

**Minutes of Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting at Dogwood Acres**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met at Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp for its Spring Stated Meeting on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
Session Commissioners	23	18	41
Other Continuing Members (RE committee chairs {4}; RE officers {2}; RE educators {3})	3	6	9
CLP/CRE	2	3	5
Total Ruling Elders	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>55</b>
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>41</b>
Total Present and Absent	47	49	96
Congregations Represented	21	16	37

**MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT PRESENT (19):**

Mark Broadhead, Brad Clayton, *Brant Copeland*, Chris Erde, Margaret Fox, Steve Graves, Hugh Hamilton, *Harvey Jenkins*, Bill Lamont, *Ted Land*, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A.J. Mealor, Emily Proctor, Eric Spoon, Sheldon Steen, Trinity Whitley, *Carol Wood*, Joan Wooten. (italics = *HR*)

**MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ABSENT (17/5):**

**Excused Ministers:** *Michael Askew*, Robert Bohnsack, Mathew Frease, Raymond Guterman, John Kelsay, Sun Kim, Mel Baars O'Malley, Luis Ocasio Torres, Taylor Phillips, Pamela Phillips, Linda Pitts, Robert Quiring, *Greta Reed*, Erin Rosica, Kim Stavenau, John Stringer, Rob Sugg

**Unexcused Ministers:** Casey Aldridge, Tae Ho Cheong, John Cole, Tai Cole, Jordan Goodwin

**RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (23):**

- Blountstown, First** – excused
- ChIPLEY, First** – Tommy Barnes
- Crestview, First** – Tim Crawford
- Defuniak Springs, Euchee Valley** – Tommy Yates
- Defuniak Springs, Bethel** – unexcused
- Defuniak Springs, First** -- Mark Davis
- Destin, First** – unexcused
- Fort Walton Beach, First** – Chris Rollins
- Fort Walton Beach, Korean** - unexcused
- Freeport, Freeport** – unexcused
- Gretna, Gretna** – excused
- Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Sandra Stanley
- Havana, First** – unexcused
- Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Leon Curenton
- Lynn Haven, First** – Rich Kangas

42 **Marianna, First** – Lou Roberts  
43 **Milton, First** – excused  
44 **Monticello, First** - unexcused  
45 **Navarre, Navarre** – unexcused  
46 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – Molly Allen  
47 **Panama City, Grace** – Joyce Bright  
48 **Panama City, Parkway** – Lynn Certaloch  
49 **Panama City, St. Andrews** – unexcused  
50 **Pensacola, First** – Gerry Yandle, unexcused  
51 **Pensacola, Korean** – unexcused  
52 **Pensacola, Northminster** – Greg Seltzer  
53 **Pensacola, Trinity** – excused, unexcused  
54 **Quincy, First** – Alice Malone, Bill Wert  
55 **Red Bay, Red Bay** – Walter Ray  
56 **Sawdust, Woodland** - excused  
57 **Tallahassee, Christ** – Robert Lovins  
58 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Karen Linville, William Wayne McDaniel  
59 **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – Jan Bell  
60 **Tallahassee, First** – Peggy Wright-Cleveland  
61 **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – Denise Pentecost  
62 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** – unexcused  
63 **Wewahitchka, First** – excused

64 **Sessions not represented:**

65 **Excused Churches (6):**

66 First, Blountstown; Gretna; First, Milton; Trinity, Pensacola; Woodland, Sawdust; First, Wewahitchka

67 **Unexcused Churches (12):**

68 Bethel, DeFuniak Springs; Destin, First; Korean First, Fort Walton Beach; Freeport; First, Havana;  
69 First, Monticello; Navarre; St. Andrews, Panama City; First, Pensacola (1 commissioner); Korean  
70 Community, Pensacola; Trinity, Pensacola (1 commissioner); Trinity United, Tallahassee

71 **CONTINUING MEMBERS:**

72 **CLPs present (2):**

73 Joanne Kublik, Greg Seltzer

74 **CLPs absent (3):**

75 Tonya Fernandes; Alan House (excused); Larry Plank (excused)

76 **Christian Educators with voice and vote present (0):**

77 **Christian Educators with voice present (1):** Christy Williams

78 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Willis – Administrator; Ben Powell – Dogwood Acres Director

79 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Vicki Bell – Presbyterian Women; Jeannie Dixon – Stated Clerk (RE); Don  
80 Mowat (RE) – Vice Moderator; Leslie Yandle (RE) - Committee on Nominations

81 **Visitors:** Richard Thalacker, First Crestview; Pat Thalacker, First Crestview; Jim Gaylord, First  
82 Crestview; Celia Broadhead, First Crestview; Jon-Mark McKinley, Gretna; Carolyn ward, First

83 Crestview; James Ward, First Crestview; Mel McLure Lundgren, First Marianna; Kathy Roberts, First  
84 Marianna; Linda Lovins, Christ, Tallahassee; Chris Allen, Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach.

85 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Lorne Bostwick

86 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

87 Vice-Moderator Don Mowat called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT. A quorum  
88 (ten Ministers of Word and Sacrament and ten elders, representing at least ten member congregations)  
89 was present, and General Presbyter Roy Martin opened the meeting with prayer. Presbytery approved  
90 the docket as presented by Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon. Moderator Trinity Whitley then assumed  
91 leadership of the meeting.

92 **A POETIC WELCOME:** Mark Broadhead and Jo Kublik welcomed the presbytery to Dogwood  
93 Acres with humorous poems, assisted by Elders from First, Crestview & Laurel Hill churches. With  
94 good-natured ribbing about their poetic skills, or lack thereof, and happy announcements, our hosts set  
95 the tone for an upbeat and engaging meeting.

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

98 **MORNING WORSHIP** led by Teaching Elder Lisa Martin, assisted by Teaching Elders Harvey  
99 Jenkins, Ted Land, Carol Wood, and Trinity Whitley. Using old-time gospel hymns and contemporary  
100 tunes, the team led us through liturgy, hymns, confessions, and creed focused on the “rekindling” of our  
101 spirits, that we may be open to the surprising, sustaining, work of the Holy Spirit that opens us to  
102 potential and possibilities.

103 The worship and Lisa Martin’s sermon, “Rekindle,” focused on 2 Timothy 1:1-14, the Apostle Paul’s  
104 encouragement of young pastor Timothy to both cherish the faith from his forebearers grandmother  
105 Lois and mother Eunice, and to pass on the spark of the gospel to the next generation. Using the image  
106 of old Burma Shave advertising signs posted along highways, Lisa Martin had volunteers posted around  
107 the room who held up signs spelling out the message, “Rekindle...the...flame...fan...the...flames.”  
108 Learn new ways, do the old familiar in new ways.

109 Reviewing the challenges that have taken a toll on our congregations in the two years: COVID  
110 pandemic, social isolation, losing members to deaths, to other churches, our battles over masks vs no-  
111 masks, people drifting away from the church due to disillusion or apathy, and being slow to return to  
112 the church, Lisa Martin advised to be patient but persistent, to preach the gospel, to keep our eyes open  
113 to God’s surprising, sustaining work.

114 We commissioned Ruling Elders to their work with congregations: Jo Kublik – Red Bay, and Greg  
115 Seltzer –Northminster, Pensacola, and then commissioned our Commissioners to 225<sup>th</sup> General  
116 Assembly: Brad Clayton, TE, Faith, Tallahassee; Jeannie Dixon, RE, Fellowship, Tallahassee; and  
117 Ryan Obray, Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD), Trinity, Pensacola.

118 **MINISTRY REPORTS**

119 **REPORT OF SYNOD MEETING: Commissioner Brad Clayton**

120 Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive, is retiring October 2022. Board of Pensions funds are doing well;  
121 they expect a good experience apportionment this year, but health care costs are increasing. Will this  
122 mean an increase in participation dues? The Presbyterian Foundation has free stewardship campaign  
123 materials available for the asking on their website. Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA) is changing  
124 how they raise funds for missionary support: it will now go into one pot, not designated giving for  
125 individual and specific missionaries.

126 **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORTS: Northminster Presbyterian Church, Pensacola**

127 On June 16, the Presbytery of Florida appointed an administrative commission with original jurisdiction  
128 to assist Northminster Presbyterian Church in their transition to the next phase of their ministry. With  
129 the church now engaged in a revitalization process through the Committee on Congregational  
130 Revitalization (CCR), and with the commissioning of Greg Seltzer as their Commissioned Ruling Elder  
131 (CRE), the Commission's work is now complete. Therefore, the Administrative Commission moved  
132 and presbytery approved that: 1) This report be accepted; and 2) that the Commission be dissolved.

133 **STAFF REPORTS:**

134 **REPORT FROM STATED CLERK: Jeannie Dixon**

135 **ID Cards:** Minister ID cards were sent out March 4. If you did not receive one, please let me know.

136 **Annual Statistics:** All congregations submitted information for 2021.

137 **Commissioners to Presbytery for 2022:** Article III of the By-Laws of the Presbytery of Florida  
138 provide for one ruling elder commissioner from each congregation. Churches with membership above  
139 500 are entitled to additional commissioners.

140 Our number of congregations is currently at 37. We have 3 congregations with membership between  
141 501-1000 who are entitled to two ruling elder commissioners:

142 Pensacola, Trinity;

143 Quincy, First;

144 Tallahassee, Faith

145 This will provide for 40 ruling elder commissioners.

146 Article III further states:

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

152 The ruling elders for 2022 service that would be included in this count are Jean Norman, Denise  
153 Vandiver (treasurer), Jeannie Dixon (Stated Clerk), Glenn Hodges, Leslie Yandle. There are 3  
154 Commissioned Ruling Elders serving congregations.

155 That gives a total of 48 ruling elders.

156 The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to have  
157 voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also ruling elders, or  
158 Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience  
159 and also ruling elder)

160 Jeannie Dixon – Tallahassee (CCE and RE)

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

162 Sarah Middleton Uslan – First, Pensacola (5+ years and RE)

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

164 That gives an additional 3 RE (excluding Jeannie Dixon who is also Stated Clerk) for a total of 51  
165 ruling elders.

166 The number of ministers of Word and Sacrament is 28 plus 9 ministers serving at-large. There are 41  
167 retired ministers of Word and Sacrament; 23 are active (either serving on a committee, on the pulpit  
168 supply list, or serving a congregation).

169 This results in 60 ministers of Word and Sacrament; there is no imbalance of ministers of Word and  
170 Sacrament to ruling elders.

### 171 **Annual Necrology Reminder**

172 To facilitate the submission of names for the annual Necrology report, an online form has been created.  
173 Information may be submitted throughout the year. Please go to the form <http://bit.ly/pofnecro> to  
174 complete the information. A reminder will be sent in October. The receipt of the information via email  
175 in October will be requested for those not submitting via the form.

### 176 **Meetings/Activities**

177 I attended the Synod Presbytery Leader Forum at Epworth-by-the-sea. It was good to be with my  
178 colleagues from the Synod. We were told to “save the date” for the Association of Small Congregation  
179 gathering at Epworth on March 2-5, 2023.

180 I attended the March COM meeting and the March Presbytery staff meeting. I completed all first of the  
181 year record activities for GA.

182 I attended a Synod GA Commissioner meet and greet on Zoom.

### 183 **Membership as of December 31, 2021**

#### 184 **Rolls as of December 31, 2021 (please submit corrections in writing to the Stated Clerk)**

#### 185 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members of the Florida Presbytery engaged** 186 **in a validated ministry (G-2.0503a):**

187 Rob Bohnsack, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Samuel Bradley Clayton, John Cole, Chris Erde,  
188 Margaret Fox, Mathew Frease, Stephen Graves, Hugh Hamilton, John Kelsay, Sun Ick Kim, William  
189 Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A.J. Mealor, Luis Ocasio, Mary Ellison O’Malley, Taylor Phillips,  
190 Linda Pitts, Emily Rose Proctor, Robert Quiring, Erin Rosica, Leo Sandon, Steven Schaick, William  
191 Eric Spoon, Sheldon Steen, Trinity Joy Whitley. (28)

#### 192 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members-at-large of the Florida Presbytery** 193 **62 (G-2.0503b):**

194 Casey James Aldridge, Jae Wan Chung, Tai Cole, Jordan Maire Goodwin, Raymond Guterman, Pamela  
195 King-Phillips, John Mark Stringer, Robert Sugg, Joan Wooten. (9)

#### 196 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are honorably retired members of the Florida** 197 **Presbytery (G-2.0503c):**

198 Barry Arnold, *Michael Askew*, Glenn Bass, *Frank Beall*, *Bill Bess*, Don Brown, *Lewis Bullard*, Ted  
199 Chumley, Joseph Chung, *Brant Copeland*, Terry Dyer, Jonas Georges, *Gene Harris*, Kathleen  
200 Hodgson, *Harry Horne*, *James Huffaker*, Owen Ireland, *Harvey Jenkins*, Fred Keith, *Kenneth Kelley*,  
201 *Ted Land*, Charles Lapp, *Bill Lee*, *Ruth Mashewske*, Dan Mitchell, *Lindsay Moffett*, Charles K. Moore,  
202 Durl Odom, Clarence Payne, Luther Price, *Margaret Reed*, Albert Reese, *Steve Rhodes*, *James Rollins*,  
203 *Sharon Schuler*, *Morris Springer*, *James Stansbury*, *Mary Vance*, *Kerry Westerwick*, *Carol Wood*, Ezra  
204 Yune. (41; 23 actively participating)

#### 205 **The following are ministers from other Christian traditions who have been enrolled as members** 206 **of the Florida Presbytery: (none)**

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

208 Tonya Fernandes – Navarre

209 Alan House – Gretna/Woodland

210 Larry Plank - Navarre

211 **Annual Report on Christian Educators as of December 31, 2021**  
212 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**  
213 **have voice at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators or Christian Educators who**  
214 **have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience)**  
215 Christy Williams – First, Tallahassee (CCE)  
216 Laurice Andrews – First Presbyterian, DeFuniak Springs (5+ years)  
217 Jason Williams – Grace Presbyterian, Panama City (5+ years)

218 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**  
219 **89 have voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also ruling**  
220 **elders, or Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian**  
221 **Education experience and also ruling elder)**  
222 Jeannie Dixon – Fellowship, Tallahassee (CCE and RE)  
223 Carol Deloach – Christ, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)

224 **The following Christian Educators are currently employed by churches within the bounds of the**  
225 **Florida Presbytery:**  
226 Lisa Wilder – First, Quincy (5+ years and RE)  
227 Lauren Christian – Gulf Breeze  
228 Sarah Middleton Uslan – First, Pensacola

229 **REPORT FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER: Roy Martin**  
230 To-date in 2022 Roy Martin has worshipped with one-half of the congregations of the presbytery and  
231 preached at several of them. He is currently staff support to all eleven presbytery committees. He is  
232 working with the Nominations Committee to meet the critical needs and to fill the openings on our  
233 committees.

234 **REPORT FROM DOGWOOD ACRES: Ben Powell**  
235 Ben Powell introduced Eric Hearn, new Program Director at Dogwood Acres. Eric Hearn shared his  
236 history with Methodist church camps and conferences in Georgia and North Carolina. He needs  
237 invitations to speak at our churches, and he requests camp sponsorships for children from our churches  
238 and communities to attend DWA.  
239 Summer camp: Normally, 20+ campers attend, but after three years of Covid challenges and other  
240 matters, DWA now has less than one-half normal registrations, and they need summer staffers.  
241 Construction of a new climate-controlled storage building beside the Koinonia Building has begun.  
242 Funding is provided by church and private donations and the proceeds from the sale of the Pace church  
243 property.  
244 Church Retreats at DWA are on the rise: the most since 2017. Non-Presbyterian groups are now  
245 booking DWA for spiritual retreat weekends: Emmaus Walk and Cursillo groups and a new Hispanic  
246 church retreat.

247 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**  
248 **COORDINATING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC): Roy Martin, Reporting**  
249 Upon the CPC recommendation, presbytery approved Yong Woon Shim, elder, Korean 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian  
250 Church of Fort Walton Beach, to the Committee on Representation, Class of 2022-2023.

251 **COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND OUTREACH: Hugh Hamilton**  
252 The presbytery meeting packet contained an update from the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance  
253 Network (FLAPDAN).

254 **Resourcing Congregations for Mission**

255 CMO shared a PDF listing of Mission Liaisons from congregations who responded to our request for  
256 news on your congregations' mission endeavors. CMO requested that all congregations appoint a  
257 Missions Liaison to the CMO through whom the CMO may share mission endeavor highlights. CMO  
258 also sought Presbyterian Women contact persons with whom the CMO may share information about  
259 our emerging mission partnership with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala.  
260 CMO plans plan to feature congregational stories of service/mission endeavors at presbytery meetings  
261 to inspire congregations in service and partnerships between congregations sharing similar interests.

262 **Presbytery International Mission Partnership with Guatemala**

263 CMO members, General Presbyter Roy Martin, Presbyterian Mission Agency liaison Elian Menezes,  
264 Moderator Presbyterian Women of Guatemala, and officials of the General Assembly of the  
265 Presbyterian Church of Guatemala, shared a recent Zoom call discussion of our emerging partnership  
266 with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala. We are close to a written partnership agreement for  
267 presbytery's review, revisions, and recommendations.  
268 CMO member Becky Rose who did major work on this mission project proposal has had to retire from  
269 CMO due to family obligations, and CMO is seeking new members on CMO with familiarity and/or  
270 passion for missions in Guatemala.

271 **FLAPDAN:** Tim Crawford. Our Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) Board  
272 of Directors members Ed Nickinson (Pensacola-Trinity, George Woodward (Quincy-First), and Tim  
273 Crawford (Crestview-First) are fully participating in FLAPDAN and of the presbyteries in Florida, ours  
274 is now the most represented. Synod of the Sun (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Oklahoma) has  
275 established a disaster response and assistance program based on FLAPDAN. An all-day, in-person  
276 planning meeting is scheduled in June at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, FL . FLAPDAN  
277 Board is working on \$1.5M funding grants from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) for Florida  
278 Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRG) for continued recovery efforts from Hurricanes Irma, Michael,  
279 and Sally. The Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance received \$1M to help complete the first wave of  
280 affordable family rental housing units and significant funding for a second phase, to assist migrant  
281 agriculture workers displaced from housing by Hurricane Irma and unable to afford the high rent priced  
282 substandard housing left after Irma. Financial support came from PDA, Peace River Presbytery,  
283 churches, individuals, and groups.

284 **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP): Steve Graves.** The CMO fully supports the  
285 presbytery's desire to help meet the needs of our communities with timely, effective, and direct aid to  
286 our communities. We have explored the challenges of present-day SDOP operations, requirements, and  
287 reduced SDOP funding. We have tried to glean the essentials from SDOP national staffers and have  
288 created draft proposals of grant requests and guidelines for grants that may be funded from our own  
289 presbytery funds that may offer greater flexibility and expedience to groups within our presbytery  
290 seeking to meet needs in their communities, and which will allow our groups to be nimbler. We hope  
291 to propose at August 2022 presbytery our grant guidelines and applications. CMO again asked for  
292 persons interested in this initiative to volunteer to assume leadership and application of this program.

293 **REMINDERS OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS:** CMO reminded presbytery of the guidelines  
294 and applications for grants from our Presbytery of Florida Peacemaking Fund, Two-Cents a Meal  
295 Hunger Fund, and our Emergency Disaster Relief Fund on our presbytery website:  
296 <http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbyterycommittees/mission-outreach>.

297 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION/UPDATES**

298 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Joan Wooten**

299 **For information:**

300 At its meetings of March 8 and May 10, 2022, the Committee on Ministry received the following items  
301 for information:

- 302 1. Report of Rev. Ted Land (HR) regarding his service with Chipley-First.
- 303 2. Request from Rev. Michael Smith (Anglican) regarding service either as a Commissioned Ruling  
304 Elder or as a minister from another denomination.
- 305 3. Report of Rev. Kim Stavenau regarding her service with Panama City-Parkway.
- 306 4. Ordination examination of Lauren Scott on May 17, 2022 by the COM of St. Augustine Presbytery.

307 The Committee on Ministry approved the following items:

- 308 1. Dismissal of Rev. Steven Schaick to Presbytery of New Hope.
  - 309 2. Additional Associate Pastor position for Tallahassee-Faith.
  - 310 3. Associate Pastor MIF for Tallahassee-Faith.
  - 311 4. Revised MIF for Marianna-First.
  - 312 5. Terms of Call for Rev. Matt Frease (UKirk Tallahassee), Rev. Sheldon Steen (Tallahassee, Christ),  
313 and Rev. Robert Quiring (Pensacola-First).
  - 314 6. Rev. Mark Broadhead to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery to serve as Moderator of the  
315 Session of Andalusia-First (Presbytery of South Alabama).
  - 316 7. Temporary Supply Contract for Rev. Ted Land (Chipley-First)
  - 317 8. Elder Deborah Potter for inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List.
  - 318 9. Elder Gregory Seltzer as Commissioned Ruling Elder for Pensacola, Northminster.
  - 319 10. CLP Contract for Elder Gregory Seltzer (Pensacola, Northminster).
  - 320 11. Extension of CLP Contract for Elder Jo Kublik (Red Bay).
- 321 Committee members were presented with the Code of Ethics for signature.  
322 The Committee reviewed the status of our congregations within the Presbytery and the work of the sub-  
323 teams (Pastoral Transition, Relational Ministry, and Temporary Pastoral Leadership).

#### 324 **COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CN): Leslie Yandle**

325 Currently there are no nominees for committee vacancies.

326 Vacancies include:

327 Committee on Ministry. 2 Vacancies for class of 2024/2025: 1 male west, Minister or Elder and 1  
328 male or female west or central, Elder

329 Committee on Educational Resources. 2 vacancies: 1, male, class of 2022/2023, Minister or Elder,  
330 central, 1 male or female, west, class of 2023/2024

331 Committee on Mission and Outreach. 2 vacancies: 1 female, Minister or Elder, central, class of 20  
332 2022/2033, and 1 female, west, Minister or Elder class of 2023/2024.

333 Committee on Congregational Revitalization. 1 vacancy: male or female from the east, elder

334 Committee on Presbytery Administration. 3 vacancies: 1 female, west or central, elder, class of 23  
335 2023/2024, 2 females, west, elder, class of 2024/2025.

336 The Committee on Dogwood Acres is in process of clarifying their structure and membership needs.

337 The committee expressed thanks to member Ruth Bedell for the articles she has been submitting to the  
338 Presbytery spotlighting the work of one on the Presbytery committees every month. The article  
339 regarding Committee on Representation was very informative.

#### 340 **COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION (CPA): Brad Clayton**

341 **For information:**

- 342 • Presbytery has received 25% of our shared support pledges for 2022. Several churches have paid their  
343 entire pledge, several churches are behind in shared support. Treasurer will send a statement of giving  
344 to update all churches soon.
- 345 • Reserves: While last year provided tremendous growth in our reserve investments, the first quarter of



346 2022 has seen a 7-8% decrease. We will continue to monitor this and consider making changes to our  
347 investments if needed.

348 • The Committee on Congregational Revitalization believes a maximum of \$650,000 will be sufficient  
349 for the committee to operate using the reserve fund. Anything above this amount should be used to  
350 meet other presbytery needs.

351 • CPA continues to explore the option of building a new office on the Dogwood Acres property.  
352 Conceptual drawings have been received from an architecture firm, are CPC now awaits detailed design  
353 drawings.

354 **For action:**

355 Upon recommendation of CPA, the presbytery approved a change to the financial policy as follows:

356 POLICY REGARDING USE OF FUNDS RECEIVED FROM THE SALE OF PROPERTIES  
357 AND OTHER MONIES PLACED IN THE RESERVE FUND

358 From time to time, the Presbytery of Florida may come into possession of unbudgeted and undesignated  
359 money. Sources of such money include but are not limited to the net proceeds from the sale of property held  
360 in trust by member congregations of the presbytery, unspent budgeted income, and undesignated gifts, and are  
361 immediately put into the presbytery's Reserve Fund.

362 This policy is set to determine how such funds are to be managed by the presbytery through its Committee on  
363 Presbytery Administration.

364 A Biblical and Theological Rationale

365 There are two rudimentary Biblical principles that guide our use of money. Both come from Jesus although  
366 they are implicit throughout Scripture. The first is that earthly wealth as we know it, is essentially illusory and  
367 passing if not used for God's plan and purpose. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth" Jesus tells  
368 us, "where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal." (Matthew 6:19) We are never to  
369 accumulate wealth for wealth's sake.

370 The second is that believers are encouraged to take whatever worldly wealth they do have and understand it as  
371 something with which they are entrusted. While wealth is essentially transitory, it is also something given to us  
372 from God to invest wisely, multiply and, ultimately, glorify the same One who is the Giver of all good things.  
373 (James 1:17) Jesus' teachings in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and the parable of the shrewd  
374 manager (Luke 16:1-3) empower us to do this.

375 As stated in the Confession of 1967, we know that "God instructs his church and equips it for mission. When  
376 carried on in fidelity to the Scriptures and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, people hear the word of God and  
377 accept and follow Christ."

378 Fund Investment

379 On behalf of the Presbytery of Florida, the Committee on Presbytery Administration shall establish an invested  
380 corpus, the earnings of which shall be reinvested. The principle shall be made available as grants to  
381 congregations and presbytery programs who propose to support congregational and/or presbytery  
382 development, redevelopment, and/or transformation. Additionally, the equivalent of up to one half of any  
383 year's budget shall be held in reserve for emergency budgetary use and/or to zero-balance the current year's  
384 budget before closing the books for that year.

385 Definition of Net Proceeds From Property Sales

386 Net proceeds are any monies remaining from the sale of any real estate and other property held in trust for the

387 PCUSA which has been closed after (a) all financial obligations of the congregation have been paid; (b) the  
388 presbytery has been reimbursed for any funds disbursed on behalf of the congregation during or after the  
389 dissolution process; and (c) a tithe (10%) of net unrestricted assets has been distributed to Presbyterian causes  
390 and institutions that have been meaningful to the life of the congregation and/or local ecumenical and  
391 benevolent causes that have been meaningful to the life of the congregation. Any net proceeds shall be placed  
392 in the Reserve Fund.

393 In the event that property is leased with an option to purchase, net proceeds will become available when the  
394 purchase is consummated. Income from such leases will be used to offset expenses related to maintaining the  
395 property. Any remaining income from such leases shall be added to the Reserve Fund.

#### 396 Definition of Unspent Budgeted Income

397 The books for any year's presbytery budget shall be closed no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Any  
398 income remaining from the presbytery budget after all expenses have been paid for that calendar year shall be  
399 placed in the Reserve Fund.

#### 400 Definition of Undesignated Gifts

401 An undesignated gift can come in several forms: money, real estate, and other property. It can  
402 come from someone living or from a Will after someone's death. Any undesignated money shall be placed in  
403 the reserve Fund. Any real estate or other property shall be sold as soon as possible and monies from those  
404 sales shall be placed in the Reserve Fund.

#### 405 Definition of Other Unbudgeted Income

406 Should there be any other kinds of income not related to the annual budget or other existing  
407 presbytery funds, that income shall be placed in the Reserve Fund.

#### 408 Division of Income from the Reserve Fund

409 After the equivalent of one half of the current year's budget is set aside, **the remainder of the**  
410 **monies shall be distributed as follows:**  
411 10% of the remainder shall be set aside for special, unbudgeted presbytery projects defined by that policy, 50%  
412 shall be assigned to the Committee on Congregational Revitalization to be used as defined by their policy for  
413 such funds. **If the balance of this distribution exceeds \$650,000, the excess will remain in the reserve fund and**  
414 **be distributed at the discretion of the Committee on Presbytery Administration,** 40% shall be assigned to the  
415 Committee on New Congregational Development to be used as defined by their policy. Any growth in the  
416 Reserve Fund shall be distributed pro rata.

#### 417 UNBUDGETED PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

418 Ordinarily, each committee or presbytery will have submitted budget a request for the next  
419 budgetary year to include monies needed for doing the committee's work. But, on occasion, a new  
420 programmatic idea may arise after the annual budget has been set that a committee would like to pursue.

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422 A portion of the Presbytery Reserve Fund has been set aside to provide financial support when such occasions  
423 arise.

#### 424 **Project Application Schedule**

425 Proposals may be submitted for review at any time during the current budgetary cycle to the presbytery office.

426 The Committee on Presbytery Administration shall review the application at its next scheduled meeting.  
427 Responses shall be made within 90 days of the request.

#### 428 Project Application Form

429 The application form is found on the Florida Presbytery website or a copy may be picked up or emailed upon  
430 request.

#### 431 Amounts Available

432 All requested amounts will be considered but not guaranteed. Several factors including the total amount of  
433 available funds and the projected need for those funds will determine amounts to be approved.

#### 434 Criteria to be Considered in Approving Funds

- 435 • Does the proposal start something completely new, alter or expand a current activity?
- 436 • Is the vision clear and the overall rationale compelling?
- 437 • Are the goals and objectives for this proposal well-articulated?
- 438 • Is the dollar amount requested well-rationalized?
- 439 • Does the proposal demonstrate multiple sources of financial support and a plan to develop the project  
440 toward sustainability?
- 441 • Does the proposal have the approval of the presbytery committee involved?
- 442 • Does the presbytery entity exhibit readiness and ability to accomplish its intentions? Do those involved  
443 demonstrate wholehearted ownership of the project?
- 444 • Does the development of this proposal show evidence of God's leading and guiding the proposers through  
445 discernment?
- 446 • Does the proposal contain evaluation criteria that measure the anticipated results?

### 447 UNBUDGETED PROJECT APPLICATION

448 PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
449 Requesting Committee: \_\_\_\_\_  
450 Contact person(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- 451 ■ Summary of the project (one paragraph) Amount requested \_\_\_\_\_
- 452 ■ Which of the 6 Project Objectives (see below) does this Project address? How? Include all that apply.
- 453 ■ What is the timeline for the project?
- 454 ■ What are the expected outcomes? How will you measure if the project accomplished its goals?
- 455 ■ Describe the contributions to the project other than the grant: (money, time, talents, etc.). As part  
456 of this step please provide a proposed current income and expense budget for the project. How will  
457 this be funded in the future?
- 458 ■ How will this project build discipleship?
- 459 ■ How will this unbudgeted financial support from presbytery enable our presbytery's effort to grow  
460 in being a community of faith, hope, love, and witness?
- 461 ■ How will this financial support enable our presbytery to grow in vitality and faithfulness service?
- 462 ■ Who (individual(s) or team(s)) will be championing this project?

#### 463 PROJECT OBJECTIVES

464 1. To invite the members and congregations of Florida Presbytery to dream new dreams, imagine new  
465 ways, and begin new initiatives that lead to the development, redevelopment and renewal of

- 466 congregational life, ministry and outreach. (Joel 2:28-29)  
467 2. To encourage innovative attempts to develop and expand hands-on ministries that serve the  
468 people of our local communities in Christ-like ways. (Ephesians 4)  
469 3. To encourage members and congregations to become more involved in the wholeness and  
470 wellbeing (Shalom) of their communities (Jeremiah 29:7)  
471 4. To seek to make disciples across all economic, racial, and ethnic boundaries. (Galatians 3:20)  
472 5. To foster innovation in Florida Presbytery mission and outreach. (Acts 2:46-47)  
473 6. To encourage congregations and Presbytery entities to rethink their ministries for the 21st  
474 century. (Romans 12:1-2, Acts 9:31)

475 **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (CER): Esther Moring**

476 **For information:**

477 CER is missing 2 members to balance representation of all regions to complete the team. We are  
478 especially seeking members from the Central district. Please contact the Presbytery Nominating  
479 Committee with names of possible candidates.

480 Disciplefest March 12, 2022 at Dogwood Acres had to be postponed due to low in-person registration  
481 numbers following a Covid peak. The new Disciplefest date is Saturday, September 17, 2022.

482 CER members have contributed articles of encouragement to the Pelican during the year, especially  
483 speaking to methods of coping, and elevating hope and wisdom in churches during the Covid pandemic.

484 The CER also oversees the education-related funds of the presbytery, which include the UKirk ministry  
485 on the FSU campus and the upcoming Disciplefest. All in good shape.

486 **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM): Sheldon Steen**

487 **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (CR): Glenn Hodges**

488 The CR is planning an educational workshop at the October 25, 2022, Presbytery meeting to inform  
489 members of the Presbytery about the importance of achieving, accomplishing, realizing, endorsing, and  
490 preserving the commitment of the Florida Presbytery to inclusiveness in their congregations.

491 The CR will present workshops at Trinity Presbyterian (Tallahassee) on May 8, 2022, and the Korean  
492 First Presbyterian Church during Fall 2022.

493 Since the departure of Tae Ho Cheong, the CR hope to add a new member.

494 The committee compiled 2022 congregational census data on gender and race/ethnicity: report was in  
495 presbytery packet and is available from the presbytery office.

496 **CER: EDUCATIONAL HOUR: THE OPIOD EPIDEMIC**

497 **Topic:** *Working with individuals and families that experience Opioid Misuse*  
498 *within faith communities*

499 **Presenter:** *Dr. Jacquelyn McMillan, PhD, MSW, LCSW*  
500 *Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Florida A&M University*

501 Dr. McMillan focuses on therapeutic interventions for children and adults with  
502 mental health issues; research on enhanced scale development to assess  
503 emotional and behavioral tendencies in children and adolescents; and student  
504 social work research development and dissemination. Dr. McMillan has over 25  
505 years of experience working with youth, adolescents, and young adults. She is a  
506 member of the Florida Higher Education Substance Use Consortium.

507 Legislative Chair, NASW-FL, Big Bend Chapter  
508 Member-Diversity Committee: Race & Social Justice Task Force,



509 NASW-FL  
510 Mental Health & Domestic Violence Coordinator, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
511 Beta Alpha Iota Zeta Chapter (Wakulla County)  
512 FaithNet Bridges of Hope Community Facilitator  
513 National Alliance on Mental Illness - Tallahassee Chapter  
514 *Contact Information for Dr. McMillan* Google Voice & Messaging: 850-706-0197  
515 [jacquelyn.mcmillan@famuc.edu](mailto:jacquelyn.mcmillan@famuc.edu)

516 The presbytery learned about the impact of opioid misuse, the stereotype of substance misuse, and  
517 cultural and economic barriers that impact individuals and their families that are experiencing substance  
518 misuse. Dr. McMillan addressed strategies within their specific setting on harm reduction, why words  
519 matter, and strategies that can be implemented to decrease the negative impact of Opioid Use Disorder  
520 and other substance use disorders. The presentation, breakout session, and small group discussions  
521 explored evidence-based and culturally appropriate strategies to reduce stigma and discrimination when  
522 developing overdose prevention strategies in the community and congregation.

523 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

524 The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:17 PM CDT/2:17 PM EDT by The Rev. Trinity Whitley

525 NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday, August 23, 2022, Grace, Panama City  
526 Tuesday, October 25, 2022, First, Quincy  
527 Both meetings at 9AM Central/10AM Eastern.

528 Minutes respectfully submitted,

529 Hugh Hamilton,  
530 Recording Clerk

531 Trinity Whitley, Moderator  
532 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk

533 Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk