

1 **SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING**
2 **SUNNY HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH**
3 **CHIPLEY, FLORIDA**
4 **April 26, 2011**

5 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church
6 (U.S.A.) met for its Spring Stated Meeting at Sunny Hills Presbyterian Church, Chipley, FL,
7 April 26, 2011.

8 The following 41 ministers and 43 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

9 **Ministers:** Michael Askew, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Rob Bohnsack, Tom Borland, Mark
10 Broadhead, Sally Campbell-Evans, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Joseph Chung, Bea
11 Copeland, Brant Copeland, Danny Dieth, John Erthein, Chris Erde, Rick Gernhardt, Eugene
12 Harris, Dolores Ingraham, Victoria Isaacs, Randon Jackson, Kenneth Kelley, George Kessler,
13 Joanne Kublik, William F. Lee, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske, Dan Mitchell, Michael Moore,
14 James Monroe, James Peacock, Taylor Phillips, Larry Plank, Sharon Schuler (present but did not
15 sign in), Morris Stringer, James Stansbury, Anghaarad Teague Dees, Drucilla Tyler, Mary
16 Vance, Anne Veldhuisen, Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates, Ezra Yune.

17 **Elder Commissioners:** Chipley – **First:** Joann Slay; **Crestview** - Edward Kitchen; **DeFuniak**
18 **Springs – Euchee Valley:** Blythe Gottleib; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** Janet Yates; **DeFuniak**
19 **Springs – Pleasant Grove:** Henry W. Goode III; **Destin – First:** James Reagan; **Ft. Walton**
20 **Beach - First:** John Vaughan; **Ft. Walton Beach – First Korean:** Huyn Jin Lee; **Freeport -**
21 **Tony Gomillion; Havana – First:** Nesta Cumbie; **Laurel Hill – Laurel Hill:** Bertie Ann
22 Curenton; **Marianna – First:** Bryan Milton; **Milton – First:** Gerry Yandle; **Monticello –**
23 **First:** John Schuler; **Navarre:** Penny Huebsch; **Pace:** Walt Reese; **Panama City – Grace:** Terry
24 Dye; **Panama City – Parkway:** Bruce Davis; **Panama City – St. Andrews:** Sally Teer;
25 **Panama City Beach – Gulf Beach:** Joe Bailey; **Pensacola – First:** Peg Gaertner, Jeff Lewis,
26 Glenna Smith; **Pensacola – Korean:** Young Cha Gerry; **Pensacola – Trinity:** Frank Adams,
27 Gail Childs, Fred Hurd; **Pensacola –Westminster:** Lawrence Newman; **Port St. Joe – First:**
28 Mark Curenton; **Quincy – First:** Michael Dooner; **Red Bay – Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Sawdust**
29 **– Woodland:** Larry Helm; **Shalimar – Shalimar:** George Shealy; **Sunny Hills – Sunny Hills:**
30 Joy Underborn; **Tallahassee – Christ:** Merlin Russell; **Tallahassee – Covenant:** Jean
31 McCarter; **Tallahassee – Faith:** Charles Dailey, Kelly Garland, Dave Van Leuven; **Tallahassee**
32 **– Fellowship:** Dottie Lee; **Tallahassee – First:** David Custis; **Tallahassee – Lafayette:** Barry
33 Brooks; **Tallahassee – Trinity United:** Lorie Gordon.

34 **Other ministers and visiting pastors:** Emory Hingst (1st Presbyterian, Tallahassee)

35 **Non-Minister Members of Council:** Nesta Cumbie; Toya O’Hora; Mary Gene Fleming;
36 James Gibbs; Henry W. Goode, III; Martha Jean Woodward; Jean McCarter;

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38 **Presbytery Staff:** Melissa Morgan; Kevin Veldhuisen; Jean Silva

39 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

40 **Elders:** Tallahassee–Christ: Beth House

1 **Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon
2 **Retired:** Jenny Langham
3 **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva
4 **Non-Certified: Tallahassee – Faith:** Shannon Guse, Brittany Harrold

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6 **Visitors:** Rachel Christopher (First, Marianna); Mark Shoemaker (Presbyterian Foundation);
7 Roger Keen (Tallahassee, Covenant); Christie Kimbrel (Tallahassee, Covenant); Yong Brashear
8 (Korean Church); Joan Custis (Tallahassee, First); Beckie Mooney (DeFuniak Springs, First);
9 Leslie Kelley (Sunny Hills); Clark Simmons (Board of Pensions); Barbara Overholt (Pensacola,
10 Northminster); Ken Overholt (Pensacola, Northminster); Vern Ballard; Ann Dent; Marie
11 Peacock (Tallahassee, Lafayette); Jean Norman (Pensacola, Trinity); Amy Brown;

12 **ABSENSES**
13 **Excused Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Jerry Blacklaw, Jae Wan Chung, Terry Dyer, Lawrence
14 Greenslit, Hugh Hamilton, Richard Horst, Tully Hunter, Beth McCaw, Durl Odom, Steven
15 Schaick.

16 **Unexcused Ministers:** Nan Adams, Bruce Chapman, Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, John
17 Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Donna Medlock, Leo Sandon, (omitted HR members).

18 **Excused Churches:** Lynn Haven – First

19 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown, DeFuniak Springs – Bethel, Gretna, Gulf Breeze,
20 Pensacola – Northminster, Shalimar, Wewahitchka – First.

21 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

22 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CDT and opened with prayer by moderator Huw
23 Christopher. The moderator shared a recent reflection by the GA Moderator Cynthia Bolbach,
24 titled “Morning After”. **The docket was presented and adopted with one amendment.**

25 Stephen Yates presented announcements and communications from the Acting Stated Clerk.

26 Greetings and welcome from Kenneth Kelley, Sunny Hills Presbyterian Church were received.
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28 There were no visiting ministers or corresponding members introduced. First-time elders were
29 introduced.

30 A morning prayer service was held, led by Mary Vance.

31 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTERS**

32 **Jean Silva presented the report of the AEP for Church Development and Education and**
33 **Hunger Action Enabler.**

34 **Kevin Veldhuisen presented the report of the AEP for Outdoor Ministry.**

1 **Melissa Morgan was introduced by the Moderator. Thanks were given to her for all of her**
2 **hard work for the Presbytery.**

3 **The report of the Treasurer was received as information.** A financial report of budget vs.
4 actual for the month ending December 31, 2010, was provided. The report included the report of
5 the audit of 2008 and 2009. According to the Budget vs. Actual Report for the year-end,
6 \$682,169.89 was budgeted for expenditures, but actual expenditures were \$635,580.44. James
7 Gibbs, the treasurer, shared information on the cash position for the past three years, noting we
8 should always be concerned about the cash position, but the numbers show an increase over the
9 past three years.

10 **SPECIAL REPORTS**

11 Clark Simmons presented information from the Board of Pensions on the health plan. The Plan
12 will probably increase 1.5% each year in the next four years. The pension plan is fully funded.
13 Clark encouraged all to check the website (pensions.org) for additional information. It is
14 expected that a ruling in the 9th Circuit Court will eliminate the clergy housing allowance. It
15 could impact taxes in 2012. It will hit pastor hard (not the churches).

16 Mark Shoemaker presented information from the Presbyterian Foundation.

17 **ORDER OF THE DAY**

18 The first Order of the Day for a brief time of prayer was observed.

19 **PRESBYTERY REPORTS**

20 The following reports were received as information:

21 **Disaster Coordinator**

22 **Church Development and Evangelism** (Ruth Mashewske highlighted the May 10, 2011, Acts
23 16:5 meeting)

24 **Committee on Ministry** (Mark Broadhead introduced John Erthein, who shared his spiritual
25 journey)

26 **Presbyterian Women**

27 **Self Development of People** (Henry Goode encouraged attendees to apply for SDOP grants)

28 **Personnel** (Nesta Cumbie reported that Terry Dyer was scheduled for surgery the 2d week of
29 May and that he coveted our prayers)

30 **Mission for Dogwood Acres** (Kevin Veldhuisen noted that summer registration is looking great;
31 a 2001 survey reported only 70% of youth stay in church after graduation; those who stay
32 cited two reasons: strong faith component at home and went to church camp)

33 **Mission for Spiritual Development – Youth, Children, Training and Retreats, Worship &**
34 **Theology.**

35 **COUNCIL REPORT**

36 **Jeannie Dixon presented the Council report.** The report included two items for action.

1 1) The Training and Retreats Committee requests that the Winter Stated Meeting of the
2 Presbytery of Florida be held in conjunction with Disciplefest 2012 on Saturday, January 28,
3 2012, at Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida. **This was approved**

4 2) The Compassion and Social Justice Committee requests that a fund be created, called, “The
5 Fund for the Least of These”, for future special needs retreats, such as the autism summer camp
6 and the at-risk youth retreat, and that the Compassion and Social Justice Committee and
7 Dogwood Acres be granted the power to distribute those funds as they see fit while also
8 reporting such actions at the next regularly-scheduled Presbytery meeting. **This was approved**

9 The Council provided a presentation about the Presbytery’s financial health.

10 Martha Jean Woodward presented the report of the **Nominating Committee**. The following
11 nominations were made:

12 Committee on Preparation for Ministry
13 Class of 2013 - Martha Ann McCaskill, Bob Palmer

14 Budget, Finance, and Stewardship
15 Chair - John Schuler

16 Moderator in Nomination
17 Jean Norman

18 Committee on Ministry
19 Class of 2012 – Victoria Isaacs

20 Brant Copeland presented the report for the **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**.

21 The following are in good standing with the CPM:

22 **Inquirers**

- 23 1. Lori Prettyman, Trinity, Pensacola, not yet enrolled in seminary
24 2. Kelli Houpt, First, Tallahassee; not yet enrolled in seminary – is moving to Seattle
25 3. Glenn Hodges, First, Tallahassee; University of Dubuque Seminary (distance
26 learning)
27 4. Scott Perry, First, Lynn Haven; Gordon Conwell (distance learning)
28 5. Frank Wood, Christ; Gordon Conwell (plans to transfer to Union, Charlotte)
29 6. Rachel Hood, Faith; Columbia

30 **Candidates**

- 31 1. Kelly Fitzgerald, Faith; Columbia (graduated)
32 2. Michael Frandsen, Faith; Columbia
33 3. Keith Leach, Faith; University of Dubuque Seminary (distance learning) – ready to receive a
34 call
35 4. Myong Kim, Northminster; Columbia (anticipates ordination May 15, 2011, and
36 transfer to Greater Atlanta Presbytery

1 5. Charles E. "Trip" Porch, First Pensacola; Columbia

2 **Ordinations/Removed from Roll of Candidates:**

3 Laura Palmer; Trinity, Pensacola; Ordained March 6, 2011; transferred to Presbytery of
4 Foothills

5 Diana Bell, Northminster; Ordained February 20; transferred to Presbytery of Redwoods

6 The Committee requested approval of revisions to the CPM Policies; the proposed new policy
7 was included in the docket. The revisions were approved.

8 **ORDER OF THE DAY**

9 The second Order of the Day for a brief time of prayer was observed.

10 The **Bills and Overtures Committee** conducted a workshop on the proposed amendments to the
11 Book of Order.

12 The meeting was recessed at noon with prayer for lunch.

13 **ORDER OF THE DAY**

14 The third Order of the Day for a brief time of prayer was observed.

15 The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p. m. with prayer and announcements. John Lown
16 brought news of Thornwell Children's Home. Randy Jackson recognized 40 years of ministry in
17 this presbytery by Frank Beall.

18 Dan Mitchell presented the report of the **Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee**. The
19 report includes two items for action:

20 Approve the sale of an old, inoperative Toyota truck formerly used at Dogwood Acres,
21 for which the Presbytery has received an offer of \$500. **This was approved**

22 Receive as a gift .258 acreage lot in Walton County; the property adjoins the lot already owned
23 by the Presbytery. The gift is from Alice C. Lee, sister-in-law of Bill Lee. **This was approved.**

24 The moderator reported an omission in the minutes of the January meeting. The minutes should
25 have noted that the moderator will appoint an Administrative Commission to work with Bethel,
26 DeFuniak Springs. The Book of Order notes the commission can consist of up to seven persons,
27 and the Presbytery can change that to five. The moderator recommends that he appoint five
28 members and will work with COM to select those members, then will announce the names of
29 this commission to the Presbytery when they have been finalized.

30 Stephen Yates presented the **Bills and Overtures Committee's** recommendations on the
31 proposed amendments. The voting was conducted by ballot. The Moderator appointed Jim
32 Stansbury, Tae Ho Cheong, Gerry Yandle, and John Schuler as tellers. The results are as
33 follows:

34 10-A approved 49-36

- 1 The remaining items were voted by voice or standing vote:
2 10-B approved
3 10-C approved
4 10-D approved
5 10-E approved
6 10-F approved
7 10-G approved
8 10-H approved
9 10-I approved
10 10-J approved
11 10-K approved
12 10-L approved
13 10-M defeated
14 10-N approved
15 10-O approved

16 The Recording Clerk will report the votes of the Presbytery.

17 Closing worship with the celebration of the Lord's Supper was held. The meeting will be
18 adjourned with the benediction closing the worship service.

19 The next meeting will be at Lafayette Presbyterian, Tallahassee, on September 13, 2011.

20 There was no other business before the body. The meeting was adjourned at 2:58.

21 Following the conclusion of the meeting, the Acting Stated Clerk received the following:
22 I hereby register my dissent to the passage of Amendment 10-A by the Presbytery of Florida at
23 its stated meeting on April 26, 2011. Respectfully, John Erthein, pastor, Euchee Valley Church.

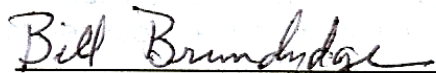
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Huw Christopher, Moderator
Stephen Yates, Acting Stated Clerk
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



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



Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First