

1 **Minutes of Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting**
2 **Saturday, January 26 , 2019, 9 a.m. CT/ 10 a.m. ET**
3 **First Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach, FL**

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met for a
5 Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Fort Walton Beach, FL, on January 26, 2019.

6 The following 32 ministers and 29 elders were enrolled as commissioners:
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8 **Ministers/CLPs:** Michael Askew, Bill Bess, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheung, Joseph Chung, Brad
9 Clayton, Ric Connor, Brant Copeland, Chris Erde, Steven Graves, Hugh Hamilton, H Eugene Harris, Glenn
10 Hodges, Alan House, Harvey Jenkins, Kenneth Kelley, Joanne Kublik, John Kupar, Lisa Martin, Roy
11 Martin, A. J. Mealor, C. K. Moore, Linda Pitts, Larry Plank, Emily Proctor, Robert Quiring, Sharon Schuler,
12 Sheldon Steen, Rob Sugg, Mary Vance, John Wamsley, Joan Wooten, Brian Yount.

13 **Ruling Elder Commissioners:** **Chiplew, First** – Zedra Hawkins; **Crestview, First** – James Gaylord;
14 **Defuniak Springs, Euchee Valley** – Andrew Green; **Defuniak Springs, First** – Beth Mooney; **Destin,**
15 **First** – Dooney Tickner; **Fort Walton Beach, First** – Mark Burson; **Freeport, Freeport** – David Groover;
16 **Havana, First** – Eric Newhall; **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Brian Hughes; **Lynn Haven, First** – Amanda
17 Corbitt; **Marianna, First** – Leslie Kelley; **Navarre, Navarre** – David Dick; **Panama City, Gulf Beach** –
18 Lenny Zachen; **Panama City, Parkway** – Al Borovich; **Pensacola, First** – Terry Burrill, Mike Layton;
19 **Pensacola, Korean** – Young Ja Jin; **Pensacola, Northminster** – Ken Overholt; **Pensacola, Trinity** – Sue
20 Coleman, Jean Norman; **Pensacola-Westminster** – Tom Sykes; **Ponce De Leon, Red Bay** – Walter Ray;
21 **Quincy, First** – Linda Bergman, Vickie Stegall; **Tallahassee, Christ** – Carol Allman; **Tallahassee,**
22 **Fellowship** – Donna Weisman; **Tallahassee, First** – Ann DelRoss; **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – Denise
23 Vandiver.

24 **Christian Education/Youth Directors:** Christy Williams – First, Tallahassee.

25 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Willis, Ben Powell

26 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Jeannie Dixon – Stated Clerk; Roseanna Phillips – Moderator in Nomination; Linda
27 Lovins – Dogwood Acres Ministry; Leslie Yandle -Committee on Nominations; Jean Norman – Committee
28 on Presbytery Administration Vice Chair; Sherl Morden – Presbyterian Women; Denise Vandiver –
29 Treasurer.

30 **Visitors:** Jake Wilson – Texas Presbyterian Foundation; John Schuler – First Presbyterian Church Fort
31 Walton Beach; Don Mowatt – Lynn Haven; Miriam Schuler – First-Fort Walton Beach; Jim Litke (?);
32 Johanna Jenkins; Pam Dillon – Defuniak Springs – First; Bruce Phillips – Pensacola First; Gerry Yandle –
33 Pensacola, First; Jackie Sykes – Westminster-Pensacola; Sharon Dayton – Northminster, Pensacola; Barbara
34 Overholt – Northminster, Pensacola; Rosanna McCurry – First-Fort Walton Beach; Glynn Brown – Navarre;
35 Riley Pickett – First-Pensacola; Harriet Riley – St Charles Avenue Presbyterian – New Orleans; Beth
36 Crawley-First, Fort Walton Beach; Marlene Naylor – First, Fort Walton Beach; Robyn Porch – First,
37 Pensacola; Erin Rosica – First, Tallahassee; Carol Davis – First, Fort Walton Beach; Susan Berrion – First-
38 Pensacola; Dale Jordan – First, Pensacola. Clark Simmons – Board of Pensions; Keenan Rodgers – Board of
39 Pensions; Katherine Kupar – Pensacola, First; Kathy Broyard – FLAPDAN/Presbyterian Disaster
40 Assistance; Linda Wamsley – Marianna, First;

41 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Walk Jones, Luis J. Ocasio-Torres, James J. Kirk, Cindy Kohlman, John A. Toth
42 – Lake Michigan Presbytery, Joyce Lieberman – Synod of the South Atlantic.

43 **ABSENCES**

44 **Excused Ministers/CLPs:** Mell Baars O'Malley, John Erthein, Steve Graves, Ralph Griffin, Raymond
45 Guterma, Charles "Chas" Jones, John Kelsey, Beth McCaw, Taylor Phillips, Pamela Phillips, Steve Shaick,
46 Carol Wood.

47 **Unexcused Ministers/CLPs:** Leo Sandon

48 **Excused Churches:** Blountstown, Blountstown; Gretna, Gretna; Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze; Woodland,
49 Sawdust; Tallahassee-Trinity United.

50 **Unexcused Churches:** Fort Walton Beach, Korean; Milton, First; Monticello, First; Pace, Pace; Panama
51 City, St Andrews; Port St Joe, First; Tallahassee, Faith; Wewahitchka, First.

52 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

53 The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM CT by moderator Chris Erde, a quorum was present, and
54 Moderator Erde opened the meeting with prayer. The docket was presented by Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon
55 and was approved with no additions or changes. Sharon Schuler, Pastor – Fort Walton Beach – First,
56 welcomed the presbytery to the Ft. Walton Beach. Privilege of the floor was given to: Synod Executive
57 Joyce Lieberman, Jake Wilson (Texas Presbyterian Foundation); Clark Simmons and Keenan Rogers
58 (Presbyterian Church (USA) Board of Pensions).

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

61 **MORNING WORSHIP AND COMMUNION** was led by the Rev. Chris Erde and PC (USA) Co-
62 Moderator, the Reverend Cindy Kohlmann. Moderator Kohlman preached on Luke 4:14-21, on claiming
63 and fulfilling God's commission to preach release to the captives, sight to the blind, good news to the poor
64 and downtrodden, and the favorable year of the Lord. We are to claim our calling to be God's people doing
65 God's work in our world, in our communities, in our neighborhoods.
66 At the conclusion of the worship service, Rev. Sharon Schuler was installed as Presbytery Moderator for
67 2019-2020 by Rev. Erde and Rev. Kohlmann.

68 **APPOINTMENTS:** (1) Brant Copeland as Parliamentarian. (2) Bills and Overtures Committee: A.J.
69 Meador, Shannon Guse, John Wamsley. (3) Tellers: Mark Broadhead, Joanne Kublick, Joan Wooten, Leslie
70 Yandle.

71 **PARTNER REPORTS:**

72 **REPORT FROM FLORIDA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES: Harvey Jenkins**

73 Referencing the written report in the docket, Harvey Jenkins reported WHY he has long served on the FL
74 Council of Churches: Harvey has always valued and participated in ecumenical service and the FL Council
75 of Churches offers: 1) Opportunities to live out Christ's prayer that we may all be one to demonstrate God's
76 love, 2) venue to speak God's word to power and good news to the poor; and 3) to demonstrate the kingdom
77 of God in the state of Florida.

78 **REPORT FROM WESTMINSTER COMMUNITIES OF FLORIDA: Walk Jones**

79 Referencing the written report in the docket, Walk Jones gave the history of the mission of Westminster
80 Communities and highlighted that because of Westminster Communities, formerly homeless or low income
81 veterans now have safe housing in Westminster housing.

82 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Jim Kirk, Director,**
83 **Louisville, KY**

84 Mr. Kirk referenced Habakkuk, who spoke of “the time of nothingness” when we are called to be the people
85 of God, giving with hope and direction. In times of loss and without certainty of the future, we are to share
86 hope amidst very real challenges facing us. Habakkuk speaks of “*And yet....*,” and yet I will rejoice, and yet
87 we are people of faith, and yet we believe in the future. Rev. Kirk commended our presbytery in response to
88 Hurricane Michael’s devastation recently in the Florida panhandle. You are reaching out to one another; you
89 are not alone – Presbyterians across the nation are aware of our needs and are offering help; financial grants
90 are being authorized to help congregations to help others in their communities.

91 **REPORT FROM FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK: Kathy**
92 **Broyard**

93 Partnerships have been established between the presbyteries of Florida
94 FLAPDAN is working to assist communication of needs and resources
95 A collaboration of helping entities are working a) with PDA, 2) With other ecumenical organizations, 3) with
96 Long term Recovery Committee (LTRC) in our counties fort the long-haul recovery after initial efforts pass
97 away.

98 Major problems at this point in Florida: 1) not enough insurance; 2) Unmet needs are staggering, and 3) the
99 sheer scale of unmet needs, and 4) the need for more rapid development of county-wide ecumenical long-
100 term recovery committee in Bay County, Calhoun County, and neighboring counties.

101 PDA Grants for materials and volunteer workers have been issued, and Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church and
102 Dogwood Acres have agreed to host missions’ teams for the next three years.

103 To help Dogwood Acres Camps and Conference Center with massive tree removal work, PDA matched the
104 Volunteer Florida grant of \$25,000, doubling the amount available to \$50,000.00. The initial tree removal
105 work is now complete.

106 **REPORT FROM UKIRK TALLAHASSEE CAMPUS MINISTRY: Sheldon Steen**

107 Calvin’s Coffee House is thriving; open mic nights have attracted more students. In their “Love People,
108 Love Coffee” program, baristas often give free coffee as hospitality to students having difficult days/times; a
109 new art gallery at Calvin’s is attracting visitors and increasing the campus ministry visibility.

110 **REPORT OF STATED CLERK: Jeannie Dixon**
111 **Annual Statistics**

112 Deadline is February 14, 2019 for churches to submit statistics for 2018. The program works best using
113 Firefox, Chrome, and Safari. For those folks who are using IE (Microsoft Internet Explorer) there are
114 instructions on the statistics page for making changes to the browser.

115 **Commissioners to Presbytery for 2019**

116 Article III of the By-Laws of the Presbytery of Florida provide for one ruling elder commissioner from
117 each congregation. Churches with membership above 500 are entitled to additional commissioners.
118 Our number of congregations is currently at 41. We have 4 congregations with membership between 500 -
119 1000 who are entitled to two ruling elder commissioners: Quincy, First; Pensacola, First; Pensacola, Trinity;
120 Tallahassee, Faith. This will provide for 45 ruling elder commissioners.

121 Article III.1 further states:

122 ...each ruling elder elected moderator or other officer of the presbytery, each ruling elder elected as a
123 member of the leadership team of presbytery or as chairperson of the nominating committee, and each ruling
124 elder elected as coordinating presbyter or associate presbyter (when applicable) and exempt staff (when
125 applicable) shall be enrolled as a member of presbytery for the term of his or her office, whether or not
126 commissioned by his or her session. The nominees for 2019 service that would be included in this count are
127 Roseanna Phillips, Leslie Yandle, W. O. Bell.

128 The number of ministers of Word and Sacrament is 30 plus 4 ministers serving at-large plus 2 from other
129 traditions enrolled as members plus 5 Commissioned Lay Pastors. There are 45 retired ministers of Word
130 and Sacrament with 11 currently serving on committees of the presbytery. This results in 51 ministers of
131 Word and Sacrament; there is no imbalance of ministers of Word and Sacrament to ruling elders.

132 Rolls as of December 31, 2018

133 The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members of the Florida Presbytery engaged in a
134 validated ministry (G-2.0503a):

135 Mel Baars, Bill Bess, Rob Bohnsack, Mark Broadhead, Tae Ho Cheong, Joseph Chung, Samuel Bradly
136 Clayton, Brant Copeland, Chris Erde, John Erthein, R.C. Griffin, Hugh Hamilton, John Kelsay, John Kuper,
137 Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, Beth McCaw, A.J. Meador, Charles K. Moore, Taylor Phillips, Linda Pitts, Emily
138 Proctor, Robert Quiring, Steven Schaick, Sharon Schuler, Sheldon Steen, Trinity Joy
139 Whitley, Carol Wood, Brian Yount.

140 The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are members-at-large of the Florida Presbytery (G4
141 2.0503b): Jae Wan Chung, Pamela King-Phillips, Robert Sugg, Joan Wooten.

142 The following ministers of Word and Sacrament are honorably retired members of the Florida
143 Presbytery (G-2.0503c): Barry Arnold, Michael Askew, Glenn Bass, Frank Beall, Don Brown, Lewis
144 Bullard, Reid Cameron, Bruce Chapman, Ted Chumley, James Duncan, Terry Dyer, Jonas Georges, Al
145 Harris, Gene Harris, Kathleen Hodgson, Harry Horne, James Huffaker, Dolores Ingraham, Owen Ireland,
146 Harvey Jenkins, Hal Jensen, Hubert Johnston, Fred Keith, Kenneth Kelley, George Kessler, Charles Lapp,
147 Bill Lee, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske, Donna Medlock, Steven Melamed, Dan Mitchell, Lindsay Moffett,
148 James Monroe, Durl Odom, Clarence Payne, James Peacock, Luther Price, Albert Reese, James Rollins, Leo
149 Sandon, Morris Springer, James Stansbury, Mary Vance, James Urquhart, Ezra Yune. (12 actively
150 participating)

151 The following are ministers from other Christian traditions who have been enrolled as members of the
152 Florida Presbytery: Richard Conner – ELCA and Temporary Supply at Parkway Presbyterian Church;
153 Emory Hingst – ELCA and Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee.

154 The following are Ruling Elders currently commissioned for service within the Presbytery:
155 Tonya Fernandes – Navarre; Glenn Hodges – Port St. Joe; Alan House – Gretna/Woodland; Joanne Kublik –
156 First, DeFuniak Springs; Larry Plank – Navarre.

157 Annual Report on Christian Educators

158 As of December 31, 2018, the following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws
159 (Article IV, #5) to have voice at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators or Christian Educators
160 who have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience)

161 Christy Williams – First Presbyterian, Tallahassee (CCE)

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

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

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

168 Jeannie Dixon – Tallahassee (CCE and RE)

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

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

171 Vickie Dieth – Christ Presbyterian, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)

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

173 The following Christian Educators are currently employed by churches within the bounds of the
174 Florida Presbytery:
175 Lauren Christian – Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church

176 Communications:
177 Letter from St. Johns Presbyterian Church, Devon, PA

178 **REPORT FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER: ROY MARTIN**

179 Twelve churches affected by Hurricane Michael in October 2018 are in various stages of recovery, several
180 are battling with their insurance companies. Several congregations across the presbytery have sent financial
181 aid, work teams to assist with debris removal and early recovery attempts, even some of the damaged and
182 affected congregations are sharing assistance with other congregations! FLAPDAN has been a solid help in
183 congregations receiving financial aid and connections to agencies offering materials and manpower. General
184 Presbyter Ron Martin has met with other presbytery and synod executives, discovering what they are dealing
185 with and what resources/aid may be available.

186 Presbytery Executives advise congregations not to allow For-Profit entities to use your facilities or grounds
187 or to host their for-profit activities. Dade County, Florida officials found out a church was allowing for-
188 profit nursery school operations and for-profit food trucks to operate on their parking lot and have assessed
189 the church a seven million-dollar (\$7,000, 000.00) tax fine. Do not offer or allow For-Profit services at your
190 church, or you risk losing your tax-exempt status and presbytery's tax-exempt status.

191 Disciplefest training workshops are scheduled at Dogwood Acres March 23, 2018 with a \$15.00 per person
192 registration and lunch fee.

193 Roy Martin appealed to the ten churches in the presbytery at which he has not yet preached to allow him to
194 come and bring greetings from the presbytery and to share the gospel message in worship for the day.

195 **REPORT FROM THE PCUSA BOARD OF PENSIONS:** Clark Simmons and Keenan Rodgers, BOP
196 Representatives expressed that the BOP sees it as both a privilege and a responsibility to offer help and
197 support to employees impacted by the hurricane. The BOP now offers any W-2 receiving employee of the
198 churches impacted by Hurricane Michael a qualifying grant of \$1000.00 to assist with bridging the gap of
199 recovery efforts until their insurance benefits kick in for storm related needs. Applications for assistance by
200 those W-2 receiving employees must be submitted for approval by the Presbytery office before submitting to
201 the Board of Pensions. Details are available through the BOP website (www.pensions.org) and/or the
202 Presbytery office.

203 Now is the time for clergy to complete their efforts to meet annual requirements for the Call to Health
204 discount on insurance deductibles prior to Nov 14 deadlines. November 1 begins Open Enrollment for
205 clergy and qualifying church employees to sign up for 2019 benefits plans.

206 New initiatives to reduce student loan/seminary debt include up to \$25,000.00 grants to those who qualify
207 and up to \$10,000.00 retirement benefits increase to those clergy who qualify and participate in the Healthy
208 Clergy/Health Churches initiative. Details are available at www.pensions.org. Smaller churches who need
209 help affording a called/installed pastor should also contact the BOP for possible grants. For details of these
210 and other initiatives contact Kennan Rogers at 215-341-8143 or the BOP website.

211 Interesting, presently there are two times as many clergy retirees and those about to exit the ministry as there
212 are new, recently ordained pastors and candidates for ordination, and the average age of newly ordained
213 pastors is now 39 years old.

214 **DOGWOOD ACRES: Ben Powell**

215 The Committee on Dogwood Acres(CDA) has reorganized its 7 Teams into 5 and tasked each Team with
216 reviewing its responsibilities as listed in the General Presbyter's Report of Oct. 30, 2018. The Teams within
217 the CDA are now: 1) Children & Youth; 2) Property and Volunteers; 3) Retreats; 4) Partnerships; and 5)
218 Administration.

219 CDA is working with the Committee on Nominations to fill the remaining openings on the CDA: we're in
220 need of 13 additional representation from the west and center of our Presbytery. CDA is hoping to find
221 someone for skilled in building partnerships with corporate and community organizations.

222 James Vance and Ben Powell, with staff and volunteers, continue to pursue fundraising, grant-writing,
223 insurance details, and physical post-hurricane/tornado recovery work required to open the camp for retreats
224 by the end of February and Summer Camp. Ben continues to work closely with Presbyterian Disaster
225 Assistance (PDA) and Kathy Broyard of the Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) to serve as a
226 housing/staging area for volunteers working multiple days on-site and in the region. Tree crews have
227 completed the bulk of the work that required heavy equipment. DWA's roads are all currently lined with
228 huge debris piles, soon to be removed. The next steps will be done largely by volunteers and a few
229 professionals. Ben has also done considerable fund-raising and we're tremendously grateful for the
230 generosity we've experienced from within and well beyond our Presbytery borders.

231 To communicate more effectively across the Presbytery, members of the CDA are in the process of calling
232 every church to find one (1) person per church who will serve as a Dogwood Acres Ambassador by sharing
233 our new quarterly news bulletins with others in their congregation and community. The Ambassadors will
234 share important info: e.g., the opening of summer camp registration, opportunities for youth and adults.

235 Upcoming events currently include:

236 Youth and Kids Volunteer Days – January 25th -26th; for 3rd through 8th grade

237 Dogwood Youth Conference – March 15th -17th, for youth in grades 6-12 32

238 Summer Camp – For more info, contact Jason Williams at Jason@dogwoodacres.org or visit the
239 website at DogwoodAcres.org.

240 We're currently seeking:

241 Administrative Assistant (able to work from home; come to DWA periodically)

242 Cook (needed right away)

243 Volunteer Social Media Specialist (with potential to become a paid position)

244 The CDA is moving into the next phase of its Visioning process within the Presbytery. For more
245 information, please contact Linda Lovins at ArtsEdLin@gmail.com. The CDA's remaining 2019 meetings
246 will be held at Dogwood Acres from 9:00 to 3:00 (central) on May 11, August 24, and October 19.

247 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

248 **SHALIMAR COMMISSION: John Schuler**

249 Final Report from the Administrative Commission for Shalimar Presbyterian Church

250 In printed report and verbal report, Chair John Schuler reviewed the history of the AC's work.

251 This was the third Administrative Commission (AC) for Shalimar Presbyterian Church (SPC). We were
252 Commissioned at the May 17, 2016 Presbytery Meeting. The members of the AC were:

- 253 • Teaching Elder Danny Loffredo – Gulf Breeze
- 254 • Ruling Elder John Schuler – First- Ft. Walton Beach
- 255 • Ruling Elder Tim Crawford – First-Crestview
- 256 • Ruling Elder Lori Prettyman – Trinity-Pensacola
- 257 • Teaching Elder John Wamsley – First-Marianna

258 Timeline highlights

259 We met with the SPC Session 4 times between September 2016 and January 2017.
 260 January 31, 2017 Lori Prettyman resigns from AC
 261 March 30, 2017, Monday, a Special Called Congregational Meeting was held to hear the report of the AC.
 262 The AC assumed Original Jurisdiction and requested all financial records, all session minutes, church
 263 membership rolls and keys to the building.
 264 March 2017, John Schuler elected AC Chair
 265 April 13, 2017, Deed to SPC and manse transferred to Shalimar Community Church
 266 April 16, 2017, Saturday, email from Welton Law Firm, Crestview, FL, stating all correspondence from the
 267 AC and Presbytery of Florida was to be directed to the Welton Law Firm.
 268 April 21, 2017, Friday, letter to SPC Clerk of Session c/o Welton Law Firm. With tracking #, Delivered
 269 Monday, April 24, 2017.
 270 May 2017, AC put on hold
 271 May 9, 2017, Committee on Ministry (COM) recommended to the Presbytery Leadership Team (PLT) to
 272 hire an attorney to protect the interests of the Presbytery of Florida (POF) and SPC.
 273 October 4, 2017, Shalimar Community Church transfers Deed of SPC and manse back to SPC
 274 November 28, 2017, Danny Loffredo accepts new call in South Carolina
 275 December 12, 2017, Hugh Hamilton and Bob Palmer appointed the AC to replace Danny Loffredo and Lori
 276 Prettyman
 277 April 12, 2018, AC reactivated AC
 278 May 1, 2018, received keys to SPC – building totally empty
 279 May 4, 2018, rekeyed church buildings
 280 July 27, 2018, SPC transfers Deed to POF
 281 July 27, 2018, POF sells church property to Shalimar Methodist Church
 282 September 10, 2018, p/u keys for manse
 283 October 4, 2018, SPC transfers manse property to POF
 284 October 4, 2018, POF sells Manse to Ed Property Acquisitions
 285 October 2018 to January 2019, making sure all bills are paid in full
 286 Both the church building, and property have been sold. The church property was purchased by Shalimar
 287 Methodist Church for the appraised value of \$375,000. The manse was purchased by an investor for 8
 288 \$209,900. After all the bills have been paid on the two properties, we have a total of \$512,691.56.

289 The AC Chair thanked Roy Martin, Paul Luthman, Jeannie Dixon, Mary Vance, and Melissa Willis for their
 290 advice and wisdom. And thanked the members of the AC: Danny Loffredo, Hugh Hamilton, John
 291 Wamsley, Tim Crawford, Bob Palmer, Lori Prettyman, and John Schuler for all their time and support.

292 Respectfully and Thankfully,
 293 John Schuler, Chair

294 Recommendations of the AC:

- 295 1. That All proceeds from both the sale of the Shalimar Presbyterian Church property and manse and its
 296 property be deposited in a reserve account of the presbytery. The proceeds from the sales will be in
 297 an account or fund that requires Presbytery Coordinating and Planning Commission approval.
- 298 2. That the Shalimar Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission be dismissed with sincere thanks.

299 After discussion, the recommendations were approved by voice vote.

300 3. Mark Broadhead, Chair of COM, offered prayer for the service and blessings of the Shalimar
301 Presbyterian Church, for the legacy, and for the members of the Shalimar Presbyterian Church and
302 the Administrative Commission(s).

303 **REPORT OF THE PACE, FL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMISSION: Joan Wooten**

304 At its stated meeting on May 19, 2018 the Presbytery appointed Joan Wooten (First-Pensacola), Sharon
305 Schuler (First-Fort Walton Beach), Mike Wiggins (First-Pensacola), Cam Massengill (Trinity-Pensacola),
306 and Robin Akerman (Trinity-Pensacola) to serve on an Administrative Commission to work with Pace
307 Presbyterian Church. The Commission was given authority to assume original jurisdiction, if necessary.

308 The Commission held its first meeting on June 14, 2018 and has met regularly since then. Starting in August
309 2018 it has also met with the congregation on four separate occasions, and conducted several private
310 interviews with the bookkeeper, the preschool director, and individual members of the congregation.

311 The Commission assumed original jurisdiction on September 6, 2018. Having had no assigned Moderator
312 since the end of 2017, the Session was not duly constituted or functioning. It was discovered that there were
313 no Session minutes after November 2015, even during the tenure of the last installed pastor (November
314 2016-November 2017). Over the course of this three-year period (2015-2018) it appears that individual
315 elders who had served on Session were meeting informally to manage church operations. There is no record
316 of nomination, election, or ordination/installation of elders since 2015. The current membership numbers
317 approximately 12.

318 In its meetings with the congregation, the Commission's goal was to listen attentively to members'
319 discernment of the church's situation, to ascertain their awareness of the church's debt and financial status,
320 and to help them weigh the merits of dissolution as a chartered congregation. Most of these meetings were
321 contentious. The Commission was never able to establish a relationship of trust with the congregation. In
322 early December the members decided on their own to hold their last worship service on December 16, 2018.
323 The Rev. Steven Rhodes (HR), who served as the organizing pastor from 1994 to 2000, led the final
324 worship service. It should be noted that Rev. Rhodes was enormously helpful to the Commission as well as
325 to the congregation, and that he endeavored to mitigate the degree of animosity the congregation felt
326 towards the Commission and the Presbytery. We are very grateful to him.

327 A large part of the Commission's work since June 2018 has been devoted to gaining a clear picture of the
328 church's troubled financial situation. A cursory review of the records undertaken in August and September
329 revealed discrepancies in amounts and difficulty tracking expenses between the church and its mission, New
330 Beginnings Preschool. Over the years the preschool has had to assume an increasing share of the financial
331 responsibility associated with the utilities, taxes, and mortgage payments. In order to present a realistic
332 financial picture to the congregation, the Commission entered into a consulting agreement with Presbytery's
333 Treasurer, Denise Vandiver, who spent two days at the church in early November researching records and
334 files. Her draft report submitted to the Commission on November 30 documented specific discrepancies
335 and helped the Commission pinpoint for the congregation's benefit the decisions that lay before them.

336 The church's total debt is nearly \$86,000, comprised of a mortgage with Presbyterian Investment and Loan
337 Program (PILP) and a promissory note with Regions Bank. They have an investment account with Morgan
338 Stanley whose equities total approximately \$72,000. Selling off part of the property would buy some time,
339 but of itself is not a prescription for revitalization. While the members were not completely unaware of the
340 church's debt, being faced with the challenges and energy required to continue trying to manage a failing
341 congregation probably helped to move them in the direction of dissolving.

342 **Recommendation of the commission**

343 **Therefore,**

344 The Administrative Commission recommends to Presbytery that Pace Presbyterian Church be dissolved as a
345 chartered congregation effective June 30, 2019 and that the Commission remain in place between this
346 meeting and the date of dissolution to reconcile finances and conduct an inventory of assets.

347 **Rationale:**

- 348 1. Regarding the substance of the recommendation: The membership of the church has
349 demonstrated neither the capability nor the interest in fulfilling the constitutional definition of a
350 congregation under our polity (*Book of Order* G-1.01).
- 351 2. Regarding the timeline of the recommendation: New Beginnings Preschool is not an independent
352 entity but a mission of Pace Presbyterian Church. In order to finish the school year without
353 disruption, the preschool requires the umbrella of a chartered congregation to function under its
354 current license. The Director has identified a new site for the preschool and has indicated that she
355 can easily accomplish the move by June 30, 2019.

356 In October 2018, Sharon Schuler resigned from the Commission for personal reasons. The Commission
357 accepted her resignation with regret and wishes to recognize her hard work with us during the months she
358 served.

359 The Commission will make its next report to the Presbytery at the May 2019 stated meeting.

360 Respectfully submitted,
361 Joan Hedrich Wooten
362 Chair

363 **Additional Information:**

364 Prior to discussion and vote on the recommendation of the AC, Chair Joan Wooten added these clarifications
365 and updates:

- 366 1. The AC has since learned that the Clerk of the Session of Pace Presbyterian Church does have minutes of
367 Session meetings since 2015 on his personal computer and will supply them to the AC.
- 368 2. The AC thanks presbytery Treasurer Denise Vandenburg who has worked on the financial picture at the
369 church and her final financial report will be included in the final report of the PACE AC.
- 370 3. Joan Wooten and Cam Massengill are now signatures on the Pace accounts at Regions Bank. Re-
371 negotiation of the PILP loans will help lower payments on the \$70,000 PILP loan; and the \$40,000 note
372 at Regions Bank has now been paid in full.
- 373 4. Two local congregations are interested in renting the PACE facility for worship space.
- 374 5. The New Beginnings Pre-School is working to establish independence from the Pace Church.

375 Following motion, second, and discussion, the recommendations of the Pace AC were approved by
376 unanimous voice vote.

377 **COMMITTEE ON BILLS AND OVERTURES: A.J. Meador**

378 The Committee and Bills Overtures presented the proposed Constitutional Amendments to the *Book of Order*
379 from the 223 General Assembly PC(USA). After discussion of the nature and impact of the proposed
380 amendments, the presbytery voted as follows:

381	18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons—On Amending G-2.0401	Approved
382	18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction	
383	18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509	Approved
384	18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d	Approved
385	18-C. Officers - On Amending G-3.0104	NOT approved
386	18-D. Membership of Presbytery - On Amending G-3.0306	Approved
387	18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor— On Amending G-3.0307	Approved
388	18-F. Welcoming to the Table—On Amending W-4.0202	Approved
389	18-G. Disciplinary Offense - On Amending D-2.0203b	Approved
390	18-H. Time Limit	
391	18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b	Approved
392	18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)	Approved

393 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION**

394 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

395 For Information

- 396 1. Received Rev. Steven Rhodes as a member of the Presbytery of Florida pending his release from
- 397 Foothills Presbytery.
- 398 2. Restructuring of COM is underway in keeping with the new structure of Presbytery.
- 399 3. Approved Lynn Haven—First to receive PDA funds for hurricane repairs.
- 400 4. Approved Wewahitchka to receive for PDA funds for hurricane repairs
- 401 5. Appointed a Task Force for Structuring Terms of Call according to directives of the General
- 402 Assembly and the Board of Pensions.
- 403 6. Approved the contract between DeFuniak Springs—First and CLP Joanne Kublik.
- 404 7. Decided to not hold the 2019 pulpit exchange considering the disruption in the Central District
- 405 congregations.
- 406 8. The Gulf Beach church has been approved as a PDA site.
- 407 9. Rev. Joan Wooten was appointed moderator at Milton—First through March.
- 408 10. Roy Martin continues to preach at churches within Presbytery.
- 409 11. Terms of Call forms are due no later than February 28, 2019, even if there are no changes.
- 410 Report forms were included in the packet and distributed to the churches by email.

411 **Items for Action**

- 412 1. Recognition of Honorable Retirement for Rev. William Bess
- 413 2. Introduction of Rev. Luis Ocasio – Pastor at Havana—First
- 414 3. Introduction of Rev. Steve Rhodes (HR)

415 Next Meeting of the COM is Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 9:30 AM Central

416 **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Sheldon Steen and Emily Proctor**
417 **FOR INFORMATION:**

418 The committee has approved changes to the committee description to be in keeping with the new presbytery
419 structure and realignment of duties.

420 The committee will now take over the oversight of the training of those seeking to become Commissioned
421 Lay Pastors and in 2019 will work to develop a policy and procedure for doing so.

422 The committee thanked Emily Proctor for her leadership as chair and welcomes Sheldon Steen as the new
423 CPM chair in 2019, with Emily Proctor serving as Vice Chair. The committee also welcomes Trinity
424 Whitley on as a new member in 2019. Beginning in February 2019 the committee will begin meeting every
425 other month. The committee size has been reduced from nine to seven members, and this will organically as
426 a result of the chosen meeting times moving forward.

427 **FOR ACTION:**

428 Following examinations by the presbytery, the presbytery voted to approve Inquirer Erin Rosica and Riley
429 Pickett as Candidates for the ministry under the care and supervision of the presbytery.

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431 **REPORT FROM COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION (CPA): Roy Martin**

432 Financial reports from the committee were included in the Supplemental Reports

433 **Presbytery of Florida**

434 **2019 Sample Budget/Designated Funds for Proposed Presbytery Structure**

RECEIPTS:

Unified Mission Giving	242,333
Per Capita Apportionment	98,753
Lease Income	1,000
Other Income (includes rent, Chipley office)	20,000
Building Our Presbytery	54,995
Interest Income	2,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	419,081

DISBURSEMENTS:

MISSIONS:

GA Unified	7,000
Synod Unified	6,000
TOTAL MISSIONS	13,000

PER CAPITA :

Per Capita - General Assembly	45,792
Per Capita - Synod	8,886
TOTAL PER CAPITA	54,678

DESIGNATED FUNDS

**COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION
(CCR):**

Committee Expense	100	Church Redevelopment
Outside Consultants for Churches	1,000	\$36,325
TOTAL CCR:	1,100	Small Church Pastor Grant d \$10,504

COMMITTEE ON DOGWOOD ACRES (CDA):

Operational Support	90,000
TOTAL CDA:	90,000

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
(CER):**

Committee Expense	100	Disciplefest – \$721
Campus Ministry (Ukirk Tallahassee)	14,000	
Leadership Development	700	
Evangelism/Spiritual Formation	1,000	
Youth Triennium	1,000	
TOTAL CER:	16,800	

**COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND OUTREACH
(CMO):**

		Emergency Relief Account
Committee Expense	100	\$5,108
Mission Development	1,000	Peacemaking Fund – \$5,698
Disaster Relief	1,000	Self Development of People
FLAPDAN Membership Dues	1,250	\$620 + national SDOP grant
Contingency Mission Fund	2,000	2 Cents a Meal Fund
TOTAL CMO:	5,350	\$17,994

**COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
(CNCD):**

Committee Expense	100	New Church Development
TOTAL CNCD:	100	\$90,851

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CN):

Committee Expense	100
TOTAL CN:	100

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM):

Committee Expense	1000	
Counseling Fund	500	Ministers Emergency Assistance
Visitation of Churches	150	\$2,222
Liaison/Pastor Search Committee	100	
TOTAL COM	1,750	

COMMITTEE ON PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION (CPA):

Committee Expense	400
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Office

Equipment Fund	400
Equipment Service	500
Postage	800
Postage Machine Rental	300
Office Telephone	2,000
Property Maintenance (Chiplely)	3,000
Supplies & Expenses	3,000
Copier Lease	5,000
Newsletter	100
Manual/Directories	400
Rent To DWA	9,000
Insurance & Bonding	12,000

Finance

Stewardship Education	1,000
Presbytery Contingency Expenses	200
Accounting Contractual Services	12,000
Financial Records Review	5,000

Personnel

General Presbyter Salary	64,793
GP Travel & Business Expense	9,416
GP BOP	21,583
GP SECA	4,463
Administrator's Salary	32,538
Administrator's Annuity	760
Administrator's Medical Insurance	9,000
Administrator's Payroll Taxes	2,800
Administrator's Travel	4,600
Administrator's Continuing Ed	1,000
Treasurer Salary	3,300
Stated Clerk Salary	12,650
Stated Clerk Travel	2,000
Recording Clerk	1,400
GP Search	2,500
Workers Compensation Insurance	5,000
Memorials/Flowers	100
TOTAL CPA:	233,003

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY
(CPM):**

Committee Expense	200	Candidates' Aid – \$1,822
Annual Consultation with Candidates	100	
Candidates' Aid	300	
Conferences/Continuing Ed	100	
TOTAL CPM:	700	

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION (CR):

Committee Expense	100
TOTAL CR	100

**COORDINATING AND PLANNING COMMISSION
(CPC):**

Committee Expense	500
Presbytery Meeting Expense	1,000
Moderator Training	800
TOTAL CPC:	2,300

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (PJC):

Committee Expense	100
TOTAL PJC:	100

TOTAL PRESBYTERY EXPENSES: 419,081

435 **Upon motion by Harvey Jenkins, second, and discussion, the presbytery voted to approve the**
436 **proposed budget as a provisional budget, subject to final approval at the next Stated Meeting**
437 **of the presbytery (May 21, 2019).**

438 There was discussion of the letter of request for 2019 Shared Support of \$70 per member per congregation to
439 support the mission and ministry of the Florida Presbytery. For clarification, this request combines the Per
440 Capita with the Unified Giving pledge format used in previous years to determine the budget.

441 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Leslie Yandle**
442 **The following chair and vice-chair nominations for the restructured Presbytery of Florida Committees**
443 **were presented for approval:**

444 Committee on Church Revitalization (CCR):	Chair- Jim Huffaker- Honorably Retired
445	Vice-Chair- Lisa Martin- 1 st Lynn Haven
446 Committee on Educational Resources (CER):	Chair- John Kubar- 1 st , Pensacola
447 Committee on Representation (CR):	Chair- Michael Askew- Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach
448 Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM):	Chair- Sheldon Steen – Ukirk Tallahassee
449	Vice Chair: Emily Proctor - Red Bay
450 Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA):	Chair- W.O. Bell- Faith, Tallahassee
451	Vice Chair- Jean Norman- Trinity, Pensacola
452 Committee on New Congregational	
453 Development (CNCD)	Chair- A.J. Meador- Fellowship, Tallahassee
454 Committee on Mission and Outreach:	Chair- Hugh Hamilton- Trinity, Pensacola

455 Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC)
456 Chair (Past Moderator): Chris Erde - 1st, Quincy
457 Vice Chair (Moderator): Sharon Schuler - 1st, Fort Walton Beach
458 Moderator-in-Nomination: Roseanna Phillips - 1st, Pensacola
459 CPM: Sheldon Steen - UKirk Tallahassee
460 CCR: Jim Huffaker, Honorably Retired
461 CDA: Linda Lovins - Christ, Tallahassee 27 CER: John Kubar - 1st, Pensacola
462 CMO: Hugh Hamilton - Trinity, Pensacola
463 CNCD: A. J. Meador - Fellowship, Tallahassee
464 CN: Leslie Yandle - 1st, Pensacola

465 COM: Mark Broadhead - 1st, Crestview
466 CPA: W. O. Bell - Faith, Tallahassee
467 CR: Michael Askew- Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach

468 For Information, Committee Membership Vacancies:

469 As the Presbytery of Florida is committed to revitalizing our presbytery and our committees, we are
470 reaching out to our church members to consider serving on one of the following committees.
471 Committee members are not required to be church elders. The only requirements for consideration
472 are that he/she be a church member and have a desire and passion for the work of the committee.

473 Committee on Representation
474 Committee on Educational Resources
475 Committee on New Congregational Development
476 Committee on Mission and Outreach
477 Committee on Congregational Revitalization
478 Committee on Dogwood Acres

479 For additional information regarding the work of the committees and to express interest please contact a
480 member of the Committee on Nominations:

481 Leslie Yandle leslie.yandle@gmail.com
482 Angie Shehee ashehee@aol.com
483 Sandra Winslett sandrarwinslett1@cox.net
484 Bill Bess billbess@aol.com
485 Tracey Schoppe schoppepcb@aol.com
486 Sherl Morden artsherl@aol.com

487 **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL REVITALIZATION (CCR)**

488 A workshop on revitalization will be held at the March 23, 2019 *LEADERFEST* at Dogwood Acres.

489 **REPORT FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY: Sherl Morden**

490 The following written report was submitted as information:

491 In August 2018, nine (9) women from the Florida Presbytery attended the Gathering in Louisville. The
492 experience was wonderful and, hopefully, your church invited someone who attended to speak to the
493 women's' groups or even your congregation about the wonderful life stories, experiences, new friends and
494 the Love of Christ which we all shared. We met and heard Amy Poling Sutherland, author of our 2018 –
495 2019 Bible Study, entitled *God's Promise: I Am With You*. Amy is co-pastor of First Presbyterian Church in
496 San Marcus, Texas.

497 Our Gatherings for the PW Presbytery of Florida were hosted by DeFuniak Springs, First, in DeFuniak
498 Springs, Florida, in 2014, and by Tallahassee, Faith, March 15, 2015. These Gatherings are always so
499 wonderful in many ways, because we get to meet so many of our sisters across the Presbytery. The 2019
500 Gathering will be held in Pensacola, with details coming very soon.

501 Workshops for incoming Coordinating Team members was held jointly with our Coordinating Team,
502 allowing time to discuss each office duties. Many of us have responsibilities in various areas of PW and
503 discussing all the areas seemed beneficial.

504 Presbyterian Women are ever-mindful that we are never alone in our faith journey. Maintaining and
505 preserving the history of PW at all levels of the church is a meaningful task for leaders of PW.

506 The PWP Historian keeps the history of the PWP. On an annual basis with the original, it is sent to the
507 Columbia Theological Seminary History Archives. A copy is kept in the Presbytery, a copy for the PW
508 Directory and a copy sent to the Synod Presbyterian Women Historian.

509 Anyone – male or female – “who supports the PW Purpose... is welcome and encouraged to participate in
510 activities” (PW Manual, 6). Participation may include attending a gathering, volunteering at a mission event,
511 or participating in a Bible Study.

512 I cannot end this report to Presbytery without mentioning the Hurricane of 2018 – Michael. In addition to the
513 losses of lives that have been reported and the almost-unimaginable amount of devastation across the
514 Panhandle, churches, homes and business have been severely affected or demolished. Lives have forever
515 been changed. It is impossible to say thank you to all those from near and far who came to pray with us,
516 share food or precious commodities with one another. We thank our sister churches in the Panhandle who
517 came to help, the youth group who spent the night in the church, brought blankets they made to be shared,
518 and so many, many others who came to help. “Thank You” sounds so simple and over-used but THANK
519 YOU!!!!!!

520 Sherl Morden
521 Moderator, Presbyterian Women
522 Presbytery of Florida

523 **ORDER OF THE DAY: PRESENTATION BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY CO-MODERATOR CINDY**
524 **KOHLMAN**

525 Presbyterian Church (USA) Co-Moderator Cindy Kohlman addressed the presbytery with a brief update on
526 the state of the church and on the co-moderators’ focus on the “Vital Congregations” program of the
527 PC(USA). The program concentrates on churches being 1) Beloved Communities, 2) Neighborhood
528 Churches, and 3) Vital Congregations. The stress is on our adapting to and engaging our changing contexts
529 or ministries and our community needs.

530 Following an extensive Question and Answer period, the presbytery expressed their thanks and appreciation
531 to Co-Moderator Kohlman. In East and West District gatherings on Sunday and Monday following
532 presbytery meeting, area clergy, Elders, leaders, and members met with Co-Moderator Kohlman for
533 discussions and concerns and celebrations.

534 **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

535 The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM CDT by the moderator Sharon Schuler.

536 **NEXT MEETINGS:** May 21, 2019 Lynn Haven Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL
537 October 29, 2019 Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee

538 Minutes respectfully submitted,

539 Hugh Hamilton,
540 Recording Clerk.

541 Sharon Schuler, Moderator
542 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
543 Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk