

Reports to the

Presbytery of Florida Spring Stated Meeting

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 • 9 a.m. CDT / 10 a.m. EDT
@ Dogwood Acres Retreat Center & Summer Camp**

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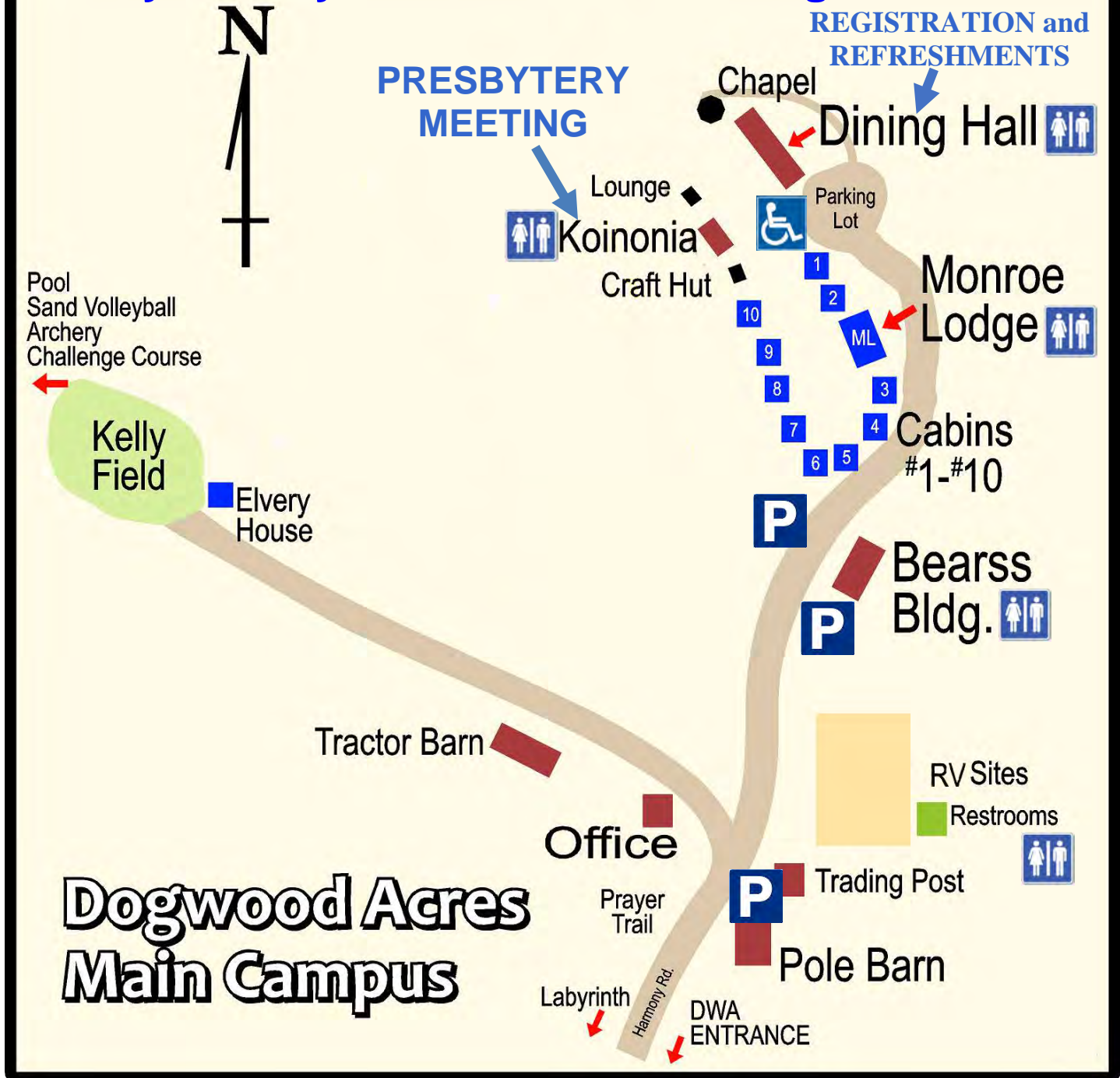
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Attention, please!

- To help ensure accurate recording in the meeting minutes of the meeting attendance, elder commissioners should submit a completed **commissioner certification form** at meeting registration naming him/her as commissioner for the church, signed by the session moderator *or* clerk (both signatures are not necessary). This form is available along with other meeting materials at <http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbytery-meetings/meeting-dockets-documents/>
- Non-retired ministers who are unable to attend the meeting or sessions for whom an elder commissioner is not available for the meeting should submit a **request to be excused** by the stated clerk by calling (850)535-2335 or emailing statedclerk@presbyteryofflorida.com.
- **Parking** designated for disabled/mobility-impaired meeting participants will be available beside the Dining Hall. Other parking will be available near the Pole Barn and along Harmony Road.
- **Lunch menu:** BBQ, mac-n-cheese, cole slaw, dessert/Vegetarian option: Black bean burger – \$10 per person

Find your way around at the meeting:



Where can I find?

Parking: Designated Disabled spots by the Dining Hall, others park by the Bears Building and Pole Barn

Registration and refreshments: The Dining Hall

The meeting: Koinonia Building

Lunch: The Dining Hall

Restrooms: RV sites, Bears Building, Koinonia Building, Dining Hall (NE side)

DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA
May 20, 2023 – 9:00 a.m. CDT/10:00 a.m. EDT
at Dogwood Acres, co-hosted by Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church

That which will support the ministries of our churches

(Please note: Times listed are CDT)

8:00 Registration

9:00 Spring Meeting Convenes
· Declaration of a Quorum Jeannie Dixon
· Adoption of docket Jeannie Dixon
· Introductions Don Mowat
 First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors
· Welcome from hosts Christy Williams, Rev. Michael Askew

WORSHIP

9:15 Morning Worship

EDUCATIONAL TIME

10:15 Four concurrent 10-minute sessions, rotating through each
 1) Tim Crawford – FLAPDAN (Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network)
 2) Matt Frease – UKirk Tallahassee
 3) Christy Williams – Committee on Dogwood Acres
 4) Walking as Meditation – Kay Lachat

Staff Reports

11:15 Report from Stated Clerk – Jeannie Dixon (*p. 15 + Handout/Attachment A and B*)
11:20 Report from Interim Dogwood Acres Director – Christy Williams (*p. 16 – 17*)
11:25 Report from Treasurer – Denise Vandiver (*Handout/Attachment C*)
11:30 Report from General Presbyter – Roy Martin, Jr.

SPECIAL REPORTS

11:35 Strategic Planning Taskforce
 Committee and Commission reports
11:40 Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC) (*p. 18*)
11:45 Committee reports for action
 Bill and Overtures (*p. 19*)

ORDER OF THE DAY

12:00 Lunch
12:45 Committee reports for action (continued)
 Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD) (10 minutes) (*p. 20 + Handout/Attachment D*)
 Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) (5 minutes) (*pp. 21 – 23*)
 Committee on Ministry (COM) (10 minutes) (*pp. 24 – 26*)
 Committee on Nominations (CN) (5 minutes) (*Supplemental*)
 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) (5 minutes)
 Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA) (5 minutes) (*Supplemental*)
1:25 Committee/partner reports for information
 Committee on Educational Resources (CER) (*p. 27*)
 Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA) (*p. 28*)
 Committee on New Congregational Development (CNCD)
 Committee on Representation (CR) (*pp. 29 – 30*)
 Presbyterian Women (*p. 31*)

Adjournment and Closing Prayer (anticipated around 1:30 CDT)

Next Meetings (both at 9:00 Central/10 Eastern):

 August 22 Trinity, Pensacola
 October 24 First, Lynn Haven

Minutes of Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting
First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, FL
 February 28, 2023

The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met at First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, FL, for a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2023.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
- Session Commissioners	26	13	39
- Other Continuing Members (RE committee chairs {4}; RE officers {2}; RE educators {1})	4	4	8
- CLP/CRE	2	3	5
Total Ruling Elders	32	20	52
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	29	15	44
Total Present and Absent	61	35	96
Congregations Represented	23	14	37

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT PRESENT (29):

Anne Apple, *Michael Askew*, Mark Broadhead, Brad Clayton, *Brant Copeland*, Chris Erde, Mathew Frease, Stephen Graves, Raymond Guterman, Hugh Hamilton, *Gene Harris*, Harvey Jenkins, *Kenneth Kelley*, *Ted Land*, William Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A.J. Mealor, Taylor Phillips, Linda Pitts, Emily Proctor, Erin Rosica, Erin Rugh, Eric Spoon, *John Stringer*, *Mary Vance*, Trinity Whitley, *Carol Wood*, Joan Wooten (italics = HR)

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ABSENT (4/11):

Excused Ministers: John Kelsay, Robert Quiring, Rob Sugg, Sheldon Steen.

Unexcused Ministers: Casey Aldridge, Robert Bohnsack, Tae Ho Cheong, John Cole, Tai Cole, Jordan Goodwin, Sun Kim, Luis Ocasio Torres, Mel Baars O'Malley, Pamela Phillip, Kim Stavenau.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (26)

Blountstown, First – unexcused
Chipley, First – Cheryl McCall
Crestview, First – Tim Crawford
Defuniak Springs, Bethel – unexcused
Defuniak Springs, Euchee Valley – Tommy Yates
Defuniak Springs, First – Hilda Jackson
Destin, First – excused
Fort Walton Beach, First – Sue Pedersen
Fort Walton Beach, Korean- unexcused
Freeport, Freeport – unexcused
Gretna, Gretna – Michael Clerk
Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze – Sandra Stanley
Havana, First – unexcused
Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill – Leon Curenton
Lynn Haven, First – Ann Fyfe
Marianna, First – D. Scott Yant

- 45 **Milton, First** – Ann Smith
- 46 **Monticello, First** – Karen Weaver
- 47 **Navarre, Navarre** – **unexcused**
- 48 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – **unexcused**
- 49 **Panama City, Grace** – Jamie Williams
- 50 **Panama City, Parkway** – Al Borovich
- 51 **Panama City, St. Andrews** – **unexcused**
- 52 **Pensacola, First** – Mark Easterlin
- 53 **Pensacola, Korean** – **unexcused**
- 54 **Pensacola, Northminster** – Pam Nulty
- 55 **Pensacola, Trinity** – John Baehr, Ryan Obray
- 56 **Quincy, First** – Francis McCall, Alex Hinson
- 57 **Red Bay, Red Bay** – excused
- 58 **Sawdust, Woodland** – Kathy Pack
- 59 **Tallahassee, Christ** – Anne Hodges
- 60 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Lewis Shelley, Curtis Jenkins
- 61 **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – Elizabeth McGinniss
- 62 **Tallahassee, First** – Rod Westall
- 63 **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – excused
- 64 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** – **unexcused**
- 65 **Wewahitchka, First** – excused

66 **Sessions not represented:**

67 **Excused Churches (5):**

- 68 Blountstown;
- 69 Destin, First;
- 70 Red Bay;
- 71 Tallahassee, Lafayette
- 72 Wewahitchka

73 **Unexcused Churches (9):**

- 74 DeFuniak Springs, Bethel;
- 75 Fort Walton Beach, Korean;
- 76 Freeport;
- 77 Havana, First;
- 78 Navarre;
- 79 Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach;
- 80 Panama City, St. Andrews;
- 81 Pensacola, Korean;
- 82 Tallahassee, Trinity United

83 **CONTINUING MEMBERS:**

84 **CREs present (2):**

- 85 Joanne Kublik
- 86 Greg Seltzer

87 **CREs absent (3):**

- 88 Tonya Fernandes; Alan House (excused); Larry Plank (excused)

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

90 **Christian Educators with voice present (0):**

91 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Willis- Administrator; Christy Williams – Interim Dogwood Acres
92 Director; Denise Vandiver (RE) – Treasurer

93 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Vicki Bell – Presbyterian Women; Jeannie Dixon – Stated Clerk (RE); Don
94 Mowat (RE) – vice-moderator; Glenn Hodges (RE) – Committee on Representation; Leslie Yandle (RE) –
95 Committee on Nominations

96 **Visitors:** Jake Wilson, TX Presbyterian Foundation; Scott Bergman, Quincy, First; Mary Hodges,
97 Tallahassee, First; Chris Rollins, Fort Walton Beach, First; Linda Lovins, Tallahassee, Christ; Brenda
98 Clark, Gretna; Gerry Yandle, Pensacola, First; James McQuagge, Panama City, Grace.

99 **Visiting Teaching Elders: (1)**
100 Rev. Jim Krapf

101 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

102 Moderator Trinity Whitley called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT. A quorum (ten
103 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and ten elders, representing at least ten member congregations) was
104 present, and Moderator Trinity Whitley opened the meeting with prayer. Presbytery approved the docket as
105 presented by Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon.

106 **WELCOME: Pastor Raymond Guterman** welcomed the presbytery to the host church, First Presbyterian
107 Church-Marianna, and gave instructions for the day’s activity, meals, and facilities.

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

110 **MORNING WORSHIP** The Rev. Raymond Guterman led worship assisted by The Reverend Ted Land,
111 Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church Chipley, FL and the Reverend Kenneth Kelley, Choir Director,
112 First Presbyterian Church, Marianna, FL. The worship service and Raymond Guterman’s sermon based on
113 Isaiah 52:7 and 1 Peter 3:13-15 focused on becoming a welcoming community witnessing the love of Christ.
114 Suggesting practical steps and personal conviction, Dr. Guterman explored I Peter 3’s call to always
115 witness our faith in ways that attract and retain followers of Christ. How do we tell the old, old, story in
116 ways faithful, fresh, and new.

117 **EDUCATIONAL HOUR: The Bills and Overtures Committee** educated the presbytery on the proposed
118 amendments to the PC(USA) constitution and led the discussion of those overtures using a PowerPoint
119 presentation to highlight the proposed changes in wording of sections of the constitution and the
120 implication of those changes. After the discussion and presentation the presbytery voted on the proposed
121 amendments as follows:

122 Overtures 22-a and 22-B were pulled from the omnibus motion to be discussed.

123 Overtures in the omnibus motion and **approved** by the presbytery **vote to concur** with proposed
124 amendment:

125 22-C

126 22-E

127 22-O

128 22-K

129 22-L

130 22-G

131 22-J

132 22-M

133 22-N

134 22-P

135 22-Q
136 22-R
137 22-S
138 22-V
139 22-W
140 22-X
141 22-Y
142 22-Z
143 22-AA
144 22-BB
145 22-EE

146 Presbytery voted as follows on the proposed amendments considered individually and *ad seriatim*

147 22-A Nay
148 22-B Nay
149 22-H Nay
150 22-I Aye
151 22-J Aye
152 22-T Nay
153 22-U Nay
154 22-CC Nay
155 22-DD Nay
156 22-EE Aye
157 22-FF Nay

158 **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

160 **ID Cards:** Minister ID cards were mailed in March 2023. The expiration date is March 1.

161 **Annual Statistics:** All churches submitted annual statistical reports!

162 **Review of Session records:** The review of session minutes and rolls for 2019, 2020, and 2021 has been
163 completed. Congregations who did not submit the records for review include: Bethel, DeFuniak Springs;
164 First, Chipley; First, Blountstown; Freeport; First, Marianna; Navarre; Pensacola Korean Community;
165 Northminster, Pensacola. Hopefully 2022 records will be reviewed in the next few months.

166 **Commissioners to Presbytery for 2023:** Article III of the By-Laws of the Presbytery of Florida provide
167 for one ruling elder commissioner from each congregation. Churches with membership above 500 are
168 entitled to additional commissioners. We currently have 37 congregations. Three congregations with
169 membership between 501-1000 and entitled to two ruling elder commissioners are: Pensacola, Trinity;
170 Quincy, First; Tallahassee, Faith. This will provide for 40 ruling elder commissioners.

171 Article III further states:

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

177 The ruling elders for 2023 service that would be included in this count are Denise Vandiver (Treasurer),
178 Jeannie Dixon (Stated Clerk), Glenn Hodges, Don Mowat, Rich Kangas. There are 5 Commissioned
179 Ruling Elders serving congregations: Larry Plank, Tonya Fernandes, Greg Seltzer, Joanne Kublik, Alan
180 House.

181 That gives a total of 50 ruling elders.

182 The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to have
183 voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also ruling elders, or

184 Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience and
185 also ruling elder)
186 Jeannie Dixon –Tallahassee (CCE and RE)
187 Carol Deloach – Christ Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)
188 Lisa Wilder – First Presbyterian, Quincy (5+ years and RE)
189 That gives an additional 2 RE (excluding Jeannie Dixon who is also Stated Clerk) for a total of 52 ruling
190 elders.

191 The number of ministers of Word and Sacrament is 29 plus 6 ministers serving at-large. There are 38
192 retired ministers of Word and Sacrament; 22 are active (either serving on a committee, on the pulpit supply
193 list, or serving a congregation).

194 This results in 58 ministers of Word and Sacrament; there is no imbalance of ministers of Word and
195 Sacrament to ruling elders.

196 **Meetings/Activities:** The Stated Clerk has 1) attended the November and January COM meetings; the
197 monthly Presbytery staff meetings; the January CPC meeting, 2) completed all first of the year record
198 activities for GA, 3) conducted a statistics workshop via Zoom in December when the statistics ‘season’
199 began. A second one two weeks prior to the closing of the statistics was not held due to lack of
200 registrations.

201 The Stated Clerk also 1) oriented Bills & Overtures Committee to their work and provided guidance
202 through their meetings, 2) attended the annual meeting of the Association of Mid-Council Leaders (AMCL)
203 and the Association of Stated Clerks (ASC), 3) attended an information meeting with AMCL and ASC on
204 the new call system, and 4) met with Synod clerks and our new Synod Executive Valerie Young.

205 **Membership Rolls as of December 31, 2022**

206 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members of the Florida Presbytery engaged in a**
207 **validated ministry (G-2.0503a):** Anne Apple, Rob Bohnsack, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Samuel
208 Bradley Clayton, John Cole, Chris Erde, Mathew Frease, Stephen Graves, Hugh Hamilton, John Kelsay,
209 Sun Ick Kim, William Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, A.J. Mealor, Luis Ocasio, Mary Ellison
210 O’Malley, Taylor Phillips, Linda Pitts, Emily Rose Proctor, Robert Quiring, Erin Rosica, Erin Rugh,
211 William Eric Spoon, Sheldon Steen, John Stringer, Trinity Joy Whitley, Joan Wooten. (29)

212 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members-at-large of the Florida Presbytery (G-**
213 **2.0503b):** Casey James Aldridge, Jae Wan Chung, Tai Cole, Jordan Maire Goodwin, Pamela King-Phillips,
214 Robert Sugg. (6)

215 **The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are honorably retired members of the Florida**
216 **Presbytery (G-2.0503c):** Barry Arnold, *Michael Askew*, Glenn Bass, *Frank Beall*, *Bill Bess*, Don Brown,
217 *Lewis Bullard*, Joseph Chung, *Brant Copeland*, Terry Dyer, Jonas Georges, *Raymond Guterman*, Gene
218 Harris, Kathleen Hodgson, *Harry Horne*, *James Huffaker*, Owen Ireland, *Harvey Jenkins*, Fred Keith,
219 *Kenneth Kelley*, *Ted Land*, Charles Lapp, *Bill Lee*, *Ruth Mashewske*, *Lindsay Moffett*, Clarence Payne,
220 Luther Price, *Margaret Reed*, Albert Reese, *Steve Rhodes*, *James Rollins*, Sharon Schuler, *Morris Springer*,
221 *James Stansbury*, *Mary Vance*, *Kerry Westerwick*, *Carol Wood*, Ezra Yune. (38; 22 actively participating)

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

224 **The following are Ruling Elders currently commissioned for service within the Presbytery:** Tonya
225 Fernandes – Navarre, Alan House – Gretna/Woodland, Joanne Kublik – Red Bay, Larry Plank – Navarre,
226 Greg Seltzer – Pensacola, Northminster

227 **Annual Report on Christian Educators as of December 31, 2022**

228 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**
229 **have voice at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators or Christian Educators who have**
230 **five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience)**
231 Laurice Andrews – First Presbyterian, DeFuniak Springs (5+ years), Jason Williams – Grace Presbyterian,
232 Panama City (5+ years)

233 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**
234 **have voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also ruling**
235 **elders, or Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian Education**
236 **experience and also ruling elder)**
237 Jeannie Dixon –Tallahassee (CCE and RE), Carol Deloach – Christ Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee (5+
238 years and RE), Lisa Wilder – First Presbyterian, Quincy (5+ years and RE)

239 **The following Christian Educators are currently employed by churches within the bounds of the**
240 **Florida Presbytery: (none)**

241 The dates for the 2023 stated meetings of the presbytery are: Feb. 28, 2023 Marianna; May 20, 2023 Lynn
242 Haven; August 22, 2023 Trinity-Pensacola; and October 24, 2023 Dogwood Acres.

243 **REPORT FROM DOGWOOD ACRES: Christy Williams**

244 Christy Williams and Eric Hearn thanked the presbytery for our support and volunteerism to get the
245 facilities updated. The cabins have been renovated; the road is newly milled. 2023 is off to a strong start:
246 Seven churches participated in the Confirmation Retreat; thirty-five women participated in the Yoga
247 Spirituality Retreat. Presbytery is invited to an April 15 open house at DWA: children, parents, and
248 grandchildren can participate in the full one-day retreat and get to know DWA. Summer Camps are in
249 place – we need three more chaplains. Your service as Chaplain gives your family or a camper discount
250 registration. Also needed: 18-plus year- old male counselors. Upcoming retreats: September 15-17, 2023
251 Smaller Churches (under 100 members) – a combined group camp. October 6-8, 2023 SpiritFest youth
252 retreat, and November 2023 a reading & Writing Retreat.

253 **REPORT FROM PRESBYTERY TREASURER: Denise Vandiver**

254 We received a few hundred dollars more than was pledged in 2022, but we used \$50,000 of reserve funds
255 to balance the budget. A written budget and finance report was included in the agenda/reports packet.

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

257 Roy Martin expressed thanks and best wishes to three pastors moving from the presbytery: Steve Graves
258 has been honorably retired and is moving to Walhalla, SC; Chris Erde has accepted the call from First
259 Presbyterian Church -Aiken, SC; and Steve Rhodes (HR) is moving to Spartanburg, SC.
260 First Presbyterian Church – Crestview, FL sustained extensive damage from an automobile crashing into
261 their building – the presbytery expressed our concern, support, and prayers.
262 Upon five years completed on the job, Roy Martin submitted a written report and verbally addressed the
263 positive changes, accomplishments, and ongoing needs in the presbytery (Report follows). Rev. Martin has
264 secured a strategic Planning Task Force to work with the HolyCow! Church consulting group to assess the
265 atmosphere of the presbytery and priorities for the next five years. The Task Force members are: Mark
266 Broadhead – TE First-Crestview, Hugh Hamilton – TE Trinity-Pensacola, Sue Coleman – RE Trinity
267 Pensacola, Karen Weaver – RE 1st, Monticello, Mary Hodges – RE 1stTallahassee, and Don Mowat – RE
268 1st, Lynn Haven. Using a “Landscape Survey” submitted to members of the presbytery and personal
269 conversations with staff and leaders of the presbytery, the Task Force will report findings and
270 recommendations in October 2023.

271 Roy Martin then presented the following remarks on his first five years of service, the state of the
272 presbytery, and matters to be addressed as we move into the next five years:

273 Today marks the completion of five years as your full-time general presbyter and tomorrow starts my sixth
274 year serving you and I am looking forward to what this next year will bring for our mission and ministry
275 together.

276 I have always thought that five years was a good length of time to give a thorough assessment of where we
277 have been, where we are, and where we are headed. I am happy to say that your presbytery leadership
278 agrees and so I want to share with you in this report a bit of background as to where we have been, where
279 we are, and where we might head together.

280 Many of you will recall that prior to my arrival, when the Rev. Paul Luthman was your coordinating
281 presbyter, discussions were held with congregations and congregational leaders about the health of the
282 presbytery.

283 At that time, Rev. Luthman stated in those gatherings, “Our presbytery is at a crossroads, and we are trying
284 to discern the road God wants us to take: will we be one presbytery, with a fulltime (what was then called)
285 coordinating presbyter; or will the presbytery be split up, with portions going to South Alabama Presbytery
286 and to Flint River Presbytery; or will we continue to function as we currently are?”

287 That was the question put to those who attended the regional gatherings back in 2017. It was further shared
288 that the annual operating budget had decreased by almost half in five years and that the budget had to be
289 balanced by using reserve funds. The result of those gatherings was that most wanted the presbytery to
290 remain intact. It was made clear that, in order to do that financially and have a full-time general presbyter,
291 significant funds would have to be raised over and above shared budget support. Many congregations and
292 individuals stepped forward to contribute what ultimately totaled \$257,756.23. This total was enough to
293 secure a full-time general presbyter for at least three years, during which time it was hoped that a new
294 structure and funding models might be developed to sustain the presbytery for years to come.

295 For the last five years, you and I have been hard at work in that effort. Shortly after my arrival, I held
296 regional workshops to get a sense of what people hoped for in their presbytery. It was clear that a major
297 concern was that the presbytery needed to be more responsive to the needs of its member congregations.
298 Within a year, I presented on the floor of presbytery a new structure designed in part to do just that. The
299 plan included a committee to provide educational resources for congregations and their leaders, a
300 committee to develop mission strategy for congregations to work on collectively, and a committee to offer
301 guidance to congregations seeking to discern what god had in mind for their future.

302 In addition to that, the new structure beefed up the Committee on Ministry process for working with
303 congregations in pastoral transition and, since a strong desire to grow the presbytery had been discussed, it
304 also included a committee to develop new worshipping communities within the bounds of our presbytery.
305 The structure continued strong support for dogwood acres and developed policy and processes for
306 addressing property, staffing, and financing of the presbytery. The presbytery voted to support the new
307 structure and we have spent the last four years living into it.

308 Development has begun a search for a pastor to start a worshipping community. The Committee on
309 Congregational Revitalization has worked with numerous congregations seeking to discern their future. The
310 Committee on Mission and Outreach is making progress in developing a presbytery-wide mission
311 partnership with the presbyterian denomination in Guatemala. The Committee on Ministry has worked
312 more effectively with several congregations going through pastoral transition among other things. There is
313 much better management of presbytery funds in place, and I could go on and on.

314 But five years in, we find ourselves with familiar challenges. We have had to continue using reserve
315 monies to balance the budget of a fully functioning presbytery, and we have yet to have a year where
316 presbytery committees have all the people they need serving on committees, thus making it difficult to
317 accomplish all the work a presbytery, by definition, needs to accomplish. In short, we will not be able to
318 continue operating at this level for much longer. Sometimes, the tendency in these circumstances is to make
319 decisions too quickly and unadvisedly. Another word for it is to knee-jerk.

320 I hope we can avoid that by taking this year to develop a strategic plan for the future of Florida Presbytery.
321 To that end, I have requested the Coordinating and Planning Commission authorize the formation of a
322 strategic planning task force along with funding to do its work. The Committees on Nominations and
323 Representation have worked together to find people to serve on that task force and the Commission has
324 approved those names.
325 The chair of that task force is the Rev. Mark Broadhead and Madame Moderator, I would like to use a
326 moment of my time to speak briefly to their plans.

327 I am excited about the strength and talent on this task force and I seek your continuing prayers for their
328 work.
329 Madame Moderator, this concludes my report.

330 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**

331 **Coordinating And Planning Commission (CPC):**

332 Upon the CPC nomination, the presbytery approved Michael Askew, Raymond Guterman, Leslie Yandle,
333 and Ruth Bedell to serve on Committee on Nominations, Class of 2026, and Rick Kangas to Chair the CN.
334 Presbytery meeting dates for 2023: May 20 – Dogwood Acres; August 22 – Trinity-Pensacola; October 24
335 – First, Lynn Haven; all at 9:00 AM Central/10 AM Eastern.

336 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION/UPDATES**

337 **Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR): Mark Broadhead**

338 **Items for Information:**

339 Congregations engaged in the revitalization process:

340 **DeFuniak Springs – Bethel Church:** Shelia Askew continues to work with the Bethel congregation as it
341 works on upgrades/updates to the church facility and ministry outreach to the community surrounding the
342 church.

343 **Panama City – Grace:** Harvey Jenkins is working with Grace Church’s Revitalization Team as they
344 explore their call for ministry in that area, as well as realign their budget for 2023.

345 **Milton – First:** Mark Broadhead is the consultant for Milton-First. The revitalization team is exploring
346 their identity as a congregation, what they believe they are called to be and do, and developing a new
347 mission statement that accurately defines who they are and what role they play in the Kingdom of God.

348 **Pensacola – Northminster:** Linda Lovins is working with the Northminster Congregation. Enthusiasm is
349 building, they are establishing attainable goals for revitalization, and they are to discerning the feasibility of
350 calling a full-time pastor.

351 **Crestview –First:** Don Mowat is the consultant for this congregation. The Holy Cow results have been
352 shared with the congregation and the Session will hold an extended meeting in February to consider next
353 steps.

354 **Panama City – Parkway:** Lisa Martin is their consultant. The Holy Cow! Congregational Assessment
355 Tool (CAT) has been completed. A February date has been set to present the information to the Session.

356 **Lynn Haven – First:** The Session at Lynn Haven has voted to engage the Holy Cow! Revitalization
357 process. Mark Broadhead will begin the process with them in late February or early March.

358 **Grant request:** CCR approved a \$5,000 Emergency Repair Grant Request from Wewahitchka – First as
359 they continue to work with FEMA and other agencies to repair damage done by Hurricane Michael.

360 **Item for Action:** Upon recommendation of the CCR, presbytery approved changing the name from
361 Committee on Congregational Revitalization to Committee on Congregational Discernment. **Rationale:**
362 Under the previous structure of the Presbytery, this committee was tasked to promote congregational
363 renewal by providing helpful programmatic and ministry ideas. The assigned function since restructuring
364 has taken a different focus. Rather than being prescriptive in its assistance, it has become descriptive, that
365 is, the committee now engages congregations first in a discernment process that helps congregations
366 discover who they are. This is the foundational work of this committee. The discernment process reveals

367 the degree of health and vitality of the congregation, addressing if the congregation is able to truly gain
368 from the revitalization process or if the congregation needs to face a different reality – like its dwindling
369 ability to sustain itself and its ministries. The concern with using “revitalization” as part of the committee’s
370 name is because it may promote a false sense of hope in congregations where revitalization may not be
371 feasible. By naming this committee the Committee on Congregational Discernment, it better describes
372 what the committee offers – insights to the congregation’s viability, its strengths and weaknesses, and then
373 explores next steps to move toward what was discerned – revitalization, or the eventual ending of the
374 congregation’s ministry.

375 **Committee on Ministry (COM): Joan Wooten**

376 **For Information:** The COM has approved:

- 377 1. South Walton New Worshiping Community MIF, as revised.
- 378 2. DeFuniak-First MIF, as revised.
- 379 3. Interim Contract between Rev. Anne H.K. Apple and Tallahassee-First.
- 380 4. Temporary Supply Contract between Rev. Kim Stavenau and Parkway Presbyterian Church, effective
381 October 1, 2022 for a period of 12 months;
- 382 5. Examination of Rev. Anne H.K. Apple for reception from the Presbytery of Mid-South;
- 383 6. Parish Associate Agreement between Rev. Jim Huffaker (HR) and Panama City-Grace.

384 The Pastor Transition Team is working through its liaisons with Marianna-First, Euchee Valley, DeFuniak-
385 First, Trinity, Lafayette, Tallahassee-First, and Fort Walton Beach-First.

386 The updated pulpit supply list and it is now posted on the Presbytery website. See “[Committees](#),” then
387 “[Ministry](#),” then via the dropdown link, “[Pulpit Supply](#).”

388 The Relational Ministry Team is working through its liaisons to visit congregations, with special emphasis
389 on those which have part-time pastoral leadership or pulpit supply.

390 The COM is working up mandatory training in accordance with our Presbytery’s sexual misconduct policy
391 and corresponding revisions to the COM Handbook.

392 **For action:** The Presbytery granted Honorably Retired status on the Rev. Stephen Graves.

393 **Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO): Hugh Hamilton**

394 **For Information:**

395 **CMO’s Community Action Grant guidelines and application form** are posted to the presbytery’s
396 website: (www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbyterycommittees/mission-outreach) Forms and applications
397 are posted for:

- 398 b) Community Action Grants, b) Covenant Agreement Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the
399 Florida Presbyteries, c) 2 Cents a Meal Hunger Grants, d). Disaster Emergency Assistance, and e)
400 The Presbytery of Florida Peacemaking Grants.

401 **Come and See TTT mission workshop March 17-18, 2023, Trinity – Pensacola.** Dr. John Baehr, Elder
402 at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, presented information and invitation to attend an informational
403 workshop and mission opportunity for congregations/members of the presbytery. “Teach To Transform” is
404 a medical mission/evangelism program sponsored and organized by TTT national staff in Louisville, KY
405 that engages individuals in mission trips around the world to train indigenous pastors, missionaries, medical
406 workers, and interested individuals in simple medical screening techniques and treatments. Offering health
407 screenings and follow up treatment, TTT trainees gain entry to communities, build trust and relationships
408 that allow sharing of the Christian gospel. Once passing certification exams, the trainees are supplied
409 backpacks with medical testing equipment, and follow up contacts help supervise and re-equip trainees.
410 Attending the workshops does not obligate anyone to go on TTT mission trips. We are not asking the
411 presbytery to endorse or financially support the Teach to Transform mission endeavor, just to offer the
412 opportunity to learn about and perhaps participate in the TTT program. We are not seeking to compete with
413 any churches’ present medical/dental mission endeavors. The cost to attend the TTT workshop is \$25.00;
414 Trinity-Pensacola is underwriting the rest of the expense. Backpack Medical kits are \$250.00. Individuals,
415 Sunday School classes, small groups, or others may want to adopt this as a support project. Mission trips

416 abroad consist of a weeklong course presentation to indigenous staff: 4 days instruction, Day 5
417 certification testing, Day 6 presentation and utilization of medical equipment backpacks.
418 For more information contact: Dr. John Baehr: johnbaehr@gmail.com, (850)-516-9871. TEACH TO
419 TRANSFORM <https://teachtotransform.org/>. (Follow up: Eight participants from across the presbytery
420 attended, five committed to mission trips.)

421 **Guatemala:** CMO members participated in December 2022 Zoom chat with PW-Guatemala and members
422 of Flint River and West NC Presbyteries who have been involved in the Presbyterian Women-Guatemala
423 partnership. The December worship and awards ceremony featured women active in the primary and
424 secondary level secular education programs and theological education programs. The PW initiative began
425 as a pilot program with support from families and friends going door-to-door asking for money to begin the
426 program. The PC(USA) national mission agency is now offering funding to expand the program. We plan
427 a Zoom meeting with the mission committees from Western NC and Flint River in the near future.

428 **FLAPDAN:** Volunteer efforts in Central Florida for Hurricane Ian recovery efforts are underway: local
429 volunteer groups are responding to the needs: mission teams from outside the area must be self-contained
430 and self-sufficient. Contact the PDA Call Center 866-732-6121 or the FLAPDAN
431 <https://www.flapdan.org/currentevents>

432 for information about planning mission teams. FLAPDAN is pushing for PC(USA) presence in all Long-
433 term Recovery Committees (LTRC) in the communities affected by Hurricane Ian.

434 **Racial Justice Subcommittee:** A February Zoom workshop on racism, and feature in the February
435 Presbytery newsletter highlighted the sub-committee's work efforts at First Presbyterian Church –
436 Pensacola to educate and empower people in anti-racism work. Look for another educational program hour
437 at a 2023 presbytery meeting, **SDOP:** Michael Askew needs a representative from the West District to
438 help form an SDOP Committee. Please submit names to Michael at askew.michaelsr@yahoo.com.

439 **No action items.**

440 **Committee on Nominations (CN): Leslie Yandle:**

441 The presbytery confirmed the following nominees and their designated committees:

- 442 b. Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR)
443 Joanne Kublik – CRE, Red Bay, class 2/2024
444 Sheila Clark-Askew – elder, Gulf Beach, Panama City, Class 2/2026
- 445 2. Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDA)
446 Susie Barber – elder, 1st, Marianna, Class 2/2026
447 Rev. William Lamont (Chair) – pastor, Gulf Beach, Panama City, Class 2/2026
448 Ken Densmore (VC) – elder, 1st, Pensacola, Class 2/2025
- 449 3. Committee on Educational Resources (CER)
450 Chris Rollins – elder, 1st, Fort Walton Beach, Class 2/2026
451 Rev. Dr. John Stringer (Chair) – Interim Pastor, 1st, Fort Walton Beach, Class 2/2024
452 Rev. Erin Rosica (VC) – member at large, Class 2/2025
- 453 4. Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)
454 Rev. Hugh Hamilton (Chair) – Pastor, Trinity Pensacola, Class 2/2026
- 455 5. Committee on New Congregational Development (CNCD)
456 Beth Mooney – elder, 1st, DeFuniak Springs, Class 2/2025
457 Stan Trappe – elder, Grace, Panama City, Class 2/2026
- 458 6. Committee on Ministry (COM)
459 Sue Coleman – elder, Trinity Pensacola, Class 2/2026
460 Rev. Linda Pitts – parish associate, Faith, Tallahassee, Class 2/2026
461 Linda Lovins – elder, Christ, Tallahassee, Class 2/2026
- 462 7. Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)
463 Barbara Sawyer – elder, Northminster, Pensacola, Class 2/2026
464 David Balmer (VC) – elder, Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach, Class 2/2026
- 465 8. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
466 Rev. Sheldon Steen (Chair) – Pastor, Christ, Tallahassee, Class 2/2024

467 **Information: Committee vacancies that remain active:**
468 Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR)
469 1 Class 2/2026 – east, male, elder
470 1 Class 2/2026 – east, male/female, elder/minister
471 Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA)
472 1 Class 2/2026 – central, female, elder
473 1 Class 2/2026 – central, female, elder
474 Committee on Educational Resources (CER)
475 1 Class 2/2024 – east/west, male, elder
476 1 Class 2/2026 – central/east, male, elder
477 1 Class 2/2026 – east/central/west, female/male, minister/elder
478 Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)
479 1 Class 2/2024 – central, male, elder
480 1 Class 2/2026 – central/east, female, minister/elder
481 1 Class 2/2026 – central/east, female, minister/elder
482 Committee on New Church Development (CNCD)
483 1 Class 2/2024 – west, male/female, elder
484 1 Class 2/2026 – east, female, minister/elder
485 Committee on Ministry (COM)
486 1 Class 2/2025 – central, male, minister/elder
487 1 Class 2/2026 – central, female, minister/elder
488 1 Class 2/2026 – west, male, minister/elder
489 Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)
490 1 Class 2/2024 – west, female, elder
491 1 Class 2/2025 – west, female, elder/minister
492 1 Class 2/2025 – east, male, elder
493 1 Class 2/2026 – west, female, elder
494 1 Class 2/2026 – east, male/female, elder/minister
495 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
496 1 Class 2/2026 – central, female, elder
497 1 Class 2/2026 – east/west/central, male/female, elder/minister

498 **Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM): Raymond Guterman**

499 **For action:** Approval of Glenn Hodges’ candidacy for ministry: Upon recommendation by the CPM and
500 after examination of Glenn Hodges’ statement of faith and sense of call, the presbytery approved Glenn
501 Hodges as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament under the care of presbytery, with
502 understanding that after one year under care, Mr. Hodges will be allowed to circulate his Personal
503 Information Form (PIF) to seek a call to ordained ministry in the PC(USA).

504 **Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA): Brad Clayton**

505 **For action:**

- 506 1. Upon recommendation by the CPA presbytery approved the revised budget, which included changes to
507 receipts, but not to expenditures.
508 2. Presbytery elected Jeanie Dixon as presbytery stated clerk for a 2023-2024 term.

509 **For Information:**

510 **The 2023 budget** will once again depend on reserves to cover all expenses. We have used reserves for
511 over seven years in a row. At our current rate of use, our reserves will be depleted in the next three years,
512 unless budget cuts are made or additional resources are found. The CPA requests that the Strategic Task
513 force look intently at our budget and propose changes so that our presbytery can continue to cover expenses
514 for years to come.

515 **The “Building our Presbytery Fund”** will be completely depleted in 2023. This means that our budget in
516 2024 will require additional income from another source. This was an initiative to support the presbytery
517 budget for five years with the hope that shared support would grow.

518 **Personnel:** The personnel subcommittees have completed their reports for each staff member, and we are
519 completing the final evaluations for 2023. The response from the staff has been overwhelmingly positive to
520 this new form of evaluation. We are grateful to Rev. Eric Spoon for spearheading this effort.

521 **Property:** We officially broke ground on the new office building in February. We still hope that the
522 building will be completed by the end of 2023. We are grateful to Grady McDaniel for his ongoing work
523 and coordination of this project. We continue to explore solar energy options for the new building. We
524 have had promising bids and hope to have more information soon.

525 **Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA): Bill Lamont**

526 **Property:** Roadway milling has been used to patch the driveway and enhance the parking. The trails have
527 been cleared of debris and re-opened, with the exception of part of the blue trail. A new ability-friendly
528 prayer/nature path has been created, looping from the chapel and around to the bonfire area and back. The
529 path has been cleared and milled and work continues on landscaping and bench-building. The new storage
530 building is completed and in use. Renovations have been completed to 6 cabins and new curtains are
531 currently being made. A new lumber shed has been completed and a new floating dock is under
532 construction.

533 **Retreats** – a Presbytery-wide Confirmation Retreat was held for 26 young people representing 7 churches.
534 A Women’s Yoga/Mindfulness Retreat attracted 32 participants ages 35-80, representing 5 churches from
535 our Presbytery. Dogwood Youth Conference had 48 youth in attendance with 7 Ukirk college students,
536 their ministers, plus adult chaperones

537 All weekends in February have been booked with retreats and requests for use of the camp are coming in
538 from all over the panhandle for summer and fall bookings. The summer camp schedule is online now and
539 some registrations have already been taken. More counselors are needed to round out the summer staff.
540 Dogwood looks forward to hosting Presbytery at their May 20, 2023 meeting.

541 **Committee on Educational Resources (CER): No report. Jim Stringer.**

542 **Committee on New Congregational Development (CNCD): A. J. Mealor No report.**

543 **Committee on Representation (CR): Glenn Hodges**

544 The CR and the Committee on Nominations (CN) conducted a joint education hour presentation at the
545 October 28, 2022, presbytery meeting to address church members’ service commitment at the Presbytery
546 level. Participants at the presbytery meeting were broken up into six groups to address the following
547 questions:

548 a. Why is it so hard to get people to serve on presbytery committees?

549 b. How can participation on presbytery committees be enhanced?

550 A member of the CR or CN facilitated each group. The facilitators compiled feedback from each group and
551 reported it to the CR. The CR compiled a report from the breakout groups that will be presented to the Holy
552 Cow consulting initiative task force.

553 The CR and CN nominated, and presbytery approved the following members for the Holy
554 Cow Consulting ask Force: Mark Broadhead – Chair, Hugh Hamilton, Eric Spoon, Sue
555 Coleman, Mary Hodges, Karen Weaver, Don Mowat

556 Presbytery confirmed Ruben Dias as a member of the CR. Elder Dias was born in Guatemala and
557 grew up Presbyterian. We look forward to receiving his gifts.

558 **New Business:** RE Linda Lovins highlighted the work of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians
559 (PAM) and the 2023 Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, NC.

560 **Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator:** In a service of Installation, led by General Presbyter
561 Roy Martin, the presbytery installed RE Don Mowat as Moderator and TE Mark Broadhead as Vice-
562 Moderator and expressed our appreciation to outgoing Moderator TE Trinity Whitley for her service.
563 Moderator Crosses were presented to Don Mowat and Trinity Whitley.

564 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

565 The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:03PM CST/3:03 PM EST by Don Mowat, newly installed
566 moderator.

567 NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, Saturday, May 20, 2023: 9AM Central/10AM Eastern at Dogwood Acres.

568 Minutes respectfully submitted,

569 Hugh Hamilton,
570 Recording Clerk

571 Trinity Whitley, Moderator
572 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
573 Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk

574 *Approved by the Coordinating and Planning Commission April 20, 2023*

Report from the Stated Clerk

ID Cards

Minister ID cards were mailed mid-March.

Annual Statistics

The deadline for submitting congregational statistics was Feb. 16. All congregations submitted at least membership numbers. These statistics are very helpful when a minister is considering a call to that congregation or a person is looking for a church in their community. When I provide information to someone who has moved and is looking for a new church, I send the statistics from the church directory and suggest they look at total membership, average worship attendance, age distribution of members, and the overall financial numbers (e.g., income received and income expended). That is helpful to them in finding a congregation that seems a good fit for them. Please help by submitting good, complete statistics! The questions for 2023 will be the same as those for 2022 as the General Assembly does not meet this year so there will not be any changes.

Review of session records

The review of session minutes and rolls for 2019, 2020, and 2021 has been a major focus of the last bit of 2022 and first of 2023. The congregations who did not submit the records for review include: Bethel, DeFuniak Springs; 1st, Chipley; 1st, Blountstown; Freeport; 1st, Marianna; Navarre; Pensacola Korean Community; and Northminster, Pensacola.

It is hoped to conduct the 2022 records review in the next few months. Plan now by completing the review form, available at <http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/app/download/7126502598/Session+minutes+review+checklist+2021-04.pdf>.

Report from the Dogwood Acres Interim Director

DOGWOOD ACRES 2023 BUDGET SUMMARY

INCOME

Income from OPERATIONS

New #	Acct. Name	Projected 2023	<u>% of Income</u>
60010	Designated Gifts	10,000.00	
60020	Donations (Annual Fund)	40,000.00	
60030	Rentals/Retreats	120,000.00	
60040	Summer Camp	40,000.00	
60050	Trading Post Sales	2,000.00	
60060	Presbytery Mission Support	104,700.00	
TOTAL		316,700.00	94.48

INTEREST Income from FUNDS

Acct. Name	Projected 2023	
Accessible Funds:		
60100 <u>Texas Presbyterian Foundation</u>	12,000.00	
<u>Presbyterian Foundation- New</u>		
60200 <u>Covenant Funds</u>		
60210 Endowment Fund	500.00	
Total Accessible Funds		12,500.00
Restricted Funds:		
<u>Presbyterian Foundation- New</u>		
60200 <u>Covenant Funds</u>		
Total Restricted Funds		6,000.00
TOTAL INTEREST FROM TPF & PF-NCF FUNDS		18,500.00
	TOTAL INCOME	335,200.00
		100%

EXPENSE

New #	Acct. Name	Projected 2023	<u>% of Expense</u>
<u>Designated Gift Projects 90010</u>			
		10,000.00	2.33
<u>Development 90100</u>			
	Total	2,500.00	0.58
<u>Dining Hall/Food Service 90200</u>			
	Total	22,000.00	5.13
<u>Operations 90300</u>			
	Total	65,255.00	15.23
<u>Personnel 90400</u>			
70410	Director		
	Total	86,183.00	20.11
70420	Program Director		
	Total	71,568.00	16.70
70430	Maintenance Director		
	Total	55,982.50	13.06

70440	Food Service Director			
		Total	33,155.00	7.74
	Kitchen Assistant			
70450	(Contract labor)		5,000.00	1.17
	Staff Expenses (meetings,			
70460	recruitment, meals)		3,000.00	0.70
70470	Summer Staff Expenses			
		Total	30,136.00	7.03
	Workers Comp			
70477	(All Staff - perm. & part time)		12,000.00	2.80
97480	Bookkeeper		5,800.00	1.35
		Personnel Total	302,824.50	70.67
<u>Programs 90500</u>				
		Total	7,200.00	1.68
<u>Property 90600</u>				
		Total	17,000.00	3.97
<u>Vehicles & Trailers</u>				
		Total	1,720.00	0.40
		TOTAL EXPENSE	428,499.50	100.00
		Pre-Reserve		
		Move Balance	-93,299.50	
Move from Reserves:	Acct. Name	Projected 2023		
10251	TPF - Designated Fund	10,000.00		
10252	TPF - Reserve Fund	10,000.00		
10253	TPF - Timber Fund	73,299.50		
1104	FPF - Endowment Fund	0.00		
	TOTAL MOVED FROM RESERVES	93,299.50	0.00	BALANCE

1 Report from the
2 **Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC)**

3 **Membership:** Past moderator (Chair), moderator of presbytery, vice-moderator of presbytery, all
4 presbytery committee chairs

5 **Purpose:** To provide for strategic planning and to coordinate the work of the presbytery; and to serve as a
6 commission of presbytery to address matters needing immediate attention between presbytery meetings.

7 **For Information:**

8 At its meeting on April 20, the Coordinating and Planning Commission received reports from staff and
9 most Presbytery committees.

10 While the CPC was presented with changes to the Committee on Congregational Discernment manual, it
11 was determined that it was best to send to the Presbytery for review as approval was not time sensitive.
12 CPC specifically requested the manual changes be shown in the document so the Presbytery is clear on the
13 changes they will be approving.

14 Committee on Nominations submitted the following slate which was approved by the CPC to begin
15 immediate service among these committees:

- 16 • CDWA: James Vance - elder, Fellowship, Tallahassee, class 2/2024
- 17 • CMO: Becky Rose - elder, Freeport, class 2/2024
- 18 • CPA: Ann Hodges - elder, Christ, Tallahassee, class 2/2025

19 CPC discussed plans for the upcoming Presbytery meeting at Dogwood Acres. Our next meeting will be
20 July 20.

21 **For action:** No items.

22 Trinity Whitley, Chair

Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC)

Rev. Trinity Whitley – CPC Chair (*Minister – Faith, Tallahassee*)

Elder Don Mowat – Moderator (*Elder – 1st, Lynn Haven*)

Rev. Mark Broadhead – Presbytery Vice Moderator/Committee on Congregational Revitalization Chair
(*Minister – 1st, Crestview/Laurel Hill*)

Rev. Bill Lamont – Committee on Dogwood Acres Chair (*Minister – Gulf Breeze*)

Rev. Dr. Joan Wooten – Committee on Ministry Chair (*Minister – 1st, Pensacola*)

Rev. Hugh Hamilton – Committee on Mission and Outreach Chair (*Minister – Trinity, Pensacola*)

Elder Rich Kangas – Committee on Nominations Chair (*Elder – 1st, Lynn Haven*)

Rev. A. J. Mealor – Committee on New Congregational Development (*Minister – Fellowship, Tallahassee*)

Rev. Sheldon Steen – Committee on Preparation for Ministry Chair (*Minister – Christ, Tallahassee*)

Rev. Brad Clayton – Committee on Presbytery Administration Chair (*Minister – Faith, Tallahassee*)

Elder Glenn Hodges – Committee on Representation Chair (*Elder – 1st, Tallahassee*)

Report from the Committee on Bills and Overtures

The committee is appointed by the moderator annually.

The committee is responsible for but not limited to:

- Present the overture or resolution to the presbytery as submitted and make a recommendation to approve, amend or not approve the overture or resolution.
- Hold a presentation on the proposed amendments to the constitution in order to present information relative to them so commissioners voting on them can make an informed decision when voting.
- At the presbytery meeting when the amendments are being considered, make a recommendation to approve or not to approve.

22-GG — New Church Discipline section (p. 64) would replace the entire section currently entitled “Rules of Discipline” with a new section entitled “Church Discipline.”

The Bills and Overtures Committee points out that:

- The current Rules of Discipline were last revised in 1996.
- The proposed section entitled “Church Discipline” is the result of the work of the Rules of Discipline Task Force which was appointed by the General Assembly moderators in 2017.
- This revision is intended to make this portion of the *Book of Order* more accessible to the church, so far as possible removing language that is also used in secular judicial proceedings and using language accessible to members not well-versed in church discipline.

Among other things, this revision:

- Clearly defines the steps in each process.
- Allows for the use of electronic communication.
- Preserves rules that have guided the church for generations.
- Emphasizes that those who file complaints, bring allegations, or seek vindication, as well those who are accused or act as counsel must be Presbyterian.
- Mediators, facilitators, and advocates need not be Presbyterian but need to be familiar with Church Discipline.
- Presbyterians can file allegations on behalf of persons who are not Presbyterian.
- Adds an alternative form of resolution based on principles of restorative justice.
- Provides for three forms of alternative resolution: Restorative Justice, Mediation, and Other Negotiated Agreements.
- Allows for mediators who are not certified, but who are “persons known for calm, wise counsel.”
- Provides flexibility in crafting censures and remedies.
- Spells out specific remedies appropriate to each degree of censure.
- Adds language explaining that censure in church discipline is given not with malice or vindictiveness but in Christian love to offer correction in error and to restore the unity of the church when possible.

Recommendation: That Amendment 22-GG be approved.

Bills and Overtures Committee: Rev. Brant Copeland (HR), Joanne Kublik (CRE-Red Bay), and Ryan Obay (Trinity, Pensacola)

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD)**

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 7 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To provide processes and support for congregations that have an identified need, willingness,
5 and ability to engage in spiritual and/or programmatic growth which can lead to deeper commitment both
6 within and beyond current membership.

7 **For information:**

- 8 • **DeFuniak Springs – Bethel:** The congregation is making a lot of strides to be known in the
9 community. Their first goal is to be visible to the community.
- 10 • **Milton – First:** The congregation has recently attracted new members. The Transition Team
11 continues to discern who they are called to be as a congregation and are building on that.
- 12 • **Pensacola - Northminster:** They are moving forward having reached two of three strategic plan
13 goals. The third goal is embarking on a called and installed minister. Greg Seltzer has agreed to
14 stay on as Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) another three years. This will assist the
15 congregation in becoming financially able to get a called and installed down the road.
- 16 • **Panama City - Grace:** Grace has enlivened their congregation by integrating the pre-school into
17 the full life of the church. Their 2023 budget has been revamped to reflect benevolent giving.
- 18 • **Crestview - First:** The congregation has embarked on conversations to discern the viability of
19 the congregation. Reserve funds, if used at the current rate, will be depleted in about 2 years.
- 20 • **Panama City – Parkway –** The Vital Signs Report has been presented to the Session. The
21 Executive Summary has been presented to the congregation. Rev. Lisa Martin will now serve as
22 their Revitalization Consultant.
- 23 • **Navarre –** Mark Broadhead met with the Session to explain the congregational discernment
24 process. Larry Plank ended his commission there in May.

25 **For action:**

- 26 • The Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD) recommends the Presbytery of Florida
27 approve changes to the CCD Handbook (due to the name change of the committee). **See**
28 **Attachment/Handout D.**

29 Respectfully submitted,
30 Mark Broadhead, Chair

Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD)

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Harvey Jenkins (Minister- HR)	Sun Kim (Minister- Korean 1st, Fort Walton Beach	Shelia Clark-Askew (Elder-Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach
Mark Broadhead (Chair) (Minister- 1 st , Crestview/ Laurel Hill	Karen Weaver (Vice Chair) (Elder-1 st , Monticello)	Vacancy
Joanne Kublik (CRE – Red Bay)	Ernie McNeill (Elder-1 st , Marianna)	Vacancy

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)**

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 5 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To coordinate local, national, and international mission work through congregations and mission
5 communities by providing information and resources and to oversee and coordinate presbytery-wide
6 mission work.

7 **For information:**

8 **1. Community Action Grants:**

9 CMO has awarded our first Community Action Grant to First Presbyterian Church-Tallahassee and their
10 partner churches engaged in developing a “Guns2Gardens” initiative. The \$5000.00 grant will kickstart
11 this ministry that safely and legally dismantles and destroys unwanted firearms. Per the applicants: “The
12 remaining metal pieces are then forged into life-giving garden tools. This effort is part of a national
13 program involving a number of denominations across the country. Our Tallahassee partners in this effort
14 are from First Presbyterian, Faith Presbyterian, Lafayette Presbyterian, Christ Presbyterian, Fellowship
15 Presbyterian, Blessed Sacrament, and Good Shepherd Catholic Churches.

16 In brief: the partner churches provide:

- 17 • A coordinating committee made up of three members from three different churches.
- 18 • Training on gun management, gun dismantling, and pastoral care around fund dismantling. Two
19 members have attended a blacksmithing class to learn metal working.
- 20 • Community event on June 10th which is national Guns2Gardens Safe Surrender Day when
21 groups throughout the country will sponsor similar surrender programs.
- 22 • They are following the guidelines of the national organization affiliated with the Presbyterian
23 Peace Fellowship: <https://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/gun-violence/>.

24 How the program works:

- 25 • Anyone interested in surrendering a firearm will contact one of our team members.
- 26 • They dismantle the gun at a specified place and use the pieces to forge garden tools to be
27 provided for our local schools.
- 28 • “Guns2Gardens” team will be trained in gun management and dismantlement; Law enforcement
29 is aware of and supportive of the project.
- 30 • Grant Funds will provide gift cards to WalMart or similar outlets for those who turn in their
31 guns. At \$200, they can provide 25 gift cards to kick off the program. They are seeking other
32 community funding for more gift cards.

33 Who benefits from these funds?

- 34 • Those who turn in unwanted guns. It is hard to estimate how many guns we will have
35 surrendered, although other programs have netted hundreds in communities the size of
36 Tallahassee.
- 37 • The Community: This project will highlight the importance of gun violence and, importantly,
38 offer a Christian approach to dealing with too many guns on the street.
- 39 • We anticipate each congregation will initially cut up five guns by early summer 2023. When we
40 open up to the community, we can expect 25 in the first three months as a result of a press
41 release and press coverage at a community-wide event in the summer.

42 What church committee/steering committee will oversee organization and implementation of the
43 program?

- 44 • First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee is the lead. The effort falls under the Compassion and
45 Social Justice Ministry Team

46 How will the people you will serve be involved in the planning and decision-making of your
47 organization?

- 48 • We will serve a wide swath of people in our churches and in our community. Many of us
49 have guns given to us by relatives or otherwise lying dormant in our closets. We often don't
50 know what to do with them. With this project, we can donate these unwanted items to a good
51 cause sponsored by the faith community. We will begin with our own congregations but at
52 the community event in the summer, we will reach out to all areas of our city, especially
53 those where gun violence is more prevalent—encouraging residents to turn in old firearms.
54 This is where the gift cards will be particularly useful.

55 How does your project meet the program areas of the CMO Church and Community Action grants?
56 (Hunger programs, Development Assistance, influencing Public Policy, Lifestyle integrity, Education
57 and Interpretation, Poverty and Oppression.)

- 58 • This program fits development assistance and education and interpretation. Guns2Gardens
59 will train a number of community members in dismantling guns and hopefully later be able
60 to transform them into tools ourselves. We plan to engage several local blacksmiths to help
61 us transform former firearms to garden tools (We can also send them to a group called
62 RAWTools). This transformation—from a community menace to a community joy—will be
63 a meaningful event for those helping the transformation and those making it possible with the
64 donation of firearms. We will also use the project to help inform our church members and the
65 community about the correct use of firearms and their dismemberment. Providing the former
66 firearms, now tools, to local schools in low-income neighborhoods is another way of
67 educating the community and its youngest members on alternatives to a gun-dominant
68 society.

69 Are there other agencies/organizations in your area which provide the same services as your
70 organization? How will you avoid duplication of services or recipients?

- 71 • No. We will be the first in Florida. We are working closely with the national organization
72 which will inform us if there are other groups interested in joining us.

73 Approximately how many volunteers will be involved in your program?

- 74 • We had 17 people from seven churches at our first organizational session. We expect each of
75 these to reach out to some 3-5 more members to be actively engaged. We will also reach out
76 to other churches, especially those in areas most likely impacted by gun violence.

77 Budget for this project/program and any other grants received this past year for this project/program?

- 78 • This is a new project and entirely voluntary. First Presbyterian bought the special saw used to
79 dismantle the guns. That is our only expense to date.

80 CMO approved dispersal of \$5000.00 from CMO Restricted Fund #4253 Presbytery of Florida
81 Peacemaking Fund to First Presbyterian Church - Tallahassee, Attn: Carol Weissert, Compassion and
82 Social Justice Ministry Team.

83 Our CMO team is thrilled to award our first Community Action Grant to such a worthy endeavor!

84 **Reminder:** CMO's Community Action Grant guidelines and application forms are posted to the
85 presbytery's website. (www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbytery-committees/mission-outreach.) Forms
86 and applications are posted for:

- 87 a. Community Action Grants
- 88 b. Covenant Agreement Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the Florida presbyteries
- 89 c. 2 Cents a Meal Hunger Grants
- 90 d. Disaster Emergency Assistance
- 91 e. The Presbytery of Florida Peacemaking grants

92 **2. Teach To Transform medical mission workshop March 17-18, 2023, Trinity – Pensacola.** Dr.
93 John Baehr, Elder at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, presented to presbytery at the February

94 Stated Winter Meeting information on the workshop and mission opportunity for
95 congregations/members of the presbytery. “Teach To Transform” is a medical mission/evangelism
96 program sponsored and organized by TTT national staff in Louisville, KY that engages individuals in
97 mission trips around the world to train indigenous pastors, missionaries, medical workers, and interested
98 individuals in simple medical screening techniques and treatments. Offering health screenings and
99 follow up treatment, TTT trainees gain entry to communities, build trust and relationships that allow
100 sharing of the Christian gospel. For more information contact: Dr. John Baehr: johnbaehr@gmail.com,
101 (850)-516-9871
102 TEACH TO TRASNFORM <https://teachtotransform.org/>

103 Eight people attended the workshop, and five committed to 2023 TTT Mission Trips.

104 **3. Guatemala:** CMO continues with little success to pursue conversations with Flint River, Western
105 North Carolina, and New Castle presbyteries for insights to the scope and operations of their partnership
106 with ministries in Guatemala. At this time, we suggest only scholarship aid to women participants in the
107 literacy and theological studies programs of the PW-Guatemala. We have a first draft of a partnership
108 agreement between PW-Guatemala and The Presbytery of Florida. Eliane Menezes will be in Florida in
109 July 2023. We are seeking a way to have her bring to our presbytery an update on work of the PW-
110 Guatemala initiatives.

111 **4. FLAPDAN associates and volunteers:** No report

112 **5. Racial Justice Subcommittee:** No report

113 **6. SDOP:** Michael Askew needs a representative from the West District to help form an SDOP
114 Committee. Send suggestions/nominations to Michael.

115 **7. Ecumenical Relationships:** No report

116 **For action:** No items

117 Respectfully submitted,
118 Hugh Hamilton, Chair

Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)

Class of 2024
Tim Crawford
(Elder – 1st, Crestview)

Vacancy

Class of 2025
Susan Byram
(Elder – 1st, Pensacola)

Harry Horne
(Minister – HR)

Class of 2026
Hugh Hamilton (Chair)
(Minister – Trinity, Pensacola)

Vacancy

1 Report from the
2 Committee on Ministry (COM)

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 13 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To fulfill all Book of Order and presbytery manual responsibilities related to oversight of and
5 assistance to congregations, Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Certified Christian Educators in their
6 ministry. These responsibilities include all matters related to matriculation of new pastors, periodic visits
7 with sessions and pastors, support for clergy and Certified Christian Educator wellness and professional
8 development, minimum standards for clergy compensation, dissolving pastoral relationships, processes
9 leading to the next pastoral call, and examining ministers for readiness and suitability to receive calls.

10 **For information:**

11 At its meeting of March 14, 2023, the Committee on Ministry noted the following items for information:

- 12 1. 2023 Terms of Call Form
- 13 2. Letter of Transfer for Rev. Dr. Kwonsoo Cho
- 14 3. The new Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system
- 15 4. Associate Pastor Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Pensacola-Trinity
- 16 5. Notice of upcoming conference, “A Season of Rebuilding—A Conversation with the Board of
17 Pensions,” May 9-10, 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia

18 The Committee approved the following items:

- 19 1. Reception of Rev. Cathy Mooney as member of Florida Presbytery from New Hope Presbytery
- 20 2. Reception of Rev. James Krapf (HR) as member of Florida Presbytery from Minnesota Valleys
21 Presbytery, and to be added to the Pulpit Supply List
- 22 3. Dismissal of Rev. Dr. Chris Erde to Trinity Presbytery
- 23 4. Dismissal of Rev. Tae Ho Cheong to Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery

24 The Committee approved the following items via electronic vote subsequent to March 14:

- 25 1. Request for Commission to Install from Rev. Cathy Mooney on Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm
26 CDT/7:00 pm EDT.
- 27 2. Interim Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Quincy-First.

28 The Committee received the following item for information:

29 Letter of Standing from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Presbytery of Hamilton, regarding
30 Rev. Dr. Carol Wood, who retired from that denomination on June 15, 2016 and was received by
31 Florida Presbytery on November 8, 2016.

32 The Pastor Transition Team is working through its liaisons with Marianna-First, Euchee Valley, Trinity,
33 Lafayette, Tallahassee-First, Quincy-First, and Fort Walton Beach-First.

34 The Temporary Pastoral Leadership Team continues to maintain an updated pulpit supply list, posted [on](#)
35 [the Presbytery website](#).

36 The Relational Ministry Team is working through its liaisons to visit congregations, with special emphasis
37 on those which have part-time pastoral leadership or pulpit supply.

38 The Committee is working on setting up mandatory training in accordance with our Presbytery's sexual
39 misconduct policy. There are also revisions to the COM Handbook which we are working on with Rev.
40 Mark Broadhead.

41 The Committee is pleased to introduce Rev. Cathy Mooney as called and installed pastor of DeFuniak
42 Springs-First (See biography and statement of faith, below).

43 Not reflected in this report are items for information or action from the Committee's meeting on May 9,
44 2023. The next regular meeting of the Committee will be July 11, 2023 at 9:30 am CST at Dogwood
45 Acres.

46 Respectfully submitted,
47 Rev. Dr. Joan Wooten, Chair

Committee on Ministry (COM)

<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Linda Shelley (Vice Chair) (Elder – Faith, Tallahassee)	Lisa Martin (Minister – 1 st , Lynn Haven)	Linda Pitts (Minister – Faith, Tallahassee)
Joan Wooten (Chair) (Minister – 1 st , Pensacola)	Matt Frease (Minister – UKirk Tallahassee)	Sue Coleman (Elder – Trinity, Pensacola)
Bill Wert (Elder – 1 st , Quincy)	Richard Clubb (Elder – Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach)	Linda Lovins (Elder – Christ, Tallahassee)
Bob Crabtree (Elder – Christ, Tallahassee)	Pam Nulty (Elder – Northminster, Pensacola)	Vacancy
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48 **Donna Catherine (Cathy) Mooney Biography**

49 Cathy was born in South Carolina and grew up in a small town in the Florida Panhandle, the daughter of a
50 PC(USA) minister and an elementary school English teacher. Faith, church, and God were woven into her
51 upbringing.

52 After high school, she attended Troy State University and Florida State University before joining a small
53 program in the old PCUS denomination to do youth mission work for two years. During that time, she
54 received extensive training in youth ministry and began what would become her career path. Following
55 these two years, she returned to Florida, where she earned her BA in Communications from the University
56 of West Florida.

57 After a few years of working in public relations, retail management, teaching school and some freelance
58 work (often at the same time), she began work as a Christian Educator in a large United Methodist Church
59 in Central Florida.

60 From Central Florida, she returned home to the PCUSA, and the Carolinas, as the Christian Educator for
61 what would soon become the fastest-growing church in the denomination. After 11+ years with this
62 congregation, she moved to a smaller congregation, where she served as Christian Educator for 8 years. It
63 was during this time that she enrolled in Union Presbyterian Seminary's Genesis Class, on the Charlotte
64 Campus, graduating in April 2008.

65 In 2013, she moved on to the North Carolina Sandhills to work with another large congregation as
66 Christian Educator for 5 years.

67 In 2018, she moved to Eastern North Carolina, to New Hope Presbytery, where she was ordained to the
68 office of Teaching Elder to serve a small congregation of 115 members (give or take).

69 She has done extensive work in the field of older adult ministry, has completed two weeks of transitional
70 ministry training, and completed 60 hours of training to be a personal coach.

71 Through the years, Cathy has:

- 72 • Served on various Presbytery committees, including Council, Representation, Camps and
73 Conferences, Older Adult, and COM (co-chair/2021-22).
- 74 • Assisted in the planning of Trinity Fest and Small Church Gathering.
- 75 • Served as a small group leader for Montreat Youth Conferences for a variety of years.
- 76 • Served on a PCUS General Assembly committee in the early '80s that oversaw the work of the
77 Youth in Service: Tithe of Life program, which was funded by the 1980 PCUS Women of the
78 Church Birthday Offering.
- 79 • Served as a volunteer Youth Leader when not employed in the Church.
- 80 • Was a YAD for the 1983 PCUS General Assembly.

81 When she is not working, she enjoys creating imperfect pottery, photography, audible books, and spending
82 time with her husband.

83 **Donna Catherine Mooney — Simple Statement of Faith**

84 “My faith is a gift my parents gave me that was acknowledged through my baptism.” I used this quote as
85 part of a class I taught on Christian parenting and share it here because it best describes my faith. I cannot
86 remember a time when I did not fully accept the love and support of the Church and Jesus Christ. While
87 there have been times when I felt more secure in that faith, I am happiest when I accept God's call to work
88 for the Church and God's people.

89 **I believe...**

90 That Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

91 That God is the creator of all things and that God sent Jesus Christ to earth to show us how to love and to
92 forgive us. It is through love for Jesus Christ that we are forgiven and offered the gift of eternal life.

93 In the Holy Spirit and believe that the Spirit helps to motivate and lead us.

94 That God has a plan for the world and that all things happen according to God's plan.

95 That God has a plan for each of our lives and when we live into that plan we find a peace that passes all
96 understanding.

97 The teaching of the New Testament and the Old Testament and feel that the interpretation of the scriptures
98 is crucial to our understanding of God's word for our lives.

99 The world is changing and that the Church must grow with the world as these changes occur. We must stay
100 aware of what is going on around us and be prepared to work towards positive growth.

101 That God is alive today and present in all things.

102 That the best Christian leadership is that of example — to influence, to teach and to motivate we must show
103 our faith in Jesus Christ through our lives.

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Educational Resources (CER)**

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 5 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To provide education and resources in the area of stewardship, children’s ministry, youth and
5 young adult ministry, evangelism, social justice issues, and other areas related to congregational ministry
6 through the use of specialized teams and regional and presbytery-wide training events.

7 **For information:**

8 The Committee on Educational Resources’ purpose is to provide education and resources for everything
9 from stewardship to children and adult ministry to evangelism and social justice issues. Through
10 specialized teams and presbytery-wide training events, we want to assist congregations in their ministry.
11 We are the people who work on the educational hour for our presbytery meetings. We hope we are
12 addressing educational resources that are important for your congregation, but we need your vital input. If
13 you have a suggestion or topic, you would like us to address for our educational hour, we will ask you to
14 contact John Stringer, Chair of the Committee on Educational Resources. We promise our committee will
15 thoughtfully address your suggestion and respond to you.

16 For the Presbytery of Florida meeting on May 20th, we will be having an informative round-robin
17 discussion with Tim Crawford from FLAPDAN (Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network; Matt
18 Frease from Ukirk; Christy Williams and Bill Lamont from Dogwood Acres, and Kay LeChat, sharing
19 information about the Meditation Trail.

20 One of the other areas for which we are responsible is the monthly education articles for the Presbytery of
21 Florida newsletter. We write articles that we hope will be helpful for you. Again, please let us know how
22 we can use these articles to address your needs.

23 We have a great committee that cares about our Presbytery of Florida congregations. Our mission is to be
24 of assistance to you. Please let us help!

25 Respectfully submitted,
26 Rev. Dr. John Stringer, Chair

Committee on Educational Resources (CER)

Class of 2024

John Stringer (Chair)
(Minister – 1st, Fort Walton Beach)

Vacancy

Class of 2025

Erin Rosica
(Minister – Member at Large)

Hilda Jackson (Vice Chair)
(Elder – 1st, DeFuniak Springs)

Tai Cole
(Minister – Member at Large)

Class of 2026

Chris Rollins
(Elder – 1st, Fort Walton Beach))

Vacancy

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA)**

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 7 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To provide short and long-term planning, management, development, operations, and programs
5 connected with Dogwood Acres.
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7 **For information:**

8 Spring is a busy time for DWA committee and staff alike. The CDWA has been meeting monthly
9 throughout 2023 along with several other small group meetings in between. Our director, Christy Williams
10 and program director, Eric Hearn have made plans for five weeks of summer camp this summer. Camp
11 begins Sunday June 25th with a special week dedicated to High School aged youth.

12 A highlight this spring has been the introduction of new software called CampBrain. This software allows
13 families to register and pay for summer camp entirely online. This software will simplify our registration
14 process and thus ease the administrative burden of summer camp for both parents and staff. Newly
15 renovated cabins will greet the campers this summer as well as a new floating dock.

16 DWA held an open house on Sat. April 15 where campers and parents could experience a day in the life at
17 summer camp. Those who attended were impressed with Dogwood Acres and excited about the upcoming
18 camping season. We are encouraging congregations to hold a Dogwood Acres Sunday this spring to
19 highlight the camping ministry. Staff are pleased to provide resources for this where needed.

20 CDWA looks forward to hosting the Presbytery of Florida on Saturday May 20th with the help of Rev.
21 Michael Askew and Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church. This provides us with an opportunity to showcase
22 the newly renovated cabins, promote the summer camping season, and allow presbyters time to steep in the
23 beauty of our vast unspoiled property.

24 **For action:** No items.

25 Bill Lamont, Chair

Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA)

Class of 2024

Brant Copeland
(Minister – HR)

Lisa Wilder
(DCE – 1st, Quincy)

Vacancy

Class of 2025

Ken Densmore (Vice Chair)
(Elder – 1st, Pensacola)

Henry Givens
(Elder – Laurel Hill)

Vacancy

Class of 2026

Bill Lamont (Chair)
(Minister – Gulf Breeze)

Susie Barber
(Elder – 1st, Marianna)

Lisa Sweeney
(Member – 1st, Lynn Haven)

1 Report from the
2 Committee on Representation (CR)

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 2 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To advise the Presbytery with respect to membership of its committees and to the
5 employment of its personnel per Book of Order G-3.0103.
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7 **For information:**

- 8 1. The CR worked with Ruth Bedell and the Committee on Nomination to write an article about
9 volunteerism for the February 2023 issue of the *Panhandle Presbyterian* newsletter.
10 2. The CR drafted a letter to be sent to congregations with racial/ethnic membership to compile a list
11 of racial/ethnic congregational members throughout the Presbytery. Compiling a list of racial/ethnic
12 congregations will enhance racial/ethnic participation throughout the Presbytery. According to the
13 2023 Presbytery of Florida census data, the congregations with racial/ethnic members are the
14 following:

15 **East District**

16 Christ/Tallahassee
17 Faith/Tallahassee
18 Fellowship/Tallahassee
19 First Presbyterian/Havana
20 First Presbyterian/Quincy
21 First Presbyterian/Monticello
22 First Presbyterian/Tallahassee
23 Lafayette/Tallahassee
24 Trinity United/Tallahassee
25 Woodland/Quincy

26 **Central District**

27 Bethel/DeFuniak Springs
28 First Presbyterian/Blountstown
29 Euclaw Valley/DeFuniak Springs
30 First Presbyterian/Chipley
31 First Presbyterian/DeFuniak Springs
32 First Presbyterian/Lynn Haven
33 First Presbyterian/Marianna
34 Gulf Beach/Panama City Beach
35 Parkway/Panama City

36 **West District**

37 First Presbyterian/Fort Walton Beach
38 First Presbyterian/Milton
39 First Presbyterian/Pensacola
40 Gulf Breeze
41 Korean First Presbyterian/Fort Walton Beach
42 Navarre
43 Northminster/Pensacola
44 Korean Community/Pensacola
45 Trinity/Pensacola

- 46 3. The chair of CR participated in the Holy Cow! Strategic Planning Task Force interview survey on
 47 Thursday, March 23, 2023. The survey aims to assess the structure and programs of the Presbytery
 48 of Florida.
- 49 4. The CR has emailed Reverend Sun Ick Kim about filling the committee’s vacancy.
- 50 5. The CR chair met with committee Ruben Diaz on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, to discuss the duties,
 51 responsibilities, and tasks of CR members.
- 52 6. The CR meets monthly, and the CR chair participates in the Committee on Nominations meetings.

53 **For action:** No items.

54 Submitted by Elder Glenn Hodges, Chair

<u>Committee on Representation (CR)</u>		
<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Emily Proctor <i>(Minister – Member at Large)</i>	Ruben Dias <i>(Elder – 1st, Tallahassee)</i>	Vacancy
Glenn Hodges (Chair) <i>(Elder – 1st, Tallahassee)</i>		

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Report from the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery

3 The Florida Presbytery Women were excited to return to meeting in person for our CT Meeting and
4 Annual Gathering in March at the First Presbyterian Church in Lynn Haven. Rev. Lisa Martin and the
5 Presbyterian Women of her congregation welcomed us for our first in person gathering. During the CT
6 Meeting, the Scholarship Committee was approved to grant three scholarships which will be awarded in
7 May.

8 Sandra Winslett presented the new Presbyterian Women of the Florida Presbytery Banner, which was
9 formally presented at the SOSA Triennial Gathering last October. Rev. Dr. Roy Martin brought the
10 gathering up to date on what was happening in the Presbytery. Rev. Lisa Martin spoke to us on the
11 growing role of women in the Presbyterian Church during the worship service.

12 Coordinating Team Officers were installed but there are several positions we have not been able to fill.
13 Everyone was encouraged to look to their Presbyterian Women in their congregations for support in
14 filling these positions. We prayerfully continue to search for PW to join our Coordinating Team and to
15 represent the Florida Presbytery on the Columbia Friendship Circle.

16 We were delighted one of the 2023 PW Birthday Offering recipients, Making Miracles Group Home in
17 Tallahassee, Florida, was sponsored by our own Lafayette Presbyterian Church. The PW Birthday
18 Offering is currently underway in the churches of the Florida Presbytery.

19 Our next PW Coordinating Team meeting will take place in May in preparation for our PW CT Meeting
20 and Leadership Workshop in August.

21 Respectfully submitted,
22 Vicki Bell, Moderator, Presbyterian Women

Parliamentary Motions Guide

Based on *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (10th Edition)*

The motions below are listed in order of precedence. Any motion can be introduced if it is higher on the chart than the pending motion.

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT?	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§21 Close meeting	I move to adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§20 Take break	I move to recess for	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§19 Register complaint	I rise to a question of privilege	Yes	No	No	No	None
§18 Make follow agenda	I call for the orders of the day	Yes	No	No	No	None
§17 Lay aside temporarily	I move to lay the question on the table	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§16 Close debate	I move the previous question	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§15 Limit or extend debate	I move that debate be limited to ...	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
§14 Postpone to a certain time	I move to postpone the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§13 Refer to committee	I move to refer the motion to ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§12 Modify wording of motion	I move to amend the motion by ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
§11 Kill main motion	I move that the motion be postponed indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
§10 Bring business before assembly (a main motion)	I move that [or "to"] ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

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Incidental Motions - no order of precedence. Arise incidentally and decided immediately.

YOU WANT TO:	YOU SAY:	INTERRUPT	2ND?	DEBATE?	AMEND?	VOTE?
§23 Enforce rules	Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	None
§24 Submit matter to assembly	I appeal from the decision of the chair	Yes	Yes	Varies	No	Majority
§25 Suspend rules	I move to suspend the rules which ...	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
§26 Avoid main motion altogether	I object to the consideration of the question	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
§27 Divide motion	I move to divide the question	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
§29 Demand rising vote	I call for a division	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33 Parliamentary law question	Parliamentary inquiry	Yes	No	No	No	None
§33 Request for information	Point of information	Yes	No	No	No	None

Motions That Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly - no order of precedence. Introduce only when nothing else pending.

§34 Take matter from table	I move to take from the table ...	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
§35 Cancel previous action	I move to rescind ...	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3 maj. w/ notice
§37 Reconsider motion	I move to reconsider the vote ...	No	Yes	Varies	No	Majority

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