

1 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting
2 January 25, 2014
3 First Presbyterian, Pensacola, FL

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met for its
5 Winter Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian, Pensacola, FL.

6 The following 31 teaching elders and 34 ruling elders were enrolled as commissioners:

7 **Teaching Elders/CREs:** Frank Beall, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong,
8 Joseph Chung, Ric Connor, Brant Copeland, Anghaarad Dees, Danny Dieth, Chris Erde, John Erthein, Hugh
9 Hamilton, Gene Harris, Jeff Hayes, Jack Homoney, Victoria Isaacs, Randy Jackson, Ken Kelley, Joanne Kublik,
10 Ted Land, William F. Lee, John Lown, Benjamin Lynch, Hailey Lynch, Ruth Mashewske, Lindsay Moffett,
11 Michael Moore, Larry Plank, Keith Posehn, John Schuler, Sharon Schuler, Mary Vance, Joan Wooten

12 **Ruling Elder Commissioners:** Chipley, First - Kevin Russell; Crestview, First - Patrick McCreary;
13 DeFuniak Springs, Bethel - Sharee Campbell; DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley – Tommy Yates; DeFuniak
14 Springs, First – Lee Thomas; DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant Grove – Henry W. Goode, III; Destin, First –
15 Dottie Sherling; Fort Walton Beach, First - Jim Weatherbee; Fort Walton Beach, Korean First – Yun
16 Yarbrough; Freeport, Freeport - Mike Standley; Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze - Robbin Sweeney; Laurel Hill,
17 Laurel Hill – Brian Hughes; Marianna, First – Mary Bevis Schmidt; Milton, First – Leslie Yandle; Navarre,
18 Navarre – Linda Wagoner; Pace, Pace - Walt Reese; Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach - Karen Ferguson;
19 Panama City, Agape – Denville Nash; Panama City, Parkway - Andrew Jackson; Pensacola, First – Debbie
20 Layton, Brenda Robinson; Pensacola, Northminster - Ken Overholt; Pensacola, Trinity – Andrew Hinton,
21 Rick Mullin, Lori Prettyman; Pensacola, Westminster – Thomas W. Sykes; Quincy, First – Ben Powell;
22 Sawdust, Woodland - Harvey Mashewske; Shalimar, Shalimar - Phil Ireton; Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills
23 Community – Polly Hartwell; Tallahassee, Faith – Les Lundberg, Barney Ray; Tallahassee, Fellowship –
24 James Vance; Tallahassee, First – Pam McVety.

25 **Corresponding Members:**

26 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

27 **Elders:**

28 **Certified: Jeannie Dixon**

29 **Non-Certified:**

30 **Presbytery Staff:** Melissa Morgan, Pam McVety

31 **Team Chairs:** Jim Davis, Sherl Morden, Ben Powell

32 **Visitors:** Faye Jackson, William Green, Leslie Kelley, Denise Moore, Sandra Winslett, Wanda Segers, Cathy
33 Connor.

34 **Visiting Teaching Elders:**

35 **ABSENSES**

36 **Excused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Mel Baars, Jae Wan Chung, Robert Fuehrer, John Kelsay, Sandra Martin,
37 Beth McCaw, Cydney Bea Miller, Dan Mitchell, Taylor Phillips, Drucilla Tyler.

38 **Unexcused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Michael Askew, Bill Bess, Gary Cecil, Terry Dyer, Nancy Forinash,
39 Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, George Kessler, Pamela King Phillips, Leo Sandon, Ezra Yune.

1 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; Gretna, Gretna; Havana, First; Lynn Haven, First; Red Bay,
2 Red Bay.

3 **Unexcused Churches:** Monticello, First; Panama City, Grace; Panama City, St. Andrews; Port St. Joe, First;
4 Tallahassee, Christ; Tallahassee, Lafayette; Tallahassee, Trinity United; Wewahitchka, First.

5 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

6 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CST by moderator John Lown. Following the opening prayer, it
7 was noted that a quorum was present. Changes to the docket were presented, moving the Ministry Report to
8 prior to the Staff/Officers reports and deleting the report of the Reconfiguration Task Force. **The docket was**
9 **approved as amended.** Randy Jackson gave a welcome from First Presbyterian, Pensacola.

10 First time ruling elders were introduced.

11 A morning prayer service was held with Rev. Randy Jackson and Rev. Frank Beall leading worship. Revs.
12 Hailey and Benjamin Lynch presided over the table. During worship, Rev. Hugh Hamilton was installed as
13 moderator of the Presbytery. Also during worship, the delegation to Yeosu Presbytery, South Korea, was
14 commissioned.

15 Mark Broadhead presented the report of the Ministry Team. The report noted the approval of Rev. Dr. Robert
16 Sullivan to serve as interim pastor and moderator of session at Lafayette, Tallahassee, effective February 1,
17 2014. Rev. Harvey Jenkins is approved to serve as moderator for St. Andrews, Tallahassee. The ordination
18 commission for Rachel Hood was approved. The team approved the transfer of Rev. Anne Veldhuisen to the
19 Presbytery of South Dakota and moved Rev. Kevin Veldhuisen to the status of member-at-large. The Ministry
20 Team recommended that the Presbytery of Florida confer the title of Honorably Retired to Rev. Ezra Yune
21 effective March 1, 2014. **This was approved.**

22 Reports from Presbytery staff and officers were received:

23 Ted Land, Coordinating Presbyter, provided an update on his activities.

24 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk, reported. She presented several items for information. As of January 24, 2014, all
25 minutes for 2013 had been read. A schedule for reading the 2013 minutes has not yet been established.

26 Jim Davis, Treasurer, presented the financial report for 2013. The Presbytery is in a healthy financial condition,
27 he said. Jim presented the proposed 2014 budget to be approved at the April meeting.

28 Bruce Chapman (dressed as John Calvin) presented an annual report from the Presbyterian University Center.

29 John Lown presented the report of the Presbytery Leadership Team. The report included highlights of the
30 retreat held at Dogwood Acres Jan. 10-11, 2014. Several items for action were presented:

31 1) Restate Presbytery Goal No. 1: A Presbytery of healthy, thriving churches. **This was approved.**

32 2) Change the Operations Manual, Section II, Presbytery Leadership Team, as follows:

33 The PLT is responsible for but not limited to:

- 34 - Engaging in ongoing shaping and reshaping the concepts for ministry of the presbytery by being
- 35 responsive to the changing needs of the presbytery, community and the world and by discerning God's will.
- 36 - Formulating recommendations to the presbytery concerning priorities and goals.
- 37 - Meeting at least annually with the chairs or moderators of teams for training, planning, evaluating

- 1 and goal setting.
2 - Developing avenues for communication and consultation with the presbytery teams.

3 The Administrative Team will be composed of the current moderator, past moderator, moderator-in
4 nomination (convener), stated clerk (ex officio, with voice but not vote), coordinating presbyter (ex officio, with
5 voice but not vote) and treasurer (ex officio, with voice but not vote). The group will generally meet by
6 conference call with the following responsibilities previously held by the PLT:

- 7 - Formulate recommendations to the PLT concerning policies
8 - Serve as trustees of the presbytery
9 - Create task forces designated by the PLT as needed
10 - Nominate members and the chair to serve on the Commitment to Representation Team
11 - Approve changes in the staff design in consultation with the Personnel Team
12 - Annually review and make changes to the Operating Manual
13 - When deemed necessary, they may take appropriate actions between meetings of presbytery and
14 report such actions to the next stated meeting of presbytery.

15 **This was approved.**

16 3) Change the Operations Manual, Section II, Presbytery Leadership Team, Membership, as follows:
17 Add a representative from the Dogwood Acres Ministry Team and a representative from the
18 Congregational Mission Support Team as ex officio members (voice but not vote).

19 There was much discussion for and against the change. **This was approved** on voice vote.

20 Ric Connor presented a report from the Personnel Committee with no items for action.

21 Ted Land presented a report from the Commitment to Representation Team. There are numerous vacancies (a.
22 k. a. “opportunities for service”) on the presbytery teams.

23 The Preparation for Ministry Team’s written report noted that Lori Prettyman, Linda Pitts and Trinity Whitley
24 are inquirers; Glenn Hodges is a candidate; and Michael Frandsen is a candidate ready to receive a call. All are
25 in good standing with the PMT.

26 Ben Powell noted the report of the Dogwood Acres Ministry Team was in the packet for information. A part-
27 time office assistant and cook, Jessica Harris, has been hired and is proving to be fully capable and willing. The
28 next big presbytery event at the camp is the youth conference scheduled for February 21-23. The search
29 committee continues work to find a director.

30 Sherl Morden presented information from the Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team. The 108th annual
31 gathering is scheduled on March 15 at St. Andrews. That church is 127 ½ years old. Everyone is invited.

32 Churches shared successes. Brant invited everyone to a hymn sing at First, Tallahassee tomorrow at 3:00. Next
33 Sunday at 4 p.m., two Korean music professors will present a concert of violin and piano music at Pensacola
34 Korean Presbyterian Church. Bruce Chapman noted several programs available via PUC, which will be on the
35 tables at lunch. The collegiate conference at Montreat is in November each year; churches were invited to
36 include any college students in that trip, he added.

37 Michael Moore reported as incoming chair of CMST. There are two opportunities for congregations to
38 participate in Presbyterian Cursillo, he noted:. Presbytery of South Alabama is scheduled for April 3 – 5;
39 Florida has one in September. Everyone should encourage members to participate in these spiritual weekends,
40 he said.

1 March 30-31 First, Pensacola, will have Rodger Nishioka as their annual speaker. He will speak Sunday
2 evening and Monday evening at 5:30 p.m., Randy Jackson announced.

3 Birthday greetings were extended to Victoria Isaacs.

4 John Lown brought thanks from Thornwell to those who have contributed as individuals or congregations. John
5 suggested making Honor Gifts to Thornwell for birthday/Christmas.

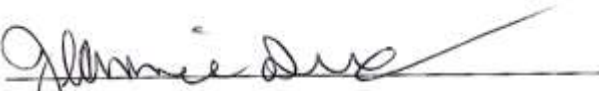
6 The meeting was adjourned for lunch with a blessing and resumed at 1 p.m. with a report from Bills and
7 Overtures.

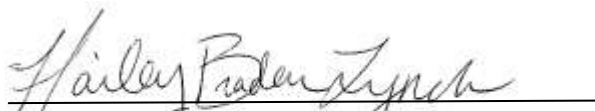
8 John Lown presented the report from Bills and Overtures. Pam McVety, Stewardship of Creation Enabler,
9 presented further information on the overture. It originated with the Palo Alto Church in the San Jose
10 Presbytery and has been endorsed by Boston and Twin Cities. The session of First, Tallahassee, presented the
11 overture and recommends it endorsement. There was discussion after which it **was approved** to endorse the
12 overture.

13 There was no other business before the body. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery is
14 scheduled for April 29, 2014, at Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL at 9 a.m.
15 (CST)/10 a.m. (EST). The moderator offered a closing prayer at 1 p.m. (EST). The meeting
16 was adjourned.

17 Hugh Hamilton, Moderator
18 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk

19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES


Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk


Hailey Braden Lynch, Teaching Elder