

MINUTES
122nd Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Pines
Presbyterian Church of Ruston
Ruston, Louisiana
June 9, 2018

CONSTITUTION

The 122nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Pines convened in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Ruston, Ruston, Louisiana, on February 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Moderator David Stipp-Bethune called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

Ministers

Albright, John	present	Leonard, Jason	excused
Berger, Sara Anne	present	Moody, Allison	excused
Branch, Alford	present	Morgan, Mike	present
Cooper, Harry	absent	Reinowski, Tom	excused
Currie, Chris	excused	Saathoff, Seth	present
Farrell, Julia Nance	absent	Sentell, Beth	present
Freeman, Jim	present	Seo, Jungsuk	excused
Giddens, James	excused	Stipp-Bethune, David	present
Hignight, Dan	present	VanHook, Jim	excused
Hignight, Kathleen	excused	Wortham, George	present
Hill, Joe	present		

Ministers, Honorably Retired

Brown, Dianne	excused	McLarty, Philip	excused
Burns, Ralph	excused	Moore, Lauren	excused
Faris, Philip	excused	Nygaard, Robin	excused
Grisso, Lee	excused	Snydeer, Maetta	present
Groves, Grant	excused	Stipp, Rhodes	present
Kennedy, Mark	excused	Tompkins, Jerry	excused
Kim, Stephen	excused	Vance, Art	excused
McClelland, John	excused	Willis, Bill	excused
McDowell, Bryan	excused		

Elders Enrolled in Presbytery

Callaway, Barbara	present	Logan, Dan	excused
Rose, Donna	present		

Elders Commissioned to Congregations

Hill, Edith present

Travis, Kay Childs present
Webber, Clyde Ray excused

Elders Commissioned by Sessions

Athens	absent	Magnolia	Mike McNeill
Baskin	Sherri Bullard	Mansfield, First	absent
Bastrop	Jeanne Anders	Mansfield, Red Lick	absent
Belcher	excused	Monticello, First	Sam Snyder
Benton	excused	Monticello, HC	absent
Bossier City, Korean	absent	Natchitoches	Edward C. C?
Bossier City, Trinity	Gordon Christy	Newellton	absent
Camden	Cheryl Brewer	Plain Dealing, CG	absent
Carthage	absent	Plain Dealing, First	absent
Chidester,	John McGill	Rayville, Alto	excused
Choudrant,	absent	Rayville	Sandra Watson
Crossett	Baker Coulter	Ruston	Frank Oheve
Dermott	excused	Shreveport, Broad.	Linda Noll
El Dorado	Mac Murphy	Shreveport, First	Paul Hickman
Ferriday	absent		David Dethloff
Frierson	absent	Shreveport, Hwood	absent
Grand Cane	absent	Shreveport, J Calvin	Anna Kay Kidd
Haynesville	excused	Shreveport, St. Andrew	absent
Hermitage	absent	Tallulah	absent
Homer	excused	Texarkana	Stephanie Jackson
Hope	John Watkins	Vidalia	absent
Johnsville	absent	Vivian	absent
Jonesville	Martha Brallier	Warren	absent
Keatchie	absent	West Monroe	Chuck P. ?
Lake Providence	excused	Winnfield	absent
Lake Village	excused	Winnsboro	John Guice

Visitors Given Privilege of the Floor

Cathey Crow, Evergreen Ministries

Bonnie Hicks, Vera Lloyd Home

WELCOME BY HOST CHURCH

Edith Hill, Elder Commissioned to the Church, welcomed the body.

STATED CLERK PARTIAL REPORT

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk presented a partial report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the Docket for this meeting be approved.
2. That privilege of the floor be given to agency representatives.
3. That Barbara Callaway and Danny Logan be enrolled in Presbytery while serving as moderators of committees, and Donna Rose while serving as Moderator-elect.

REPORT OF ECCLESIASTICAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Rhodes Stipp, Moderator, presented the report on their review and comments on the Proposed Amendments to the *Book of Order* as approved and recommended by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). IT WAS VOTED to approve the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.
2. That the presbytery vote on the recommendations by voting to 'approve', 'disapprove', or 'no action'.

18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons On Amending G-2.0401 (Item 06-11)	Approve
18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-09)	Disapprove
18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d (Item 06-09)	Disapprove
18-C. Officers On Amending G-3.0104 (Item 6-16)	Disapprove
18-D. Membership of Presbytery On Amending G-3.0306 (Item 06-05)	Approve
18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations On Amending G-3.0307 (Item 06-02)	Approve
18-F. Welcoming to the Table On Amending W-4.0202 (Item 14-03)	Approve
18-G. Disciplinary Offense On Amending D-2.0203b (Item 06-04)	Approve
18-H. Time Limit On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-24)	
18-H.1 On Amending D—10.0401b	Approve
18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)	Approve

REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF PRESBYTERY

Sandra Watson and David Stipp-Bethune reported on the work of the Task Force to date, and then divided those in attendance into groups which worked through a series of questions. After an hour the groups reconvened in the sanctuary and reported to the body. The Task Force will take the responses and use them in their future work.

GOOD NEWS FROM CONGREGATIONS

The body heard reports of good things happening in congregations around the presbytery

LUNCH RECESS

The Council recessed for lunch with a prayer by Donna Rose is 12:40 p.m.

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES

Following the lunch recess the body reconvened in the sanctuary at 1:25 p.m., led in prayer by the Moderator.

STATED CLERK’S REPORT RESUMES

The Stated Clerk resumed the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

- 4. That the minutes of the 121st Stated Meeting be approved as circulated.
- 5. That the following Rolls, as of December 31, 2018, be adopted.

Ministers Serving Congregations

Albright, John	Leonard, Jason
Berger, Sara Anne	Moody, Allison
Branch, Alford	Morgan, Mike
Cooper, Harry	Reinowski, Tom
Currie, Chris	Saathoff, Seth
Faris, Philip	Sentell, Beth
Freeman, Jim	Seo, Jungsuk
Hignight, Kathleen	Stipp-Bethune, David
Kaye, Erin	Wortham, George

Ministers in Validated Ministry

Giddens, James	Hill, Joe
Hignight, Daniel	

Ministers at Large

Farrell, Julia

Ministers Honorably Retired

Brown, Dianne	McLarty, Philip
Burns, Ralph	Moore, Lauren
Grisso, Lee	Nygaard, Robin
Groves, Grant	Snyder, Maetta
Kennedy, Mark	Stipp, Rhodes
Kim, Stephen	Tompkins, Jerry
McClelland, John	Vance, Art
McDowell, Bryan	Willis, Bill

Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations

Hill, Edith	Webber, Clyde Ray
Travis, Kay	

Certified Christian Educators

Hignight, Daniel	Veit, Lynace Pabst
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- 6. That the following Administrative Commission be appointed to assist John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, in determining the future of the congregation:
 - A. Chris Currie, Barbara Callaway, Dana Stinson, and Jim Freeman.
 - B. Quorum shall be 2, with one Minister of Word and Sacrament and one Elder.

7. That the Administrative Commission name above be granted the following powers:
 - A. Consult with members at John Calvin Church.
 - B. Consult with Sessions and members of area Presbyterian churches for possible partnerships or input.
 - C. Have access to all rolls and records of the congregation.
 - D. Propose viable options for consideration to the congregation.
 - E. Report to presbytery any proposals for confirmation and action.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Joe Hill, General Presbyter, gave an oral report. He reported that the lawsuit filed against the presbytery by First Church, Magnolia, had gone to trial and been dismissed.

GREETINGS FROM AGENCIES

Cathey Crow from Evergreen Ministries brought greetings and an update on the work of the agency.

Bonnie Hicks from Vera Lloyd Homes brought greetings and an update on the work of the home.

REPORT SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

Edith Hill, Elder Commissioner to Synod of the Sun, gave a report on the work and mission of the Synod, and ways in which congregations can connect and benefit from partnership with the Synod.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

John Ed Watkins, a member of the committee presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.
2. That the 2019 Operating Budget be adopted. (see attachment)

CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Barbara Callaway, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That this report be received as information.
2. That the following action taken by the Committee under its commission powers be entered into record:
 - A. Approved the appointments of the following Session Moderators:
 - 1) Elder Ham Singleton for First, Camden and Tates Bluff Presbyterian Churches
 - 2) Reverend John McClelland for First Presbyterian, Athens
 - B. Approved Kay Childs Travis as CRE for First Presbyterian, Dermott.
 - C. Dismissed Reverends John and Susan Arnold to Arkansas Presbytery.
 - D. Dismissed John Nelson Pope to Western North Carolina Presbytery, January 2017.
 - E. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between First, Warren and Philip Faris, December 31, 2018.
 - F. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between First, Camden and Erin Kaye on December 30, 2018.
 - G. Approved the Temporary Pastoral Agreement between First, Texarkana and Reverends David and July Fletcher.

3. That the Presbyterian Church of Crossett be granted permission to rent their facilities to Holy Temple COGIC two nights each month.

REPORT OF THE RECRUITMENT AND REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE

Edith Hill, Moderator, presented the report that received as information

REPORT OF THE VISION AND MISSION COMMITTEE

Jim Freeman, Moderator, presented the report that was received as information.

WORSHIP WITH THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Council was led in the Worship of Almighty God including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Participating in the service were the Rev. Dr. George Wortham, the Rev. Harry Cooper, Ruling Elder Kay Childs Travis, Ruling Elder Donna Rose, Ruling Elder Martha Brallier, and musician Sarabeth Ringle.

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

With all business being concluded, Moderator Stipp-Bethune adjourned the meeting with a benediction at 3:30 p.m.

BUDGET 2019

Accounts		2019 PROPOSED	2018 APPROVED (021618)
REVENUES			
Income General Operating Fund			
General Income			
403010 Churches - Fin'l Services (UMS)		124,909	205,750
403300 Oil/Gas Royalties		4,000	4,000
403303 Per Capita Collections		42,825	37,617
403000 Building Endowment		16,250	16,250
Cash From Reserves			15,000
Total General Income			278,617
Interest Income			
403400 Interest Income - General Operating		200	200
Total Interest Income		200	200
Total Income General Operating Fund		188,184	278,817
EXPENSES			
General Assembly Mission Support			
Synod of the Sun Mission Support	Distribution	5%	6,245
		5%	6,245
Business Affairs			
504001 Stated Clerk - Salary		12,000	12,000
504041 Financial Service Director - Salary		17,121	17,121
504042 Financial Service Director FICA		1,310	1,310
504043 Financial Service Director Medicare		171	171
504071 Office Asst		6,620	6,620
504072 Office Asst - FICA		506	506
504073 Office Asst - Medicare		66	66
504091 General Presbyter - Salary		35,000	35,000
504092 General Presbyter - Housing		42,500	42,500
504093 General Presbyter - Social Security		5,929	5,929
504094 General Presbyter - Cont Ed		1,000	1,000
504095 General Presbyter - Pension		29,726	29,726
504096 General Presbyter - Medical Reimbursement		2,500	2,500
504097 General Presbyter - Prof Expenses		2,000	2,000
504210 Expense Account		1,000	1,000
504215 Dues & Subscriptions		1,000	1,000
504230 Postage		2,400	2,400
504240 Office Supplies		4,000	4,000
504250 Telephone		3,000	3,000
504270 Office Equipment Rental		9,000	9,000
504280 Presbytery Travel		18,000	18,000
504315 Office Rent		12,000	12,000
504320 Insurance		20,000	20,000
504411 Audit Fees		5,500	5,500
504550 Committee Expenses		500	500
505000 Special Projects		250	250
Total Business Affairs Committee		233,099	233,099
Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee (CPCC)			
505100 CRE Recruitment & Training		400	400
505110 Preparation Support		2,500	2,500
525010 Professional Counseling		1,500	1,500
525112 PNC Support		250	250
525115 Officer Training		500	500
525500 CPC Expenses		500	500
Total CPC		5,650	5,650
Vision and Mission Committee (VMC)			
504420 Synod/General Assembly Commissioners		1,500	1,500
504490 Presbytery Meetings		1,500	1,500
536390 Campus Ministry		2,000	2,000
536500 VMC Expenses		750	750
547100 Children/Youth Scholarships		4,500	4,500

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	547150 Ecumenical Relations	3,000	3,000
	547210 Presbytery Events	0	0
Total VMC		13,250	13,250
Recruitment and Representation Committee (R&R)			
	560470 R&R Committee Expense	100	100
Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)			
	560480 Permanent Judicial Commission Expenses	50	50
Total PJC			
Presbytery Leadership Council (PLC)			
	504497 Leadership Council Expenses	50	50
Camp of the Pines			
	570300 Camp of the Pines USACE Rental	3,050	3,050
	570380 Camp of the Pines Gas	200	200
	570390 Camp of the Pines Electricity	1,000	1,000
		4,250	4,250
Total Operating Budget		268,940	277,024
BUDGET SUMMARY			
		188,184	278,817
Total Income		188,184	278,817
Total Expenses		268,940	277,024
Budget Delta		(80,756)	1,794