

1 **SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING**  
2 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
3 **DESTIN, FLORIDA**  
4 **April 28, 2009**

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6 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
7 met for its Spring Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Destin, FL, on April 28, 2009.  
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9 The following 42 ministers and 42 elders were enrolled as commissioners:  
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11 **Ministers:** Nan Adams, Barry Arnold, Michael Askew, Bill Bess, Jerry Blacklaw, Rob Bohnsack,  
12 Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Sally Campbell-Evans, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw  
13 Christopher, Ted Chumley, Joseph Chung, Brant Copeland, David Darrow, Terry Dyer, Chris Erde,  
14 Hugh Hamilton, H. Eugene Harris, Ruth Hempel, Kathleen Hodgson, Cherie Isakson, Randy  
15 Jackson, Walk Jones, Kenneth Kelley, George Kessler, William Lee, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske,  
16 Dan Mitchell, Paul Mixon, Roger Nicholson, Russ Owens, Sharon Schuler, Anghaarad Teague, Mary  
17 Vance, Shuford White, Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates.  
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19 **Elder Commissioners:** **ChIPLEY – First:** Roger Van Landingham; **Crestview – First:** Richard  
20 Thalacker; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** Lee Thomas; **DeFuniak Springs – Pleasant Grove:** Henry  
21 W. Goode III, Marigail Smoak; **Destin – First:** Dooney Tickner; **Ft. Walton Beach – First:** Tom  
22 Sipos; **Ft. Walton Beach – First Korean:** Sunsook Kimm; **Freeport:** Vickie Schofield; **Gulf**  
23 **Breeze – Gulf Breeze:** Patrick Allen, Robert McCorkle; **Havana – First:** Bill Brundyge; **Laurel**  
24 **Hill – Laurel Hill:** Leon Curenton; **Lynn Haven – First:** Richard E. Kangas; **Marianna – First:**  
25 Betty Jo Hatcher; **Milton – First:** Linda Lade; **Monticello – First:** John Schuler; **Navarre:** Larry  
26 Plank; **Pace:** Walt Reese; **Panama City – Grace:** Thurman Vinson; **Panama City – Parkway:**  
27 Andrew Jackson; **Panama City – St. Andrews:** Rose Stallins; **Panama City Beach – Gulf Beach:**  
28 Reba Love; **Pensacola – First:** Paul Goudy, Jeff Lewis; **Pensacola – Korean:** Ok Nam Deidrich;  
29 **Pensacola – Northminster:** Ken Overholt; **Pensacola – Trinity:** Carol Powell, Fred Hurd;  
30 **Pensacola – Westminster:** Richard Daniel; **Port St. Joe – First:** Larry Summers; **Quincy – First:**  
31 Jane Hinson; **Red Bay – Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Sawdust – Woodland:** Mary Jo Butler; **Shalimar –**  
32 **Shalimar:** Rebecca Dodson; **Sunny Hills – Sunny Hills:** Polly Hartwell; **Tallahassee – Covenant:**  
33 Roger Keen; **Tallahassee – Faith:** Jamed Harrison, Virginia Lindquist, Martha Roberts; **Tallahassee**  
34 **– Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon; **Tallahassee – First:** Nora K. Loyd.  
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36 **Corresponding Members:** Richard Conner and Michael Moore  
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38 **Elder Members of Council:** Mary Gene Fleming, Nesta Cumbie  
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40 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

41 **Elders:** **Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon, and **Associate Executive**

42 **Presbyter:** Jean Silva

43 **Certified:** **Ft. Walton Beach:** Jennie Langham; **Tallahassee-First:** Christy Williams

44 **Non-Certified:** **Gulf Breeze:** Patty Arnett and Leigh Welch  
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46 **Visitors:** There were 10 visitors registered: **First-Crestview:** Pat Thalacker, **Shalimar:** Minora  
47 **Mixon, Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Dottie Lee, **Pensacola-Trinity:** Laura Palmer, **Panama City – St.**

1 **Andrews:** Daphne Clark, Sally Teev, Vern Ballard, **Panama City** – **Grace:** James McQuagge,  
2 **Panama City** – **Agape NCD:** Jaewan Chung.

### 3 4 **ABSENSES**

5 **Excused Ministers:** Bea Copeland, Lawrence Greenslit, Tully Hunter, John Kelsay, Pam King  
6 Phillips, Beth McCaw, Dan Ottaviano, Taylor Phillips, Steven Schaick

7 **Unexcused Ministers:** Daniel Dieth, Nancy Forinash

8 **Excused Churches:**

9 **Unexcused Churches:** Blounstown-Blounstown, DeFuniak Springs-Bethel, DeFuniak Springs-  
10 Euchee Valley, Gretna, Tallahassee-Christ, Tallahassee-Lafayette, Tallahassee-Trinity United,  
11 Wewahitchka-First.

### 12 13 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

14 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CST and opened with prayer by moderator Joan  
15 Wooten. **The docket was presented and adopted.** Opening worship was held. The Lord's Supper  
16 was celebrated during the worship with Stephen Yates and Terry Dyer presiding.

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18 Following worship, Stephen Yates presented greetings and welcome from the host church.  
19 Introductions of visiting ministers, first-time elders and corresponding members were held.

20 Visiting Ministers: none

21 Corresponding members: Richard Conner

### 22 23 **COMMUNICATIONS/STATED CLERKS REPORT**

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25 **Terry Dyer presented the communications to the presbytery and report of the**  
26 **presbytery/executive and stated clerk.** The report notes 16 items of communication received. An  
27 additional communication was received; First, Milton, has extended an invitation to host the April  
28 27, 2010 meeting of Presbytery. This was accepted.

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30 **Jean Silva presented the annual report of the associate Executive Presbyter and Hunger Action**  
31 **Enabler.** Churches are encouraged to participate in the Lifestyle Integrity program; forms are on  
32 the presbytery website under 'Forms'. She challenged those present to consider the question "How  
33 can we be a blessing to those around us?"

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35 **Russ Owens presented the report of the Treasurer.** He noted the number of churches (10) who  
36 have not sent in their per capita amount, noting that NCD (2) do not pay per capita. The four-month  
37 period of the transitional fiscal year will not need to be audited fully but a check up will be  
38 conducted. The records for 2008 are at the auditor; it is not expected to have the report for several  
39 months. Two new accounts will be created due to the Wakulla situation. These accounts will report  
40 the amount of money from the Wakulla church and for the expenditures on behalf of the church.

### 41 42 **COUNCIL REPORT**

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45 **Ruth Hempel presented the Council report.** The report included a number of items submitted for  
46 approval. These were all approved on voice vote:

- 47     ▪ Accept the invitation from Westminster Oaks Retirement Community in Tallahassee to host  
48     the Summer Stated Presbytery Meeting on September 8, 2009

- 1       ▪ Accept the recommendation that Disciplefest 2010 be held in conjunction with the Winter
- 2       Stated meeting of Presbytery on January 29, 30, 2010 in Panama City, with Grace
- 3       Presbyterian Church as the location for Disciplefest and host for Presbytery
- 4       ▪ Concur with the request of the Youth Committee and suggestion of the Budget / Finance and
- 5       Stewardship Committee to change the name of the Youth Connection Fund (00229) and its
- 6       purpose but recommends that the name become *Youth Development Scholarship Fund*
- 7       rather than *Small Church Youth Development Fund*. The funds would be used by the Youth
- 8       Council for scholarships to help promote small church youth participation in Presbytery
- 9       events (but not limited to small churches – the scholarships are for the development of all
- 10      youth in the presbytery)
- 11      ▪ Concur with the budget/finance and stewardship request that the budget line item 80140 by
- 12      moved from Mission for Spiritual Development to Committee on Ministry (Small Church
- 13      Pastor Grant Fund)
- 14      ▪ Concur with the recommendation from Budget/Finance and Stewardship for the approval of
- 15      the request from Agape Korean NCD in Panama City to refinance their loan by changing it
- 16      from a 15 year mortgage to a 20 year mortgage at a lower rate of interest
- 17      ▪ Concur with the recommendation from Budget/Finance and Stewardship for approval of
- 18      Pensacola Korean’s refinancing as a chartered church, using the Presbytery as cosigner
- 19      ▪ Concur with the recommendation from Budget / Finance and Stewardship that \$27,000 from
- 20      the “carry over funds” in line item 00110 be placed in a special fund (00235) called the
- 21      Wakulla Property Fund. The purpose of this fund is to pay the mortgage, utilities, and other
- 22      related expenses for the Wakulla Property as long as needed or until the property is leased or
- 23      sold. At such a time the remaining funds will be returned to line item 00110 and the special
- 24      fund dissolved.

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 26      The “State of the Presbytery” report was presented. Terry Dyer reviewed the annual statistical report  
 27      for the presbytery, which is a compilation of the reports submitted by the churches. The total  
 28      membership is 7,697; this number is below 8,000, which means that we are allowed to send one  
 29      minister and one elder as commissioners to GA. The total loss is 872, most (643) coming from  
 30      removal of members as part of the review of membership rolls. The total spent on validated mission  
 31      was reported as \$467,402. Terry reviewed the 10-year statistics for the presbytery.

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 33      Randy Jackson presented for the Council the proposed budget for the fiscal year May 1, 2009 to  
 34      April 30, 2010. The Unified Mission Giving is expected to be \$113,122 less than last year, which  
 35      necessitates a significant cut in the budget. The loss of a position in the presbytery office will mean  
 36      committees and others will need to step up to assist in the clerical work of the committees. The  
 37      budget, as presented, was approved on voice vote.

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 39      Jean Silva presented information on the demographic tool Mission InSite. The subscription is paid to  
 40      November and the churches are encouraged to use the tool. She presented several graphs from the  
 41      tool showing demographic information for the presbytery. Using the information from the tool  
 42      information on the effectiveness of styles of worship and evangelism for the community can be  
 43      discovered.

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 45      Nesta Cumbie presented the report from the Personnel Committee. Information on the summer  
 46      director for Dogwood Acres (Kevin Veldhuisen) was shared.

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 48      Russ Owens made the following motion:

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2 *Whereas the Presbytery of Florida in its Financial Policies has determined that checks totaling more*  
3 *than \$3000 requires two signatures;*  
4 *And*  
5 *Whereas at this meeting Jennifer Joiner has been named Administrative Assistant*  
6 *I move that Jennifer Joiner be named as our Assistant Treasurer (according to our Financial*  
7 *Policies) and as such be designated as a signer of checks.*

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9 The motion was seconded and approved on voice vote.

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11 **PC(USA) MINISTRIES**

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13 **Roger Nicholson presented a report for the Committee on Ministry.** There are  
14 2 corrections to the written report. John Schuler is not given 'blanket' permission to  
15 celebrate communion as Pulpit Supply. This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The  
16 other correction is that Roger Nicholson has agreed to assist Shalimar as the liaison for the  
17 Church Development and Evangelism Committee.

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19 **Brant Copeland presented the report for Committee on Preparation for Ministry.** He  
20 reported on the status of the 6 inquirers and 5 candidates. In addition, three candidates are  
21 approved as ready to receive a call (Adam Copeland, Diana Bell, Shelley Sanders  
22 Zuckerman); Brant updated the Presbytery on these three. Laura Palmer was presented  
23 for examination to become a Candidate for Ministry. Laura shared her faith journey. It was  
24 moved that Laura be received as a candidate for Ministry under the care of the Presbytery.  
25 This was approved on voice vote. The Moderator asked the questions of Laura and she was  
26 welcomed by the Presbytery. Laura's father, an elder in the church, was introduced and  
27 welcomed. Prayer was offered for Laura.

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29 **The report for the Nominating Committee was presented by the Moderator on behalf**  
30 **of Martha Jean Woodward.** The following were nominated:

31 Preparation and Response	George Kessler	11-3	
32 Personnel	Celia Broadhead		10-2
33 Operation and Development	Bob Lindquist		09-1
34 Campus Ministry	Chris Erde		09-1

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36 This was approved.

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38 **John Lown presented the report of the Administrative Commission for the Wakulla**  
39 **Presbyterian Church.** A written report was distributed which John reviewed. The Stated  
40 Clerk of the Presbytery declared the congregation officially dissolved on March 15, 2009.  
41 The property is actively marketed for sale.

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43 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

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45 Hugh Hamilton presented the report for the Mission for Disaster  
46 Preparedness/Response. Churches can contact their local health departments to  
47 arrange to be a distribution of non-prescription medications in the event of a pandemic. A  
48 statewide hurricane drill is scheduled for the first week of June.

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2 Doug McMillan presented a financial report from Columbia Theological Seminary. He  
3 announced a new internship program now being offered to students. The program is  
4 designed to guarantee an intern to a church who participates in the program.

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6 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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8 Mary Gene Fleming presented the report for Presbyterian Women. She noted the  
9 Columbia Friendship Circle activity of PW. This past year 5 scholarships were funded.

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11 **REPORT FOR THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES AND OUTDOOR MINISTRY**

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13 Christy Williams presented the report for the Mission for Dogwood Acres and  
14 Outdoor Ministry. Information on the new summer camp director was shared. Churches  
15 were encouraged to send youth to camp and recommend older youth to work as counselors  
16 at camp.

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18 The meeting was adjourned for lunch and resumed at 12:50 PM.

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

21 Huw Christopher presented the Report of the Mission for Spiritual Development. Recommendations  
22 regarding Disciplefest were previously approved; it is scheduled for January 29-30, 2010 at Grace  
23 Presbyterian Church, Panama City. The retreat for pastors/educators/spouses is scheduled for later  
24 this week.

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26 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

27 Ruth Mashewske presented the Report of the Mission for Outreach. She noted that Two Cents a  
28 Meal grants continue to be given and churches are encouraged to continue support of this program.  
29 A grant for \$2,500 from the General Assembly was received for a gathering of smaller membership  
30 church leaders. In one year at Blue Springs there will be a Smaller Church Conference for the three  
31 Gulf Coast presbyteries. Jean Silva and Ruth Mashewske are working to coordinate and plan this  
32 meeting. Shuford White gave deep appreciation for the work of the Mission for Outreach on behalf  
33 of the smaller churches.

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36 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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38 A correction of the address for Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee for the next meeting of Presbytery  
39 was noted.

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41 Three members of the presbytery are to be married this summer. They were recognized (Anghaarad  
42 Teague, Bill Bess and Rob Bohnsack) and prayer offered on their behalf.

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44 John Lown presented a report from Thornwell. Thanks were also given to John for all of his hard  
45 work as chair of several committees. John is currently chair of the board for Thornwell.

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47 The next meeting will be at Westminster Oaks in Tallahassee in September.


1 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer at  
2 1:10 PM. The meeting was adjourned.

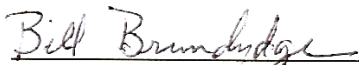
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Joan Wooten, Moderator  
Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk  
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

  
Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First