

1                                   **SUMMER PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
2                                   **LAFAYETTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
3                                   **TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**  
4                                   **September 13, 2011**

5   The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church  
6   (U.S.A.) met for its Summer Stated Meeting at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL,  
7   September 13, 2011.

8   The following 44 ministers and 34 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

9   **Ministers:** Michael Askew, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Jerry Blacklaw, Tom Borland, Mark  
10  Broadhead, Sally Campbell-Evans, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Jae Wan Chung, Joseph  
11  Chung, Brant Copeland, Daniel Dieth, Terry Dyer, Cydney Bea Edwards, Chris Erde, Rick  
12  Gernhardt, Hugh Hamilton, Eugene Harris, Emory Hingst, Dolores Ingraham, Victoria Isaacs,  
13  Randon Jackson, John Kelsay, Joanne Kublik, William F. Lee, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske,  
14  Dan Mitchell, James Monroe, Michael Moore, Taylor Phillips, Larry Plank, Keith Posehn,  
15  Sharon Schuler, James Stansbury, Anghaarad Teague Dees, Drucilla Tyler, James Urquhart,  
16  Mary Vance, Anne Veldhuisen, Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates, Ezra Yune.

17  **Elder Commissioners:** **Crestview** - Ed Kitchen; **DeFuniak Springs** – Euchee Valley: Tommy  
18  Yates; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** Ed Gerber; **DeFuniak Springs – Pleasant Grove:** Henry W.  
19  Goode III; **Destin – First:** Carol Davis; **Gretna – Gretna:** Janice Maxwell; **Havana – First:**  
20  Nesta Cumbie; **Laurel Hill – Laurel Hill:** Bertie Ann Curenton; **Marianna – First:** Barry  
21  Stafford; **Milton – First:** Gerry Yandle; **Monticello – First:** John Schuler; **Pace:** Walt Rees;  
22  **Panama City – Grace:** Thurman Vinson; **Panama City – Parkway:** Al Borovich; **Panama**  
23  **City – St. Andrews:** Vernon Ballard; **Pensacola – First:** Dale Jordan, Jeff Lewis, Scott  
24  Sherman; **Pensacola – Northminster:** Sam Smith; **Pensacola – Trinity:** Gail Childs, Annette  
25  Hauck, Angie Shehee; **Quincy – First:** Bill Mock; **Sawdust – Woodland:** Mary Jo Butler;  
26  Shalimar: George Shealy; **Tallahassee – Christ:** Sylvia Collins; **Tallahassee – Covenant:**  
27  Christie Kimbrel; **Tallahassee – Faith:** Bob Lindquist, Cathy Ray, Ray Youngblood;  
28  **Tallahassee – Fellowship:** Cathy Wacksman; **Tallahassee – First:** David Custis; **Tallahassee –**  
29  **Lafayette:** Bob Key; **Tallahassee – Trinity United:** Susie Ellis.

30  **Corresponding Members:** Robert Ward, Glenn Hodges

31  **Non-Minister Members of Council:** Nesta Cumbie, Jim Gibbs, Henry Goode, Jean Norman,  
32  Toya O’Hora, John Schuler, Kevin Veldhuisen, Martha Jean Woodward.

33  **Presbytery Staff:** Melissa Morgan

34  **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

35                   **Elders: Tallahassee–Christ:** Beth House

36                                   **Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon

37                                   **Tallahassee-First:** Christy Williams

38                                   **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva

1           **Non-Certified: Tallahassee-Faith:** Shannon Guse

2   **Visitors:** Rev. Elliot Smith, Thornwell Home for Children; Rachel Christopher, Marianna; Rev.  
3   Don Harris, Westminster Retirement Communities; James McQuagge, Panama City, Grace;  
4   Sylvester Woodward, First, Quincy; E. A. Ellis, Trinity United, Tallahassee; Tracy Curenton,  
5   Laurel Hill; Ben Powell, First, Quincy; Hailey Braden Lynch, First, Pensacola; Ben Lynch, First,  
6   Pensacola; David Wiszneanckar, Lafayette; Dan Nash, Agape, Panama City; Rev. Sandra  
7   Martin, Dan Martin, Victoria Martin.

8   **ABSENSES**

9   **Excused Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Mel Baars, Bruce Chapman, John Erthein, Lawrence  
10   Greenslit, George Kessler, Pamela King Phillips, Beth McCaw, Durl Odom

11   **Unexcused Ministers:** Peder Carlson, Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, Stephen Kolmetz, Leo  
12   Sandon, Kim Stavenau

13   **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Chipley, Destin, Gulf Breeze, Lynn Haven, Pensacola –  
14   Westminster, Red Bay

15   **Unexcused Churches:** Fort Walton Beach – First, Freeport, Navarre, Panama City – Agape,  
16   Panama City Beach – Gulf Beach, Pensacola – Korean, Port St. Joe, Sunny Hills, Tallahassee –  
17   Korean NCD, Wewahitchka

18   **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

19   The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m. EDT and opened with prayer by moderator Huw  
20   Christopher. The docket was presented and adopted.

21   Rev. Stephen Yates, Acting Stated Clerk, noted a quorum was present. He moved for the  
22   adoption of the docket. The docket was approved.

23   Greetings and welcome from Rev. John Lown, Lafayette Presbyterian Church, were received.

24   Rev. Mark Broadhead, chair of the Committee on Ministry, reported that COM has examined  
25   Kevin Veldhuisen. The committee recommended to Presbytery that Kevin preach the sermon as  
26   part of his examination.

27   Opening worship was held. The sermon was delivered by Kevin Veldhuisen. An offering for the  
28   Fund for the Least of These was part of the morning worship. At the conclusion of worship,  
29   Rev. Broadhead moved that the preaching part of the examination be sustained. This was  
30   approved.

31   The moderator requested introductions of first-time elders, ministers, and corresponding  
32   members. The delegation from the Yeosu Presbytery, of South Korea, was introduced by Tae  
33   Ho Cheong. The moderator of the Yeosu Presbytery brought greetings. He explained Yeosu's  
34   "30-50 vision" of bringing 50 percent of the 30,000 population to Christ. Bob Lindquist then  
35   introduced the new President for Thornwell, Dr. Elliot Smith.

1 Don Harris, Presbyterian Retirement Community Church Relations Coordinator, made a brief  
2 presentation.

3 The body observed a few minutes of prayer, led by Rev. Chris Erde.

#### 4 REPORT OF PRESBYTERY STAFF AND OFFICERS

5 Rev. Terry Dyer presented his report.

6 Jean Silva presented the report of the AEP for Church Development and Education and Hunger  
7 Action Enabler. Jean noted information in the packet on the upcoming Sabbath retreat at  
8 Dogwood Acres. She also gave thanks to Rev. Dyer for his leadership and guidance.

9 The moderator gave thanks to Melissa Morgan for all her hard work this past year.

10 Kevin Veldhuisen presented the report of the AEP for Outdoor Ministry and Spiritual  
11 Development. He gave a recap of the past year in the position. It has been a very busy year with  
12 only one weekend without a group at camp or in the pulpit of a church, he said. Kevin gave an  
13 update on the Asperger's Camp this summer and on the formation of a partnership with Atlanta  
14 churches. He reported the camp is very full for the rest of the year and he has had to turn away  
15 about \$50,000 in fees because there is no room.

16 The report of the Treasurer was received as information. Jim Gibbs reported that the presbytery  
17 is "not broke and has money in the bank." He reported the following reserves status for the last  
18 four years: December 2008 - \$242,829.01; December 2009 - \$336,468.79; December 2010 -  
19 \$263,801.14; July 2011 - \$279,394.50. For the current year, we have \$400,213 in unified  
20 pledges; through July (which is 58 percent of the year) we have received 53 percent of that  
21 amount, he said. The report for the month ending July 31, 2011, was included in the meeting  
22 information packet with the January – July 2011 report.

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24 Rev. Stephen Yates presented the report of the Acting Stated Clerk. He reported receipt of a  
25 letter from the Session of the Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church stating its members voted at a  
26 meeting on June 7, 2011, to request a Relief of Conscience status so that no funds from the  
27 church's Board of Pensions medical insurance dues will be used to pay for abortions. This was  
28 approved by presbytery on voice vote with one dissension.

29 The next item requiring approval was a request from Sherl Morden of Second Chance of NW  
30 Florida for endorsement of the organization's application for a Thank Offering grant. This was  
31 approved. The rest of the report was received as information.

32 Clarification on a communication was noted: Covenant Presbyterian registered a letter of formal  
33 protest regarding the Presbytery's approval of amendment 10-A at the April 26, 2011, stated  
34 meeting. Rev. Brant Copeland commented on the communication from Jean McCarter. Thanks  
35 was given to Jean for her work. However, the letter was incorrect in stating that Council had

1 been very active in seeking to make the changes to the Book of Order; Council had no stand in  
2 this matter; the Presbytery voted in an open stated meeting by ballot, he stated.

3 Rev. Huw Christopher presented the Moderator's report. He reported on the appointment of the  
4 following persons to serve on the Administrative Commission for the Bethel Presbyterian  
5 Church in DeFuniak Springs. The following have been appointed:

6 Elders:

7 Henry Goode III, Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs

8 Joyce Kelly, First Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs

9 Jo Kublik, Commissioned Lay Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Milton

10 Scott Perry, First Presbyterian Church, Lynn Haven

11 Clergy:

12 John Erthein, Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs

13 Michael Moore, First Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs

14 Durl Odom, Honorably Retired, Stated Supply, Red Bay Presbyterian Church

15 The purposes of this Commission are as:

16 (a) Determine whether the church has an active and functioning session and to determine with  
17 the members of the session whether the church continues to be a viable congregation.

18 (b) If it is determined that the church does not have an active and functioning session, assume  
19 original jurisdiction in the name of the Presbytery of Florida (Book of Order G-11.0103) to  
20 determine with the members of the church what is necessary for the church to continue to be a  
21 viable congregation.

22 Rev. Mark Broadhead and Rev. Stephen Yates presented an Introduction to the New Form of  
23 Government and 10-A ordination standards. It was announced a workshop will be held on  
24 October 23 at 3:00 p. m. CDT at DeFuniak, led by Rev. Yates. Paul Hooker, Executive  
25 Presbyter of St. Augustine Presbytery, will lead a workshop at Faith Presbyterian (Tallahassee)  
26 on October 26 at 6 p. m. EDT. A workshop is also tentatively scheduled for First, Pensacola, on  
27 October 16 at 3:00 p. m. CDT.

28 Following this introduction, the body observed a time of prayer led by Rev. John Lown.

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30 The body adjourned for lunch and returned at 2:00 p. m. EDT.

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### 32 PRESBYTERY REPORTS

33 The following reports were received as information:

34 Presbyterian Women

35 Mission for Dogwood Acres

36 Mission for Spiritual Development – Youth, Children, Training and Retreats, Worship and  
37 Theology

38 Self Development of People

39 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Two inquirers have been removed from the rolls)

1 Compassion and Social Justice (Highlighted Peacemaking Offering and a fast)

2 Rev. Taylor Philips, chaplain at Westminster Oaks, thanked Keith Leach for preaching  
3 nine years at Westminster Oaks.

4 Larry Plank requested help for Pace Presbyterian Church. If area churches can help  
5 with special services on the 3rd Sunday of each month, especially in music, please  
6 contact the church office.

7 The body paused for a time of prayer lead by Rev. Mary Vance.

8 The following reports were received for action:

9 Church Development and Evangelism report was presented by Ruth Mashewske. Several items  
10 of information were noted. Thirteen churches have signed up for the Acts 16:5 initiative; Stan  
11 Ott has agreed to work with those 13 churches. After reviewing the progress of the Agape  
12 NCD, it was moved, seconded and passed to request the Presbytery charter Agape NCD (Panama  
13 City) as a church and that the following commission be established to charter on Sunday,  
14 October 2:

15 Gerry Yandle (Milton), Jean Silva (Grace), Jim McQuagge (Grace), Joseph Chung (Fort  
16 Walton Beach Korean), Tae Ho Cheong (Pensacola Korean), Dan Mitchell (Lynn  
17 Haven), and Ruth Mashewske (Gretna/Woodland). This was approved. The chartering service  
18 will be October 2 at 4:00 p. m. CDT.

19 The committee presented a calendar for praying for each church in the presbytery, September 18,  
20 2011 – September 23, 2012.

21 Committee on Ministry report was presented by Mark Broadhead. The report was presented as  
22 information.

23 Keith Layton Posehn and Sandra Martin were introduced. Their Statements of Faith were  
24 provided in the supplemental docket. Mrs. Martin retired from a church in Baton Rouge a year  
25 ago; she and her husband have resettled in Pensacola. Keith has accepted the interim position at  
26 Northminster, Pensacola.

27 Kevin Veldhuisen was introduced for the ordination examination. Mark Broadhead asked  
28 questions in the area of Worship, Theology, Polity, Sacraments and Bible. Each of the exams  
29 were approved. Rev. Broadhead moved that the exam be sustained as a whole and, if the way be  
30 clear for ordination as a teaching elder to take place in the Presbytery of South Dakota. This was  
31 approved. A question was asked about his employment; Kevin serves in a non-ordained  
32 position. Council and Personnel will need to address a call to an ordained position.

33 The Personnel Committee report was presented by Jeannie Dixon for Nesta Cumbie.

34 The report of Council was presented by Jeannie Dixon. The Council recommended:

- 1 1. That the Presbytery accept Terry Dyer's resignation as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk.  
2 2. That Stephen Yates be elected Stated Clerk from October 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012, and  
3 that he be paid a stipend of \$800.00 a month with a travel allowance of \$2,000.00 per year.  
4 3. That Presbytery adopt the 2009-10 Book of Order with the new amendments as a provisional  
5 manual while conforming itself to the New Form of Government.  
6 These were approved.

7 The Council nominated Chris Erde as a member of the Nominating Committee, Class of 2014.  
8 This was approved.

9 The Moderator introduced Jean Norman, moderator-in-nomination and chair of the search  
10 committee.

11 The Report of the Administrative Commission for Shalimar was presented by Ruth Mashewske.  
12 Ruth reviewed the work of the committee and reported that the Shalimar Commission wishes to  
13 report that the work it was tasked with is completed and respectfully requests of Presbytery that  
14 the Commission be dissolved. Rev. Michael Moore reported as new moderator of the session of  
15 Shalimar; prayers are still needed, and there are questions regarding the title search. It was  
16 approved to dissolve the commission with the presbytery's appreciation.

17 The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Martha Jean Woodward. She  
18 requests suggestions from every congregation to serve on the various committees. The  
19 Nominating Committee recommends the following:

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21 Anne Veldhuisen – Disaster Assistance Coordinator

22 Synod Commissioners for October 2011 meeting:

23 Rev. Joan Wooten  
24 Elder Tim Crawford

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26 This was approved.

27 The report of Budget, Finance, and Stewardship was presented by John Schuler. The Budget,  
28 Finance and Stewardship Committee recommended the purchase of +12.37 acres from  
29 Whispering Pines Timber, LLC, at a purchase price of \$3,000 per acre; as part of the settlement,  
30 a transfer of title of +0.563 acres to Whispering Pines Timber, LLC; and, for this, payment by  
31 Florida Presbytery to The Woodlands Company (Ben Powell) of a 5 percent commission for his  
32 services, while Whispering Pines Timber, LLC, will cover all other closing costs. The cost will  
33 be about \$36,000 for the acreage; the money for this is from the sale of the property approved at  
34 the June 30, 2011 meeting. This was approved. Deep thanks and appreciation were expressed  
35 for the work Ben Powell has done in this area.

36 The next meeting will be on November 8, 2011, at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Panama City.

37 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer.  
38 The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p. m. EDT.

