

1 **FALL STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

2 First Presbyterian Church
3 Lynn Haven, Florida

4
5 **November 11, 2008**
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7 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian
8 Church (U.S.A.) met for its Fall Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, in Lynn
9 Haven, Florida on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

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11 The following 49 ministers and 39 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

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13 **Ministers:** Nan Adams, Michael Askew, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Robert Bohnsack, Tom
14 Borland, Mark Broadhead, Reid J. Cameron, Sally Campbell-Evans, Bruce Chapman,
15 Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Ted Chumley, Joseph Chung, Richard Connor, Bea
16 Copeland, Brant S. Copeland, David Darrow, Daniel Dieth, Tom W. Douglas, Terry
17 Dyer, Chris Erde, Hugh Hamilton, Albert G. Harris, Eugene H. Harris, Ruth M. Hempel,
18 Tully Hunter, Cherie Isakson, Randy Jackson, W. Harvey Jenkins, Jr., Walk C. Jones,
19 IV, Kenneth T. Kelley, John E. Kelsay, George A. Kessler, William F. Lee, John W.
20 Lown, Ruth, Mashewske, Dan Mitchell, Paul S. Mixon, Roger Nicholson, Russell Owens,
21 Michael Moore, James F. Stansbury, Anghaarad Teague, Mary P. Vance, Shuford
22 White, Joan H. Wooten, Stephen G. Yates, Ezra Yune
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24 **Elder Commissioners:** **Chipley:** Roger VanLandingham; **Crestview:** Tim Crawford;
25 **DeFuniak Springs-First:** Beckie Mooney; **DeFuniak Springs-Euchee Valley:** Tommy
26 Yates; **DeFuniak-Pleasant Grove:** Henry Goode III; **Destin:** Jim Reagan; **Fort Walton**
27 **Beach-First:** Mary Hahn; **Freeport:** Tony Gomillion; **Panama City Beach-Gulf**
28 **Breeze:** Pat Allen, Robert McCorkie; **Havana-First:** Nesta Cumbie; **Laurel Hill:** Bertie
29 Ann Curenton; **Lynn Haven:** Rich Kangas; **Marianna-First:** Mary Wierman; **Milton-**
30 **First:** Jeanette Harman; **Navarre:** Linda Wagoner; **Pace:** Walt Reese; **Panama City-**
31 **Grace:** T. L. Vinson; **Parkway:** Bruce Davies; **Panama City-St. Andrews:** Rose
32 Stallins; **Panama City Beach-Gulf Beach:** Reba Love; **Pensacola-First:** Paul
33 Goudy; **Pensacola-Korean:** Sonye Goay; **Northminster:** Ken Overholt; **Pensacola-**
34 **Trinity,** Fred Hurd, Carol Powell; **Westminster,** Richard Daniel; **Port St. Joe:** Sally
35 Malone; **Quincy-First:** Michael Dooner; **Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Woodland-Sawdust:**
36 Larry Helm; **Shalimar:** Rebecca Dodson; **Sunny Hills:** Robert Nyholm, Margaret
37 Duerbeck; **Tallahassee-Covenant:** Christie Kimbrel; **Tallahassee-Faith;** Virginia
38 Lindquist, Lew Shelley, James Harrison; **Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jane Morris;
39 **Tallahassee-First:** Dave Custis
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41 **Elders/Members of Council:** Nesta Cumbie, Martha Gene Fleming, Martha Jean
42 Woodward
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44 **Elder Christian Educators:** **Ft. Walton Beach-First:** Jennie Langham (Retired);
45 **Panama City Beach-Gulf Breeze:** Patty Arnett and **Associate Executive Presbyter:**
46 Jean Silva
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48 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:** **Panama City Beach-Gulf Breeze:** Leigh
49 Welch
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1 **Visitors:** There were 16 visitors registered, including: **Navarre:** Larry Plank, **Sunny**
2 **Hills:** Leslie Cole; **Northminster:** Barbara Overholt; **Thornwell:** Susan Sampson; Trinity-
3 **Pensacola:** Paul Caro, Ted Nicholson, Sylvia Beall; **Marianna First:** Bud Wiermian; Jim
4 Gibbs, Richard Hand **Agape Korean NCD:** Jae Wan Chung, Jim Ravcaslione; **Panama**
5 **City-St. Andrews:** Vera Ballard, Sally Teer; **Shalimar:** Minora Mixon; **Panama City**
6 **Beach-Gulf Breeze:** Querina Giddens;

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8 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Darline Ray (Ministries Secretary)

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10 **ABSENCES**

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12 **Excused Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Glenn Bass, Jerry Blacklaw, Ron Bradley, Don
13 Brown, Thomas Brown, Lewis Bullard, Tae Ho Chung, Art Crosswell, Jim Duncan, Joe
14 Eckstine, Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, Kathleen Hodgson, Dolores Ingraham,
15 Owen Ireland, Hal Jensen, Bert Johnson, Fred Keith, Charles Lapp, John Marvin, Ralph
16 McCaskill, Beth McCaw, Steven Melamed, Lindsay Moffett, James Monroe, Jack
17 Morris, Dan Ottaviano, Clerance Payne, Taylor Phillips, Luther Price, Albert Reese,
18 William Russell, Leo Sandon, Sharon Schuler, Morris Springer, Davis Thomas, Claude
19 Tucker, James Urquhart, Joe Vaughn, Jack Walchenbach, and James Ware

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21 **Unexcused Ministers:** Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, Pamela King Phillips, and
22 Steven Schaick,

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24 **Excused Churches:** None

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26 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown, Crawfordville-Wakulla, DeFuniak Springs-Bethel,
27 Ft. Walton Beach-First Korean, Gretna, Monticello-First, Tallahassee-Christ,
28 Tallahassee-Lafayette, Tallahassee-Trinity United, Wewahitchka-First

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31 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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33 Moderator Brant Copeland called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM CST with prayer. A
34 quorum was present.

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36 **WELCOME**

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38 Rev. Dan Mitchell gave welcoming remarks from the host church.

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40 **ADOPTION OF DOCKET AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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42 The docket was adopted.

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44 **INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS, VISITORS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

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46 Visiting ministries, first time elders and corresponding members were introduced.

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48 **WORSHIP**

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50 Opening worship was held with Rev. Frank Beall preaching.

1 **COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY**

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3 The Stated Clerk presented information on communications received. Information on
4 authoritative interpretations from the Office of the General Assembly was shared. A
5 letter from Bruce Reyes-Chow, Linda Valentine, and Gradye Parsons on the current
6 financial crisis was shared. Additional information on resources that related to the credit
7 crisis was also shared.

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9 The annual report of the Stated Clerk was received. The number of elders and
10 ministers attending the meetings of the year was reported as was the racial ethnic elder
11 breakdown for 2007. The Clerk recommended that the Presbytery of Florida authorize
12 an additional elder commissioner from Bethel, First Korean, Ft. Walton, Pensacola
13 Korean, Pleasant Grove and Trinity United Presbyterian Church. This was approved.
14 The clerk moved that the Presbytery of Florida encourage Majority Racial Ethnic
15 Congregations/Sessions which have minority racial ethnic congregants who are elders
16 to send them as elder commissioners to Presbytery of Florida meetings. This was
17 approved.

18 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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21 Russ Owens presented the treasurer's report. This was accepted as information.

22 **COUNCIL REPORT**

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25 Nesta Cumbie presented the report of the Council. Two items for approval were
26 presented. The first was:

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- 28 • In order to correct a difference in wording between the Articles of Incorporation
29 for the Presbytery of Florida and our Operations Manual relative to individuals
30 who sign documents on behalf of the Presbytery of Florida, Council recommends
31 that in the fourth paragraph in Section II: Council/line 28 the words "Chairperson
32 of Council" be replaced with the words "Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida".
This was approved.
 - 33 • Council places in nomination for the Nominating Committee: Class of 2009 – Jim
34 Monroe (09-1); Class of 2011 – Martha Jean Woodward (11-6) and Pat Allen (11-
35 6); Chairperson of Nominating for 2009 – Martha Jean Woodward. This was
36 approved.

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

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40 Huw Christopher presented the report of the Mission for Spiritual Development. A
41 number of planned activities were noted.

42 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

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45 The report of the Mission for Outreach was given by Ruth Mashewske. A report of
46 International Partnerships was received, as well as a presentation on MissionInsite.

1 An Order of the Day was held at 10:56 in recognition of Veteran's Day.

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4 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES/OUTDOOR MINISTRY**

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6 Brant Copeland presented the report of the Mission for Dogwood Acres and Outdoor
7 Ministry for Christy Williams. He noted that she acknowledged that Gulf Breeze had
8 given money for a Labyrinth project.

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11 **REPORT OF THE MISSION DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE**

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13 Hugh Hamilton presented the report of the Mission for Disaster
14 Preparedness/Response.

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16 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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18 Mary Gene Fleming presented the report for Presbyterian Women.

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21 **REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

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23 Randy Jackson presented a report of the Ministry of Administration.

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26 **WAKULLA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

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28 John Lown presented a report of the Wakulla Administrative Commission.

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31 **REPORT OF THE PC (USA) MINISTRIES**

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33 Joan Wooten introduced the reports of the PC (USA) ministries.

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36 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

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38 Roger Nicholson reported for the Committee on Ministry. Danny Dieth was introduced
39 as the new minister at Christ, Tallahassee. He shared his faith journey. Three items for
40 approval were presented.

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- 42 • The Presbytery of Florida grants the status of Honorably Retired to Harold (Joe) Vaughn effective January 1, 2009.
 - 43 • The Presbytery of Florida concurs with Parkway Presbyterian Church's request
44 to grant the title of Pastor Emeritus to Reid Cameron.

45 The cost of living increase for ministers and church workers be 4% in light of the fact
46 that the Consumer Price Index increased 5.4% during the first eight months of 2008;
47 and recommends that sessions/congregations consider raising the automobile
48 expenses of ministers in light of the reported increase of 35.6% for fuel costs during the
49 same period.

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2 **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**
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4 Martha Jean Woodward presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The
5 committee recommends several changes to the manual of Operations as a first reading.
6 These changes are:

- 7 • That the Preparation and Response/Recovery and Mitigation Committees be
8 combined into one committee with a total of 6 members and be called the
9 Preparation and Recovery Committee.
- 10 • That the Operations and Development Committees be combined into one
11 committee with a total of 6 members and be called Operations and Development
12 Committee.
- 13 • That the Compassion and Social Justice Committees be combined into one
14 committee with a total of 5 members and be called Compassion and Social
15 Justice Committee.
- 16 • That the Mission Activities and Overseas Partnership Committees be combined
17 into one committee with a total of 6 members and be called Mission Activity and
18 Overseas Partnership Committee.
- 19 • That the New Church Development and Revitalization and Evangelism
20 Committees be combined into one committee with a total of 9 members and be
21 called Church Development and Evangelism Committee.
- 22 • That the Youth Committee approves members for the Youth Council and their
23 representatives to Council meeting of Presbytery.

24 These were approved as a first reading.
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26 The Nominating Committee presented the following as chairs:
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28 Council	George Kimm
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30 Missions, Ministries, and Committees	
31 Mission for Disaster Preparedness and Response	Hugh Hamilton
32 Preparation and Recovery	Jean McCarter
33 Mission for Dogwood Acres / Outdoor Ministry	Christy Williams
34 Development and Operations	Tom Brown
35 Program.....	
36 Mission for Outreach	Ruth Mashewske
37 Campus Ministry.....	
38 Compassion and Social Justice.....	Tracy Curenton
39 Mission Activities and Overseas Partnership.....	Paul Caro
40 Church Development and Evangelism	John Lown
41 Mission for Spiritual Development.....	Huw Christopher
42 Adult	Joyce Kelley
43 Children	Rachel Christopher
44 Training and Retreats	Duane Underwood
45 Worship and Theology.....	Tom Borland
46 Youth	Leigh Welch
47 Mission for Administration	Randy Jackson
48 Budget and Finance	Dan Mitchell
49 Personnel	Nesta Cumbie

1	Stewardship.....	Cherie Isakson
2	PC (USA) Ministries	Joan Wooten
3	Committee on Ministry.....	Roger Nicholson
4	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Brant Copeland
5	Committee on Representation.....	Richard Daniel
6	Ecclesiastical Concerns.....	Stephen Yates
7	Nominating	(recommended by Council)
8	Self-Development of People.....	Henry Goode III

9 This was approved.

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11 That the following persons be elected to the following committees:

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13 **Disaster Preparation and**

14 **Recovery**

15 Art Morden 10-2

16 Becky Maguire 09-3

17 **Development/Operations**

18 Bruce Neu 11-4

19 Scott Morrison 11-4

20 **Program**

21 Anne Broos 11-4

22 **Campus Ministry**

23 Doris Parkman 10-3

24 Beth Jones 11-3

25 **Church Development and**

26 **Evangelism**

27 Jerry Blacklaw 11-3

28 Bill Brundyge 10-6

29 Bill Green 11-6

30 Cherie Isakson 11-3

31 **Compassion/Social Justice**

32 Danny Dieth 11-3

33 **Adult**

34 Chris Erde 11-4

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36 **Children**

37 Glenda Bryant 11-3

38 Linda Pitts 11-4

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40 **Training and Retreats**

41 Nan Adams 10-3

42 Marty Henderson 11-4

Youth

Anghaarad Teague 11-3

Rebecca Carruth 10-3

Danny Dieth 10-2

Budget and Finance

W. O. Bell 10-3

Cal Engstrom 11-3

Stewardship

Bill Lee 10-5

Frank Beall 11-3

Personnel

Nesta Cumbie 11-5

Wendy O'Brien 11-3

Committee on Ministry

Ruth Mashewske 10-2

Roger Nicholson 11-6

Sharon Kerrigan 11-3

Beckie Mooney 11-3

Beth House 11-3

Michael Askew 11-3

**Committee on Preparation
for Ministry**

Anghaarad Teague 11-3

Gene Harris 09-5

Brant Copeland 11-4

Committee on Representation

Margaret Naylor 11-3

Self Development of People

Henry Goode III 11-4

1 **Worship and Theology**

2 Bill Bess 09-1
3 Mary Vance 10-3
4 Tom Borland 11-4
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Ecclesiastical Concerns

Walter Moore 11-4
Youth Council
Anne Louise Jones
Erin Mehta
Travis Minor
Richard Easterlin

8 This was approved.
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10 The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 for lunch and reconvened at 12:35.
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13 **ECCLESIASTICAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**
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15 Stephen Yates presented the report of the Ecclesiastical Concerns Committee. The
16 report provided the advice of the Committee to the Presbytery of Florida when voting on
17 the proposed amendments approved by the 218th GA.
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19 The amendments were presented and each voted on. The results of the votes are:

- 20 • A) did not pass – 10 / 77;
- 21 • B) did not pass – 41 / 46;
- 22 • C) passed – 69 / 3;
- 23 • D) passed – 59 / 8;
- 24 • E) passed – 64 / 9;
- 25 • F) passed – 47 / 25;
- 26 • G) passed – 45 / 23;
- 27 • H) passed – 46 / 22;
- 28 • I) passed – 34 / 32;
- 29 • J) passed – 59 / 2;
- 30 • K) passed – 67 / 2;
- 31 • L) passed – 59 / 8;
- 32 • M) passed – 66 / 4;
- 33 • N) passed – 68 / 0

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35 **NEW BUSINESS**

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37 There was no new business to come before the Presbytery.
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39 There were several announcements. The next stated meeting of Presbytery will be
40 January 31, 2009 at Blue Springs Retreat center, Marianna, FL.
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42 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer
43 at 2:35 CST. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hugh Hamilton

The Rev. Hugh Hamilton, Pastor, Pensacola, Trinity

Dave Custis

Dave Custis, Elder, Tallahassee 1st