

1 **Fall Presbytery Meeting**
2 **November 13, 2012**
3 **Sunny Hills, FL**

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met
5 for its Fall Stated Meeting at Sunny Hills Community Church, Sunny Hills, FL.

6 The following 39 teaching elders and 36 ruling elders were enrolled as commissioners:

7 **Teaching Elders/CREs:** Frank Beall, Bill Bess, James Black, Jerry Blacklaw, Mark Broadhead, Sally
8 Campbell-Evans, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong, Jae Wan Chung, Joseph Chung, Richard Connor,
9 John Erthein, Robert Fuehrer, Hugh Hamilton, Eugene Harris, Victoria Isaacs, Randy Jackson, Kenneth
10 Kelley, George Kessler, Joanne Kublik, Ted Land, Bill Lee, John Lown, Benjamin Lynch, Hailey
11 Braden Lynch, Sandra Martin, Ruth Mashewske, Bea Miller, Dan Mitchell, Michael Moore, Larry
12 Plank, Keith Posehn, John Schuler, Sharon Schuler, Dru Tyler, Mary Vance, Anne Veldhuisen, Joan
13 Wooten, Stephen Yates.

14 **Elder Commissioners:** Chipley, First - Kathleen Rogers; DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley –
15 Tommy Yates; DeFuniak Springs, First – Vickie Jennings; DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant Grove –
16 Henry W. Goode, III; Destin, First – Reba Acthison; Fort Walton Beach, Korean First – Yun
17 Yarbrough; Gretna, Gretna – Gale Thompson; Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill – Tracy Curenton; Lynn
18 Haven, First - Lloyd Stanley; Marianna, First – Gina Stuart; Milton, First – Linda Lade; Navarre,
19 Navarre – Penny Huebsch; Pace, Pace - Walt Reese; Panama City, Agape – Jim Roncagline;
20 Panama City, Grace – Laurie Combs; Panama City, Parkway - Andrew Jackson; Panama City, St.
21 Andrews – James Dean; Pensacola, First – Mary Jean Miller, Mary Newman; Pensacola, Korean
22 Community - Young Berry; Pensacola, Northminster - Samuel Smith; Pensacola, Trinity –Peg
23 Couch, Melba Powell; Pensacola, Westminster - JRoanne Bergman; Port St. Joe, Port St. Joe -
24 Farris Aston; Quincy, First – Susanne Mahaffey; Red Bay, Red Bay – Walter Ray; Shalimar,
25 Shalimar – Buddy Naylor; Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills Community – Betty Trombley; Tallahassee,
26 Christ – Keith Baxter; Tallahassee, Faith – Bill Barton, Becky Roche, Larry Wood; Tallahassee,
27 Fellowship – Jeannie Dixon; Tallahassee, First – Walter Moore; Tallahassee – Lafayette - James
28 Smith.

29 **Members of Council:** Mary Howard Edwards, Jim Gibbs, Jean Norman, Sherl Morden, Ben Powell,
30 Gerry Yandle.

31 **Corresponding Members:** Robert Ward (Denver Presbytery)

32 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

33 **Elders:**

34 **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva

35 **Certified:** Jeannie Dixon, Beth House

36 **Non-Certified:**

37 **Presbytery Staff:** Melissa Morgan

38 **Visitors:** There were 9 visitors registered. UL Sun Nim, James McQuagge (Grace, Panama City), Anna
39 Faye Brooks (Grace, Panama City), Dottie Lee (Fellowship, Tallahassee), Ken Overholt (Northminster,
40 Pensacola), Barbara Overholt (Northminster, Tallahassee), Polly Land (First, Marianna), Hyun Jin Lee
41 (Korean, Fort Walton Beach), Samford Turner (Presbytery of South Alabama)

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ABSENSES

43 **Excused Ministers:** Tom Borland, Huw Christopher, Brant Copeland, Rick Gernhardt, Durl Odom,
44 Taylor Phillips, Angharad Teague Dees, Chris Erde, Kevin Veldhuisen

45 **Unexcused Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Michael Askew, Mary Baars, Peder Carlson, Daniel Dieth, Terry
46 Dyer, Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, Richard Horst, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Beth
47 McCaw, Leo Sandon, Steven Schaick, James Stansbury, Kim Stavenau, Ezra Yune.

48 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; First, Crestview; Freeport, Freeport; First, Havana;
49 First, Monticello; First, Pensacola (one of three commissioners); Woodland, Sawdust; Covenant,
50 Tallahassee; Trinity United, Tallahassee.

51 **Unexcused Churches:** Bethel, DeFuniak Springs; First, Fort Walton Beach; Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze;
52 Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach; First, Wewahitchka.

53 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

54 The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. CST by moderator Jean Norman. She reminded the body of
55 our vision and goals. Following the opening prayer, it was noted that a quorum was present. **The**
56 **docket was presented.** The report from Compassion and Social Justice Committee was inserted
57 following the reports of the Administrative Commissions. **The docket was approved.** Rev. John Lown
58 served as parliamentarian for the meeting. Rev. Ken Kelly gave a welcome from the host church and
59 shared several good news stories from the congregation. Sharon Schuler shared a good news story of
60 First, Fort Walton Beach. Hugh Hamilton shared news of Trinity, Pensacola. Michael Moore shared
61 news of First, DeFuniak Springs. JoAnn Kublik shared news of First, Milton. Gina Stuart shared news
62 of First, Marianna. Mark Broadhead shared news of Crestview and Laurel Hill churches.

63 First-time ruling elders were introduced. Ted Land, interim at First, Marianna, was introduced. Rev. Bob
64 Fuehrer, from Pensacola, was welcomed. Corresponding member Robert Ward was introduced.

65 A morning prayer service was held with Rev. Hugh Hamilton leading worship.

66 Reports from Presbytery Staff and Officers were received:

67 Jean Silva, Associate EP for Church Development and Education/HAE reported. She shared a recent
68 talk from Roger Nishioka on resiliency in ministry. She encouraged all to participate in the "On the 7th
69 day" prayer activity. She highlighted the "Let's get connected" form in the supplemental reports. The
70 Two Cents a Meal challenge (from the Compassion and Social Justice committee) was shared by Jean.
71 Money from lunch will go to the grants to the soup kitchen at Crestview and ECHO in Tallahassee. The
72 next training is on Feb.24 at Dogwood Acres from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. CST –Stewardship Training and
73 an Elder training.

74 Anne Veldhuisen reported for Kevin Veldhuisen, Associate EP for Outdoor Ministry and Spiritual
75 Development. He was currently at a workshop on outdoor ministry in Virginia. Ben Powell reported on
76 activities for Dogwood during the ministry report.

77 Stephen Yates, Stated Clerk, reported. He presented the revised "Sexual Abuse and Misconduct
78 Guidelines" for the Presbytery. It was presented for a first reading. There were no questions from the
79 floor. The second reading will be at the January 26, 2013, stated meeting of the Presbytery.

80 Stephen updated on the Dogwood Acres easement lawsuit. Depositions have happened, but a trial date
81 has not been set.

82 He noted receipt of several communications (which are included in the docket):

- 83 1. Letter to the Presbytery from the Florida Region Administrative Personnel Association
 - 84 2. Letter to the Presbytery from Presbyterian University Center Board President Alan House
 - 85 3. Email to Stephen Yates and Jean Silva from Rev. Bruce Chapman, Presbyterian University Center.
- 86 The Florida APA reported that Valerie Marlow from First, Marianna, has received Level I Certification
87 in Presbyterian Church Administration. Information from the Presbyterian University Center included
88 the information that PUC has:
- 89 • Provided 1,668 meals for students at the Thursday night Listening Point program.
 - 90 • Reached out to 7,870 guests through the ministry of hospitality – Calvin’s Coffee House.
 - 91 • Housed 5 residents at Westminster House.
 - 92 • Hosted a Faculty Luncheon series.

93 Jean Norman, Moderator, reported that she has ruled the vote taken at the September 11, 2012,
94 Presbytery meeting, to adopt the Guidelines for Dismissal to Another Reformed Denomination, out of
95 order due to our oversight. The Presbytery bylaws require two readings to adopt or amend the
96 Operations Manual. The guidelines were presented at the September 11 meeting for the first time;
97 therefore, the vote was out of order.

98 Jim Gibbs, Treasurer, and Andy Jackson presented the report of the Budget, Finance and Stewardship
99 Committee. Jim reviewed the financial reports included in the docket. At the end of September, the
100 Presbytery had a negative cash flow of about \$9,000. Last year, at the end of September, we had
101 negative \$15,470.

102 It was noted that a recent review of the financial records by the CPA firm Kerrigan & Merritt, LLC, did
103 not show any modifications needed in our financial procedures.

104 Andy Jackson presented the challenge budget. The 2013 Challenge column represents what the
105 committees indicated they needed. Information from churches on giving has not been received. The
106 committee is informing Presbytery that, if our income is about \$350,000, we will have a deficit of
107 \$85,156. At the January presbytery meeting, a more final budget will be presented based on reports
108 from the committees and reports from churches on mission giving. The final budget will be presented
109 for approval at the April meeting.

110 The Committee requests the following action:

111 That the Presbytery per capita for 2013 remain at the 2012 level of \$4.55. This recommendation is based
112 on the recent trend of decreased unified mission giving, smaller Presbytery budgets, and the current
113 weak economy impacting giving at our local churches. There was discussion from the floor.

114 A motion was made and seconded to table the motion. **The motion was approved.** Comparison with
115 other presbytery per capita will be provided at the next Presbytery meeting.

116 The report of the Synod Commissioner was received. Joan Wooten reported. Joan and Tim Crawford
117 (ruling elder at Crestview) were our commissioners to Synod. Our presbytery is one of two in the Synod
118 who have fulfilled the per capita commitment to the Synod. Churches are encouraged to actively seek
119 out families with children with special needs and carve out a ministry in the community in that area.
120 Joan will share notes from Joseph Small on the six great ends of the church. Churches are encouraged to
121 use the Regional Resource Center; a link to their web page is in the Synod report in the docket.

122 The Administrative Commission for the Shalimar Presbyterian Church report was presented by Frank
123 Beall. The AC makes the following motion to presbytery:

124 1. That the Committee on Ministry explore with the Shalimar Church any options for temporary or
125 permanent pastoral leadership that are available for them.

126 2. That, if there are no temporary or permanent pastoral options for them, that COM either let
127 things in the Shalimar Church take their natural course or initiate the process to close the church.

128 3. That if recommendations (1) and (2) take place after a reasonable time, that the AC take the
129 necessary steps to close the church.

130 **The motion was approved.**

131 The Administrative Commission for the Covenant Presbyterian Church report was presented by Mary
132 Vance. The congregation has voted to request to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
133 The terms of the settlement are being negotiated, so no action is requested of Presbytery at this time.

134 Mary Howard Edwards reported for the Compassion and Social Justice Committee. Two 2 Cents-a-
135 Meal grants have been awarded: 1st Presbyterian, Crestview and ECHO (Tallahassee); both received
136 \$1811.10. The committee issued a challenge to the presbytery for the donation during today's lunch and
137 gifts through the rest of the year (to 12/31/12) to raise an additional \$6377 to be split between these two
138 agencies (they both requested \$5,000, but the funds were not available).

139 The Transition Team report was presented by Jean Norman. John Lown served as moderator during the
140 discussion. The report in the docket included answers to questions that were raised during the first
141 reading of the Transition Team Report at the September 11, 2012, meeting of Presbytery.

142 The Team moves that The Transition Team Plan for staffing, structure and programs be adopted as
143 presented. The changes include a revision of team sizes in the Transition Team proposal for staffing,
144 structure and program as follows:

145 Teams:

- 146 • Commitment to Representation Team: decrease from 6-9 members to 5 members
- 147 • Personnel Team: decrease from 6-9 members to 6 members
- 148 • Budget, Finance and Stewardship Team: decrease from 6-9 members to 6 members
- 149 • Congregational Mission Support Team: increase from 9 members to 15 members

150 Bill Bess moved to strike pg 19, lines 18-23 (item #4). The motion was seconded. The Transition Team
151 spoke to the motion. **The amendment was defeated.**

152 **The main motion was approved.**

153 Reports of the Presbytery Committees/Missions were received:

154 John Lown presented the report of Council.

155 The Council recommended the election of Stephen Yates as Stated Clerk for a three-year term beginning
156 January 1, 2013, and that he be paid a monthly stipend of \$1,000 a month and have a yearly travel
157 allowance of \$2,000. **This was approved.** Tae Ho Cheong urged consideration of the Stated Clerk's
158 travel to South Korea in 2014.

159 A Council subcommittee of John Lown, Jean Silva and a member of the Personnel Committee will work
160 with the Budget, Finance and Stewardship Committee on developing a new method for establishing
161 annual budgets. The subcommittee will report at the January 8, 2013, council meeting.

162 Ben Powell presented the report for the Mission for Dogwood Acres. Tracy Curenton will no longer be
163 the cook for the camp; she will be greatly missed.

164 The mission has two items for action:

165 The Mission is in the final stages of planning for the renovation of the Old Bathhouse and are
166 seeking permission to move forward with the raising of \$60,000 towards this project. This
167 renovation will convert the old bathhouse into additional sleeping accommodations that will
168 greatly impact Summer Camp housing by offering a place for leadership staff and also a
169 nurse to be housed within the cabin area. This will also add much-needed, family-friendly and
170 handicapped-accessible housing for the upcoming retreat season. **This was approved.**

171 This ministry has grown larger than ever before, Ben reported. Kevin is no longer able to manage
172 all of the day-to-day tasks in the office because of the large workload, and there is still so much
173 more he could be doing to further this ministry if he had the time to do it, he said. Therefore, the
174 Operations Committee, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, is presenting a detailed
175 job description for a part-time Administrative Assistant and seeking funds (\$11,000) to hire this
176 person. The position could be filled after approval of the draft budget on January 26, 2013 and
177 could begin in February. The position was included in the challenge budget presented earlier at
178 this meeting. There was discussion on the floor. An amendment was offered – that hiring is to
179 occur with the use of DWA Reserve Funds in 2013. The motion was seconded. It was clarified
180 to mean the designated DWA Development funds, which would mean that the hiring is not tied
181 to the approval of the budget for 2013. **The amendment was approved.**

182 **The amended motion was approved.**

183 Tae Ho Cheong dismissed the body for lunch with a blessing. During lunch, an Order of the Day was
184 observed. Samford Turner made a presentation from the Alabama Presbyterian Cursillo.

185 Gerry Yandle presented the report from the Church Development and Evangelism Committee. A note
186 was made on the various training events scheduled.

187 The Committee moved:

188 Recommendation to presbytery that an Administrative Commission for Pace Presbyterian Church be
189 formed, with a membership of five people to:

- 190 • explore with the church options available to them including closing and selling the property,
191 closing and reopening as a new worshipping community, merging, or redeveloping
- 192 • assume original jurisdiction if deemed necessary in this exploration
- 193 • determine the feasibility of the continuance of the church preschool for the remainder of the
194 school year (Spring 2013)
- 195 • list and sell the property on behalf of presbytery for an amount that satisfies or exceeds debt and
196 all related costs

197 Walt Reese commented on the recommendation on behalf of Pace Presbyterian. The church was
198 recently informed that they have sufficient reserves to last until May 2013. The church family does not
199 wish to consider closing at this point but wishes to do whatever is needed to remain open.

200 **The motion to establish an Administrative Commission was approved.** Nominations for the AC
201 were: Hailey Lynch, Jerry Blacklaw, Jim Green, Sandra Martin, Leslie Yandle. **They were elected.**

202 The Committee moved:

203 Recommend to presbytery the adoption for first reading the “Healthy Church Framework” document for
204 use with visioning and evaluation of the work of presbytery.

205 **This was approved.**

206 Dru Tyler reported on the Intensive Journal Workshop at Dogwood Acres. Brochures were distributed
207 for the workshop scheduled for February 10-15, 2013.

208 Anne Veldhuisen presented the report of the Disaster Assistance Coordinator. She will provide
209 feedback from PDA on the response to Hurricane Sandy.

210 Joan Wooten presented the Personnel Committee report. Members of Personnel met with Jean Silva to
211 determine the best way for Jean to focus her attention in 2013; Jean is to be head of staff until the
212 general presbyter is hired; she will specifically resource the Presbytery Leadership Team and other
213 teams as asked.

214 Sherl Morden reported on Presbyterian Women. She highlighted items in the report, and especially
215 noted the scholarships given by PW. There are also limited funds for continuing education for clergy.

216 Mark Broadhead presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Robert Fuehrer was
217 introduced. He shared his background. Bob served as Navy chaplain for 14 years and is transitioning to
218 civilian life. Rev. Ted Land was introduced as interim pastor, First, Marianna. Rev. Land's statement
219 of faith is included in the docket materials.

220 The COM presented Guidelines for Dismissal for a first reading.

221 Hugh Hamilton reported that Mel Baars is home safely from Afghanistan and currently at Fort Sam
222 Houston in San Antonio. Laura Palmer will be interviewing this weekend to determine whether she will
223 be a Navy chaplain or in the Naval Reserves.

224 The reports of the Mission for Spiritual Development committees were presented. A written report from
225 Training and Retreats is included in the docket. The Children's Committee reports they are writing a
226 curriculum to be used this summer at camp.

227 There was no other business before the body. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery is
228 scheduled for January 26, 2013, at Westminster Oaks, Tallahassee at 9:00 a.m. CST/10:00 a.m.
229 EST. The moderator offered a closing prayer at 1:50 p.m. CST. The meeting was adjourned.

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Jean Norman, Moderator
Stephen Yates, Stated Clerk
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Rev. Mark Broadhead, Teaching Elder, 1st, Crestview and Laurel Hill



Gerry Yandle, Ruling Elder, 1st, Milton