

1 **Summer Stated Presbytery Meeting**
2 **September 9, 2014, 9 a.m. CDT/ 10 a.m. EDT**
3 **First Presbyterian Church, Milton, 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 First Presbyterian Church in Milton, FL, on September 9,
6 2014.

7 The following 26 teaching elders/commissioned ruling elders and 32 ruling elders were enrolled
8 as commissioners:

9 **Teaching Elders/CREs:** Bill Bess, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Joseph
10 Chung, Brant Copeland, Anghaarad Dees, Danny Dieth, Chris Erde, John Erthein, Hugh
11 Hamilton, Randy Jackson, Lee Johnson, Kenneth Kelley, George A. Kessler, Joanne Kublik, Ted
12 Land, John W. Lown, Ben Lynch, Hailey Lynch, Bea Miller, Dan Mitchell, Michael Moore,
13 Larry Plank, Robert Price, Mary P. Vance, Joan H. Wooten

14 **Ruling Elder Commissioners:** **Crestview, First** – Douglas Myers; **DeFuniak Springs, Euchee**
15 **Valley** – Terri Jenkins; **DeFuniak Springs, First** – Hilda Jackson; **DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant**
16 **Grove** – Bryant D. Campbell; **Fort Walton Beach, First** – Everett Raspberry; **Fort Walton**
17 **Beach, Korean First** – Yun H. Yarborough; **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Patrick E. Allen,
18 Robbin Sweeney; **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Tracy Curenton; **Marianna, First** – Ginger Green;
19 **Monticello, First** - Martha Gioielli; **Pace, Pace** – Walt Reese; **Panama City, Grace** – Terri
20 Martin; **Panama City, Parkway** – Andrew Jackson; **Pensacola, First** – Jack McNulty, Susan
21 Rapier; **Pensacola, Korean-** Ha Jung Kang; **Pensacola, Northminster** – Ken Overholt;
22 **Pensacola, Trinity** – Doug Alumbaugh, Lori Prettyman; **Pensacola, Westminster** – Larry
23 Newman; **Quincy, First** – George Hackney; **Red Bay, Red Bay** – Walter Ray; **Sawdust,**
24 **Woodland** – Jon-Mark McKinley; **Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills Community** – Pauline Hartwell;
25 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Peter Ray, John Dailey, Bob Apgar; **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – James
26 Vance; **Tallahassee, First** - Adonica Gieger; **Tallahassee, Lafayette** - Martha McCaskill;
27 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** - Lorie Gordon

28 **Christian Educations/Youth Directors:** Jeannie Dixon, Trinity Whitley

29 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Morgan

30 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Jim Davis, Bill Green

31 **Visitors:** Leslie Kelley, D. Scott Yant, Valier Marlow, Toya O Hora, Don Mowat, Barbara
32 Overholt, Kaye Jackson, Bertie Ann Curenton, Polly Land, Denise Moore, Linda Pitts, Dough
33 Pitts, Ken McElroy, Clark Simmons, Frank Johnson, Barbara Barrett, Imogene Roach, Charlotte
34 Griffin, Dwayne Gordon, Dot Inman-Johnson, R.C. Griffin, Vern Ballard, Marshal Lee, James
35 McQuagge, Almeda Huffaker, Tommy Mendiola

36 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Robert A. Sugg, James Huffaker

37 **ABSENCES**

38 **Excused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Bruce Chapman, Jae Wan Chung, Jonas Georges, Eugene
39 Harris, Lindsay Moffett, Taylor Phillips, John Schuler, Sharon Schuler, Drucilla Tyler

40 **Unexcused Teaching Elders/CREs:** Michael Askew, Frank Beall, Peder Carlson, Gary Cecil,
41 Richard Connor, Terry Dyer, Nancy Forinash, Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, Jack

42 Homoney, Rachel Hood, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Beth McCaw, Keith Posehn, Leo
43 Sandon Jr., Steve Schaick

44 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; Chipley, First; Destin, First; Freeport, Freeport;
45 Gretna, Gretna; Havana, First; Lynn Haven, First; Navarre, Navarre

46 **Unexcused Churches:** DeFuniak Springs, Bethel; Milton, First; Panama City Beach, Gulf
47 Beach; Panama City, Agape; Panama City, St. Andrews; Shalimar, Shalimar; Tallahassee,
48 Christ; Wewahitchka, First

49 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

50 The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. CDT by moderator Hugh Hamilton. Following the
51 opening prayer, it was noted that a quorum was present. **The docket was approved as**
52 **presented.** Jo Kublik gave a warm welcome and introduction from First Presbyterian Church,
53 Milton. Hugh Hamilton gave an update on the flood recovery of the churches in Pensacola.

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

55 Clark Simmons brought greetings from the PCUSA's Board of Pensions.

56 A morning worship/prayer service was held with R.C. Griffin providing the message.

57 Tom Borland was recognized for honorable retirement.

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

60 **Ted Land, Coordinating Presbyter,** provided an update on his activities. Land mentioned the
61 flooding in the Pensacola area and gave thanks for the help of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
62 Churches who still need help with flood recovery should contact the Presbytery so they too can
63 apply for grants, he said. At the request of the moderator of Port St. Joe, Ted Land recommended
64 a five-member administrative commission to assume original jurisdiction at Port St. Joe.
65 Moderator Hugh Hamilton agreed to present the names at the end of the meeting for a vote. Land
66 recognized the present members of the Administrative Personnel Association. The regional
67 conference will be held within the bounds of our Presbytery next year.

68 **Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk,** gave a report. She shared that both lawsuits involving the
69 Presbytery have been resolved. Dixon is traveling to Orlando in September for the Synod to
70 review Presbytery minutes. She also shared communication that the Presbytery has received and
71 distributed since our last meeting. Dixon also shared that we will vote on the proposed
72 amendments to the *Book of Confessions* and *Book of Order* at the January meeting of Presbytery.
73 There are two copies per church available of the amendments at this meeting.

74 **Jim Davis, Treasurer,** reviewed the financial picture of our Presbytery and the overall budget.
75 The Presbytery is still in surplus. Being 2/3 through the year, only 61% of unified gifts have
76 been given. The Presbytery has received 90% of per capita for the year. There has been some
77 growth in the designated funds due to market growth. The budget for 2015 will likely be close to
78 what it is this year.

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

80 **Ted Land** gave the report for the **Commitment to Representation Team.** The following
81 nominations were made:

82 **Moderator-in-Nomination** - Mary Vance (TE – Fellowship, Tallahassee)

83 **Mission for Dogwood Acres, Class of 2017** - Mission Chair – James Vance (RE – Fellowship,
84 Tallahassee)

85 **DWA Operations Team, Class of 2017** - Ben Powell (RE – First, Quincy)

86 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship Team, Class of 2017**
87 Roseanna Phillips (RE – First, Pensacola)
88 William Bell (RE – Faith, Tallahassee)
89 Chuck Morgan (RE – First, Marianna)
90 Richard Daniel (RE – Westminster, Pensacola)

91 **Congregational Mission Support Team, Class of 2017**
92 Chair – Gary Cecil (TE – Grace, Panama City)
93 Jim Huffaker (TE – Member-at-large)

94 **Disaster Preparedness and Response Team, Class of 2017** - Chair – Scott Yant (RE – First,
95 Marianna)

96 **Ministry Team**
97 **Class of 2015** - Dan Mitchell (TE – 1st, Lynn Haven); Larry Plank (CRE – Pace)
98 **Class of 2017** - Chair – Randy Jackson (TE – First, Pensacola); Mark Broadhead (TE – First
99 , Crestview); Frank Beall (TE – First , Pensacola and Trinity, Pensacola)

100 **Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2017** - John Lown (TE – Member-at-large)

101 **Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2017** - John Erthein (TE – Euchee Valley, DeFuniak
102 Springs)

103 **Self Development of People, Class of 2017** - Chair – Michael Askew (TE – Member-at-large)

104 Land moved that the report be approved. **The motion was approved.**

105 The following vacancies were noted:

106 **Presbyterian Leadership Team** - Class of 2017, 1 member from central district, 1 member
107 from eastern district, 2 members from western district

108 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team, Operations** – Class of 2016, 2 members; Class of 2017 1
109 member

110 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team, Program** – Class of 2016, 1 member; Class of 2017 2
111 members

112 **Congregational Mission Support Team** – Class of 2016, 3 members; Class of 2017, 3
113 members

114 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship** – Class of 2015, 1 member; Class of 2016, 2 members

115 **Personnel** – Class of 2016, 2 members; Class of 2017, 2 members

116 **Ministry Team** –Class of 2016, 4 members; Class of 2017, 2 members (1 teaching elder from
117 the eastern district and 1 ruling elder from the eastern district; 2 ruling elders from the
118 western district; and 2 ruling elders from the central district)

119 **Preparation for Ministry Team** – Class of 2015, 1 member; Class of 2017, 2 members

120 **Disaster Preparedness and Response Team** – Class of 2015, 1 member; Class of 2017, 2
121 members

122 **Self Development of People** – Class of 2017, 1 member

123 **Randy Jackson** gave the report for the **Ministry Team**. Correction was made to the docket that
124 Rev. Bea Miller will serve as the moderator for Faith, Tallahassee. Rev. Lee Johnson was
125 introduced as the new part-time pastor of Trinity United, Tallahassee. Rev. Johnson shared his
126 faith journey with the meeting. The Ministry Team recommended that Rev. Jim Huffaker, HR,
127 be received into Florida Presbytery and afforded all the rights and privileges accorded thereto.
128 **The motion was approved.**

129 The Ministry Team recommended that the Presbytery of Florida confer the title of Honorably
130 Retired to Rev. Tom Borland effective November 1, 2014. **The motion was approved, with**
131 **only three “no” votes.**

132 The Ministry Team recommended that R. C. Griffin be examined by Presbytery, and that, if the
133 examination is sustained, he be Ordained and Installed by Florida Presbytery and officially
134 receive the call of the Monticello Church as Part-Time Pastor. RC shared his statement of faith.
135 Jackson moved that the sermon be received as the worship part of the exam and thus that portion
136 of the exam be sustained. **The motion was approved.** Chris Erde asked a question in theology.
137 Jackson moved that this portion of the exam be sustained. **The motion was approved.** Dan
138 Mitchell asked a question on polity. Jackson moved that this portion of the exam be sustained.
139 **The motion was approved.** Bea Miller asked a question in Bible. Jackson moved that this
140 portion of the exam be sustained. **The motion was approved.** Larry Plank asked two questions
141 about the sacraments. Jackson moved that this portion of the exam be sustained. **The motion**
142 **was approved.** Jackson moved that the entire exam be sustained and Griffin officially receive
143 the call of the Monticello Church as Part-Time Pastor. **The motion was approved.** Jackson
144 moved that the terms of call as presented in the docket be approved. **The motion was**
145 **approved.**

146 **Mary Vance** gave the report for the **Preparation for Ministry Team**. The written report noted
147 Lori Prettyman, Linda Pitts and Trinity Whitley are inquirers; Glenn Hodges is a candidate;
148 Michael Frandsen is a candidate ready to receive a call. All are in good standing with the PMT.
149 The PMT presented Linda Pitts for examination and enrollment as a candidate. Linda Pitts
150 shared her faith story. The PMT recommended Linda Pitts as a candidate for ministry. **The**
151 **motion was approved.**

152 **John Lown** gave the report for the **Presbytery Leadership Team**. The PLT recommended that
153 the Presbytery adopt the following vision statement: *“Serve Christ, Love the World”*. **The**
154 **motion was approved.**

155 The PLT recommended the following be adopted as the Presbytery’s mission statement:

156 “We lean forward to embrace change.

157 We strengthen, nurture, and connect congregations.

158 We support and connect elders engaged in pastoral leadership.

159 We inspire members to grow spiritually and model the love of Christ in service and witness.

160 We develop creative outreach and outdoor ministries.”

161 There was discussion. **The motion was approved.**

162 The PLT presented Amendments to the By-Laws and Manual for a first reading. Andy Jackson,
163 RE from Parkway in Panama City, shared the process that occurred for revising and amending
164 both documents. Discussion from the floor occurred. Lown encouraged the group to give
165 feedback to the PLT in preparation for their meeting on October 18, 2014.

166 The PLT recommended that the Presbytery of Florida hold three Stated Meetings a year: in
167 January, April, and September. Discussion occurred. **The motion was approved on a vote of**
168 **34 “yes”, 15 “no”, and 3 abstentions.**

169 The PLT recommends that the Presbytery of Florida, in place of a fourth Stated Meeting of the
170 whole presbytery, hold district meetings at least once each year. Discussion occurred. There was
171 a motion from the floor to postpone the motion to an indefinite time until more details are
172 available. **The motion to postpone was approved.**


173 **Hugh Hamilton, Moderator,** recommended the following names for the Administrative
174 Committee for Port St. Joe: Bell Bess – Havana, First; Ken Kelly – Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills
175 Community; Andy Jackson – Panama City, Parkway. Hugh will work continue to seek out elders
176 to complete the committee. **The motion passed.**


177 There was no other business before the body. The next stated meeting of the presbytery will be
178 December 2, 2014, 9 a. m. CST/10 a. m. EST. at Parkway Presbyterian Church, Panama City,
179 FL. The moderator offered a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 CDT.

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Hugh Hamilton, Moderator
Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
Trinity Whitley, Recording Clerk

183 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:


Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk


Hailey Braden Lynch, Teaching Elder