

Presbytery of Southwest Florida

Minutes of the 97th Stated Meeting

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

1 The Presbytery of Southwest Florida held its 97th Stated Meeting on Tuesday, November 11,
2 2014 at Church of the Redeemer of Winter Haven, FL (1410 Dundee Road, Winter Haven, FL
3 33884).

4 Call to Order

5 The Moderator, TE Dwight Dolby, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.
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8 Constituting Prayer

9 TE Dwight Dolby read from Psalm 11:1-4 and offered the constituting prayer.
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11 Morning Worship Service – Church of the Redeemer

12 Church of the Redeemer led the morning Worship Service. Dr. Lloyd Kim, Coordinator-elect for
13 Mission to the World, preached a sermon from 1 Peter 2:9-10 titled, “Declaring the Excellencies
14 of God.” Following the Morning Worship Service, there was a brief recess.
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16 Forum by Dr. Lloyd Kim

17 The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
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19 The Moderator introduced Dr. Lloyd Kim, who led a forum on the topic, “The Mission and Vi-
20 sion of MTW.” The forum concluded at 10:20 a.m., which was followed by a brief recess.
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22 Welcome of Commissioners

23 The Moderator called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m. and opened in prayer.
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25 TE Drew Bennett (Church of the Redeemer PCA) welcomed the commissioners to the church
26 facility and provided directions for comfort of the commissioners and others in attendance.
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28 Roll Call - Attendees

29 The following Teaching Elders were in attendance:
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32 TEACHING ELDER ATTENDANCE

| | TEACHING ELDER | CHURCH, MINISTRY, OR STATUS | Feb 13 | May 13 | Sep 13 | Nov 13 | Feb 14 | May 14 | Sep 14 | Nov 14 |
|----|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1 | Aldrich, Kenneth | Covenant Life PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P/E | E |
| 2 | Arnold, Darrell | Without Call | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A |
| 3 | Bennett, Drew | Church of the Redeemer PCA | P | P | E | P | P | P | P/E | P |
| 4 | Bergman, Brent | Grace Community PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E |
| 5 | Brevick, Arnold | First PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | E | E |
| 6 | Brooks, Sammie | Grace (Lake Suzy) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 7 | Brubaker, Robert | Christ Community (Clear.) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | E/P | P | P |
| 8 | Burrige, Robert | Out of Bounds (Director, GIRS) | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | E |
| 9 | Byrne, Robert | Cornerstone PCA | P | E | E | E | P | P | P | E |
| 10 | Casselli, Stephen | Holy Trinity PCA | P | E | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 11 | Caswell, Lyle | Christ Community (Lake.) PCA | A | P | P | P | A | P | P | A |
| 12 | Clark, John | Honorably Retired | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR |

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| 13 | Culbertson, Rodney | Out of Bounds (with RTS) | E | A | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| 14 | Dalton, Daniel | Seminole PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 15 | Davis, Daryl | Stated Supply (2011) | A | P | P | A | P | A | A | A |
| 16 | Dolby, Dwight | Auburn Road PCA | E | E | E | P | P | P | P | P |
| 17 | Etienne, Esaie | Evangelist / MTW | A | A | P | A | P | P | A | E |
| 18 | Eudaly, Dustyn | Out of Bounds | P | P | P | E | P | P | E | E |
| 19 | Fritz, Freddy | Tampa Bay PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 20 | Gibson, Dax | Christ Community (Lake.) PCA | E | E | P | E | E | P | P | P |
| 21 | Grady, John | Faith (Sarasota) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | A | E | P |
| 22 | Graham, John | Honorably Retired | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR |
| 23 | Hamm, Ted | Out of Bounds | P | P | E | E | E | E | A | A |
| 24 | Hansen, Steven | Redeemer (Riverview) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 25 | Harding, David | St. Petersburg PCA | P | P | E | E | E | P | E | P |
| 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 | P |
| 28 | Holland, Wesley | Westminster PCA | P | P/E | P | E | P/E | E/P | P | P |
| 29 | Jeantet, Steven | Covenant Life PCA | P | E | P | P | P | P | P/E | P |
| 30 | Johnston, Quentin | Out of Bounds | A | E | E | A | A | E | A | A |
| 31 | Keen, John | Seminole PCA | P | P | P | P | E | P | P | P |
| 32 | Kemp, Jeremy | Christ Community (Lake.) PCA | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | E |
| 33 | Kloth, Cory | Cypress Ridge PCA | P | P/E | E | P | P | E | P | A |
| 34 | LaPointe, Peter | Christ the King PCA | E | P | P | E | P | P | P | E |
| 35 | Lamb, Andrew | MTW | P | E | P | E | E | P | E | E |
| 36 | Lambert, Ivan | Without Call | P | P | P | A | P | P | P | P |
| 37 | Larrison, Brook | Faith (Wauchula) PCA | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P |
| 38 | Larson, John | Holy Trinity (Tampa) PCA | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | P |
| 39 | Lee, Jeff | RUF at USF | P | P | P | P | A | P | P | P |
| 40 | Light, Steven | Sojourner Mission (Tampa) | P | P | P | P | P/E | P | P | P |
| 41 | Luchenbill, Thomas | Cypress Ridge PCA | * | * | P | P | P | E | P | P |
| 42 | Martin, David | Redeemer (Lakeland) PCA | P | P | P | E | P | P | P | P |
| 43 | Matlack, Kenneth | MTW | P | A | E | E | E | E | E | E |
| 44 | Mawhinney, Scott | Covenant Life PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | A | P |
| 45 | McDonald, Jeff | Covenant (Lakeland) PCA | E | E | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 46 | McMahan, Stan | Trinity PCA | * | * | * | * | * | * | P | P |
| 47 | McWilliams, David | Covenant (Lakeland) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 48 | Nichols, James | Tampa Bay PCA | * | * | P | E | A | P | P | P |
| 49 | Rice, Tim | Trinity PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | E |
| 50 | Roldan, William | Honorably Retired | P | A | P | HR | P | HR | HR | P |
| 51 | Sandhoff, Thomas | Honorably Retired | HR | P | HR | HR | HR | HR | HR | P |
| 52 | Saville, David | Westtown PCA | * | * | A | P | P | P | E | E |
| 53 | Schneider, Thomas | Covenant (Sebring) PCA | * | P | P | P | E | P | A | P |
| 54 | Sidebotham, Thomas | Honorably Retired | HR | HR | HR | P | P | HR | P | HR |
| 55 | Sinclair, Steven | Christ the King PCA | P | P/E | P | E | E | E | P | E |
| 56 | Skipper, Jeff | Church of the Redeemer PCA | * | * | * | * | * | P | P | E |
| 57 | Swartz, Craig | Redeemer (Riverview) PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 58 | Taylor, Frank | Westtown PCA | A | P | A | P | E | P | P | A |
| 59 | Turner, Benjamin | Trinity PCA | * | * | * | P | P | P | P | P |
| 60 | Winfree, Jonathan | Church the Redeemer PCA | P | P | P | P | P | P | P | P |
| 61 | Woodall, Justin | Westtown PCA | * | * | * | * | * | * | P | P |
| 62 | Woods, Philip | Cornerstone of L. Ranch PCA | * | * | * | P | E | P | P | A |

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

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2 The following churches had a commissioner/s in attendance:

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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

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8 The following Ruling Elders were in attendance: Rodney Edwards (Auburn Road), Heath Glan-
9 don (Christ Community - Clearwater), Henry Vierling (Christ the King), Gene Lanehart (Church
10 of the Redeemer), Dave Dickmann (Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch), Tom McGee (Corner-
11 stone of Lakewood Ranch), Kyle Cookerly (Covenant Life), Arthur Molesphini (Covenant Life),
12 Bill Murray (Covenant Life), Randy Coryell (Faith – Sarasota), David Greenwald (Grace – Lake
13 Suzy), Andy Mitchell (Grace – Lake Suzy), Robert Rhodes (Grace – Lake Suzy), Don Bennett
14 (Holy Trinity), Lew Barger (Redeemer – Lakeland), Matthew McKenzie (Seminole), Bert Barber
15 (Tampa Bay), and Doug Knox (Tampa Bay).

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17 The following Candidates, Licentiatees, and Interns were in attendance:
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CANDIDATES, LICENTIATES, AND INTERNS ATTENDANCE

| | CANDIDATES, LICENTIATES, AND INTERNS | Feb 13 | May 13 | Sep 13 | Nov 13 | Feb 14 | May 14 | Sep 14 | Nov 14 |
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| 1 | Ardon, Willy (CAND/INTERN) | | | | P | P | P | | |
| 2 | Bennett, Rick (CAND/INTERN/LIC) | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Chappell, Justin (CAND/INTERN) | | | | | | | | P |
| 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 |

P = Present; * = Status Changed

Introduction of Visitors

The following visitors were introduced or signed in as attending: Lloyd Kim (MTW) and Nick Cirino (Holy Trinity).

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 September 13, 2014 Minutes of the 96th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. [See Appendix B.]

Stated Clerk's Report

The Clerk opened the report with prayer.

Standing Committees: Bills and Overtures

No appointments.

Standing Committees: Judicial Business

No judicial business.

Stated Clerk: Communications

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1 The Clerk continued with the following report:

2 • The Clerk informed the Presbytery that for anyone interested in speaking in more detail
3 with Dr. Lloyd Kim, he will be available over lunch to speak in more detail about matters
4 related to Mission to the World. Dr. Kim will speak with individuals between now and
5 lunch.

6 • The Clerk give an update on his recent trip to South Africa. TE Bob Brubaker gave
7 thanks for his recent trip.

8 • The Clerk asked TE Steve Jeantet to address the Presbytery regarding the use of electron-
9 ic voting devices. These devices will be used during this Presbytery meeting and are be-
10 ing tested for use at the 43rd General Assembly in Chattanooga, TN.

11 • MSC to approve the requests for excused absences from Teaching Elders Ken Aldrich,
12 Brent Bergman, Arnie Brevick, Bob Burridge, Bo Byrne, Rod Culbertson, Esaie Etienne,
13 Dustyn Eudaly, Jeremy Kemp, Pete LaPointe, Andrew Lamb, Ken Matlack, Tim Rice,
14 Dave Saville, Steve Sinclair, Jeff Skipper, and for the Sessions of Christ the King Presby-
15 terian Church (Seminole), Cornerstone Presbyterian Church (Lutz), Faith Presbyterian
16 Church (Wauchula), First Presbyterian Church (North Port), and Westminster Presbyteri-
17 an Church (Brandon). *Adopted (41-2-2).*

18 • The Clerk reported that various correspondences were sent and/or received. He invited
19 Presbyters to view them if they wished to do so at the Clerk's desk.

20 • The 42nd General Assembly this past June found one exception of substance in the
21 Minutes of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. The Presbytery's response is as follows
22 [See Appendix C]:

23 • Exception of Substance: May 14, 2103 (*BCO 21-4.C*) – All specific requirements
24 of ordination exam not recorded.

25 • MSC that the Presbytery agrees with the 42nd General Assembly that in
26 May 14, 2013 Presbytery Minutes all specific requirements of ordination
27 exam were not recorded (*BCO 21-4.c*). All specific requirements of the
28 ordination exam were in fact carried out with the ordination candidate, alt-
29 hough they were not recorded in the Presbytery Minutes. Presbytery re-
30 grets the error and we promise to be more careful in the future. [See Ap-
31 pendix D.] *Adopted (45-0-2).*

32 • The 42nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America sent down to Presby-
33 teries for voting, and for advice and consent four items. [See Appendix E.]

34 • MSC that the Presbytery approve Item 1: (*BCO 5-2*). *Adopted (30-13-5).*

35 • MSC that the Presbytery approve Item 2: (*BCO 8-6*). *Adopted (38-0-8).*

36 • MSC that the Presbytery approve Item 3: (*BCO 18-7*). *Adopted (41-2-6).*

37 • MSC that the Presbytery approve Item 4: (*BCO 43-3, 8, 9* – to be voted on as a
38 unit). *Adopted (35-2-6).*

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- 1 • The Clerk informed the Presbytery about the changes to the RAO and the Operating
2 Manual of the SJC. [See Appendix F.]
3 • MSC to elect the following presbyters to be nominated to serve on the GA Permanent
4 Committees and Agencies at the 43rd General Assembly at Chattanooga, TN in June
5 2015: RE Robert Curtis (Covenant College), TE Danny Dalton (Mission to the World),
6 TE Jonathan Winfree (Reformed University Ministries) and TE Steve Jeantet (Adminis-
7 trative Committee). [See Appendix G.]
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9 **Stated Clerk: Other**

10 The Clerk continued with the following report:

- 11 • MSC to approve the Report of the Commission to Install Rev. John Larson as Associate
12 Pastor of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL, and to dissolve the Commis-
13 sion with thanks. [See Appendix H.] *Adopted (43-0-0).*
14 • MSC to approve the Report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Jeremy Kemp
15 as Associate Pastor of Christ Community Church in Lakeland, FL, and to dissolve the
16 Commission with thanks. [See Appendix I.] *Adopted (43-0-1).*
17 • The Clerk requested churches to host Presbytery meetings in 2015. The following
18 churches have agreed to host Presbytery meetings in 2015:
19 • Saturday, February 14, 2105: Seminole Presbyterian Church (Tampa).
20 • Tuesday, May 12, 2015: Trinity Presbyterian Church (Lakeland).
21 • Saturday, September 12, 2015: St. Petersburg Presbyterian Church (St. Peters-
22 burg).
23 • Tuesday, November 10, 2105: Westtown Presbyterian Church (Tampa).
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25 The Clerk closed the report with prayer.
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27 **Permanent Committee Report: Examining**

28 No report from the Examining Committee.
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30 **Permanent Committee Report: Candidates for Ministry (Partial Report)**

31 The Chairman of the Candidates for Ministry Committee, TE Steve Light, opened with prayer.
32 He reported on the work of the Candidates for Ministry Committee. [See Appendix J.]
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34 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery remove Mr. Jeff Krause as a Candidate for Gospel Minis-
35 try in accordance with Mr. Krause's request. *Adopted (45-0-1).*
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37 TE Light introduced Mr. Joel DeVictoria, who is a Candidate for Gospel Ministry in our Presby-
38 tery. Mr. DeVictoria serves as a Ruling Elder and Stated Supply for Berea Presbyterian Church
39 in Winter Haven, FL. He is being recommended by the Candidates for Ministry Committee to
40 serve an internship with TE Steve Casselli and TE David McWilliams serving as mentors. In ac-
41 cordance with BCO 19-9, Mr. DeVictoria gave the Presbytery a testimony of his inward call to
42 the ministry. His internship program with Berea Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, FL was
43 presented to the Presbytery.
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1 *Recommendation:* To approve the internship program for Mr. Joel DeVictoria with Berea Pres-
2 byterian Church with TE Steve Casselli and TE David McWilliams as his mentors and to receive
3 him as an intern in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. *Adopted (43-1-0).*

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5 Mr. DeVictoria will receive the Moderator charge after lunch, when he is present.

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7 TE Steve Light closed the report with prayer.

8 9 **Permanent Committee Report: Mission to North America**

10 The Chairman of the Mission to North America Committee Chairman, TE Drew Bennett, opened
11 with prayer. He reported on the work of the Mission to North America Committee. [See Appen-
12 dix K.]

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14 TE Bennett led a discussion regarding the multiplication (division) of the Presbytery.

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16 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery overture the 2015 General Assembly to restructure the
17 boundary of Presbytery of Southwest Florida so that all churches and mission works in the coun-
18 ties of Manatee, Sarasota, that portion of Charlotte North of the Peace River, and Glades join the
19 Florida Suncoast Presbytery effective January 1, 2016.

- 20 • MSC to postpone the above motion to the February 2015 Stated Meeting of the Presby-
21 tery of Southwest Florida. *Adopted (46-0-1).*

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23 Housing allowances for church planters need to be approved by the Presbytery.

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25 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve a housing allowance of \$28,800 for TE Geoff
26 Henderson for the year 2015. *Adopted (44-1-0).*

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28 TE Drew Bennett closed the report with prayer.

29 30 **Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Christian Education**

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

33 34 **Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Mission to the World**

35 The Liaison for Mission to the World, TE Bob Brubaker, indicated that there is no report.

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37 • MSC to extend the time for the Reformed University Ministries report by 15 minutes.

38 39 **Permanent Committee Report: Reformed University Ministries**

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

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

43
44 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery approve a housing allowance of \$24,720 for TE Jeff Lee

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1 for the year 2015. [See Appendix O.]

Adopted (46-0-0).

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3 TE Steve Casselli closed the report with prayer and also prayed for lunch

4 5 **Orders of the Day: Lunch (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)**

6 The Moderator ordered a recess for lunch at 12:05 p.m. Lunch was served until 1:00 p.m. at
7 Church of the Redeemer.

8 9 **Permanent Committee Report: Candidates for Ministry (Conclude Report)**

10 The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

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12 The Chairman of the Candidates for Ministry Committee, TE Steve Light, opened with prayer.

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14 Mr. Joel DeVictoria, now being present, received the charge from the Moderator.

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

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18 Thus, in accordance with *BCO* 19-10 the following record is made of Mr. DeVictoria's intern-
19 ship:

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21 At the Church of the Redeemer in Winter Haven, FL, on the 11th day of November, 2014,
22 the Presbytery of Southwest Florida, having received testimonials commending Mr. Joel
23 DeVictoria, and having previously received him as a candidate for ministry, has placed
24 him under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

25
26 TE Steve Light closed the report with prayer.

27 28 **Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding**

29 The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Jeff McDonald, opened with prayer. He reported on
30 the work of the Shepherding Committee with regard to churches and Teaching Elders. [See Ap-
31 pendix L.]

32
33 RE Henry Vierling has submitted his resignation as Moderator of the Session of Berea Presbyter-
34 ian Church (Winter Haven). A new Moderator of the Session needs to be approved.

- 35 • MSC to approve TE Jonathan Winfree as Moderator of the Session of Berea Presbyterian
36 Church (Winter Haven), pending the approval of their Session. *Adopted (42-1-1).*

37
38 TE Sammie Brooks, Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church of Lake Suzy, FL has tendered his res-
39 ignation to that congregation, effective May 31, 2015 or sooner by mutual consent. The cong-
40 gregation of Grace Presbyterian Church has approved of TE Brooks' resignation and requests the
41 dissolution of the pastoral relation. [See Appendix M.]

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43 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Sammie Brooks
44 and Grace Presbyterian Church, effective no later than May 31, 2015, and that TE Brooks be

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1 listed without call on the membership roll of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida.

2 *Adopted (42-0-0).*

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4 All the Session Minutes for 2013 have been reviewed. Several churches were required to respond
5 to the Shepherding Committee regarding exceptions of substance to their Session Minutes.

6
7 *Recommendation:* That as no response has been received from the Session of Christ Community
8 Presbyterian Church (Lakeland) [Record shows that congregation and not Session “approved”
9 the budget], the Session is requested to meet and respond to the Shepherding Committee at the
10 next regular meeting (on January 5, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church) of the
11 Shepherding Committee. *Adopted (40-1-2).*

12
13 *Recommendation:* That as no response has been received from the Session of First Presbyterian
14 Church (North Port) [Session Minutes not in compliance with Session Records Guidelines], the
15 Session is requested to meet and respond to the Shepherding Committee at the next regular meet-
16 ing (on January 5, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church) of the Shepherding
17 Committee. *Adopted (42-0-0).*

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19 *Recommendation:* That as no response has been received from the Session of Redeemer Presby-
20 terian Church (Lakeland) [No record of asking or answering of membership vows], the Session
21 is requested to meet and respond to the Shepherding Committee at the next regular meeting (on
22 January 5, 2015 at 4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church) of the Shepherding Committee.
23 *Adopted (41-2-0).*

24
25 *Recommendation:* That as no response has been received from the Session of Westtown Presby-
26 terian Church (Tampa) [Session Minutes not in compliance with Session Records Guidelines; no
27 record of reception of new members; no record of congregation approving reinstatement of Rul-
28 ing Elder; no record of congregation meeting minutes], the Session is requested to meet and re-
29 spond to the Shepherding Committee at the next regular meeting (on January 5, 2015 at 4 p.m. at
30 Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church) of the Shepherding Committee. *Adopted (42-0-0).*

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32 *Recommendation:* To approve the following changes to the Presbytery Standing Rules. [This is
33 the second reading, as required by our Standing Rules 14-2.] *Adopted (36-2-3).*

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35 A. Amend Article 4, D., iv as follows:

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37 *iv. In the case of a man being called to a particular work, the Committee [Exam-*
38 *ining Committee] shall determine whether the call generally conforms to the re-*
39 *quirements of the Constitution, shall review its ~~financial and other~~ material terms,*
40 *and make an appropriate recommendation to Presbytery regarding the same.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 2. *The Shepherding Committee will appoint one person to interface*
18 *directly with the church and the candidate regarding the proposed Call*
19 *Package.*

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

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

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

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36 c. *Every church or calling body in the Presbytery of Southwest Florida*
37 *shall complete the "Recommended Form of Call to a PCA Minister"*
38 *Worksheet for each pastor in the church/calling body and submit it to the*
39 *Shepherding Committee. Worksheets on each individual TE shall be up-*
40 *dated as changes are made.*

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42 TE Jeff McDonald closed the report with prayer.

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44 **Permanent Committee Report: Administration**

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1 The Administration Committee Chairman, RE Jean Owens, opened the report with prayer.

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3 The Presbytery Treasurer, Deacon Randy Coryell, gave a written report regarding the Presbytery
4 finances as of October 31, 2014. The Presbytery Income as of October 31, 2014 was \$39,484; the
5 Expenses were \$37,637, for a Surplus of \$1,847. The Cash Reserve as of October 31, 2014 was
6 \$14,450. [See Appendix P.]

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8 The Presbytery Budget for 2015 was presented to the Presbytery. [See Appendix Q.]

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10 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery adopt a budget for 2015 as follows: Mission to North
11 America - \$20,000, Reformed University Ministries - \$20,000, Christian Education - \$4,000,
12 Candidates - \$50, Examining - \$100, Mission to the World - \$50, Administrative - \$600, Stated
13 Clerk - \$4,200, Liability Insurance - \$1,200, Reserve - \$5,000 for a TOTAL of \$55,200.

14 *Adopted (36-3-1).*

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16 RE Randy Coryell prayed for the finances of the Presbytery.

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18 The Presbytery Committee Roster for 2015 was presented to the Presbytery. [See Appendix R.]

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20 *Recommendation:* That the Presbytery nominate RE David Crabtree of Westminster Presbyterian
21 Church in Brandon, FL to serve as the Presbytery Moderator in 2015. *Adopted (36-1-4).*

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23 *Recommendation:* The following Presbyters were nominated to serve on the Presbytery Commit-
24 tees and Liaisons:

- 25 • Shepherding Committee: TE Ken Aldrich (2017), RE Bill Campbell (2017), and TE Dave
26 Martin (2017).
- 27 • Examining Committee: TE Jonathan Winfree (2017), TE Steve Casselli (2017), and RE
28 Rodney Edwards (2017).
- 29 • Candidates for Ministry Committee: TE Brent Bergman (2015), TE Tom Sandhoff
30 (2015), TE Steve Light (2017), TE Danny Dalton (2017), and TE John Grady (2017).
- 31 • Mission to North America Committee: TE Bob Brubaker (2017), TE Drew Bennett
32 (2017), and TE Frank Taylor (2017).
- 33 • Reformed University Ministry: TE Steve Casselli (2017).
- 34 • Christian Education Liaison: RE Ken Pothoven (2017).
- 35 • Mission to the World Liaison: TE Bob Brubaker (2017). *Adopted (43-1-0).*

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37 *Recommendation:* The following Presbyters were designated to serve as the chairman of each
38 Presbytery Committee:

- 39 • Shepherding Committee Chairman: TE Jeff McDonald.
- 40 • Examining Committee Chairman: TE Jonathan Winfree.
- 41 • Candidates for Ministry Committee Chairman: TE Steve Light.
- 42 • Mission to North America Committee Chairman: TE Drew Bennett.
- 43 • Reformed University Ministry Chairman: TE Steve Casselli. *Adopted (43-0-0).*

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1 RE Jean Owens closed the report with prayer.

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3 **Reports of Special Committees**

4 No special committees.

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6 **Unfinished Business and General Orders**

7 No unfinished business or general orders.

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9 **New Business**

10 No new business.

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12 **Announcements**

13 RE Don Bennett informed the Presbytery about an opportunity Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church
14 that is called "Tampa Bay Fellows."

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16 **Next Meeting**

17 The 98th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida will take place on Saturday, Feb-
18 ruary 14, 2014 at Seminole Presbyterian Church of Tampa, FL at 8:30 a.m.

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20 **Adjournment**

- 21 • MSC to adjourn the 97th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida.

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23 **Closing Prayer**

24 RE Don Bennett closed the Presbytery meeting with prayer at 2:10 p.m.

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26 Respectfully submitted,

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29 TE Freddy Fritz

30 Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southwest Florida