

1 **COUNCIL REPORT**

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3 **Nesta Cumbie presented the Council report.** The second reading of the change to
4 the Operations Manual was approved. The work from the Council retreat for goals for
5 2009-2010 was discussed. In addition to the Book of Order mandated committees, the
6 council recommends that the Presbytery of Florida approve the two goals adopted at
7 the Strategic Planning Retreat (October 13-14, 2008). 1) Church development –
8 strengthen churches that are failing to thrive and develop healthy and vital
9 congregations; 2) Dogwood Acres – develop DWA as a vital part of the life of the
10 Presbytery of Florida by developing DWA as the heart of the Presbytery and have the
11 two Task Forces work in close relationship with the existing committees in the areas of
12 mission, submit to Presbytery a strategic plan to accomplish these goals, including any
13 financial implications for discussion, input and actions. This was approved on voice
14 vote.

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16 **John Lown presented the Report of Wakulla Administrative Commission.**

17 The report notes that the commission dissolved the session and took original jurisdiction
18 and has voted to dissolve the church. A final service of closure will be held at a later
19 date. The report was received as information. A suggestion was made to contact the
20 GA legal office for advice regarding the property. The moderator offered a prayer for the
21 commission, former members of the church, Rev. Nancy Forinash and discernment for
22 the process.

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25 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

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27 **Russell Owens presented the annual report of the treasurer.** He noted that the
28 books were closed in early January for 2008. The books for 2008 are currently being
29 audited. The financial report shows a budget surplus of \$86,284.12 for the YTD; all
30 ministries and committees have cut back on spending resulting in the surplus.

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32 **MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

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34 **Dan Mitchell presented a report from the Budget/Finance and Stewardship**
35 **Committee.** He noted the Minister’s Emergency Assistance Fund is low and
36 encouraged churches to include this fund in their budgets. All churches are asked to
37 turn in their 2009 Mission Giving Pledges as soon as possible. The
38 Missions/Ministries/Committees were informed that their budget for Jan-April 2009 will
39 be 1/3 of the 2008 budget.

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41 Melissa Darrow will send the specific information to each chair. Committee chairs are
42 asked to submit their proposed budgets for the May 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010 budget to
43 the office and the chair of Budget/Finance and Stewardship no later than March 15.

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45 The report was received as information.

1 **Nesta Cumbie presented the report from the Personnel Committee.** The committee
2 recommended changes to the calls of Terry Dyer (Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk) –
3 2% increase to Stated Clerk’s salary for \$1420 annual increase) and Jean Silva – 3%
4 increase for \$1100 annual increase (Associate Executive Presbyter). These were
5 approved. It was noted that support staff salary adjustments are handled by the Council
6 of Presbytery. It was requested that changes in call for the Executive Presbyter and
7 Associate Executive Presbyter be submitted in the same format as the call.
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9 **PC (USA) MINISTRIES**

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11 **Roger Nicholson presented a report for the Committee on Ministry.** Michael Moore
12 was introduced; he shared information about his background. The report was received
13 as information.
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15 **Martha Jean Woodward presented a report for the Nominating Committee.**

16 The Nominating Committee recommends the following changes be made in the Manual
17 of Operations as a second reading:
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19 That the Preparation and Response / Recovery and Mitigation Committees be
20 combined into one committee with a total of 6 members and be called Preparation and
21 Recovery Committee.
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23 That the Operations and Development Committees be combined into one committee
24 with a total of 6 members and be called Operations and Development Committee.
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26 That the Compassion and Social Justice Committees be combined into one committee
27 with a total of 5 members and be called Compassion and Social Justice Committee.
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29 That the Mission Activities and Overseas Partnership Committees be combined into one
30 committee with a total of 6 members and be called Mission Activity and Overseas
31 Partnership Committee.
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33 That the New Church Development and Revitalization and Evangelism Committees be
34 combined into one committee with a total of 9 members and be called Church
35 Development and Evangelism Committee.
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37 That the Youth Committee approve members of the Youth Council and their
38 representatives to Council meeting of Presbytery
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40 That the Budget & Finance and Stewardship Committees be combined into one
41 committee with a total of ten (10) members and be called Budget/Finance &
42 Stewardship Committee.
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44 This was approved.
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1 The Nominating Committee recommends that the following persons be elected to serve
2 in the following capacities:

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4 (a) Moderator-in-Nomination-2009 Jeannie Dixon – Fellowship, Tallahassee
5 (b) Chair of Council-2009 Ruth Hempel – Moderator of Session/ Port St. Joe, First
6 (c) Committees
7 DWA-Operations & Development Pat Patterson 2-2010 – Trinity, Pensacola
8 DWA Program Audrey Allman 3-2011 – Quincy, First
9 d) Committee for Preparation for Ministry
10 Leslie Yandle 3-2011
11 e) Ecclesiastical Concerns
12 Sam Lester 3-2011

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14 The nominations were approved.

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16 **The Self-Development of People Committee report was highlighted with no items
17 for information.**

18 19 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

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21 **Ruth Mashewske presented the Report of the Mission for Outreach.** She called
22 attention to the work of the Church Development and Evangelism Committee.

23 24 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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26 **Huw Christopher presented the Report of the Mission for Spiritual Development.**
27 Appreciation to the committees was expressed for their work for Disciplefest (for the
28 workshops and worship services). A children's resource for Lent is available and all
29 churches are encouraged to take the resource. Thanks also given to Jean Silva,
30 Darline and Jennifer for their work in putting together the event. The committee
31 members were brought in to the meeting so that thanks could be expressed to them
32 personally.

33 34 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES/OUTDOOR 35 MINISTRY**

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37 **Christy Williams presented the Report of the Mission for Dogwood Acres /
38 Outdoor Ministry.** Summer camps brochures are available for each church. Christy
39 reported on various programs held in 2008. The report had one item for approval:
40 That the mission chair request of presbytery at its meeting January 31, 2009, approval
41 for use of \$10,000 from Line # 303 (tractor and truck fund) and up to \$23,500.00 from
42 Line # 301 (development) by the Dogwood Acres Operations Committee for the
43 purchase of a tractor and road materials, for materials to complete a shed to protect
44 pool pumps and filters, up to a total of \$ 34,900.00.

45 This was approved.

1 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DISASTER PREPAREDNESS**

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3 **Hugh Hamilton presented the Report of the Mission Disaster Preparedness /**
4 **Response.** The report was received as information.
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6 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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8 **Mary Gene Fleming presented the Presbyterian Women Report.** The Annual
9 Gathering will be March 21 at Quincy, First. The Churchwide Gathering will be in July in
10 Louisville, KY. The report called attention to Mission Haven in Atlanta and churches are
11 encouraged to support this effort.
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13 **NEW BUSINESS**

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15 The next meeting will be at Destin in April and the November meeting will be at
16 Fellowship Presbyterian Church. Location is needed for Sept. 8. Any church wishing to
17 host should contact the office.
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19 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer
20 at 3:05 PM. The meeting was adjourned.
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23 Joan Wooten, Moderator
24 Terry Dyer, Stated Clerk
25 Jeannie Dixon, Recorder
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30 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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35 The Rev. Mark Broadhead, Pastor, Crestview-First and Laurel Hill
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39 Bill Brundydge, Elder, Havana-First
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