

1 **Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting**

2 **January 24, 2015**

3 **First Presbyterian, Quincy, FL**

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

6 The following 43 teaching elders and 37 ruling elders were enrolled as commissioners:

7 **Teaching elders/CREs:** Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho  
8 Cheong, Brant Copeland, Anghaarad Dees, Danny Dieth, Chris Erde, John Erthein, David Garnett, Jonas  
9 Georges, Ralph Griffin, Hugh Hamilton, Jack Homoney, Harry Horne, Alan House, Jim Huffaker, Randy  
10 Jackson, Lee Johnson, Kenneth Kelley, John Kelsay, Joanne Kublik, Ted Land, William Lee, Daniel  
11 Loffredo, John Lown, Hailey Lynch, Ben Lynch, Ruth Mashewske, Cydney Miller, James Monroe,  
12 Michael Moore, Shelia Palmer, Larry Plank, Leo Sandon, Sharon Schuler, John Schuler, Rob Sugg, Mary  
13 Vance, Bonnie Wilkins, Joan Wooten

14 **Elder commissioners:** Chipley, First - Joann Slay; Crestview, First- Pat McCreary; Defuniak Springs,  
15 Bethel- Sharee Campbell; DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley-Tommy Yates; DeFuniak Springs, First –  
16 Lee Thomas; Fort Walton Beach,First- Theresa Nicks; Freeport, Freeport- Mike Standley; Gretna,  
17 Gretna – Gale Thompson; Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze- Robin Sweeney, Teresa Gassman, Pat Allen;  
18 Havana, First- Susan Wood; Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill – Brian Hughes; Lynn Haven, First - Bruce  
19 Mowat; Marianna, First- James Gibbs; Milton, First – Tammy Mendiola; Panama City Beach, Gulf  
20 Beach- Tracy Schoppe; Panama City, Parkway – Bruce Davis; Panama City, St. Andrews – Sally Teer;  
21 Pensacola, First – Shelby Andrews, Jack McNulty, Lee Elebash; Pensacola, Korean Community –Eunja  
22 Park; Pensacola, Northminster - Ken Overholt; Pensacola, Trinity- Tony McDonald; Port St. Joe, First  
23 - Henry Horst; Quincy, First – Alex Hinson; Red Bay, Red Bay – Walter Ray; Shalimar, Shalimar –  
24 Phil Ireton; Sawdust, Woodland- Mary Jo Butler Tallahassee, Christ – Richard Shelfer; Tallahassee,  
25 Faith – Windy Taylor, Mike Metz, Jim Mabry; Tallahassee, Fellowship – Zana Raybon; Tallahassee,  
26 First – Phillip”Tip” Tomberlin; Tallahassee, Lafayette - Robert Loving; Tallahassee, Trinity United-  
27 Lorie Gordon.

28 **Christian educations/Youth directors:** Jeannie Dixon; Shannon Guse; Lisa Wilder; Christy Williams

29 **Presbytery staff members:** Melissa Morgan

30 **Officers/team chairs:** Bill Green, Toya O’Hora, James Vance, Sandra Winslett

31 **Visitors:** Pat Woodward, Martha Jean Woodward, Jane Hinson, Denise Moore, Ben Powell, Anne Hall,  
32 Leslie Kelley, Barbara Overholt, Nancy Nicks, Lin Brannon, Mary Chapman, Shanti, Abby Cazal, Greg  
33 Seel, Brennan Cannon, Cathy Jackson, Ed Wood, Linda Loving, Beth White, Jason Taylor, Ellen Hicks,  
34 Connie Gaede, Mary Jane Woodward, Dot Inman-Jackson, Chong Barney, Jennifer Whisenant, Jimmy  
35 Whisenant, Thad Wilkens, Vern Ballard, Carol DeWeese,

36 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Dennis Reid (Thornwell)

37 **ABSENCES**

38 **Excused Ministers:** Jae Wan Chung, Joseph Chung, Eugene Harris, Beth McCaw, Dan Mitchell, Charles  
39 Moore, Taylor Phillips

40 **Unexcused Ministers:** Michael Askew, Gary Cecil, Ted Chumley, Richard Conner, Tom Douglas, James  
41 Duncan, Terry Dyer, Nancy Forinash, Lawrence Greenslit, Emory Hingst, Kathleen Hodgson, Rachel  
42 Hood, Pamela King Phillips, Charles Lapp, Sandra Martin, Steven Melamed, Lindsay Moffett, Lori  
43 Prettyman, Luther Price, Steven Schaick

44 **Excused Churches:** Destin First; Fort Walton Beach Korean; Navarre; Pensacola Westminster; Sunny  
45 Hills Community

46 **Unexcused Churches:** DeFuniak Springs, Pleasant Grove; Monticello First; Pace; Panama City, Agape,  
47 Panama City, Grace; Wewahitchka, First

#### 48 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

49 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM EST by moderator Hugh Hamilton. Following the opening  
50 prayer it was noted that a quorum was present. The docket was presented, amended, and approved. Rev.  
51 Chris Erde gave a welcome from First Presbyterian, Quincy.

52 First time ruling elders were introduced.

53 A morning prayer service was held with Elder Jeannie Dixon and Rev. Mark Broadhead leading worship  
54 and presiding over the table. During worship, Elder Bill Green was installed as moderator of the  
55 Presbytery. Bill then presented a Moderator's Cross to Hugh Hamilton.

#### 56 **Reports from Presbytery staff and officers were received:**

57 Ted Land, **Coordinating Presbyter**, provided an update on his activities. He included a report on actions  
58 from the Administrative Team:

- 59 ○ Approved the sale of the 2007 Saturn Aura most recently driven by the Stated Clerk for  
60 \$2600, funds added to Executive Auto Replacement Fund.
- 61 ○ Approved the sale of four donated vacant wooded lots not adjacent to the property of Sunny  
62 Hills Community Presbyterian Church for the amount of \$2500. Action approved and  
63 requested by the session and congregation of the Sunny Hills Community Church.

64 Anghaarad Teague Dees informed members about a Youth Weekend (grades 6-12) at Dogwood Acres on  
65 February 21-23, 2015.

66 Dennis Reid presented a report from Thornwell Home. He thanked the churches and the presbytery for their  
67 support. He gave information on the Building Families project that has been started in Bradenton and is in  
68 the works for the St. Petersburg/Tampa area.

69 Jeannie Dixon, **Stated Clerk**, presented a written report and communications to the presbytery.  
70 Red Bay Presbyterian Church requested a waiver from the limitations on terms of service for the office of  
71 Ruling Elder and that this waiver remain in place until such time that the church is again able to rotate  
72 officers. **This was approved.**

73 Jonas Georges, **Dogwood Acres Director**, presented a report on the status of Dogwood Acres.  
74 He has a vision of Dogwood Acres as a mission and ministry to small congregations.

75 In the absence of Treasurer Jim Davis, Ted Land presented the report of the **Budget, Stewardship and**  
76 **Finance Team**. The budget in the amount of \$398,903 for 2015 was voted on. **The budget was approved.**

77 Bruce Chapman and students from Florida State University presented information on the **Presbyterian**  
78 **University Center (PUC)** through video testimonies and music.

79 Michael Moore presented information from the **1001 Worshipping Communities** program on building  
80 new church communities.

81 These **informational reports** and a **report for action** were given before lunch:

82 John Lown presented the report of the **Presbytery Leadership Team**. The proposed new Directory for  
83 Worship is downloadable and cuts out nearly 1000 words. In information from the Synod Boundaries  
84 Consultation Team there is a benefit for us to realign with the Living Waters Synod.

85 Toya O’Hora presented the report of the **Commitment to Representation Team**.  
86 **Presbytery Leadership Team (PLT):**

87 Class of 2017

88 Leslie Yandle (RE –1st, Pensacola)

89 Suzanne Burke (RE – Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach)

90 **Dogwood Acres (DWA) Ministry Team:**

91 **Operations**

92 Class of 2015

93 Brittany Adams Long (Member – Faith, Tallahassee)

94 **Budget, Finance and Stewardship (BF&S):**

95 Class of 2016

96 Richard Daniel (RE – Westminster, Pensacola)

97 **Ministry Team (MT)**

98 Class of 2016

99 Mary Schmidt (RE – 1<sup>st</sup>, Marianna)

100 Class of 2017

101 Bonnie Jean Wilkins (TE – Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach)

102 **Preparation for Ministry Team (PMT)**

103 Class of 2015

104 Harry Horne (TE – Member-at-Large)

105 Class of 2017

106 Lisa Wilder (DCE – 1<sup>st</sup>, Quincy)

107 **Commitment to Representation Team (nominated by PLT)**

108 Class of 2016

109 Angie Sheehey, (Member–Trinity, Pensacola)

110 **Self- Development of People (SDOP)**

111 Class of 2016

112 Thadeus Wilkins (RE – Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach)

113 **Permanent Judicial Committee (PJC)**

114 Class of 2017

115 Lori Prettyman (CRE – Westminster, Pensacola)

116 Danny Deith, Teaching elder, Christ, Tallahassee was added to the Dogwood Acres Operations Team.

117 **These were approved.**

118 John Erthein was **approved** as chair of the Preparation for Ministry Team.

119 Toya noted there are still vacancies, especially for 2 ruling elders on the Ministry team, and encouraged  
120 members to submit names to the team for these vacancies.

121 Mary Vance presented a written report of the **Preparation for Ministry Team**. Her report noted:

122 The following are in good standing with the PMT:

123 **Inquirers:** Trinity Whitley (Faith, Tallahassee)

124 **Candidates:** Linda Pitts (Lafayette, Tallahassee)  
125 Glenn Hodges (First, Tallahassee)  
126 **Candidates ready to receive a call:** Michael Frandsen (Faith, Tallahassee).

127 With the approval of the Ministry Team, Lori Prettyman has withdrawn from the roll of Inquirers in order  
128 to pursue Commissioning as a Ruling Elder to Particular Pastoral Service. (G-2.0609; G-2.10)

129 Mary announced that John Erthein will now be the chair of the preparation for Ministry Team.

130 James Vance presented the report of the **Dogwood Acres Ministry Team**. He reported approximately  
131 1400 guests, participants and visitors at the camp in 2014. He also reported on the priorities for 2015 which  
132 include replacing the old bathhouse with a lodge (large cabin) to house the staff during summer camps and  
133 further developing the nature education program and trails. Other goals include developing and improving  
134 communication between DWA, PLT, and churches and increasing usage of DWA through networking,  
135 solicitation and advertising. A request was made by Rob Sugg for the team to look into lodging for singles  
136 and couples so DWA could be used for couples' retreats.

137 The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:25; following a call to order at 1:30, the presentation on  
138 **Amendments to the Book of Order** and voting took place.

139 Moderator Bill Green requested that section 7 of the Manual of Operations be waived:

#### 140 **SECTION VII - Bills and Overtures Team**

141 The team is responsible for but not limited to:

- 142 • Presenting the overture or resolution to the presbytery as submitted and make a recommendation  
143 to approve, amend or not approve the overture or resolution.
- 144 • Holding a workshop on the proposed amendments to the constitution in order to present  
145 information relative to them so commissioners voting on them can make an informed decision when  
146 voting.
- 147 • At the presbytery meeting when the amendments are being considered, making a recommendation  
148 to approve or not to approve.

149 A Bills and Overtures Committee was not named last year, so Joan Wooten and Jeannie Dixon put together  
150 the presentation on proposed amendments to the Constitution. Joan has been on the B&O Committee, and  
151 the Stated Clerk works with that group on this. **This was approved.**

152 Rev. Joan Wooten and Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon presented information on the amendments to the Book  
153 of Order. Information on amendments 14-B.1, 14-B.2 14-C, 14-D, 14-E were presented. These were voted  
154 on by voice vote.

155 14-B.1: **This was approved.**

156 14-B.2: **This was approved.**

157 14-C: **This was approved.**

158 14-D: **This was approved.**

159 14-E: **This was not approved, after a standing count vote.**

160 Information was next presented on 14-A with Pro and Con information provided. A standing count vote  
161 was taken, with **14-A not approved**. The count was 19-51.

162 Information on 14-F was presented with Pro and Con information. A ballot was distributed and counted.  
163 The result was 50 for 14-F and 24 against 14-F.  
164 **This was approved.**

165 A written dissention was turned in by Teaching Elder John Erthein from Euchee Valley Presbyterian  
166 Church: "I respectfully but strongly dissent from the Presbytery vote in favor of Amendment 14F". 1/24/15

167 The Stated Clerk will record the votes of the Presbytery of Florida with the Office of The General  
168 Assembly. The Belhar Confession will be presented for vote at the April meeting

169 The reports of these **Presbytery Teams** were presented:

170 Sandra Winslett presented the report of the **Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team**.  
171 She noted that the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering will be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> at Faith Presbyterian, Tallahassee.  
172 Registration began on January 15<sup>th</sup> for the PW Churchwide Gathering in Minneapolis in June.  
173 She stressed the importance of annual histories from churches in the Presbytery being turned in.

174 Randy Jackson presented the report from the **Ministry Team**. He reported that C.K. Moore  
175 (Northminster, Pensacola) will be installed tomorrow (January 25) at 4 p.m. CST.  
176 Two items for action were presented:

- 177 • The Ministry Team, having previously met with, examined and approved Rev. Bonnie J. Milligan  
178 Wilkins for the Pastor position at Gulf Beach Church, Panama City Beach, approved her terms of  
179 call and gave permission for her to move onto the field January 1, 2015. Presbytery, at its  
180 December meeting, had approved her terms of call. Rev. Wilkins was introduced and welcomed to  
181 the Presbytery.
- 182 • The Ministry Team, having met with, examined and approved Rev. David Garnett for the Interim  
183 Pastor position at Faith Church, Tallahassee, introduced him to Presbytery that he might be  
184 welcomed and received as a corresponding member (voice without vote) during his term as Interim  
185 Pastor. It further recommends that his terms of call be approved. **This was approved.**
- 186 • Both Rev. Wilkins and Rev. Garnett shared their faith journeys with the Presbytery.

187 Brant Copeland moved to dispense with questions to Rev. Wilkins and Rev. Garnett, as they had already  
188 been examined and questioned by the Ministry Team. **This was approved.**


189 Randy reported that Alan House is now the Commissioned Ruling Elder for Gretna/Woodland churches.

190 There was no other business before the body. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery is scheduled for  
191 April 28, 2015 at Dogwood Acres, Vernon FL at 9 a.m. (CST)/10 a.m. (EST).

192 The moderator offered a closing prayer at 3:25 p.m. (EST). The meeting was adjourned.

193 Bill Green, Moderator  
194 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk  
195 Anne Hall, Recorder

196 Approval of minutes

  
Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk