

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 39 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, Albert Harris, H. Eugene  
12 Harris, Ruth Hempel, Tully Hunter, Delores Ingraham, Cherie Isakson, Randon Jackson, Harvey  
13 Jenkins, Harold Jensen, Bert Johnston, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, William F. Lee, Ruth  
14 Mashewske, Dan Mitchell, Russell Owens, Taylor Phillips, James Stansbury, James Urquhart,  
15 Mary Vance, Joan Wooten, Ezra Yune

16 **Elder Commissioners:** **Chipley – 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, Sally Campbell-Evans, Ted Chumley, Hugh Hamilton, Walk  
4 Jones, Ken Kelly, George Kessler, John Lown, Jim Monroe, Roger Nicholson, Sharon Schuler,  
5 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.

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29 **COMMUNICATIONS/STATED CLERKS REPORT**

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

34 One item was information from Pam McVety which was forwarded, via email, to all clerks and  
35 pastors. Communication #10 is commended to sessions to take appropriate action. The original  
36 motion 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 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

#### 13 **PC(USA) MINISTRIES**

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

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

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

1 was approved.

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

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

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

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

12 This was approved.

### 13 **MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

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15 **Randy Jackson presented the report for the Ministry of Administration.** The Budget,  
16 Finance, and Stewardship ministry recommends to the Presbytery of Florida for Christ  
17 Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, to be granted permission to secure a mortgage of  
18 approximately \$200,000.00 in lieu of its line of credit for the money owed on the facility. It is  
19 anticipated that the mortgage is being sought as a five (5) year fixed or fifteen (15) ARM. This  
20 was approved.

21 Randy welcomed Melissa Morgan to the office staff.

### 22 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

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

### 29 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

34 **Terry Dyer presented the report of the Administrative Commission for the Wakulla  
35 Presbyterian Church.** Half of the property has been sold with the building. An offer is

1 pending on the other half of the property, awaiting the outcome of a rezoning request. The  
2 Planning and Zoning Commission meets next Monday, Sept. 14, at 7 p.m. Support is needed for  
3 this meeting. If approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the County Commission will  
4 meet on October 6 at 5 p.m., and support is needed.

5 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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

9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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

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

15 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer at  
16 3:55 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

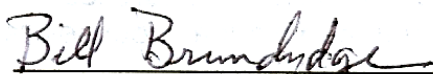
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Joan Wooten, Moderator  
Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk  
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



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



Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First