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To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.

Presbytery Stated Meeting Summary

Thanks to everyone who was at Presbytery today! Below you'll find a summary of the meeting which you can share as part of your report back to session, or that you can read if you were unable to attend.

Additionally, there were a few actions of the West Region COM that didn't make the COM's official report, but that were mentioned during the meeting. I'm reporting those official actions here below, which will later appear in the final version of the minutes:

1. Approved receiving the Rev. Charles H. Rumpel HR as a member at large from the Presbytery of Saint Augustine. (11/1/17)
2. Approved the transfer of the Rev. William Browne to the Presbytery of Peace River. (11/1/17)
3. Approved Honorable Retirement for Edward Charles Hart from the Inactive List effective January 1, 2018. (11/1/17)
4. Approved the Honorable Retirement of the Rev. Kathy Horne effective January 1, 2018. (11/1/17)
5. Approved the F-3 form - Dissolution of a Call - for the Rev. George "Chip" Tolleson and the Northwest Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg effective July 31, 2017 with two months severance until September 30, 2017. (10/9/17)
6. Approved the call and presbytery membership of the Rev. John Allen Scott, Jr. to serve as the full-time pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church in Largo effective November 12, 2017. (10/9/17)
7. Approved the following terms of call for the Rev. Scott: Cash Salary: \$22,000, Housing: \$26,000, Medical: \$11,760.00, Pension: \$5,760.00, Continuing Education: \$1,200.00, Auto/Professional \$2,400.00, Social Security: \$3,672.00, Moving Expenses: up to \$4,000.00, Study Leave 2 weeks, Vacation 4 weeks, for a total cost to the church of \$72,792.00. (10/9/17)

8. Approved the Installation Commission for the Rev. Dr. Dawn Conti to serve as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Florida to be held on December 3, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. The Commission to consist of the moderator, the Rev. Libby Shannon, the Rev. Dr. Mike Loudon, the Rev Alisun Donovan, Elder James "Robin" Lyle, First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg and Elder Loretha Cleveland, Maximo Presbyterian Church. (10/9/17)
9. Approved the appointment of the Rev. Samuel Picard, to be the moderator of Northwest Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg effective October 9, 2017. (10/9/17)
10. Approved the Rev. Charles H. Rumpel be added to the Pulpit Supply List. (11/1/17)

The eNews will return next week.

In Christ,

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communication
Presbytery of Tampa Bay

PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
STATED MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, November 9, 2017; 9:00 a.m.
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida

The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Mike Loudon, called the November 9, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay to order at 9:02 a.m. The meeting served both as a meeting of the ecclesiastical governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, Inc., a non-profit corporation of the State of Florida.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, who declared that a quorum was present.

The docketed agenda was approved.

Rev. Doug McMahan, Chaplain at Eckerd, and Dean James Annarelli, welcomed the Presbytery. The Moderator then asked that first-time Commissioners, and Corresponding Members rise and introduce themselves.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers:

- * Elder Johanna McCoy
- * Rev. Meg Pabst
- * Rev. Peg Roy
- * Elder Andy Staley
- * Rev. Mike McCormack
- * Rev. Ramiro Ros

Consent Agenda

The Presbytery voted to adopt the Consent Agenda:

Reports without Motions:

Report of the Bills and Overtures Committee
Report of the Commission on Church Vitality
Report of the Commission on Ministry

Report of Commissioners to Synod
Reports of the East and Central Regional Commissions (West did not meet)
Report of Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
Report of Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
Report of Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network
Report of Presbyterian Women
Report of Thornwell Homes

Reports with Motions:

Commission on Preparation for Ministry:

1. That the revised CPM Handbook be approved.
2. That Barbara Booth-Jarmon and Fitz Connor (pastors), and Richard Lehman and Gay Gentry (elders) be approved as readers for ordination exams in 2018, with Barry Dowdy approved as an alternate reader.

Coordinating Team:

1. That the Presbytery set its next Fall Stated Meeting for Thursday November 8th, 2018 at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center.

Stated Clerk:

1. That all requests for excused absences be granted for today's meeting.
2. That the Redress for Minister of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elder Imbalance in the Stated Clerk's report be adopted.

Commission, Committee and Mission Reports, Part 1

Greetings from Synod Exec and Stated Clerk - Joyce Lieberman

Joyce introduced herself to the Presbytery and thanked the Presbytery for its support. She also lifted up many programs and organizations sponsored by the Synod.

Board of Pensions - Clark Simmons

Clark reported on behalf of the Board of Pensions, concerning changes which open the plan up to more people as well as the positive financial state of the Board.

Presbyterian Foundation - Robert Hay

Robert thanked the Presbytery for its support during the recent Stewardship Kaleidoscope, and offered his assistance to any church that needs financial planning help.

Report of the Administrative Commission to Dismiss First Presbyterian Church, Plant City - Celie Wilhite

Recognizing that different believers and different churches may hear or understand the will of God differently, the Administrative Commission for the Gracious Dismissal of First Presbyterian Church of Plant City (the "AC") seeks:

1. To provide for environments that enable believers in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to follow Him in their worship, service and fellowship, and
2. To emulate Christ by living graciously and accomplishing all things for His glory
3. To be enablers of followers of Jesus Christ and avoid impediments to any and all brothers and sisters in Christ.

In order to accommodate and balance the mission vision of those who wish to depart to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) and those who wish to remain in the PC(USA), all of whom the AC recognizes as brothers and sisters in Christ, the AC, in keeping with the Gracious Communion Process of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay (PTB), prayerfully proposes the following recommendations and contingencies to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, expressed in parts but intended as a whole. This recommendation is predicated solely on promises made by PTB in a Resolution entered into in 1990 between Presbytery of Tampa Bay and First Presbyterian Church of Plant City (FPCPC). This recommendation and any action taken on it by PTB shall in no way set precedent or impact any subsequent actions made by PTB or the PC(USA).

Recommendations:

1. That the PTB approve the request of the session of FPCPC to be graciously dismissed as a congregation on a date of February 9, 2018, or upon satisfaction of the contingencies defined in the recommendation below, whichever is later.
2. That the members who wish to leave be allowed to do so as a reformed worshiping congregation with the church property, and omitting any reference to PC(USA) in the church name.
3. That the Rev. David Delph, based upon his request, be allowed to transfer from the PTB to the ECO.

4. That the AC be dissolved, effective February 9, 2018, or upon satisfaction of the contingencies defined in the recommendation below, whichever is later, as the way be clear.

Contingencies:

1. The First Presbyterian Church of Plant City present valid evidence to the AC of acceptance as a congregation into the ECO.
2. That the Rev. David Delph present valid evidence to the AC of acceptance as an ordained minister into the ECO.
3. That First Presbyterian Church of Plant City prepare and package all original church records (see the following) and coordinate archival of such records to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA. Evidence of such archival will be provided to the AC.
 - a. Session Minutes
 - b. Congregational meeting minutes including joint meetings of Session with Deacons.
 - c. Register of installed Pastors, Baptisms, marriages.
 - d. Register of ordinations (Elders and Deacons)
 - e. Roll of Baptized members, Active members, Affiliate members, inactive members.
 - f. An itemized list of these documents.
4. That the First Presbyterian Church of Plant City commit to financial support of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in support and nurture of the PC(USA) faith community in the geographical area near the departing congregation. Such financial commitment shall be:
 - a. Financial support in the amount of \$15,264.58 for unpaid per capita. Said payment shall be made to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay by Feb 8, 2018.
5. If the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Plant City ("Church"), being granted dismissal by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay (PC U.S.A.) with all its real property, shall within a period of ten (10) years from the date of dismissal (February 9, 2018), either (a) intentionally dissolve its corporate existence; or (b) fail to remain under the ecclesiastical authority of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians or any other Reformed denomination that holds membership in the World Communion of Reformed Churches in the United States, the Church's real property shall revert to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or its successor Presbytery. This reversion shall apply to all real property owned by the Church on the date of dismissal, and all replacement real property. The conditions and provisions of this reversion shall mutually cease without obligation on February 8, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administrative Commission prayerfully moved the above to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for consideration and acceptance.
After discussion, this motion passed.

The Moderator prayed for the pastor and representatives of the congregation who were present at the meeting.

Committee on Nominations and Representation - Denise Lay

The Committee on Nominations and Representation moved the following persons for election to the positions indicated. As much as possible, the Committee worked hard to address the need for parity among the members of the Committees/Commissions of the Presbytery to reflect a balance of Elders and Clergy, in addition to reflecting the gifts and skills necessary for ministry, and to be mindful to address the diversity of the Presbytery. Also, it can be noted that the Committee on Nominations and Representation has given attention to representation for and from the regions of the Presbytery. There were no nominations from the floor.

Please note that certain terms apply and are noted: for example 2020-1 means class of 2020 serving first term. Please also note the following abbreviation key:

Racial/Ethnic:

- W for people who identify as Caucasian
- H for people who identify as Hispanic or Latin
- B for people who identify as African American or Black
- A for people who identify as Asian or with their country/language of heritage

Gender:

- M for Male identity and F for Female identity

Ordination status:

- C for clergy who are ordained as ministers of the word and sacrament (aka, teaching elders)

· E for those persons who are ordained as ruling elders

MODERATOR

Elizabeth (Libby) Shannon, WFC, West Region

VICE-MODERATOR

Lolimarta (Loli) Ros Reiter, HFC, Central Region

CHAIR OF COORDINATING TEAM

John B. (Mike) Loudon, WMC, East Region

TREASURER (3 year term)

Terry Dennis, WME, East Region

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Laurie Palmer, WFC, Central Region, Nominated as Chair

Michael Clark, WME, West Region, 2020-2

James Friesen, WMC, Central Region, 2019-1

Kitty Hahn-Campanella, WFC, West Region, 2020-1

Tom Harp, WMC, West Region, 2020-2

Anne Heidt, WFE, Central Region, 2020-1

Dan Johnson, WME, West Region, 2020-1

Bobby Musengwa, BMC, West Region, 2020-1

Peg Roy, WFC, East Region, 2020-2

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Deb Belusa, WFC, Central Region, Nominated as Chair

Jo Ahern, WFE, East Region 2020-1

Bruce Mulder, WMC, West Region, 2020-1

Miguel Santamaria, HMC, West Region 2020-1

Paul Suich, WMC, East Region, 2020-1

Jack Taylor, WMC, East Region, 2019-1

Kathy Vousden, WFE, East Region, 2020-2

Ann Whiteside, WFE, Central Region, 2020-2

COMMISSION ON CHURCH VITALITY (CCV)

Micki Robinson, WFC, West Region, Nominated as Chair

Shaun Hartsell, WMC, East Region, 2020-2

Jody McKewen, WMC, Central Region, 2020-2

Alex Sosa, HMC, Central Region, 2020-1

Andy Staley, WME, East Region, 2020-1

Andy Walton, WMC, West Region, 2020-1

Roger Waun, WME, West Region, 2020-2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John Hehn, WME, Central Region, Nominated as Chair
and President of Presbytery of Tampa Bay, Inc.

Earle Brown, WME, West Region, 2020-2

Jim Gregory, WME, Central Region, 2020-2

Norm Hatter, BMC, West Region, 2020-1

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPS & CONFERENCES (PCC) CEDARKIRK BOARD

Cindy Doyle, WFE, Central Region, 2020-1

BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC. BOARD

David Bonnema, WMC, Central Region 2020-1

PRESBYTERIAN HOMES AND HOUSING FOUNDATION BOARD

Jim Reed, ME, Central Region, 2020-1

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (one- term only, six years)

James McNeil, BME, Central Region, 2023

Claudia Sanow-Henderson, WFC, Central Region, 2023

David Shelor, WMC, West Region, 2023

COMMISSIONERS FOR 223RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 16-23, 2018 St Louis, MO

(To be commissioned at May 2018 Presbytery meeting)

Laurie Palmer, WFC, Central Region

Alex Sosa, HMC, Central Region
William Wildhack, WMC, West Region
Amy Fleming, WFE, Central Region
Rachel Gibson, WFE, Central Region
Vivian Bryant, BFE, West Region

Alternate
Robert Shaw, WMC, Central Region

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)
Emily Alonso, WF, Central Region

The slate was approved.

Presbytery Worship

The Presbytery then moved into a time of worship where Rev. Dr. Mike Loudon preached, and Stated Clerk David Baker installed Rev. Libby Shannon as Moderator and Rev. Loli Ros Reiter as Vice Moderator. Rev. Dr. Sally Campbell-Evans, Tom Hall, and Elders Vivian Bryant, and Annelisse Sosa also participated in the service. An offering in the amount of \$1,883 was taken on behalf of Seminario Evangelico in Puerto Rico and Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Cuba.

Order of the Day

Moderator Libby Shannon dismissed the body to breakout sessions with a blessing for our lunch.

Commission, Committee and Mission Reports, Part 2

FLAPDAN - Kathy Broyard

Kathy gave a report regarding Hurricane Irma and the recovery process.

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center - Mike McCormack

Vice President of the Cedarkirk Board, Mike McCormack, told jokes and brought greetings from Cedarkirk. Mike lifted up the traveling day camp, and the capital campaign.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry - Deb Belusa

Deb lifted up an additional ordination exam reader for Korean language exams, Keonbae Kim. Keonbae was selected independently of the Presbytery process, but was thanked for his service.

The CPM also introduced Candidate Becky Bryan to the Presbytery. Her liaison Carol White prayed for her.

Commission on Ministry - Laurie Palmer

Laurie acknowledged the retirement of Rev. Kathy Horne with a time of celebration of her ministry and a time of prayer.

Laurie also moved the retirement of Rev. Elizabeth Coleman, effective December 1, 2017. This motion was seconded and passed.

Finally, Laurie reminded the Presbytery of the upcoming installation of Dawn Conti on December 3rd at First Presbyterian St. Petersburg, and for clergy to wear stoles at this service.

Board of Trustees - John Hehn

The Board of Trustees moved that the Presbytery approve the updated corporate bylaws as presented.

This motion passed.

The Board of Trustees moved that the Presbytery approve the updated ecclesial bylaws as presented.

This motion passed.

The Board of Trustees moved that the Presbytery authorize up to 2% of the average balance (as of June 30th each year) of the last three years of invested funds, to be placed into the next calendar year's operating expenses (per capita) budget.

This motion passed.

Administrative Commission to Assist St. John Presbyterian Church - Robert Shaw

John DeBevoise gave a history of St. John and AC Chair Robert Shaw spoke to the work of the Administrative Commission.

The St. John Administrative Commission moves that the Presbytery approve the following:

* The Presbytery allocate up to \$100,000 from the Churches in Transition Fund for the first phase of developing the St. John site;

* Establish a new Administrative Commission, with members appointed by the Moderator, to serve as the steering group with the following powers:

1. Engage a project manager to guide this process for 9 months;
2. Engage contractors, with the concurrence of the St John Session, for urgent repairs and deferred maintenance;
3. Develop a business plan for presentation to the Presbytery;
4. Implement prototype projects;
5. Facilitate communications among current mission partners.

* Dismiss the current commission with thanks.

This motion passed.

Reports of Staff and Officers:

Treasurer's Report - Terry Dennis

Terry reported on the financial state of the Presbytery. Per Capita giving is well above last year, expenses are down, and we are likely to have a surplus instead of a deficit. Surplus for mission and surplus for Per Capita each go into funds designated for their separate purposes.

On behalf of the Coordinating Team, Terry Dennis moved that the Presbytery adopt the proposed budget for 2017. Presbytery Per Capital will stay the same at \$21.75, but due to a rise in General Assembly Per Capita, total Per Capita will be \$30.98 for 2018.

After discussion, this motion passed.

Coach and Coordinator - Patrice Hatley

Patrice reported on the life of the Presbytery, including immigration issues, hurricane evacuations, and refugee placements. She encouraged the Presbytery to engage in mission and service.

Coordinating Team Chair - Mike Loudon

The Coordinating Team moved that the following persons be elected to the Committee on Nominations and Representation:

Virginia Green, WFE, Central Region, 2020-1
Jim Gregory, WME, Central Region, 2020-2
Bill Cooley, WMC, West Region, 2020-2

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, this motion passed.

Moderator - Libby Shannon

Libby thanked the Presbytery for its offering of \$1,883 to support Seminario Evangelico in Puerto Rico and Seminario Evangélico de Teología in Cuba. Libby also spoke to what Eckerd College and the Presbyterian Church mean to her.

Vice Moderator - Loli Ros Reiter

God is still good, Jesus reigns, and the Holy Spirit moves.

Stated Clerk and Director of Communications - David Baker

Dave reported on the upcoming Presbytery Manual of Operations, the release of the new website, and the Session Minute Review.

Unfinished Business and Thanks

Loli thanked Eckerd College and particularly Doug McMahon and Libby Shannon for hosting us, as well as Maximo Presbyterian Church for volunteer support.

The Presbytery voted to adjourn at 3:09 pm.

Moderator Libby Shannon dismissed us with prayer.

Submitted by,

Rev. David Baker, Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

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