

**Minutes of Special Presbytery Meeting  
At Dogwood Acres and via Zoom  
April 8, 2026**

The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met at Dogwood Acres and via Zoom for a Special Meeting called on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m./CDT, 10:30 a.m. EDT.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
- Session Commissioners	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>38</b>
- Other Continuing Members not serving as commissioners (RE ministry moderators {1}; RE officers {0}; RE educators {0})	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
- CLP/CRE	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
Total Ruling Elders	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>43</b>
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>53</b>
Total Present and Total Absent	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>
Congregations Represented	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>

**Member Ministers of Word and Sacrament present (25):** *Michael Askew, Lorne Bostwick, Mark Broadhead, Rebecca “Becky” Bryan, Hanlim Chae, Brant Copeland, Matthew Frease, Raymond Guterman, Glenn Hodges, Jean Homrighausen, Kenneth Kelley, William “Bill” Lamont, A. J. Mealor, Cathy Mooney, Luis Ocasio, Linda Pitts, Robert Quiring, Nicole Richardson, Erin Rosica, Erin Rugh, Eric Spoon, Julie Thompson, John Wamsley, Carol Wood, Joan Wooten*

*Italics = retired*

**Member Ministers of Word and Sacrament absent (28):** *Mel Baars O’Malley, Robert Bohnsack, Lewis Bullard, Kwonsoo Cho, John Cole, Tai Cole, Terry Dyer, Hugh Hamilton, Eugene “Gene” Harris, James Holley, Edward “Harry” Horne, Harvey Jenkins, John Kelsay, Sun Kim, James Krapf, Ted Land, Ruth Mashewske, Lindsay Moffett, Trinity Proctor, Margaret “Greta” Reed, James “Jim” Rollins, James “Jim” Stansbury, Kim Stavenau, Sheldon Steen, John Stringer, Rob Sugg, Mary Vance, Stacey Kaye White, Bonnie Wilkins*

**Excused Absent Member Ministers (Active) (5):** *John Cole, Tai Cole, Trinity Proctor, John Stringer, Stacey Kaye White*

**Unexcused Absent Member Ministers (Active) (6):** *Mel Baars O’Malley, Robert Bohnsack, James Holley, Sun Kim, Sheldon Steen, Rob Sugg*

**Ruling Elder Commissioners present/absent (19/19)**

**Chipley, First** – Cheryl G. McCall

- 25 **Crestview, First** – Tim Crawford
- 26 **DeFuniak Springs, Bethel** – unexcused
- 27 **DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley** – unexcused
- 28 **DeFuniak Springs, First** – Caroline LaPlante
- 29 **Destin, First** – unexcused
- 30 **Fort Walton Beach, First** – excused
- 31 **Fort Walton Beach, Korean** – unexcused
- 32 **Freeport, Freeport** – unexcused
- 33 **Gretna, Gretna** – Gale Thompson
- 34 **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – unexcused
- 35 **Havana, First** – unexcused
- 36 **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – excused
- 37 **Lynn Haven, First** – Rich Kangas
- 38 **Marianna, First** – unexcused
- 39 **Milton, First** – Deborah Potter
- 40 **Monticello, First** – Karen Weaver
- 41 **Navarre, Navarre** – David Dick
- 42 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – Rick Clubb
- 43 **Panama City, Grace** – Jim McQuagge
- 44 **Panama City, Parkway** – Don Mitchell
- 45 **Pensacola, First** – Judi Seltzer
- 46 **Pensacola, Korean Community** – unexcused
- 47 **Pensacola, Northminster** – Pamela Nulty
- 48 **Pensacola, Trinity** – unexcused
- 49 **Quincy, First** – unexcused
- 50 **Red Bay, Red Bay** – excused
- 51 **Sawdust, Woodland** – Mary Yeomans
- 52 **Tallahassee, Christ** – Anne Hodges
- 53 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Ted Baker, Tyler Wold
- 54 **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – unexcused
- 55 **Tallahassee, First** – Mary Kutter
- 56 **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – Matt Weinell
- 57 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** – unexcused
- 58 **Wewahitchka, First** – excused

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60 **Sessions not represented:**

61 **Excused Churches (4):** 1<sup>st</sup>, Fort Walton Beach; Laurel Hill; Red Bay; 1<sup>st</sup>, Wewahitchka

62 **Unexcused Churches (13):**

63 **Continuing Members:**

64 **CREs present (3):** Alan House – Gretna/Woodland, Sawdust; Joanne Kublik – 1<sup>st</sup>, Crestview/Laurel  
65 Hill/Red Bay; Dr. Greg Seltzer – Northminster, Pensacola

66 **CREs absent (1):** Tanya Fernandes – Navarre

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

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

69 **Presbytery Staff Members (1):** Melissa Willis – Administrator

70 **Non-TE/CRE Officers/Ministry Moderators (3):** Tim Crawford (Strategic Implementation Task  
71 Force), Richard Kangas (Ministry of Representation), Linda Lovins (Ministry of Congregational and  
72 Pastoral Care)

73 **Visitors (2):** Craig Chormann (Northminster, Pensacola), Valerie Young (Synod of South Atlantic)

74 **Visiting Ministers (0):**

## 75 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

- 76 • Moderator Greg Seltzer called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM CDT/10:30 AM EDT. A quorum (eight  
77 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and eight Ruling Elders, representing at least eight member  
78 congregations) was present. The moderator opened the meeting with prayer and stated the purpose of  
79 the meeting.
- 80 ○ The purpose of this meeting is to consider a request from the Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk  
81 Search Committee and take action on their report and recommendation for filling the position of  
82 Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk, and any other matters resulting from that report.
- 83 • It was moved and seconded to approve the docket as provided. The motion was approved.

## 84 **INTRODUCTIONS**

- 85 • First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors were introduced.
- 86 • Rev. Julie Thompson Transitional Pastor from Lynn Haven introduced herself as a corresponding  
87 member.
- 88 • It was moved and seconded to seat Mario Bolivar, Central Florida Presbytery, Valerie Young, Synod  
89 Executive/Stated Clerk, and Kathy Welsh search committee member with the privilege of voice for the  
90 Special Presbytery Meeting. The motion was approved.

## 91 **ITEM FOR ACTION**

- 92 • **Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee** – Joan Wooten
- 93 ○ **Membership:** Joan Wooten (TE, retired), Michael Askew (TE, retired; Gulf Beach), David Dick  
94 (RE, Navarre), Linda Lovins (RE, Faith), Kathy Welsh, (RE, Lynn Haven)
  - 95 ○ Joan thanked the members of the search committee and support from Valerie Young. Her  
96 presentation continued with a report explaining the history and background of the process. She

- 97 introduced each member of the committee to provide their thoughts about the search process and  
98 the candidate
- 99 ○ The floor was opened for questions, questions were asked concerning the strategic plan and the  
100 tour of Dogwood Acres facilities and grounds. Questions were answered thoroughly.
  - 101 ○ Joan continued the presentation reviewing the terms of call for the position.
- 102 ● **For action:**
    - 103 ○ The Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee moved the Rev. Mario Bolivar be called  
104 as Equipping Presbyter. The motion was approved.
    - 105 ○ The Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee moved the Rev. Mario Bolivar be  
106 elected as Stated Clerk for a three-year term. The motion was approved.
    - 107 ○ The Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee moved the Rev. Mario Bolivar terms of  
108 call as Equipping Presbyter and Stated Clerk be accepted. The motion was approved.
    - 109 ○ The Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee moved Eric Spoon be elected as  
110 assistant stated clerk for a one-year term. The motion was approved.
  - 111 ● **Introduction**
    - 112 ○ Joan introduced Reverend Mario Bolivar, he provided some inspirational words about the  
113 presbytery's future.
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119 **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

120 With the purpose of the meeting's business complete, the meeting was closed with prayer at 10:55 am  
121 CST.

122 Minutes respectfully submitted,  
123 Tim Crawford  
124 Recording Clerk

Dr Greg Seltzer, Moderator

125 Eric Spoon, Stated Clerk