

1 Minutes of Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting

2 Dogwood Acres, FL

3 May 20, 2023

4 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met
5 at Dogwood Acres Camp and Retreat Center, Vernon, FL, for a Stated Meeting on Saturday, May 20,
6 2023.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
Session Commissioners	22	18	40
Other Continuing Members (RE committee chairs {4}; RE officers {2}; RE educators {1})	2	5	7
CLP/CRE	1	3	4
Total Ruling Elders	24	26	50
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	24	16	40
Total Present and Absent	48	42	90
Congregations Represented	19	18	37

20 **MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT PRESENT (24):**

21 Anne Apple, Michael Askew, Mark Broadhead, Brad Clayton, Mathew Frease, Hugh Hamilton, *Harvey*
22 *Jenkins*, John Kelsay, *James Krapf*, William Lamont, Lisa Martin, Roy Martin, *Ruth Mashewske*,
23 Catherine Mooney, Linda Pitts, Emily Proctor, Erin Rugh, Eric Spoon, Kim Stavenau, Sheldon Steen,
24 *Mary Vance*, Trinity Whitley, *Carol Wood*, Joan Wooten. (italics = HR)

25 **MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ABSENT (8/8):**

26 **Excused Ministers:** Casey Aldridge, Jordan Goodwin, Raymond Guterman, A.J. Mealor, Taylor
27 Phillips, Robert Quiring, Erin Rosica, Rob Sugg

28 **Unexcused Ministers:** Mary Baars O'Malley, Robert Bohnsack, John Cole, Tai Cole, Sun Kim, Luis
29 Ocasio Torres, Pamela Phillips, John Stringer

30 **RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (22)**

31 **Blountstown, First – unexcused**

32 **Chipley, First – Tommy Barnes**

33 **Crestview, First – James Gaylord**

34 **Defuniak Springs, Bethel – unexcused**

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

36 **Defuniak Springs, First – Mark Davis**

37 **Destin, First – unexcused**

38 **Fort Walton Beach, First – unexcused**

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

40 **Freeport, Freeport – unexcused**

41 **Gretna, Gretna – unexcused**

42 **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze – Sandra Stanley**

43 **Havana, First – unexcused**
44 **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill – Brian Hughes**
45 **Lynn Haven, First – Kathy Welsh**
46 **Marianna, First – Ernest McNeill**
47 **Milton, First – Deborah Potter**
48 **Monticello, First – unexcused**
49 **Navarre, Navarre – unexcused**
50 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach – Betsy Balmer**
51 **Panama City, Grace – unexcused**
52 **Panama City, Parkway – Al Borovich**
53 **Panama City, St. Andrews – unexcused**
54 **Pensacola, First – Mark Easterlin**
55 **Pensacola, Korean – unexcused**
56 **Pensacola, Northminster – Pam Nulty**
57 **Pensacola, Trinity – Frank Massengill, Charles Gilroy**
58 **Quincy, First – Ben Powell, Wayne Conrad**
59 **Red Bay, Red Bay – Walter Ray**
60 **Sawdust, Woodland – excused**
61 **Tallahassee, Christ – Bob Lovins**
62 **Tallahassee, Faith – Vicki Weber, Courtney Atkins**
63 **Tallahassee, Fellowship – excused**
64 **Tallahassee, First – excused**
65 **Tallahassee, Lafayette – Kay Lachat**
66 **Tallahassee, Trinity United – unexcused**
67 **Wewahitchka, First – excused**

68 **Sessions not represented:**

69 **Excused Churches (4):**

70 Sawdust, Woodland;
71 Tallahassee, Fellowship;
72 Tallahassee, First
73 Wewahitchka

74 **Unexcused Churches (14):**

75 Blountstown, First;
76 DeFuniak Springs, Bethel;
77 Destin, First;
78 Fort Walton Beach, First;
79 Fort Walton Beach, Korean;
80 Freeport;
81 Gretna;
82 Havana, First;
83 Monticello, First;
84 Navarre;
85 Panama City, Grace;
86 Panama City, St. Andrews;
87 Pensacola, Korean Community;
88 Tallahassee, Trinity United

89 **CONTINUING MEMBERS:**

90 **CREs present (1):**

91 Greg Seltzer

92 **CREs absent (3):**
93 Tonya Fernandes; Alan House (excused); Joanne Kublik (excused)

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

96 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Melissa Willis – Administrator; Christy Williams – Interim Dogwood
97 Acres Director; Denise Vandiver (RE) – Treasurer; Eric Hearn – Dogwood Acres Program Director

98 **Officers/Team Chairs:** Jeannie Dixon – Stated Clerk (RE); Don Mowat (RE) – Moderator

99 **Visitors:** Russell Nulty (Pensacola, Northminster), Timm Dazey (DeFuniak, First); Beth Mooney
100 (DeFuniak Springs, First); Pam Dillon (DeFuniak Springs, First); Joyce Kelly (DeFuniak Springs, First);
101 Tim Crawford (Crestview, First); Hilda Jackson (DeFuniak Springs, First); Wade Jackson (DeFuniak
102 Springs, First).

103 **Visiting Teaching Elders: (1).**
104 Lorne Bostwick

105 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

106 Moderator Don Mowat called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT. A quorum (ten
107 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and ten elders, representing at least ten member congregations) was
108 present, and The Rev. Michael Askew opened the meeting with prayer. Presbytery approved the docket
109 as presented by Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon.

110 **WELCOME: Pastor Michael Askew, pastor to Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, co-hosts with**
111 **Dogwood Acres,** welcomed the presbytery to Dogwood Acres and gave instructions for the day’s
112 activity, meals, and facilities.

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

115 **MORNING WORSHIP Ruling Elder James Gaylord of First Presbyterian Church, Crestview**
116 served as liturgist for worship assisted by Mr. Brad Thorson, Musician, First Presbyterian Church, Lynn
117 Haven. The Rev. Cathy Mooney’s sermon “Out of Many, We are One,” 1 Corinthians 12:12-29, called
118 us to recognize the equality and need of all our gifts spiritual gifts and service for the churches and the
119 presbytery to prosper in our work together. Christ’s body is equipped and designed for unity,
120 cooperation, for the good of all and to give life to all.

121 **EDUCATIONAL HOUR:** The presbytery divided into four groups and moved to locations for
122 concurrent and rotating presentations on four components of our presbytery work: FLAPDAN (Tim
123 Crawford), UKirk Tallahassee (Matt Frease), Committee on Dogwood Acres (Christy Williams), and
124 Walking Meditation Trail (Kay Lachat).

125 **STAFF REPORTS:**

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

127 **ID Cards** Minister ID cards were mailed mid-March.

128 **Annual Statistics** The deadline for submitting congregational statistics was Feb. 16. All congregations
129 submitted at least membership numbers. These statistics are very helpful when a minister is considering
130 a call to that congregation or a person is looking for a church in their community. When I provide
131 information to someone who has moved and is looking for a new church, I send the statistics from the

132 church directory and suggest they look at total membership, average worship attendance, age
133 distribution of members, and the overall financial numbers (e.g., income received and income
134 expended). That is helpful to them in finding a congregation that seems a good fit for them. Please help
135 by submitting good, complete statistics! The questions for 2023 will be the same as those for 2022 as the
136 General Assembly does not meet this year so there will not be any changes.

137 **Review of session records** The review of session minutes and rolls for 2019, 2020, and 2021 has been
138 a major focus of the last bit of 2022 and first of 2023. The congregations who did not submit the records
139 for review include: Bethel, DeFuniak Springs; 1st, Chipley; 1st, Blountstown; Freeport; 1st, Marianna;
140 Navarre; Pensacola Korean Community; and Northminster, Pensacola. It is hoped to conduct the 2022
141 records review in the next few months.

142 **REPORT FROM DOGWOOD ACRES DIRECTOR: Christy Williams**

143 Twenty-six (26) retreats are planned in 2023, surpassing the 2022 record. Registrations for Summer
144 2023 camps are still available online. Over \$3000.00 camp scholarships have been granted to enable
145 campers to participate, and the Racial Justice Committee is recruiting racial ethnic, people of color,
146 campers. Multiple work projects at the camp are available to church groups.

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

148 Treasurer Vandiver reviewed color-coded charts of 1) pledges and receipts to date, 2) committee
149 expenses and operations to date. No extraordinary expenses to date, expenses are on target for 1st
150 Quarter 2023. A written budget and finance report was included in the agenda/reports packet.

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

152 Dr. Martin highlighted and invited everyone to the installation of Cathy Mooney as Pastor to First
153 Presbyterian Church of DeFuniak Springs on Sunday, May 21, 6pm.

154 The Board of Pensions is issuing proposals to all presbyteries' Committee on Ministry for consideration
155 to make changes in 2024 to avoid drastic increases in participation dues in 2025. If said proposals are
156 approved in October 2023, they will go into effect in 2025. If proposals are not approved, Major
157 Medical dues may increase from 29% of effective salary to 40%, raising overall dues to 50% of effective
158 salary.

159 Jeannie Dixon and Joan Wooten are on call while Roy and Lisa Martin travel to Scotland for 5 weeks
160 during June, returning the first week of July.

161 Roy Martin then entertained presbytery by dividing the presbyters into groups to sing and perform
162 associated movement to the old camp song, "Old King Cole Was a Merry Old Soul."

163 **Strategic Planning Task Force: Mark Broadhead**

164 The Task Force received 112 responses from the 154 persons sent the Holy Cow! Landscape
165 questionnaire about the presbytery and its operations. Everyone is invited to participate in the executive
166 summary of the findings of the survey by the director of Holy Cow! on June 14, 6pm CST/7pm EST by
167 Zoom. The Task Force have personal interviews with presbytery committee chairs, presbytery staff and
168 others addressing the areas of 1) Budget, 2) Staffing, 3) Property and Operations, 4) Program and
169 committee structure, and 5) Other Presbyteries. Using the information gathered we will present our
170 findings and recommendations at the October 2023 presbytery meeting.

171 **COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION REPORTS:**

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

173 Presbytery approved changes to the Committee on Congregational Discernment as presented by the
174 CPC.

175 CPC Approved the following persons to begin immediate service among these committees:

176 CDWA: James Vance - elder, Fellowship, Tallahassee, class 2/2024

177 CMO: Becky Rose - elder, Freeport, class 2/2024

179 **Bills and Overtures (CBO):**

180 Upon the recommendation of CBO, the presbytery voted to concur with Amendment 22-GG the new
181 Church Discipline section of the Book of Order to replace the 1996 version of the Rules of Discipline.
182 Though most presbyters admitted that they had not read the proposed document, they accepted the
183 rationale of CBO that, among other things, this revision:

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

200 **COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR ACTION/UPDATES**

201 **Committee on Congregational Discernment (CCD): Mark Broadhead**

202 **Item for Action:** Presbytery approved changes to the CCD Handbook due to the name change of the
203 committee. See Attachment D of agenda reports.

204 **Items for Information:**

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

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

223 For information: COM has approved:

- 224 1. 2023 Terms of Call Form

- 225 2. Letter of Transfer for Rev. Dr. Kwonsoo Cho
226 3. Associate Pastor Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Pensacola-Trinity
227 4. Reception of Rev. Cathy Mooney as member of Florida Presbytery from New Hope Presbytery
228 5. Reception of Rev. James Krapf (HR) as member of Florida Presbytery from Minnesota Valleys
229 Presbytery, and to be added to the Pulpit Supply List
230 6. Dismissal of Rev. Dr. Chris Erde to Trinity Presbytery
231 7. Dismissal of Rev. Tae Ho Cheong to Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery
232 8. Commission to Install from Rev. Cathy Mooney on Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 pm 26 CDT/7:00 pm
233 EDT.
234 9. Interim Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Quincy-First.
235 The Committee received the following item for information:
236 1. Letter of Standing from The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Presbytery of Hamilton, regarding
237 Rev. Dr. Carol Wood, who retired from that denomination on June 15, 2016 and was received by
238 Florida Presbytery on November 8, 2016.
239 2. The Pastor Transition Team is working through its liaisons with Marianna-First, Euchee Valley,
240 Trinity, Lafayette, Tallahassee-First, Quincy-First, and Fort Walton Beach-First.
241 3. The Temporary Pastoral Leadership Team continues to maintain an updated pulpit supply list,
242 posted on the Presbytery website.
243 4. The Relational Ministry Team is working through its liaisons to visit congregations, with special
244 emphasis on those which have part-time pastoral leadership or pulpit supply.
245 5. The Committee is working on setting up mandatory training in accordance with our Presbytery's
246 sexual misconduct policy. There are also revisions to the COM Handbook which we are working
247 on with Rev. Mark Broadhead.
248 6. The Committee is pleased to introduce Rev. Cathy Mooney as called and installed pastor of
249 DeFuniak Springs-First.

250 **Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO): Hugh Hamilton**
251 **For Information:**

252 **1. Community Action Grants:**

253 CMO has awarded our first Community Action Grant to First Presbyterian Church-Tallahassee and their
254 partner churches engaged in developing a "Guns2Gardens" initiative. The \$5000.00 grant will kickstart
255 this ministry that safely and legally dismantles and destroys unwanted firearms voluntarily surrendered.
256 The remaining metal pieces are then forged into life-giving garden tools. The national Guns2Gardens
257 program involves numerous denominations across the country. Tallahassee partners in this effort are
258 from First, Faith, Lafayette, Christ, and Fellowship Presbyterian Churches, and Catholic partners are
259 from Blessed Sacrament and Good Shepherd Catholic Churches.

260 In brief: the partner churches provide:

- 261 • A coordinating committee made up of three members from three different churches.
262 • Training on gun management, gun dismantling, and pastoral care around fund dismantling.
263 Members have attended a blacksmithing class to learn metal working.
264 • Community event on June 10th which is national Guns2Gardens Safe Surrender Day when groups
265 throughout the country will sponsor similar surrender programs.
266 • They are following the guidelines of the national organization affiliated with the Presbyterian
267 Peace Fellowship: <https://www.presbypeacefellowship.org/gun-violence/>.
268 How the program works:
269 • Anyone wishing to surrender a firearm will contact one of the team members.
270 • The "Guns2Gardens" team dismantles the gun at a specified place and uses the pieces to forge
271 garden tools to be provided for our local schools with public garden projects.
272 • Tallahassee law enforcement is aware of and supportive of the project.
273 • Grant Funds provide gift cards to Walmart or similar outlets for those who turn in their guns.
274 Who benefits from these funds?

- 275 • Those who turn in unwanted guns. No estimates yet on how many guns will be voluntarily
276 surrendered although other programs have netted hundreds in communities the size of Tallahassee.
277 • The Community: This project will highlight the importance of gun violence and, importantly, offer
278 a Christian approach to dealing with too many guns on the street.
279 • We anticipate each congregation will initially cut up five guns by early summer 2023. When we
280 open up to the community, we can expect 25 in the first three months as a result of a press release
281 and press coverage at a community-wide event in the summer.
282 What church committee/steering committee will oversee organization and implementation of the
283 program?
284 • First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee is the lead. The effort falls under the Compassion and
285 Social Justice Ministry Team
286 There are no other agencies/organizations in our area which provide the same services as your
287 organization. We will be the first in Florida. We are working closely with the national
288 organization which will inform us if there are other groups interested in joining us. Initially
289 seventeen people from seven churches volunteered. We expect each of these to reach out to some
290 3-5 more members to be actively engaged.

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

- 294 a. Community Action Grants
295 b. Covenant Agreement Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and the Florida presbyteries.
296 c. 2 Cents a Meal Hunger Grants
297 d. Disaster Emergency Assistance
298 e. The Presbytery of Florida Peacemaking grants

299 **2. Teach To Transform medical mission workshop.** Eight people attended the March 17-18 workshop
300 at Trinity-Pensacola workshop, were trained basic medical aid, and five committed to 2023 TTT mission
301 trips. "Teach To Transform" is a medical mission and evangelism program sponsored and organized by
302 TTT national staff in Louisville, KY. TTT leads mission trips around the world to train indigenous
303 pastors, missionaries, medical workers, and interested individuals in simple medical screening
304 techniques and treatments. Offering health screenings and follow up treatment, TTT trainees gain entry
305 to communities and build trust and relationships that allow sharing of the Christian gospel. For
306 information contact: John Baehr: johnbaehr@gmail.com, (850)-516-9871. TEACH TO TRANSFORM
307 <https://teachtotransform.org/>

308 **3. Guatemala:** At this time, CMO suggests only scholarship aid to women participants in the literacy
309 and theological studies programs of the Presbyterian Women of Guatemala. We have submitted to PW a
310 draft of a partnership agreement between PW-Guatemala and our presbytery and we await their
311 responses. Mission liaison Eliane Menezes will be in Florida in July 2023 – We hope to have her share
312 in-person and by Zoom an update on work of the PW-Guatemala initiatives.

313 **4. SDOP:** Michael Askew has recruited members to an SDOP Committee: Michael Askew, Shelia
314 Clark, Glenn Hodges, James Krapf, Sandra Macon. They are in conversation with SDOP National staff
315 for organization and project identification.

316 **Committee on Nominations (CN): Rich Kangas**

- 317 1. The committee is currently searching for a female elder from the east district for Presbytery Vice
318 Moderator.
319 2. We have a requirement for a female minister for Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.
320 3. The presbytery needs candidates for General Assembly.

321 1 teaching elder commissioner and 1 alternate
322 1 ruling elder commissioner and 1 alternate
323 1 young adult advisory delegate and 1 alternate
324 Forms need to be into Nominations and Representation via the stated clerk by 30 June 2023. Nominees
325 will be elected at the August 2023 stated meeting.

326 For action: Presbytery approved the following nominees:
327 *Committee on Mission and Outreach*
328 Rev. Anne Apple - Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, class 2/2026.
329 Tim Crawford, Vice Chair
330 *Committee on New Congregational Development*
331 Jim Rollins, Vice Chair

332 Present Vacancies:
333 *Committee on Congregational Discernment*
334 1 vacancy-east, male, elder, class 2/2026
335 1 vacancy- east, female, elder, class 2/2026
336 *Committee on Dogwood Acres*
337 1 vacancy-central, female, elder, class 2/2025
338 *Committee on Educational Resources*
339 1 vacancy- central, male, elder, class 2/2026
340 1 vacancy- central, female, elder, class 2/2024
341 *Committee on Ministry*
342 1 vacancy-west, male, elder, class 2/2026
343 1 vacancy- central, female, elder/ minister, class 2/2026
344 1 vacancy- central, male, elder, class 2/2025
345 1 vacancy- west, male, elder/ minister, class 2/2024
346 *Committee on Mission and Outreach*
347 1 vacancy-central/east, female, elder/minister, class 2/2026
348 *Committee on New Congregational Development*
349 1 vacancy- west, female, elder, class 2/2025
350 1 vacancy-east, male/ female, elder/ minister, class 2/2024
351 *Committee on Preparation for Ministry*
352 1 vacancy- central, female, elder, class 2/2026
353 1 vacancy- east, female, elder/minister class 2/2026
354 *Committee on Presbytery Administration*
355 1 vacancy-west, male, elder, class 2/2025
356 1 vacancy- west, elder, class 2/2024
357 1 vacancy, east, female, elder/ minister, class 2/2024
358 *Permanent Judicial Commission*
359 1 vacancy- east, female, elder, class 2/2030
360 1 vacancy-east, female, elder, Class 2/2030
361 1 vacancy- west, female, elder, class 2/2030
362 1 vacancy- central, male, elder, Class 2/2028

363 **Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM): Sheldon Steen**
364 CPC urges us to recommend candidates for CRE (lay pastors); advise them, ask them if they feel called
365 to serve. Consider young people in our congregations who may be suited to ordained ministry and urge
366 them to explore their sense of call with the CPM.

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

368 **Finances:** Presbytery budget has been solid for the first quarter of 2023. We have also recovered some
369 of our investment losses from last year, as the market has rebounded.

370 **Property:** Presbytery Office building construction continues to go well. We will dig a separate well to
371 provide water for the office. The cost for this well was anticipated as an additional expense of
372 construction.

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

376 **Personnel:** Second year of staff support teams is underway. Each staff member has been assigned a
377 team of volunteers to work with throughout the year. These teams offer support and evaluations for each
378 staff member.

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

380 Camp begins Sunday June 25th with a special week dedicated to High School aged youth.

381 DWA now utilizes software called CampBrain which allows families to register and pay for summer
382 camp entirely online. This software will simplify the registration process and ease the administrative
383 burden of summer camp for both parents and staff. Newly renovated cabins will greet the campers this
384 summer as well as a new floating dock.

385 DWA held an open house on Sat. April 15 where campers and parents experienced a day in the life at
386 summer camp. Attendees were impressed with Dogwood Acres and excited about the upcoming
387 camping season.

388 DWA encourages congregations to hold a Dogwood Acres Sunday this spring to highlight the camping
389 ministry. Staff are pleased to provide resources for this where needed.

390 **Committee on Educational Resources (CER): John Stringer.**

391 The Committee on Educational Resources' purpose is to provide education and resources for everything
392 from stewardship to children and adult ministry to evangelism and social justice issues. Through
393 specialized teams and presbytery-wide training events, CER assists congregations in their ministry.

394 CER seeks to address educational resources important for your congregation. To suggest topics for an
395 educational hour, contact John Stringer, Chair of the Committee on Educational Resources. CER is also
396 responsible for monthly education articles for the Presbytery of Florida newsletter. Let CER use these
397 articles to address your needs and to highlight your committee offerings.

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

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

400 The CR worked with Ruth Bedell and the Committee on Nomination to write an article about
401 volunteerism for the February 2023 issue of the Panhandle Presbyterian newsletter.

402 The CR contacted congregations with racial/ethnic membership to compile a list of racial/ethnic
403 congregational members throughout the Presbytery in hopes of enhance racial/ethnic participation
404 throughout the Presbytery. According to the 2023 Presbytery of Florida census data, the congregations
405 with racial/ethnic members are the following:

406 **East District**

407 Christ/Tallahassee

408 Faith/Tallahassee

409 Fellowship/Tallahassee

410 First Presbyterian/Havana

411 First Presbyterian/Quincy

412 First Presbyterian/Monticello

413 First Presbyterian/Tallahassee

414 Lafayette/Tallahassee

415 Trinity United/Tallahassee
416 Woodland/Quincy

417 **Central District**

418 Bethel/DeFuniak Springs
419 First Presbyterian/Blountstown
420 Euchee Valley/DeFuniak Springs
421 First Presbyterian/Chipley
422 First Presbyterian/DeFuniak Springs
423 First Presbyterian/Lynn Haven
424 First Presbyterian/Marianna
425 Gulf Beach/Panama City Beach
426 Parkway/Panama City

427 **West District**

428 First Presbyterian/Fort Walton Beach
429 First Presbyterian/Milton
430 First Presbyterian/Pensacola
431 Gulf Breeze
432 Korean First Presbyterian/Fort Walton Beach
433 Navarre
434 Northminster/Pensacola
435 Korean Community/Pensacola
436 Trinity/Pensacola

437 **New Business:** none

438 **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

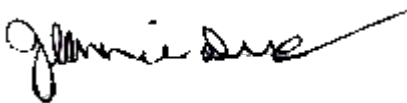
439 The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:07PM CST/2:07 PM EST by General Presbyter Roy
440 Martin.

441 **NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023: 9AM Central/10AM Eastern at Trinity Presbyterian
442 Church, Pensacola, FL

443 Minutes respectfully submitted,
444 Hugh Hamilton,
445 Recording Clerk

446 Don Mowat, Moderator
447 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk
448 Hugh Hamilton, Recording Clerk

449 *Approved by the Coordinating and Planning Commission July 20, 2023*



450 Jeannie Dixon, Stated Clerk

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