

1 **SUMMER PRESBYTERY MEETING**
2 **WESTMINSTER OAKS**
3 **TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA**
4 **September 8, 2009**

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 Westminster Oaks, Tallahassee, FL, September 8,
7 2009.

8 The following 36 ministers and 28 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

9 **Ministers:** Michael Askew, Bill Bess, Jerry Blacklaw, Robert Bohnsack, Tom Borland, Mark
10 Broadhead, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Joseph Chung, Bea Copeland,
11 Brant Copeland, David Darrow, Danny Dieth, Terry Dyer, Chris Erde, Rick Gernhardt, Albert
12 Harris, H. Eugene Harris, Ruth Hempel, Tully Hunter, Delores Ingraham, Cherie Isakson,
13 Randon Jackson, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, William F. Lee, Ruth Mashewske, Dan
14 Mitchell, Russell Owens, Taylor Phillips, James Stansbury, James Urquhart, Mary Vance, Joan
15 Wooten, Ezra Yune

16 **Elder Commissioners:** **Chibley – First:** Carolyn Carter; **Crestview – First:** Richard Thalacker;
17 **DeFuniak Springs – Euchee Valley:** Tommy Yates; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** Joyce Kelly;
18 **DeFuniak Springs – Pleasant Grove:** Henry W. Goode, III; **Freeport:** Louis Williams;
19 **Gretna:** Alex Johnson; **Havana – First:** Nesta Cumbie; **Laurel Hill – Laurel Hill:** Leon
20 Curenton; **Lynn Haven – First:** Richard Koehler; **Marianna – First:** Mary Bevis Schmidt;
21 **Milton – First:** Linda Lade; **Pace – Pace:** Walt Reese; **Panama City – Agape NCD:** Jae Wan
22 Chung; **Panama City – Grace:** Thurman Vinson; **Pensacola – First:** Jeff Lewis, Patricia Smith;
23 **Pensacola – Trinity:** Frank Adams, Ruth White; **Port St. Joe – First:** Mark Curenton; **Quincy**
24 **– First:** Alexander Hinson; **Red Bay – Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Shalimar – Shalimar:** George
25 Shealy; **Sunny Hills – Sunny Hills:** John Turner; **Tallahassee – Covenant:** Roger Keen;
26 **Tallahassee – Fellowship:** Pat Field; **Tallahassee – First:** David Custis; **Tallahassee –**
27 **Lafayette:** Karen Gunter.

28 **Elder Members of Council:** **Pensacola-Trinity:** Mary Gene Fleming and **Quincy-First:**
29 Martha Jean Woodward

30 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

31 **Elders:Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon, and **Associate Executive Presbyter:**
32 Jean Silva

33 **Certified: Ft. Walton Beach:** Jennie Langham; **Tallahassee-First:** Christy Williams

34 **Non-Certified:** None

35 **Visitors:** There were 19 visitors registered: **Crestview-First:** Joanne Kublik, **Ft. Walton**
36 **Beach-First:** Patti Bohnsack, **Gulf Breeze-Cynthia Blacklaw,** **Pace-Mary Reese,** **Pensacola-**
37 **Trinity:** Paul Caro, **Shalimar:** Buddy Naylor, Margaret Naylor, Allison Davis, Krystina Fisher,
38 Glenda Bryant, Kathlyn Hart, Linda Shealy, **Tallahassee-Covenant:** Christie Kimbrel, Sandi
39 Mason, Jean McCarter, Mike Gomez, **Tallahassee-Lafayette:** Evalyn Owens, **Thornwell Home**
40 **for Children:** Susan Sampson, **Other:** Horace Johnson

1 **Presbytery Staff: Administrative Assistant:** Melissa Morgan

2 **ABSENSES**

3 **Excused Ministers:** Nan Adams, Barry Arnold, Sally Campbell-Evans, Ted Chumley, Hugh
4 Hamilton, Walk Jones, Ken Kelly, George Kessler, John Lown, Jim Monroe, Roger Nicholson,
5 Sharon Shuler, Anghaarad Teague, Shuford White, Stephen Yates

6 **Unexcused Ministers:** Ronald Bradley

7 **Excused Churches:** Pensacola – Northminster; Monticello – First; Destin – First

8 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown, Chipley – First, DeFuniak Springs – Bethel, Ft. Walton
9 Beach – First, Ft Walton Beach – First Korean, Gulf Breeze, Panama City – Parkway, Panama
10 City – St. Andrews, Panama City – Gulf Beach, Pensacola – Korean, Pensacola – Westminster,
11 Sawdust – Woodland, Tallahassee – Christ, Tallahassee – Faith, Tallahassee – Trinity United,
12 Wewahitchka – First

13 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

14 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. EST and opened with prayer by moderator Joan
15 Wooten. **The docket was presented with additions and adopted.** Taylor Phillips presented
16 greetings and welcome from Westminster Oaks. Opening worship was held. The sermon was
17 delivered by Rick Gernhardt, candidate for ordination/pastor-elect of Covenant Presbyterian
18 Church

19 Workshops on evangelism and the goals of the Presbytery were held.

20 The meeting was adjourned for lunch and resumed with introductions of visiting ministers, first-
21 time elders and corresponding members.

22 Visiting Ministers: Rick Gernhardt

23 Corresponding members: None

24 Don Harris presented on behalf of the Westminster Retirement Communities. Reg Parsons,
25 synod executive, brought greetings.

26 The South Korean Partnership delegation had a special presentation to the Presbytery. They
27 presented a plaque of appreciation for hosting their young people last summer.

28 **COMMUNICATIONS/STATED CLERKS REPORT**

29 **Terry Dyer presented the communications to the presbytery.** The report notes 13 items of
30 communication received. One item deals with the dates of September and November meetings
31 of the Presbytery of Florida, which conflict with national holidays. It is recommended that this
32 be referred to council for possible action. This was approved.

33 Among the communications presented was Communication #10, Stewardship of Creation
34 Enabler Pam McVety's request for action on federal energy legislation; the request had been
35 forwarded, via email, to all clerks of session and pastors. A motion to commend the request to
36 sessions to take appropriate action was approved on voice vote.

1 **Russ Owens presented the report of the Treasurer.** According to the original docket, the
2 report as of June 30, 2009, shows a deficit of \$28,121.46. As of August 31, the report shows a
3 deficit of \$18,638.61. Clarification of the term “audit” was given.

4 **COUNCIL REPORT**

5 **Ruth Hempel presented the Council report.** There are no items for action; the items for
6 information are presented.

7 **REPORT FOR THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES AND OUTDOOR MINISTRY**

8 **Christy Williams presented the report for the Mission for Dogwood Acres and**
9 **Outdoor Ministry.** The Presbytery of South Alabama has stopped support of one of their
10 two camps and are in conversation to covenant with us to use Dogwood Acres
11 Camp. There are no items for action in the report.

12 **PC(USA) MINISTRIES**

13 **Mark Broadhead presented a report for the Committee on Ministry.** The Committee
14 recommends that the sermon of Rick Gernhardt be sustained in part. Rick was presented
15 for his examination. The examination in the five categories of Worship, Bible, Theology,
16 Sacraments, Polity was conducted, with Rick sharing his statement of faith. It was moved
17 to sustain his examination as a part and as a whole. This was approved. Authority was
18 given to Mark Broadhead as vice-moderator of COM to appoint the commission to ordain
19 and install. A motion to approve Frederick Gernhardt for ordination was presented and
20 approved.

21 Cherie Isakson said good-bye, having accepted a call to Winchester Presbyterian Church in
22 Winchester, Indiana.

23 The Committee recommends that an Administrative Commission for the Shalimar
24 Presbyterian Church be elected, consisting of Joan Wooten, Ruth Mashewske, Bill Green,
25 Sherry Campbell, Leon Curenton, Stephen Yates and David Darrow, with authority to 1)
26 determine the effectiveness and leadership skills of the session; 2) review all financial
27 matters relative to the congregation; and 3) determine the level of conflict and distrust within
28 the session and the congregation. And with the power to: 1) dissolve the session; 2)
29 assume original jurisdiction; c) dismiss any/all staff persons who are not accountable to or
30 hired by the session; d) determine whether or not there is a clear title to the church/manse
31 property and whether or not the land is held in an irrevocable trust by the Meggs Family
32 Trust still; and e) make any further recommendations relative to the viability of the
33 congregation and the type of leadership that can realistically be afforded in the future. This
34 was approved.

1 Congratulations were given to Brant Copeland on the occasion of his son Adam's ordination on
2 this past Sunday.

3 **Brant Copeland presented the report for Committee on Preparation for Ministry.** He
4 reported on the status of the 5 inquirers and 6 candidates. The CPM has received Lori
5 Prettyman (Trinity, Pensacola) as an Inquirer. The CPM is also in conversation with three
6 others (Frank Wood, Christ; Carl Merrill, Northminster; Trip Porch, First, Pensacola) who
7 have indicated interest in becoming Inquirers.

8 **Martha Jean Woodward presented the report for the Nominating Committee.** The
9 following were nominated:

10 Church Development and Evangelism Gerry Yandle 2010/2year term

11 This was approved.

12 **MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

13 **Randy Jackson presented the report for the Ministry of Administration.** The Budget,
14 Finance, and Stewardship ministry recommends to the Presbytery of Florida for Christ
15 Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, to be granted permission to secure a mortgage of
16 approximately \$200,000.00 in lieu of its line of credit for the money owed on the facility. It is
17 anticipated that the mortgage is being sought as a five-year fixed or 15-year ARM. This was
18 approved.

19 Randy welcomed Melissa Morgan to the office staff.

20 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

21 **Ruth Mashewske presented the Report of the Mission for Outreach.** There were no items for
22 action. A flyer for a small church conference next April was distributed in the supplemental
23 packet. Churches with fewer than 150 members are encouraged to attend. Paul Caro extended
24 an invitation from the Presbytery of the Western Cape (South Africa) to visit Cape Town next
25 March. The trip's participants will leave around March 5, returning March 15. The estimated
26 cost is \$2,000. October 9-16, 2009, the Presbytery will host a missionary from Turkey.

27 28 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

29 **Huw Christopher presented the Report of the Mission for Spiritual Development.** There are
30 no items for action. A resource packet on the Lord's Supper for children is available.
31 Disciplefest will be January 29-30, 2010, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Panama City. A retreat
32 for clergy/educators/musicians is planned for Feb. 21-24 at Dogwood Acres.

33 **Terry Dyer presented the report of the Administrative Commission for the Wakulla**
34 **Presbyterian Church.** Half of the property has been sold with the building. An offer is
35 pending on the other half of the property, awaiting the outcome of a rezoning request. The
36 Planning and Zoning Commission meets next Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. Support is needed for
37 this meeting. If approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the County Commission will
38 meet on October 6 at 5 p.m., and support is needed.

1 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

2 **Mary Gene Fleming presented the report for Presbyterian Women.** The highlight of the
3 year was the Triennial Churchwide Gathering of PW in Louisville. The major item of
4 business was incorporation of the Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

5 **NEW BUSINESS:**

6 If the way be clear, Ten Thousand Villages be allowed to have a market at the next Presbytery
7 meeting at Fellowship Church in November. This was approved.


8 Bruce Chapman at PUC will have a formal opening at the coffee shop Sunday, September 13,
9 2009, at 7:30 p.m. The coffee shop will be open 6:30-9:30 p. m.

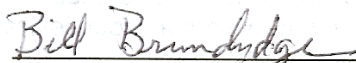
10 The next meeting will be at Fellowship in Tallahassee on November 10, 2009, at 10 a. m. EST.

11 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer at
12 3:55 p. m. The meeting was adjourned.

13 Joan Wooten, Moderator
14 Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk
15 Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

16 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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The Rev. Mark Broadhead, Pastor, Crestview-First and Laurel Hill

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Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First