

Supplemental Reports to the
Presbytery of Florida
Spring Stated Meeting

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

For information:

At its meeting of May 9, 2023, the Committee on Ministry approved the following items:

1. 2023 Terms of Call for installed pastors A. J. Mealor (Tallahassee-Fellowship), Lisa Martin (Lynn Haven-First), Robert Quiring (Pensacola-First), Sheldon Steen (Tallahassee-Christ), Bill Lamont (Gulf Breeze), and Mark Broadhead (Crestview-First).
2. Request for exemption through 2024 for Crestview-First.
3. Partial funding for CRE Alan House (Gretna & Woodland) to attend the Festival of Homiletics, May 15-18, in Minneapolis, MN.

The Committee is pleased to introduce Rev. Jim Krapf as an Honorably Retired member of Presbytery (see biography and statement of faith).

Biographical Narrative Rev. James W. Krapf (Pastor Jim)

A portion of my Christian heritage has roots going back to my great, great grand uncle Johann Ludwig Krapf from the Black Forest area of Germany. He was the first Reformed Christian missionary in east Africa doing ministry in Ethiopia and Kenya during the 1840s. His primary task was translating the Bible into native languages. In September 2016, I traced his footsteps in Kenya and held a copy of one of his translations.

The lore of his story was told by my father and his siblings as I grew up on an Iowa farm. With this influence along with others, I pursued a calling to also minister. After graduating from the University of Dubuque and McCormick Seminary, I pastored my first church in Chariton, Iowa. For a year and a half, I joined Covenant Players, a touring theatrical troupe that performed in churches, prisons, shopping malls, and schools. During that time, I conducted a long-distance courtship with a schoolteacher named Cynthia Fisher, who became my wife in June 1976. After our wedding I took her the end of the earth (Duluth, MN) where I served an associate pastor, and she taught junior and senior high students. Our children were born there. Karl is now a chiropractor in Paw Paw MI, where he enables laboring people to continue working. Kristen is now a beautician in Pensacola where she increases self-esteem through hair styling and encouraging conversations.

While serving in Battle Creek, IA during the 1980s farm crisis, I ministered to people whose century family-owned farms were being foreclosed and to bankers who made agonizing decisions impacting their neighbors. For fourteen years, I served a growing church in the expanding community of Ankeny, IA. Establishing the Logos youth program and building a new sanctuary moved us forward. During my pastorate and retirement years in the very diverse community of Worthington, MN, we sought to practice hospitality with our immigrant neighbors. The SDOP committee that I chaired granted funds to empower their wellbeing in several communities. For sixteen years I chaired a presbytery's task force that mutually planned and implemented projects with sister churches in Guatemala. In retirement, I served poor people through Love INC (In the Name of Christ), volunteered with a food pantry, and tutored English and citizenship.

We are currently worshiping and serving with the good folks of Northminster in Pensacola. Since moving to Florida activities include chauffeuring grandsons, vegetable gardening, raising chicks, and pushing white sand with my toes, rather than pushing white snow with a shovel.

Statement of Faith
Rev. James W. Krapf

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45 The sacrament of communion speaks to my faith. Partaking in this remembrance of Jesus Christ causes
46 me to humbly submit and joyfully celebrate. I lift up my heart to the Lord.

47 The bread and cup of wine are tangible elements that I see, touch, smell, and taste. They remind me
48 that the almighty Creator of the universe was incarnated in human form and dwelt on this tiny speck of
49 a planet. This act affirms that our Creator reached out in love to me and all my fellow humans. I am
50 awed by this realization. Christmas proclaims an awesome gracious gift.

51 The broken bread and poured out wine recall the incarnated Jesus' atoning sacrifice. They remind me
52 that I have been saved from the sins that separate me from God. I humbly rejoice that our Savior
53 reconciles me to God and offers this forgiving grace to all. We celebrate communion remembering
54 Jesus' death until he shall come again. I am assured that Jesus my judge is also my savior. Good
55 Friday is good news.

56 The one loaf is made up of many grains of wheat and the one cup is make up of many grapes. They
57 remind me that God's grace conquers all that would separate us from God and one another. Our
58 resurrected Lord is victorious over evil, sin, and death. My cynicism is overcome with the hope that
59 good can triumph over evil, sins are forgiven, and death is not the final word. Easter declares God's
60 great desire is that we be free to be together forever.

61 I trust these gifts offered in communion because I believe the Bible to be the revealed Word of God.
62 The authoritative witness presented in scripture is constantly true. Our interpretations and applications
63 are continually guided by the Holy Spirit. I also trust communion's gifts because they restore my soul.
64 God's forgiveness gives me eternal security. I am freed of self-concerns to care more fully for others.
65 God's commands and call give me sustaining purpose. I am here to joyfully glorify and faithfully serve
66 God.

67 We partake of communion in an unworthy manner if we do not discern the Body of Christ. The church
68 is the tangible, sacrificing, reconciling Body of Christ. We are called forth from the world to be an
69 instrument and an example of his redeeming love. It has been my privilege to be a pastor who invites
70 the Holy Spirit to empower us to be the church.

71 We have often sung "The Servant Song" while receiving communion. The words help me praise God
72 for his everlasting love and inspire me to love as I serve and witness.

73 Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you.
74 Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.
75 We are pilgrims on a journey, We are partners on the road,
76 We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load.

77 I will serve the bread and cup to you in times of joy or fear
78 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
79 I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
80 I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

81 When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
82 Born of all we've know together of Christ's love and agony.
83 Sister, let me be your servant, Let me be as Christ to you,
84 Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant too.

1 Report from the
2 **Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)**

3 **Membership:** Chair, vice-chair, 9 members-at-large

4 **Purpose:** To oversee the management of presbytery funds, property, and staff.

5 **For information:**

6 **Finances-**

7 Our budget has been solid for the first quarter of 2023. We have also recovered some of our investment
8 losses from last year, as the market has rebounded. Please see the financial report for more details.

9 **Property-**

10 **Office construction** continues to go well. We have chosen to dig a separate well to provide water for
11 the office. The cost for this well was anticipated as an additional expense of construction.

12 **Solar Panels-** We have received a bid for solar panels for the new office- **\$27,000**. This cost was not
13 budgeted or anticipated as an additional expense for construction. In order to include solar panels, we
14 will need additional funding or a donation from another source.

15 **Personnel-**

16 We are beginning our second year of staff support teams. Each staff member has been assigned a team
17 of volunteers to work with throughout the year. These volunteers offer support and evaluations for each
18 staff member.

19 **For action:** No items.

20 Respectfully submitted,
21 Brad Clayton, Chair

Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA)

Class of 2024

Grady McDaniel
(Elder – Grace, Panama City)

Eric Spoon
(Minister – Grace, Panama City)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Class of 2025

Brad Clayton (Chair)
(Minister – Faith, Tallahassee)

Mary Vance
(Minister – HR)

Anne Hodges
(Elder – Christ, Tallahassee)

Vacancy

Class of 2026

Barbara Sawyer
(Elder – Northminster,
Pensacola)

David Balmer
(Elder – Gulf Beach,
Panama City Beach)

Ann Fyfe
(Elder – 1st, Lynn Haven)