson
14 Board of Trustees at Thornwell Home for Children – John Lown
15 Social Justice Committee, Chair – Mary Howard Edwards
16 Self Development of People - Dottie Hinkle, Lou Dodson
17 Youth Committee – Mike Frandsen, Lynn Harman
18 Development, Chair – Wilson Hinson
19 Ecclesiastical Concerns – Walter Moore

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21 Report from Ecclesiastical Concerns Committee:

22 Concurrence with the overture from the Presbytery of Heartland to
23 reestablish the
24 Office of Environmental Justice for the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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26 Accepted the invitation of Shalimar Presbyterian Church, Shalimar, Florida to
27 host the September 2008 summer Presbytery of Florida meeting

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29 Concurrence with the change in the Thornwell Home for Children By-laws

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32 Second reading for changes to the Operations Manual were approved

33 The number of members for Ecclesiastical Concerns be changed from 9 to 7

34 The number of members for Self Development of People be changed from 7-
35 15 to 5-7

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37 She noted that council has recommended workshops on the Task Force Report on
38 the Proposed Form of Government and Paul Hooker (Executive Presbyter / Stated
39 Clerk for St. Augustine Presbytery, and member of the Task Force) will lead those at
40 the April 29 presbytery meeting.

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43 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

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45 Russell Owens presented the annual report of the treasurer. He noted that due to
46 the reorganization and requirement for additional reports as a result of our new

1 structure and some illness on the part of the bookkeeper, the books for 2007 have
2 not yet been closed. As of January 22, 11 churches have submitted their per capita
3 and those payments have been posted. Twenty-two churches have returned the
4 2008 Mission Giving Pledge, with 16 increasing their pledge (for an increase of
5 \$6,094); 9 have continued their 2007 pledge; 3 have reduced their pledge (for an
6 amount of \$3,481) for a net gain of \$2,612 so far.

9 **REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

11 Randy Jackson presented the report of the Ministry of Administration. He noted
12 from the Personnel ministry that Jean Silva is the primary staff to the Program
13 Committee for Dogwood Acres; Terry Dyer is primary staff to the Development and
14 Operations Committee and meets with Robert once a week to review maintenance
15 concerns/issues; Jennifer Joiner devotes 7-14 hours/week to secretarial duties
16 relative to camp bookings, summer camp brochure, camp registration, billings, etc.

18 A motion was made and seconded to amend the terms of call for Rev. Dyer as
19 follows: that the terms of call for Terry Dyer be increased by \$1000 (cost of living
20 raise) for 2008 and all related changes to Board of Pension dues. It was noted that
21 this raise will be added to the State Clerk portion of the current salary, raising it from
22 \$3500 to \$4500 and the amount will be funded from the Governing Body Overage
23 funds. This was **approved**.

26 **REPORT OF THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

28 Dan Mitchell presented a report from the Budget and Finance Committee. There
29 were several items for approval. The items were taken individually. The following
30 **loan requests were approved ...**

32 Pace Presbyterian Church's request to refinance their current loan for ten years at
33 6.90%

35 Shalimar Presbyterian Church's request for a loan to build a pitched roof on the
36 education building for 5+ years at a maximum of 7.90%. The following language is
37 required by the Presbyterian Loan Program: "Therefore, be it resolved that: The
38 Presbytery of Florida (a "Corporation") of the Presbyterian Church (USA) having
39 received and reviewed the loan application of the Shalimar Presbyterian Church, a
40 member in good standing of this Presbytery, approved the loan application and
41 guarantees the repayment of principal in interest on the loan to the Presbyterian
42 Church (USA). A Corporation ("CLP"), in the amount of \$75,000. The officers of the
43 Presbytery Corporation as listed on the attached Affidavit/Certification of
44 Incumbency marked Exhibit A are authorized to sign a Guaranty Agreement for this
45 loan as agents of the Presbytery Corporation."

1 Wakulla Presbyterian requested approval of a line of credit of \$75,000 for 2 years on
2 an as-needed basis from the Wakulla State Bank. Their property will be used as
3 collateral, and only what is needed will be requested. Rev. Nancy Forinash stated
4 that they hope to not need the money at all, but it will give them some security
5 knowing that it is available. The request was **approved**.

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7 The operating budget for 2008 for \$743,749 was **approved**.

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10 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

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12 Ruth Mashewske presented the report of the Mission for Outreach. She announced
13 that the Hands on Mission Grant requests must be received by the Presbytery office
14 no later than Feb. 15, 2008. Rev. Mashewske specifically requested prayer for the
15 Evangelism/Revitalization Committee as it begins its work. Paul Caro reported on
16 the partnership with South Africa; a group will be going there at the beginning of
17 June.

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20 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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22 Huw Christopher presented the report of the Mission for Spiritual Development. He
23 made the following motion:

24 *"The Youth Committee of the Presbytery of Florida recommends that all of the*
25 *churches of the Presbytery consider adopting the Year of Mission with each*
26 *congregation choosing its own project for each month."*

27 This was seconded and **approved**.

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30 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES/OUTDOOR**

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32 Christy Williams presented the report of the Mission for Dogwood Acres/Outdoor
33 Ministry. The report included two action items:

34 - that the line item #0357 for the DWA Capital Study Fund be dissolved since
35 the Presbytery voted not to undertake this study and that the funds from this line be
36 put into the Dogwood Acres Development fund.

37 - That Presbytery approve disbursal of funds from the Dogwood Acres
38 Development Fund for the 2,000 gallon water tank at the camp and for the operating
39 permit for the pool, not to exceed \$53,000.

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41 **Both items were approved.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Moderator Brant Copeland named Dave Custis and Hugh Hamilton to read the Presbytery minutes for 2008.

Shalimar Presbyterian Church expressed its sincere gratitude for the support of the Presbytery at the recent installation service.

There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer at 2:48 PM. The meeting was adjourned.

Brant Copeland, Moderator
Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Rev. Hugh Hamilton, Pastor, Pensacola, Trinity

Dave Custis, Elder, Tallahassee 1st