

1 **WINTER PRESBYTERY MEETING**
2 **GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
3 **PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA**
4 **January 30, 2010**

5 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church
6 (U.S.A.) met for its Winter Stated Meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida.

7 The following 32 ministers and 38 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

8 **Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Bill Bess, Robert Bohnsack, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Bruce
9 Chapman, Huw Christopher, Bea Copeland, Brant Copeland, David Darrow, Terry Dyer, Joe
10 Eckstine, Chris Erde, Rick Gernhardt, Hugh Hamilton, Tully Hunter, Randon Jackson, W.
11 Harvey Jenkins, Jr., Walk Jones, Kenneth Kelley, George Kessler, William F. Lee, John Lown,
12 Ruth Mashewske, Dan Mitchell, Paul Mixon, Sharon Schuler, James Stansbury, Anghaarad
13 Teague Dees, Drucilla Tyler, Mary Vance, Joan Wooten and Joanne Kublik (CLP)

14 **Elder Commissioners: Chipley – First:** Barbara Russell; **Crestview – First:** Tammy
15 Matthews; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** James Dees; **DeFuniak Springs – Pleasant Grove:**
16 Henry W. Goode III; **Fort Walton Beach – First:** Mary Hahn; **Freeport:** Vicki Schofield;
17 **Gretna:** Brenda Clark; **Havana – First:** Jim Love; **Laurel Hill – Laurel Hill:** Leon Curenton;
18 **Lynn Haven – First:** William Coffman; **Marianna – First:** Joy Lewis; **Milton – First:** Gerry
19 Yandle; **Monticello – First:** John Schuler; **Navarre:** Linda Wagoner; **Pace:** Walt Reese;
20 **Panama City – Grace:** Grady McDaniel; **Panama City – Parkway:** Lisa Davis; **Panama City**
21 **– St. Andrews:** Rose Stallins; **Panama City Beach – Gulf Beach:** Lorraine Gilmore;
22 **Pensacola – First:** Annette Miller, Ruby Rogers, Scott Sherman; **Pensacola – Northminster:**
23 Ken Overholt; **Pensacola – Trinity:** Doug Alumbaugh, Jessie Drossos **Pensacola –**
24 **Westminster:** Thomas Sykes; **Port St. Joe – First:** Mark Curenton; **Quincy – First:** Pat
25 Woodward; **Red Bay – Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Sawdust – Woodland:** Kathy Pack; **Shalimar –**
26 **Shalimar:** George Shealy; **Sunny Hills – Sunny Hills:** Margaret Duerbeck; **Tallahassee –**
27 **Covenant:** Christie Kimbrel; **Tallahassee – Faith:** Sarah Hood, Chip Jennings; **Tallahassee –**
28 **Fellowship:** Hillman Brannon; **Tallahassee – First:** Nora Loyd; **Tallahassee – Lafayette:** Bob
29 Henning

30 **Elder Members of Council:** Nesta Cumbie, Tracy Curenton, Mary Gene Fleming, Jean
31 McCarter

32 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

33 **Elders: Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon
34 **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva
35 **Pensacola-Northminster:** Rew Randolph
36 **Certified: Ft. Walton Beach:** Jennie Langham
37 **Non-Certified:**
38 **DeFuniak Springs:** Laurice Andrews
39 **Panama City-Grace:** Jason Williams

1 **Visitors:** Nineteen visitors were registered. **First Presbyterian:** Ginger Green; **Pensacola-**
2 **First:** Cathy Jackson; **Port St. Joe:** Greg Donath, Ruth Eckstine; **Pensacola-Trinity:** Harvey
3 Fleming; **DeFuniak Springs-First:** Ann Dees, Joyce Kelly; Linda Presley; **Tallahassee-**
4 **Presbyterian University Center:** Rachel Hood, Joe Kostancek, Abby Sarbeck; **Navarre:** Penny
5 Huebsch, Larry Plank; **Tallahassee-Covenant:** Jean McCarter; **Sunny Hills:** Leslie Kelley;
6 **Agape NCD:** Jae Wan Chung, Jim Rancaliave; **Pensacola-Westminster:** Karen Kessler;
7 **Tallahassee-Faith:** Mike Frandsen

8 **ABSENSES**

9 **Excused Ministers:** Nan Adams, Michael Askew, Jerry Blacklaw, Tae Ho Cheong, Joseph
10 Chung, Daniel Dieth, Sally Campbell-Evans, Lawrence Greenslit, Eugene Harris, Beth McCaw,
11 Leo Sandon, Jr., Steven Schiack, Stephen Yates, Ezra Yune

12 **Unexcused Ministers:** Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, John Kelsay, Taylor Phillips

13 **Excused Churches:** Blounstown; DeFuniak Springs – Bethel; DeFuniak Springs – Euchee
14 Valley; Fort Walton Beach – First Korean; Tallahassee – Trinity United; Wewahitchka – First

15 **Unexcused Churches:** Destin – First; Gulf Breeze; Tallahassee – Christ

16 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

17 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. CST and opened with prayer by moderator Joan
18 Wooten. **The docket was presented and adopted.** Rev. Tully Hunter presented greetings and
19 welcome from Grace Presbyterian Church. Opening worship was held, with the installation of
20 Jeannie Dixon as moderator.

21 Following worship and announcements the meeting was in recess until 1:00 p.m.

22 The meeting resumed with introductions of visiting ministers, first-time elders and corresponding
23 members.

24 **Visiting Ministers:** None

25 **Corresponding members:** Michael Moore, Richard Connor

26 Representatives of the Presbyterian University Center gave a presentation.

27 **COMMUNICATIONS/STATED CLERKS REPORT**

28 **Terry Dyer presented the communications to the presbytery.** The report notes 10 items of
29 communication received. The report noted that the minutes of the Presbytery of Florida for 2009
30 were read on January 19, 2010, and approved. It also noted that in accordance with the action
31 taken at the November 17, 2009, Presbytery meeting, Joan Wooten, Moderator, appointed the
32 following individuals to the search committee for the Associate Executive Presbyter for Outdoor
33 Ministry/Spiritual Development: Christy Williams, Mary Vance, Tully Hunter, Nesta Cumbie,

1 Bruce Neu, Rob Bohnsack and Anghaarad Teague Dees. At their organizational meeting, Christy
2 Williams was elected chair of the committee, and Mary Vance was elected secretary for the
3 committee.

4 The moderator reported the following appointments:
5 Read and approve the 2010 minutes: Bill Brundyge, Mark Broadhead
6 Bills & Overtures Committee: Frank Adams, Laura Beth Faragasso, Joyce Kelly, Walter Moore,
7 Stephen Yates.

8 **COUNCIL REPORT**

9 **Joan Wooten presented the Council report.** The items for information were presented. There
10 were two items for approval. Council recommends that the fiscal year for the Presbytery of
11 Florida be changed back to January 1 – 19 December 31, effective in 2010, and that the Interim
12 Operating Budget for 2010 be received as information with the Final Operating Budget being
13 presented for adoption at the Spring Presbytery meeting in April 2010. This was approved. The
14 Council recommended that W. Harvey Jenkins, Jr., be elected as Acting Treasurer through April
15 2010. This was approved.

16 **REPORT FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR WAKULLA** 17 **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

18 John Lown presented the report from the Administrative Commission. The timeline of
19 activities was presented. Eight recommendations from the Commission were presented; John
20 recommended that items 1-6 be taken ad seriatim. Tully Hunter made a substitute motion: That
21 the “Additional Recommendations of the Administrative Commission for the Wakulla
22 Presbyterian Church” recommendations I, II, III, IV, V, and VI be referred to the Committee on
23 Ministry for further prayer, review, and refinement before bringing these recommendations to a
24 Stated meeting of the Presbytery for action. Further, the Committee on Ministry’s process for
25 prayer, review, and refinement shall include small group discussions by members of the
26 Presbytery at a Stated Meeting prior to action being taken by the Presbytery for the purpose of
27 providing feedback to the Committee on Ministry on the issues raised in these
28 recommendations.” This was defeated. The motions were each presented.

29 I. Committee on Ministry Counsel with Churches. The Administrative Commission
30 recommends that, when there is a vacancy in the pulpit, the Committee on Ministry
31 counsel with church sessions regarding the financial viability of the church to meet the
32 minimum compensation requirements for calling a pastor.

33 II. Committee on Ministry/Presbytery Executive - Clearing a Name for Consideration. The
34 Administrative Commission recommends that a name should not be cleared for
35 consideration by a PNC before the Presbytery Executive of the presbytery of origin has
36 been consulted about the candidate. If that information is negative, a PNC shall be
37 emphatically informed (with every member of the PNC receiving the same information,
38 not just the chairman) with the reasons for the disapproval.

39 III. Committee on Ministry Examination of Called Ministers. The Administrative

1 Commission recommends that these exams be more stringent and more probing, never
2 perfunctory, of the candidate minister's suitability for the ministry, of difficulties or
3 conflicts in previous places of service, of expectations in the new position (especially in
4 reference to the CIF), and of compatibility with the congregation.

5 IV. Attendance of Ministers and Elder Commissioners to Presbytery Meetings. The
6 Administrative Commission recommends that the Committee on Ministry create
7 enforcement standards for attendance of Ministers and Elder Commissioners to meetings
8 of presbytery and presbytery committee meetings, and inform all pastors received into the
9 presbytery of these standards at the time of examination. Such standards might include:

- 10 • Require Absences to be Excused or Unexcused, with request made within 7 days
11 of the end of a Presbytery Meeting.
- 12 • Require early departure from a meeting to be approved.
- 13 • Bring Censure (rebuke) to those missing 50% or more of Stated Meetings by
14 unexcused absence.
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16 V. Sessional Minutes. The Administrative Commission recommends that we approach the
17 reading of Sessional Minutes with a view to signs of conflict, failure to perform duties,
18 questionable decisions that might precipitate later crises, or indications of disaffection of
19 pastor and people, or of church with presbytery or denomination. The Commission
20 recommends that the presbytery be quicker to confer with and intervene with churches
21 that display signs of trouble and to report concerns directly to the Committee on Ministry.
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23 VI. Financial Liabilities of Congregations, and Incorporation. The Administrative
24 Commission recommends that the presbytery identify congregations that are not yet
25 incorporated, and assist them in getting this accomplished. The presbytery may need to
26 provide explanation of why this is both required and desirable to the local congregation's
27 protection from personal liability by all individual members.

28 The Administrative Commission recommends that all churches report financial liabilities,
29 mortgages, and repayment plans, and especially note where the presbytery is a co-signer
30 of an outstanding mortgage as part of the Annual Report to the presbytery.

31 The Administrative Commission recommends that all churches report their liability
32 insurance coverage as part of the Annual Report to presbytery.

33 VII. Disposition of the Funds Remaining from Sale of Wakulla Church Property. After
34 the sale of the Wakulla Presbyterian Church buildings, furnishings and equipment, and
35 the sale of the 10 acres of land on which the building sat, the mortgage on the property
36 was paid in full, additional debt to the Wakulla Bank from a Line of Credit was repaid,
37 and expenses related to the sale of the property were paid. This resulted in a remainder of
38 **\$47,049.91**. The Administrative Commission recommends that the full amount of
39 **\$47,049.91**, be deposited with the Presbytery of Florida, **New Church Development**
40 **Fund** (Line 00218).

1 VIII. Dissolution of the Administrative Commission for Wakulla Presbyterian Church.
2 The Administrative Commission recommends that the Presbytery of Florida
3 dissolve the Administrative Commission, effective January 30, 2010. The
4 commission members who were present were recognized. Ruth Mashewske
5 offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the commission and its work and for the
6 members of Wakulla Presbyterian Church. The motion was amended as follows:
7 The Administrative Commission recommends that the Presbytery of Florida
8 dissolve the Administrative Commission, effective January 30, 2010, with grateful
9 appreciation for the selfless gift of their time, talent and energy. This was
10 seconded and approved.

11 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

12 Harvey Jenkins presented the annual report of the treasurer. He reminded all churches to remit
13 their 2009 per capita if they have not already done so. Churches are also asked to submit revised
14 pledge forms as soon as it is known that the pledge will be changed (either up or down).

15 Dan Mitchell presented a report from the Budget/Finance/Stewardship Committee. He presented
16 one item for approval: The Committee recommends that, in the absence of an existing policy
17 regarding real property given to the presbytery, the offer by Alice Lee of a quarter-acre lot in
18 south Walton County be accepted, then plans for the property's transfer be made as soon as
19 possible. This was approved.

20 **PC(USA) MINISTRIES**

21 **Mark Broadhead presented a report for the Committee on Ministry.** There were
22 several items of information and no items for action. He introduced Joanne Kublik (new
23 Commissioned Lay Pastor) and Drucilla Tyler, stated supply at Port St. Joe and
24 Wewahitchka. Both briefly addressed the presbytery.

25 **Brant Copeland presented the report for Committee on Preparation for Ministry.**
26 He reviewed the status of the inquirers and candidates, noting that Dianna Bell is
27 working on her PIF. Brant examined Michael Fransden to become a Candidate for
28 ministry. Following Michael's sharing of his experiences, Rev. Copeland presented the
29 charge and offered a prayer.

30 **Brant Copeland presented the report for the Nominating Committee.** The
31 following were nominated:

32 Rachel Hood - Youth Advisory Delegate to General Assembly
33 Bill Bess - Worship and Theology – Class of 2010
34 Anghaarad Teague Dees – Youth Committee Chair
35 Sherl Morden – Training and Retreats
36 Marty Henderson – Training and Retreats Chair

1 This was approved.

2 **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE**

3 Henry Good, III, presented the SDOP report. Two grants were given this year.

4 **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

5 Ruth Mashewske presented the report of the Church Development and Evangelism
6 Committee.

7 **COMPASSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

8 Tracy Curenton presented the report of the Compassion and Social Justice Committee.

9 **MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

10 Huw Christopher presented the report of the Mission for Spiritual Development. He
11 reported that the clergy/educator/musician/spouse retreat scheduled for Dogwood Acres
12 Feb. 22 – 24 has been cancelled.

13 **MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES/OUTDOOR MINISTRY**

14 Brant Copeland presented the report for the Mission for Dogwood Acres/Outdoor
15 Ministry.

16 **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

17 Mary Gene Fleming presented the report from Presbyterian Women. She invited
18 everyone to the 104th PW Annual Gathering, March 20, 2010, at Trinity, Pensacola.

19 **DISASTER COORDINATOR**

20 Jean McCarter presented the report of the disaster coordinator. She needs a disaster contact from
21 each church by February 15.

22 **NEW BUSINESS:**

23 Ruth Mashewske provided an update on the activities of the Shalimar Administrative
24 Commission.

25 The next meeting will be at First, Milton on April 27, 2010.

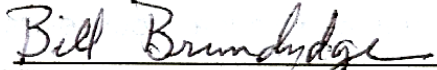
26 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer
27 at 3:54 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

28 Jeannie Dixon, Moderator
29 Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk
30 Jeannie Dixon, Recorder
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES



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



Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First