

Presbytery of Southwest Florida

Minutes of the 96th Stated Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2014

1 The Presbytery of Southwest Florida held its 96th Stated Meeting on Saturday, September 13,
2 2014 at Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Riverview, FL (12404 Boyette Road, Riverview, FL
3 33569).

4 **Morning Worship Service – Redeemer Presbyterian Church**

5 Redeemer Presbyterian Church led the morning Worship Service. TE John Larson, called to
6 serve as Associate Pastor at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL, preached a sermon
7 from Psalm 22:1-31 titled, “The Agony and Triumph of the Cross.”
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9 **Call to Order**

10 The Moderator, TE Dwight Dolby, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.
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12 **Constituting Prayer**

13 TE Dwight Dolby offered the constituting prayer.
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15 **Discussion on Presbytery Multiplication**

16 Following the Worship Service, TE Drew Bennett led the Presbytery in a discussion regarding
17 Presbytery multiplication. The concept under consideration is that seven churches in the southern
18 portion of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida (Auburn Road/Venice, Cornerstone of Lakewood
19 Ranch/Bradenton, Covenant Life/Sarasota, Faith/Sarasota, First/North Port, Grace/Lake Suzy,
20 Harbor/Bradenton) become members of the Suncoast Florida Presbytery. TE Bob Brunson of the
21 Suncoast Florida Presbytery addressed the Presbytery about their interest in this merger. Repre-
22 sentatives of several churches gave their thoughts about the possible merger.
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25 At the conclusion of the discussion regarding Presbytery multiplication at 10:40 a.m., TE Drew
26 Bennett prayed, and then a short recess was taken.
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28 **Welcome of Commissioners**

29 The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. and opened in prayer.
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31 TE Craig Swartz (Redeemer PCA) welcomed the commissioners to the church facility and pro-
32 vided directions for comfort of the commissioners and others in attendance.
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34 **Roll Call - Attendees**

35 The following Teaching Elders were in attendance:
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37 TEACHING ELDER ATTENDANCE

	TEACHING ELDER	CHURCH, MINISTRY, OR STATUS	Nov 12	Feb 13	May 13	Sep 13	Nov 13	Feb 14	May 14	Sep 14
1	Aldrich, Kenneth	Covenant Life PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P/E
2	Arnold, Darrell	Without Call	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
3	Bennett, Drew	Church of the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P/E
4	Bergman, Brent	Grace Community PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	Brevick, Arnold	First PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
6	Brooks, Sammie	Grace (Lake Suzy) PCA	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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7	Brubaker, Robert	Christ Community (Clear.) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	E/P	P
8	Burridge, Robert	Out of Bounds (Director, GIRS)	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
9	Byrne, Robert	Cornerstone PCA	P	P	E	E	E	P	P	P
10	Casselli, Stephen	Holy Trinity PCA	P/E	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
11	Caswell, Lyle	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	P	A	P	P	P	A	P	P
12	Clark, John	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
13	Culbertson, Rodney	Out of Bounds (with RTS)	E	E	A	E	E	E	E	E
14	Dalton, Daniel	Seminole PCA	P/E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Davis, Daryl	Stated Supply (2011)	A	A	P	P	A	P	A	A
16	Dolby, Dwight	Auburn Road PCA	P	E	E	E	P	P	P	P
17	Etienne, Esaie	Evangelist / MTW	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	A
18	Eudaly, Dustyn	Out of Bounds	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
19	Fritz, Freddy	Tampa Bay PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
20	Gibson, Dax	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	P	E	E	P	E	E	P	P
21	Grady, John	Faith (Sarasota) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	E
22	Graham, John	Honorably Retired	P	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
23	Hamm, Ted	Out of Bounds	P	P	P	E	E	E	E	A
24	Hansen, Steven	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
25	Harding, David	St. Petersburg PCA	P/E	P	P	E	E	E	P	E
26	Hart, Zane	Covenant Life PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
27	Henderson, Geoffrey	Harbor Mission (Bradenton)	*	*	E	P	P	A	P	P
28	Holland, Wesley	Westminster PCA	P/E	P	P/E	P	E	P/E	E/P	P
29	Jeantet, Steven	Covenant Life PCA	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P/E
30	Johnston, Quentin	Out of Bounds	E	A	E	E	A	A	E	A
31	Keen, John	Seminole PCA	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
32	Kloth, Cory	Cypress Ridge PCA	E	P	P/E	E	P	P	E	P
33	Lamb, Andrew	MTW	E	P	E	P	E	E	P	E
34	Lambert, Ivan	Without Call	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
35	LaPointe, Peter	Christ the King PCA	P	E	P	P	E	P	P	P
36	Larrison, Brook	Faith (Wauchula) PCA	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
37	Lee, Jeff	RUF at USF	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
38	Light, Steven	Sojourner Mission (Tampa)	P	P	P	P	P	P/E	P	P
39	Luchenbill, Thomas	Cypress Ridge PCA	*	*	*	P	P	P	E	P
40	March, Brian	Trinity PCA	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	E
41	Martin, David	Redeemer (Lakeland) PCA	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
42	Matlack, Kenneth	MTW	E	P	A	E	E	E	E	E
43	Mawhinney, Scott	Covenant Life PCA	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
44	McDonald, Jeff	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	P/E	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
45	McMahan, Stan	Trinity PCA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P
46	McWilliams, David	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
47	Nichols, James	Tampa Bay PCA	*	*	*	P	E	A	P	P
48	Rice, Tim	Trinity PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
49	Roldan, William	Honorably Retired	P	P	A	P	HR	P	HR	HR
50	Sandhoff, Thomas	Honorably Retired	E	HR	P	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR
51	Saville, David	Westtown PCA	*	*	*	A	P	P	P	E
52	Schneider, Thomas	Covenant (Sebring) PCA	*	*	P	P	P	E	P	A
53	Sidebotham, Thomas	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	P	P	HR	P
54	Sinclair, Steven	Christ the King PCA	E	P	P/E	P	E	E	E	P
55	Skipper, Jeff	Church of the Redeemer PCA	*	*	*	*	*	*	P	P
56	Swartz, Craig	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
57	Taylor, Frank	Westtown PCA	P/E	A	P	A	P	E	P	P

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58	Turner, Benjamin	Trinity PCA	*	*	*	*	P	P	P	P
59	Winfrey, Jonathan	Church the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
60	Woodall, Justin	Westtown PCA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	P
61	Woods, Philip	Cornerstone of L. Ranch PCA	*	*	*	*	P	E	P	P

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

The following churches had a commissioner/s in attendance:

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	CHURCH	Nov 12	Feb 13	May 13	Sep 13	Nov 13	Feb 14	May 14	Sep 14
1	Auburn Road / Venice	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
2	Berea / Winter Haven	A	P	A	P	A	P	P	P
3	Christ Community / Clearwater	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	A
4	Christ Community / Lakeland	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	P
5	Christ the King / Seminole	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
6	Church of the Redeemer / Winter Haven	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	A
7	Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch / Bradenton	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	P
8	Cornerstone / Lutz	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Covenant / Lakeland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
10	Covenant / Sebring	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	A
11	Covenant Life / Sarasota	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
12	Cypress Ridge / Winter Haven	A	A	A	P	A	A	A	A
13	Faith / Sarasota	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	P
14	Faith / Wauchula	P	P	A	P	A	P	P	A
15	First / North Port	E	P	A	A	A	A	A	E
16	Grace / Lake Suzy	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P
17	Grace Community / Palm Harbor	A	A	P	A	P	A	P	A
18	Harbor Community Mission / Bradenton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
19	Holy Trinity / Tampa	P	A	P	A	P	P	P	A
20	Redeemer / Riverview	A	P	P	P	A	A	P	P
21	Redeemer / Lakeland	A	E	P	P	A	A	P	P
22	Seminole / Tampa	E	E	E	P	A	P	E	P
23	Sojourner Mission / Tampa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
24	St. Petersburg / St. Petersburg	P	A	A	A	A	A	P	A
25	Strong Tower Mission /Lakeland	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
26	Tampa Bay / Tampa	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
27	Trinity / Lakeland	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A
28	Westminster / Brandon	E	P	P	P	E	P	E	P
29	Westtown / Tampa	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	A

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The following Ruling Elders were in attendance: Joel DeVictoria (Berea), Erik Roldan (Berea), Dane Parker (Christ Community – Lakeland), John Wheeler (Christ the King), Henry Vierling (Christ the King), Bill Martin (Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch), Scott Rockwell (Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch), Chris Volf (Cornerstone – Lutz), Bill Campbell (Covenant – Lakeland), Allen Montgomery (Covenant – Lakeland), Gordon Shaw (Covenant Life), Arthur Molesphini (Covenant Life), Bill Murray (Covenant Life), Randy Coryell (Faith – Sarasota), David Green-

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wald (Grace – Lake Suzy), Andy Mitchell (Grace – Lake Suzy), Robert Rhodes (Grace – Lake Suzy), Dale Hokrein (Redeemer – Riverview), RE John Caulder (Redeemer – Riverview), Robin Young (Redeemer – Lakeland), Ben Lambers (Seminole), Fred Gordon (Tampa Bay), Doug Knox (Tampa Bay), Henry Darden (Westminster), and Jim Eggert (Westminster).

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

CANDIDATES, LICENTIATES, AND INTERNS ATTENDANCE

	CANDIDATES, LICENTIATES, AND INTERNS	Nov 12	Feb 13	May 13	Sep 13	Nov 13	Feb 14	May 14	Sep 14
1	Anderson, Charles (CAND/INTERN)					P	P		
2	Ardon, Willy (CAND/INTERN)					P	P	P	
3	Bennett, Rick (CAND/INTERN/LIC)								
4	Cleveland, Christopher (CAND/LIC)				P	P	P		
5	DeVictoria, Joel (CAND/LIC)				P		P	P	P
6	Elswick, Antony (CAND)				P	P			
7	Gawrych, Garry (CAND)				P	P		P	P
8	Glandon, Heath (CAND/INTERN)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P
9	Kemp, Jeremy (CAND/LIC)				P	P	P	P	P
10	Knecht, Jason (CAND)								
11	Krause, Jeff (CAND/INTERN)								
12	Malloy, Gabriel (CAND)								
13	Price, Blake (CAND)				P				
14	Pruitt, Chris (CAND)				P		P		
15	Ragsdale, Joe (CAND)						P	P	

P = Present; * = Status Changed

Introduction of Visitors

The following visitors were introduced or signed in as attending: Mark Wardell (Suncoast Florida Presbytery), Bob Brunson (Suncoast Florida Presbytery), Jason Knecht (Cornerstone), Sarah Kemp (Christ Community), Justin Bryan (Trinity), Jim Prevatt (Trinity), and Justin Chappell (Cornerstone of Lakeland Ranch).

Declaration of a Quorum

The Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket and Special Orders

By common consent the docket was adopted. [See Appendix A.]

The Moderator set the following Special Orders: Lunch: Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

- MSC to approve the May 13, 2014 Minutes of the 95th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. [See Appendix B.]

Stated Clerk's Report

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1 The Clerk opened the report with prayer.

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3 **Standing Committees: Bills and Overtures**

4 No appointments.

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6 **Standing Committees: Judicial Business**

7 No judicial business.

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9 **Stated Clerk: Communications**

10 The Clerk continued with the following report:

- 11 • MSC to approve the requests for excused absences from Teaching Elders Ken Aldrich
12 (early dismissal), Drew Bennett (early dismissal), Arnie Brevick, Rod Culbertson, Dustyn
13 Eudaly, John Grady, Dave Harding, Steve Jeantet (early dismissal), Andrew Lamb, Ken
14 Matlack, and for the Sessions of Auburn Road Presbyterian Church (Venice) and First
15 Presbyterian Church (North Port).
- 16 • The Clerk reported that various correspondences were sent and/or received. He invited
17 Presbyters to view them if they wished to do so at the Clerk's desk.
- 18 • The Clerk reported on the voting for the BCO amendments. [See Appendix C.] TE Drew
19 Bennett addressed the Presbytery about the changes. Voting on the BCO amendments
20 will take place at the November Presbytery meeting.
- 21 • The Clerk informed the Presbytery about the changes to the RAO and the Operating
22 Manual of the SJC. [See Appendix D.]
- 23 • The Clerk asked presbyters and churches to pick up the booklet from the Administrative
24 Committee of the General Assembly. TE Bob Brunson addressed the Presbytery about
25 the work of the Administrative Committee. He asked their churches to support the Ad-
26 ministrative Committee with partnership shares.
- 27 • The Clerk asked churches to pick up their reviewed Session minutes.

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29 **Stated Clerk: Other**

30 The Clerk continued with the following report:

- 31 • The Clerk requested that TE Steve Jeantet address the Presbytery regarding electronic
32 voting. TE Steve Jeantet told the Presbytery that electronic voting devices would be test-
33 ed at an upcoming Presbytery meeting. These devices are being planned for use at the
34 2015 General Assembly.

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36 The Clerk closed the report with prayer.

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38 **Permanent Committee Report: Examining**

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

41

42 TE Winfree introduced Mr. Jeremy Kemp, who comes as a Licentiate in our Presbytery and a
43 member of Christ Community Church in Lakeland, FL, where he is a member in good standing.
44 He currently serves as Student Ministry Director. [See Appendix F.] Mr. Kemp was examined in

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1 the areas prescribed by BCO 21-4, in Christian experience, call to the ministry, Bible content,
2 theology, church government, sacraments, and church history, including the history of the PCA.
3 His sermon, which was preached when he was licensed to preach the Gospel, was approved. Mr.
4 Kemp has no stated differences with the Westminster Standards.

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6 After his oral examination, Mr. Kemp was excused from the assembly. Mr. Kemp previously
7 sustained exams in Christian experience, call to preach the Gospel, theology, Bible content,
8 church government, and sermon.

- 9 • MSC to sustain his exam in the Sacraments.
- 10 • MSC to sustain his exam in Church history.
- 11 • MSC to sustain his exam in history of the Presbyterian Church in America.
- 12 • MSC to approve his theological paper.
- 13 • MSC to approve his exegetical paper.
- 14 • MSC to approve the specific arrangements (*BCO* 20-1) and the terms of call of Mr. Jere-
15 my Kemp to serve as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Music Ministry at Christ Com-
16 munity Church of Lakeland, FL, and that he be received as a Teaching Elder in the Pres-
17 bytery of Southwest Florida. [See Appendix G.]
- 18 • MSC to appoint a Commission composed of TE Lyle Caswell (Convener), TE Dax Gib-
19 son, TE Stan McMahan, RE Jamie Brown, RE Dave Parker, and RE Tom Sokolski to or-
20 dain and install Mr. Jeremy Kemp as the Associate Pastor of Youth and Music Ministry
21 at Christ Community Church in Lakeland, FL, setting the quorum at 2 TEs and 2 REs.

22
23 Upon his return to the assembly, TE Jonathan Winfree prayed for Mr. Jeremy Kemp. Mr. Kemp
24 then signed the Ministerial Obligation Form.

25
26 TE Winfree introduced TE John Larson, who comes to our Presbytery to be examined according
27 to *BCO* 13-6 for transferring his credentials from Georgia Foothills Presbytery, where he is a
28 member in good standing. [See Appendix H.] He has been called to serve as Associate Pastor of
29 Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL. TE Larson was examined in Christian experi-
30 ence, and his views in theology, the Sacraments, and church government. TE Larson stated his
31 differences with the Westminster Standards as follows:

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33 *WCF* 13.3 (“the regenerate part”): This phrase is confusing at best! However, I also be-
34 lieve that this confusion is mitigated by the far superior language of *WCF* 10.1 concern-
35 ing effectual calling.

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37 *WCF* 21.5 (“the singing of psalms”): I agree with this statement, but only if it does not
38 forbid the singing of hymns and spiritual songs as well, which I believe also are com-
39 manded in Scripture (Col 3.15,16). I agree with our Directory of Worship when it com-
40 mends the singing of psalms and hymns in worship (51.1, 3).

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42 *WCF* 21.8 (“Christians, on the Sabbath, are to ‘not only observe an holy rest, all the day,
43 from their works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations,
44 but also are to be taken, the whole time, in the public and private exercises of his wor-

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1 ship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.”): First, I prefer the statement of LC 119
2 when it says that what is forbidden are “needless works, words, and thoughts, about our
3 worldly employments”. That seems more careful than this statement that forbids all
4 words & thoughts about our worldly employments. Second, I do not believe that the en-
5 tire day must be spent in private or public worship or in the duties of necessity and mer-
6 cy. I believe that rest and recreation are appropriate for the Lord’s Day as well, as long as
7 they do not cause another person to work.

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9 *LC 191* (“countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrate.”): If this is merely in-
10 tended to say that the civil magistrate should see to it that the Christian Church is free to
11 live and function in peace according to its convictions (as expressed in WCF 23.3), then I
12 agree with this statement. However, if the intention of this statement is to give the civil
13 magistrate a role in overseeing the church, then I disagree. I do not believe that this is a
14 consistent application of the second petition of the Lord’s Prayer.

15
16 After his oral examination, TE Larson was excused from the assembly.

- 17 • MSC to sustain his exam in Christian Experience and Call to ministry.
- 18 • MSC to sustain his exam in Theology.
- 19 • MSC to sustain his exam in the Sacraments.
- 20 • MSC to sustain his exam in Church Government.
- 21 • MSC to approve TE Larson’s stated differences to our Standards to be more than seman-
22 tic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine (*BCO 21-4*).
- 23 • MSC to approve the specific arrangements (*BCO 20-1*) and the terms of call of TE John
24 Larson to become the Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church of Tampa,
25 FL. [See Appendix I.]
- 26 • MSC to receive TE John Larson as a member of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida,
27 pending his dismissal from Georgia Foothills Presbytery, and install him as the Associate
28 Pastor of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL.
- 29 • MSC to appoint a Commission composed of TE Steve Casselli (Convener), TE David
30 McWilliams, TE Jeff McDonald, RE Wink Hall, RE Brad Meyers, and RE Bill Campbell
31 to install TE Larson, setting the quorum at 2 TEs and 2 REs.

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33 Upon his return to the assembly, TE Jonathan Winfree prayed for TE John Larson. TE Larson
34 then signed the Ministerial Obligation Form.

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36 TE Jonathan Winfree closed the report with prayer.

37 **Orders of the Day: Lunch (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)**

38 The Moderator ordered a recess for lunch at noon. TE Bob Brubaker prayed for lunch.
39 Lunch was served until 1:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church.
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41 **Permanent Committee Report: Candidates for Ministry**

42 The Moderator called the meeting to order.
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1 The Chairman of the Candidates for Ministry Committee, TE Steve Light, opened with prayer.
2 He reported on the work of the Candidates for Ministry Committee. [See Appendix J.]

3
4 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery remove Mr. Chuck Anderson as a Candidate for Gospel
5 Ministry in accordance with Mr. Anderson's request. *Adopted.*

6
7 TE Light introduced Mr. Justin Chappell, who comes to be examined as a candidate for Gospel
8 ministry. Mr. Chappell has been a member in good standing of Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch,
9 FL since June 2014, which is less than the required 6 months (*BCO* 18-2). The Session of his
10 church has recommended him for candidacy by providing the following rationale:

11
12 The Session recognizes that Justin has not yet been a member of Cornerstone for six
13 months, however we believe Justin's case should be considered "extraordinary" per *BCO*
14 18-2 in light of his long-term ministry relationship with our Pastor Phil Woods (from
15 January 2011 through May 2014), including Justin's already having been under care of
16 the Mid-America Presbytery of the EPC during his final year at Covenant Seminary in St.
17 Louis. We therefore have ample, first-hand evidence of his gifts and call and commitment
18 to the church and the ministry through the testimony of our Pastor and others at City
19 Church in St. Louis. We note that Justin has basically already completed the requirements
20 of an internship with our own Pastor as his mentor while at City Church in St. Louis. For
21 these reasons the Session believes that Justin's case should be considered "extraordinary"
22 under *BCO* 18.2.

23
24 In accord with *BCO* 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry.
25 He was then excused from the assembly.

26
27 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve the examination of Mr. Justin Chappell and bring
28 him under care of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

29
30 The Moderator posed the questions of *BCO* 18-3 to Mr. Chappell, which he answered affirma-
31 tively. TE Geoff Henderson gave a brief charge to Mr. Chappell, and prayed for him.

32
33 Mr. Justin Chappell was presented as an applicant for internship in the Presbytery. Mr. Chappell
34 is a member of Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch, FL. In accordance with *BCO* 19-9, he gave the
35 Presbytery a testimony of his inward call to the ministry. His internship program with Corner-
36 stone of Lakewood Ranch, FL was presented to the Presbytery.

37
38 *Recommendation:* To approve the internship program for Mr. Justin Chappell with Cornerstone
39 of Lakewood Ranch with TE Phil Woods as his mentor and to receive him as an intern in the
40 Presbytery of Southwest Florida. *Adopted.*

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42 The Moderator then read the charge of *BCO* 19-10 to Mr. Chappell, and then prayed for him.

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44 Thus, in accordance with *BCO* 19-10 the following record is made of Mr. Chappell's internship:

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2 At the Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Riverview, FL, on the 13th day of September,
3 2014, the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, having received testimonials commending
4 Mr. Justin Chappell, and having received him as a candidate for ministry, has placed him
5 under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.
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7 Written reports were received from the following Intern Reports: Rick Bennett, Heath Glandon,
8 and Jeff Krause. A verbal report was received from Willy Ardon.
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10 Written reports were received from the following Candidates for Gospel Ministry: None.
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12 TE Steve Light closed the report with prayer.
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14 **Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding**

15 The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Jeff McDonald, opened with prayer. He reported on
16 the work of the Shepherding Committee with regard to churches and Teaching Elders. [See Ap-
17 pendix K.]
18

19 TE McDonald reported that in accordance with the Presbytery's Standing Rule (6.3), the Shep-
20 herding Committee, with the concurrence of the Examination Committee, granted permission to
21 TE John Larson to move on to the field (earlier this summer) and take up his responsibilities with
22 Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church prior to his transfer examination that took place at this Presby-
23 tery meeting.
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25 Prior to the last Presbytery meeting, the congregation of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church dis-
26 solved the relationship of TE Dustyn Eudaly as the Associate Pastor of Holy Trinity Presbyterian
27 Church. The Presbytery approved TE Eudaly to labor out of bounds, but failed to dissolve the
28 pastoral relation. The Shepherding Committee thus acted as a commission on August 4, 2014 in
29 accordance with BCO 23-1 and Standing Rule 4.3.C.iv to dissolve the pastoral relation between
30 TE Dustyn Eudaly and Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, since the request is uncontested.
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- 32 • MSC to approve the action of the Shepherding Committee in dissolving the pastoral rela-
33 tion between TE Dustyn Eudaly and Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church.
34

35 TE Brian March, Associate Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, FL has received a
36 call to a PCA church in Maryland. The congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church has ap-
37 proved of TE March's resignation and requests the dissolution of the pastoral relation.
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- 39 • MSC that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Brian March and Trin-
40 ity Presbyterian Church, and that TE March be transferred to the Chesapeake Presbytery.
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42 TE Andrew Lamb has received a call to serve with Third Millennium Ministries to serve as a
43 missionary/teacher. TE Lamb will continue to labor out of bounds.
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- 1 • MSC to approve the terms of call of TE Andrew Lamb to serve as a missionary with
2 Third Millennium Ministries, and that he continue to labor out of bounds as a Teaching
3 Elder in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. [See Appendix L.]
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5 All the Session Minutes for 2013 have been reviewed.
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7 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve without exception the Session Minutes of the fol-
8 lowing churches: Auburn Road (Venice), Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch (Bradenton), Corner-
9 stone (Lutz), Covenant Life (Sarasota), Cypress Ridge (Winter Haven), Faith (Sarasota), Grace
10 Community (Palm Harbor), Holy Trinity (Tampa), St. Petersburg (St. Petersburg), and Trinity
11 (Lakeland). *Adopted.*
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13 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve with exception the Session Minutes of the fol-
14 lowing churches: Christ Community (Lakeland) [Record shows that congregation and not Ses-
15 sion “approved” the budget], First (North Port) [Session Minutes not in compliance with Session
16 Records Guidelines], Redeemer (Lakeland) [No record of asking or answering of membership
17 vows], and Westtown (Tampa) [Session Minutes not in compliance with Session Records Guide-
18 lines; no record of reception of new members; no record of congregation approving reinstatement
19 of Ruling Elder; no record of congregation meeting minutes]. *Adopted.*
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21 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve the response from the Session of Seminole Pres-
22 byterian Church (Tampa) for the submission of their Executive Session Minutes for review.
23 *Adopted.*
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25 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve the response from the Session of Christ Commu-
26 nity Church (Lakeland) regarding their exception of substance for the 2012 Session Minutes.
27 *Adopted.*
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29 *Recommendation:* That as no response has been received from the Session of Berea Presbyterian
30 Church (Winter Haven) regarding the submission of their Executive Session Minutes for review,
31 the Session is requested to meet and respond to the Shepherding Committee at the next regular
32 meeting of the Shepherding Committee. *Adopted.*
33

34 RE Bill Campbell address the Presbytery regarding the PCA Call Package Guidelines. At the
35 May 2013 Presbytery meeting the Presbytery adopted the use of the PCA Call Package Guide-
36 lines. In accordance with that adoption several changes need to be made to the Standing Rules of
37 the Presbytery. This is the first reading of the proposed changes to the Standing Rules.
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39 *Recommendation:* To approve the following changes to the Presbytery Standing Rules. *Adopted.*
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41 A. Amend Article 4, D., iv as follows:
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43 *iv. In the case of a man being called to a particular work, the Committee [Exam-*
44 *ining Committee] shall determine whether the call generally conforms to the re-*

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1 *quirements of the Constitution, shall review its ~~financial and other~~ material terms,*
2 *and make an appropriate recommendation to Presbytery regarding the same.*

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4 B. Re-designate Article 3.C.vii as viii.

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6 C. Insert the following as Article 3.C.vii

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8 *vii. Call Package Review. The committee shall review call packages as follows:*

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10 *a. Every Call Package is to be presented to the Presbytery by way of the*
11 *Shepherding Committee and must utilize the Recommended Form of Call*
12 *to a PCA Pastor and reflect interaction with these Guidelines by breaking*
13 *out, as per BCO 20-1, separate, specific and sufficient amounts for Salary,*
14 *Housing Allowance, Retirement Savings (stated as a percentage of Salary*
15 *plus Housing Allowance), Health, Life, and Long-Term Disability Insur-*
16 *ance Benefits, Moving Expenses, and Vacation Benefits.*

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18 *b. The Recommended Process is as follows:*

19 *1. The calling body will fill out the "Recommended Form of Call to*
20 *a PCA Minister" worksheet and submit it to the Shepherding Committee at*
21 *least one month prior to the Presbytery meeting at which the call will be*
22 *considered.*

23 *2. The Shepherding Committee will appoint one person to interface*
24 *directly with the church and the candidate regarding the proposed Call*
25 *Package.*

26 *3. As deemed necessary, the appointed Shepherding Committee*
27 *member will meet (face-to-face, by phone, or virtually) with the appropri-*
28 *ate representatives of the calling body (usually the Session, Personnel*
29 *Committee, or MNA Committee in the case of a church plant) to go over*
30 *the call, using the "PCA Call Package Guidelines Evaluation and Review*
31 *Worksheet" to guide the conversation.*

32 *4. As deemed necessary, the appointed Shepherding Committee*
33 *member will meet (face-to-face, by phone, or virtually) with the TE candi-*
34 *date to go over the call, using the "PCA Call Package Guidelines and*
35 *Evaluation and Review Worksheet" to guide the conversation, and to en-*
36 *sure that the terms presented appear sufficient to meet the financial needs*
37 *of the candidate.*

38 *5. The Shepherding Committee will add its endorsement as to*
39 *whether the call is adequate or deficient before the call is presented to the*
40 *Presbytery for approval.*

41
42 *c. Every church or calling body in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida*
43 *shall complete the "Recommended Form of Call to a PCA Minister"*
44 *Worksheet for each pastor in the church/calling body and submit it to the*

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1 *Shepherding Committee. Worksheets on each individual TE shall be up-*
2 *dated as changes are made.*

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4 *Recommendation:* The Presbytery regards the terms of call for TE Jeremy Kemp and TE John
5 Larson as adequate. *Adopted.*

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7 RE Bill Campbell also noted the lack of many churches providing life insurance and disability
8 insurance for their TEs. He suggested that the Presbytery should consider scheduling a seminar
9 from a representative with RBI. RE Campbell also noted that few churches are complying with
10 the requirement to provide data on existing Teaching Elders, and not just the incoming Teaching
11 Elders.

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13 There is a vacancy on the Shepherding Committee.

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15 • MSC to have TE John Larson serve on the Shepherding Committee (2016).

16
17 Prayer was offered for TE Freddy Fritz's trip to South Africa and visit with his father.

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19 TE Jeff McDonald closed the report with prayer.

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21 **Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Christian Education**

22 The Liaison for Christian Education, TE Danny Dalton, said that there was no addition to his re-
23 port. [See Appendix M.]

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25 **Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Mission to the World**

26 The Liaison for Mission to the World, TE Bob Brubaker, made a few comments and prayed for
27 missions.

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29 **Permanent Committee Report: Reformed University Ministries**

30 The Reformed University Ministries Chairman, TE Steve Casselli, opened the report with prayer.

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32 TE Jeff Lee reported on the work at the University of South Florida.

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34 TE Steve Casselli closed the report with prayer.

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36 **Permanent Committee Report: Administration**

37 A member of the Administration Committee, TE Freddy Fritz, reported on the work of the Ad-
38 ministration Committee.

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40 The Presbytery Treasurer, Deacon Randy Coryell, prayed and gave a written report regarding the
41 Presbytery finances as of July 31, 2014. The Presbytery Income as of July 31, 2014 was \$26,801;
42 the Expenses were \$17,687, for a Surplus of \$9,114. The Cash Reserve as of July 31, 2014 was
43 \$25,397. [See Appendix N.]

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1 TE Freddy Fritz closed the report with prayer.

3 **Permanent Committee Report: Mission to North America**

4 A member of the Mission to North America Committee Chairman, TE Tim Rice, opened with
5 prayer. He reported on the work of the Mission to North America Committee. [See Appendix O.]

7 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve \$6,000 to be paid to the Strong Tower Mission
8 immediately from 2013 surplus funds to make good on a pledge made to TE Ben Turner and
9 Strong Tower in April 2013. *Adopted.*

11 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve \$5,000 to be paid to each of the following mis-
12 sion churches: Strong Tower (Lakeland), Sojourner (Tampa), and Harbor (Bradenton) to be paid
13 by December 2014. *Adopted.*

15 TE Tim Rice closed the report with prayer.

17 **Reports of Special Committees**

18 No special committees.

20 **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

21 No unfinished business or general orders.

23 **New Business**

24 No new business.

26 **Announcements**

27 TE David O'Dowd reported that TE Dave Saville's son, Jack, underwent a heart procedure re-
28 cently, and may need a heart transplant. Prayer was offered for Jack and the Saville family.

30 **Next Meeting**

31 The 97th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida will take place on Tuesday, No-
32 vember 14, 2014 at Church of the Redeemer in Winter Haven, FL at 8:30 a.m.

34 **Adjournment**

- 35 • MSC to adjourn the 96th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida.

37 **Closing Prayer**

38 RE Jim Eggert closed the Presbytery meeting with prayer at 2:23 p.m.

39 Respectfully submitted,
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- 1
- 2 TE Freddy Fritz
- 3 Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southwest Florida

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