

Presbytery of Southwest Florida

Minutes of the 91st Stated Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2013

The Presbytery of Southwest Florida held its 91st Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL (350 S. Hyde Park Avenue, Tampa, FL 33606).

Call to Order

The Moderator, RE Jean Owens, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Constituting Prayer

RE Jean Owens offered the constituting prayer.

Morning Worship Service – Covenant Life Presbyterian Church

Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church led the morning Worship Service. Dr. Bryan Chapell, Senior Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL, preached a sermon from Romans 6:1-16 titled, “Dying to Live.”

Seminar by Dr. Bryan Chapell

After the Morning Worship Service, the Moderator introduced Dr. Bryan Chapell, who led a seminar on the topic, “Gospel-Centered Worship.” [See Appendix A.] The seminar concluded at 10:45 a.m., which was followed by a short recess.

Welcome of Commissioners

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

TE Dustyn Eudaly (Holy Trinity PCA) welcomed the commissioners to the church facility and provided directions for comfort of the commissioners and others in attendance.

The following Teaching Elders were in attendance:

TEACHING ELDER ATTENDANCE

	TEACHING ELDER	CHURCH, MINISTRY, OR STATUS	Sep 11	Nov 11	Feb 12	May 12	Sep 12	Nov 12	Feb 13	May 14
1	Aldrich, Ken	Covenant Life PCA	*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	Arnold, Darrell	Covenant (Sebring) PCA	P	E	P	P	A	A	A	A
3	Bennett, Drew	Church of the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
4	Bergman, Brent	Grace Community PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
5	Brevick, Arnie	First PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
6	Brooks, Sammie	Grace (Lake Suzy) PCA	P	P	P	P	A	A	P	P
7	Brubaker, Bob	Christ Community (Clear.) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Burrige, Bob	Out of Bounds (Director, GIRS)	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Byrne, Bo	Cornerstone PCA	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
10	Casselli, Steve	Holy Trinity PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P/E	P	E
11	Caswell, Lyle	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
12	Clark, John	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
13	Culbertson, Rodney	Out of Bounds (with RTS)	A	A	P	E	A	E	E	A
14	Dalton, Daniel	Seminole PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P/E	P	P
15	Davis, Daryl	Stated Supply (2011)	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	P
16	Dolby, Dwight	Auburn Road PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	E	E

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17	Etienne, Esaie	MTW	A	A	P	A	A	A	A	A
18	Eudaly, Dustyn	Holy Trinity PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
19	Fritz, Freddy	Tampa Bay PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
20	Gibson, Dax	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	E	P	E	P	P	P	E	E
21	Grady, John	Faith (Sarasota) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
22	Graham, Jack	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	P	HR	HR
23	Hamm, Ted	Cornerstone of L. Ranch PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
24	Hansen, Steven	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
25	Harding, David	St. Petersburg PCA	E	P	P	P	P	P/E	P	P
26	Hart, Zane	Covenant Life PCA	*	*	*	*	*	P	P	P
27	Henderson, Geoff	Mission (Bradenton)	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	E
28	Holland, Wesley	Westminster PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P/E	P	P/E
29	Jeantet, Steven	Covenant Life PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E
30	Johnston, Quentin	Out of Bounds (CHA)	P	A	A	A	A	E	A	E
31	Keen, John	Seminole PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
32	Kloth, Cory	Cypress Ridge PCA	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P/E
33	Lamb, Andrew	MTW	E	A	P	P	E	E	P	E
34	Lambert, Ivan	Without Call	P	A	A	A	A	P	P	P
35	LaPointe, Peter	Christ the King PCA	P	A	P	P	P	P	E	P
36	Larrison, Brook	Faith (Wauchula) PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
37	Lee, Jeff	RUF at USF	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
38	Light, Steven	Holy Trinity PCA	A	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
39	Martin, David	Redeemer (Lakeland) PCA	P	E	P	P	P	E	P	P
40	Matlack, Ken	MTW	E	A	E	E	E	E	P	A
41	Mawhinney, Scott	Covenant Life PCA	E	P	A	P	P	E	P	P
42	McDonald, Jeff	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P/E	E	E
43	McWilliams, David	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
44	Rice, Tim	Trinity PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
45	Roldan, William	Iglesia Berea PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
46	Sandhoff, Tom	Honorably Retired	P	P	P	E	HR	E	HR	P
47	Schneider, Tom	Covenant (Sebring) PCA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P
48	Sidebotham, Tom	Honorably Retired	HR	P	HR	HR	P	HR	HR	HR
49	Sinclair, Steven	Christ the King PCA	E	E	P	A	E	E	P	P/E
50	Swartz, Craig	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
51	Taylor, Frank	Westtown PCA	P	P	A	P	A	P/E	A	P
52	Winfree, Jonathan	Christ the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P

P = Present; **E** = Excused; **A** = Absent Without Excuse; **HR** = Honorably Retired; * = Not a Presbytery Member

The following church Sessions had a commissioner/s in attendance:

CHURCH SESSION ATTENDANCE

	CHURCH	Sep 11	Nov 11	Feb 12	May 12	Sep 12	Nov 12	Feb 13	May 14
1	Auburn Road / Venice	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	Berea / Winter Haven	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	A
3	Christ Community / Clearwater	A	P	A	A	P	P	A	P
4	Christ Community / Lakeland	P	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
5	Christ the King / Seminole	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
6	Church of the Redeemer / Winter Haven	*	P	A	A	P	P	P	P

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7	Cornerstone / Lutz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch / Bradenton	P	A	A	A	P	P	A	P
9	Covenant Life / Sarasota	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
10	Covenant / Lakeland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
11	Covenant / Sebring	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P
12	Cypress Ridge / Winter Haven	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A
13	Faith / Sarasota	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
14	Faith / Wauchula	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	A
15	First / North Port	A	P	A	A	P	E	P	A
16	Grace / Lake Suzy	A	A	P	P	A	A	A	P
17	Grace Community / Palm Harbor	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P
19	Holy Trinity / Tampa	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
20	Redeemer / Lakeland	P	P	P	P	A	A	E	P
21	Redeemer / Riverview	P	A	A	A	A	A	P	P
22	Seminole / Tampa	A	E	P	E	P	E	E	E
23	Sojourner Mission / Tampa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24	St. Petersburg / St. Petersburg	A	A	A	P	A	P	A	A
25	Tampa Bay / Tampa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
26	Trinity / Lakeland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
27	Westtown / Tampa	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
28	Westminster / Brandon	A	P	P	P	P	E	P	P

P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent Without Excuse; * = Mission / Dissolved

The following Ruling Elders were in attendance: Rodney Edwards (Auburn Road), Rick Richert (Christ Community), Henry Vierling (Christ the King), William Jackson (Christ the King), Gene Lanehart (Church of the Redeemer), Dave Dickmann (Cornerstone - Bradenton), Bill Hogan (Cornerstone - Bradenton), Bill Martin (Cornerstone - Bradenton), Chris Volf (Cornerstone - Lutz), Bill Campbell (Covenant - Lakeland), Gary Kimball (Covenant - Lakeland), Allen Montgomery (Covenant - Lakeland), Mark Breed (Covenant - Sebring), William Mulcay (Covenant - Sebring), Gordon Shaw (Covenant Life), John Bower (Grace - Lake Suzy), George Brown (Grace - Lake Suzy), Robert Rhodes (Grace - Lake Suzy), Ron Brightwell (Grace Community), Don Bennett (Holy Trinity), Jean Owens (Redeemer - Riverview), Lew Barger (Redeemer - Lakeland), Stan McMahan (Trinity), Tim Mitchell (Trinity), and David Crabtree (Westminster).

Introduction of Visiting Brethren, Visitors, and Guests

The following visiting brethren, visitors, and guests were introduced or signed in as attending: TE Thomas Luchenbill (Cypress Ridge), TE David Saville (Westtown), Doug Knox (Tampa Bay), Wes Mollard (Tampa Bay), Garry Gawrych (Tampa Bay), TE Peter Dishman (North Texas Presbytery), Mrs. Brook Breed (Covenant - Sebring), TE John Kelly (Honorably Retired), TE Christiano De Sousa (South Florida Presbytery), Rev. Joao Alfredo Santiago (Presbyterian Church of Brazil), Edleia Santiago (St. Petersburg), Rev. Marcel Saul a Cavellero (Presbyterian Church of Brazil), Bruce Ludke (Cornerstone - Bradenton), TE Mike Cosner (MTW), Brandon Ryan (Sojourner), Blake Price (Church of the Redeemer), Lynn Crabtree (Westminster), Donna Henderson (St. Petersburg), Gary Kimball (Redeemer - Riverview), Doreen Kimball (Redeemer - Riverview), Doris Owen (Redeemer - Riverview), Chuck Anderson (Christ Community), Jeremy Kemp (Christ Community), Marcie Smith (Christ the King), Joyce Kistemaker (Christ the King), and Janet Coltan (Church of the Redeemer).

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The following Candidates, Licentiates, and Interns were in attendance:

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1	Abel, Matt (CAND/INTERN)						P		P
2	Bennett, Rick (CAND/INTERN)								
3	Carter, Michael (CAND)								
4	Cleveland, Christopher (CAND)								
5	DeVictoria, Joel (CAND)	P			P				
6	Elswick, Tony (CAND)	P							
7	Glandon, Heath (CAND)						P		P
8	Harcourt, Cameron (CAND)								
9	Knecht, Jason (CAND)								
10	Krause, Jeff (CAND)								
11	Loveall, Matt (CAND)								
12	March, Brian (CAND/LICEN)	P		P		P	P	P	P
13	McMahan, Stan (LIC)			P		P			
14	Nichols, James (CAND/INT/LIC)			P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Roldan, Ricky (CAND)		P			P	P		
16	Sanders, Mike (CAND)								
17	Syler, Marc (CAND)								
18	Turner, Ben (CAND/LICEN)					P	P	P	P

P = Present; * = Status Changed

Declaration of a Quorum

The Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket and Orders of the Day

By common consent the docket was adopted as amended. [See Appendix B.]

The Moderator set the Orders of the Day (Lunch: Noon – 1:00 p.m.).

Appointment of Standing Committees: Bills and Overtures

No appointments.

Appointment of Standing Committees: Judicial Business

The Moderator appointed a Judicial Business Committee to consider the March 7, 2013 Complaint of First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL Against the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. [See Appendix C.] The members of the Committee are: RE Rodney Edwards (Convener), RE Bill Mulcay, and TE Bob Brubaker. The Judicial Business Committee was permitted to leave the floor of the Presbytery meeting in order to conduct their business.

Stated Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave his report:

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- MSC to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2013 Presbytery meeting. [See Appendix D.]
- MSC to approve the requests for excused absences from Teaching Elders Steve Sinclair (late arrival), Wes Holland (late arrival), Quentin Johnston, Geoff Henderson, Andrew Lamb, Dax Gibson, Bo Byrne, Steve Jeantet, Cory Kloth (early departure), Steve Casselli, Jeff McDonald, Dwight Dolby, and for the Session of Seminole Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL.
- MSC to approve the report of the Commission to Install TE Thomas G. Schneider as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sebring, FL, and to dissolve the Commission. [See Appendix E.]
- The Clerk reported that various correspondences were sent and/or received. He invited Presbyters to view them if they wished to do so at the Clerk's desk.
- The Clerk reported that the Presbytery had received a Complaint Against the Presbytery of Southwest Florida from First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL regarding the action taken at the February 9, 2013 Presbytery meeting. The Complaint was forwarded to the Judicial Business ad hoc Committee. [Appendix C.]

The Clerk closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Christian Education

The Liaison for Christian Education, TE Danny Dalton, added nothing to his written report. [See Appendix F.]

Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Mission to the World

The Liaison for Mission to the World, TE Bob Brubaker (as he was serving on the Judicial Business Committee), asked TE Danny Dalton to give his report. TE Danny Dalton opened the report with prayer. TE Mike Cosner, MTW Missionary, reported on his ministry to Belize. [See Appendix G.]

TE Danny Dalton closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Reformed University Ministries

The Reformed University Ministries Minister for the University of South Florida, TE Jeff Lee, opened the report with prayer. He reported on the work at the University of South Florida. [See Appendix H.] Ms. Katie Carroll, an Intern with RUF at the University of South Florida, share briefly about her call to ministry with RUF at USF. A report from the Florida Joint Committee on Campus Ministry had also been sent to Presbyters. [See Appendix I.]

TE Jeff Lee closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding (Partial Report)

The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Dustyn Eudaly, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the Shepherding Committee with regard to churches and Teaching Elders. [See Appendix J.]

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TE Bill Roldan of Berea Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL has resigned as pastor of the church. The congregation of Berea Presbyterian Church met to dissolve the pastoral relation between the church and TE Roldan. RE Henry Vierling, a Ruling Elder Emeritus advising the Session of Berea Presbyterian Church, had previously addressed the Presbytery regarding the reasons for requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relation, which had to do with TE Roldan's declining health.

Recommendation: That in accordance with *BCO 23-1* the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Bill Roldan and Berea Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL, effective July 1, 2013. *Adopted.*

Recommendation: That in accordance with *BCO 23-2* the Presbytery designate TE Bill Roldan as an Honorably Retired member of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, effective July 1, 2013. *Adopted.*

RE Henry Vierling reported on the transition for TE Bill Roldan. TE Roldan has limited retirement funds. Presbytery churches are asked to consider helping fund TE Roldan's retirement. On June 22, 2013 a retirement celebration will be held for TE Bill Roldan in Winter Haven, and all are invited to attend.

TE Lyle Caswell closed the partial report with prayer.

Orders of the Day: Lunch (Noon – 1:00 p.m.)

The Moderator ordered a recess for lunch at noon. Lunch was served from noon until 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. and prayed for the afternoon session.

Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding (Continuing Report)

The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Dustyn Eudaly, called on RE Bill Campbell, who opened with prayer.

RE Bill Campbell reported on the *PCA Call Package Guidelines*, which had been distributed by RBI at the 2012 General Assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery of Southwest Florida adopt and implement the *PCA Call Package Guidelines* as its official policy regarding the acceptable form of Call Packages. Every Call Package is to be presented to the Presbytery by way of the Shepherding Committee and must utilize the Recommended For of Call to a PCA Pastor and reflect interaction with these Guidelines by breaking out, as per *BCO 20-1*, separate, specific and sufficient amounts for Salary, Housing Allowance, Retirement Savings (stated as a percentage of Salary plus Housing Allowance), Health, Life, and Long-Term Disability Insurance Benefits, Moving Expenses, and Vacation Benefits. *Adopted.*

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The Recommended Process is as follows:

1. The calling body will fill out the "Recommended Form of Call to a PCA Minister" worksheet and submit it to the Shepherding Committee at least one month prior to the Presbytery meeting at which the call will be considered.
2. The Shepherding Committee will appoint one person to interface directly with the church and the candidate regarding the proposed Call Package.
3. As deemed necessary, the appointed Shepherding Committee member will meet (face-to-face, by phone or virtually) with the appropriate representatives of the calling body (usually the Session, Personnel Committee, or MNA Committee in the case of a church plant) to go over the call, using the "PCA Call Package Guidelines Evaluation and Review Worksheet" to guide the conversation.
4. As deemed necessary, the appointed Shepherding Committee member will meet (face-to-face, by phone or virtually) with the TE candidate to go over the call, using the "PCA Call Package Guidelines and Evaluation and Review Worksheet" to guide the conversation, and to ensure that the terms presented appear sufficient to meet the financial needs of the candidate.
5. The Shepherding Committee will add its endorsement as to whether the call is adequate or deficient before the call is presented to the Presbytery for approval.

Recommendation: That every church or calling body in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida complete the "Recommended Form of Call to a PCA Minister" Worksheet for each pastor in the church/calling body, submitting the completed form to the Shepherding Committee by December 31, 2013. *Adopted.*

Recommendation: That RE Bill Campbell, a member of the Shepherding Committee, serve as the Presbyterian liaison in the implementation of these newly adopted Call Package Guidelines. *Adopted.*

The Shepherding Committee has reviewed Session Minutes for 2012.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve without exception the Session Minutes of the following churches: Auburn Road (Venice), Christ Community (Clearwater), Christ the King (Seminoles), Church of the Redeemer (Winter Haven), Cornerstone (Lutz), Covenant (Lakeland), Covenant (Sebring), Covenant Life (Sarasota), Redeemer (Lakeland), Redeemer (Riverview), Seminole (Tampa), Tampa Bay (Tampa), and Westminster (Brandon). *Adopted.*

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve with exception the Session Minutes of the following churches: Berea (Winter Haven) and Westtown (Tampa). *Adopted.*

The Shepherding Committee requests the Session Minutes of the following churches: Christ Community (Lakeland), Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton), Cypress Ridge (Winter Haven), Faith (Sarasota), Faith (Wauchula), First (North Port), Grace Community (Palm Harbor), Grace (Lake Suzy), Holy Trinity (Tampa), St. Petersburg (St. Petersburg), and Trinity

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(Lakeland).

TE Ted Hamm reported on his call to serve as a Chaplain in the United States Army. The Presbytery will act on his new call at the September Presbytery meeting. TE Daryl Davis prayed for TE Hamm.

TE Dustyn Eudaly closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Mission to North America

The Mission to North America Committee Chairman, TE Tim Rice, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the Mission to North America Committee [See Appendix K.]

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve that the Terms of Call for TE Geoff Henderson be changed to account for his health insurance costs. [See Appendix L.] *Adopted.*

Recommendation: That the Presbytery fund TE Steve Light (Sojourner) at \$7,500, Ben Turner's apprenticeship (Trinity) at \$6,00, and MNA Administration and Recruiting at \$1,500. *Adopted.*

TE Tim Rice closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Candidates for Ministry

The Candidates for Ministry Committee Chairman, TE Steve Light, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the Candidates for Ministry Committee. [See Appendix M.]

Mr. Michael Carter is a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery and a communicant member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. He has requested a transfer to the care of the Blue Ridge Presbytery.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery transfer candidate Mr. Michael Carter to the care of the Blue Ridge Presbytery. *Adopted.*

Mr. Marc Syler is a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery and a communicant member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Sarasota, FL. He no longer wishes to pursue pastoral ministry in the PCA.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery dismiss Mr. Marc Syler from candidacy. *Adopted.*

TE Light introduced Mr. Chuck Anderson, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix N.] Mr. Anderson is a member in good standing for more than six months of Christ Community Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with BCO 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Chuck Anderson and

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bring him under care of the Presbytery.

Adopted.

Mr. Chuck Anderson was presented as an applicant for internship in the Presbytery. Mr. Anderson is a member of Christ Community Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. In accordance with BCO 19-9, he gave the Presbytery a testimony of his inward call to the ministry. His internship program with Christ Community Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL was presented to the Presbytery.

Recommendation: To approve the internship program for Mr. Chuck Anderson with Christ Community Presbyterian Church with TE Dax Gibson as his mentor and to receive him as an intern in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida.

Adopted.

The Moderator posed the questions of *BCO* 18-3 to Mr. Anderson, which he answered affirmatively.

TE Light introduced Mr. Jeremy Kemp, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix O.] Mr. Kemp is a member in good standing for more than six months of Christ Community Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with *BCO* 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Jeremy Kemp and bring him under care of the Presbytery.

Adopted.

Mr. Jeremy Kemp was presented as an applicant for internship in the Presbytery. Mr. Kemp is a member of Christ Community Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL. In accordance with BCO 19-9, he gave the Presbytery a testimony of his inward call to the ministry. His internship program with Christ Community Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL was presented to the Presbytery.

Recommendation: To approve the internship program for Mr. Jeremy Kemp with Christ Community Presbyterian Church with TE Dax Gibson as his mentor and to receive him as an intern in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida.

Adopted.

The Moderator posed the questions of *BCO* 18-3 to Mr. Anderson, which he answered affirmatively.

The Moderator then read the charge of BCO 19-10 to Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kemp, and then prayed for both interns.

Thus, in accordance with BCO 19-10 the following record is made of Mr. Anderson's internship: At the Christ Community Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL, on the 14th day of May, 2013, the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, having received testimonials commending Mr. Chuck Anderson, and having received him as a candidate for ministry, has placed him under internship at

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his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Thus, in accordance with BCO 19-10 the following record is made of Mr. Kemp's internship: At the Christ Community Presbyterian Church of Lakeland, FL, on the 14th day of May, 2013, the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, having received testimonials commending Mr. Jeremy Kemp, and having received him as a candidate for ministry, has placed him under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

TE Light introduced Mr. Willy Ardon, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix P.] Mr. Ardon is a member in good standing for more than six months of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Riverview, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with BCO 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Willy Ardon and bring him under care of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

The Moderator posed the questions of BCO 18-3 to Mr. Ardon, which he answered affirmatively.

TE Light introduced Mr. Garry Gawrych, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix Q.] Mr. Gawrych is a member in good standing for more than six months of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with BCO 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Garry Gawrych and bring him under care of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

The Moderator posed the questions of BCO 18-3 to Mr. Gawrych, which he answered affirmatively.

TE Light introduced Mr. Chris Pruitt, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix R.] Mr. Pruitt is a member in good standing for more than six months of Church of the Redeemer in Winter Haven, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with BCO 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Chris Pruitt and bring him under care of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

The Moderator posed the questions of BCO 18-3 to Mr. Pruitt, which he answered affirmatively.

TE Light introduced Mr. Blake Price, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel ministry. [See Appendix S.] Mr. Price is a member in good standing for more than six months of

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Church of the Redeemer in Winter Haven, FL. The Session of his church has recommended him for candidacy. In accord with *BCO* 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was then excused from the assembly.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Blake Price and bring him under care of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

The Moderator posed the questions of *BCO* 18-3 to Mr. Price, which he answered affirmatively.

TE Steve Light gave a brief charge to Messrs. Anderson, Kemp, Ardon, Gawrych, Pruitt, and Blake, and prayed for them.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve RE Mike Woodhall (Westtown) and RE Gene Lanehart (Church of the Redeemer) to the Candidates for Ministry Committee, both for the Class of 2015. [See Appendix Y.] *Adopted.*

TE Steve Light closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Administration

The Presbytery Income was \$6,897, the Expenses were \$8,519, for a Net Loss of \$1,622 as of March 31, 2013. The Cash reserve as of March 31, 2013 was \$9,321. [See Appendix T.]

Permanent Committee Report: Examining

The Examining Committee Chairman, TE Jonathan Winfree, opened with prayer. He presented the report of the Examining Committee. [See Appendix U.]

TE Winfree introduced TE David Saville, who comes to our Presbytery to be examined according to *BCO* 13-6 for transferring his credentials from James River Presbytery, where he is a member in good standing, to the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. [See Appendix V.] He has just concluded serving as Stated Supply at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, VA. TE Saville was examined in Christian experience, and his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. TE Saville stated his differences with the Westminster Standards in two areas. They are as follows:

1. *WCF* 21:8: "...observe an holy rest, all the day, from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations..."; *WCF* 117: "...even from such worldly employments and recreations as are on other days lawful..." Where I understand the proper focus of the Sabbath to be on worship and rest, I believe this can allow for recreation. I do not see play as antithetical to rest.
2. *WLC* 109: "...making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness..." I believe it is acceptable to have a mental image of Jesus "inwardly in our mind," particularly when reading Gospel accounts of his activities. Additionally, I believe it is acceptable to have outward likenesses of him, particularly for educational purposes for children.

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After his oral examination, TE Saville was excused from the assembly.

- MSC to sustain his exam in Christian Experience.
- MSC to sustain his exam in Theology.
- MSC to sustain his exam in the Sacraments.
- MSC to sustain his exam in Church Government.
- MSC to approve TE Saville's stated differences to our Standards to be more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine (*BCO* 21-4).
- MSC to approve the Terms of Call of TE Dave Saville to become the Associate Pastor of Westtown Presbyterian Church of Tampa, FL.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery of Southwest Florida receive TE David Saville as a member, pending his dismissal from James River Presbytery, and install him as the Associate Pastor of Westtown Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL. *Adopted.*

- MSC to appoint a Commission composed of TE Frank Taylor (Convener), TE Craig Swartz, TE Steven Hanson, RE Jim Pratt, RE Scott Meister, and RE Scott Halback to install TE Saville, setting the quorum at 2 TEs and 2 REs.

TE Winfree introduced TE Thomas Luchenbill, who comes to our Presbytery to be examined according to *BCO* 13-6 for transferring his credentials from Central Illiana Presbytery, where he is a member in good standing, to the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. [See Appendix W.] He has served as an Assistant Pastor of Christ Community Church in Carmel, IN. TE Luchenbill was examined in Christian experience, and his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. TE Luchenbill stated his differences with the Westminster Standards in two areas. They are as follows:

1. *WCF* 21.8: "... after a due preparing of their hearts, and ordering of their common affairs beforehand, ..." I believe this to be a wise practice, but do not see the requirement for this at Ex. 20:8-11 or Deut. 5:12-15.
2. *WCF* 21.8: "... recreation, but also are taken up, the whole time, ..." Recreation can take on many forms. Recreational activities that would distract us from honoring God I believe are inappropriate, such as competing in league events. On the other hand, some form of what some may call recreation I believe is acceptable, activities like going for a casual walk or bike ride, playing catch, etc.

After his oral examination, TE Luchenbill was excused from the assembly.

- MSC to sustain his exam in Christian Experience.
- MSC to sustain his exam in Theology.
- MSC to sustain his exam in the Sacraments.
- MSC to sustain his exam in Church Government.
- MSC to approve TE Luchenbill's stated differences to our Standards to be more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine (*BCO* 21-4).

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- MSC to approve the Terms of Call of TE Thomas Luchenbill to become the Assistant Pastor of Cypress Ridge Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, FL.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery of Southwest Florida receive TE Thomas Luchenbill as a member, pending his dismissal from Central Illiana Presbytery, and install him as the Assistant Pastor of Cypress Ridge Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, FL. *Adopted.*

- MSC to appoint a Commission composed of TE Cory Kloth (Convener), TE Ivan Lambert, TE Jonathan Winfree, RE Bud Otheson, RE Johnny Walker, RE Don Paris, and RE David Reyes to install TE Luchenbill, setting the quorum at 2 TEs and 2 REs.

Upon their return to the assembly, TE Ivan Lambert prayed for TEs Saville and Luchenbill. TE David Saville and TE Thomas Luchenbill then signed the Ministerial Obligation Form.

TE Winfree introduced Mr. James Nichols, who comes to be examined for ordination. He is a communicant member of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL and is a licentiate in our Presbytery. He has a call as an Associate Pastor of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church and he accepts the terms of that call. He earned an M. Div. at Covenant Theological Seminary. He is married with three sons. Mr. Nichols, having previously been examined for licensure [See Presbytery Minutes of February 9, 2013], was examined in the areas prescribed by BCO 21-4, in sacraments, and church history, including the history of the PCA. Mr. Nichols differences with our Westminster Standards was approved at the February 9, 2013 Presbytery Meeting. After his oral examination, Mr. Nichols was excused from the assembly.

- MSC to sustain his exam in the Sacraments.
- MSC to sustain his exam in Church History.
- MSC to sustain his exam in History of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- MSC to approve his Theological Paper.
- MSC to approve his Exegetical Paper.
- MSC to approve the terms of his call to serve as the Associate Pastor of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL. [See Appendix X.]

Recommendation: That the Presbytery ordain Mr. James Nichols and install him as Associate Pastor of Tampa Bay Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL, and receive him as a member of our Presbytery. *Adopted.*

- MSC to appoint a Commission composed of TE Freddy Fritz (Convener), TE John Keen, TE Danny Dalton, RE Bert Barber, RE Ken Pothoven, RE Joe Kirkpatrick, RE Jim Aldrich, RE Doug Hayman, RE Fred Gordon, and RE Kevin Nobles to ordain and install Mr. James Nichols, setting the quorum at 2 TEs and 2 REs.

Upon his return to the assembly, TE David McWilliams prayed for Mr. Nichols. Mr. Nichols then signed the Ministerial Obligation Form.

TE Jonathan Winfree closed the report with prayer.

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Report of the Standing Committees: Judicial Business

RE Rodney Edwards, Chairman of the Judicial Business Committee, reported on the March 7, 2013 Complaint Against the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. He opened the report with prayer.

- MSC that the Presbytery move into executive session.
- MSC that the Presbytery move out of executive session.
- MSC that the motions made in executive session be entered into the Presbytery Minutes.

The Judicial Committee made the following recommendation to the Presbytery:

Recommendation: That the Presbytery find the March 7, 2013 Complaint of First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL to be in order. *Approved.*

Recommendation: That the Presbytery deny the March 7, 2013 Complaint of First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL, for the following reasons:

- 1) Per BCO 40-5 speaks “When any court having appellate jurisdiction shall receive a credible report with respect to the court next below of any important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings of such court, the first step shall be to cite the court alleged to have offended to appear before the court having appellate jurisdiction, or its commission.- therefore we believe this this presbytery and its commission does have the responsibility for review and control of this matter.
- 2) Per BCO 40-4 speaks, “If therefore the next higher court be well advised that any such neglect or irregularity has occurred on the part of the lower court, it is incumbent on it to take cognizance of the same, and to examine, deliberate and judge in the whole matter as completely as if it had been recorded.” Therefore we believe it was right for SWFP to advise Ms. Bobich of due process. *Adopted.*

TE Arnie Brevick notified the Presbytery that the Session of First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL intends to appeal the recommendation of the Presbytery above regarding the March 7, 2013 Complaint of First Presbyterian Church of North Port, FL against the Presbytery of Southwest Florida to the General Assembly.

The Judicial Business Committee was dismissed with thanks.

RE Rodney Edward closed the report in prayer.

Report of the Judicial Commission

TE John Keen, Chairman of the Judicial Commission, opened with prayer. The Judicial Commission was erected at the February 9, 2013 Presbytery Meeting. [See Appendix Z.] The Commission members are: RE Don Bennett, TE Bob Burrige, RE Bill Campbell, TE John Keen, RE Allen Montgomery, and TE Tim Rice.

TE Keen presented the work of the Commission:

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1. February 9, 2013 - Pursuant to the instructions of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, a Judicial Commission is formed and charged to meet with the Session of First Presbyterian Church North Port, Florida to seek to ascertain why North Port Session continues in its failure to offer due process to Ms. Alana Bobich, a communing member of FPC North Port.
2. February 27, 2013 - The Judicial Commission meets with North Port Session in Tampa for the aforementioned purpose. The Commission determines that North Port Session lacks sufficient cause for its failure to initiate process in the Bobich matter. The Commission seeks to encourage and implore North Port Session to comply with Commission instructions and injunctions (to initiate due process in the Bobich matter) during this meeting and for approximately thirty days subsequent to this meeting.
3. March 26, 2013 - Due to North Port Session's continued refusal to initiate due process in the Bobich matter, the Judicial Commission determines that Presbytery must initiate process against North Port Session. The Commission proceeds according to BCO 32.
4. April 26, 2013 - The Judicial Commission files an indictment against North Port Session for its failure to initiate due process in the Bobich matter. The Commission cites North Port Session to appear before the court and enter its plea in the case.
5. April 28, 2013 - North Port Session submits a written plea of "not guilty" to the Judicial Commission. The trial of this case is pending.

Miscellaneous Non-Docketed Business

None.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

- MSC to adjourn. The 91st Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida adjourned with prayer offered by TE Sammie Brooks at 3:32 p.m.

The 92nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida will take place on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



TE Freddy Fritz
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southwest Florida