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## From General Presbyter Roy Martin

May is presbytery meeting month! We will be meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at First Presbyterian Church, Lynn Haven, Florida, with registration starting at 8 a.m. CDT. Whether you are a minister member, elder commissioner, or have an interest in what is going on in the life of the presbytery, I hope to see you there!

Among the items to be discussed and voted upon is the presbytery budget for 2019. You may recall that, last fall, your Committee on Presbytery Administration sent out a flyer explaining how your pledges to the presbytery are used, along with a pledge form and a letter from me. In my letter, I

explained that the committee had decided to combine per capita giving with mission giving and present one figure for each church to consider. This method makes it easier to show what it costs to operate the presbytery. While we have had a few questions about that, most congregations have given according to the request, and some have even exceeded what was asked for. Thank you!

That being said, there are still churches we have not heard from as to their pledge for the year, and we may be facing anywhere from a \$9,000 to \$52,000 shortfall. For that reason, I am asking those congregations we have not heard from to please

submit their pledge before the presbytery meeting and, if you have already done so, please consider if you can pledge any additional funds. If, in fact, you have pledged as much as you can, thank you. Everyone's support is deeply appreciated.

You will find an excerpt from that brochure in this newsletter and, if you have any questions regarding the budget, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Roy



**The Rev. Dr. Roy Martin**



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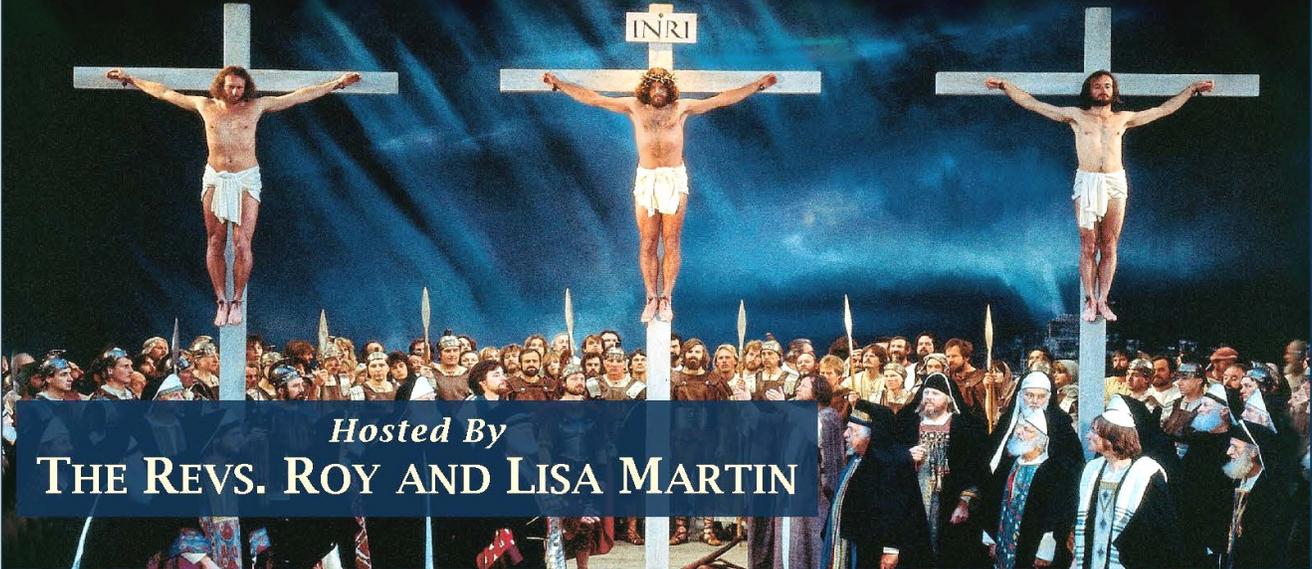
## Presbytery of Florida Narrative Budget

Area of budget	Description/purpose	Amount
Committee on Congregational Revitalization	To provide processes and support for congregations that have an identified need, willingness, and ability to engage in spiritual and/or programmatic growth	\$1,100 *
Committee on Dogwood Acres	To support planning, management, development, operations, and programs connected with Dogwood Acres	\$90,000
Committee on Educational Resources	To provide education and resources in the areas of stewardship, children's ministry, youth and young adult ministry, evangelism, social justice issues, and other areas related to congregational ministry	\$16,800 **
Committee on Mission and Outreach	To coordinate local, national, and international mission work through congregations and mission communities	\$5,350 ***
Committee on New Congregational Development	To formulate and implement a comprehensive plan for location, funding, and development of new congregations and new worshipping communities within the bounds of the presbytery	\$100 ****
Committee on Nominations	To nominate to Presbytery individuals to serve on presbytery committees	\$100
Committee on Ministry	To fulfill all Book of Order and presbytery manual responsibilities related to oversight of and assistance to congregations, Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Certified Christian Educators in their ministry	\$1,750 *****
Committee on Presbytery Administration	To oversee the management of presbytery funds, property, and staff	\$245,110
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	To oversee the care and examination of Commissioned Lay Pastors, Inquirers, and Candidates for Ministry, inform sessions of the process for CLPs, inquiry and candidacy, and conduct examinations of candidates seeking calls within the bounds of our presbytery	\$700 *****
Committee on Representation	To advise the Presbytery with respect to membership of its committees and to the employment of its personnel per Book of Order G-3.0103	\$100
Coordinating and Planning Commission	To provide for strategic planning and to coordinate the work of the presbytery; and to serve as a commission of presbytery to address matters needing immediate attention between presbytery meetings	\$2,300
Permanent Judicial Commission	To act as a court of appeal for sessions; to exercise original jurisdiction in disciplinary cases against minister members of the presbytery	\$100
Per capita	Every Presbyterian's sharing in the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of the PC(USA) system of government	\$56,932
General Assembly and Synod Unified Giving	To share in the missions work of the larger Church	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL (NOTE: Of this amount, congregations are asked to support \$378,000)</b>		<b>\$433,442</b>
<b>Designated funds also available:</b> * Church Redevelopment (\$36,325), Small Church Pastor Grant (\$10,504) ** Disciplefest (\$721) *** Emergency Relief Account (\$5,108), Peacemaking Fund (\$5,698), Self Development of People (\$620 + national SDOP grant), 2 Cents a Meal Fund (\$17,994) **** New Church Development Fund (\$90,851) ***** Ministers' Emergency Assistance Fund (\$2,222) ***** Candidates' Aid Fund (\$1,822)		

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## From the Committee on Nominations



By  
*Leslie Yandle,*  
CN Chair

## GA commissioners, Young Adult Advisory Delegate sought

On behalf of the Presbytery's Committee on Nominations, as well the Committee on Representation, with whom we work closely, I want to express our gratitude to all who are serving and have served in various roles in our presbytery. And now, in preparation for the 224th General Assembly, to be held in Baltimore, MD, June 20 – 27, 2020 – just over a year away – we are seeking one minister commissioner and an alternate; one ruling elder commissioner and an alternate (active on session or not); and a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD), aged 17 to 23 at the time of GA, willing to be nominated for service.

The GA is full of meaningful, memorable activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, mission tours and more. The Presbytery provides training in advance, and expenses of GA service are covered by the Presbytery and Office of the General Assembly. Our elected YAAD may vote in an advisory capacity to the GA, speak

on the Assembly floor, and serve as a full voting member of the GA Committee to which he/she is appointed.

If interested in serving, please email office [@presbyteryofflorida.com](mailto:@presbyteryofflorida.com) to request an application form. A minister commissioner to Synod for the coming year also is needed. Please contact me at [leslie.yandle@gmail.com](mailto:leslie.yandle@gmail.com) if interested in serving in that capacity.



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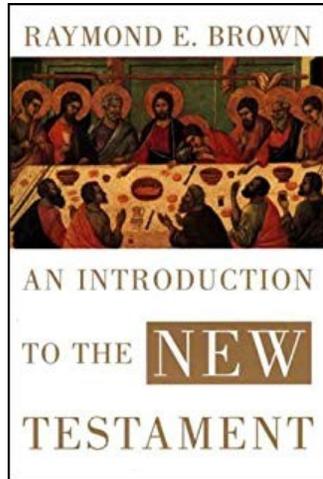
TO REGISTER GO TO [FOOTHILLSPRESBYTERY.ORG/SOAP-REGISTRATION/](http://FOOTHILLSPRESBYTERY.ORG/SOAP-REGISTRATION/)

## The Committee on Educational Resources recommends ...

*An Introduction to the New Testament – Abridged Edition – by Raymond E. Brown*  
 Edited and Abridged by Marion Soards

Have you been looking for a New Testament introduction that isn't too scholarly, but presents scholarship in a relatable and understandable way? This one is for you!

Brown seeks to present a consensus of New Testament scholarship in a concise manner. In what feels like a small book, scholarship on all 27 books of the New Testament, including historical background information and even some notes on apocryphal writings are included in this abridged version. Its



use is far-reaching. I have used this book as a quick reference, a reminder of themes, as well as a first resource when reviewing a text for sermon prep.

You'll find charts, maps, a solid bibliography, and an index that will lead you to just about any topic you can think of in the New Testament. It's also worth noting that there is an unabridged version that goes into more detail on certain topics and books of the New Testament. I would highly recommend it for a pastor, lay leader, congregant, or even a questioning youth.

<https://www.amazon.com/Introduction-New-Testament-Abridged-Reference/dp/0300173121>

## From the Committee on Educational Resources



By  
 Rev. John Kupar,  
 CER Chair

## Reading of session minutes scheduled June 8

Attention, clerks of session! It's time to catch up on the reading of session minutes in the next few months. Records for 2016, 2017, 2018 need to be provided for reading. Please also check for any other prior years' minutes that have not been read. Each church is urged to bring

those minutes to the May 21 Presbytery meeting; reading is tentatively scheduled Saturday, June 8, at the Presbytery office. If no one from your church will be at the presbytery meeting, please take the minutes to the Presbytery office by May 17.

The minutes checklist

for 2018 is being revised, but if you have already completed the current checklist for one of these years, you may use it. If you have questions, please contact Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk, at [statedclerk@presbyteryofflorida.com](mailto:statedclerk@presbyteryofflorida.com).

## For Our Clerks of Session



By  
 Jeannie Dixon,  
 Presbytery Stated Clerk

## *It's Presbytery Time!* Presbytery of Florida SPRING STATED MEETING

Tuesday, May 21 – First Presbyterian Church of Lynn Haven  
 Registration at 8 a.m. CDT / 9 a.m. EDT  
 Meeting begins at 9 a.m. CDT / 10 a.m. EDT

## From the Committee on Dogwood Acres



### Dogwood Acres shares updates on camp, cleanup

Summer camp for 2nd-12th grade from June 9th-August 2nd will include brand-new programs for students' participation. Each week offers a new experience, including Adventure camp – an amazing outdoor excursion – as well as mission camp.

- Dogwood Acres is still in need of one female and two male summer camp counselors. The

only requirements: They should be high school graduates (although very mature rising high school seniors that come with a strong recommendation might be considered), must pass a background check, and have the knowledge we are all on a faith journey.

Additionally, volunteer nurses and chaplains are needed. Please contact Dogwood Acres Director

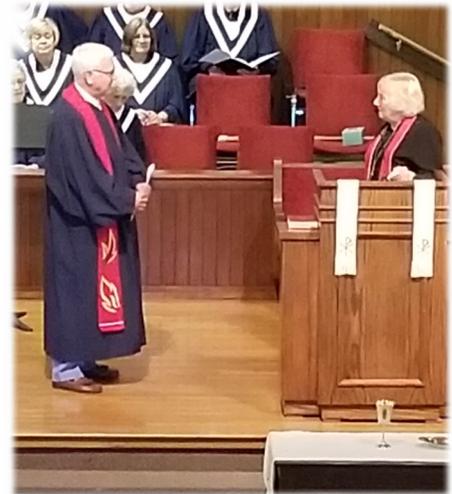
Ben Powell at [ben@dogwoodacres.org](mailto:ben@dogwoodacres.org) or 850-528-3575 about any of these positions.

- Since Hurricane Michael, 493 volunteers have clocked 2,780 hours assisting with restoration. Volunteer groups have come from all over, including Bloomington, IL and Tulsa, OK. Roadside debris removal currently is underway.

## From the Committee on Ministry

### Presbytery and Gulf Breeze welcome new pastor

The Rev. William Lamont, pictured at left, with Presbytery of Florida Moderator Rev. Sharon Schuler at the pulpit, was installed Sunday, April 28, as pastor at Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church. Worship and a light reception followed.



The Presbytery and Gulf Breeze's congregation are delighted to welcome Rev. Lamont and his wife, Sue, shown at left. "This congregation is different than any I've served before ..." said Rev. Lamont. "I am eager to get started." (Photos courtesy of Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church)

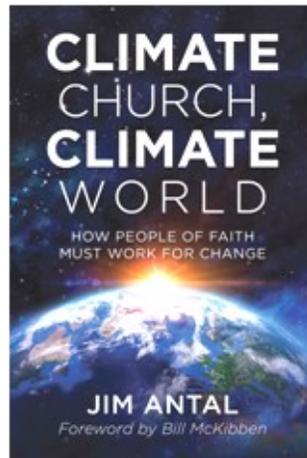
## How people of faith must work for change – Part 1

**Note: This is a two-part article. Part 2 will be printed in June.**

*Climate Church, Climate World* is a book by Reverend Jim Antal that I recommend to you. It is about how people of faith must work to address the climate crisis.

Jim Wallis, President and Founder of Sojourners, says, “Antal urges the church to more deeply consider its obligation to call society to action. This book will help Christians, both congregationally and individually, act in response to climate change and maintain an outlook of Christ-centered hope while doing so.”

The author is a United Church of Christ minister who calls himself a public theologian and is a national spokesperson for the UCC on climate change. He is a graduate of Princeton University, Andover Newton



Theological School and Yale Divinity School.

He practices his faith and preaching in the public square. He has preached while handcuffed to the fence in front of the White House and in pipeline trenches.

He begins the book with a description of the situation we are facing with climate change and clearly and unequivocally says that climate change is real, serious and the greatest moral challenge humanity has ever faced.

Further, he says that there is a compelling

case for the church to address it, but to do so we must make changes. He knows that as we come to fully understand the degree to which our world is broken, that people will struggle to keep their hearts from breaking, so the church has an important role play in helping people maintain hope.

Antal calls for us to open ourselves to a loving creator God, who is at our side and understands our heartbreak. With God at our side, we experience an expanded capacity to absorb the horror of what we are doing. He assures us that nothing we have done can extinguish the Holy Spirit who breathes into us a renewed conviction and fresh courage that nothing can take away.

In Part 2, I discuss why this book is needed. As always, if you have any comments, please contact me at [pammcvety@hotmail.com](mailto:pammcvety@hotmail.com).

## Caring for Creation Notes



By  
**Pam McVety,**  
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Stewardship  
of Creation  
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*“This book will help Christians, both congregationally and individually, act in response to climate change and maintain an outlook of Christ-centered hope while doing so.”*



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**Save the date:**

**In May**

- Thursday, May 2* National Day of Prayer
- Sunday, May 5  
11 a.m. EDT* 1st, Quincy "Old Philadelphia Sunday"
- Tuesday, May 7  
9:30 a.m. CDT* Committee on Ministry meeting at Presbytery office
- Wednesday, May 8  
6:45 – 8 p.m. CDT* Jazz for the Soul, at Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach
- Saturday, May 11* Lay Pastor Training at Dogwood Acres
- Sunday, May 12* Mothers' Day
- Sunday, May 19* Presbyterian Heritage Sunday
- Sunday, May 19  
10 – 10:15 a.m. CDT* Hymn Sing Sunday, at Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach
- Tuesday, May 21  
9 a.m. CDT* Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting, at 1st, Lynn Haven (Registration at 8 a.m. CDT)
- Wednesday, May 22  
8:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. EDT* "Engaging Aging in Today's World", POAMN Regional Conference, St. Leo, FL
- Monday, May 27* Memorial Day (Presbytery office closed)

**Looking ahead**

- Saturday, June 1  
6 – 9 p.m. CDT* Open Hearts '50s - '60s Dance Party, at 1st, Milton, Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, June 1* Final day to apply for the 2019-20 Young Adult Volunteer year
- Saturday, June 8* Reading of session minutes, at Presbytery office
- Sunday, June 9* Day of Pentecost
- Sunday, June 9* Dogwood Acres Summer Camp begins
- Sunday, June 16* Fathers' Day
- Tuesday, June 18  
Noon – 2 p.m. CDT* Presbyterian Foundation Forum at Grace, Panama City



**JUNE 1.**  
final date to apply!  
[youngadultvolunteers.org/apply](http://youngadultvolunteers.org/apply)



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**Administrative Personnel Association  
2019 National Conference  
October 22-25  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
Myers Park Presbyterian Church**

[www.pcusa-apa.org](http://www.pcusa-apa.org)

Lodging will be at the DoubleTree Suites Charlotte/South Park by Hilton - South Park (group rate provided)

Transportation to and from the hotel to the church (3.4 miles one way = 10-12 minutes) will be provided by APA for those that need it. Super shuttle, taxis, and Uber are available for transportation from the airport.