

**Minutes of Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting
via Zoom Videoconference
Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met electronically online via Zoom videoconference for a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
- Session Commissioners	28	13	41
- Other Continuing Members	7	3	10
- CLP/CRE	3	2	5
Total Ruling Elders	38	18	56
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	39	7	46
Total Present and Absent	77	25	102
Congregations Represented	27	12	39

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT PRESENT (39):

Michael Askew, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Brad Clayton, Ric Connor, *Brant Copeland*, Chris Erde, Margaret Fox, Matt Frease, Stephen Graves, Hugh Hamilton, *H Eugene Harris*, *Edward Horn*, *Harvey Jenkins*, *Kenneth Kelley*, John Kelsay, Sun Kim, John Kupar, Katherine Kupar, Bill Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A. J. Meador, Luis Ocasio, Taylor Phillips, Linda Pitts, Emily Proctor, Robert Quiring, *Greta Reed*, Steve Rhodes, Sharon Schuler, Eric Spoon, Sheldon Steen, Charles “Chuck” Taber, Mary Vance, John Wamsley, Trinity Whitley, Joan Wooten, Brian Yount. (italics = HR)

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ABSENT (7):

Excused Ministers: Rob Sugg

Unexcused Ministers: Mel Baars, Rob Bohnsack, Jae Wan Chung, Pamela King-Phillips, Leo Sandon, Steven Schaick.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (30):

Blountstown – excused
Chipley, First – excused
Crestview, First – Tim Crawford
Defuniak Springs, Euchee Valley – Tommy Yates
Defuniak Springs, Bethel -
Defuniak Springs, First –

46 **Destin, First** – excused
47 **Fort Walton Beach, First** – David Nofsinger
48 **Fort Walton Beach, Korean** -
49 **Freeport, Freeport** – excused
50 **Gretna, Gretna** – Gale Thompson
51 **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Carol Deweese
52 **Havana, First** – Bill Brundyge
53 **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Leon Curenton
54 **Lynn Haven, First** – Rich Kangas
55 **Marianna, First** – Leslie Kelley
56 **Milton, First** – Patricia Ann Smith
57 **Monticello, First** -
58 **Navarre, Navarre** – Greg Greenhaw
59 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – Betsy Balmer
60 **Panama City, Grace** – Jan Pitts
61 **Panama City, Parkway** – Jamette Minchew
62 **Panama City, St. Andrews** –
63 **Pensacola, First** – Susan Byram
64 **Pensacola, Korean** – excused
65 **Pensacola, Northminster** –
66 **Pensacola, Trinity** – Jim Green; Cam Massengill
67 **Pensacola, Westminster** – Jackie Sykes
68 **Port St Joe, First** – Mary Gibson
69 **Quincy, First** – Randy Pople; Vicki Bell
70 **Red Bay, Red Bay** – excused
71 **Tallahassee, Christ** – Wendy Holladay
72 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Linda Shelley; Malika Woody
73 **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – Mary Kelsay
74 **Tallahassee, First** – John Guthrie
75 **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – Sandi Herrington
76 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** – Vivian Bush
77 **Wewahitchka, First:** Mary Gibson
78 **Woodland, Woodland:** Mary Butler

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80 **Sessions not represented:**

81 **Excused Churches (6):**

82 Blountstown, First; Chipley, First; Destin, First;
83 Freeport, Freeport; Pensacola, Korean; Red Bay, Red Bay.

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85 **Unexcused Churches (6):**

86 DeFuniak Springs, First; DeFuniak Springs, Bethel; Fort Walton Beach, Korean;
87 Monticello, First; Panama City, St. Andrews; Pensacola, Northminster

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89 **CONTINUING MEMBERS:**

90 **CLPs present (3):**

91 Alan House, Joanne Kublik, Larry Plank

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CLPs absent (3):

Tonya Fernandes; Glenn Hodges

Christian Educators with voice and vote present (1): Carol Deloach (RE) – Tallahassee-Christ.

Christian Educators with voice present (1): Christy Williams – Tallahassee, First

Presbytery Staff Members: Melissa Willis- Administrator; Ben Powell (RE) – Dogwood Acres Director; Denise Vandiver (RE) – Treasurer.

Officers/Team Chairs: Jeannie Dixon – Stated Clerk (RE); Roseanna Phillips (RE) – 2020-21 Moderator; Don Mowat (RE) – Committee on Ministry; Leslie Yandle (RE) - Committee on Nominations.

Visitors: Sue Buckner – Rio Rancho, NM; Bonnie Thompson – Thornwell; William Ferguson – Thornwell; Joyce Lieberman – Synod of South Atlantic; Sharryn Smith – Port St. Joe; Gail Glasgow – Freeport; Becky Rose – Freeport; Erin Rosica – Tallahassee, First; Linda Lovins – Tallahassee, Christ; Clark Simmons – Presbyterian Board of Pensions; Sandra Winslett – Synod of South Atlantic PW Moderator; Kathy Broyard – FLAPDAN; Don Winstead – Tallahassee, First and PSJ Administrative Commission; Carol Allman – Tallahassee- Christ; Geoffrey Hudleston – Gulf Breeze; Thomas Sykes, Westminster; Esther Moring – Tallahassee First.

Visiting Teaching Elders: Ted Land (HR); Joyce Lieberman.

OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 AM CST/10:20 AM EST by moderator Roseanna Phillips, with 82 participants and 17 visitors logged in to the meeting, a quorum was present, and Moderator Phillips opened the meeting with prayer. Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon instructed the participants in the operations of Zoom and how we would conduct the meeting online. The docket was presented by Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon and was approved as presented by electronic vote.

INTRODUCTIONS: First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors were introduced.

MODERATOR CONTINUANCE: Due to illness due to Covid-19, incoming moderator Michael Askew was unable to assume his office for today’s meeting, and upon motion and second, Roseanna Phillips, current moderator, was approved to moderate in place of Rev. Askew.

MORNING WORSHIP was coordinated and led by Candidate for the Ministry, Ms. Erin Rosica, whose sermon based on Hebrews 3:1-11 and John 2:13-22 explored the disruption caused by Jesus cleansing the temple and overturning the money changers’ tables. How do we celebrate Easter under COVID-19 pandemic shut-downs and how might our ministries be

138 changing under this new technology and social media surge? The challenges Jesus presented to
139 Jesus' followers changed practices that were too easily entrenched in the past. The monolithic
140 change Jesus brought gave hope in new ways, and this continued time of separation from one
141 another and from established patterns due to COVID-19 pandemic can breathe newness into our
142 service and our sacrifices. Remember, in Jesus Christ God's "house" lives in us, not in a
143 building.

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145 **APPOINTMENTS:** none

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147 **MINISTRY REPORTS: Reports from the Larger Church**

148 **BOARD OF PENSIONS – Clark Simmons**

149 The BOP is currently funded at 124% of need; the BOP Board of Directors is meeting in March
150 and will decide whether to approve a "good experience apportionment" to add benefits to
151 enrolled participants.

152 The BOP has had problems with Express Scripts pharmacy management; they are working to
153 correct delays in service to participants. COVID-19 related response has cost the BOP 5.5
154 million dollars; 1,100 covered members have been infected, 75 have died. The BOP offices in
155 Philadelphia remain closed till July 2021, staff are working from home. Starting March 1, 2021
156 BOP participants will receive invoices by electronic mail, no longer in US Postal Service mail.
157 Ministers' Tax Guides will be sent online as well, or members may find it online on the BOP
158 website - "Board Connection."

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160 **SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC: Joyce Lieberman**

161 Synod Executive/Stated Clerk Joyce Lieberman thanked the presbytery for our ongoing financial
162 support to the Synod. In 2021 the Synod has 100% participation in per capita and mission giving
163 from the presbyteries of the synod, with the Presbytery of Florida at the top of the list. Synod's
164 Top Priority for 2021 is leadership development, with special focus on smaller congregations'
165 support and education. Todd Bolsinger, author of *Canoeing The Mountains: Christian*
166 *Leadership in Uncharted territory*, will present an online workshop on "Leading the Church into
167 the Post-Pandemic World" on Tuesday, April 27, 3-4pm EST / 2-3pm CST, free registration,
168 watch for publicity and registration materials from the Synod.

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170 **UKIRK TALLAHASSEE- Matt Frease**

171 The new Winter semester has brought back small group meeting. UKirk is doing lots of social
172 media presentations and hosting small group chats online. Calvin's Coffeehouse is now open
173 Monday to Friday, and they have contracted with a local coffee roaster who employs ethical
174 trade practices. The Board of Directors is investing in facility repairs to driveway, retaining
175 walls and patio. With reduced income due to reduced parking income, the Board has had to use
176 reserve funds for these repairs and UKirk welcomes contributions from our congregations.

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178 **REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS:**

179 **First Presbyterian Church of Port St Joe Administrative Commission: Linda Shelley,**
180 **Chair**

181 The Administrative Commission ("AC") for the First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Joe ("First
182 Presbyterian Church") was appointed by the Coordinating and Planning Commission of the

183 Presbytery of Florida in November 2020, granting it the authority of the Presbytery including
184 assuming original jurisdiction if necessary.

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186 **History:** According to church records, First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Joe was organized
187 on April 27, 1913, with 13 members. After 8 1/2 years, the church was dissolved at a Presbytery
188 meeting on November 7, 1921, and was reorganized by the Presbytery on June 8, 1930, with 9
189 charter members. It has been in existence continuously since that time. A previous AC was
190 appointed by the Presbytery in 2016 but did not finalize any formal recommendations to the
191 Presbytery.

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193 **Current Situation:** Over the years, the congregation of First Presbyterian Church has been
194 served primarily by part-time retired pastors or Stated Supply pastors that have been shared
195 between First Presbyterian Church and the Wewahitchka Presbyterian Church. Since 2015, First
196 Presbyterian Church has been pastored by Mr. Glenn Hodges, a Ruling Elder commissioned to
197 that congregation. Although Mr. Hodges' original assignment did not include holding services
198 every week, that assignment changed over time to be weekly, for which he would travel from his
199 home in Tallahassee. When safety concerns related to COVID-19 prevented in-person worship,
200 Mr. Hodges continued to travel to Port St. Joe with his wife Mary, who filmed his sermons.
201 These were then distributed to an email list consisting of persons who requested that outreach.
202 First Presbyterian Church currently lists only five persons on its membership list, and of those
203 five, only one member (Sharryn Smith) attends worship or participates in any meaningful way in
204 the activities of the congregation. Over the past several years, the church has primarily been
205 supported by nonmember visitors who spend winters in and around Port St. Joe. However, since
206 Hurricane Michael in October 2018, the number of these visitors has dwindled significantly.
207 Currently, with the COVID issue further limiting church attendance, only one other person
208 (Sithuy Nguyen), a nonmember, attends worship on a regular basis.

209 **Activities of the AC:** The Administrative Commission received training by General Presbyter
210 Rev. Dr. Roy Martin regarding its role and responsibilities. The AC then determined an approach
211 to accomplishing its duties in the context of COVID and the distance to Port St. Joe for all AC
212 members, acknowledging that for safety it would limit in-person meetings at First Presbyterian
213 Church.

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215 The AC had frequent contact with Ms. Sharryn Smith, the only active Elder and church treasurer
216 at First Presbyterian Church, who continues to handle all day-to-day operational and financial
217 responsibilities at First Presbyterian Church.

218 The AC met with Mr. Hodges about the current situation and viability of First Presbyterian
219 Church. Mr. Hodges thought the congregation should be closed "with all deliberate speed."
220 Conversations ensued regarding how to close the congregation and recognize the good works
221 and ministry of the congregation over the past decades. The AC thanked Mr. and Mrs. Hodges
222 for their faithfulness in serving the church, the past five years.

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224 In December 2020, all members and affiliate members of First Presbyterian Church were
225 contacted by the AC by telephone and/or by mail to solicit feedback regarding the future of First
226 Presbyterian Church. No member expressed an interest in returning to the church for worship or
227 raised any objection to closing the church. At the direction of the AC acting in its capacity as the
228 Session of First Presbyterian Church, the standard 30-day covenant/contract termination clause

229 in the Commission Lay Pastor agreement with Mr. Hodges was enacted, stating his last worship
230 service would be December 27, 2020, and the end of his working relationship with the
231 congregation would be effective January 31, 2021. Mr. Hodges understood and agreed with this
232 decision. Historical records that could be located were collected from the church office and will
233 be sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
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235 A vote of the AC/Session designated Ms. Shelley to be an authorized signatory to the bank and
236 investment accounts of First Presbyterian Church. Ms. Smith, as treasurer of the congregation, is
237 the other signatory, and has agreed to continue to handle the day-to-day financial needs of the
238 congregation until the AC completes its work. The congregation has one checking account with
239 Centennial Bank and three investment accounts with the Presbyterian Foundation. As of
240 December 2020, total funds owned by the church was approximately \$200,000.
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242 **Recommendations to the Presbytery of Florida:**

- 243 1. That the Presbytery of Florida dissolve First Presbyterian Church of Port St. Joe, effective
244 upon its vote, with great sadness, but also with great joy and thanksgiving for its faithful ministry
245 and work in the church of Jesus Christ and for the Presbyterian Church (USA), spreading the
246 good news of the gospel, caring for the poor and needy of the community, and being an authentic
247 witness to the goodness of our Lord.
- 248 2. That the Administrative Commission be permitted to engage a real estate company to find a
249 purchaser for the property and to sell the property.
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251 The Presbytery approved both motions 1 and 2.

252 **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR WESTMINSTER** 253 **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FL: Joanne Kublik**

254 **History of Administrative Commission:** The Administrative Commission (AC) for
255 Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pensacola was formed and approved at the May 21, 2019
256 Presbytery of Florida meeting. The AC was comprised of Rev. Robert Quiring (1st Pensacola),
257 Rev. C.K. Moore (Northminster), Elder John Schuler (1st Fort Walton Beach), Elder Larry Plank
258 (CLP, Navarre), and Elder Joanne Kublik (1st Crestview).

259 The first meeting with Westminster was held on June 18, 2019. Present from Westminster were:
260 Tom and Jackie Sykes, Richard Daniel, and one person not identified. Elder Geoff Hudleston,
261 who had been leading worship at Westminster, also attended. The AC was formed because of a
262 letter written to the Presbytery by Tom Sykes requesting assistance to discern ways to attract
263 new members and with financial difficulties. Rev. Steve Rhodes replaced Rev. C.K. Moore upon
264 Rev. Moore's retirement in August 2020.

265 Meetings were held to assist the congregation and provide ideas to encourage church attendance
266 and new membership. It became apparent that there were just not enough people in the
267 congregation to do the work to attract new members to the church. At the first meeting, it was
268 established that there was \$2,725.13 in the bank account which could not sustain the church with
269 paying the monthly bills, insurance premium and per capita to the Presbytery of Florida. Also,
270 the church lacked the funds to attract a fulltime minister.

271 In their effort to continue to increase funds, the members rented the church facilities to CORE,
272 City of Refuge Empowerment Church, for \$50.00 each time they met at the church. CORE has
273 asked to continue to rent the property until it is sold. This is at the discretion of the Presbytery.

274 On November 24, 2019, the AC made the decision to assume original jurisdiction and would
275 become the Session of the church with all rights and responsibilities of a Session. There was
276 reluctance on the part of the members of the church to provide documents requested by the AC
277 such as official church records, statements from utility companies, the insurance company, and
278 the bank. It was determined by the AC that this reluctance stemmed from the personal history of
279 the members with the church and the inability of the church members to accept that the church
280 was faltering and was not operating as a healthy church.

281 The church and AC continued to meet through February 2020 looking for ways to increase
282 church attendance. Meetings and conversation were suspended in March 2020 because of
283 COVID.

284 On December 29, 2020, the AC met via Zoom to discuss the future of Westminster Presbyterian
285 Church. After much prayer and discussion, it was the decision of the AC to recommend to the
286 Presbytery of Florida to close the church.

287 On January 7, 2021, Rev. Steve Rhodes and Elder Joanne Kublik met with the four remaining
288 members of Westminster, Tom and Jackie Sykes, Kenneth McIlroy, and Ray Sandacz, to discuss
289 the future of the church. Rev. Rhodes focused on the positive impact of Westminster throughout
290 its seventy-year history. The church was founded in 1950 and provided many services to its
291 members and the community. Rev. Rhodes spoke of the influence of the church and the impact
292 the church had on those who were touched by its ministry especially those who came to know
293 Jesus Christ through this ministry. The work done by members of Westminster will be
294 remembered and celebrated into the future. Rev. Rhodes and Mrs. Kublik explained that the
295 inability to continue as a church is evident and that the decision has been made by the AC to
296 make a recommendation to the Presbytery of Florida to close the church. The four members of
297 Westminster in attendance acknowledged the decision by the AC.

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299 **Physical Condition of Church Buildings and Other Information for Record**

300 There are major issues with the church structure and the adjoining Sunday school rooms and
301 Fellowship Hall. The roof will need to be replaced. Internal water damage is obvious in many of
302 the rooms, and the ceilings will have to be removed and replaced. There is evidence of water
303 damage on the floors and carpeting. (Photos were attached to the AC report and shared with the
304 presbytery) Mold and mildew can be seen throughout the structure including external and
305 internal mold damage to the organ which has been verified by Blue Angels Music Company who
306 looked at the organ and piano a couple months ago. The AC has asked them to come out and
307 give specifics as to the value of the organ and piano in their current conditions. *Glory to God*
308 hymnals have been removed and will be cleaned and given to a church in this Presbytery if
309 possible. There are very few items that have any worth within the church due to age or condition
310 mostly due from mold.

311 Sandy Blanton Realty has been contacted to evaluate the property for sale. The AC anticipates
312 there will be information to present at the February 23, 2021, meeting to include the estimated
313 value of the property. Locks were changed on the facilities and historic records/documents were
314 removed on January 21, 2021. Records/documents will be taken to Presbytery of Florida office
315 in Chipley.

316 The bank account was transferred to Rev. Steve Rhodes and Elder Joanne Kublik on January 28,
317 2021.

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319 MEMBERS: Names and addresses of the four remaining members are being collected and once
320 received, will be sent to the two PCUSA churches in Pensacola for potential transfer of
321 membership.

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323 FINANCES: As of January 31, 2021, there is \$565.21 in the bank account. This should cover the
324 utility bills due end of January. The insurance was reinstated. The premium will need to be paid
325 quarterly with the next payment due end of March 2021. The quarterly premium is \$1,253.75. 66
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327 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY of FLORIDA:

328 1. The Administrative Commission recommends the closing of the Westminster Presbyterian
329 Church on February 28, 2021.

330 2. Approve that the Administrative Commission be permitted to engage a real estate company to
331 find a purchaser for the Westminster Presbyterian church property and to sell the property.

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333 The Presbytery approved both recommendations.

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335 **STAFF REPORTS:**

336 **REPORT OF STATED CLERK: Jeannie Dixon**

337 **1. Annual Statistics:** The deadline to submit annual statistics was February 12. All 39
338 presbytery congregations had submitted their information.

339 **3. Activities:** The clerk reported her participation in the Synod's Intercultural Development
340 Inventory (IDI). She also participates in meetings of the Mid-Council Leaders Group.

341 **2. Commissioners to Presbytery for 2021** Article III of the By-Laws of the Presbytery of
342 Florida provide for one ruling elder commissioner from each congregation. Churches with
343 membership above 500 are entitled to additional commissioners. Our number of congregations
344 is currently at 39. We have 4 congregations with membership between 501-1000 who are entitled
345 to two ruling elder commissioners:

346 Pensacola, First;
347 Pensacola, Trinity;
348 Quincy, First;
349 Tallahassee, Faith.

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351 This will provide for 43 ruling elder commissioners.

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354 Article III further states:

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356 *...each ruling elder elected moderator or other officer of the presbytery, each ruling elder*
357 *elected as a member of the leadership team of presbytery or as chairperson of the*
358 *nominating committee, and each ruling elder elected as coordinating presbyter or associate*
359 *presbyter (when applicable) and exempt staff (when applicable) shall be enrolled as a member of*
360 *presbytery for the term of his or her office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session.*

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362 The ruling elders for 2021 service that would be included in this count are Roseanna Phillips,
363 Leslie Yandle, Don Mowat, Denise Vandiver (treasurer), Jeannie Dixon (Stated Clerk), Ben

364 Powell (Director Dogwood Acres). There are 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders serving
365 congregations.
366 That gives a total of 54 ruling elders.
367 The number of ministers of Word and Sacrament is 28 plus 9 ministers serving at-large plus 1
368 from other tradition enrolled as members.
369 There are 42 retired ministers of Word and Sacrament; 6 are active.
370 This results in 43 ministers of Word and Sacrament; there is no imbalance of ministers of Word
371 and Sacrament to ruling elders.
372 **3. Insurance Coverage:** The Committee on Presbytery Administration has asked the Stated
373 Clerk to gather information from each congregation on insurance coverage. A Google Form for
374 submitting that information can be found at <http://bit.ly/pofins>. You may complete the form
375 online OR email the requested information to statedclerk@presbyteryofflorida.com. The
376 requested information includes type(s) of insurance, coverage amount, deductible. Please include
377 the name of the church (including city), name of the person submitting the information and your
378 position at the church. Please complete the requested information as soon as possible. ALL
379 congregations are requested to enter their information by March 31, 2021. Only a few
380 congregations supplied this information, so all are asked to re-enter your information to be sure it
381 is current.
382 **4. Annual Necrology Reminder:** To facilitate the submission of names for the annual
383 Necrology report, an online form has been created by which information may be submitted
384 throughout the year. Use the form at <http://bit.ly/pofnecro> to complete the information. A
385 reminder will be sent in October, asking for the information via return email for those not
386 submitting via the form.
387 **5. 2021 Presbytery Meeting Hosts Needed:** The Presbytery is seeking a host church in the
388 West or East Districts for the 2021 meetings
389 • Tuesday, May 18,
390 • Tuesday August 3.
391 • Saturday, November 6 – Lynn Haven-First FL
392 It is not yet clear if meetings will be in person or online. Email
393 statedclerk@presbyteryofflorida.com if your congregation might be willing to host.
394 **6. Please update your church leadership and session lists each year.** The forms are on the
395 presbytery website (presbyteryofflorida.com) under *Other Resources*. There are sections for
396 Clerks of Session and for General documents/forms. These updates are used to create the
397 directories also found on the website.
398 **7. Presbytery Rolls as of December 31, 2020:**
399 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members of the Florida Presbytery**
400 **engaged**
401 **in a validated ministry (G-2.0503a):**
402 Mel Baars, Rob Bohnsack, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Samuel Bradly Clayton, Chris
403 Erde,
404 Margaret Fox, Mathew Frease, Stephen Graves, Hugh Hamilton, John Kelsay, John Kubar,
405 William
406 Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A.J. Mealor, Luis Ocasio, Taylor Phillips, Robert Quiring,
407 Leo
408 Sandon, Steven Schaick, Sharon Schuler, William Eric Spoon, Sheldon Steen, Charles Taber,
409 John

410 Wamsley, Trinity Joy Whitley, Brian Yount. (28)

411 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members-at-large of the Florida**
412 **Presbytery**

413 **(G-2.0503b):**

414 Jae Wan Chung, Raymond Guterman, Pamela King-Phillips, Katherine Kubar, Linda Pitts,
415 Emily Rose

416 Proctor, Robert Sugg, Joan Wooten. (8)

417 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are honorably retired members of the**
418 **Florida**

419 **Presbytery (G-2.0503c):**

420 Barry Arnold, Michael Askew, Glenn Bass, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Don Brown, Lewis Bullard,
421 Reid

422 Cameron, Ted Chumley, Joseph Chung, Brant Copeland, Terry Dyer, Jonas Georges, Gene
423 Harris,

424 Kathleen Hodgson, Harry Horne, James Huffaker, Dolores Ingraham, Owen Ireland, Harvey
425 Jenkins,

426 Hal Jensen, Fred Keith, Kenneth Kelley, Charles Lapp, Bill Lee, Ruth Mashewske, Steven
427 Melamed, Dan

428 Mitchell, Lindsay Moffett, Charles K. Moore, Durl Odom, Clarence Payne, Luther Price,
429 Margaret

430 Reed, Albert Reese, James Rollins, Morris Springer, James Stansbury, Mary Vance, Kerry
431 Westerwick, Ezra Yune. (41; 6 actively participating)

432 **The following are ministers from other Christian traditions who have been enrolled as**
433 **members**

434 **of the Florida Presbytery:**

435 Richard Connor – ELCA and Temporary Supply at Parkway Presbyterian Church

436 **The following are Ruling Elders currently commissioned for service within the Presbytery:**

437 Tonya Fernandes – Navarre

438 Glenn Hodges – First, Port St. Joe

439 Alan House – Gretna/Woodland

440 Larry Plank – Navarre

441 Joanne Kublik - Red Bay

442 **Annual Report on Christian Educators as of December 31, 2020**

443 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV,**
444 **#5) to**

445 **have voice at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators or Christian Educators**
446 **who**

447 **have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience)**

448 Christy Williams – First Presbyterian, Tallahassee (CCE)

449 Laurice Andrews – First Presbyterian, DeFuniak Springs (5+ years)

450 Jason Williams – Grace Presbyterian, Panama City (5+ years)

451 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV,**
452 **#5) to**

453 **have voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also**
454 **ruling**

455 **elders, or Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian**
456 **Education experience and also ruling elder)**

457 Jeannie Dixon –Tallahassee (CCE and RE)

458 Carol Deloach – Christ Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)

459 Shannon Guse – Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)

460 Lisa Wilder – First Presbyterian, Quincy (5+ years and RE)

461 **The following Christian Educators are currently employed by churches within the bounds**
462 **of the**

463 **Florida Presbytery:**

464 Lauren Christian – Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church

465 Sarah Uslan – First, Pensacola

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468 **REPORT FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER: Roy Martin**

469 Dr. Martin has continued weekly Wednesday Zoom electronic gatherings of clergy for support
470 and enrichment. Dr. Martin has lead a seven-week Elder Training program, trained all
471 presbytery committee chairs, attended Florida Executive Presbyter’s meetings and Synod
472 meetings, trained and advised two administrative commissions, and preached in churches of the
473 presbytery.

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475 **REPORT FROM DOGWOOD ACRES: Ben Powell**

476 No action items.

477 For information: Bill Lamont, new Chair of DWA Committee has been well received and
478 appreciated.

479 Detailed information for Summer 2021 camps and conferences will be online soon. Co-
480 Directors for Summer Camps have been hired: Lucas Heiker and Allie Snyder. Because of the
481 COVID-19 pandemic, DWA was without events from March to Mid-November 2020. Since
482 November two retreats have been hosted and safety protocols have been updated based on
483 successful efforts and learnings form those retreats. Interest is picking up and four group retreats
484 are now planned in 2021. Please send DWA Director Ben Powell recommendations of persons
485 to consider for hire as Kitchen Cook. Maintenance Director Robert and host of volunteers have
486 the campus in great shape. DWA will apply for second Payroll Protection Program grant.

487 **REPORT FROM TREASURER: Denise Vandiver**

488 The Treasurer submitted financial reports, balance sheets, and operating statements to the
489 presbytery meeting packet. Our operating income ended positive \$16,000.00. We benefitted
490 from a twenty-one-thousand-dollar (\$21,000.000) Payroll Protection Program (PPP) grant and
491 the presbytery’s investments did well. We were able to absorb the insurance costs for Dogwood
492 Acres. She thanked the churches for their financial support in 2020.

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494 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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496 **REPORT OF THE COORDINATING AND PLANNING COMMISSION: Roseanna**
497 **Phillips**

498 Chairman Phillips called attention to the written report of the CPC and highlighted:

499 Received Administrative Commission Reports and recommendations regarding First
500 Presbyterian Church of Port St and Pensacola- Westminster Presbyterian Churches which were
501 presented to the presbytery.

502 Approved the following from the Committee on Nominations:

503 Committee Congregational Revitalization: Class of 2022 (filling the unexpired term of
504 Mary Keyt)

505 Joanne Kublik

506 Committee on Ministry: Class of 2023

507 Carol Wood

508 Approved General Presbyter Roy Martin's recommendation to move the presbytery's
509 officer/committee service calendar from January – December to a March – February year. The
510 fiscal year remains on the January – December calendar. This would:

511 a) allow the existing Committee on Presbytery Administration to oversee the budget
512 through to year-end closing;

513 b) address the issue of the moderator of CPC concurrently being the moderator of
514 Presbytery;

515 c) allow training for committee chairs to be moved from Nov/Dec to a more practical
516 Jan/Feb timeframe.

517 Existing committee members will serve an extra two months as the change takes effect.

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519 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION:**

520 **COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION (CCR):** Lisa Martin

521 The CCR shared links to information about upcoming virtual conferences recommended by
522 CCR:

523 Synod of South Atlantic *Association of Smaller Congregations* (March 19 – 20):

524 <https://www.presbyasc.org/>

525 **NEXTChurch** (March 5 – 7): <https://nextchurch.net/gathering/2021-national-gathering/>

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527 **For action:** The committee presented and presbytery approved the *Handbook on Congregational*
528 *Revitalization*, which has been developed in partnership with Mission Insight and Holy Cow
529 ministries. The handbook will become part of our presbytery's Manual of Operations and may be
530 amended by recommendations to the presbytery as a whole, not just to the CCR.

531 *(Copy of the Handbook is available from the Presbytery Office)*

532 **COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND OUTREACH (CMO): Luis Ocasio**

533 Current initiatives of the CMO:

534 • Create and promote a mission relationship with an international partner.

535 • Reach our congregations to know and support their local mission programs and strengthen the
536 bonds within churches in our Presbytery.

537 • Encourage members to be volunteers with any of our partners (FLAPDAN, PDA).

538 • Help our congregations' in the access and due process for request/obtain funds (Emergency
539 Relief Fund, Peacemaking Fund, 2 Cents a Meal and SDOP).

540 • The Committee also wants to notify the Presbytery that Federal and Local Government are
541 contemplating the use of churches' facilities as part of their vaccination process.

542 • The CMO is trying to discover what our congregations are doing in mission so that we may
543 learn from each other, teach one another, participate together in a joint presbytery-wide
544 mission project.

- 545 • We plan to share information on the special funds under the auspices of the CMO and how
546 you may request funds for mission projects to which the funds are related: 1) Peacemaking,
547 2) Self Development of People, 3) 2 Cents a Meal Hunger Funds, and 4) Emergency Disaster
548 Relief.

549 **For action:**

550 CMO requested and presbytery approved the covenant between 1) Presbyterian Disaster
551 Assistance
552 (PDA), 2) the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc. (FLAPDAN), and 3) the
553 Six
554 Presbyteries in Florida, including the Presbytery of Florida.

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556 10-19-20 COVENANT WITHIN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)
557 AMONG
558 PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, operating for corporate purposes via
559 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation
560 AND
561 FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK, INC.
562 AND
563 THE SIX PRESBYTERIES IN FLORIDA

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COVENANT AGREEMENT

566 **INTRODUCTION**

567 This document describes a covenant, not a contract. This Covenant Agreement (“Covenant”)
568 recognizes the connectional and relational nature of the church and the importance of serving the
569 denomination, presbyteries, and their constituent churches to strengthen the entire body of
570 Christ. A covenant is rooted in relationships and trust with specific responsibilities for each
571 covenant partner. It is agreed each covenant partner will assume sole responsibility for its own
572 actions and inactions. It is also agreed the creation and signing of this covenant does not hold the
573 partners legally liable for the actions of the other. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, operating
574 for corporate purposes via Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation (hereinafter
575 referred to as “PDA”), Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc. (“FLAPDAN”),
576 and the presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Florida (Florida, St. Augustine,
577 Tampa Bay, Central Florida, Peace River, Tropical Florida, hereinafter “the six presbyteries”),
578 are distinct entities. They are independent, neither are they being controlled by the other. They
579 are not in a legal partnership, joint venture, or similar legal relationship. PDA, FLAPDAN and
580 the six presbyteries may be referred to in this Covenant as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

581 **1. PARTNERS**

582 The partners of this agreement are PDA, FLAPDAN, and the six presbyteries.

583 PDA is the emergency disaster response and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church
584 (U.S.A), A Corporation. It enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian
585 Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities
586 adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. PDA:

- 587 ■ focuses on the long-term recovery of disaster impacted communities. Provides training
588 and disaster preparedness for presbyteries and synods
- 589 ■ works collaboratively with church partners and members of the ACT Alliance (Action by
590 Churches Together) internationally, and nationally with other faith-based responders

- 591 ▪ connects partners locally and internationally with key organizations active in the response
592 — United Nations, NVOAD (National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster),
593 World Food Program, Red Cross, FEMA, and others.
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595 **FLAPDAN** connects the ongoing need for the six presbyteries and their congregations to be
596 better organized and prepared to respond to traumatic events within their bounds during times of
597 disaster. FLAPDAN:

- 598 ▪ provides a communication link between the six presbyteries, Synod of South Atlantic,
599 and PDA
600 ▪ communicates and coordinates with other disaster organizations, including community
601 and faith-based organizations; local, state, and federal government; and the private sector
602 ▪ addresses common issues of preparedness, response and long-term recovery following a
603 disaster event
604 ▪ advocates for specific needs in affected presbyteries
605 ▪ identifies and develops resources
606 ▪ develops and recommends protocols to be used by presbyteries in times of disaster
607 ▪ supports training for disaster preparedness and response for presbyteries and their
608 member congregations.

609 **The six presbyteries** work together, along with their congregations, to prepare for and respond
610 to disasters in the state of Florida. The six presbyteries:

- 611 ▪ Develop and promote generosity, stewardship, and service for the ministries of PDA and
612 FLAPDAN
613 ▪ Participate in the mission of the church in disaster preparedness and response
614 ▪ Communicate regularly with partners about the needs, opportunities, and challenges of
615 disaster ministries.

616 **2. PURPOSE**

617 This Covenant provides a framework within which the partners will cooperate, communicate,
618 coordinate, and collaborate in carrying out their respective ministries in disaster mitigation,
619 preparedness, response, and long-term recovery operations due to disasters in the State of
620 Florida.

621 **3. COMMITMENTS**

622 **PDA AGREES TO:**

- 623 ▪ Recognize FLAPDAN and the six presbyteries as co-equal covenant partners in effecting
624 PDA's mission in Florida
625 ▪ Make, at minimum, a one-to-one dollar match to FLAPDAN in the amount equal to the
626 sum of the annual membership contributions of the six Florida presbyteries
627 ▪ Provide church-wide visibility for FLAPDAN through PDA's website, "Mission Mosaic"
628 magazine, and emergency appeals
629 ▪ Promote the FLAPDAN model for consideration to other mid councils in high disaster
630 impact areas
631 ▪ Make available PDA's Associate for Disaster Response, U.S. (or designee) to serve as
632 ex-officio voting member of the FLAPDAN board of directors
633 ▪ Make available PDA's Associate for Disaster Response, U.S. (or designee) to serve as
634 ex-officio member of a committee or group charged with recruitment, recommendation,
635 and evaluation of FLAPDAN executive director
636 ▪ Include FLAPDAN executive director in all organizational, operational, and

637 communication decisions pertaining to FLAPDAN's partnership with PDA as detailed in
638 ■ the executive director's position description

639 **FLAPDAN AGREES TO:**

- 640 ■ Recognize PDA and the six presbyteries as co-equal covenant partners in effecting
641 FLAPDAN's mission
- 642 ● Develop robust relationships, policies and practices that inspire presbyteries to make
643 annual membership contributions to its general operating budget
- 644 ■ Keep presbyteries informed and engaged in the long-term disaster recovery taking place
645 within their bounds
- 646 ■ Provide state-wide visibility for PDA within its Presbyterian and external partnerships
647 through dual-branding marketing communications and disaster-related attire, internal and
648 external written and oral reports, and serving as state disaster liaison and incident
649 ■ coordinator for FLAPDAN and PDA in disasters
- 650 ■ Encourage congregations, presbyteries and individuals to support the One Great Hour of
651 Sharing and promote special PDA appeals
- 652 ■ Provide full financial accountability and transparency to PDA and the six presbyteries via
653 an annual budget, quarterly revenue and expense reports, and an at least bi-annual,
654 audited end of year report / financial review
- 655 ■ Include PDA's Associate for Disaster Response, U.S. (or designee) to serve as an ex90
656 officio voting member of the FLAPDAN board of directors
- 657 ■ Include PDA's Associate for Disaster Response, U.S. (or designee) to serve as an ex92
658 officio member of a committee or group charged with recruitment, recommendation, and
659 evaluation of FLAPDAN executive director
- 660 ■ Include PDA's Associate for Disaster Response, U.S. (or designee) in all organizational,
661 operational, and communication decisions pertaining to FLAPDAN's partnership with
662 PDA as detailed in FLAPDAN's executive director position description
- 663 Be available to consult with other mid councils in high disaster impact areas in their
664 deliberations of developing a disaster network.

665 **THE SIX PRESBYTERIES AGREE TO:**

- 666 ■ Recognize FLAPDAN and PDA as co-equal covenant partners in effecting their
667 respective, disaster-related missions
- 668 ■ Encourage congregations and individuals to make special contributions to FLAPDAN
- 669 ■ Include FLAPDAN membership in their annual budgets
- 670 ■ Encourage congregations, presbyteries, and individuals to support the One Great Hour of
671 Sharing and promote special PDA appeals
- 672 ■ Recommend people for the FLAPDAN board who are passionate about and committed to
673 disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation
- 674 ■ Create with FLAPDAN two-way quarterly reporting protocols between the presbytery
675 and FLAPDAN
- 676 ■ Provide presbytery-wide visibility for PDA within congregations through effective
677 communication such as testimonials from volunteers, short videos, pastors'
678 commendations from the pulpit, PDA board members' experiential reports and
679 invitations to volunteer, etc.
- 680 ■ Include FLAPDAN board members and/or representatives on the agenda of regular
681 meetings of the presbyteries
- 682 ■ The Executive Presbyter or equivalent will attend FLAPDAN's Annual Meeting and

683 participate in special meetings as may be requested throughout the year.

684 **4. ACCOUNTABILITY AND DOCUMENTATION**

685 FLAPDAN will make annual financial and programmatic as well as periodic reports to the other
686 partners as requested, using Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's format. There will be systematic
687 acknowledgement of gratitude for gifts received. All Parties in this will be intentional in
688 fulfilling the intent of this Covenant.

689 **5. MODIFICATION**

690 This Covenant may be modified upon the mutual written consent of all the Parties.

691 **6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

692 The terms of this Covenant will be effective from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

693 **7. REVIEW AND RENEWAL**

694 This Covenant will be effective beginning January 1, 2021 (renewals are based on the two-year
695 budget cycle of the PMA) through the calendar year 2022. The Parties shall meet at least
696 annually for consultation and to review the progress and success of the Covenant and determine
697 how the Covenant should continue. As part of the review process, consideration shall be given to
698 the frequency and severity of disasters in Florida, to the continued interest of volunteer work
699 teams, and to the progress being made to mitigate future losses.

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701 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM): Don Mowat**

702 **For Information: THE COM**

- 703 • Approved Rev. John Cole as Temporary Supply to First-Monticello.
- 704 • Approved the Installation Commission for Rev. Sun Ick Kim at 1st Korean, Ft. Walton on Jan.
705 17, 2021.
- 706 • Approval the Validated Ministry of Shelby Baxter-Andrews if the way be clear in conjunction
707 with Eastminster Presbytery.
- 708 • Approved the Validated Ministry for Erin Rosica as Chaplain at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital
- 709 • Approved the Temporary Supply Contract for Rev. John Cole at 1st Monticello
- 710 • Approved the final Report for Dan Mitchell, Temporary Supply at 1st Chipley
- 711 • Approved the Temporary Supply Contract for CLP Joanne Kublik at Red Bay.

712 **For Action:**

713 The COM introduced to the Presbytery of the newly-installed Rev. Sun Ick Kim as pastor of
714 First

715 Korean, Ft. Walton Beach.

716 The COM introduced Candidate Erin Rosica who gave a biographical sketch and statement of
717 sense of call to ordained ministry. The Presbytery voted to sustain her sermon preached in
718 opening worship, and with the Examination for Ordination conducted by the COM, also
719 participated in a period of questions from the floor and answers by Candidate Rosica. The COM
720 moved to approve the examination in parts and in whole. The presbytery voted to approve the
721 examination.

722 The Committee on Ministry moved that Erin Rosica be approved for Ordination as a Minister of
723 Word and Sacrament and be given permission to move on to the field and to work at Tallahassee
724 Memorial Hospital, which has been approved as a Validated Ministry of the Presbytery of
725 Florida. This was approved.

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727 A prayer for Erin was offered by Rev. Brant Copeland.

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729 **COMMITTEE ON DOGWOOD ACRES (CDWA): Bill Lamont**

730 **For Information:**

731 The CDWA has established priorities for 2021, which include:

732 1) a commitment to hold camp this summer for four weeks using a new camper model and with
733 strict protocols in place. Each cabin will be occupied by campers from a particular group or
734 church along with their chaperone. The chaperone will sleep in the same cabin and help with
735 programming for their ‘bubble’, with help from the summer camp staff.

736 2) Hiring of summer staff: Lucas Heiker and his fiancée Allie Snyder have been hired as co-
737 camp directors and will be responsible to hire summer staff. Chaplains and nurses will be
738 recruited from our congregations for each week of summer camp.

739 3) CDWA will build a 12 X20 storage shed on the property sometime in 2021. The shed will be
740 built

741 by DWA and used jointly by the camp and Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

742 4) The committee acknowledged the need to begin working on a long-range plan for DWA.

743 Expectations and desires regarding camping have changed over the years and it’s important for
744 DWA to change with them to better serve the ministry. Such a task will likely require a subgroup
745 of people beyond the committee itself.

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747 **For Action:**

748 The CDWA asked presbytery and presbytery approved to declare Sunday, April 18th “Dogwood
749 Acres Sunday” and encourage all churches in our bounds to celebrate our outdoor ministry in
750 worship. Liturgical resource will be assembled for the service and there are plans to create a
751 digital video highlighting the camp and its ministry. This was approved.

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753 **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CN): Leslie Yandle**

754 **For Action:** The Committees on Nominations and Representation recommended the following
755 nominees: These were approved.

756 Susan Byram to Committee on Mission and Outreach Class of 2022 Elder, First
757 Pensacola

758 Greg Seltzer to Committee on Preparation for Ministry Class of 2023 Elder, First Pensacola

759 Leon Corbett to Committee on Dogwood Acres Class of 2022 Elder, Faith
760 Tallahassee

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762 Vacancies as of Feb. 1, 2021

763 The Presbytery is seeking nominees for the following committees. To learn more about the
764 mission of a

765 particular committee or to express interest, please contact Leslie Yandle, Committee on
766 Nominations

767 Chair, at 850 450-1592 (text or call) or at leslie.yandle@gmail.com.**

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769 Committee Class Chair

770 Committee on Congregational Revitalization 2021 Rev. Lisa Martin

771 Committee on Mission and Outreach 2023 Rev. Luis Ocasio-Torres

772 Committee on New Congregational Development 2023 Rev. A.J. Mealor

773 Committee on Ministry (2 vacancies) 2022 Elder Don Mowat

774 Committee on Preparation for Ministry 2023 Rev. Trinity Whitley

775 Committee on Dogwood Acres 2022 Rev. Bill Lamont
776 Committee on Educational Resources 2021 Rev. John Kubar
777 **Nominees should have access to a computer and an email account and be able to participate in
778 Zoom Meetings.

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780 **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM): Trinity Whitley**
781 **For action:** CPM requested and presbytery approved the process and forms for the
782 commissioning of ruling elders (CREs). These will be incorporated into the Manual of
783 Operations.

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785 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**
786 **COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION (CPA): Brad Clayton**
787 For Information:

788 **Budget:**
789 The presbytery closed 2020 with a surplus of \$16,737.34. We are thankful to all the churches
790 who gave so faithfully last year.
791 Ben Powell and Denise Vandiver were asked to research our eligibility for the 2021 PPP loan.

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793 **FOR ACTION:**
794 1) The CPA moved the 2021 Terms of Call for Presbyter Roy Martin. The Terms of Call
795 were approved as presented.
796 2) The CPA recommended an expense budget of \$466,366 for 2021. The budget was
797 approved as presented.

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799 **Stewardship:**
800 The stewardship campaign for 2021 was successful and we are very grateful to all of the church
801 who have made pledges for next year.

802 **Property:**
803 The Committee recommended to CPC and CPC agreed that we sell two vacant lots in Walton
804 County for
805 \$18,000. These lots had previously been given to the presbytery without any designation for use.
806 The CPC agreed to sell the property.
807 The Committee recommended to CPC that the office building in Chipley be put up for sale and
808 that a real estate agent be secured. The CPC agreed to put the property up for sale.

809 **Dogwood Acres:**
810 Ben Powell thanked the Presbytery for waiving their insurance reimbursement for 2020.
811 Dogwood Acres currently has 7 retreats scheduled for 2021 and the committee is currently
812 working on plans for summer camps.

813 **Grant Proposals:**
814 The CPC approved the grant request from CER for \$10,000 to build a storage facility at
815 Dogwood Acres that can be shared by Dogwood Acres and CER for the Pilgrimage ministry.

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817 **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES: John Kubar**
818 We need a lead committee for the Presbytery Educational Hour! Is your committee willing to
819 take the lead?

820 DiscipleFest 2020 went smoothly. Thank you to the workshop leaders! DiscipleFest 2021 will
821 likely be in the Fall and the hope is that there will be two DiscipleFests in 2022, one online and
822 one in-person.

823 Conversation with DWA about a potential storage unit for Presbyterian Pilgrimage continues.
824 Presbytery Partners have begun! This a way for congregations with needs to be put in contact
825 with people or congregations with resources. Let us know your needs so that CER may be able to
826 assist.

827 The Racism Task Force will submit articles for the presbytery newsletter through the CER.

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829 **COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CNCD): A.J. Mealor**
830 CNCD has been working on two primary tasks: 1) To identify where in our presbytery should we
831 begin a new congregation and how should we go about doing it. CNCD has been studying
832 demographic information from MissionInsite, the University of Florida, and others, as well as
833 contacting local officials to help us to discern where to plant a new congregation. At this moment
834 we are zeroing in on two areas, but as we work, the “how” on this may change. 2) CNCD has
835 been in contact with denominational leaders to learn from their past experiences, what has
836 worked well, and what has not, and will continue these conversations in the coming months.
837 Contacts include Bruce Reyes Chow, and Lindsay Armstrong from Greater Atlanta Presbytery.
838 CNC is working through a) new congregational development policies and processes developed
839 by two other presbyteries, b) accountability for accessing funds, so to have guides to offer a
840 person, group, or church feeling led to begin a fresh expression of church in their area.

841 **INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR MICHAEL ASKEW and VICE-MODERATOR**
842 **TRINITY WHITLEY:**

843 Moderator Roseanna Philips led the service of installation and prayer of installation for incoming
844 Moderator Michael Askew and Vice-Moderator Trinity Whitley, who began their terms of
845 service at the conclusion of the meeting.

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847 **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

848 The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 12:55 PM CST/1:55 PM EST by The Rev. Michael
849 Askew.

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851 **NEXT MEETING:** Saturday, May 22, 2021

852 Tuesday, August 3, 2021

853 Saturday, November 6, 2021

854 All meetings at 9AM Central/10AM Eastern. Locations/Zoom TBD.

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856 Minutes respectfully submitted,

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858 Hugh Hamilton,
859 Recording Clerk.

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Roseanna Phillips, Moderator
Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk