

1 **Winter Presbytery Meeting**
2 **January 29, 2011**
3 **Panama City Beach, FL**

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

7 The following 36 ministers and 41 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

8 **Ministers:** Bill Bess, Jerry Blacklaw, Robert Bohnsack, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead,
9 Thomas Brown, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Jae Wan Chung,
10 Joseph Chung, Brant Copeland, Danny Dieth, Chris Erde, Hugh Hamilton, Eugene
11 Harris, Tully Hunter, Victoria Isaacs, Randon Jackson, Kenneth Kelley, William F. Lee,
12 John Lown, Ruth Mashewske, Donna Medlock, Dan Mitchell, Larry Plank, Sharon
13 Schuler, James Stansbury, Anghaarad Teague-Dees, Drucilla Tyler, Mary Vance, Anne
14 Veldhuisen, Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates.

15 **Elder Commissioners:** **Chibley – First:** Joann Slay; **Crestview – First:** Pat McCreary ;
16 **DeFuniak Springs – Euchee Valley:** Blythe Gottleib; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** Joe
17 Dobson; **Ft. Walton Beach – First:** Jim Weatherbee; **Ft. Walton Beach – First**
18 **Korean:** Yun Hui Yarbrough; **Freeport:** Faye Craig; **Gretna:** Brenda Clark; **Havana –**
19 **First:** Jim Love; **Laurel Hill- Laurel Hill:** Leon Curenton; **Lynn Haven – First:** Cathy
20 Kilpatrick; **Marianna – First:** Debbie Moxley; **Milton – First:** Gerry Yandle;
21 **Monticello – First:** John Schuler; **Navarre:** Penny Huebsch; **Pace:** Walt Reese;
22 **Panama City – Grace:** Ann Dent; **Panama City – Parkway:** Lisa Davis; **Panama City**
23 **– St. Andrews:** Vernon J. Ballard; **Panama City Beach – Gulf Beach:** Joe Bailey;
24 **Pensacola – First:** Anne Hart, Mary Jean Miller, Glenna Smith; **Pensacola – Korean:**
25 Ha Jeong Clites; **Pensacola – Northminster:** Pam Nulty; **Pensacola – Trinity:** Doug
26 Alumbaugh, Stephen Prettyman; **Pensacola – Westminster:** Thomas W. Sykes; **Port St.**
27 **Joe – First:** Larry Summers; **Quincy – First:** Dale Summerford; **Red Bay:** Walter Ray;
28 **Sawdust – Woodland:** Shari Helm; **Shalimar:** George Shealy; **Sunny Hills – Sunny**
29 **Hills:** Margaret Duerbeck; **Tallahassee – Christ:** Carol Deloach; **Tallahassee –**
30 **Covenant:** Jean McCarter; **Tallahassee – Faith:** Christian Antwi; Chip Jennings;
31 **Tallahassee – Fellowship:** Dottie Lee; **Tallahassee – First:** Patricia L. Johnson;
32 **Tallahassee – Lafayette:** Robert W. Keyt.

33 **Corresponding Members:** Richard Connor, Michael Moore. Paul Hooker, Presbytery of
34 St. Augustine and Robert Ward, Presbytery of Denver (received by action of the body for
35 the meeting)

36 **Members of Council:** Nesta Cumbie, James Gibbs, Toya O’Hora, Jean McCarter, Kevin
37 Veldhuisen, Martha Jean Woodward.

38 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

39 **Elders: Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon
40 **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva
41 **Certified: Tallahassee - First:** Christy Williams
42 **Non-Certified:**
43 **Quincy – First:** Lisa Wilder
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45 **Visitors:** There were 21 visitors registered. **Crestview – First:** Jane McCreary; Ron
46 Meallsak; **Panama City – St. Andrews:** Sally Teer; Rose Sallins; **Navarre:** Linda
47 Wagoner; **Pensacola – Northminster:** Russell Nulty; Sam Smith; Stephanie Alexander;
48 **Pensacola – First:** Cathy Jackson; Ruby Rogers; **Quincy – First:** Sylvester Woodward;
49 **Marianna – First:** Mary Bevis Schmidt; **Ft. Walton Beach - Korean:** Hyun Jin Lee;
50 **Havana:** Duane Underwood; **Ft. Walton Beach:** Patti Bohnsack; **Panama City –**
51 **Grace:** Terry Dye; **Monticello:** Alan Maurer; **DeFuniak Springs – First:** James and
52 Anne Dees; Joyce Kelly; **Sunny Hills:** Leslie Kelley, **Panama City – Parkway:** Al
53 Borovich
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55 **ABSENSES**

56 **Excused Ministers:** Nan Adams, Barry Arnold, Michael Askew, Bea Copeland, Terry
57 Dyer, Rick Gernhardt, Lawrence Greenslit, George Kessler, Joanne Kublik, Beth
58 McCaw, Durl Odom, Steven Schaick.

59 **Unexcused Ministers:** Sally Campbell-Evans, Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, Richard
60 Horst, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Taylor Phillips, Leo Sandon, Jr., Ezra Yune.

61 **Excused Churches:** DeFuniak Springs – Pleasant Grove; Destin – First.

62 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown; DeFuniak Springs – Bethel; Gulf Breeze;
63 Tallahassee – Trinity United; Wewahitchka – First.

64 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

65 **“EXCITE”**

66 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a. m. CST with prayer by moderator Jeannie
67 Dixon. A quorum was present. **The docket was presented and adopted with the**
68 **addition of the report from the Council Task Force.** The moderator noted that, given
69 the status of Rev. Dyer and his health, Stephen Yates has been appointed Acting Stated
70 Clerk for the period of February 1 – September 30, 2011.

71 Opening worship was held with Anghaarad Teague-Dees leading worship and Rev. Eric
72 Hoey preaching. The sacrament of The Lord’s Supper was celebrated during worship.
73 Rev. Huw Christopher was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida during the
74 worship. Also during worship, John Schuler was recognized as having completed his
75 Commissioned Lay Pastor training.

76 The meeting was recessed for Disciplefest morning workshops and lunch until 1:15 p. m..
77 Moderator Huw Christopher called the meeting to order at 1:15 with prayer.

78 Visiting ministers, first-time elders and corresponding members were introduced.
79 Paul Hooker, Presbytery of St. Augustine and Robert Ward, Presbytery of Denver, were
80 received as corresponding members with privilege of the floor.

81 The minutes of the Fall Stated meeting of the presbytery were presented for information.

82 Students from the Presbyterian University Center gave a presentation on the PUC and its
83 various activities.

84 **“ENCOURAGE”**

85 **Report of council** – Jeannie Dixon, moderator of council presented the report of Council.
86 The Council nominated Joseph Chung for the Nominating Committee. We have an
87 additional vacancy. Joseph was elected to the Nominating Committee.

88 **This was approved.**

89 The September and November meetings of Presbytery do not yet have host locations;
90 please let the presbytery office know if you wish to host one of these meeting.

91 **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

92 Jim Gibbs presented the report of the Treasurer. For the month ending July 31, 2010,
93 Total Support was \$404,205.62, or 61%, of the annual budgeted amount. Total expenses
94 for the same period were \$375,999.6, or 65%, of the annual budgeted amount. The result
95 is an excess of \$28,206.56, instead of a projected deficit of \$15,005.14.

96 The Moderator announced the appointment of Bill Brundyge and Mark Broadhead to
97 read the presbytery minutes for 2011. The Moderator announced the appointment of
98 Laura Beth Faragasso, Joyce Kelly, Walter Moore, Rev. Joan Wooten and Rev. Stephen
99 Yates to the Bills and Overtures Committee for 2011. Membership of Bill and Overtures
100 was approved.

101 Stephen Prettyman and Anne Veldhuisen were appointed tellers for the meeting.

102 Information from several committees was received as information. Those committees
103 included:

104 **“EQUIP”**

105 **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – Candidate and Inquirer updates:

106 Acting Committee Chair Mary Vance presented the report of the Committee on
107 Preparation for Ministry. Laura Plamer will preach at Foothills Presbyterian in
108 Spartanburg, SC, on Feb. 15 and be ordained soon thereafter at Trinity-Pensacola. Hugh
109 Hamilton noted that the service tentatively is set for March 13.

110 Readers for ordination examinations were presented:

111 Anghaarad Teague-Dees and Randy Jackson were nominated to be readers for ordination
112 exams.

113 **Church Development and Evangelism** – Acts 16:5/Presbyterian Leader article

114 **Mission for Dogwood Acres/Outdoor Ministry** – Improvements, activities, events

115 **Mission for Spiritual Development** – Children’s Day/Winter Sonshine

116 **Compassion and Social Justice** – Will award Two Cents a Meal grants in February

117 **Disaster Assistance Coordinator** – Get involved in disaster preparedness

118 **Personnel** – Bookkeeper applicants interviewed

119 **Presbyterian Women** -Will elect officers at Annual Gathering

120 Mary Vance presented the report of the Committee on Prep for Ministry. Laura Palmer

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122 thereafter at Trinity. Hugh Hamilton noted that the service is tentatively set for March 13.

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125 examinations. This was approved.

126 **“EMPOWER”**

127 **Investigating Committee:** Mary Vance, acting chair of the Investigating Committee

128 appointed by Presbytery at the 2010 Summer Stated Presbytery Meeting, reported that the

129 committee has received a letter from the Session of the church for whom the

130 Investigating Committee was appointed. The letter indicates that the Session has decided

131 not to pursue charges against a particular party within the church. The Session does

132 request the help of Presbytery, however, and asks for mediation services. Accordingly,

133 the Investigating Committee requests:

134 1. That it be dissolved.

135 2. That the Committee on Ministry be notified of the aforementioned Session’s

136 request for mediation services.

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138 **This was approved and noted.**

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140 The Council Task Force on Presbytery Fiscal Health presented information on the work

141 of the Task Force. Randy Jackson, chair, made the presentation. Randy noted the

142 members are Huw Christopher, Jeannie Dixon, John Schuler, Mark Broadhead, Jean

143 Norman, Randy Jackson. The group has met twice and understands the task to be to study

144 the fiscal health of the presbytery. The group is using the practice of adaptive leadership

145 to do this, based upon three items: observe current events and patterns; interpret what is

146 being observed; design interventions based on observation and interpretation. The Task

147 Force has observed four items: fixed assets, program costs, personnel costs, and

148 benevolence costs, and believe the task is to be fiscally responsible in each of the four

149 areas and seek ways to bring those areas in line with the money available to the

150 presbytery. Between now and April, the Task Force hope congregations will be
151 encouraged to be more generous in contributions to presbytery.

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153 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship** – Dan Mitchell presented the budget for 2011. This
154 budget is based on the following assumptions: that the churches will give at least as much
155 in 2011 as they pledged for 2010, that we will use \$21,695 from the present bank
156 balance, and that Presbytery’s ministries and Committees can reduce their budgets by
157 about 5 percent. This budget reflects such a reduction by all ministries and committees
158 with the exception of Personnel, which is cut only 2.4 percent. The proposed budget of
159 \$669,763.00 was presented for approval. The floor was opened for discussion/questions.
160 There was a question about the salary for acting stated clerk; it is from hold-over per
161 capita money; it is not budgeted per se, but is available for paying the acting stated clerk.
162 There was a question regarding the assumptions in establishing the budget for DWA.
163 Kevin responded to the question.

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165 **The budget was approved unanimously on voice vote.**

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167 **Committee on Ministry** – Mark Broadhead presented the report of the committee,
168 noting numerous items of information. The annual compensation report form was noted;
169 any changes in call for ministers or educators are due by Jan. 31. The committee presents
170 for Presbytery approval one item: The Committee on Ministry recommends to
171 Presbytery that, according to the Book of Order, G-14.0551, which states, “A presbytery
172 may choose to allow a temporary supply to become the next installed pastor by a two-
173 thirds vote of the presbytery,” the Rev. Michael Moore, currently serving as Temporary
174 Supply Pastor at DeFuniak-First, be allowed to succeed himself as the Installed Pastor if
175 called to do so by that congregation. Mark gave the background that, when Michael was
176 called initially, a verbal agreement was done that, upon his retirement from military
177 service, he be the installed pastor. The presbytery must approve this.

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179 **This was approved unanimously on voice vote.**

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181 Mark noted that Richard Horst’s Statement of Faith was included in the packet. He is
182 Temporary Supply at Shalimar.

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184 **Nominating Committee** – Martha Jean Woodward presented the following two items for
185 approval by the presbytery: That the membership of Church Development and
186 Evangelism be increased to nine. **This was approved.**

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188 That the following be elected:

189 Committee on Ministry

190 Class 2012 – Betty Joyce Hand

191 Class 2013 – Jim Green, Will McCorkle

192 Committee on Preparation for Ministry

193 Class 2011 – Ken Overholt

194 Class 2013 – Bruce Chapman

195 Children

196 Class 2013 – Ellen Hicks
197 Church Development and Evangelism
198 Class 2013 – Drucilla Tyler

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200 **This was approved.**

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202 **Bills and Overtures** – The report of the Bills and Overtures Committee was presented by
203 Stephen Yates. The vote on the amendments to the Book of Order will be at the Spring
204 meeting in Sunny Hills. There will not be any workshops in advance of that meeting on
205 the overtures.

206 The Committee advised the Presbytery approve the Form of Government. The floor was
207 opened for discussion on the vote. Michael Moore moved the previous question. This
208 was seconded and approved. Debate was thus ended. A secret ballot (for all GA votes)
209 was previously requested. **The presbytery approved the New Form of Government**
210 **by a vote of 51-23.** The affirmative vote will be reported to the General Assembly.

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NEW BUSINESS:

212 Kevin Veldhuisen had some brochures for the upcoming at-risk weekend retreat and
213 summer camp at Dogwood Acres.

214 The next meeting will be at April 26, 2011, Sunny Hills Community Church.

215 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing
216 prayer at 3:52 p. m. The meeting was adjourned.

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Huw Christopher, Moderator

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Brant Copeland, Acting Stated Clerk

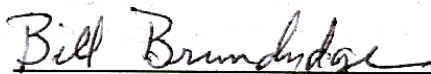
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Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



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



Bill Brundyge, Elder, Havana-First