

Reports to the

Presbytery of Florida Fall Stated Meeting



Tuesday, October 27, 2026
9 a.m. CDT/10 a.m. EDT

First Presbyterian Church
of Quincy
306 N Madison St, Quincy, FL
<https://firstpresquincy.org/>

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Attention, please!

- **To register for the meeting or request to be excused; RSVP for lunch; reserve printed copies of meeting materials; arrange for special physical accommodations; or arrange for child care, [please complete this form](#) by October 22. Thanks!**
- **Lunch menu** – Smoked pork chops, vegetables, bread and desserts – \$10 per person, payable at the meeting to First Presbyterian Church of Quincy
- **Additional documents to accompany this handbook**, such as supplemental reports received nearer the meeting date, will be available to download at www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbytery-meetings/meeting-dockets-documents/
- **First Presbyterian Church of Quincy** is located at [306 N Madison St, Quincy, FL](#).

The Vision of the Presbytery of Florida is to be a Presbytery of strong, healthy, energetic congregations advancing the ministries of Jesus



The Mission of the Presbytery of Florida is to provide guidance, training, and assistance to our congregations to attain that Vision.

**DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA
OCTOBER 27 - 9:00 A.M. CT / 10:00 A.M. ET
QUINCY, FIRST**

(Note: All times listed are Central Time.)

THE BODY ASSEMBLING

8:00 Registration

9:00 Convene the Meeting of the Presbytery

- Declaration of a Quorum Mario Bolivar
- Opening Prayer Greg Seltzer
- Adoption of the Docket Mario Bolivar
- Welcome and Instructions from Our Host William Arnold
- Introductions Greg Seltzer
 - o First-Time Ruling Elders
 - o First-Time Clergy
 - o Corresponding Members
 - o Others

THE BODY AT WORSHIP

9:10 Worship William Arnold

- Reading of the Necrology Report
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

THE BODY GAINING KNOWLEDGE

10:25 Ministry Partner Reports

- Ella Casto-Waters – Thornwell, Church Relations Advisor
- Krista Denne – University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Director of Seminary Admissions
- Christy Williams – Dogwood Acres, Director
- Matt Frease – UKirk Tallahassee, Campus Minister

10:45 Staff Reports

- Mario Bolivar – Stated Clerk Supplemental

10:50 Resourcing Mario Bolivar

- Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force

12:00 ORDER OF THE DAY: LUNCH

THE BODY AT WORK

12:45 Reconvene with Prayer

12:50 Report Highlights and Items for Action

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1:50 Other Items

THE BODY GOING FORTH TO FURTHER THE MINISTRIES OF JESUS CHRIST

1:55 Adjourn with Prayer

Next Meeting of the Presbytery of Florida

- Tuesday, February 23, 2027 – Location TBD

Future Meetings of the Presbytery of Florida: (all beginning 9:00 A.M. CT)

- Saturday, May 22, 2027 – Dogwood Acres
- Tuesday, August 10, 2027 – Location TBD
- Tuesday, October 26, 2027 - Freeport

**Minutes of Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting
at First Presbyterian Church of Milton
August 11, 2026**

The Presbytery of Florida, Inc., of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met at First Presbyterian Church of Milton for a Stated Meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2026.

	Present	Absent	Total
Ruling Elders:			
- Session Commissioners	26	12	38
- Other Continuing Members not serving as commissioners (RE ministry moderators/team chairs {2}; RE officers{1}; RE educators {0})			
- CLP/CRE	4	0	4
Total Ruling Elders	30	12	42
Ministers of Word and Sacrament	20	30	50
Total Present and Total Absent	50	42	92
Congregations Represented	28	17	35

Member Ministers of Word and Sacrament present (20):

Actively serving: Becky Bryan, Kwon Soo Cho, Matt Frease, Glenn Hodges, Jean Homrighausen, Kenneth Kelley, Cathy Mooney, Mark Phillips, Robert Quiring, Sun Kim, Erin Rugh, Eric Spoon, John Stringer, Julie Thompson, John Wamsley, Carol Wood
Retired: Lorne Bostwick, Mark Broadhead, Brant Copeland, James Krapf, Rob Sugg, Joan Wooten

Member Ministers of Word and Sacrament absent (30):

Actively serving: Michael Askew, Mary Ellison O'Malley, Robert Bohnsack, John Cole, Tai Cole, James Holley, Bill Lamont, Ruth Mashewske, A. J. Meador, Cheryl Montgomery, Luis Ocasio Torres, Linda Pitts, Trinity Proctor, Margaret "Greta" Reed, Erin Rosica, Sheldon Steen, Stacey Kaye White
Retired: Frank Beall, Lewis Bullard, Hugh Hamilton, Gene Harris, Harry Horne, Harvey Jenkins, John Kelsay, Pamela King-Phillips, Lindsay Moffett, Taylor Phillips, Jim Rollins, Jim Stansbury, Bonnie Wilkins

Excused Absent Member Ministers (active, non-retired) (2): Luis Ocasio Torres, Stacey Kaye White

Unexcused Absent Member Ministers (active, non-retired) (13): Michael Askew, Mary Ellison O'Malley, Robert Bohnsack, John Cole, Tai Cole, James Holley, Bill Lamont, A. J. Meador, Cheryl Montgomery, Linda Pitts, Trinity Proctor, Erin Rosica, Sheldon Steen

Ruling Elder Commissioners present/absent (26/10)

Chipley, First – excused
Crestview, First – Tim Crawford
DeFuniak Springs, Bethel – unexcused
DeFuniak Springs, Euchee Valley – Tommy Yates
DeFuniak Springs, First – Hilda Jackson

29 **Destin, First** – unexcused
 30 **Fort Walton Beach, First** – Marc Burson
 31 **Fort Walton Beach, Korean** – Greg Obermier
 32 **Freeport, Freeport** – Karen Miller
 33 **Gretna, Gretna** – excused
 34 **Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze** – Linda Henderson
 35 **Havana, First** – excused
 36 **Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill** – Leon Curenton
 37 **Lynn Haven, First** – Rich Kangas
 38 **Marianna, First** – John Milton
 39 **Milton, First** – Dana Wise
 40 **Monticello, First** – excused
 41 **Navarre, Navarre** – Paul Dabbs
 42 **Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach** – Donna Acton
 43 **Panama City, Grace** – James McQuagge
 44 **Panama City, Parkway** – Don Mitchell
 45 **Pensacola, First** – Judi Seltzer
 46 **Pensacola, Korean Community** – unexcused
 47 **Pensacola, Northminster** – Pam Nulty
 48 **Pensacola, Trinity** – Cherie Boyce, Holly Jane Aldridge
 49 **Quincy, First** – Julie Barody
 50 **Red Bay, Red Bay** – excused
 51 **Sawdust, Woodland** – Kathy Pack
 52 **Tallahassee, Christ** – excused
 53 **Tallahassee, Faith** – Linda Shelley
 54 **Tallahassee, Fellowship** – Jan Bell
 55 **Tallahassee, First** – unexcused
 56 **Tallahassee, Lafayette** – Denise Vandiver
 57 **Tallahassee, Trinity United** – unexcused
 58 **Wewahitchka, First** – Janiece Plotke

59 **Sessions not represented:**

60 **Excused Churches (6):** 1st, Chipley; Gretna; 1st, Havana; 1st, Monticello; Red Bay; Christ, Tallahassee
 61 **Unexcused Churches (5):** Bethel, DeFuniak Springs; 1st, Destin, Pensacola Korean Community; 1st,
 62 Tallahassee; Trinity United, Tallahassee

63 **Continuing Members:**

64 **CREs present (5):** Tanya Fernandes – Navarre; Alan House – Gretna/Woodland, Sawdust; Joanne
 65 Kublik, 1st, Crestview/Laurel Hill/Red Bay Dr. Greg Seltzer – Northminster, Pensacola; Deborah Potter
 66 – 1st, Milton

67 **CREs absent (0):**

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

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

70 **Presbytery Staff Members (2):** Michael Martin – Accountant/Treasurer; Melissa Willis –
 71 Administrator

72 **Non-TE/CRE Officers/Ministry Moderators (4):** Tim Crawford, Strategic Plan Implementation Task
 73 Force; Mary Hodges, Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC); Rich Kangas, Ministry of Representation;
 74 Linda Lovins, Ministry of Congregational and Pastoral Care (MCPC)

75 **Visitors (43):** Sherri Kelley, 1st, Milton; Sharon Brault, 1st, Milton; Tara Riggs, 1st, Milton; Marty
 76 Henderson, Gulf Breeze; Andrea Sutnak, 1st, Milton; Nora Bonare, 1st, Milton; Susan Barry, 1st, Milton;
 77 Pat Snyder, 1st, Milton; Eric Hearn, Dogwood Acres; Austin Evano, 1st, Milton; Bambi Sellars, 1st,

78 Milton; Heather Flowers, 1st, Milton; Jill Stinesetz, 1st, Milton; Don Mowat, 1st, Lynn Haven; Russell
79 Nulty, Northminster, Pensacola; Patrick M. Potter, 1st, Milton; Cathy Mitchell, Parkway, Panama City;
80 Frank Inzan Owen; Clark Simmons, Board of Pensions; Joyce D. Blocker; Juliette Bonnland, 1st,
81 Milton; Martha Zloiuch, 1st, Milton; Neil Zlociuch, 1st, Milton; Clara Bonnland, 1st, Milton; Wesley
82 Potter, 1st, Milton; Gerald Turmon, 1st, Milton; Chuck Reese, 1st, Pensacola; Susan Byram, 1st,
83 Pensacola; Mike Byram, 1st, Pensacola; Donnell Seager, 1st United Methodist Church, Pensacola; W.
84 David Dick, Navarre; Becky Rose, Freeport; Caroline LaPlante, 1st, DeFuniak Springs; Barbara Dutton,
85 1st, Milton; Linda Wamsley, Euchee Valley, DeFuniak Springs; Beth White, 1st, Milton; Carissa
86 Flanigan, 1st, Milton; Rachel Lamoriello, 1st, Milton; Dexton Teat, Grace, Panama City; Linda Gillis,
87 1st, Milton; Pam Vanbostkirk, 1st, Milton

88 **Visiting Ministers (1):** James McTyre

89 **OPENING PRAYER, QUORUM, DOCKET**

90 Moderator CRE Greg Seltzer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT. A quorum
91 (eight Ministers of Word and Sacrament and eight Ruling Elders, representing at least eight member
92 congregations) was present. The moderator opened the meeting with prayer.
93 It was moved and seconded to approve the docket with changes. The motion was approved.

94 **WELCOME**

95 Deborah Potter of First Presbyterian Church of Milton welcomed the presbytery and provided
96 instructions for the day's activity, meals, and facilities.

97 **INTRODUCTIONS**

98 First-time ruling elders, teaching elders, corresponding members, and visitors were introduced.
99 It was moved and seconded to seat Brad Bishop, Offensive Corp, and Clark Simmons, Board of
100 Pensions, with the privilege of voice for the Summer 2026 Presbytery Meeting. The motion was
101 approved.

102 **MORNING WORSHIP**

103 Deborah Potter led the assembly in worship, preaching on the scripture from John 20, with her sermon
104 titled, "Where Faith Lives." The service continued with the installation of the Deborah Potter as
105 Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Presbytery of Florida for First Presbyterian Church of Milton.

106 **MINISTRY PARTNER REPORTS**

107 **Dogwood Acres**

108 Christy Williams, Director for Dogwood Acres gives thanks to the presbytery and congregations for
109 supporting Dogwood Acres making the work of the ministry possible. She reported that the 2026 DWA
110 Summer Ministries increased by 14% over the previous year. She gave a special thank you to all who
111 donated to the Double the Joy campaign because through it, DWA was able to raise over \$20,000 in
112 matching gifts, with \$5,000 as the goal. Of the 12 summer camp staff, nine were previous campers, and
113 three served on the Presbytery Youth Council Leadership Team. Counselors represented six churches
114 in the Presbytery: Faith, Tallahassee; First Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee; Trinity, Pensacola; First
115 Presbyterian Church, DeFuniak Springs; Gulf Breeze, Pensacola; and Christ, Tallahassee. The
116 volunteer nurse and chaplains came from Christ, Tallahassee; Lafayette' First Presbyterian Church,
117 Lynn Haven; First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola; and Faith Tallahassee. First Presbyterian Church,
118 Milton had the most members attend summer camp. The adult retreat season is upcoming, and all
119 fitness levels are welcome, but curiosity is required. A cooking retreat is coming in November, led by
120 DWA's fabulous chef!

121 **UKirk Tallahassee**

122 Campus Minister Rev. Dr. Matt Frease sends greetings and thanks from FSU and UKirk. Because of

123 the work of the Presbytery at its 2026 Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting, the roof was able to be
124 replaced at the UKirk building – a roof that was 75 years old. This past school year, they housed four
125 residents, used two interns, hired 18 employees in their coffee shop, served 30 meals during the last
126 academic year (most of which were served by congregations from the Presbytery) with 1,350 students
127 being fed. They had 120 students perform in Calvin’s open mic nights or cabaret shows, 27 groups rent
128 the space for different events, and 27 students or groups give a performance in the Great Room from the
129 College of Music. It is estimated that there were over 28,000 points of contact with students, faculty,
130 staff, and community members!

131 **Offensive Corp**

132 CRE Deborah Potter and Brad Bishop presented about the work being done by Offensive Corp, an
133 organization that First Presbyterian Church of Milton works with. Offensive Corp, a 501c3 non-profit
134 reducing overdoses, human trafficking, and homelessness in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, is
135 First Presbyterian Church of Milton’s ministry partner for street outreach in Santa Rosa and Escambia
136 Counties. FPC Milton provides an office, clothing and hygiene pantries, food, and other support to
137 Offensive in the Fellowship Hall of FPC Milton. They focus on harm reduction and through seeing
138 Christ in the community, asking the question, “Where do you find Christ in the community?” By doing
139 this, they seek to meet people where they are and to treat them with dignity to help meet their needs.

140 **Board of Pensions**

141 Clark Simmons, Senior Church Consultant with the Board of Pensions, gave greetings from the Board
142 of Pensions. He informed the body that the updated cost for pastors in the Transitional Pastor Plan and
143 on the Congregational Pastor Plan have come out and are online. Churches that are on the Transitional
144 Pastoral Plan are encouraged to go and see if staying on this plan is still the best plan. He celebrated
145 that retired pastors received an increase in the pensions plan of 7.2%!

146 **STAFF REPORTS**

147 Mario Bolivar – Equipping Presbyter and Stated Clerk

148 A written and oral report was given.

149 Mario gives thanks and praise that his house in South Florida is under contract, and his family can
150 move to this Presbytery very soon. He is also thankful that his extended family is safe after an
151 earthquake in Columbia but announced that some friends may have been lost but hope still abounds.

152 It was announced that the 2024 minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Marianna have been reviewed
153 and returned with suggestions.

154 **Items for Information**

155 May 1 – August 11, 2026: The First 100 Days

156 Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

157 Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

158 It is difficult to believe that, by the time we gather for our August 11 Presbytery meeting, I will have
159 completed my first 102 days serving as your Equipping Presbyter and Stated Clerk. These first months
160 have been filled with learning, listening, traveling, worshipping, building relationships, and discovering
161 together the unique gifts and opportunities that God has entrusted to the Presbytery of Florida.

162 When I accepted this call, I hoped these first months would focus on three broad goals:

- 163 • **To listen well** before attempting to lead.
- 164 • **To build relationships** throughout the presbytery.
- 165 • **To begin laying foundations** for a ministry centered on equipping congregations and leaders
- 166 for the future.

167 As I reflect on these first one hundred days, I am deeply grateful to say that all three have begun to take
168 root—not because of my efforts alone, but because of your extraordinary welcome, encouragement,
169 patience, and partnership in ministry.

170 **Beginning Well**

171 Only a few days after beginning my ministry on May 1, I joined colleagues from across the
172 denomination for the **Presbyterian Leadership Formation Gathering** (May 3–7). This orientation
173 provided an invaluable opportunity to learn from experienced executive presbyters, stated clerks, and
174 denominational leaders while beginning relationships with colleagues who now serve as companions in
175 ministry across the church.

176 Those days reminded me that none of us serves alone. Every presbytery is unique, yet we share a
177 common calling to equip the saints for the work of ministry.

178 **Worshiping Among You**

179 One of the greatest joys of these first months has been standing in your pulpits, sharing meals with your
180 congregations, and hearing your stories.

181 **Presbytery Meeting Worship | May 16 – Dogwood Acres**

182 It was an incredible honor to preach during worship at our May Presbytery Meeting at Dogwood Acres.
183 Standing before the body that had recently called me into this ministry was both humbling and deeply
184 moving. That service reminded me that the ministry of an Equipping Presbyterian begins in worship—not
185 in meetings, policies, or committees—but gathered around Word and Sacrament.

186 **Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church | May 17th 2026**

187 The very next day I had the privilege of worshiping with the saints at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church
188 alongside Pastor Michael.

189 **Scripture:** Acts 1:6–14

190 **Sermon:** *"Before Their Very Eyes"*

191 The fellowship following worship was every bit as meaningful as the sermon itself. Thank you for your
192 extraordinary hospitality and for welcoming me so warmly into your congregation.

193 **Marianna Presbyterian Church | June 14th 2026**

194 My June visit to Marianna Presbyterian Church was another wonderful blessing.

195 **Scripture:** Matthew 9:35–10:8

196 **Sermon:** *"Freely You Have Received"*

197 Thank you for the beautiful basket of gifts, your generous hospitality, and especially for introducing me
198 to the rich history of Marianna. Every congregation carries a story worth telling, and yours is certainly
199 one of them.

200 **Gretna Presbyterian Church | July 12th 2026**

201 In July I worshiped with the faithful congregation of Gretna Presbyterian Church.

202 **Scripture:** Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

203 **Sermon:** *"The Foolishness of God"*

204 As Gretna discerns its future, it was a privilege to proclaim God's Word among faithful saints whose

205 witness continues to inspire the Presbytery.

206 **Looking Ahead**

207 I also look forward to continuing this ministry of presence by worshiping with additional
208 congregations:

- 209 • August 2 – Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church
- 210 • August 9 – Fellowship Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee
- 211 • August 16 – Wewahitchka Presbyterian Church (Re-dedication Service)
- 212 • September 13 – Installation of Rev. Mark Phillips, FP Church of Tallahassee
- 213 • October 25 – Lynn Haven Presbyterian Church
- 214 • November 7 & 8 – First Presbyterian Church of Milton for Love & Lights Community Dinner
215 and Worship

216 In between these scheduled Sundays have been countless lunches, coffee conversations, pastoral visits,
217 committee meetings, and opportunities simply to listen.
218 These moments often become the most important ministry.

219 **Ministry Across the Presbytery**

220 During these first months I have attended every meeting of the **Ministry Coordinating Council**
221 **(MCC)** and every meeting of **Ministry for Congregational and Pastoral Care (MCPC)** with one
222 exception, when I was representing our Presbytery at the Synod Mid-Council Leadership Gathering.

223 I have also participated regularly with the work of:

- 224 • Ministry of Pastoral Transitions (MPT)
- 225 • Ministry Leadership Development (MLD)
- 226 • Ministry of Presbytery Operations (MPO)

227 Each of these ministries carries unique responsibilities, yet together they help strengthen the life of our
228 congregations and leaders.

229 **Ministry of Leadership Development**

230 One of the greatest opportunities before us is helping leaders discover one another. For our August
231 Presbytery Meeting I have the privilege of leading the educational portion through an interactive
232 SWOT Analysis. While SWOT is commonly used for organizational planning, our goal is much more
233 relational. We are still getting to know one another.
234 Before we can imagine where God is calling us next, we must better understand who God has already
235 gathered together.

236 **Ministry of New Congregation Formation**

237 This ministry remains in its early stages. Because of schedules, sabbaticals, and travel, AJ Meador,
238 Sheldon Steen, and I have not yet had the opportunity to begin the work in earnest.
239 Rather than beginning with the mechanics of new church development, my hope is that we begin with a
240 more fundamental question:

241 **Why does God continue calling the church to plant new worshiping communities?**

242 Before discussing methods, funding, or models, I believe we must first recover the theological
243 imagination behind this ministry.

- 244 • At this stage we are dreaming.

- We are listening.
- We are looking for people who may feel called to dream with us about the future of New Congregation Formation in the Presbytery of Florida.

Ministry of Pastoral Transitions

These first months have included participation in numerous conversations regarding pastoral transitions, congregational support, candidate processes, and discernment.

Healthy transitions matter. Congregations deserve faithful guidance, and pastors deserve thoughtful partnership throughout every stage of ministry.

Ministry of Presbytery Operations

The Ministry of Presbytery Operations carries much of the technical, structural, financial, and administrative work necessary for the life of the presbytery.

Many of its accomplishments are largely invisible because, when this ministry functions well, much simply works. I am grateful for every member serving in this ministry.

At the same time, MPO continues to need additional members.

- Likewise, our **Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)** also requires additional commissioners. I encourage anyone sensing a call to these important ministries to prayerfully consider serving.

General Assembly 227

It was a privilege to serve the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as an **Online Parliamentarian** during the committee work of the 227th General Assembly from **June 22–24**.

Following the committee work, I attended the plenary sessions of the General Assembly in Milwaukee from **June 28 through July 2**.

Our Presbytery delegation served faithfully, and I remain deeply grateful for their work.

Rather than repeat that report here, I encourage everyone to read the **General Assembly Report** included in this meeting packet, where you will find summaries of major actions, observations, and recommendations for our Presbytery.

Synod Mid-Council Leadership Gathering

From **July 19–22**, I represented the Presbytery of Florida at the Synod Mid-Council Leadership Gathering hosted at the Vibrancy Center of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida.

During these days we worked collaboratively with Executive Presbyters and Stated Clerks from across the Synod.

Topics included:

- General Assembly follow-up
- Mid-council collaboration
- Commissioner training
- Artificial Intelligence and church leadership
- Administrative review of presbytery minutes
- Insurance initiatives for congregations
- Shared learning among executive leaders
- Future Synod collaboration

287 The gathering reinforced how much wisdom exists across our neighboring presbyteries and how much
288 we gain by learning from one another.

289 **Balancing Two Callings**

290 One of the greatest discoveries of these first hundred days has been learning how to faithfully balance
291 two distinct but interconnected callings:

292 Serving as your **Stated Clerk** and serving as your **Equipping Presbyter**. I continue to be deeply
293 grateful for the extraordinary partnership of **Rev. Eric Spoon**. His wisdom, institutional knowledge,
294 patience, and friendship have made this transition possible. I cannot adequately express my appreciation
295 for his willingness to walk beside me as I continue learning the many responsibilities entrusted to the
296 office of Stated Clerk.

297 **Administrative Transition**

298 I also wish to express my gratitude to **Melissa Willis**. Melissa has faithfully served this presbytery with
299 remarkable dedication, professionalism, and grace. As she begins her transition toward retirement, I
300 hope every congregation will join me in celebrating her ministry and expressing our profound gratitude
301 for years of faithful service. Her work has blessed countless pastors, clerks of session, committees,
302 congregations, and leaders throughout the Presbytery of Florida. Thank you, Melissa. Gracias.

303 **Looking Toward the Future**

304 Even while learning the present, we have begun laying foundations for the future.

305 Among the initiatives currently underway are:

- 306 • Development of a renewed Presbytery website.
- 307 • Formation of a search process for our inaugural Regional Advocates.
- 308 • Strengthening communication throughout the Presbytery.
- 309 • Expanding relationships with congregations through regular visits.
- 310 • Building leadership pipelines for committees and commissions.
- 311 • Beginning long-term conversations regarding New Congregation Formation.

312 None of these efforts belong to one person.

313 They belong to all of us.

314 **A Personal Word of Thanks**

315 Many of you know that Melissa and I continue to live in the Orlando area while our home remains on
316 the market.

317 For nearly one hundred days I have been traveling back and forth across Florida while awaiting the sale
318 of our home before relocating permanently to the Panama City/Lynn Haven area.

319 Thank you for your patience.

320 Thank you for your prayers.

321 Thank you for your understanding as we navigate this season together.

322 Despite the miles traveled, every visit has confirmed something I already suspected when I accepted
323 this call: God is doing beautiful things in the Presbytery of Florida.

324 **Finally...**

325 Friends, thank you.

326 Thank you for your encouragement.

327 Thank you for your grace as I continue learning.

328 Thank you for opening your churches, your homes, your committee meetings, and your hearts.

329 The first one hundred days have not been about accomplishing everything.
330 They have been about learning your stories, earning your trust, and beginning to dream together about
331 what God may yet do among us.
332 I truly believe the best days of the Presbytery of Florida are not behind us.
333 By God's grace, they are still ahead.
334 May we continue walking together in faith, hope, humility, and joy as we seek to become the people
335 God is calling us to be.

336 COMMUNICATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY



Offensive Corp, a 501c3 non-profit reducing overdoses, human trafficking, and homelessness in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties, is First Presbyterian Church of Milton's ministry partner for street outreach in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties. FPC Milton provides an office, clothing and hygiene pantries, food, and other support to Offensive in the Fellowship Hall of FPC Milton.

Street outreach is the first line of contact with individuals struggling with substance abuse disorder, homelessness and human trafficking, with the goal to reduce harm first, build peer relationship, and companion people toward additional resources and healing. Offensive Outreach Angels spend their time on the streets of Pensacola and the backwoods trails of Santa Rosa County, finding people in the most desperate situations, cut off from resources, community, and hope.

In January, Offensive Corp was given a grant to provide Harm Reduction education in various settings, including churches, via a workshop entitled "Harm Reduction with Jesus". Led by Brad Bishop, Founder of Offensive Corp, and Deborah Potter, from FPC Milton, the workshop proposes to provide local congregations with both the practical knowledge and theological alignment to foster deeper insight, compassion, and--should they feel called--ministries of support to arguably the most lost, exploited, and traumatized in our culture today.

Learn more about Offensive Corp and Harm Reduction education workshops at <https://offensive.com/>.

337 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Church Safety and Security Workshop

338 *"Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you*
339 *overseers, to shepherd the church of God."* Acts 20:28

340 Our congregations as faith communities recognize God as sovereign over the world, and we put
341 our trust in the Lord. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) recognizes its responsibility to the
342 Presbytery and congregations to provide an inviting and safe environment. It is thus out of a
343 sense of responsibility, not fear, that this workshop was developed to help provide all with a
344 sense of welcome and peace.

345 We're letting you know about a workshop that has been developed and is now available to assist

346 Presbyteries and their member churches in creating church safety and security plans, ensuring
347 everyone may enter our churches safely.

348 Safety and security planning and training for churches is vital today. The “Introduction to Church
349 Safety and Security Workshop” aims to define, demonstrate, and practice key concepts and
350 tools for enhancing safety and security for PC(USA) stakeholders, including worshipping
351 communities and midcouncils. Taking an “all hazards” approach to safety and security, including
352 armed intruders, protects the church as a place of worship and gathering. It strengthens its role
353 as a beacon of resilience and refuge. When churches commit to a culture of preparedness and
354 care, they affirm their commitment to serving their congregation and community in every
355 circumstance, while preserving openness, welcome, and compassion.

356 This seven-hour workshop is designed to be a “hands-on” experience for churches, covering how
357 to protect against adversarial events, mitigate damage, and respond to and recover from them.
358 The workshop helps worshipping communities develop simple and appropriate safety plans
359 through exercises, handouts, resources, role-playing, and team collaboration. Attendees will
360 leave this workshop with a high-level outline of a safety and security plan for their facility, along
361 with templates and resources for implementation. They will also receive achievable action items
362 that will enhance safety and security within a faith-based framework centered on hope and
363 welcome.

364 This program is offered through the PDA, which provides all instructors at no cost. The presbytery
365 is responsible for delivering a church-associated location, coordinating facilities to support the
366 program (AV equipment, etc.), and preparing printed materials, snacks, and noon meals.
367 Potential participants (Min. 20 – Max 50) may include Pastors, church staff, elders, deacons,
368 ushers/greeters, facility personnel, Sunday school and day school leaders, and public safety
369 resources.

370 **For further information, Interested Presbytery Executives and/or staff should contact Rev.**
371 **Kathy Lee Cornell at Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Kathy.Lee-Cornell@pcusa.org,**
372 **502.974.0488.**



SC5 School of Theology
2026 Fall Semester
 Friday, October 16
 & Saturday, October 17
 Presbyterian College Clinton, SC

FALL 2026
Semester Courses

CORE

New Testament
 Reformed Theology
 Preaching
 Pastoral Care

ELECTIVES

Celtic Christianity
 Teaching the Bible

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373 **RESOURCING**

374 A speed SWOT Analysis was led by EP/SC Mario Bolivar. He was assisted by the Rev. Julie
375 Thompson, Ruling Elder Tim Crawford, the Rev. Becky Bryan, and the Rev. Jean Homrighausen.
376 SWOT stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. As part of this process, the body
377 was encouraged to talk with those around them as well as people they did not know, and answer
378 questions posed as part of the practice.

379 **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

380 The meeting went into recess for lunch following a prayer for the food. Thank you to First Presbyterian
381 Church of Milton, for a delicious meal!

382 **RECONVENE WITH PRAYER**

383 The body reconvened after lunch and resumed its meeting with prayer.

384 **MINISTRY REPORTS**

385 **Ministry Coordinating Council** – Mary Hodges, Moderator

386 A written and oral report was given.

387 **Items for Information**

- 388 • MCC approved the minutes of the May 16, 2026, stated meeting of the Presbytery as submitted.
- 389 • MCC approved the agenda for the August 11, 2026, stated meeting of the Presbytery.
- 390 • It was approved for the Ministry of Presbytery Operations to act as the Administrator Transition
- 391 Group as Melissa Willis transitions from full-time to part-time employment and then retirement.
- 392 • It was approved for Rev. Cathy Mooney (Central), CRE Greg Seltzer (West), and Rev. Brant
- 393 Copeland (East) to work to make a recommendation for the Regional Advocate positions and to
- 394 report back to the Ministry Coordinating Council their recommendation.
- 395 • Mario will work with the Ministry of Presbytery Operations to build a new website for the
- 396 Presbytery.
- 397 • MCC approved to transfer from the Ministry of Congregation Formation Fund Account to the
- 398 Presbytery Reserve Fund Account of \$500,000 and direct the Ministry of Presbytery Operations
- 399 to direct Michael Martin, Presbytery Treasurer, to write a check for \$250,000 each to UKirk
- 400 Tallahassee and to Dogwood Acres in August 2026 from the Presbytery Reserve Fund Account
- 401 and then a second check to be written of \$250,000 each, again (to UKirk Tallahassee and
- 402 Dogwood Acres) to be written in August 2027 from the Presbytery Reserve Fund Account.
- 403 • MCC approved for an Administrative Commission for Gretna, assuming original jurisdiction,
- 404 consisting of Matt Frease, Sheldon Steen, Don Winstead and Linda Shelley be formed.
- 405 • MCC reviewed changes to the By-Laws of the Presbytery and are submitting them for a first
- 406 reading. Changes should be sent to Tim Crawford.
- 407 • MCC was not able to review the changes to the Manual of Operations for the Presbytery but are
- 408 submitting them for a first reading. Changes should be sent to Tim Crawford.
- 409 • MCC approved the following dates/locations for the 2027 Stated Presbytery meetings.
- 410 ▪ Tuesday, February 23, 2027
- 411 ▪ Saturday, May 22, 2027 – Dogwood Acres
- 412 ▪ Tuesday, August 10, 2027
- 413 ▪ Tuesday, October 26, 2027

414 **Ministry Of Representation** – Rich Kangas, Moderator

415 A written and oral report was given.

416 It was moved to put the following names in nomination: Ruling Elder Tim Crawford of First Presbytery
417 Church, Crestview as Presbytery Vice Moderator for the Class of 2027 and for Ministry of Leadership
418 Development, CRE Deborah Potter of First Presbyterian Church, Milton. The motion passed.

419 **Items for Information**

420 **Ministry Vacancies**

421 Ministry of New Congregation Formation. 2 vacancies, Class 2027; 1 vacancy, Class 2028; 1
422 vacancy, Class 2029.

423 Ministry of Presbytery Operations, 1 vacancy, Class 2027.

424 Permanent Judicial Commission, 2 vacancies, class 2032.

425 Presbytery Vice Moderator, Class 2027, Male, elder.

426 Ministry of New Congregation Formation

427 Equipping Presbyter Mario Bolivar will discuss the new direction of this Ministry with its
428 moderator.

429 Presbytery Vice Moderator, Class 2027, male, elder

430 This position needs to be approved and installed by fall presbytery meeting. The person
431 will go to a three-day class in Louisville sometime in November.

432 **Ministry Of Leadership Development** – Rev. Cathy Mooney, Moderator

433 A written and oral report was given.

434 **Items for Information**

435 The Resourcing Hour for the August Presbytery Meeting is being coordinated by Equipping
436 Presbyter/Stated Clerk Rev. Mario Bolivar with the help of Rev. Jean Homrighausen, Rev. Becky
437 Bryan, Rev. Julie Thomspen, and Elder Tim Crawford.

438 Discussion has begun on was to help implement the Boundary Policies approved at the May Presbytery
439 meeting.

440 A Cents-ability Grant has been given to First, Crestview for their soup kitchen ministry.

441 We continue to work with Explorers (CRE), Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry:

- 442 • Rose Walters, Candidate, Faith, Tallahassee
- 443 • Lauren Christian, Inquirer (ready to move to candidacy), Gulf Breeze
- 444 • Dexton Teat, Inquirer, Grace, Panama City
- 445 • Linda Lovins, Explorer (ready to complete the process), Faith, Tallahassee

446 We approved a request from First, Milton to invite all churches attending the August Presbytery
447 Meeting in Milton to support their unsheltered neighbors Tuesday Table Event the evening of
448 August 11.

449 **Presbyterian Women Of The Presbytery** – Denise Pentecost, Moderator

450 A written report was given.

451 **Items for Information**

452 The Presbyterian Women recently awarded two scholarships to students pursuing degrees in theology
453 or church leadership. We have awarded scholarships to two students, one attending Columbia
454 Theological Seminary and one attending Austin Theological Seminary. We have the funds to award
455 one more scholarship this year. If anyone is interested, please contact Vicki Bell for information or
456 application forms.

457 We are planning a Presbyterian Women fall meeting on August 8 at First Presbyterian Church in
458 Chipley. We have encouraged all interested women to come together to learn about PW and to
459 generate some fresh ideas for future events and projects.

460 One of the important projects for the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery is updating our annual
461 PW Directory. This directory includes the contact information for all our churches, Moderators,
462 Treasurers, Historians, and Together in Service officers as well as forms and information needed for
463 the upcoming year. This is a great source of information for all PW groups as they carry out their
464 important ministry. Please assist us in submitting all current information for your churches.

465 **New Congregation Formation** – Rev. Dr. Sheldon Steen, Moderator

466 No report was given.

467 **Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force** – Tim Crawford, Moderator

468 A written and oral report was given.

469 **Items for Information**

470 **Topics Addressed**

- 471 • Heard ministry partner reports from MCPC, MPT, MLD, MPO, and MNCF
- 472 o A significant amount of work is ongoing throughout the presbytery’s ministries. Items highlighted
473 in this report:
- 474 o MCPC Handbook expected to be provided for first reading at Summer Presbytery Meeting.
- 475 o MLD – Working on processes to meet presbytery’s needs for boundary training.
- 476 o MPT – Working on revisions to handbook, in conversations with MCPC to better define
477 temporary pastoral relationships.
- 478 ▪ Work includes looking into the definitions of Interim Pastor, Transitional Pastor, and Bridge
479 Pastor. To help congregations and pastoral leadership better understand the roles and
480 applications of each.

481 **Presbytery’s Transition Progress**

- 482 • Strategic Plan and plans/expectations moving forward
- 483 o Mario Bolivar, Equipping Presbyter provided a written “report.” Items will be held until he is able
484 to converse with the taskforce.

- 485 ▪ He says he works best with defined expectations in order to be most effective. He is working
- 486 on a document that will lay out his thoughts along this line.
- 487 ▪ The implementation process is not easy, but it needs to be purposeful. What are the practical
- 488 things this presbytery can do to implement its ministry?
- 489 ▪ He recommends “The Hidden Culture of Congregations” as a book worth reading.
- 490 ▪ There was a discussion on utilizing SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and
- 491 Threats) to evaluate how matters are progressing with the Strategic Plan to this point.
- 492 ▪ The Presbytery website needs to be updated. What kind of funding, and where can that funding
- 493 come from for this?
- 494 ○ It was agreed to continue to hold off the resumption of years 2 and 3 in the Implementation
- 495 Timeline while Mario Bolivar continues his onboarding with the Presbytery.
- 496 • Presbytery By-Laws and Manual of Operations Update
- 497 ○ The taskforce began a review of the documents at their June meeting with a first draft of needed
- 498 updates provided for action at the July meeting.
- 499 ○ At the July meeting additional changes were approved to the Manual of Operations by the
- 500 taskforce.
- 501 ○ The By-Laws and Manual of Operations are presented here as a first reading
- 502 ▪ The taskforce suggests MCC review the Presbytery’s relationship with Dogwood Acres as a
- 503 separate 501(c)(3) to determine if DWA needs to be in the Manual of Operations, and if so, where.
- 504 **Items for Further Discussion**
- 505 • Work started comparing where the presbytery is today with where it was when the strategic plan
- 506 process began.

Presbytery of Florida Strategic Plan Goals

Adopted Winter Presbytery Meeting 2024

YEAR 1 MARCH 1, 2024 – FEBRUARY 28, 2025	
MOVE FROM STATIC TO ECSTATIC:	
Goal	
• Reduce and eliminate duplication and unnecessary or detrimental efforts.	
• Change presbytery meetings to become more educational and supportive in nature.	
• Develop an atmosphere more in line of an assembly of pastors, elders, leaders, staff persons, and congregational members.	
• Recommended Ministry Structure	
YEARS 2 & 3	
(Action Paused per 2026 Winter Stated Meeting)	
A NEW CULTURE IN THE PRESBYTERY IS AFOOT:	
Goal	
• Develop a Directory of Talents as a resource of people willing to go to our congregations to aid, assist, encourage, train persons to help meet a congregation’s specific needs and desires.	
• Broadly convey the new culture within the Presbytery.	
• Advertise what our presbytery now “gives to you.”	

YEARS 4 AND 5	
OUR INITIAL MISSION IS FULFILLED:	
New life is engaged:	
The new structure of the presbytery is in place and working.	
Our congregations have accepted and engaged in the new structure and culture and have increased their participation and financial support for presbytery endeavors.	
The presbytery has rebounded in its ministry and purpose, being a benefit to all congregations.	

509 **Ministry Of Congregational And Pastoral Care** – Linda Lovins, Moderator

510 A written and oral report was given.

511 **Items for Information**

512 **TOPICS ADDRESSED**

513 **MCPC Ethics Form**

514

- Signed (annually), all MCPC members, and filed with Presbytery

515 **Compensation Reviews**

516

- Reviewed Terms of Call (ministers of Word and Sacrament) and Contracts (CREs and Stated Supply Pastors) –Bryan, Chae, Cho, Hodges, Homrighausen, Lamont, Mealor, Mooney, Ocasio/Torres, Quiring, Rugh, Spoon

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- Follow-ups – Steen, Stringer, Wood

520

- Method for reviewing for 2027 updates

521

- Method for scheduling contract reviews and (semi-)annual CRE and Stated Supply Pastor reports

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- Assuring that correct forms are used (updated annually; posted online)

524

- Track and acknowledge pastoral celebrations – ordination/installation anniversaries?

525 **Church Focus, Specific**

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- Red Bay, Crestview, and Laurel Hill – report from CRE Jo Kublik

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- Small churches in pastoral transition: Freeport; Parkway

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- First, Tallahassee – reviewed Lombard Mennonite Peace Center Report

529 **MCPC Handbook**

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- Boundary Policies – approved May 16, 2026 and included in Handbook (Supplement)

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- Need to be posted on website, in appropriate Presbytery publications, and posted visibly in the Presbytery office and in various buildings of Dogwood Acres

533

- Finalize editing processes for first reading at August 11, 2026 Presbytery meeting

534 **Forming an Administrative Commission** (with original jurisdiction)

535

- Requested by Gretna Presbyterian Church

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- Approved by the Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC) – July 16, 2026

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- AC members: Matt Frease (UKirk, Tallahassee), Don Winstead (First, Tallahassee), Sheldon Steen (Christ, Tallahassee), and Linda Shelley (Faith, Tallahassee)

- 539 **Status of Congregations**
- 540 • Monthly review of joys, concerns, and status of pastoral leadership in all congregations,
- 541 Presbytery-wide
- 542 • Ministry Teams for whom these updates would be helpful
- 543 • Wewahitchka – Sanctuary re-dedication service, 3:00 CDT, August 16, 2026

544 **MCPC Focus Areas (Reports)**

- 545 • Urgency of finding Regional Advocates
- 546 • Retired pastors – contacted periodically

547 **Grants**

- 548 • Lafayette, Tallahassee grant request (Equipment Upgrade, approved) – update
- 549 • Freeport grant request (Emergency Repairs, approved 7/21)
- 550 • First, Milton grant request (Pastoral Leadership, approved 7/21)

551 **Prayer Concerns – ongoing**

552 **TOPICS PENDING**

553 **Reporting forms**

- 554 • CREs
- 555 • Stated Supply Pastors
- 556 • Grants

557 **Presbytery Salary Minimum for 2027**

558 **ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY REVIEW / ATTENTION**

- 559 • **Necrology Report** – Pastors and Clerks of Session are invited to submit names to the
- 560 Presbytery office or directly to MCPC Moderator Linda Lovins or Assistant Stated Clerk Eric
- 561 Spoon to be read as part of the Necrology Report at the October Presbytery meeting. *Pastors,*
- 562 *certified Christian educators, ruling elders, deacons, and long-time staff members give a great*
- 563 *deal of their lives to the work of our Lord. Each year, the earthly lives of some of these*
- 564 *dedicated servants come to an end. It is highly appropriate to recognize their years of service*
- 565 *and to give thanks to God for their faithfulness.*
- 566 • [New Ministry of Congregational and Pastoral Care \(MCPC\) Handbook \(DRAFT\),](#)
- 567 [available at this link.](#) Please submit questions and suggestions for changes *in writing* to the
- 568 MCPC via the Presbytery office at office@presbyteryofflorida.com or P O Box 7, Chipley, FL
- 569 32428 *by September 8, 2026.* This call for a first reading *excludes* the boundary policies on
- 570 pages 61-86, which were unanimously approved at the May 16, 2026, Presbytery meeting.
- 571 • **The Presbytery Incident Report** has been updated with a new email address. Please consult
- 572 the website or the DRAFT MCPC Handbook.

573 **ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL**

574 **The MCPC Ministry Team moves the following:**

- 575 1. It was moved that, in keeping with the spirit of G-3.0106, which grants presbyteries some
- 576 autonomy to establish appropriate local rules, the Presbytery of Florida retroactively and in the
- 577 foreseeable future confers on those ministers of Word and Sacrament entering retirement, the
- 578 title “honorably retired.” After discussion, the motion failed.

- 579 2. It was moved that the Presbytery of Florida recognize the retirement of the Rev. Rob Sugg,
580 effective on August 11, 2026. The motion passed.
- 581 3. It was moved and seconded to include the following resolution of retirement in the minutes.
582 The motion passed.



RESOLUTION OF RETIREMENT THE REVEREND ROBERT A. SUGG

585 ***Whereas:***

586 Robert A. Sugg heard God's call to provide emergency medical services throughout communities in
587 the State of Rhode Island, and did so with clarity, compassion, and grace; and

588 Whereas, he heard God's call to a new ministry – that of becoming a Minister of Word and Sacrament
589 in and for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), being ordained by the Presbytery of Southern New
590 England on September 20, 1998; and

591 *Whereas*, the call of the Reverend Robert A. Sugg led him to serve as a military chaplain in the United
592 States Air Force until his retirement from the Air Force September 16, 2014; and

593 *Whereas*, upon his retirement from military chaplaincy, he became part of the Crestview, Florida
594 community, engaging in aiding less fortunate individuals and families of the greater Crestview area;
595 and

596 *Whereas*, he devoted much of his later time exploring and presenting the results of his research
597 regarding political trends and how the Christian community might respond to those trends through the
598 teachings of Jesus Christ; and

599 *Whereas*, the Reverend Robert A. Sugg has now expressed a desire to enter into a well-earned
600 season of rest and retirement, having prayerfully considered this transition; and

601 *Whereas*, the Presbytery of Florida wishes to honor his request and recognize his faithful service to
602 our Lord;

603 ***Therefore Be It Resolved:***

604 *That* the Presbytery of Florida, on behalf of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), in recognition of his
605 years of untiring service to our Lord Jesus Christ, grants the Reverend Robert A. Sugg the designation
606 of Retired, with the thanks and gratitude – spoken and unspoken – of those who received the benefit
607 and grace of his ministry; and

608 *That* this resolution be entered into the official minutes of the Presbytery of Florida.

609 Presented this eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord 2026 by
610 the Presbytery of Florida at First Presbyterian Church of Milton, Florida.

611 Signed:

612 _____
613 Dr. Greg Seltzer
614 Moderator

Rev. Mario Bolivar
Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk

615 **Ministry Of Dogwood Acres** – Rev. Bill Lamont, Moderator

616 A written report was given.

617 Dogwood Acres completed its Double the Joy campaign recently, and thanks to the generosity of PoF
618 Presbyterians, we not only doubled the initial gift of \$5000, but we quadrupled it! We now have
619 \$20,000, which has helped our summer camping ministry thrive.

620 As I write this report, Dogwood Acres is in the middle of its third week of summer camp. Weeks 3 and
621 4 offer three different camping options for children K-8th. The Intro camp provides 4 days/3 nights of
622 camp for younger children, Discovery provides a traditional week of on-site camping, while Adventure
623 provides a week of high-energy camp experience, extended hikes, canoeing etc.

624 Dogwood's summer season began with 70 campers and staff from the Florida Diabetes Association.
625 This is the third year of our partnership with the Diabetes Association, and together, we provide a safe
626 and hospitable camp experience for those living with diabetes, as well as their medical personnel.

627 High School Only Camp (June 21-26) brought together high school youth from across the Presbytery.
628 This week continues to allow campers to deepen their faith and grow their leadership skills. Many of
629 these youth will be part of the 2026-2027 class of Presbyterian Youth Council (PYC) leaders.

630 This is our first summer welcoming campers from Savannah and Flint River Presbyteries to Dogwood.
631 This is a new partnership that is blossoming and celebrates the connectional nature of our denomination
632 as we reach beyond the bounds of our own presbytery. We were delighted to have our new Equipping
633 Presbyter, Mario Bolivar, on site during this week. He shared breakfast and worship with campers on
634 Tuesday morning and even participated in doing energizers with them, much to their delight.

635 We owe much of summer camp's success to our dedicated staff. We are thankful for Robert
636 Commerford, who arrives early each day to keep things in working order and to keep our property
637 looking so good; for Sharon Bruner, our cook who provides tasty and nutritious meals every day; for
638 our counselors and resource staff who work non-stop to make camp both fun and safe for our campers;
639 for Eric Hearn, who connects daily with parents, staff and volunteers to keep camp running smoothly;
640 and of course, to Christy Williams, whose list of responsibilities is endless, yet somehow, she is able to
641 live in the moment anyways. We ask you to keep them all in your prayers as they finish out summer
642 camp and move on to August's plans.

643 **Ministry Of Pastoral Transitions** – Rev. Hanlim Chae, Moderator

644 A written and oral report was given.

645 **Items for Information**

646 The Ministry of Pastoral Transitions (MPT) serves congregations experiencing pastoral transition.

647 **FOR INFORMATION**

648 MPT currently works with the following churches:

- 649 a. Trinity, Pensacola
- 650 b. First, Quincy
- 651 c. First, Tallahassee
- 652 d. Parkway, Panama City
- 653 e. First, Lynn Haven
- 654 f. First, Marianna
- 655 g. Faith, Tallahassee

- 656 h. Freeport
- 657 i. Gulf Breeze
- 658 f. First, Milton

659 The following actions have been taken:

- 660 • Updated Pulpit Supply list: Rev. Brant Copeland added
- 661 • Completed Holy Cow! Consultant training with 10 people attending
- 662 • Approved installation commission for Rev. Mark Phillips to First Tallahassee
- 663 • Sustained the examination of CRE candidate, Deborah Potter, for First Milton.
- 664 • Sustained the examination of Rev. William Arnold as the installed pastor of First Quincy.
- 665 • Approved the request from Gulf Breeze to form an Interim Pastoral Search Committee with the
- 666 Holy Cow! process to be done later.
- 667 MPT Manual Revision and brochure for congregations are still ongoing and will be completed soon.

668 **ATTACHMENTS TO THIS REPORT INCLUDE**

- 669 • The Statement of Faith of Rev. Mark Phillips
- 670 • The Request for Installation Commission of Rev. Mark Phillips
- 671 • The Statement of Faith of Deborah Potter

672 **STATEMENT OF FAITH**
673 **Rev. Mark Phillips**

674 I believe in and commit to God, Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons, in full communion
675 from before the dawn of time and for all eternity. I believe in and commit to God whom Jesus called
676 ‘Abba,’ Creator of all that is. Both sovereign and tender, God continues to create us each day and
677 desires to be in relationship with us, redeeming Creation through the love of Christ, though we do not
678 deserve such a turn of grace. This God who acts in the Biblical story also acts throughout time and
679 space, and within and through the events of our own lives, to reconcile the world to God’s self.

680 I believe in and commit to Jesus Christ, the clearest clue as to who God is, and who, by some
681 math higher than any I have known, is both fully human and fully God. While Jesus’ living teaches us
682 about God’s nature (desiring to surprise by turning the culture on its head) Jesus’ dying on the cross
683 bridges the distance of our separation from God, a chasm we ourselves have created— a brokenness we
684 alone are helpless to mend. In Jesus Christ, God acts to forgive and restore us, and the defining event of
685 the cross accomplishes our redemption, illustrates our Savior’s complete obedience to His Father’s will,
686 and teaches us that our God suffers with us going even to the depths of human existence in order to
687 triumph over death that we might do the same—that we might join in Christ’s death and in his
688 resurrection.

689 I believe in and commit to the Holy Spirit, the sustaining presence of God. This same divine
690 Spirit whose breath first filled the lungs of God’s beloved dust in the Garden— whose wind reanimated
691 the dry bones in Ezekiel’s valley— whose presence and comfort Jesus once promised rushed aflame
692 into the apostles on the day of Pentecost and continues to breathe life into the Church, claiming us with
693 every Child of the Covenant,
694 “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit” sustaining us as we
695 gather at the Lord’s Table, “for every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember the death
696 of our risen Savior, until he comes again.” and enabling the community of faith to respond in gratitude

697 for God's abundant grace by working for justice, freedom, and peace for all of God's children. This
698 same Spirit guides my thoughts as I study God's Word, the living and authoritative Holy Scriptures of
699 the Old and New Testaments and guides my actions as I respond with compassion and critical thinking,
700 in obedience and faith, as Christ commands.

701 The Spirit intercedes when I do not know how to pray or, for that matter, how to write a
702 statement of faith or a sermon or how to give pastoral care to the person in front of me— the person
703 who is Christ in disguise, the person to whom I am called to extend Christ's love.

704 And this love, I believe, is the crux.

705 The cross, if you will.

706 Love God.

707 Love God's children.

708 The Lord says that all the Law and the prophets hang on that.

709 Seems like a sturdy place to center my faith

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION COMMISSION

Presbytery of Florida

A Commission to Install must consist of a minimum of 5 persons who are members of the Presbytery of Florida (3 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and 2 Ruling Elders, or 2 Ministers of Word and Sacrament and 3 Ruling Elders). Each Ruling Elder must be from a different congregation. Persons may perform more than one portion of the service. The Commission must be gender inclusive. Please have the correlation between elders as equal as possible. You are encouraged to include the MPT Liaison to be a part of the Commission.

The session and I recommend that presbytery appoint the following to serve as a Commission to Install:

REV. MARK F. PHILLIPS

(Name of Minister of Word and Sacrament)

as _____ Pastor of the FIRST Presbyterian Church
of Tallahassee, Florida at a worship service to be held on SEPT. 13, 2026
(City) (Date)

at 4:00 pm o'clock (Eastern Central time – Circle one).

1. Chairperson (to preside and ask the constitutional questions of the minister):

Name: REV. MARIO BOLIVAR Email: MARIO@presbyteryofflorida.com
(Minister X, Elder _____, Church Equipping Presbyter & Stated Clerk
PRESBYTERY OF FLORIDA)

2. To deliver the Sermon:

Name: REV. DR. MATT FREASE Email: MATT@ukirktallahassee.com
(Minister X, Elder _____, Church CAMPUS MINISTER UKIRK TALLAHASSEE)

3. Elder to ask the constitutional questions of the congregation:

Name: GREGORY RICCARDI Email: riccardigreg@gmail.com
(Minister _____, Elder X, Church FIRST, TALLAHASSEE)

4. To Charge the Minister:

Name: REV. DEB TREGASKIS Email: deb@flintriverpresbytery.org
(Minister X, Elder _____, Church Executive Presbyter
FLINT RIVER PRESBYTERY)

5. To Charge the Congregation:

Name: LINDA SHELLEY Email: lshelley51@gmail.com
(Minister _____, Elder X, Church Faith, TALLAHASSEE)

6. Other persons/parts:

REV. MARGARET "GRETA" REED Email: gretareed@comcast.net

KAREN GUNTER, ELDER Email: kjgunter@comcast.net

Email: _____

By request of:

REV. MARK Phillips

Minister

GREGORY Riccardi

Clerk of session

July 1, 2026

Date

July 1, 2026

Date

NOTE:

Because installations and ordinations are done by the local presbytery, requests for approval of persons from outside the presbytery will usually be granted to participate in the worship service, but not be officially part of the Commission. Travel and accommodation expenses must be borne by the minister or church.

An offering, with session's permission, is to be received and forwarded to the presbytery office to be utilized in the Candidate's Fund.

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Statement of Faith

Deborah Potter

712 I believe in a Creator who made us in their image, from goodness and for goodness, that all Creation
713 was made good from the beginning, and is destined for ultimate goodness.
714 I believe humans forget their goodness, and therefore fill the journey between these points, not only
715 with awareness of beauty, but with constant fear and anxiety, not only with the revelation of love, but
716 also with the violence of hatred, not only with an understanding of their wholeness, but with the
717 confusion of fragmentation.
718 I believe the gospel story is redemptive—that the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and his
719 proclamation of God’s near kingdom is witness to the goodness humans forget. I believe that the path
720 of Jesus charts, for all humanity, a way to walk from goodness to goodness, staying connected to, and
721 therefore aware of, that goodness in the steps along the way. This is, I believe, abundant life. It is very
722 good news!
723 I believe this redemptive work is continued in the Spirit, which beckons us always to be re-membered,
724 to be put back together by the memory of our wholeness and the assurance of its ultimate reality, which
725 we receive through worship and the sacraments. In this way, I believe the Spirit is re-pairing all that has
726 been severed or shattered, reconciling all Creation to itself and its Creator, re-storing our awareness of
727 abundance and provision, re-forming us for the goodness for which we are destined.
728 I believe in our remembering, in the walking of this way, through the church and in worship and the
729 sacraments, we are recruited to the Spirit’s project, called to be both vessels and messengers for God’s
730 transformative work: from soul to community, from community to soul, from community to
731 community, multiplying exponentially outward, until finally goodness is re-connected to goodness, and
732 spans the length of all eternity, so that, Earth is as it is in heaven.

733 **Ministry Of Presbytery Operations** – Rev. Raymond Guterman, Moderator

734 A written report was presented. An oral report was given by ministry member Judi Seltzer.

735 Presbytery Accountant/Treasurer Michael Martin gave an update on the Presbytery finances. After six
736 months, the presbytery is at 56% funds received from member congregations.

737 **Items for Information**

738 **GA Update – Mario Bolivar**

- 739
 - A report was given on Mario’s experience of GA and what took place.
- 740
 - A letter with the details is included with the GA reports in the presbytery meeting materials.

741 **Dogwood Acres Report** – Christy Williams

- 742
 - Report given by Raymond Guterman that things are going well.

743 **Financial Report** – Michael Martin

- 744
 - See financial reports following this report.

745 **Stewardship Report** – Raymond Guterman

- 746
 - A letter went out in July as a pre-stewardship letter of hope from Raymond and Mario.
- 747
 - Mario would like this ministry to read *Generosity, Stewardship, and Abundance: A*

748 *Transformational Guide to Church Finance*.

749 **Presbytery Property Report** – Raymond Guterman

- 750
 - Landscaping project is completed and looks good. Here are “before and after” photos.



763 **Other items**

- 764
 - Mario shared a proposal for MCC about updating the Presbytery website. MCC has approved
- 765 for Mario to work with MPO to build a new website for the Presbytery.
- 766
 - In accordance with MCC’s July 16, 2026 approval, a transfer of \$500,000 will be made from the
- 767 Ministry of Congregation Formation Fund Account to the Presbytery Reserve Fund Account,
- 768 and Accountant/Treasurer Michael Martin will issue checks for \$250,000 each to UKirk
- 769 Tallahassee and Dogwood Acres in August 2026 from the Presbytery Reserve Fund Account;
- 770 additional checks of \$250,000 each will be issued from the Presbytery Reserve Fund Account to
- 771 UKirk Tallahassee and DWA in August 2027.

**Presbytery of Florida Shared Support
Calendar Year 2026**

Church	2026 Pledge Request	2026 Pledge	Received	Recevd as % of Pledge	# Member
Blountstown	Closed				
Chipley	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 800.00	\$399.30	50%	32
Crestview First	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$43.00	1%	56
DeFuniak Springs Bethel	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$640.00	100%	8
DeFuniak Springs Euchee Valley	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,800.00	100%	35
DeFuniak Springs, First	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 7,120.00	\$3,560.04	50%	89
Destin, First	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$1,375.00	42%	
Freeport, Freeport	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,400.00	50%	53
Ft. Walton Beach - First	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$2,500.02	50%	83
Ft. Walton Beach, Korean First	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$5,500.00	100%	65
Gretna, Gretna	\$ 960.00	\$ 2000.00	\$2,000.00	100%	12
Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze	\$ 13,120.00	\$ 1,588.38	\$1,588.38	100%	164
Havana, First	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$1,500.00	50%	45
Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill	\$ 480.00	\$ 2500.00	\$2,500.00	100%	6
Lynn Haven, First	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,000.00	100%	103
Marianna, First	\$ 12,560.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$7,333.34	67%	157
Milton, First	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,920.00	\$3,920.00	100%	49
Monticello, First	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$1,120.00	50%	28
Navarre, Navarre	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 2,560.00	\$2,560.00	100%	36
Panama City, Grace	\$ 9,120.00	\$ 9,120.00	\$4,560.00	50%	114
Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$1,870.00	42%	56
Panama City, Parkway	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$4,400.00	100%	55
Pensacola, First	\$ 29,200.00	\$19,219.00	\$9,609.40	50%	365
Pensacola, Northminster	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$1,000.00	42%	85
Pensacola, Korean	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%	25
Pensacola, Trinity	\$ 42,880.00	\$ 32,808.00	\$10,576.00	32%	536
Quincy, First	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$14,500.00	42%	435
Red Bay, Red Bay	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$560.00	100%	7
Tallahassee, Christ	\$ 15,520.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$6,000.00	50%	194
Tallahassee, Faith	\$ 66,560.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$27,500.01	42%	832
Tallahassee, Fellowship	\$ 9,760.00	\$ 9,760.00	\$4,250.00	44%	122
Tallahassee, First	\$ 18,960.00	\$ 18,960.00	\$24,376.67	129%	237
Tallahassee, Lafayette	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$3,837.00	60%	80
Tallahassee, Trinity United	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$2,160.00	100%	27
Wewahitchka, First	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00	\$880.00	100%	11
Woodland, Sawdust	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 2,000.00		0%	14
6/30/2026	\$341,040.00	\$297,195.38	\$167,818.16	56.47%	4216
		% of year	50.00%		

Presbytery of Florida

Budget vs. Actuals: Budget_FY26_P&L - FY26 P&L

January - June, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Total	over Budget	% of Budget
Income					
60000.0 PRESBYTERY INCOME					
60000 RECEIPTS					
60001-2 Shared Support	166,192.16	170,600.02		-4,407.86	97.42%
60006 Other Income					
2300.1 Blountstown Income	73,975.95			73,975.95	
Total 60000 RECEIPTS	\$ 240,168.11	\$ 170,600.02	\$	69,568.09	140.78%
Starfish Disaster Recovery					
Total 60000.0 PRESBYTERY INCOME	\$ 240,168.11	\$ 170,600.02	\$	69,568.09	140.78%
Total Income	\$ 240,168.11	\$ 170,600.02	\$	69,568.09	140.78%
Gross Profit	\$ 240,168.11	\$ 170,600.02	\$	69,568.09	140.78%
Expenses					
70000.0 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES					
70020 PER CAPITA					
70101 Per Capita General Assembly	18,000.00	21,751.50		-3,751.50	82.75%
70102 Per Capita Synod	1,665.00	4,264.98		-2,599.98	39.04%
Total 70020 PER CAPITA	\$ 19,665.00	\$ 26,016.48	-\$	6,351.48	75.59%
70030 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC					
70203 Liaison Church Expenses	236.88	499.98		-263.10	47.38%
70805.1 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC	-70.00			-70.00	
70809 Mission Insite Demographics Sub		850.02		-850.02	0.00%
70850.9 Committee Expense-MCPC	-10.72	250.02		-260.74	-4.29%
Total 70030 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC	\$ 156.16	\$ 1,600.02	-\$	1,443.86	9.76%
70040 Ministry of Dogwood Acres - MDWA					
70001 Dogwood Acres Support	33,293.10	31,756.02		1,537.08	104.84%
Total 70040 Ministry of Dogwood Acres - MDWA	\$ 33,293.10	\$ 31,756.02	\$	1,537.08	104.84%
70050 Ministry of Leadership Development - MLD					

70005 FLAPDAN Membership Dues	1,750.00	874.98	875.02	200.00%
70006 Campus Ministry (Ukirk TLH)	7,000.02	7,000.02	0.00	100.00%
70301 Annual Consult with Candidate		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
70304 Candidate Aid Fund		124.98	-124.98	0.00%
70410 Disaster Relief		499.98	-499.98	0.00%
70707 Moderator Training		49.98	-49.98	0.00%
70801 Leader Development Events	750.00	2,500.02	-1,750.02	30.00%
70820 Guatemala Partnership Develop		499.98	-499.98	0.00%
70830 Racial Justice Subcommittee		499.98	-499.98	0.00%
70850.2 Committee Expense - MLD	50.75	250.02	-199.27	20.30%
Total 70050 Ministry of Leadership Development - MLD	\$ 9,550.77	\$ 12,549.96	- \$ 2,999.19	76.10%
70060 Ministry of New Congregation Formation - MNCF				
70850.3 Committee Expense - MNCF	131.45	250.02	-118.57	52.58%
Total 70060 Ministry of New Congregation Formation - MNCF	\$ 131.45	\$ 250.02	- \$ 118.57	52.58%
70070 Ministry of Pastoral Transitions - MPT				
70850.4 Committee Expense - MPT	352.10	750.00	-397.90	46.95%
Total 70070 Ministry of Pastoral Transitions - MPT	\$ 352.10	\$ 750.00	- \$ 397.90	46.95%
70080 Ministry on Representation - MR				
70850.5 Committee Expense-MR		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
Total 70080 Ministry on Representation - MR	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.02	- \$ 250.02	0.00%
70090 Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC				
70207 Consulting Expense	1,748.00		1,748.00	
70513 Workers Comp Insurance	3,330.54	3,000.00	330.54	111.02%
70513.1 Staff BOP Dues	28,987.64	4,500.00	24,487.64	644.17%
70513.3 Staff Payroll Taxes	16,855.00	5,450.76	11,404.24	309.22%
70620 General Presbyter Salary	24,492.98	30,000.00	-5,507.02	81.64%
70620.1 GP Housing		7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.00%
70620.2 GP Medical		16,300.02	-16,300.02	0.00%
70624 GP SECA		2,869.02	-2,869.02	0.00%
70625 GP Mileage Reimbursement	3,807.49	1,999.98	1,807.51	190.38%
70626 GP Other Prof Bus and Travel	1,304.50	1,999.98	-695.48	65.23%
70627 GP Continuing Education/Books		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
70630 Administrator Salary	20,571.72	20,392.92	178.80	100.88%

70631 Administrator Annuity	710.00	360.00	350.00	197.22%
70632 Administrator Medical	360.00	5,112.48	-4,752.48	7.04%
70634 Administrator Travel	2,106.38	2,299.98	-193.60	91.58%
70635 Adminstrator Continuing. Ed		499.98	-499.98	0.00%
70704 Recording Clerk	500.00	1,000.02	-500.02	50.00%
70705 Presbytery Meeting Expense	675.96	300.00	375.96	225.32%
70706 Asst. Stated Clerk Salary	1,500.00	4,500.00	-3,000.00	33.33%
70706.1 Regional Advocates Salary		9,000.00	-9,000.00	0.00%
70710 Treasurer Salary	7,170.79	7,359.00	-188.21	97.44%
70710.5 Treasurer Travel	1,803.70	1,249.98	553.72	144.30%
70850.6 Committee Expense -MCC		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
Total 70090 Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC	\$ 115,924.70	\$ 126,194.16	\$ 10,269.46	91.86%
70100 Ministry of Presbytery Operations - MPO				
70505 Memorials/Flowers		75.00	-75.00	0.00%
70506 Equipment Service		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
70508 Postage	291.54	124.98	166.56	233.27%
70510 Utilities / Office	440.92	1,200.00	-759.08	36.74%
70512 Office Telcom & Communications	2,819.14	1,875.00	944.14	150.35%
70514 Property Maintenance		450.00	-450.00	0.00%
70515 Supplies & Expenses	3,976.10	664.98	3,311.12	597.93%
70517 Copier Lease	1,162.65	1,350.00	-187.35	86.12%
70518 Insurance & Bonding	26,144.50	5,061.48	21,083.02	516.54%
70519 Bank Service Charges	308.50	400.02	-91.52	77.12%
70712 Financial Records Review		499.98	-499.98	0.00%
70715 Publications/Resources		49.98	-49.98	0.00%
70716 GP Search Expenses	3,921.54		3,921.54	
70850.7 Committee Expense - MPO		250.02	-250.02	0.00%
Total 70100 Ministry of Presbytery Operations - MPO	\$ 39,064.89	\$ 12,251.46	\$ 26,813.43	318.86%
70140 PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMM - PJC				
70708 Permanent Judicial Commission		49.98	-49.98	0.00%
Total 70140 PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMM - PJC	\$ 0.00	\$ 49.98	\$ 49.98	0.00%
Total 70000.0 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	\$ 218,138.17	\$ 211,668.12	\$ 6,470.05	103.06%
70633 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES				

Total Expenses	\$	218,138.17	\$	211,668.12	\$	6,470.05	103.06%
Net Operating Income	\$	22,029.94	-\$	41,068.10	\$	63,098.04	-53.64%

Texas Presbyterian Foundation Fund Balances

As of 06/30/2026

Fund	Date		Fund	Date
Two Cents a Meal (MLD)	Balance		MCPC Grants (MCPC)	Balance
Starting Balance	\$35,000.00		Starting Balance	\$500,000.00
Q3 Interest			4/30/25 Bridge Loan (Wewa) -	
\$3,659.67	\$38,659.67		\$60,000	\$440,000.00
Q3 Expenses - \$5,500.00	\$32,859.67		Q3 Interest	\$36,596.73
Q4 Interest	\$932.00		Q3 Expenses -	\$25,317.00
2026 Q1	-\$778.23		Q4 Interest	\$9,320.04
Q2 Interest	\$5,477.54	\$38,490.98	2026 Q1	-\$7,782.27
			Q1 Expenses	-\$16,476.00
			Q2 Interest	\$54,775.35
Maximum	\$50,000		Bridge Loan Payment	\$15,000.00
				\$506,116.85
			Maximum	\$500,000
Minister Emergency (MCPC)			Peacemaking (MLD)	
Starting Balance	\$20,000.00		Starting Balance	\$20,000.00
Q3 Interest	\$609.65	\$20,609.65	Q3 Interest	\$1,016.58
Q4 Interest	\$155.33	\$20,764.98	Q4 Interest	\$258.89
2026 Q1	-\$129.70	\$20,635.28	2026 Q1	-\$216.17
Q2 Interest	\$912.92	\$21,548.20	Q2 Interest	\$1,521.54
				\$22,580.84
Maximum	\$50,000		Maximum	\$50,000
Disciplefest (MLD)			New Congregation Development (MNCF)	
Starting Balance	\$20,000.00		Starting Balance	\$1,000,000.00
Q3 Interest	\$813.26	\$20,813.26	Q3 Interest	\$56,928.24
Q4 Interest	\$207.11	\$21,020.37	Q3 Expenses -	\$22,922.67
2026 Q1	-\$172.94	\$20,847.43	Above Max -	\$34,005.57
Q2 Interest	\$1,217.23	\$22,064.66	Q4 Interest	\$14,497.85
			Q4 Expenses	\$30,045.18
			2026 Q1	-\$12,105.76
			Q1 Expenses	-\$34,244.17
Maximum	\$50,000		Q2 Interest	\$85,206.10
			Expenses	-\$15,640.00
			Transfer	-\$500,000.00
				\$507,668.84
			Maximum	\$1,000,000
Candidate Aid (MLD)			Emergency Relief (MCPC)	
Starting Balance	\$20,000.00		Starting Balance	\$20,000.00
Q3 Interest	\$1,423.21	\$21,423.21	Q3 Interest	\$609.65
Q4 Interest	\$362.45	\$21,785.66	Q4 Interest	\$155.33
2026 Q1	-\$302.64	\$21,483.02	2026 Q1	-\$129.70
Q2 Interest	\$2,130.15	\$23,613.17	Q2 Interest	\$912.92
				\$21,548.20
Maximum	\$50,000		Maximum	\$50,000

Fund		Date	Fund		Date
Youth Triennium (MLD)			Self Development (MLD)		
Starting Balance		\$20,000.00	Starting Balance		\$20,000.00
Q3 Interest	\$406.63	\$20,406.63	Q3 Interest	\$203.91	\$20,203.91
Q4 Interest	\$103.56	\$20,510.19	Q4 Interest	\$51.78	\$20,255.69
2026 Q1	-\$86.47	\$20,423.72	2026 Q1	-\$43.23	\$20,212.46
Q2 Interest	\$608.62	\$21,032.34	Q2 Interest	\$304.31	\$20,517.77
Maximum	\$50,000		Maximum	\$50,000	
Special Projects (MPO)			Reserve (MPO/MCC)		
Starting Balance		\$79,935.67	Starting Balance		\$707,763.74
Q3 Interest	\$16,265.21	\$96,200.88	Q3 Interest	\$23,787.87	\$731,551.61
Q4 Interest	\$4,142.24	\$100,343.12	From NCF	\$34,005.57	\$765,557.18
2026 Q1	-\$3,458.79	\$96,884.33	Q4 Interest	\$6,058.03	\$771,615.21
Q2 Interest	\$24,344.60	\$121,228.93	2026 Q1	-\$5,058.48	\$766,556.73
Expenses	-\$7,500.00	\$113,728.93	Q2 Interest	\$35,603.98	\$802,160.71
			**Transfer	\$500,000.00	\$1,302,160.71
Maximum	\$200,000		Maximum	N/A	
Staff Support (MCC)			50% of Annual Budget (Treasurer)		
Starting Balance		\$450,000.00	Fixed Balance		\$209,681.50
Q3 Interest	\$60,994.55	\$510,994.55			
Q4 Interest	\$15,533.41	\$526,527.96			
2026 Q1	-\$12,970.45	\$513,557.51			
Q2 Interest	\$91,292.25	\$604,849.76			
Maximum	\$1,000,000				

Total Fund Balance **\$3,435,602.75**

772 **Administrative Commission For First Presbyterian Church of Blountstown** – Linda Shelley,
773 Moderator

774 An oral and written report was given.

775 It was moved to dissolve the Blountstown Administrative Commission with thanks. The motion
776 passed.

777 **Item for Information and Presbytery Action**

778 On behalf of the First, Blountstown Administrative Commission (AC), I respectfully request that the
779 AC be dissolved at the August 11, 2026, meeting of the Presbytery, as we have concluded our work.

780 With the assistance of a realtor, the property was sold to the adjoining neighbor in April 2026. Prior to
781 closing, the contents of the building were inventoried and offered to churches in the Presbytery. All
782 remaining items were included in the sale of the property. All funds net from the sale (less commission
783 and expenses of closing) have been disbursed to the Presbytery.

784 All of the known bank accounts have been closed, and the funds have been disbursed to the Presbytery.
785 All utility accounts have been closed or transferred to the new owner.

786 Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

787 **REPORTS FROM THE 227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

788 Written reports from the 227th General Assembly Commissioners were provided. Young Adult
789 Advisory Delegate Dexton Teat gave an oral report.

790 **From Rev. Cathy Mooney, Teaching Elder Commissioner:**

791 Some of my most meaningful observations from General Assembly had little to do with the agenda or
792 the issues we debated for hours. Going into the Assembly, I was aware that there were several people I
793 knew who would be there as commissioners.

- 794 • A seminary classmate, who happened to serve on the same committee as me.
- 795 • The daughter of college and seminary classmates of my parents who is currently serving in the
796 church her father pastored when she was younger. Her grandfather (a Presbyterian minister) grew
797 up in the church I serve (which was pastored by my father).
- 798 • A dear friend of my sister's who interned at one of the churches I was under care of during
799 seminary who serves in the first church my father served and where I was baptized.
- 800 • A CRE who is bridge interim in a church I served as Christian Educator. He and his wife were
801 heavily involved in the youth and children's ministry when I was there.
- 802 • The interim executive presbyter of the last presbytery in which I served.
- 803 • The wife of a former educator I served with for five years.

804 And the connections did not stop there. Among the supporters, observers, and exhibitors were
805 colleagues and friends I had not seen in years. As I met new people and talked with them, we often
806 discovered another Presbyterian connection. I was able to share and visit and check in with people I
807 never expected to see again and, well, that reminded me of who we as Presbyterians are. We are
808 connected, and we find connections and links and commonality in our community.

809 I served on the Reformed Identity in the World committee. We met during the regular hours on Monday
810 and Tuesday, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and continued until about 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday. The
811 work was long, difficult, and often heartbreaking, as we discussed:

- The PCUSA World Mission office and the co-workers lost their jobs, as well as the impact this move had for and with the partners in the mission area, who depended on their presence and support.
- Nuclear Disarmament
- Peace and Justice in Israel
- Issues for and with Korea, Syria, and Cuba

When our report came to the floor for discussion, many of these matters received significant time, prayer, and energy. The work of the General Assembly is important, and, in the room with all the other delegates and volunteers, it was easy to see how, when we work together, we can make the best impact for God's world.

Following Jesus Christ on life's journey can be challenging. We do not always walk—or wander—on the same side of the road, or even in the same direction. But when we come together and listen for one another's voices, concerns, and needs, our walk is strengthened, and our journey becomes more meaningful.

I have a small gift for each of you: a puzzle piece. As you leave Presbytery today, please look for the baskets and take one. Let it remind you that you are part of something wonderful—here in the Presbytery of Florida, the Synod of the South Atlantic, the PCUSA, and the worldwide family of God.

General Assembly Videos can be found at <https://pcusa.org/227th-general-assembly-2026/ga227-news-media/ga-video-collection>. I encourage you to find some time to watch a few minutes (or hours). Worship was enlightening and uplifting—worth every minute of your time!

Thank you for this opportunity. I encourage you to prayerfully consider serving as a delegate or volunteer for the 228th General Assembly in Puerto Rico, June 11–22, 2028.

Joy & peace,
Rev. Cathy Mooney
Teaching Elder Commissioner, The Presbytery of Florida
General Assembly 227, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

And the leaves of the trees are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22:2 (NRSVUE)



839 **From Linda Lovins, Ruling Elder Commissioner:**

840 M19.

841 That small footnote on my nametag told me my place at the table was “M19,” and it matched a small
842 label on one table among a sea of them in the grand ballroom of the Baird Center in downtown
843 Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We each had a similar annotation on our nametags, making it possible to easily
844 find our places and for others to find us, when needed. Everything was “decent and in order.” We were
845 expected ... we belonged ... and we were part of something bigger than ourselves that, in turn, was
846 composed entirely of individuals from congregations like yours and mine.

847 We came from different places and different backgrounds with our different ideas and understandings.
848 But we were connected to one another through the love, respect, and faith we brought to the table.
849 Before I’d even checked in to pick up my nametag and other items, I realized that simply seeing the
850 PC(USA) seal on a nametag meant the person with whom I was sharing an elevator, waiting in line, or
851 eating a meal was a safe person – someone I could trust, even if we differed in opinion. Surrounded by
852 the volunteers from the Presbytery of Milwaukee, the organizers of whom all came from a small church
853 of about 35 weekly attendees just outside the city, I was heartened by the level of care and hospitality. I
854 was among friends – there were no strangers at General Assembly.

855 We worked online with our assigned committees for 3 days before arriving in Milwaukee for the
856 plenary sessions and, from then on, we drank from a proverbial “firehose.” It was exciting,
857 overwhelming, and deeply inspiring to see several hundred people—primarily commissioners like
858 Teaching Elder Commissioner (TEC) Cathy Mooney and me; and Young Adult Advisory Delegates
859 (YAADs) like Dexton Teat—working to stay on top of the business at hand and all the opinions being
860 shared. Teams behind the scenes provided tech and procedural support, and made sure the big screens
861 in the room showed what we needed to see. Representatives of various agencies and organizations
862 waited for hours on end in the back section of the room in case we needed background only they could
863 provide.

864 I was assigned to the Financial Stewardship and Witness committee, the one committee among the
865 twelve for which I felt I had literally *nothing* to offer. But God remarkably equipped my peers and me
866 to address matters of agency pay equity, stewardship of restricted world mission funds, matters of
867 investment and divestment, the effects of the proposed unified budget on per capita fees, and more that
868 came before our committee and, later, the entire body. I didn’t agree with all the results and sometimes
869 spoke and voted in the minority, yet it all felt connectional and faith-filled!

870 At home in our own congregations, it’s easy to forget how connected we are. But as I reconnected with
871 friends and colleagues from the PAM Worship & Music conference and the Pathways certification
872 program at Union Presbyterian Seminary-Richmond, I realized that I was only 1 or 2 degrees of
873 separation from everyone in the room. While helping to lead the singing during worship, I sang with a
874 woman who would offer an absolutely brilliant sermon minutes later in the closing worship service,
875 another of Puerto Rican descent who danced in jubilation when San Juan was voted overwhelmingly as
876 the site of the 228th General Assembly, and a third who was honored as a former moderator of GA. I
877 shared with the Board of Pensions president over lunch that our smallest churches are being priced out
878 of being able to afford having an installed minister of Word and Sacrament ... and then learned who he
879 was. It was an important conversation.

880 Congregation, presbytery, synod, and general assembly—we are all connected by the grace of God, the
881 ministry of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the working of the Holy Spirit among us, and the beliefs
882 we hold in common. I encourage you to consider whether you’d like to experience this amazing
883 connection and undertake this awesome responsibility. It’s a lot. It’s important. It’s worthy. Thanks
884 be to God!

885 **From Rev. Mario Bolivar, Equipping Presbyterian/Stated Clerk:**

886 Beloved Siblings of the Presbytery of Florida,

887 The 227th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has now concluded. Like every
888 General Assembly before it, it was filled with worship, prayer, celebration, difficult conversations, long
889 meetings, constitutional business, moments of joy, opportunities for repentance, grief and
890 opportunities for faithful discernment.

891 I am sure, that in the weeks and months ahead, you will undoubtedly have access to summaries of the
892 actions taken by the 227th General Assembly. You will hear about overtures, constitutional
893 amendments, budgets, reports, committee recommendations, and vote totals. Those actions matter.
894 They shape the ministry and governance of this body of ours, however this writing is not that... I
895 want to share something else, because I am convinced of something else.

896 The story of the 227th General Assembly cannot be told by votes alone.

897 What I witnessed was a body that continues to gather around our Redeemer that lives. I witnessed
898 people who seek to love their neighbors with the self-giving love of Christ, placing the needs of others
899 alongside their own. I am delighted to say that we remain a body eager to pray when difficult decisions
900 come our way, yet still able to laugh, dance, and celebrate together. We are a body whose members
901 come from all corners, with different gifts and talents, from different regions, cultures, experiences,
902 languages, and perspectives, yet who continue to believe that the same Holy Spirit that empowered
903 the first, is still at work among us.

904 During the Assembly, and especially while following conversations online within our larger body and
905 beyond, I was reminded how easy it is to speak about our faith using a language of scarcity. Once
906 again, graphs, statistics, and predictions about denominational decline began circulating. One widely
907 shared graphic even suggested that around 2040 another denomination would become the largest in
908 the United States.

909 Perhaps. Perhaps not.

910 I'll say, before we build a theology from a graph, it is worth remembering what Nassim Nicholas
911 Taleb argues in *Fooled by Randomness*: we human beings are remarkably good at taking a trend line
912 and assuming it tells the future. We often mistake a snapshot for a destiny, momentum for
913 permanence, or today's trajectory for tomorrow's certainty.

914 Our faith history should make us especially cautious. There have been bodies that once appeared
915 unstoppable and later decayed. Others seemed small or insignificant until revival, migration,
916 demographic shifts, or new opportunities reshaped their witness, not because of size, but vitality.
917 Growth and decline are real. So are contingency, surprise, and—above all—God's providence.

918 More importantly, numbers are descriptive; they are not necessarily theological. They tell us **what** is
919 happening, but they do not automatically tell us **why**. They certainly do not tell us whom God is
920 blessing. Scripture offers a needed corrective. Ecclesiastes reminds us that "the race is not to the swift,
921 nor the battle to the strong... but time and chance happen to them all" (Ecclesiastes 9:11). James
922 reminds us that "every good and perfect gift is from above" (James 1:17).

923 Graphs can inform us. They should never become our gospel.

924 As I walked the halls of the 227th Assembly, I did not encounter a body defined primarily by decline.
925 I encountered a body, a church wrestling faithfully with difficult questions, worshiping with joy,
926 praying together, celebrating ministries, mentoring younger leaders, honoring saints who have gone
927 before us, and seeking to follow Christ in a rapidly changing world.

928 Again, I encountered vitality.

929 Not vitality measured only by membership statistics, but vitality expressed through relationships,
 930 faithful service, courageous conversations, young adults embracing their voices and struggling against
 931 others, congregations engaging their communities, people answering God's call to ministry, and
 932 disciples committed to bearing witness to Jesus Christ.

933 Now, that does not mean we ignore the challenges before us. We should never minimize them.
 934 Membership trends, financial realities, and cultural changes deserve our attention. But neither should
 935 we allow them to become the only story we tell.

936 The measure of the Church has never been a line on a graph alone.

937 Our calling is not to win a demographic or numbers race. Our calling is to be faithful with what we
 938 have today—to proclaim Christ, love our neighbors, instruct disciples, care for the vulnerable, seek
 939 justice, and trust that the harvest ultimately belongs to God.

940 Sometimes faithfulness bears visible numerical growth. Sometimes it looks like pruning. Sometimes
 941 it looks like quiet perseverance. In every season, Christ remains the head of the Church.

942 One of the greatest gifts of General Assembly is that it reminds us how much larger the body, the
 943 Church is than our own congregation or even our own presbytery. Commissioners, advisory delegates,
 944 overture advocates, observers, volunteers, and staff gathered from every corner of our denomination.
 945 Relationships were renewed. New friendships were formed. Stories were exchanged. We celebrated
 946 the work God is doing in communities very different from our own while recognizing that we all
 947 share the same calling: to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and participate in God's mission in
 948 the world.

949 So, as I write this... I am especially grateful for those who represented the Presbytery of Florida.
 950 Linda Lovins and Cathy Mooney faithfully served as commissioners. Dexton Teat served as our
 951 Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Pam McVety served as an overture advocate, faithfully presenting
 952 the work our presbytery chose to support. And then there was, Bob Lovins who accompanied our
 953 delegation as an observer, offering encouragement and faithful support throughout the week. Each
 954 served differently, in their own way yet together they reflected the connectional nature of our church
 955 and represented our presbytery with grace, humility, and faithfulness. I have asked our delegation to
 956 consider not the business, but their story in this gathering, a story that we plan to share with you.

957 We also celebrate the election of the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D.
 958 Schondelmeyer as Co-Moderators of the 228th General Assembly, and we hold them in prayer as they
 959 begin this important ministry.

960 Four gifted teams, representing eight faithful candidates, stood for election as Co-Moderators.
 961 Many—including myself—anticipated that the discernment process would require two or three
 962 rounds of voting. I was mistaken. The Assembly elected the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and the
 963 Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer on the very first ballot, reflecting a remarkable sense of
 964 unity, confidence, and joy among the commissioners.

965 Looking ahead, we rejoice that the next General Assembly will gather in San Juan, Puerto Rico. This
 966 historic decision marks the first time the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will hold a General Assembly
 967 outside the continental United States, and the first time the three presbyteries and the Sínodo
 968 Presbiteriano Boriquén will host the denomination on the island.

969 The proposal's journey reminded me that discernment is often a process. During committee

970 deliberations, questions were raised that reflected uncertainty, logistical concerns, and, at times,
971 implicit biases about Puerto Rico and its people. Those moments invited the church to pause, listen
972 more carefully, and learn from our Puerto Rican siblings. By the time the recommendation reached
973 the plenary, however, the tone had shifted remarkably. The Assembly embraced the proposal with
974 overwhelming affirmation, celebration, and anticipation.

975 I found that movement deeply encouraging. It was a reminder that faithful discernment can lead us
976 from assumptions to understanding, from hesitation to hospitality, and from unfamiliarity to deeper
977 relationship. I believe the 228th General Assembly will be more than a change of location; it will
978 be an opportunity for the whole church to experience the rich history, vibrant culture, and faithful
979 witness of our Presbyterian siblings in Puerto Rico. My hope is that we will approach that gathering
980 with curiosity, humility, gratitude, and a genuine desire to learn from one another as members of
981 the one body of Christ.

982 As your Equipping Presbyter and Stated Clerk, my prayer is that we remember the 227th General
983 Assembly not only for the actions it took, but for the witness it offered and the affirmations that it
984 made. The Assembly has adjourned, but the ministry continues.

985 Now the work returns home.

986 May we continue to be a presbytery rooted in prayer, shaped by Scripture, attentive to the Holy Spirit,
987 connected to one another, and committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ. May we be known not
988 first by the size of our membership, but by the depth of our faithfulness, the generosity of our love,
989 and the vitality of our witness.

990 Count it all joy,

991 **Rev. Mario A. Bolivar** | mario@presbyteryofflorida.com
992 *Equipping Presbyter & Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Florida*

993 **ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

994 There being no further business to come before the Presbytery, the meeting was closed with prayer by
995 Moderator Greg Seltzer at 2:00 p.m. (central) / 3:00 p.m. (eastern).

996 Minutes respectfully submitted,
997 Rev. Eric Spoon, Assistant Stated Clerk
998 RE Greg Seltzer, Moderator
999 Rev. Mario Bolivar, Stated Clerk

1000 Next Meetings of Presbytery:
1001 October 27, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church, Quincy – 9:00 central/10:00 eastern

1002 Approved by the Ministry Coordinating Council on September 24, 2026

Items for Information

- MCC approved the minutes of the July 16, 2026, stated meeting of the Presbytery as submitted.
- MCC approved the minutes of the August 11, 2026, stated meeting of the Presbytery.
- MCC approved for that when the way be made clear, the ordinations for Emily Bruno and Ryan Obray may take place.
- Mario informed the Ministry that he has signed the FLAPDAN covenant agreement on behalf of the Presbytery.
- MCC approved to allow for MPO and Mario to work towards implementing a new Presbytery website that will be hosted by Synod of the Sun Communications Services Plan, who will also take care of social media and newsletter services.
- MCC approved Melissa Willis's temporary transition from 35 to 21 hours per week and to keep her coverage with the Board of Pensions and the actions needed to cover that transition.
- MCC approved a revised Administrator job description and authorized moving forward with that search process.
- MCC approved to authorize the EP/SC to proceed with transitioning the Presbytery's email and related services away from Ionos and toward Google Workspace/Google for Nonprofits, working with appropriate technical support and Presbytery officers to develop and implement the migration, with final expenses handled within the appropriate approved financial authority.
- MCC approved to support Mario with a D. Min. Practicum that will be beneficial for the Presbytery as a whole. Mario reported that the central question of his practicum is simple: How can I become better at equipping our congregational leaders to recognize the gifts, possibilities, and capacity for ministry already present in their congregations—regardless of size or resources?
- MCC approved for Freeport to host the October 2027 Presbytery meeting.
- MCC approved to allow for the Sacrament of Holy Communion to be observed at the October 2026 Presbytery meeting at First, Quincy.

For Presbytery Approval:

MCC moves to change our Presbytery name from "The Presbytery of Florida" to "The Presbytery of Northwest Florida" and authorize the EP/SC to identify the ecclesiastical, corporate, legal, bylaw, and administrative steps necessary to implement the change. If approved, the new domain name will be: nwflpcusa.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Hodges, Moderator of MCC

Next Meeting Date: January 21, 2027, at 9:30 a.m. (CT) 10:30 (ET)

MCC Members:

Mary Hodges	Mod-MCC (Immediate Past Pbt Mod)	Cathy Mooney	Mod-Ministry of Leadership Development
Greg Seltzer	Presbytery Moderator	Sheldon Steen	Mod-Ministry of New Congr Formation
Erin Rugh	Presbytery Vice Moderator	Hanlim Chae	Mod-Ministry of Pastoral Transitions
Linda Lovins	Mod-Ministry of Congr & Pastoral Care	Raymond Guterman	Mod-Ministry of Presbytery Operations
Bill Lamont	Mod-Ministry of DWA	Rich Kangas	Mod-Ministry of Representation

Report to the Presbytery from the Ministry of Representation (MR)

Members: Rich Kangas, Moderator; Rev. Raymond Guterman, Rev. Michael Askew, Rev. John Wamsley, Greg Obermier

Ministry Vacancies

Ministry of New Congregation Formation, 2 vacancies, class 2027; 1 vacancy, class 2028;
1 vacancy, class 2029

Permanent Judicial Commission, 2 vacancies, class 2032

Ministry of Representation, 1 vacancy, class 2029, female

(Note: Ministry Coordinating Council finds nominees for the Ministry of Representation)

For Presbytery action:

Synod Commissioner (Minister), class 2028 – Rev. Dr. Matt Frease, UKirk Tallahassee

Synod Commissioner (Minister) Alternate, class 2028 – Rev. Cathy Mooney, 1st, DeFuniak Springs

Ministry of Pastoral Transitions, class 2027 – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery, 1st, Marianna

Permanent Judicial Commission, class 2032 – Rev. Bill Bess, Retired

Information:

The Presbytery needs your help. If you feel called to serve, there are many avenues for service at Presbytery. Without you, old and new initiatives might drop by the wayside and fade away. Remember, just as your church needs volunteers, the Presbytery also needs people to step up and serve. Just being involved has its own rewards. Let's make things happen. People wishing to serve or want more information can [contact the Presbytery office](#).

Next MR meeting:

Second Tuesday of the month, 4 PM Central/ 5 PM Eastern via Zoom

Blessings,

Rich Kangas, MR Moderator

1 A sub-team has developed a boundary training proposal for MCC to bring the Presbytery into
2 compliance with the Book of Order mandate (G-3.0106). The mandate requires all councils—including
3 sessions, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly—to adopt and implement sexual misconduct,
4 harassment, child and youth protection, and anti-racism policies that include boundary training at least
5 every 36 months (three years).

6 We are adopting Praesidium's self-guided online boundary training modules for clergy and
7 congregations to help achieve compliance by the end of 2026.

8 Watch for upcoming opportunities to participate in this process.

9 MLD continues to explore additional training options for sessions, churches, and clergy.

10 **Items for Presbytery Approval:**

- 11 • **Lauren Christian, inquirer for Ministry to move to Candidacy.** She is a third-year student
12 at Columbia Theological Seminary and has been under care of the Presbytery for several years.
- 13 • **Ordination Exam Readers:**
14 Teaching Elder Rev. Becky Bryan, First Pensacola
15 Ruling Elder Deborah Potter, First Milton

16 MLD meets on the second Monday of the Month at 10 AM Central Time/11 AM Eastern Time—
17 typically via Zoom

18 **Ministry Team Members**

19 Susan Byram
20 Tim Crawford
21 Deborah Potter
22 Dr. Greg Seltzer
23 Rev. Becky Bryan
24 Rev. Julie Thompson
25 Rev. Jean Homrighausen, vice-moderator
26 Rev. Cathy Mooney, moderator



27 **TOPICS ADDRESSED**

- 28 • FLAPDAN met at its normally scheduled board meeting on August 17.
- 29 ○ It was reported that two of the six presbyteries, formerly in the FLAPDAN covenant agreement,
- 30 have withdrawn their support, including financial support of FLAPDAN. Reasoning for the
- 31 withdraw has not been made clear.
- 32 ■ With the covenant agreement incomplete PDA cannot provide their standard funding.
- 33 ■ Without this support the FLAPDAN general fund will not have the necessary monies to
- 34 meet financial obligations through the end of the year.
- 35 ■ Reserves are available FLAPDAN is praying for financial support to carry out its mission.
- 36 ■ Options are being reviewed to meet all six Florida presbytery's needs to provide for support
- 37 to the FLAPDAN/PDA/Presbytery Covenant agreement.
- 38 ○ A review of FLAPDAN Disaster Protocol was completed.
- 39 ○ PDA reported it continues to be involved in numerous natural disaster events and long-term
- 40 recovery efforts across the country.
- 41 • An Executive Board meeting held August 31 voted to approve a new Covenant Agreement among
- 42 FLAPDAN, PDA and the remaining four presbyteries. This will allow a complete agreement and
- 43 should result in receipt of PDA funding.
- 44 ○ An updated draft agreement with an end date of December 2027 has been completed and sent to
- 45 the four presbyteries for approval.

46 Respectfully submitted
47 Tim Crawford

Report to the Presbytery from the Strategic Plan Implementation Task Force (ITF)

TASKFORCE MEMBERS: Mark Broadhead, Tim Crawford, Erin Rugh, and Karen Weaver

TOPICS ADDRESSED

Presbytery's Strategic Plan Transition Progress

- Based on the motion approved at the 2026 Winter Stated Meeting formal advancement to the Strategic Plan is currently on hold.
 - Expect results from the SWOT Analysis conducted at the Summer Stated meeting to be used to bring the Strategic Plan up to date for the Presbytery's continued path forward.
 - Once Strategic Plan updates receive Presbytery approval, implementation will resume.

Presbytery of Florida Strategic Plan Goals

Adopted Winter Presbytery Meeting 2024

YEAR 1 MARCH 1, 2024 – FEBRUARY 28, 2025

MOVE FROM STATIC TO ECSTATIC:

Goal

- Reduce and eliminate duplication and unnecessary or detrimental efforts.
- Change presbytery meetings to become more educational and supportive in nature.
- Develop an atmosphere more in line of an assembly of pastors, elders, leaders, staff persons, and congregational members.
- Recommended Ministry Structure

YEARS 2 & 3

(Action Paused per 2026 Winter Stated Meeting)

A NEW CULTURE IN THE PRESBYTERY IS AFOOT:

Goal

- Develop a Directory of Talents as a resource of people willing to go to our congregations to aid, assist, encourage, train persons to help meet a congregation's specific needs and desires.
- Broadly convey the new culture within the Presbytery.
- Advertise what our presbytery now "gives to you."

YEARS 4 AND 5

OUR INITIAL MISSION IS FULFILLED:

New life is engaged:

- The new structure of the presbytery is in place and working.
- Our congregations have accepted and engaged in the new structure and culture and have increased their participation and financial support for presbytery endeavors.
- The presbytery has rebounded in its ministry and purpose, being a benefit to all congregations.

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

- Having completed the first reading without comment, the By-Laws and Manual of Operations are ready for approval:

The Implementation Taskforce submits for approval the Presbytery of Florida the [By-Laws revision Aug 11, 2026](#) and [Manual of Operations, Rev. Aug 11, 2026](#).

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Crawford, ITF Chair

PERSONS PRESENT:

Class of 2027

___ Vacancy
x Joan Wooten (Vice Mod.)
x Craig Chormann

Class of 2028

x Lorne Bostwick
ex_ Sun Kim
x Rick Clubb

Class of 2029

___ Vacancy
___ Vacancy
x Linda Lovins (Mod.)

TOPICS ADDRESSED

- Request for Presbytery Minimum Salary Increase: COLA increases are between 3.4% and 3.7%.
See motion and rationale below for further information.
- MCPC Handbook for Second Reading: *See motion and rationale below for further information.*
- Approved: Sheldon Steen's updated Terms of Call
- Small-Church Grants: Thanks received from Lafayette, Tallahassee (equipment upgrade); Freeport (emergency repairs); First, Milton (3-year pastoral leadership)
- Church Focus: Discussion of congregational needs for churches in or preparing for transition
- Boundary Policy Follow-Up: Policies need to be posted plainly—DWA, Presbytery office, website
- Status of Congregations
- Gretna AC Update: Final worship service is October 11, 2026.

TOPICS PENDING

- Updating Terms of Call and Contracts for CREs and Stated Supply Pastors
- Copyright guidance re: pastors' work, (e.g., ownership of copyright on books, sermons, etc.)
- Report forms (grants, CRE, etc.)
- Compensation Reviews: Developing a grid for reviews and reports
- Sabbatical guidance: further development

ITEMS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

- **Motion: To increase the Presbytery salary minimum by 5% for 2027—2% for the annual increase plus a 3% increase to address inflation/cost-of-living.**
Rationale: Continuing to raise the Presbytery's salary minimum is a matter of respect for the importance of adequate and fair compensation, particularly for pastoral leadership in churches led by CREs and Stated Supply Pastors. The Presbytery voted several years ago to raise the Presbytery salary minimum by at least 2% annually in order to begin moving pastoral leadership salaries toward the PCUSA mean. However, the [Consumer Price Index \(CPI\)](#) has run in the mid-3% range of late; July's 12-month CPI inflation rate was about 3.4%. Early 2026 forecasts were considerably lower, but inflation accelerated during the year. For example, the [Philadelphia Fed's Survey of Professional Forecasters](#) raised its forecast for Q4-over-Q4 2026 CPI inflation to 3.5%. For comparison, the [Congressional Budget Office](#) began the year expecting approximately 2.7% inflation in 2026, illustrating how much the inflation outlook has changed. A reasonable 2027 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the Presbytery's salary minimum should be based on a 3.4 to 3.7% inflation

benchmark *in addition to* the planned 2% increase to the Presbytery minimum. The two increases need to be addressed together; a 2% increase alone does not address the Presbytery's previously-stated desire to raise the minimum salary to a level comparable to that of our sister presbyteries nationwide. An additional 3% increase is needed to address the cost-of-living increase.

o 2026 annual Presbytery minimum salary = \$43,562.59

o A 2% increase = +\$871.25, lifting the 2027 Presbytery minimum salary to \$44,433.84

o A 5% increase = +\$2,178.13, lifting the 2027 Presbytery minimum salary to \$45,740.72

- **Motion:** To approve the [MCPC Handbook](#), presented to Presbytery at the August 2026 Presbytery meeting, and now in its second reading.

Rationale: No requests for alterations have been received expressing concerns or requesting changes. The linked [MCPC Handbook](#) is virtually identical to that presented in August for its first reading, with only one substantive change. Comparable to MPT's February 2024 request for commission authority, which was approved, MCPC is now requesting commission authority relative to its previous Committee on Ministry (COM) commission authority. MCPC waited to make this request until the new ministry teams settled into their responsibilities and tasks become fully clarified and appropriately assigned. The MCPC Handbook currently under review confirms that readiness. As a careful reading will show:

o Administrative Commissions (ACs) may only be formed for matters *within MCPC's authority* (as described in the Handbook),

o the Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk or Assistant Stated Clerk is to be involved in decisions to form Administrative Commissions (ACs), and

o the Presbytery is to be informed.

It is expected that formation of ACs can be managed in a more timely fashion, particularly important when needed for time-sensitive matters.

NEXT MEETING DATES:

- October 19, 2026 (on Zoom) (Monday)
- November 16, 2026 (in-person) (Monday)
- December 14, 2026 (on Zoom) (Monday)
- January 19, 2027 (in-person) (Tuesday)

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Lovins, MCPC Moderator

Report to the Presbytery from the Ministry of Dogwood Acres (MDWA)

Ministry Members: Brant Copeland, Peri Flanagan, Bill Lamont (Moderator), Robert Quiring, James Vance, Marlyn Weinell, Lisa Wilder

Staff: Christy Williams (Director), Eric Hearn (Program Director)

- 1 The ministry team celebrated a 14% increase in summer camp attendance over last year's numbers. We
- 2 have achieved capacity and are planning to add an extra week of camp to the schedule in 2027 to
- 3 accommodate more campers. We are grateful for our partnership with Savannah and Flint River
- 4 Presbyteries and hope to see it grow in 2027.
- 5 Dogwood has turned its attention to fall retreats and conferences. The Reset Retreat scheduled for Sept
- 6 18-20 has doubled the registration from last year. It offers a weekend of recreation, rest and relaxation for
- 7 adult attendees, and features opportunities for hiking, kayaking, and Celtic worship. The Presbyterian
- 8 Youth Council (PYC) has already met to plan Spiritfest this fall. This middle school retreat is planned
- 9 and facilitated by high school youth and will take place Oct. 2-4.
- 10 Dogwood is investing some of the funds from presbytery in an extensive pool renovation project. Pool
- 11 Repair Company is presently working on site, and we expect the pool to be complete and holding water
- 12 before the year's end. Plans are also in place to improve our Primitive Group Camping site. At present
- 13 the site, located near the pool, features ten wooden platforms and a fire circle. Plans are to provide a water
- 14 spigot near the fire circle, a tool rack, large table for food prep, a marked parking area, gray water
- 15 straining area and a hanging wire to protect food from animals. This camping site could operate separately
- 16 from retreats and conferences at the main site, or it could also operate in conjunction with main site
- 17 programming, providing less expensive overnight accommodation.
- 18 Finally, DWA is working with a website developer to create a new website. Our email platform with be
- 19 changed to Google Workplace for nonprofits; however, our present email address will remain the same.
- 20 Next meeting is Tuesday, October 20th 1pm (eastern) via Zoom.
- 21 Respectfully submitted,
- 22 Bill Lamont
- 23 Moderator, MDWA



Report to the Presbytery from the Ministry of Pastoral Transitions (MPT)

Members: Ed Nickinson, Pam Nulty (Vice-Moderator), Hanlim Chae (Moderator), Mark Broadhead, Michelle McDonald

Ex-Officio: Mario Bolivar (Equipping Presbyter/Stated Clerk), Eric Spoon (Assistant Stated Clerk)

1 The Ministry of Pastoral Transitions (MPT) serves congregations experiencing pastoral transition.

2 **FOR INFORMATION**

3 MPT currently works with the following churches:

- 4 a. Trinity, Pensacola
- 5 b. Parkway, Panama City
- 6 c. First, Lynn Haven
- 7 d. First, Marianna
- 8 e. Faith, Tallahassee
- 9 f. Freeport
- 10 g. Gulf Breeze

11 The following actions have been taken:

- 12 • Approved the Interim Contract between Faith Tallahassee and Rev. James McTyre.
- 13 • Approved transferring the membership of Rev. Trinity Proctor to Flint River Presbytery.
- 14 • Sustained the examination of Rev. Cheryl Montgomery to serve First Marianna as an interim pastor.
- 15 • Sustained the examination of Emily Bruno for ordination with the condition of congregational
- 16 approval.
- 17 • Sustained the examination of Ryan Obray for ordination through a current validated ministry.
- 18 • Appointed Rev. Lorne Bostwick as Moderator of Gulf Breeze's Session through the end of 2026.

19 **FOR ACTION**

20 No item is before the Presbytery for action.

21 Respectfully submitted,
22 Rev. Hanlim Chae, MPT Moderator

Present: Raymond Guterman (Moderator), Mario Bolivar (Equipping Presbyter and Stated Clerk), Eric Spoon (Assistant Stated Clerk), Barbara Sawyer, Judi Seltzer, Christy Williams (Dogwood Acres Director), Glenn Hodges, Ted Land

Absent: Michael Martin (Presbytery Accountant/Treasurer)

Those present discussed the lack of a quorum and decided to proceed with reports. Glenn Hodges joined the meeting at 2:44 p.m.; Ted Land joined at 3:00 p.m., and a quorum was declared.

Opening Prayer

- The meeting opened with prayer by Mario Bolivar at 2:37 p.m. (CT) / 3:37 p.m. (ET).

Minutes of July 9 Meeting: Approved by common consent.

Website Update – Mario Bolivar

- Per Mario's 9/9/26 email: Synod of the Sun Communications Services Plan will include social media, newsletter services. This will enhance the Presbytery's image as represented on the website and will save time for the Presbytery's administrative staff. Mario would be the point of contact for website content. Motion by Glenn Hodges, seconded by Judi Seltzer, to present this plan to MCC for approval. Funding could come from Office Telecom, with the understanding that this would result in spending over budget in this calendar year. (Mario will talk with Michael Martin to confirm the amount over budget.) Motion passes with four "ayes" and one abstention.

Administrative Staff Update

- Melissa Willis has worked on a revised job description; Mario would like to meet with her on Monday at 1:00 p.m. Central/2:00 p.m. Eastern time about moving her into a part-time role and pared-down job responsibilities, accordingly, until her replacement is found. Glenn and Raymond will participate in the meeting.

Dogwood Acres Report – Christy Williams

- Pool renovations are beginning, should be completed before Thanksgiving.
- Reset Retreat has doubled in size since last year.
- Fork in the Trail registration opened last week, halfway full.
- Unmasked: The Real You youth retreat focused on building self-esteem.
- Dogwood committee continues to meet until IRS permits separation from Presbytery. Approaching its financial goals.
- Suggestion that Dogwood set aside an easement to permit rehoming gopher tortoises for a fee.
- Continue to try to move to Google for nonprofits. Contracted for website development.

Financial Report – No report in Michael Martin's absence. Mario and Eric will follow up with Michael.

Stewardship Report – Raymond Guterman

- A letter went out in July as a pre-stewardship letter of hope from Raymond and Mario.
- Database and security technology need improvement and funding included in the 2027 budget. A called meeting may be needed.

33 **Presbytery Property Report – Raymond Guterman**

- 34 • A drainage issue after landscaping has been addressed with added sod; some of the sod has died,
35 but no erosion is evident.

36 **New Business**

- 37 • Funds were transmitted but held by the bank. Ionus email software was compromised. UKirk and
38 Dogwood have received half of the money that was approved. Bank will not return control of
39 accounts to the Presbytery until they are convinced that our systems are secure.
- 40 • Melissa had a database, to which only she had access, on a computer, but lost it when the
41 computer failed. She has been able to recover some of it. Mario showed a demonstration of In-C,
42 which would allow creation of a centralized database. Cost is \$49.99 per church for
43 implementation; \$400 monthly for maintenance; budgeting for this may be problematic. Mario
44 will continue to search for less costly options.
- 45 • Raymond would like to ask Nominating Committee to add one MPO member to each class, nine
46 members rather than six.

47 **Closing Prayer**

- 48 • The meeting was closed with prayer by Eric at 3:49 pm (CT) / 4:49 pm (ET).

49 Next Meeting: October 8, 2026 at 2:00pm (CT) / 3:00pm (ET) via Zoom

Presbytery of Florida Proposed 2027 Budget

Receipts		
Shared Support	\$353,829.00	4,263 Members
Other Income	\$0.00	\$83 Member
Staff Support Fund	\$88,631.18	
Amount From Reserves		
Total Receipts	\$442,460.18	
Disbursements		
Per Capita		
Per Capita - General Assembly	\$42,630.00	\$10.20/Member
Per Capita - Synod	\$10,957.50	\$2.50/Member
Total Per Capita	\$53,587.50	
Ministry of Congregational and Pastor Care (MCPC)		
Minister's Emergency Assistance Fund		
Church Liaison Expenses	\$1,000.00	
Resources (Holy Cow/MissionInsite)	\$1,700.00	
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	
Total MCPC	\$3,200.00	
Ministry of Dogwood Acres (MDWA)	\$63,512.00	
Total MDWA	\$63,512.00	
Ministry of Leadership Development (MLD)		
FLAPDAN Membership Dues	\$1,750.00	
Campus Ministry (Ukirk Tallahassee)	\$14,000.00	
Annual Consultation with Candidates	\$500.00	
Candidates' Aid Fund	\$250.00	
Disaster Relief	\$1,000.00	
Moderator Training (online)	\$100.00	
Leader Development Events	\$5,000.00	
CLP Support, Workshop Leaders, etc.		
Guatemala Partnership Development	\$1,000.00	
Racial Justice Subcommittee	\$1,000.00	
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	
Total MLD	\$25,100.00	
Ministry of New Congregation Formation (MNCF)		
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	
Total MNCF	\$500.00	
Ministry of Pastoral Transitions (MPT)		
Ministry Expense	\$1,500.00	
Total MPT	\$1,500.00	
Ministry Coordinating Council (MCC)		
Staff		
GP/Stated Clerk Salary	\$52,000.00	

GP Housing	\$33,000.00	
GP Mileage Reimbursement	\$4,000.00	
GP Continuing Ed and Books	\$7,500.00	
GP Other Travel & Business Expense	\$5,000.00	
GP SECA	\$6,502.50	
GP Medical	\$35,500.00	
GP BOP	\$8,500.00	
Subtotal GP/Stated Clerk	\$152,002.50	
Administrator's Salary	\$40,785.78	
Administrator's Annuity	\$720.00	
Administrator's Medical Insurance	\$10,225.00	
Administrator's Travel	\$4,600.00	
Administrator's Continuing Ed	\$1,000.00	
Subtotal Administrator	\$57,330.78	
Treasurer Salary	\$15,012.34	
Treasurer Mileage	\$1,200.00	
Subtotal Treasurer	\$16,212.34	
New Recommended Positions		
3 Regional Advocates	\$18,000.00	
Asst. Stated Clerk	\$9,000.00	Total Salaries
Subtotal Stated Clerk	\$27,000.00	\$134,798.12
Staff Payroll Taxes	\$10,312.06	
Salary Adjustments (Prop 2% increase)		
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$6,000.00	
Total Staff	\$268,857.68	
Presbytery Meeting Expense	\$600.00	
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	
Total MCC	\$269,957.68	
Ministry of Presbytery Operations (MPO)		
Memorials/Flowers	\$150.00	
Equipment Service	\$500.00	
Postage	\$250.00	
Utilities / Office	\$2,400.00	
Office Telcom & Communications	\$3,750.00	
Property Maintenance	\$900.00	
Supplies & Expenses	\$1,330.00	
Copier Lease	\$2,700.00	
Insurance & Bonding	\$10,123.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$800.00	
Financial Records Review	\$1,000.00	
Publications/Resources	\$100.00	
Ministry Expense	\$500.00	
Total MPO	\$24,503.00	

Ministry of Representation (MR)	
Ministry Expenses	\$500.00
Total MR	\$500.00
Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)	
Ministry Expense	\$100.00
Total PJC	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$442,460.18

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Presbytery of Florida
Profit and Loss
January-September, 2026

	Total
Income	
60000.0 PRESBYTERY INCOME	
60000 RECEIPTS	
60001-2 Shared Support	235,539.26
60006 Other Income	
2300.1 Blountstown Income	73,975.95
Total for 60006 Other Income	\$73,975.95
Total for 60000 RECEIPTS	\$309,515.21
Starfish Disaster Recovery	\$0.00
Total for 60000.0 PRESBYTERY INCOME	\$309,515.21
Total for Income	\$309,515.21
Gross Profit	\$309,515.21
Expenses	
70000.0 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	
70020 PER CAPITA	
70101 Per Capita General Assembly	30,688.50
70102 Per Capita Synod	1,695.00
Total for 70020 PER CAPITA	\$32,383.50
70030 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC	53.65
70201 Outside Consultants	\$0.00
70203 Liaison Church Expenses	374.36
70805.1 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC	-135.00
70850.9 Committee Expense-MCPC	173.08
Total for 70030 Ministry of Congregational & Pastoral Care - MCPC	\$466.09
70040 Ministry of Dogwood Acres - MDWA	
70001 Dogwood Acres Support	49,939.65
Total for 70040 Ministry of Dogwood Acres - MDWA	\$49,939.65
70050 Ministry of Leadership Development - MLD	
70005 FLAPDAN Membership Dues	1,750.00
70006 Campus Ministry (Ukirk TLH)	10,500.03
70801 Leader Development Events	750.00
70850.2 Committee Expense - MLD	50.75
Total for 70050 Ministry of Leadership Development - MLD	\$13,050.78
70060 Ministry of New Congregation Formation - MNCF	
70850.3 Committee Expense - MNCF	131.45
Total for 70060 Ministry of New Congregation Formation - MNCF	\$131.45
70070 Ministry of Pastoral Transitions - MPT	-4.00
70850.4 Committee Expense - MPT	512.03

Total for 70070 Ministry of Pastoral Transitions - MPT	\$508.03
70090 Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC	
70207 Consulting Expense	1,748.00
70513 Workers Comp Insurance	5,214.81
70513.1 Staff BOP Dues	55,458.24
70513.3 Staff Payroll Taxes	18,779.31
70620 General Presbyter Salary	47,368.64
70625 GP Mileage Reimbursement	6,832.69
70626 GP Other Prof Bus and Travel	11,853.46
70627 GP Continuing Education/Books	4,959.90
70630 Administrator Salary	30,771.24
70631 Administrator Annuity	710.00
70632 Administrator Medical	540.00
70634 Administrator Travel	3,208.00
70704 Recording Clerk	500.00
70705 Presbytery Meeting Expense	754.53
70706 Asst. Stated Clerk Salary	3,750.00
70710 Treasurer Salary	10,760.53
70710.5 Treasurer Travel	2,507.30
Total for 70090 Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC	\$205,716.65
70100 Ministry of Presbytery Operations - MPO	
70508 Postage	343.74
70510 Utilities / Office	789.77
70512 Office Telcom & Communications	4,134.02
70515 Supplies & Expenses	6,169.98
70517 Copier Lease	1,977.46
70518 Insurance & Bonding	52,289.00
70519 Bank Service Charges	453.30
70716 GP Search Expenses	4,541.85
Total for 70100 Ministry of Presbytery Operations - MPO	\$70,699.12
Total for 70000.0 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	\$372,895.27
70633 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	
Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC	
Staff Payroll Taxes	1,577.30
Total for Ministry Coordinating Council - MCC	\$1,577.30
Total for 70633 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	\$1,577.30

Presbytery of Florida Shared Support
Calendar Year 2026

Church	2026 Pledge Request	2026 Pledge	Received	Recevd as % of Pledge	# Member
Blountstown	Closed				
Chipley	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 800.00	\$531.96	66%	32
Crestview First	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$2,349.66	52%	56
DeFuniak Springs Bethel	\$ 640.00	\$ 640.00	\$640.00	100%	8
DeFuniak Springs Euchee Valley	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,800.00	100%	35
DeFuniak Springs, First	\$ 7,120.00	\$ 7,120.00	\$5,339.86	75%	89
Destin, First	\$ 3,760.00	\$ 3,300.00	\$2,475.00	75%	
Freeport, Freeport	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$1,400.00	50%	53
Ft. Walton Beach - First	\$ 6,640.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$3,750.03	75%	83
Ft. Walton Beach, Korean First	\$ 5,200.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$5,500.00	100%	65
Gretna, Gretna	\$ 960.00	\$ 2000.00	\$2,000.00	100%	12
Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze	\$ 13,120.00	\$ 1,588.38	\$1,588.38	100%	164
Havana, First	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$2,000.00	67%	45
Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill	\$ 480.00	\$ 2500.00	\$2,500.00	100%	6
Lynn Haven, First	\$ 8,240.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$9,000.00	100%	103
Marianna, First	\$ 12,560.00	\$ 11,000.00	\$10,083.35	92%	157
Milton, First	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,920.00	\$3,920.00	100%	49
Monticello, First	\$ 2,240.00	\$ 2,240.00	\$1,680.00	75%	28
Navarre, Navarre	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 2,560.00	\$2,560.00	100%	36
Panama City, Grace	\$ 9,120.00	\$ 9,120.00	\$6,840.00	75%	114
Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach	\$ 4,480.00	\$ 4,480.00	\$2,992.00	67%	56
Panama City, Parkway	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$4,400.00	100%	55
Pensacola, First	\$ 29,200.00	\$19,219.00	\$16,014.60	83%	365
Pensacola, Northminster	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$1,600.00	67%	85
Pensacola, Korean	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%	25
Pensacola, Trinity	\$ 42,880.00	\$ 32,808.00	\$18,776.00	57%	536
Quincy, First	\$ 34,800.00	\$ 34,800.00	\$23,200.00	67%	435

Presbytery of Florida Shared Support
Calendar Year 2026

Church	2026 Pledge Request	2026 Pledge	Received	Recevd as % of Pledge	# Member
Red Bay, Red Bay	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$560.00	100%	7
Tallahassee, Christ	\$ 15,520.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$9,000.00	75%	194
Tallahassee, Faith	\$ 66,560.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$49,166.69	76%	832
Tallahassee, Fellowship	\$ 9,760.00	\$ 9,760.00	\$7,650.00	78%	122
Tallahassee, First	\$ 18,960.00	\$ 18,960.00	\$24,376.67	129%	237
Tallahassee, Lafayette	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$5,427.00	85%	80
Tallahassee, Trinity United	\$ 2,160.00	\$ 2,160.00	\$2,160.00	100%	27
Wewahitchka, First	\$ 880.00	\$ 880.00	\$880.00	100%	11
Woodland, Sawdust	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	100%	14
9/30/2026	\$341,040.00	\$297,195.38	\$237,161.20	79.80%	4216
% of year				75.00%	

2027 Requested Shared Support

Church	2027 Pledge Request	# Members*
Chibley	\$ 2,656.00	32
Crestview First	\$ 4,648.00	56
DeFuniak Springs Bethel	\$ 664.00	8
DeFuniak Springs Euchee Valley	\$ 2,905.00	35
DeFuniak Springs, First	\$ 7,387.00	89
Destin, First	\$ 3,901.00	47
Freeport, Freeport	\$ 4,399.00	53
Ft. Walton Beach - First	\$ 6,889.00	83
Ft. Walton Beach,Korean First	\$ 5,395.00	65
Gulf Breeze, Gulf Breeze	\$ 13,612.00	164
Havana, First	\$ 3,735.00	45
Laurel Hill, Laurel Hill	\$ 498.00	6
Lynn Haven, First	\$ 8,549.00	103
Marianna, First	\$ 13,031.00	157
Milton, First	\$ 4,067.00	49
Monticello, First	\$ 2,324.00	28
Navarre, Navarre	\$ 2,988.00	36
Panama City, Grace	\$ 9,462.00	114
Panama City Beach, Gulf Beach	\$ 4,648.00	56
Panama City, Parkway	\$ 4,565.00	55
Pensacola, First	\$ 30,295.00	365
Pensacola, Northminster	\$ 7,055.00	85
Pensacola, Korean	\$ 2,075.00	25
Pensacola, Trinity	\$ 44,488.00	536
Quincy, First	\$ 36,105.00	435
Red Bay, Red Bay	\$ 581.00	7
Tallahassee, Christ	\$ 16,102.00	194
Tallahassee, Faith	\$ 69,056.00	832
Tallahassee, Fellowship	\$ 10,126.00	122
Tallahassee, First	\$ 19,671.00	237
Tallahassee, Lafayette	\$ 6,640.00	80
Tallahassee, Trinity United	\$ 2,241.00	27
Wewahitchka, First	\$ 913.00	11
Woodland, Sawdust	\$ 1,162.00	14
	\$352,833.00	4251

* 2025 Year-end membership as reported to GA

Robert's Rules of Order - Briefly

Action	What to Say	May Interrupt Speaker?	Need a Second?	May be Debated?	May be Amended?	Votes Needed
Introduce Main Motion	"I move to..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a Motion	"I move to amend the motion by ..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Move item to committee	"I move that we refer the matter to committee"	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Postpone an Item	"I move to postpone the matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
End Debate	"I move the previous question."	No	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Object to Procedure	"Point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	Moderator Decision
Recess the Meeting	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn the Meeting	"I move to adjourn the meeting."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Request Information	"Point of information."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Overrule the Moderator's Ruling	"I move to overrule the moderator's ruling"	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Extend the Allotted Time	"I move to extend the time by ____ minutes."	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3
Enforce the Rules or Point Out Incorrect Procedure	"Point of order."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote
Table a Motion	"I move to table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Verify Voice Vote with Count	"I call for a division of the house."	No	No	No	No	No Vote

Object to Considering Some Undiplomatic Matter	"I object to consideration of this matter..."	Yes	No	No	No	2/3
Take Up a Previously Tabled Item	"I move to take from the table..."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Reconsider Something Already Disposed Of	"I move to reconsider our action to..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Close the Meeting for Executive Session	"I move to go into executive session."	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Personal Preference	"Point of privilege."	Yes	No	No	No	No Vote

Steps for Making a Motion

1. Commissioner rises and addresses the Moderator
2. Moderator recognizes the commissioner and grants the floor.
3. Commissioner makes the motion. (Commissioner may not debate before the motion is seconded.
4. Another commissioner seconds the motion without recognition from the Moderator
5. Moderator states the motion. (Give a written copy of the motion to the Stated Clerk.)
6. Moderator calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate and last debate. All speakers must address the Moderator and be recognized by the Moderator.
7. Moderator states the motion.
8. Moderator takes the vote and announces the vote and the results of the vote.
9. Moderator states the next order of business.