



Supplemental Reports to the
Presbytery of Florida
Fall Stated Meeting

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Report to the Presbytery from The Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC)

1 Recommendations for Action

2 1.MCC recommends that the presbytery approve an amendment to the Bylaws of the Presbytery of
3 Florida Section IV: Government by adding a new paragraph 8.

4 A. The Presbyterian Women Moderator, the Vice-Moderator, and Youth Council members shall
5 have voice on the floor of presbytery.

6 B. *Ruling Elders that are certified church musicians credentialed by the Presbyterian Association
7 of Musicians (PAM) shall have voice on the floor of presbytery.*

8 C. Floor privileges do not include the right to vote or to make motions. Visitors may be accorded
9 the privilege of the floor when the council (presbytery) so desires.

10 2. In response to complaints about unsolicited handouts distributed at presbytery meetings by non-
11 commissioners, MCC recommends presbytery approve to be entered into the Manual of Operations,
12 Section VII - Presbytery Meetings, § Presbytery Meeting Planning that reads:

13 *Any organization, individual, or entity wishing to present petitions, handouts, flyers, or
14 presentations on socio-political issues that are not part of the business of the presbytery or
15 denomination and are not endorsed by a presbytery ministry or the Ministry Coordinating
16 Council (MCC), must submit the request and materials to the MCC for approval before the
17 presbytery docket is compiled.*

18 3. MCC recommends that presbytery approve the following Titles and Terms for temporary pastoral
19 relationships in accord with current Book of Order G-2.05040b:

- 20 • *Transitional Pastor* – for up to 12 months and renewable
- 21 • *Transitional Associate Pastor* – for up to 12 months and renewable
- 22 • *Transitional General Presbyter* – for up to 12 months and renewable
- 23 • *Stated Supply* – for up to 12 months and renewable

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25 4. MCC recommends presbytery elect Rev. Mark Broadhead (Retired) to continue to serve as Stated
26 Clerk/Acting General Presbyter until March 1, 2025, renewable if needed and negotiated.

27 Items for information:

28 **MCC had a Called Special Meeting on September 12, 2024**, to review the information provided by
29 the Transitional Presbyter Search Committee, and the Ministry of Pastoral Transitions examination
30 team regarding a candidate for the position. We voted not to move forward with that candidate. The
31 search process will continue.

32 MCC, by electronic vote, on 10-15-2024 unanimously voted the following:

33 As a way of memorializing the collegial work, ministry, and friendship of Jeannie Dixon for this
34 presbytery and the denomination, would you please reply all with your yes or no votes, or questions for
35 the following:

36 That the Presbytery of Florida forward to the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network
37 (FLAPDAN) a monetary gift in memory of Jeannie Dixon for hurricane relief.

- 38 1. That a notice be sent to congregations inviting them to contribute to this memorial gift by
39 sending a check to the presbytery office earmarked Dixon Memorial.
40 2. That the funds collected be added to the presbytery's contribution (which will come from the
41 Memorials/Flowers line item) and the gift be presented to Kathy Boyard, Executive Director of
42 FLAPDAN, at the October 29 meeting of Presbytery.

43 Respectfully submitted,
44 Don Mowat, MCC Moderator

Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ministry/Position</u>	<u>Min/Elder</u>	<u>Church</u>
Don Mowat	Moderator-MCC	<i>Elder</i>	<i>1st, Lynn Haven</i>
Mark Broadhead	Stated Clerk/Acting Transitional Presbyter (ex officio)	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Retired</i>
Mary Hodges	Presbytery Moderator	<i>Elder</i>	<i>1st, Tallahassee</i>
Linda Lovins	Moderator - Ministry of Congregational Health	<i>Elder</i>	<i>Christ, Tallahassee</i>
Bill Lamont	Moderator - Ministry of Dogwood Acres	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Gulf Breeze</i> <i>1st, DeFuniak</i>
Cathy Mooney	Moderator - Ministry of Leadership Development	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Springs</i> <i>Fellowship,</i> <i>Tallahassee</i>
A. J. Mealor	Moderator - Ministry of New Congregation Formation	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Tallahassee</i>
Lisa Martin	Moderator - Ministry of Pastoral Transitions	<i>Minister</i>	<i>1st, Lynn Haven</i>
Eric Spoon	Moderator - Ministry of Presbytery Operations	<i>Minister</i>	<i>Grace, Panama City</i>
Rich Kangas	Moderator - Ministry of Representation	<i>Elder</i>	<i>1st, Lynn Haven</i>



Supplemental Report to the Presbytery from The Ministry of Congregational Health (MCH)

1 **For information:**

2 The Ministry for Congregational Health (MCH) held its monthly meeting on October 22, 2024, opening
3 with prayer offered by Moderator Linda Lovins. After establishing quorum and accepting the previous
4 minutes, the meeting began with heartfelt thanks to Joyce Kelly, in absentia, for her insightful and
5 loving service to MCH and the Presbytery. Her resignation from MCH was accepted with regret. Craig
6 Chormann, on the docket for Presbytery approval at the October meeting, was welcomed to the MCH.

7 **Administrative Commissions (AC)**

- 8 • The Red Bay AC of Rev. Mark Broadhead, Elder Bob Crabtree, Rev. Cathy Mooney, Rev. Dr.
9 Michael Askew, and Elder Linda Lovins met via Zoom on October 8, 2024 and asked that Red
10 Bay CRE Jo Kublik and AC member Cathy Mooney visit Clerk of Session Walter Ray to
11 express interest in the church records of this historic church and that an effort be made to locate
12 the church's deed to the church cemetery.
- 13 • First, Blountstown: It was moved, seconded and passed to request that the Presbytery, at its
14 October meeting, approve an Administrative Commission (AC) with authority up to and
15 including the establishment of original jurisdiction as warranted to dissolve the congregation.
16 This comes as a request from the Blountstown congregation due to low attendance and the ages
17 of the remaining 2 members. Recommendations for the commission are the Rev. Dr. Brant
18 Copeland (Ret.), Chair; Rev. Stacey Kaye White; Elder Deborah Potter; Rev. Blair Beaver; and
19 Elder Linda Shelley.

20 **First, Wewahitchka Emergency Repairs Grant Request:** Wewahitchka submitted a request for an
21 Emergency Repairs Grant for the purpose of repairing recent damage and providing air conditioning for
22 its fellowship hall/temporary sanctuary in the amount of \$4,980. It was moved, seconded, and
23 unanimously passed to approve the request. The funds have been disbursed.

24 **Quarterly Liaison Reporting Schedule:** Linda Pitts will serve as the MCH Coordinator. MCH hopes
25 to build trusting relationships and establish clearer communication between churches and Presbytery.
26 Liaisons have been asked to make certain their pastor and church contacts have access to the Pulpit
27 Supply list, which MCH Liaisons now have in hand.

28 **Boundary Policies and Mandated Training:** MCH is reviewing, with MCH Boundaries Coordinator
29 Rick Clubb, what's already available via PCUSA, synods and presbyteries, and other organizations in
30 terms of policies and training. Given the every-three-years mandate for Ministers of Word and
31 Sacrament and DCEs, established by General Assembly in 2022, it's important that the Presbytery of
32 Florida offer these trainings as soon as possible in 2025.

33 **Good Works:** Karen Weaver will serve as the MCH Coordinator to share with all churches a list of
34 those who serve on ministry teams in the presbytery for recognition by their local congregations. The
35 list, to be shared annually as an expression of gratitude for the gracious service these individuals
36 provide to the Presbytery and beyond, will be sent to all Clerks of Session in advance of February 14
37 for inclusion in church bulletins and/or newsletters.

38 **Northminster PILP Request:** A thorough discussion was held regarding Northminster's PILP
39 application for replacement of the church's 31-year-old roof on 2 buildings so they can be insured
40 against wind damage. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Presbytery cosign the loan.

41 **Next MCH Meetings, 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 (CT) / 2:00 (ET):**

- 42 • November 18, 2024 (*Monday* - in person)
- 43 • December 17, 2024 (via Zoom)

44 The meeting was adjourned with prayer offered by Joan Wooten at 3:05 central.

45 **For Action:**

46 Motion: The Ministry for Congregational Health requests that the Presbytery approve an Administrative
47 Commission (AC) with authority up to and including establishment of original jurisdiction, as
48 warranted, to dissolve the congregation of Blountstown Presbyterian Church. This is coming as a
49 request from the congregation due to low membership (2) and the ages of the remaining members. The
50 following have agreed to serve if the AC is approved:

- 51 • Rev. Dr. Brant Copeland (Ret.), Chair
- 52 • Rev. Stacey Kaye White
- 53 • Elder Deborah Potter
- 54 • Rev. Blair Beaver
- 55 • Elder Linda Shelley

Ministry of Congregational Health (MCH)

<i>Feb. 2025</i>	Rick Clubb Karen Weaver Sun Kim Ernie McNeill	<i>Elder</i> <i>Elder</i> <i>Minister</i> <i>Elder</i>	<i>Gulf Beach, PC Beach</i> <i>1st, Monticello</i> <i>Korean 1st, Ft. Walton Beach</i> <i>1st, Marianna</i>
<i>Feb. 2026</i>	Linda Lovins (<i>Moderator</i>) Linda Pitts Shelia Clark-Askew	<i>Elder</i> <i>Minister</i> <i>Elder</i>	<i>Christ, Tallahassee</i> <i>Faith, Tallahassee</i> <i>Gulf Beach, PC Beach</i>
<i>Feb. 2027</i>	Joan Wooten (<i>Vice Moderator</i>) Craig Chormann (pending)	<i>Minister</i> <i>Elder</i>	<i>1st, Pensacola</i> <i>Northminster, Pensacola</i>