

1 Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting
2 January 26, 2013
3 Westminster Oaks, Tallahassee, FL

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met for its
5 Winter Stated Meeting at Westminster Oaks, Tallahassee, FL.

6 The following 40 teaching elders and 31 ruling elders were enrolled as commissioners:

7 **Teaching Elders/CREs:** Bill Bess, James Black, Jerry Blacklaw, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Sally
8 Campbell-Evans, Bruce Chapman, Brant Copeland, Chris Erde, John Erthein, Robert Fuehrer, Rick Gernhardt,
9 Hugh Hamilton, Eugene Harris, Jack Homoney, Delores Ingraham, Victoria Isaacs, Randy Jackson, Kenneth
10 Kelley, John Kelsay, Pamela King Phillips, Joanne Kublik, Ted Land, William Lee, John Lown, Hailey Braden
11 Lynch, Ruth Mashewske, Bea Miller, Dan Mitchell, James Monroe, Taylor Phillips, Larry Plank, John Schuler,
12 Sharon Schuler, Mary Vance, Anne Veldhuisen, Kevin Veldhuisen, , Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates, Ezra Yune.

13 **Elder Commissioners:** Chipley, First - Joann Slay; Crestview, First - Tim Crawford; DeFuniak Springs,
14 Euchee Valley – Tommy Yates; Destin, First – Dottie Sherling; Gretna, Gretna – Gale Thompson; Havana,
15 First - Eric Newhall; Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill – Brian Hughes; Marianna, First – Jackie Homoney; Milton,
16 First – Leslie Yandle; Monticello, First – Ellen Jerauld; Pace, Pace - Walt Reese; Panama City, Parkway –
17 Sherl Morden; Panama City, St. Andrews – Ed Faile; Pensacola, First – Ward Cerrell, Susan Rapiet, Adrian
18 Rowley; Pensacola, Northminster - Ken Overholt; Pensacola, Trinity – Angie Shehee; Pensacola,
19 Westminster - Thomas Sykes; Quincy, First – Ben Powell; Sawdust, Woodland - Shari Helm; Shalimar,
20 Shalimar – Phil Ireton; Sunny Hills, Sunny Hills Community – Bryan Neafie; Tallahassee, Christ – Sylvia
21 Collins; Tallahassee, Covenant - Ben H. Cox; Tallahassee, Faith – Roy Youngblood, Lance Scalf, Brittany
22 Long; Tallahassee, Fellowship – Matt Hohmeister; Tallahassee, First – Kathee Winstead; Tallahassee –
23 Lafayette - Alan House.

24 **Members of Council:** Jim Gibbs, Andrew Jackson, Jean Norman, Ben Powell, Gerry Yandle

25 **Corresponding Members:** Robert Ward

26 **Christian Educators/Youth Directors:**

27 **Elders:**

28 **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva

29 **Certified:** Jeannie Dixon, Beth House, Christy Williams

30 **Non-Certified:**

31 **Presbytery Staff:** Melissa Morgan

32 **Visitors:** Sherwood De Forrest, Barbara Overholt, Leslie Kelley, Christie Kimbrel, Louise Jones, Sharon
33 Kepper, Joyce Stovall, Mary Ann Gibbs, Francis Priester, Joan Custis, Dave Custis, Linda Lade, Bill Kerrell,
34 Toya O’Hora, Cathy Jackson, Linda Pitts, Doug Pitts, Bill Wert, Donna Weisman, Jim Davis, Jan Fuehrer,
35 Oneida Monroe.

36 **ABSENSES**

37 **Excused Ministers:** Mary “Mel” Baars, Tae Ho Cheong, Huw Christopher, Jae Wan Chung, Joseph Chung,
38 Lawrence Greenslit, Beth McCaw, Michael Moore, Durl Odom

1 **Unexcused Ministers:** Michael Askew, Peder Carlson, Richard Connor, Daniel Dieth, Terry Dyer, Nancy
2 Forinash, Emory Hingst, Richard Horst, George Kessler, Benjamin Lunch, Keith Posehn, Leo Sandon, Steven
3 Schaick, Anghaarad Teague Dees

4 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; DeFuniak Springs, First; DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant Grove;
5 Freeport, Freeport; Pensacola, Korean; Port St. Joe, First; Red Bay, Red Bay; Wewahitchka, First.

6 **Unexcused Churches:** DeFuniak Springs, Bethel; Fort Walton Beach, First; Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze; Lynn
7 Haven, First; Navarre, Navarre; Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach; Panama City, Agape; Panama City, Grace;
8 Tallahassee, Trinity United.

9 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

10 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. EST by moderator Jean Norman. Following the opening prayer,
11 it was noted that a quorum was present. An announcement also was made that, if churches/clerks did not receive
12 the information for the annual statistics, please see Mel Morgan. **The docket was presented and approved.**

13 First-time ruling elders were introduced.

14 Valerie Marlow (First, Marianna) was introduced and congratulated on receiving PC(USA) Administrative
15 Personnel Association Level 1 Certification. She now has voice on the floor of presbytery. She was presented a
16 certificate recognizing her certification.

17 Rev. Taylor Phillips gave a welcome from Westminster Oaks.

18 A morning prayer service was held with Rev. Hugh Hamilton, Rev. Mary Vance, Rev. Dr. John Kelsay and
19 Rev. William Bess leading worship. During worship, Rev. John Lown was installed as moderator of the
20 Presbytery. Communion was celebrated during the worship service.

21 Reports from Presbytery Staff and Officers were received:

22 Jean Silva, Associate EP for Church Development and Education/HAE reported. She noted several upcoming
23 important dates: On the 7th day prayers on Feb. 7 at Pace; important dates at Dogwood Acres – Feb. 10 – 15 –
24 Intensive Journal Workshop; Feb. 23 – Stewardship and Church Leader training; April 13 – Engage Training
25 with Ray Jones and Christian Ed. Training; May 4 – Acts 16:5 seminar; Sept. 14 – Engaging Your
26 Neighborhood Training at Dogwood.

27 She also noted several items for consideration:

- 28 • Please invite the Congregational Support Team to a Session meeting this spring. Let's have this
29 worthwhile conversation throughout the presbytery!
- 30 • Looking for invitations to host the "On the 7th Day Prayer Gathering" on the 7th of each month.
- 31 • Looking also for folks willing to help lead this prayer time. Feb. 7th – Pace Presbyterian Church
32 (Time TBA) and continue to pray for each other using the presbytery prayer calendar. We ask
33 for specific church prayer requests be shared with the presbytery office!
- 34 • Please submit the "Let's Get Connected" forms to share needs, gifts and best practices
- 35 • Please support our training events and offer suggestions for training that your church needs

36 Kevin Veldhuisen, Associate EP for Outdoor Ministry and Spiritual Development, presented a report of his
37 activities. Kevin shared greetings from those attending the annual Winter Sonshine retreat this weekend. He
38 has had a very busy year; DWA is the fastest growing Presbyterian camp/retreat center in the US and Canada,
39 he said. There was a 30 percent increase in camp registration; and 300 percent increase in retreat registration,
40 he reported. He continued: So far – first 18 weeks – he will have 22 groups coming out. Some weekends are

1 double-booked so churches will share the facilities. Last year, he turned down over \$50,000 in revenue due to
2 lack of space. A new cook has been hired – Bonnie Griffin. For this summer, the program committee is writing
3 the curriculum with a theme of “Parallel Dimensions” – Two dimensions of life: the life Christ wants us to
4 walk, and the life society wants us to walk. There will be new camps for middle schoolers and for high school–
5 two night-owl camps. They will repeat the fishing weekend for all ages. Einstein Camp is the new name for
6 Asperger’s camps. All marketing materials now produced in-house, with thanks to James Vance. Two new
7 brochures are available for general information on the camp and for online giving for the camp.

8 Stephen Yates, Stated Clerk, reported. He presented several items for information. The new minute review
9 format is included in the docket. Review of minutes for 2012 will be done in regional meetings. Information
10 will be sent out soon on this. If there is a new clerk, be sure to give contact information to the Presbytery office.
11 The Presbytery rolls are included in the docket.

12 He presented four items for action:

- 13 • Letter from Sunny Hills, re: request for exemption to ruling elder term limit; **approved**
- 14 • Draft Resolution for Synod, commended by Presbyterian University Center; **concur with the resolution**

15 A RESOLUTION FOR THE SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC CONCERNING
16 THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA
17 DRAFT

18 November 27, 2012

19 Bruce A. Chapman

20 Whereas, the Synod of South Atlantic’s sale of the Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ property in
21 Gainesville, Florida will produce net cash assets; and

22 Whereas, these assets derive from the faithful witness of Florida Presbyterians and exemplify our
23 church's historic commitment to ministry in Florida's communities of public higher education; and

24 Whereas, all property held by a synod is held in trust for use and benefit of the larger church (G-4.203);

25 Therefore be it resolved:

26 1) That the net cash assets derived from the sale of the Presbyterian and Disciples of Christ property
27 shall be lodged in an account with the Presbyterian Foundation and designated to support public higher
28 education ministries within the State of Florida; and

29 2) That the Synod of South Atlantic appoint a representative body from among Florida Presbyterians to
30 determine the best uses of these assets to support and advance Presbyterian mission in Florida's
31 communities of public higher education, and to distribute funds accordingly.

- 32 • Revised Sexual Misconduct Policy, presented to presbytery for second reading Jan. 26 **approved**;
33 churches are reminded that they also must adopt their own Sexual Misconduct Policy; Stephen will send
34 a docket to the churches to use as they complete this
- 35 • Election of parliamentarian, term of office to be concurrent with term of clerk, beginning in January.
36 Brant Copeland was nominated and **elected**.

37 Bruce Chapman moved: the Stated Clerk will write a letter to the other EP in the state commending this
38 resolution and encouraging them to support it. **Seconded and approved.**

39 Jim Gibbs, Treasurer, and Andy Jackson presented the report of the Budget, Finance and Stewardship
40 Committee. Andy presented the 2013 budget for approval; **this was approved.** The committee plans to begin
41 work on the budget earlier starting in August so it can be approved at the December meeting of Presbytery.

42 ADJOURNED FOR LUNCH at 12:24 p. m. with a scheduled reconvene at 1:15. The meeting was called to
43 order at 1:18

1 The report from The Church Development and Evangelism Committee was presented by Gerry Yandle. The
2 Committee presented for action:

3 The Church Development and Evangelism Committee offered for a second reading for the manual of
4 presbytery the Healthy Church Framework. **This was approved.**

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6 Reports from the three Administrative Commissions were received.

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8 The AC for Pace report was presented by Leslie Yandle. They continue meeting and working with the
9 congregation and session. They expect to have more information for the April 30, 2013, meeting of Presbytery.

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11 The Administrative Commission for the Shalimar Presbyterian Church report was presented by Victoria Isaacs.
12 They are thankful for the service of the temporary supply Bob Fuerher. The AC reports that they will remain in
13 place until June 15, 2013, to monitor the progress of the session during the service of the temporary supply.

14 The Administrative Commission for the Covenant Presbyterian Church report was presented by Mary Vance.
15 Mary presented the background of the issue and the work of the Commission. The AC requests the following
16 action:

17 Based on the foregoing, and after considering all the circumstances including the value of the
18 Covenant Church property and Presbytery's fiduciary obligations under the trust clause, the AC
19 recommends that Covenant's request to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) be
20 approved according to the Agreement for Dismissal and Lease, copies of which are attached hereto.
21 This action would be pending their receipt by the EPC.

22 **The motion was approved.** The AC is not yet ready to be dismissed. The moderator offered prayer for the
23 body and for Covenant Presbyterian Church.

24 Reports were received from the Presbytery Committees and Missions.

25 The Annual Report of the Presbyterian University Center was presented by Bruce Chapman and several
26 students from PUC.

27 Randy Jackson presented a report of the General Presbyter Search Committee. The committee was recognized.
28 The CIF was completed at the end of December and is online now. The Committee has begun receiving PIFs of
29 individuals. Those will be reviewed until Feb. 28. Prayers were requested for this work and for the person God
30 has chosen. The Committee also asked that, if anyone knows of someone to recommend to the position, please
31 let someone on the committee know.

32 Chris Erde presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee recommends the
33 following for election by presbytery; some vacancies remain:

34 **Presbytery Leadership Team**

35 **Class of 2013**

36 Sharon Schuler – (TE) First, Ft. Walton Beach

37 Bill Bess – (TE) First, Havana

38 Beulah Brinson – (RE) First, Monticello

39 **Class of 2014**

40 Danny Dieth – (TE) Christ, Tallahassee

41 Joan Wooten – (TE) Member-at-large

42 Andy Jackson – (RE) Parkway, Panama City

43 Bill Kerrell – (RE) First, Milton

44 **Class of 2015**

1 Jae Wan Chung – (TE) Agape, Panama City
2 Debbie Layton – (RE) First, Pensacola
3 **Officer/Team chairs and members**
4 **Moderator Elect:** Hugh Hamilton (TE)
5 **Disaster Preparedness and Response Team Chair:** Michael Moore
6 **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team Chair:** Ben Powell
7 **DWA Operations:** Class of 2013 - Bob Lindquist
8 Class of 2015 - Bill Wert, Tracy Curenton
9 Committee Chair - Ben Powell
10 **DWA Program:** Class of 2013 - Susie Barber
11 Class of 2015 - Patty Arnett, Trinity Whitley
12 Committee Chair - Anghaarad Dees
13 **Congregational Mission Support Team:**
14 Class of 2013 - Linda Lade
15 Class of 2014 - Ben Lynch
16 Class of 2015 - Ruth White, Bill Mock, Drucilla Tyler, Debbie Gibson, Hailey Lynch
17 Committee Chair - Gerry Yandle
18 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship:**
19 Class of 2015 - Rosanna Phillips
20 Committee Chair - Joe Dobson
21 **Personnel Team:** Class of 2015 - Ric Connor, Brant Copeland
22 Committee Chair - John Schuler
23 **Ministry Team:** Class of 2013 - Bill Rumph
24 Class of 2015 - Victoria Isaacs, Jim Roncaglione, Gene Harris, Chris Erde
25 Committee Chair - Mark Broadhead
26 **Preparation for Ministry Team:**
27 Class of 2015 - Dale Jordan, Mary Vance
28 Committee Chair - Mary Vance
29 **Commitment to Representation Team:**
30 Class of 2013 - James Dean, Joseph Chung
31 Class of 2015 - Jaunita Myers
32 Committee Chair - Sandra Martin
33 **SDOP:** Class of 2015 - Barbara Overholt
34 Committee Chair - Henry Goode, III
35 **PJC:** Committee Chair - Linda Shelley

36 **The nominees were elected.**

37 Tom Borland presented the report from the Council. Tom noted the date for the fall meeting has been changed
38 to December 3, 2013. This change in date will accommodate the new budgeting process. The By-Laws, Manual
39 of Operations and Financial Policies were presented for a first reading. John Lown presented these; Jean
40 Norman moderated the meeting during the presentation. The By-Laws contain the essence of the organizational
41 structure, with the details now in the Manual of Operations. Items in the Manual can be changed with proper
42 notice and discussion without a second reading. John noted a couple of corrections needed in the By-Laws.

43 **The By-Laws were approved for a first reading.**

44 John reviewed the Manual of Operations. The Healthy Church framework will be incorporated as an appendix.

45 **The Manual of Operations was approved for a first reading.**

46 The Council presented Jim Davis as nominee for Treasurer effective with the close of the April 30, 2013
47 meeting. **This was approved.**

1 A revision of the Personnel Policies was included in the report of Council for approval by the Presbytery. **This**
2 **was approved.**

3 The report of the Committee on Ministry was presented by Mark Broadhead. There were several items of
4 information (the supply contract with Frank Beall was approved by COM but not listed on the items for
5 information) and one item for action:

6 Second Reading of the Guidelines for Gracious Dismissal

7 **The document was approved.**

8 Ben Powell presented the report from the Mission for Dogwood Acres. There were no items for action. Ben
9 shared information on the camp. A part-time clerical assistant's position was approved at the November
10 meeting; they are in the final stages of hiring that person with the pool narrowed to three candidates. The
11 committee is looking at additional ways to use the camp (outside of camps or retreats); one idea being
12 considered is a staging location in case of a disaster in Northwest Florida. Another idea is to offer theme-based
13 retreats; plans for a cooking-gardening retreat on March 8 – 10 were shared. Bill Wert was introduced as
14 Dogwood Acres Volunteer Coordinator. He is a member/elder at First, Quincy. A new emphasis on the
15 outdoor ministry is planned (emphasizing not just the buildings). Plans for the renovation of the old bath house
16 were shared. This renovation requires \$60,000, of which \$20,000 has been raised.

17 Anne Veldhuisen presented information as the out-going Disaster Assistance Coordinator. Michael Moore is
18 the new Disaster Assistance Coordinator.

19 Sherl Morden presented the Presbyterian Women's report, including mention of the PW Annual Gathering at
20 First, Pensacola, on March 16. Rev. Hailey Lynch will be the speaker. The Synod PW Coordinating Team will
21 meet at Lafayette April 5 – 6.

22 The Compassion and Social Justice Committee reminded the body of the Two-Cents-a-Meal \$40,000 challenge.

23 There was no other business before the body. Westminster Oaks provided fresh cookies to the body
24 upon departure. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery is scheduled for April 30, 2013, at First
25 Presbyterian Church, Destin, FL, at 9:00 a.m. (CST)/10:00 a.m. (EST). The moderator offered a
26 closing prayer at 2:45 p. m. (EST). The meeting was adjourned.

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John Lown, Moderator
Stephen Yates, Stated Clerk
Jeannie Dixon, Recorder

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



Rev. Mark Broadhead, Teaching Elder, 1st, Crestview and Laurel Hill



John Schuler, Commissioned Ruling Elder, Navarre