

1 **Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting**
2 **December 2, 2014, 9 a.m. CDT/ 10 a.m. EDT**
3 Parkway Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church
5 (U.S.A.) met for a Stated Meeting at Parkway Presbyterian Church in Panama City, FL, on
6 December 2, 2014.

7 The following 33 teaching elders/commissioned ruling elders and 28 ruling elders were enrolled
8 as commissioners:

9 **Teaching Elders/CREs:** Mark Broadhead, Gary Cecil, Jae Wan Chung, Joseph Chung, Richard
10 Connor, Brant Copeland, Angharrad Dees, Chris Erde, John Erthein, Jonas Georges, Hugh
11 Hamilton, Eugene Harris, Jim Huffaker, Randy Jackson, Harvey Jenkins, Lee Johnson, Kenneth
12 Kelley, Ted Land, Daniel Loffredo, John W. Lown, Ben Lynch, Hailey Braden Lynch, Ruth
13 Mashewske, Bea Miller, Michael Moore, C.K. Moore, Larry Plank, Sharon Schuler, John
14 Schuler, Robert A. Sugg, Drucilla Tyler, Mary P. Vance, Joan H. Wooten

15 **Ruling Elder Commissioners:** **Crestview, First** – Edward Kitchen; **DeFuniak Springs, Bethel**
16 – Sharee Campbell; **DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley** – Tommy Yates; **DeFuniak Springs,**
17 **First** – Joyce Kelly; **Fort Walton Beach, Korean First** – Yun H. Yarborough; **Gretna, Gretna**
18 – Gale Thompson; **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Patrick E. Allen; **Lynn Haven, First** – Robin
19 Calhoun; **Marianna, First** – Scott Yant; **Navarre, Navarre** – Gary Wagoner; **Pace, Pace** – Jean
20 Mourey; **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – Ronald Coleman; **Panama City, Grace** – Laurie
21 Combs; **Panama City, Parkway** – Albert Borovich; **Panama City, St. Andrews** – Rose
22 Stallins; **Pensacola, First** – Susan Rapiet; **Pensacola, Trinity** – Charles Gilroy, Waller Johnson,
23 Lori Prettyman; **Quincy, First** – Ben Powell; **Red Bay, Red Bay** – Walter Ray; **Shalimar,**
24 **Shalimar** – Phil Ireton; **Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills Community** – Margaret Duerbeck;
25 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Peter Ray, John Dailey, Teresa Sarbeck; **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – Anne
26 Hall; **Tallahassee, First** - Walter Moore

27 **Christian Educations/Youth Directors:** Patty Arnett, Trinity Whitley, Jason Williams

28 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Morgan

29 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Bill Green, Toya O’Hora, Ben Powell

30 **Visitors:** Leslie Kelley, James Vance, James McQuagg, Karen Sugg, Nancy Brzozowski, Denise
31 Moore, Michelle Covell, Carol DeWeese, Alexander Thompson, Ann Seager, Fred Seager, Kitty
32 Yax, Jana Daffin, Linda Wagoner, Robert Price, Jackie Price, Jim Hall, Vic Smith, Ann Smith

33 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Dennis Reid

34 **ABSENCES**

35 **Excused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Bill Bess, Tae Ho Cheong, Danny Dieth, R.C. Griffin, Joanne
36 Kublik, Dan Mitchell, Taylor Phillips

37 **Unexcused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Michael Askew, Frank Beall, Peder Carlson, Bruce
38 Chapman, Terry Dyer, Nancy Forinash,, Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, Jack Homoney,
39 Rachel Hood, John Kelsay, George A. Kessler, Pamela King Phillips, Beth McCaw, Leo Sandon
40 Jr., Steven Schaick

41 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; Chipley, First; Destin, First; Freeport, Freeport;
42 Havana, First; Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill; Milton, First; Pensacola, Korean; Sawdust, Woodland

43 **Unexcused Churches:** DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant Grove; Fort Walton Beach, First;
44 Monticello, First; Panama City, Agape; Pensacola, Northminster; Pensacola, Westminster; Port
45 St. Joe, First; Tallahassee, Christ; Tallahassee, Lafayette; Tallahassee, Trinity United;
46 Wewahitchka, First

47 **Other excused absences:** Jeannie Dixon

48 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

49 The meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM CDT by moderator Hugh Hamilton. In the absence
50 of Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon, Ted Land was appointed to serve as Acting Stated Clerk and
51 Brant Copeland, to serve as Parliamentarian. Following the opening prayer, it was noted that a
52 quorum was present. **The docket was approved as presented.** Ric Connor gave a warm
53 welcome and introduction from Parkway Presbyterian Church.

54 First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors were introduced.

55 A morning worship/prayer service was held with John Erthein providing the message.

56 **Report from the Synod was received:**

57 **Joan Wooten** and **John Schuler** gave a report from the Synod meeting held September 18-19,
58 2014, in Jacksonville, FL. Joan noted that the Synod has reduced to one meeting per year. The
59 EAC (Executive Administrative Commission) takes care of business between annual meetings.
60 Additionally she highlighted the Association of Smaller Congregations, a resource of the Synod.
61 The Peacemaking Fund was also noted. This grant supports individuals, churches, or presbyteries
62 that are working on projects dealing with peacemaking. If churches have questions, they should
63 contact Joan. John mentioned previous communication from Melissa Morgan about grants from
64 the Synod for facility upgrades. He encouraged congregations to apply, even if the amount given
65 is small. John also noted that Joan Wooten is moderator-elect of the Synod.

66 **Report from the Thornwell Home for Children was received:**

67 Rev. Dr. Dennis Reid brought greetings from Thornwell Home for Children. He gave thanks for
68 support given to Thornwell through the Thanksgiving Offering. He shared about the
69 circumstances that many of the children have endured, in which they had no choice. Because of
70 the Presbytery's choice to support the ministry of Thornwell, these children may be able to look
71 back and see how God impacted their life for good, he said. Building Families is an initiative to
72 help local families before they get to the point of removing children from the home, he added.
73 See Rev. Reid for more details on this new initiative.

74 **Reports of Presbytery Staff and Officers were received:**

75 **Ted Land, Coordinating Presbyter,** noted the written report submitted. He offered thanks for
76 the Presbytery and the individuals that have impacted his year of service. He likened his role
77 within our Presbytery to that of a basketball team. He feels like he is coaching the national
78 championship team.

79 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk, was absent due to a death in her family. **Ted Land** shared on her
80 behalf. Land recommended the Presbytery grant St. Andrews, Panama City, an extension to the

81 term limit of a ruling elder set by the Book of Order G-2.0404. **The motion was approved.**
82 Additional information was presented about the Polity Conference 2014. One point was noted in
83 particular, about the study of the revisions to the *Book of Order* Directory of Worship. For clerks
84 and moderators of sessions, statistical reporting began Friday after the meeting. Please see the
85 written report for information on The Barnabas Challenge and the Presbytery of South
86 Alabama's Church Officer Leadership Training (COLT).

87 The written financial report was noted by **Ted Land**. The Presbytery maintains a positive
88 financial picture, with a surplus of \$8,058 through the first ten months. Please review Report D
89 and confirm that it is accurate for your church, he instructed.

90 **The Reports of Presbytery Teams were given:**

91 **Mary Vance** noted the written report for the **Preparation for Ministry Team**. The written
92 report noted Lori Prettyman and Trinity Whitley are inquirers; Glenn Hodges and Linda Pitts are
93 candidates; Michael Frandsen is a candidate ready to receive a call. All are in good standing
94 with the PMT.

95 The **Congregational Mission Support Team, Disaster Preparedness and Response Team,**
96 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team** and **Presbyterian Women** reports were noted in the docket,
97 and no further information was added.

98 **Randy Jackson** gave the report for the **Ministry Team**. The MT approved Rev. Edward
99 "Harry" Horne, Honorably Retired, to unite with our Presbytery as a transfer from the Savannah
100 Presbytery and to be added to the Pulpit Supply List. Harry shared his personal faith journey.
101 The MT moves that Harry be welcomed into our Presbytery. **The motion was approved.** The
102 Ministry Team introduced Rev. Robb Suggs, Chaplain, USAF, and he shared his personal faith
103 journey. The MT approved him to unite with the Presbytery as a transfer from the Presbytery of
104 Southern New England and to be added to the Pulpit Supply List. The MT moved that Robb be
105 welcomed into the Presbytery. **The motion was approved.** The Ministry Team approved Bonnie
106 Wilkins for the Pastor position at Gulf Beach Church, Panama City Beach. The MT
107 recommended that her terms of call be approved. An amendment was made from the floor, that
108 the congregational meeting of Gulf Beach Presbyterian to approve Bonnie and her terms of call
109 was held on November 23, 2014 and moderated by Harvey Jenkins. **The motion was approved.**
110 Rev. Daniel Loffredo and Rev. C.K. Moore were presented to be examined and welcomed for
111 the pastor position at Gulf Breeze Church, Gulf Breeze and Northminster Church, Pensacola,
112 respectively. They each shared their statements of faith and spiritual pilgrimage. Mark
113 Broadhead asked both a question in the area of theology. Bea Miller asked both a question in the
114 area of sacraments. Chris Erde asked both a question in the area of polity. The questions were
115 answered and sustained. The MT recommended that they be united with our Presbytery and
116 terms of call approved. **The motions were approved.**

117 **John Lown** gave the report for the **Presbytery Leadership Team**. He noted that, during the
118 January 24, 2015, meeting, the presbytery will take up the Amendments to the *Book of Order*
119 that came from the General Assembly. The April meeting of Presbytery will take up the "Belhar
120 Confession" for inclusion to the *Book of Confession*, as recommended by the General Assembly.
121 No action has been taken yet with district meetings of the Presbytery, as discussed at the
122 September Presbytery meeting. The session visitations from a triad of the PLT has been
123 cancelled. Please note that, if you were promised a second visit from them, it will not occur. The
124 PLT recommends that Ted Land's contract as Coordinating Presbyter be extended for a year,
125 from December 2, 2014 to December 1, 2015. The question was raised of when the contract for
126 renewal would be acted on in 2015. Note was made that, in 2015, Presbytery should act on the

127 coordinating presbyter's contract at the September Presbytery meeting (due to the vote at the
128 Summer Stated Meeting to do away with the December meeting from 2015 on). There were no
129 other questions. **The motion was approved.**

130 The PLT **recommended** that Toya O'Hora (Lafayette, Tallahassee) be chair of the Commitment
131 to Representation Team and the following members be accepted:
132 Class of 2015: Harvey Jenkins (TE); Jaunita Myers (Chipley, First)
133 Class of 2016: Angie Sheehey (Pensacola, Trinity)
134 Class of 2017: Jim Gibbs (Marianna, First); Toya O'Hora, Chair (Tallahassee, Lafayette)
135 There is a vacancy in the class of 2016. **The motion was approved.**

136 The PLT presented the Amendments to the By-Laws and Manual for second reading and
137 approval. The motion was made to approve the Amendments to the By-Laws. **The motion was**
138 **approved.** One change was made to the Manual of Operations, page J-12, to reflect the stated
139 Presbytery meeting being on the 4th Saturday in January, not the last, which is the procedure we
140 are currently working under. The motion was made to approve the Amendment to the Manual,
141 with the aforementioned change. **The motion was approved.**

142 **Hugh Hamilton, Moderator,** moved that Jackie Homoney of First Presbyterian, Mariana, be
143 added as the fourth and final member of the Administrative Commission for Wewahitchka. **The**
144 **motion was approved.**

145 **Toya O'Hora** gave the report for the **Commitment to Representation Team.** The CRT
146 recommends the following nominations to Presbytery teams:

147 **Presbytery Leadership Team (PLT)** - Class of 2017: Anghaarad Dees (TE – Pensacola,
148 Trinity); Ken Overholt (RE – Pensacola, Northminster)

149 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team (DWA), Operations** - Class of 2016: Terry Ward
150 (Member – Tallahassee, Lafayette); Harvey Mashewske (RE – Quincy, First)
151 Class of 2017: Ben Lynch (TE –Pensacola, Furst)

152 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team (DWA), Program** - Class of 2016: Monica Rehberg (RE –
153 Chipley, First)
154 Class of 2017: Jason Williams (Member – Panama City, Grace); Linda Lovins (Member –
155 Tallahassee, Lafayette)

156 **Congregational Mission Support Team (CMST)** - Class of 2016: Jean Silva (RE–
157 Pensacola, Trinity)
158 Class of 2017: Winona VanLandingham (RE – Chipley, First); C. K. Moore (TE – Pensacola,
159 Northminster)

160 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship Team (BFS)** - Class of 2015: Carol Davis (RE – Ft.
161 Walton Beach, First)
162 Class of 2017: Chair – Chuck Morgan (RE – Marianna, First)

163 **Personnel** - Class of 2016: Jean Norman (RE – Pensacola, Trinity); John Lown (TE –
164 Member-at-large)

165 **Ministry Team (MT)** - Class of 2016: Denese Moore (RE – DeFuniak Springs, First); Joan
166 Wooten (TE Member-at-large)
167 Class of 2017: Shelia Palmer (RE – Panama City, Grace); Barbara Barrett (RE – Tallahassee,
168 Trinity United)

169 **Preparation for Ministry Team (PMT)** - Class of 2017: R. C. Griffin (TE – Monticello,
170 First)

171 **Disaster Preparedness and Response Team (DPR)** - Class of 2015: Danny Loffredo (TE –
172 Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze)
173 Class of 2017: Michael Moore (TE – DeFuniak Springs, First); Robert Sugg (TE – Member-
174 at-large)

175 **Florida Presbyterian Disaster Network (FLAPDAN)** - Scott Yant, Danny Loffredo,
176 Robert Sugg

177 **The motion was approved.** The CRT recommends that the Congregational Mission Support
178 team be reduced from 15 to 12 members. **The motion was approved.** The written report of the
179 CRT also noted current opportunities to serve on Presbytery teams as follows:

180 **Presbytery Leadership Team (PLT)** [12 at-large members (4 per district) – for one 3-year
181 term] - Class of 2017 – 2 (1 from central district and 1 from eastern district)

182 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship (BFS)** [6 members + treasurer] - Class of 2016 – 2

183 **Ministry Team (MT)** [18 members] - Class of 2016 – 2; Class of 2017 – 1 (Need 1 teaching
184 elder and 2 ruling elders – 2 from the eastern district and 1 from the western district.)

185 **Preparation for Ministry Team (PMT)** [9 members] - Class of 2015– 1; Class of 2017 – 1


186 Gary Cecil took a point of personal privilege to offer thanks on behalf of the Presbytery to Ted
187 Land for his year of service as Coordinating Presbyter.

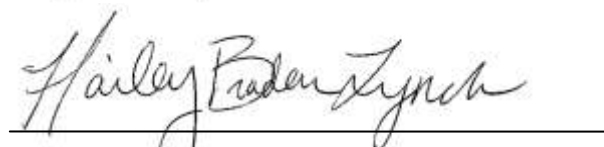
188 Harvey Jenkins, Moderator of Session for Saint Andrews Presbyterian, made a motion that
189 Sheila Palmer be allowed to observe the sacraments of Lord Supper and Baptism on January 4,
190 2015. The Ministry Team is responsible for approving this normally, but will not be meeting
191 again before the date in question. There was a second to the motion. **The motion was approved.**

192 There was no other business before the body. The next stated meeting of the presbytery will be
193 January 24, 2015, 9 a. m. CST/10 a. m. EST at First Presbyterian Church, Quincy, FL. The
194 moderator offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:38 CST.

195 Hugh Hamilton, Moderator
196 Ted Land, Acting Stated Clerk
197 Trinity Whitley, Recording Clerk

198 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES


Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk


Hailey Braden Lynch, Teaching Elder