

PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY, INC.
STATED MEETING SUMMARY
Thursday, November 8, 2018; 9:00 a.m.
Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center, Lithia, Florida

The Moderator, Rev. Libby Shannon, called the November 8, 2018 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay to order at 9:07 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. The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

The docketed agenda was approved.

Rev. John Reiter, Executive Director of Cedarkirk, welcomed the Presbytery. The Moderator then asked that first-time Commissioners, and Corresponding Members rise and introduce themselves.

The Moderator appointed the following tellers:

- Peg Roy
- Steve Negley
- Sarah Bishop
- Will Wellman
- Earl Whitlock
- Nanette Rodgers

Consent Agenda

The Presbytery voted to adopt the Consent Agenda:

Reports without Motions:

Report of Board of Trustees

Report of Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Report of Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

Report of Presbyterian Women

Reports with Motions:

Commission on Ministry:

1. COM recommends the following update to the Presbytery Sexual Misconduct Policy (see pages 75-76 of the packet, page 2-2 bottom):

2. All Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, including Pastors, Co-Pastors, Designated Pastors, Pastors of other denominations serving Presbytery Churches, Associate Pastors, Parish Associates, Chaplains, Validated Ministers, Stated Supplies, Interims, Honorably Retired ministers serving in pastoral capacities in the Presbytery, all those on the Pulpit Supply list, Commissioned Pastors, Certified Church Educators and Candidates certified ready to receive a call, shall be required to attend a

seminar offered by the Presbytery on the maintenance of healthy boundaries for clergy once every three years and to sign a statement agreeing to comply with the sexual misconduct policy of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Seminars will be offered annually for those new to the Presbytery, with regional seminars offered once every three years for those continuing in membership. Sessions and Ministers will be notified of upcoming classes. Those unable to meet the requirements must attend a COM approved boundaries training course at their own expense. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary measures. The Stated Clerk shall report compliance annually.

Coordinating Team:

1. That the Presbytery approve the proposed changes to the Beth-El Bylaws, as required by our covenant agreement.

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

Committee on Nominations and Representation

Denise Lay

The Committee on Nominations and Representation nominates 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. Nominations from the floor are in order, but require the prior agreement of the persons who are being nominated. 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:

Ordination status:

- C for clergy who identify themselves ordained as ministers of word and sacrament
- E for those persons who are ordained as elders

Gender:

- M for Male identity and F for Female identity

Other Categories:

- 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

MODERATOR

Lolimarta (Loli) Ros Reiter, CFH, Central Region

VICE-MODERATOR

Jonathan Owen, EMW, East Region

CHAIR OF COORDINATING TEAM

Elizabeth (Libby)Shannon, CFW, West Region

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Laurie Palmer, CFW, Central Region, Nominated as Chair

Ken Gruebel, CMW, West Region, 2021-2

Robin Lester, EFW, Central Region, 2021-1

William Wildhack, CMW, West Region, 2021-1

Mary McKey, CFW, East Region, 2021-1

Kathy Conner, CFW, Central Region, 2021-1

Susan Hill, CFW, Central Region, 2021-1

Paul Means, CMW, West Region, 2021-1

John Fullerton, CMW, West Region, 2021-1

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Deb Belusa, CFW, Central Region, 2021-2 and Nominated as Chair

Jenny Sumner Carswell, CFW, Central Region 2021-2

Ken Hubbell, CMW, Central Region, 2021-1

Dawn Haeger, CFW, West Region, 2021-1

Kathy Bardin, EFW, West Region, 2021-1

COMMISSION ON CHURCH VITALITY

Micki Robinson, CFW, West Region, Nominated as Chair

Joy Laughridge, CFW, West Region, 2021-2

Ron Pfeifer, CMW, West Region, 2021-2

Paula Salter, EFW, Central Region, 2021-2

Susan Sampson, EFW, Central Region, 2021-1

Robert Bierly, EMW, West Region, 2021-2

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Norm Hatter, CMB, West Region, Nominated as Chair
and President of Presbytery of Tampa Bay, Inc.**

Marsha Rydberg, EFW, Central Region, 2021-2

Kathleen Dain, CFW, Central Region, 2021-2

David Banker, EMW, Central Region, 2021-1

PRESBYTERIAN CAMPS & CONFERENCES (PCC) CEDARKIRK BOARD

Dorothy Lekarczyk, EFW, East Region, 2021-1

Michael McCormack, CMW, Central Region, 2021-2

Allison Kelly, EFW, Central Region, 2021-1
Lisa Looper, EFW, Central Region, 2021-1

BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC. BOARD

John Scott, CMW, West Region, 2021-1

SYNOD PJC

Michael Clarke, EMB, West Region

BILLS AND OVERTURES

Alex Sosa
William Wildhack
Amy Fleming
Rachel Gibson
Vivian Bryant
Robert Shaw

After an opportunity for nominations, the slate was approved.

Presbytery Worship

The Presbytery then moved into a time of worship where Rev. Libby Shannon preached, and Stated Clerk David Baker installed Rev. Loli Ros Reiter as Moderator and Ruling Elder Jonathan Owen as Vice Moderator. Revs. Mike McCormack, Doug McMahon, Susan Hill, John Reiter, Nicole Partin Abdnour, Ramiro Ros, and Elders Matt Shick, Ben Pabst, and Anne Heidt also participated in the service. An offering in the amount of \$1444.61 was taken on behalf of scholarships for Cedarkirk.

Commission, Committee and Mission Reports, Part 2

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Deb Belusa

Deb moved on behalf of the Commission that Fitz Connor, Gay Gentry, Heather Hartsell and Bob Scott be elected as Ordination Exam readers. After an opportunity for nominations, these exam readers were approved.

Commission on Church Vitality

Micki Robinson

Micki educated the Presbytery about the roll of the CCV, and the availability of funds for mission, education and outreach. She also lifted up the Association of Smaller Congregations annual conference, which the Presbytery will charter a bus to reach.

Laurie moved the examination for ordination of Candidate Will Wellman, who has a call to Validated ministry as Director of Adult Faith Formation at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. After preaching, Will was examined as to his faith and knowledge.

Kathy Dain moved that his examination be sustained. Will was excused while the motion was discussed. This motion was seconded and passed. Will was received with rejoicing after which Laurie led the Presbytery in prayer for him.

Order of the Day

Moderator Loli Ros Reiter dismissed the body to camp groups and lunch.

Commission, Committee and Mission Reports, Part 3

John lifted up the various programs and events happening at Cedarkirk. He also shared about Cedarkirk's plans for its Capital Campaign.

Kathy brought greetings from Beth-El. She shared stories about the folks that Beth-El is helping, particularly with their new dental clinic. She challenged congregations with dentists, doctors and educators to get in touch with them about serving.

Laurie moved the examination for ordination of Candidate Kitti Ginn, who has a call to Validated ministry as a Chaplain at Tampa General Hospital. After preaching, Kitti was examined as to her faith and knowledge.

Loli asked for a motion that the examination be sustained. Kitti was excused while the motion was discussed. This motion was seconded and passed. Kitti was received with rejoicing after which Laurie led the Presbytery in prayer for her.

Plenary: Introduction to Spiritual Direction

Rev. Deb Belusa and Rev. Bill Cooley led the Presbytery through a primer on Spiritual Direction and disciplines for spiritual growth.

Reports of Staff and Officers:

Coordinating Team Chair

Libby Shannon

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

Jim Cummings, CMW, 2021-2
Virginia Green , EFW, 2021-2
Mike Loudon, CMW, 2021-1
Meghan Pabst, CFW, 2021-1
Hank Belusa, EMW, 2020-1
Ed Leonard, EMW, 2020-1
Chair:
Vicki ByRoade, CFW, 2019-1

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the Presbytery approved the slate of nominations.

The Coordinating Team also moved that the Presbytery contribute a \$100,000 gift to the Cedarkirk Capital Campaign, and an additional \$100,000 to this campaign in the form of matching contributions for new gifts from churches and individuals in the Presbytery, with funding sources to be determined by the Trustees and Treasurer. After discussion, this motion passed.

Moderator

Loli Ros Reiter

Loli thanked the Presbytery for their friendship and support over the years. She also talked about the importance of Advent and our Advent hymns in our spiritual lives.

Vice Moderator

Johnathan Owen

John reported that while he has only been Vice Moderator a few hours, he is looking forward to helping any way he can, and will be shortly attending the PCUSA moderator's conference.

Treasurer's Report

Terry Dennis

Terry reported that congregation by congregation Per Capital obligations are in the Presbytery packet. He also announced that the 2019 budget would be voted on at the next Presbytery meeting. Finally, he

reported that expenses are exactly in line with expectations, while income against budget was at a 10 year high.

Coach and Coordinator

Patrice Hatley

Patrice lifted up mission in the Presbytery and those marginalized by society. She challenged the Presbytery to get to know our neighbors. She also highlighted some of the mission success stories happening in our Presbytery.

Stated Clerk and Director of Communications

David Baker

Dave gave a brief overview of his written reports and reminded the Presbytery to complete the evaluation form.

Unfinished Business and Thanks

Loli thanked Cedarkirk for hosting us.

The Presbytery voted to adjourn at 3:02 pm.

Moderator Loli Ros Reiter dismissed us with prayer.

Submitted by,

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