

Reports to the
Presbytery of Florida
Summer Stated Meeting

Tuesday, August 23, 2022 • 9 a.m. CDT / 10 a.m. EDT
Grace Presbyterian Church, 1415 Airport, Road, Panama City
<https://www.gracechurchpc.com/>



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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/>
- **Masking when indoors is strongly encouraged.**
- 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.
- **Child care** during the meeting will be provided only on an emergency basis. If needed, please contact the church office at 850-769-4000.
- **Lunch menu:** Baked spaghetti, vegetarian baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, dessert, water, soft drinks – \$10 per person
- **Directions to Grace Presbyterian Church – Registration and coffee will be in Bell Hall (the fellowship hall); meeting will be in the sanctuary:**

From I-10 (From the East or the West)...

Take Exit 130 and turn left onto Highway 231.

Take Highway 231 into Panama City and turn right onto 23rd Street.

Take 23rd Street/Highway 368 and turn right onto Airport Road (just past TGIFridays on your right).

Go straight through the blinking red light and turn left onto 24th Street.

The church will be on the left and you can park in any available spot in the front of the church at the covered entryway or by Bell Hall (the fellowship hall) at the back of the church.

On Highway 98 heading East...

After crossing the bridge into Panama City, take the exit for 23rd Street/Highway 368.

Take 23rd Street/Highway 368 and turn left onto Lisenby Avenue (just past Sam's Club on your left).

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On Highway 98 heading West...

Take Highway 98 West and turn right onto Lisenby Avenue (shortly after passing UHaul on your right).

After crossing over 23rd Street, the church will be on the left and you can park in any available spot in the front of the church at the covered entryway or by Bell Hall (the fellowship hall) at the back of the church.

DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA
August 23, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. CDT/10:00 a.m. EDT
Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City

That which will support the ministries of our churches.

(Please note: Times listed are CDT)

8:00 Registration

9:00.....Summer Meeting Convenes

- Declaration of a Quorum Jeannie Dixon
- Adoption of docket Jeannie Dixon
- Introductions Trinity Whitley
- First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors
- Welcome from host congregation..... Eric Spoon

WORSHIP

9:15 Morning Worship

MINISTRY REPORTS

Partner Reports

10:00 Board of Pensions – Clark Simmons, BOP Senior Consultant for Southeastern United States

10:10 Synod of South Atlantic – Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk

Staff Reports

10:25 Report from Stated Clerk - Jeannie Dixon (p. 15)

10:30 Report from General Presbyter – Roy Martin, Jr.

10:35 Report from Bookkeeper/Treasurer – Denise Vandiver

10:40 Report from Dogwood Acres Director – Ben Powell

225th General Assembly Commissioner Reports (pp. 16 – 20)

10:45 Jeannie Dixon, Ruling Elder Commissioner (pp. 16 – 19)

10:50 Brad Clayton, Teaching Elder Commissioner (pp. 19 – 20)

10:55 Ryan Obroy, Young Adult Advisory Delegate (p. 20)

EDUCATIONAL TIME

11:00 Racial Justice Subcommittee and Committee on Educational Resources (CER) (p. 21)

ORDER OF THE DAY

12:00 Lunch

Committee and Commission reports

12:45 Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC) report (p. 22)

1:00 **Committee reports for Action**

Committee on Ministry (COM) (pp. 23 – 26)

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Committee on Nominations (CN)

Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)

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Committee on Educational Resources (CER)

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Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) (pp. 30 – 31)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Committee on Representation (CR) (p. 32)

1:30 New Business

Adjournment and Closing Prayer (anticipated around 2:00 CDT)

Next Meeting: October 25 (1st Quincy) 9:00 Central/10 Eastern.

1 **Minutes of Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting at Dogwood Acres**

2 **Saturday, May 21, 2022**

3 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met
4 at Dogwood Acres Retreat Center and Summer Camp for its Spring Stated Meeting on Saturday, May
5 21, 2022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **Blountstown, First** – excused

28 **ChIPLEY, First** – Tommy Barnes

29 **Crestview, First** – Tim Crawford

30 **Defuniak Springs, Euchee Valley** – Tommy Yates

31 **Defuniak Springs, Bethel** – unexcused

32 **Defuniak Springs, First** -- Mark Davis

33 **Destin, First** – unexcused

34 **Fort Walton Beach, First** – Chris Rollins

35 **Fort Walton Beach, Korean** - unexcused

36 **Freeport, Freeport** – unexcused

37 **Gretna, Gretna** – excused

38 **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Sandra Stanley

39 **Havana, First** – unexcused

40 **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Leon Curenton

41 **Lynn Haven, First** – Rich Kangas

42 **Marianna, First** – Lou Roberts

43 **Milton, First** – excused

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

64 **Sessions not represented:**

65 **Excused Churches (6):**

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

67 **Unexcused Churches (12):**

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

71 **CONTINUING MEMBERS:**

72 **CLPs present (2):**

73 Joanne Kublik, Greg Seltzer

74 **CLPs absent (3):**

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

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

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

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

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

81 **Visitors:** Richard Thalacker, First Crestview; Pat Thalacker, First Crestview; Jim Gaylord, First
82 Crestview; Celia Broadhead, First Crestview; Jon-Mark McKinley, Gretna; Carolyn ward, First
83 Crestview; James Ward, First Crestview; Mel McLure Lundgren, First Marianna; Kathy Roberts, First
84 Marianna; Linda Lovins, Christ, Tallahassee; Chris Allen, Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach.

85 **Visiting Teaching Elders:** Lorne Bostwick

86 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

118 **MINISTRY REPORTS**

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

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

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

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

133 **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

142 Pensacola, Trinity;

143 Quincy, First;

144 Tallahassee, Faith

145 This will provide for 40 ruling elder commissioners.

146 Article III further states:

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

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

155 That gives a total of 48 ruling elders.

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

160 Jeannie Dixon – Tallahassee (CCE and RE)

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

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

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

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

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

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

171 **Annual Necrology Reminder**

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

176 **Meetings/Activities**

177 I attended the Synod Presbytery Leader Forum at Epworth-by-the-sea. It was good to be with my
178 colleagues from the Synod. We were told to “save the date” for the Association of Small Congregation
179 gathering at Epworth on March 2-5, 2023.
180 I attended the March COM meeting and the March Presbytery staff meeting. I completed all first of the
181 year record activities for GA.
182 I attended a Synod GA Commissioner meet and greet on Zoom.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

208 Tonya Fernandes – Navarre
209 Alan House – Gretna/Woodland
210 Larry Plank - Navarre

211 **Annual Report on Christian Educators as of December 31, 2021**

212 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**
213 **have voice at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators or Christian Educators who**
214 **have five or more years paid church related Christian Education experience)**

215 Christy Williams – First, Tallahassee (CCE)
216 Laurice Andrews – First Presbyterian, DeFuniak Springs (5+ years)
217 Jason Williams – Grace Presbyterian, Panama City (5+ years)

218 **The following Christian Educators meet the provisions outlined in the By-Laws (Article IV, #5) to**
219 **89 have voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings: (certified Christian Educators who are also ruling**

220 **elders, or Christian Educators who have five or more years paid church related Christian**
221 **Education experience and also ruling elder)**
222 Jeannie Dixon – Fellowship, Tallahassee (CCE and RE)
223 Carol Deloach – Christ, Tallahassee (5+ years and RE)

224 **The following Christian Educators are currently employed by churches within the bounds of the**
225 **Florida Presbytery:**

226 Lisa Wilder – First, Quincy (5+ years and RE)
227 Lauren Christian – Gulf Breeze
228 Sarah Middleton Uslan – First, Pensacola

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

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

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

235 Ben Powell introduced Eric Hearn, new Program Director at Dogwood Acres. Eric Hearn shared his
236 history with Methodist church camps and conferences in Georgia and North Carolina. He needs
237 invitations to speak at our churches, and he requests camp sponsorships for children from our churches
238 and communities to attend DWA.

239 Summer camp: Normally, 20+ campers attend, but after three years of Covid challenges and other
240 matters, DWA now has less than one-half normal registrations, and they need summer staffers.

241 Construction of a new climate-controlled storage building beside the Koinonia Building has begun.

242 Funding is provided by church and private donations and the proceeds from the sale of the Pace church
243 property.

244 Church Retreats at DWA are on the rise: the most since 2017. Non-Presbyterian groups are now
245 booking DWA for spiritual retreat weekends: Emmaus Walk and Cursillo groups and a new Hispanic
246 church retreat.

247 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**

248 **COORDINATING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE (CPC): Roy Martin, Reporting**

249 Upon the CPC recommendation, presbytery approved Yong Woon Shim, elder, Korean 1st Presbyterian
250 Church of Fort Walton Beach, to the Committee on Representation, Class of 2022-2023.

251 **COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND OUTREACH: Hugh Hamilton**

252 The presbytery meeting packet contained an update from the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
253 Network (FLAPDAN).

254 **Resourcing Congregations for Mission**

255 CMO shared a PDF listing of Mission Liaisons from congregations who responded to our request for
256 news on your congregations' mission endeavors. CMO requested that all congregations appoint a
257 Missions Liaison to the CMO through whom the CMO may share mission endeavor highlights. CMO
258 also sought Presbyterian Women contact persons with whom the CMO may share information about
259 our emerging mission partnership with the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala.

260 CMO plans plan to feature congregational stories of service/mission endeavors at presbytery meetings
261 to inspire congregations in service and partnerships between congregations sharing similar interests.

262 **Presbytery International Mission Partnership with Guatemala**

263 CMO members, General Presbyter Roy Martin, Presbyterian Mission Agency liaison Elian Menezes,
264 Moderator Presbyterian Women of Guatemala, and officials of the General Assembly of the

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

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

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

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

297 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION/UPDATES**

298 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Joan Wooten**

299 **For information:**

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

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

307 The Committee on Ministry approved the following items:

- 308 1. Dismissal of Rev. Steven Schaick to Presbytery of New Hope.
- 309 2. Additional Associate Pastor position for Tallahassee-Faith.
- 310 3. Associate Pastor MIF for Tallahassee-Faith.
- 311 4. Revised MIF for Marianna-First.

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

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

325 Currently there are no nominees for committee vacancies.

326 Vacancies include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

341 **For information:**

342 • Presbytery has received 25% of our shared support pledges for 2022. Several churches have paid their
343 entire pledge, several churches are behind in shared support. Treasurer will send a statement of giving
344 to update all churches soon.

345 • Reserves: While last year provided tremendous growth in our reserve investments, the first quarter of
346 2022 has seen a 7-8% decrease. We will continue to monitor this and consider making changes to our
347 investments if needed.

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

351 • CPA continues to explore the option of building a new office on the Dogwood Acres property.

352 Conceptual drawings have been received from an architecture firm, are CPC now awaits detailed design
353 drawings.

354 **For action:**

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

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

358 From time to time, the Presbytery of Florida may come into possession of unbudgeted and undesignated

359 money. Sources of such money include but are not limited to the net proceeds from the sale of property held
360 in trust by member congregations of the presbytery, unspent budgeted income, and undesignated gifts, and are
361 immediately put into the presbytery's Reserve Fund.
362 This policy is set to determine how such funds are to be managed by the presbytery through its Committee on
363 Presbytery Administration.

364 A Biblical and Theological Rationale

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

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

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

378 Fund Investment

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

385 Definition of Net Proceeds From Property Sales

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

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

396 Definition of Unspent Budgeted Income

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

400 Definition of Undesignated Gifts

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

405 Definition of Other Unbudgeted Income

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

408 Division of Income from the Reserve Fund

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

417 UNBUDGETED PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

418 Ordinarily, each committee or presbytery will have submitted budget a request for the next
419 budgetary year to include monies needed for doing the committee's work. But, on occasion, a new
420 programmatic idea may arise after the annual budget has been set that a committee would like to pursue.
421 A portion of the Presbytery Reserve Fund has been set aside to provide financial support when such occasions
422 arise.

423 **Project Application Schedule**

424 Proposals may be submitted for review at any time during the current budgetary cycle to the presbytery office.
425 The Committee on Presbytery Administration shall review the application at it next scheduled meeting.
426 Responses shall be made within 90 days of the request.

427 Project Application Form

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

430 Amounts Available

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

433 Criteria to be Considered in Approving Funds

- 434 • Does the proposal start something completely new, altar or expand a current activity?
- 435 • Is the vision clear and the overall rationale compelling?
- 436 • Are the goals and objectives for this proposal well-articulated?
- 437 • Is the dollar amount requested well-rationalized?
- 438 • Does the proposal demonstrate multiple sources of financial support and a plan to develop 86 the project
- 439 toward sustainability?

- 440 • Does the proposal have the approval of the presbytery committee involved?
- 441 • Does the presbytery entity exhibit readiness and ability to accomplish its intentions? Do those 89 involved
- 442 demonstrate wholehearted ownership of the project?
- 443 • Does the development of this proposal show evidence of God’s leading and guiding the 91 proposers through
- 444 discernment?
- 445 • Does the proposal contain evaluation criteria that measure the anticipated results?

446 **UNBUDGETED PROJECT APPLICATION**

447 PROJECT NAME: _____ Date _____
 448 Requesting Committee: _____
 449 Contact person(s): _____

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

462 **PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

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

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

475 **For information:**

476 CER is missing 2 members to balance representation of all regions to complete the team. We are
 477 especially seeking members from the Central district. Please contact the Presbytery Nominating
 478 Committee with names of possible candidates.
 479 Disciplefest March 12,2022 at Dogwood Acres had to be postponed due to low in-person registration
 480 numbers following a Covid peak. The new Disciplefest date is Saturday, September 17, 2022.
 481 CER members have contributed articles of encouragement to the Pelican during the year, especially
 482 speaking to methods of coping, and elevating hope and wisdom in churches during the Covid pandemic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

498 *Presenter: Dr. Jacquelyn McMillan, PhD, MSW, LCSW*

499 *Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Florida A&M University*

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



506 Legislative Chair, NASW-FL, Big Bend Chapter
507 Member-Diversity Committee: Race & Social Justice Task Force,
508 NASW-FL
509 Mental Health & Domestic Violence Coordinator, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
510 Beta Alpha Iota Zeta Chapter (Wakulla County)
511 FaithNet Bridges of Hope Community Facilitator
512 National Alliance on Mental Illness - Tallahassee Chapter
513 *Contact Information for Dr. McMillan Google Voice & Messaging: 850-706-0197*
514 jacquelyn.mcmillan@fam.edu

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

522 **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

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

524 **NEXT MEETINGS:** Tuesday, August 23, 2022, Grace, Panama City

525 Tuesday, October 25, 2022, First, Quincy

526 Both meetings at 9AM Central/10AM Eastern.

527 Minutes respectfully submitted,

528 Hugh Hamilton,
529 Recording Clerk

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Trinity Whitley, Moderator
Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk

Report from the Stated Clerk

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2 **Annual Necrology Reminder**

3 To facilitate the submission of names for the annual Necrology report, an online form has been
4 created. Information may be submitted throughout the year for deaths between October 1 and
5 September 30. Please go to the form <http://bit.ly/pofnecro> to complete the information. A reminder will
6 be sent in October. This is for reporting the death of ruling elders and teaching elders. The receipt of
7 the information via email in October will be requested for those not submitting via the form.

8 **Meetings/Activities**

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

12 I attended the May and July COM meetings; the monthly Presbytery staff meetings; the May CPM and
13 Presbytery meetings.

14 I attended “The Story of Trinity United” meeting held at Faith; I recommend this video (I thought
15 Presbyterian Historical Society had a copy in their collection, but I have not yet found it. Will send a
16 link when I do find it.)

17 I attended in person 225th General Assembly Committee Meetings (assigned to Theology, Worship, and
18 Education). I observed several other committees after my committee week ended and fully participated
19 in the online 225th General Assembly July 5-9.

20 I compiled an attendance chart (for information for the CPC committee) of minister members and
21 churches for 2020, 2021, and 2022 (so far).

22 Our host for the Oct. 25, 2022 presbytery meetings is First, Quincy. The dates for the 2023 meetings
23 have not yet been set by the CPC.

24 In conjunction with the Relational Ministry Team of the COM I am working to schedule the review of
25 session minutes.

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27 Respectfully submitted,
28 Jeannie Dixon

225th General Assembly (2022)

Ruling Elder Commissioner Report

I was assigned to the Theology, Worship, and Education committee (TWE). That committee's role was "To prepare recommendations for consideration by the plenary General Assembly for items of business relating to amendments to the Book of Order section W, theological education, higher education, and published materials (including Presbyterian Publishing Corporation)."

Prior to traveling to Louisville there was extensive training on various topics that needed to be completed prior to arriving in Louisville. There were 4 modules for the training:

- Welcome to the 225th General Assembly!
 - This provided a general overview of GA plenary and an introduction to the technology to be used
- Preparing for the Business of the GA
 - This provided an overview of the shared values guiding the GA
 - an introduction to Special Committee and Task Force reports
 - an introduction to Advisory and Advocacy Committees
 - parliamentary procedure basics
 - introduction to GA agencies
 - introduction to PC-Biz. (there was further training on this tool)
- Leader Training
 - This provided information about the "Public Hearing" and "Commissioner Resolution" processes for this hybrid assembly, how various advisory and advocacy committees support deliberations and discernment, and more.
 - It also provided information on how 'Choice points and equity prime' would be used in committee meetings and in plenary. (see last page of this report)
- Getting Ready
 - This included information on the Travel Expense policy
 - It also provided information on the Advisory Committee on the Constitution

Our Synod had 2 separate Zoom "meet and greets" for us to meet other commissioners from our Synod who would be attending GA. In both meetings we had break out groups by "meeting week". This would help us as we travel to recognize one another. It was very valuable!

TWE was scheduled for the first week, meaning we arrived on Friday, June 17. On Saturday June 18, we had opening worship (with half of the group in the chapel and the other half in the main assembly room), followed by 3 plenary meetings. For the first few items of the first meeting, only those present in Louisville were able to constitute the quorum and vote. A vote to validate actions taken at the 224th GA and to allow Hybrid/online meetings was taken. Once approved, the commissioners not present in Louisville were "unfenced" and allowed to vote. The 3rd plenary of the day was election of the co-moderators. There were 2 teams running for election, and the new co-moderators were elected on the first ballot. The Rev. Ruth Santana-Grace (Executive Presbyter from the Presbytery of Philadelphia) and Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis (senior pastor at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC) were elected co-moderators of the 225th General Assembly.

Sunday included a "Juneteenth" worship to be the ending to the city of Louisville's Juneteenth celebration weekend.

Monday, bright and early, committee meetings began in the Presbyterian Center. The 4 committees had staggered start times, staggered break times, staggered lunch times, and staggered ending times. This was to help promote social distancing and Covid protocol. Masks were worn at all times in the building.

46 Even though we were all physically in the same room, some advisors or overture advocates were not.
47 We used Zoom, which had translations for English, Spanish and Korean for all and used PC-Biz for
48 voting. Some committee members were not native English speakers; thus the translation was available
49 from their language to English. Committee days ended by 5:00 each day so the building could be
50 cleaned and sanitized for the next day.

51 The schedule continued on Tuesday with Wednesday ending shortly after lunch, when we completed all
52 of our business.

53 I returned home on Thursday and, using the livestream and PC-Biz, observed committee meetings for
54 the rest of the week and the following week. All committees ended by July 2.

55 Plenary meetings started at 11:00 am (Eastern) with worship at 10:00 each day July 5-9. Lunch break
56 was around 2:30 (Eastern) with dinner break around 7:00 each night. However, the meetings went until
57 11:00 pm (with one lasting until 11:45). That made for very long days! But the schedule was attempting
58 to accommodate those connecting in the western time zones.

59 Some of the highlights of the TWE business was approving a committee to write a new confession for
60 the denomination. Another item from this committee was approval of the creation of worship resources
61 for the military and for first responders.

62 There are 30-some items that will be coming to the presbyteries for vote this fall to make changes to the
63 Book of Order. As soon as we get that information, we will send it right out.

64 A summary of GA actions is available at <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>
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- 66 • An overture calling for the divestment from 5 oil and gas companies (Chevron, ExxonMobil,
67 Marathon Petroleum, Phillips 66 and Valero Energy) was approved. Item
68 <https://www.pc-biz.org/#/search/3000939> included a ‘Metrics Guideline’ for scoring energy
69 companies. The Rationale provides interesting information on this.
- 70 • Approved a per capita rate of \$9.85/member for 2023 and \$9.80/member for 2024.
- 71 • Approved an overture allowing the church to declare itself a “sanctuary and accompaniment
72 church”.
- 73 • Much discussion on Gun Violence was held, with approval of a motion to renew its
74 commitment to end gun violence by developing a 10-year campaign “The decade to end gun
75 violence, 2022-2032)”
- 76 • There was also a lot of discussion on race and gender justice concerns.
 - 77 ○ “A Resolution Addressing the Lack of Installed Pastoral Leadership in People of Color
78 Congregations in the PC(USA) — From the Racial Equity Advocacy Committee” was
79 approved.
 - 80 ○ Also approved was “On Offering an Apology to African Americans for the Sin of
81 Slavery and Its Legacy.”
 - 82 ○ Approval was given to formation of a new special committee to expose white supremacy
83 with the denomination and make recommendations for improvement.

84 The assembly voted to change the format for the 226th GA (2024). The committee meetings will be
85 held online with in-person plenaries in Salt Lake City, Utah. The plenary dates are 06/29/2024 –
86 07/06/2024. The committee meeting dates have not yet been finalized.

87 A number of items were approved in changing the Standing Rules of the Assembly. The General
88 Assembly approved changes to the Standing Rules (STAN22) that alter requirements for those serving

- 89 as Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the assembly. YAADs must be:
90 • An active member of a PC(USA) congregation or participant in a new worshipping community
91 or immigrant fellowship that has a relationship with a presbytery
92 • Between 18 and 23 years of age on the day the assembly convenes.

93 A couple of changes were made to the Annual Church Statistical report.

- 94 • There is a change in the age groupings. The new groups are:

95 17 and under

96 18-25

97 26-50

98 41-55

99 56-70

100 71 and over

101 When it asks about youth, the groups are:

102 Age 4 and under

103 Elementary School (K-5th grade)

104 Middle School (6th – 8th grade)

105 High School (9th – 12th grade)

- 106 • Changes to how financial questions are asked. These are:

107 ○ Budget figures

108 ▪ Budgeted income

109 ▪ Budgeted expense

110 ○ Receipts

111 ▪ Regular Contributions

112 ▪ Investment Income

113 ▪ Capital Building Funds

114 ▪ Bequests

115 ▪ Subsidy or Aid

116 ▪ Other Income

117 ○ Expenditures

118 ▪ Local Program

119 ▪ Local Mission

120 ▪ Capital Expenditure

121 ▪ Investment Expense

122 ▪ Per Capita Apportionments

123 ▪ Other Mission

124 I will plan Zoom sessions again for completing the survey. Those will probably be in January 2023 (just
125 before the survey opens) and then just before it closes, probably in February.

126 There are a number of new committees to be formed along with the existing ones. I would urge each of
127 you to prayerfully consider volunteering to serve. More information can be found at:

128 <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/nominations/Info-faq/#:~:text=A%3A%20The%20General%20Assembly%20Nominating%20Committee%20%28GANC%29%20makes,elder%2Fminister%20can%20apply%20and%20be%20considered%20for%20service.>
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131 You should also visit <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/committees/nominations/> and fill out the form in the
132 nominations portal:

133 <https://ganominations.pcusa.org/>

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135 The current vacancies are listed there. The committees to be nominated by the co-moderators will be
136 posted by August 31. Watch for more information on this!

137 Read more news of the 225th General Assembly here (<https://www.pcusa.org/>)

138 If you wish to view the worship services, plenary meetings or committee meetings, visit [https://ga-
pcusa.org/video/](https://ga-
139 pcusa.org/video/)

140 I found it very helpful to observe several other committees after my committee week was complete.
141 This process helped me understand some of the issues discussed by the committees in preparation for
142 the vote in plenary.

143 The process of online plenary was very isolating as we did not gather as a group. Some presbyteries
144 (generally larger than we are) did do this and found it helpful.

145 I appreciate the opportunity to serve as ruling elder commissioner to the 225th General Assembly.

146 Respectfully submitted,
147 Jeannie Dixon

We each have a choice... to be a voice for equity and inclusion.

When I see or hear someone being treated in a manner contrary to our values and rights as members of this committee, I can...

- Send a private message to the speaker
- Ask for recognition to pause and address the issue in the moment
- Speak with the moderator at the break to address later

Am I using the meeting tools to maintain my own power?

Provisional List of Rights of Members of a GA committee underlying the equity primes card:

- Right to be recognized by moderator
- Right to disagree and voice disagreement
- Right not to be interrupted and finish a thought
- Right to vote, depending on status
- Right to speak in all of our various accents and dialects
- Right to request an interpreter
- Right to feel equal to others at the table
- Right not to be a cradle Presbyterian and have zero connection to the historical church

GROUP/COMMITTEE EQUITY PRIME: QUESTIONS BEFORE DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

- Why are we trying to make the decision now?
- Do we have enough information to make an equitable/inclusive decision?
 - Have we heard directly from those who will be most impacted?
 - Have we thought through the impact to the whole church?
- What additional voices/information do we need to make an equitable/inclusive decision?
- What information would lead to more equity?
- Have we honored what's on our cards to honor each others' rights and check our own use of power?
- Is this decision being made with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

225th General Assembly (2022) Minister Commissioner Report

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3 Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a commissioner for the 225 General Assembly. The
4 Assembly tackled a tremendous amount of work over the course of three weeks. For the first time in
5 the history of the church the General Assembly adopted a hybrid model for the meeting. The
6 committees met for three weeks in person, followed by the plenary sessions that were completely
7 online. For a summary of the actions of the GA please see
8 <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2022/7/12/summary-general-assembly-actions/>

9 **Willing to Face Conflict:** The General Assembly did not avoid controversial topics of the day, but
10 received motions involving Israel and Palestine, abortion, fossil fuel divestment, gun control, racial
11 justice, gender identity justice, war in Ukraine, immigration and sanctuary churches. While some of the
12 amendments to these issues faced close votes, the motions themselves, amended or not, passed with
13 broad agreement from the body.

14 **Commissions, task forces, and special committees:** The Assembly created several new committees
15 and task forces to research and explore on-going issues to be addressed at the next general assembly. A
16 few of the new task forces include

17 *Task Force to rewrite the Standing Rules of the GA

18 * A special committee to write new confession to propose to next assembly

19 * Task Force to form a new non-geographic presbytery of Korean churches on the West Coast

20 *Task Force to explore theology and practice of ordination to ordered ministry for Ruling Elders

21 *Commission to merge PMA and OGA.

22 These special committees will make a report to the 226 General Assembly and nearly all of them had
23 budget implications.

24 **Restructure:** The Assembly voted to merge the Office of the General Assembly with the Presbyterian
25 Mission Agency. A special commission was formed to oversee this merger. Funding was a major
26 factor in this decision. While the OGA only has one main stream of funding (per capita), PMA has
27 several streams of funding that will hopefully help with financial concerns for the future.

28 **Future Meetings:** The Assembly voted that the GA 226 would also be a hybrid model, with the
29 committees meeting on-line and the plenary meeting in person in Salt Lake City. While there was
30 considerable agreement that meeting in-person was preferred, budget implications may require some
31 portion of online meetings in the future.

32 **Personal Reflection:** I found the plenary work online to be difficult, especially considering the gravity
33 of the motions that we discussed. I find it fascinating that the online platforms used to hold us together
34 during Covid, can now keep us isolated.

35 Respectfully submitted: Dr. Brad Clayton

1 **225th General Assembly (2022)**
2 **Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Report**

3 This is my second time serving as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD), once online and now
4 once in person. I attended the first week of the General Assembly in Louisville, KY, to witness the
5 opening of the GA. During the first week, I was able to participate in person in the state of the church
6 report, the co-moderator election, and a beautiful Juneteeth service at the Presbyterian Center.

7 The first night was our longest night as we began the work of GA. During one of the first sessions, we
8 watched a lot, and I mean a lot, of videos that describe some of the partnerships and organizations the
9 Presbyterian church has. These videos were eye-opening to see all that we do as a denomination.

10 I served on the Polity committee, which dealt with amendments concerning the Book of Order. While
11 some of the conversations were confusing, overwhelming, and felt unnecessarily long, I enjoyed seeing
12 people's passion for the Book of Order and the Presbyterian Church. The in-person experience proved
13 to be much more engaging as we could serve on committees, have discussions, break bread together,
14 rekindle old friendships, and make new connections, all while serving the greater Presbyterian church
15 and God's Kingdom.

16 Respectfully submitted,
17 Ryan Obray

1 **Educational Time**

2 Presented by the Committee on Educational Resources (CER)
3 and the Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO) Racial Justice Subcommittee

4 *Engaging Your Shadow: Racial Healing in This Present Moment*
5 With Dr. Catherine Meeks, Executive Director of the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing
6 (<https://www.centerforracialhealing.org/>)

7 Prior to the center's opening, Dr. Meeks chaired its
8 precursor, Beloved Community: Commission for
9 Dismantling Racism for the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta.
10 A sought-after teacher and workshop leader, Catherine
11 brings four decades of experience to the work of
12 transforming the dismantling racism work in Atlanta. The
13 core of her work has been with people who have been
14 marginalized because of economic status, race, gender or
15 physical ability as they pursue liberation, justice and
16 access to resources that can help lead them to health,
17 wellness and a more abundant life. This work grows out of
18 her understanding of her call to the vocation of teacher as
19 well as her realization that all of humanity is one family
20 which God desires to unite.



21 Catherine is the retired Clara Carter Acree Distinguished
22 Professor of Socio-Cultural Studies from Wesleyan College and Founding Executive Director of the
23 Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. She characterizes herself as a midwife to the
24 soul of her students and workshop participants. She has spent many years sharing the insights that she
25 gained from her pursuit of the truth. She has had many great teachers including her sons, the Bible,
26 Jungian psychology, cross cultural stories and other books of wisdom. But her greatest teacher is
27 rheumatoid arthritis because it has forced her to learn many new ways to listen to her body and to pay
28 attention to the messages from her heart.

29 She is frequently asked to present commentaries on Georgia Public Radio and other radio and television
30 programs. She is the author of six books and one inspirational CD and is the editor of the bestselling
31 book, *Living Into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America* and co-author of *Passionate for*
32 *Justice: Ida B Wells as Prophet for Our Times*. She holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from Clark
33 Atlanta University and PhD from Emory University.

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

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

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

For action:

CPC moves that the presbytery approve the nomination of Rev. Dr. Ted Land, minister (HR), 1st Presbyterian Church of Chipley, to the Committee on Nominations (CN), Class of 2024-25.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Askew, Chair

Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC)

Rev. Dr. Michael Askew – CPC Chair (*Minister – Gulf Beach, Panama City Beach*)

Rev. Trinity Whitley – Presbytery Moderator (*Minister – Faith, Tallahassee*)

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

Rev. Mark Broadhead – 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 Acting Chair (*Minister – Trinity, Pensacola*)

Elder Leslie Yandle – Committee on Nominations Chair (*Elder – 1st, Pensacola*)

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

Rev. Dr. Raymond Guterman – Committee on Preparation for Ministry Chair (*Minister – 1st, Marianna*)

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

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

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Report from the **Committee on Ministry (COM)**

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

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

At its meeting of July 12, 2022, the Committee on Ministry noted the following items **for information** which it had approved via electronic vote between May 10 and July 12:

1. Transfer of Rev. Dan Mitchell (HR) to Flint River Presbytery
2. Interim Ministry Information Form for Fort Walton Beach-First
3. Temporary Pulpit Supply Contract for Fort Walton Beach-First (Rev. Jim Rollins-HR)
4. Temporary Supply Contract for DeFuniak Springs-First (Rev. Steve Rhodes-HR)

The Committee on Ministry approved the following items:

1. Approval of “Restoring Creation” loan application from Tallahassee-Lafayette to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) to install solar panels.
2. 2022 Terms of Call for Rev. Brad Clayton and Rev. Trinity Whitley (Tallahassee-Faith).
3. Request from Rev. Erin Rosica to transfer status to Member-At-Large.
4. Ordination examination of Erin Rugh to serve as Associate Pastor for Youth and College Ministry (Tallahassee-Faith).
5. Rev. Kwon Soo Cho of the Presbyterian Church of Korea to serve as pulpit supply at Pensacola-Korean, and Rev. Sun Kim (Fort Walton Beach-Korean) to serve as Rev. Cho’s mentor.

The Committee is pleased to introduce Erin Rugh, whose ordination examination was approved on July 12. Erin will present her autobiography. Commissioners will be invited to ask questions from the floor.

The Committee recommends the following item **for action**:

That the Presbytery of Florida approve the donation of the 150’ by 150’ lot owned by Gretna Presbyterian Church at Third and Church Streets, which is adjacent to Gretna Baptist Church and identified as Parcel 2-32-3N4W-0430-00045-0020, to Gretna Baptist Church, with the condition that the property be limited to church use, and that if at some point it is not used for church purposes it will revert to Gretna Presbyterian Church.

Background and rationale: In November 2020, the congregation of Gretna Presbyterian Church approved the recommendation of the session that the above-described parcel be given to Gretna Baptist Church. The lot is vacant and is not being used by Gretna Presbyterian Church. It sits adjacent to Gretna Baptist Church at the corner of Third and Church Streets in Gretna. In its discussion on July 12 the Committee on Ministry requested that CRE Alan House contact Gretna Baptist’s pastor, David Warr, to ensure the church’s willingness to accept a reversionary clause. Gretna Baptist has agreed that if at some point the parcel ceases to be used for church purposes, it will revert to Gretna Presbyterian Church. At the present time Gretna Baptist plans to use the lot for parking. The Committee on Ministry approved the above recommendation via electronic vote on August 1.

43
 44 The Committee reviewed the status of congregations within the Presbytery and the work of the sub-
 45 teams (Pastor Transition, Relational Ministry, and Temporary Pastoral Leadership).

46 The next meeting of the Committee on Ministry will be September 13, 2022 at 9:30 am CDT at
 47 Dogwood Acres.

48 Respectfully submitted,
 49 Rev. Dr. Joan Wooten, Chair

<u>Class of 2022-23</u>	<u>Committee on Ministry (COM)</u>	<u>Class of 2023-24</u>	<u>Class of 2024-25</u>
Kenneth Kelley <i>(Minister – HR)</i>		Carol Wood <i>(Minister-1st, Wewahitchka)</i>	Lisa Martin <i>(Minister – 1st, Lynn Haven)</i>
Linda Pitts <i>(Minister – Member at Large)</i>		Linda Shelley (Vice Chair) <i>(Elder-Faith Tallahassee)</i>	John Cole <i>(Minister – Member at Large)</i>
Bill Green <i>(Elder – Euchee Valley, DeFuniak Springs)</i>		Joan Wooten (Chair) <i>(Minister – 1st, Pensacola)</i>	Matt Frease <i>(Minister – UKirk Tallahassee)</i>
Mary Mehta <i>(Elder – Gulf Breeze)</i>		Bill Wert <i>(Elder – 1st, Quincy)</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>
Sue Coleman <i>(Elder – Trinity, Pensacola)</i>		Bob Crabtree <i>(Elder – Christ, Tallahassee)</i>	<i>Vacancy</i>

1 **Erin Rugh Bio**

2 I was born and raised in Aurora, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland, where the seeds of my call to
3 ministry were planted as my family was active at Pioneer Presbyterian Church throughout my
4 childhood and adolescence.

5 I attended Ohio University where I earned a Bachelor of Business Administration and spent two
6 formative summers as an intern for a faith-based nonprofit, Youth Mission Co, in Raleigh, North
7 Carolina. Through my first summer in Raleigh I began to articulate my call to ministry as I met and
8 worked with ministers who were serving in a variety of ways, and began to see myself represented in
9 ministry contexts in new ways. By the end of my second summer internship in Raleigh I had decided
10 that I would attend seminary after undergrad.

11 In 2017 I began the Dual Degree program at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA, and
12 simultaneously began working as the Seminary Intern at Saint Luke's Presbyterian in Dunwoody, GA.
13 At Columbia I earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a
14 concentration in Christian Education, graduating in 2021. I spent 3.5 years as the Seminary Intern at
15 Saint Luke's where I discerned a deep sense of call to youth ministry in a church context. In 2021 I
16 moved into a full-time position at Saint Luke's as their Pastoral Resident for Youth Ministry, a position
17 that has granted me the opportunity for continued learning and discernment in a pastoral role over the
18 past year and a half.

19 In the process of getting to know Faith Presbyterian Church through their APNC, I have felt drawn
20 to their special congregation and vibrant student ministry in ways that I can only describe as the
21 movement of the Spirit. I believe that the church has a unique and special opportunity to be a
22 welcoming space, the kind of place that is just hard to come by, especially for young people, and I
23 cannot wait to help create and experience that space with the congregation at Faith.

24 Beyond feeling deeply called to Faith Presbyterian in this moment, I love the connectional church
25 and also feel called to be an active participant in the church beyond the context of a single
26 congregation; I'm looking forward to getting to know and engaging with the Presbytery of Florida!

27 In my free time I like to read in cozy spots, spend time near water, and search for good vanilla
28 lattes.

1 **Erin Rugh Statement of Faith**

2 I believe in one God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Expansive and abundant, God is the power
3 which crafted and nourishes all of creation. The force that transformed and continues to transform
4 through love alone. God is in nature and in communities. I recognize God in the peace of a lake, the
5 quiet of a cool mountain top, and in the chaos of a busy park where communities intersect. God is love.
6 God is hope. God is peace.

7 God came to creation, fully human and fully divine as the Son, Jesus Christ, and lived as the
8 greatest example of love, humility, and hospitality. In Christ, God overcame death; crucified, died, and
9 resurrected – Christ is alive, so we need not live in fear, but in response to abundant grace.

10 God, through the Holy Spirit lives among us, transforming and embracing, making each space a
11 holy one. Through wind and rain, grief and celebration, the Holy Spirit surrounds.

12 I believe that scripture is authoritative, the inspired word of God; rich with context to expand our
13 perspective of our expansive God.

14 I believe that we are called by God to love all our siblings, to show compassion, strive for justice,
15 offer hospitality, and display humility. I believe that the Church, the whole community of believers, is
16 called to do the same.

17 I believe that churches have the opportunity to create spaces unlike any others. Spaces of welcome
18 and acceptance, communities of celebration and grieving. That in togetherness, the church is a place in
19 which it is okay to name when you are not okay and a place to celebrate joy.

20 I believe that in the sacrament of baptism God names and claims us as Gods own and calls us into a
21 life of continued transformation through grace.

22 I believe in the sacrament of communion we come to one table to be nourished and remember
23 salvation through Christ; a sign and seal of our communion with Christ. In communion we are
24 nourished for the remembering ahead. The table is big enough for all to be nourished in a holy meal.

25 I believe the promise of our faith is that our sin is forgiven by overflowing grace through Christ.
26 Grace that we have done nothing to deserve and can do nothing to escape. Grace that we are called to
27 live in response to, by loving our neighbors, building faithful communities, laboring for justice,
28 extending hospitality, promoting compassion, practicing sabbath, engaging in worship, and actively
29 praying. We are forgiven; made new today, tomorrow, and every day thereafter, which is the greatest
30 gift of all.

31 I strive to live in response to my faith. I believe that keeping an open-mind and open heart are
32 expressions of my faith, through expressions of compassion and empathy, I do my best to follow the
33 great example set by Christ.

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on New Congregational Development (CNCD)**

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

4 **Purpose:** To formulate and implement a comprehensive plan for the location, funding, and
5 development of new congregations and new worshipping communities within the bounds of the
6 presbytery.

7 Over the last two and a half years, we have devoted much of our time to understanding best practices
8 for a new congregational development committee (NCDC). Through our research we have found that
9 that a NCDC should have a policy in place for any existing church or individual within the presbytery
10 to work towards developing a new worshipping community. Last year, we developed that plan, and it
11 was approved. We also discovered that the most effective NCDCs were proactive and found
12 opportunities within the presbytery to develop new worshipping communities. They did this by
13 identifying areas or people within their presbytery where a congregation was not currently active. Over
14 the last eighteen months we have engaged in a considerable amount of research and discerned that the
15 area with the highest potential is the 30A/Hwy98 corridor, also known as the Seaside community.

16 According to MissionInsite, the Seaside community has the highest projected growth of any community
17 in our presbytery over the next ten years that does not currently have a Presbyterian church. Also, this
18 area is only served by five congregations. We believe that the time is right to plant a new worshipping
19 community in this area.

20 In the CLC, there are currently over 400 candidates or pastors seeking a call to a new worshipping
21 community and only two position openings. We will look for someone who has a calling to this type of
22 ministry and adheres to PCUSA theology and polity. We will use the NCDC's handbook and working
23 alongside the called pastor to determine benchmarks, and meeting expectations. Given the median
24 income of the area the minimum will be \$65,000 but could increase depending on experience which
25 will come from the NCDC's designated funds.

26 **Action Items:**

- 27 1. The Committee on New Congregational Development moves that CNCD move forward in
28 establishing a new worshipping community in the 30A/Hwy98 corridor.

29 The Committee on New Congregational Development moves that the members of CNCD be
30 elected as the PNC for securing pastoral leadership for this new worshipping community, and that this
31 PNC be trained by and responsible to the Committee on Ministry as the COM search process requires.

32 Respectfully submitted,
33 Rev. A. J. Mealor, Chair

Committee on News Congregational Development (CNCD)

Class of 2022-23

Stan Trappe
(Elder– Grace, Panama City)

Class of 2023-24

Steve Rhodes (Vice Chair)
(Minister-1st, DeFuniak Springs)

Class of 2024-25

A. J. Mealor (Chair)
(Minister – Fellowship,
Tallahassee)

Artie White
(Elder – Faith, Tallahassee)

Kathy Milton
(Elder – 1st, Marianna)

Jim Rollins
(Minister – HR)

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR)**

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

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

7 **Items for Information**

- 8 • Panama City-Grace, Pensacola-Northminster, Crestview-First, and Milton-First continue to
9 make their way through the revitalization process.
- 10 • Several more congregations are interested in exploring what the revitalization process is about.
- 11 • Tallahassee-Lafayette will engage in revitalization perhaps in October of this year.
- 12 • DeFuniak Springs-Bethel is very enthusiastic about their revitalization work thus far. The
13 physical property is being updated (electric and air conditioning at this point). Members who
14 have been absent from worship for some time have started to return. Excitement is being
15 generated.
- 16 • **Pastor Seminar!!**
17 Pastors, mark your calendar. On Wednesday, October 5, 2022 CCR is planning to host a one-
18 day seminar at Dogwood Acres based on exploring ways to do ministry in our congregations
19 in this rapidly changing societal setting. We also plan to have a representative from the
20 Presbyterian Foundation to speak about new ways of receiving offerings and managing well
21 the offerings that are given. Watch for further details.

22 **Items for Action**

- 23 • None

24 Respectfully Submitted,
25 Mark Broadhead, Chair

Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR)

Class of 2022-23
Joanne Kublik (Secretary)
(CLP – Red Bay)

Jean Mourey
(Elder-1st, Milton)

Shelia Clark-Askew
(Elder-Gulf Beach,
Panama City Beach)

Class of 2023-24
Harvey Jenkins
(Minister- HR)

Mark Broadhead (Vice Chair)
(Minister- 1st, Crestview/
Laurel Hill)

Class of 2024-25
Rev. Sun Kim
(Minister- Korean 1st,
Fort Walton Beach)
Karen Weaver
(Elder-1st, Monticello)

Ernie McNeill
(Elder-1st, Marianna)

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

Membership: Chair, vice-chair, 11 members-at-large

Purpose: To provide short and long-term planning, management, development, operations, and programs connected with Dogwood Acres.

For information:

While summer tends to be quiet for most presbytery committees, it's a busy time for the Dogwood Acres committee. Summer camp resumed this summer after being disrupted for two summers because of Covid. This disruption has impacted camper registration, so we streamlined the number of weeks of summer camp down to two without a dedicated Einstein camp for special needs campers. We were able to accommodate some of the special needs campers into our two-week camp program, but we look forward to being able to provide a dedicated camp for them in the future. Seven counselors were hired this summer, with chaplains and nurses for both weeks of summer camp. About 70 campers enjoyed a week at Dogwood as a result.

The committee was grieved to learn that our director, Ben Powell, was diagnosed with serious health issues just before the camping season was to begin. Unable to attend to his duties, the committee and others in presbytery stepped up to help us provide a summer camp program nonetheless. Our thanks to Christy Williams, who stepped in as interim camp director for the first week, and to Eric Hearn, who took charge during the second week. Ben and his wife, Kathy, play an integral part in the running of Dogwood Acres, so the committee must move with speed to put leadership in place for the interim. We ask for presbytery's prayers for Ben and his wife Kathy and for their support as we navigate through the coming months together.

Dogwood Acres has a new building on its premises now, close to the main dining hall. This building will be dedicated storage facility and has been on Ben's wish list for over a decade. There is still some minor carpentry work to be done. Anyone with building experience who would like to volunteer to help complete it can contact the chair.

The committee remains dedicated to its mission and is moving forward together, trusting in God.

Bill Lamont
Chair

Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA)

Class of 2022-23

Bennett Chesser
(Elder – 1st, Quincy)

Bill Lamont (Chair)
(Minister – Gulf Breeze)

Brad Schild
(Elder – 1st, Pensacola)

Vacancy

Class of 2023-24

Leon Corbett
(Elder – Faith, Tallahassee)

Brant Copeland
(Minister – HR)

Lisa Wilder
(DCE – 1st, Quincy)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Class of 2024-25

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

Henry Givens
(Elder – Laurel Hill)

Vacancy

Vacancy

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

Membership: Chair, vice-chair, five members-at-large

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

FOR INFORMATION:

The Anti-Racism I Stand With You Task Force has been renamed the Racial Justice Subcommittee and has come under the CMO for reporting and accountability purposes. Their motto remains, “I Stand with You.” The Anti-Racism Task Force has been tied to both CMO and CER, but the subcommittee feels that, to avoid confusion, they should come solely under CMO for reporting purposes. The *Racial Justice Subcommittee* has requested funding in the 2023 CMO budget to provide workshops and events to raise awareness of racism across the Presbytery. The Rev. Dr. Michael Askew has joined the Racial Justice Subcommittee.

The Racial Justice Subcommittee will present at September 17, 2022 Disciplefest a workshop on the impact of racism on poverty, led by Greta Reed, and at the August 23, 2022 presbytery meeting, an educational hour via Zoom featuring Dr. Catherine Meeks from the Absalom Jones Center in Atlanta. Dr. Meeks will present to the group for 45 minutes and allow questions for 15 minutes. The Team will be available during lunch for those who wish to continue the discussion on Dr. Meeks presentation.

Mission Grants. CMO continues to complete guidelines and applications for CHURCH AND COMMUNITY MISSION GRANTS in lieu of PC(USA) Self Development of People (SDOP) program applications, as per our conversations at the May 2022 Presbytery meeting at Dogwood Acres. These grants requests would be endorsed by CMO prior to submission for action/approval by Committee on Presbytery Administration, using funds from the 10% of the balance in Reserve Funds of presbytery above the \$650,000 threshold established by CPA and usable to fund “Unbudgeted Presbytery Projects” as approved the Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA). Source: Presbytery Stated Meeting Minutes - May 21,2022 Report of the Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA).

Presbytery International Mission Partnership: Guatemala. CMO continues to seek people involved in existing Guatemala mission projects or interested in further connections in Guatemala who may join our CMO’s Presbytery of Florida -Presbyterian Women of Guatemala initiative development. July presbytery newsletter featured article on work and needs of CMO. We especially seek a bilingual English/Spanish translator. Becky Rose (Freeport) has report on partnership agreement developments and possible Presbyterian Women and congregational involvements at the August 2022 presbytery meeting.

FLAPDAN: Tim Crawford (1st, Crestview) now serves on the FLAPDAN Executive Board. FLAPDAN approved two grants from remaining funds from hurricanes Michael and Irma relief: \$10,84.14 to Peace River Presbytery for unmet needs for the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance and \$7,480.70 to the Presbytery of Florida for unmet needs for Dogwood Acres Retreat.

CMO/FLAPDAN Subcommittee: We have assembled the list of church contacts within the presbytery sorted by district. In the event of a disaster or other calamity, each church will be contacted by the presbytery’s FLAPDAN board members; Ed Nickinson will contact the east district, Tim Crawford the central, and George Woodward the west.

FLAPDAN and Presbytery Leadership will now 1) create at least an annual event for mid-council communication, 2) Review, revise and standardize FLAPDAN’s “ask” for financial contributions from

44 presbyteries, 3) Standardize FLAPDAN's board selection and composition: Establish qualifications for
45 board candidates, establish standard process for board recruitment and appointments that establishes
46 who recruits and who vets candidates, 4) Revise board composition to one rep per presbytery and three
47 at-large members. Next FLAPDAN Meeting set for August 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m. CDT, 2:00 p.m. EDT

48 **Hunger Action Grants.** CMO approved a \$5,000.00 grant to First Presbyterian Church, Crestview, to
49 be used to supply and operate their soup kitchen/food distribution activities. On some occasions,
50 homeless and transient persons are provided a meal at their weekly Friday meal/food distribution.
51 Hunger Grant application form and guidelines are on the presbytery website.

52 **Vacancies/Needs/Nominations:** We need two committee members from West District and two from
53 Central District. Please suggest people with a passion for missions and service to the Nominating
54 Committee (Leslie Yandle) and/or to CMO Chair Hugh Hamilton (Pensacola-Trinity).

55 Report Submitted: Hugh Hamilton, Chair CMO

Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)

<u>Class of 2021-22</u>	<u>Class of 2022-23</u>	<u>Class of 2023-24</u>
Steve Graves <i>(Minister – Lafayette, Tallahassee)</i>	Tim Crawford <i>(Elder – 1st, Crestview)</i>	Susan Byram <i>(Elder – 1st, Pensacola)</i>
Hugh Hamilton (Acting chair) <i>(Minister – Trinity, Pensacola)</i>	Vacancy	Vacancy
Becky Rose <i>(Elder – Freeport)</i>		

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Report from the **Committee on Representation (CR)**

Membership: Chair, Vice-Chair, Two Members-at-Large

Purpose: To advise the Presbytery with respect to membership of its committees and to the employment of its personnel per Book of Order G-3.0103.

For information:

1. The CR met on June 11, 2022, via Zoom. It was our first meeting since February 12, 2022.
2. Elder Yongwoon Shim is a new member of the CR. She replaced Reverend Tae Ho Cheong. She is a member of the Korean First Presbyterian Church of Fort Walton Beach.
3. Committee member Aracelis Fernandez, from First Presbyterian of Havana, in the Presbytery's East District, who served in the Class of 2024/25, has resigned, so a new CR member from the East District is needed.
4. The CR plans to lead the education hour for the October 25, 2022, Presbytery meeting. The purpose of the educational hour is to encourage Presbytery members to achieve, accomplish, realize, endorse, and preserve our commitment to inclusiveness.
5. Elder Yongwoon Shim wrote an article about the history of the Korean First Presbyterian Church of Fort Walton Beach for the *Panhandle Presbyterian* newsletter. The article appeared in the August 2022 edition.
6. The committee has requested Elder Shim to ask Elder Yun Hui Yarbrough to consider serving on the Committee on Ministry.
7. Our next CR meeting will be on August 13, 2022. One of the purposes of this meeting is to plan an in-person committee meeting to prepare education hour at the October 24, 2022, Presbytery meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Hodges, Chair

Class of 2022-23
Youngwoon Shim
(Elder – Korean 1st,
Fort Walton Beach)

Committee on Representation (CR)

Class of 2023-24
Emily Proctor
(Minister – Member at Large)

Glenn Hodges (Chair)
(Elder – 1st, Tallahassee)

Class of 2024-25
Vacant

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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