

**MINUTES**  
**119<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Pines**  
**Texarkana, Arkansas**  
**February 10, 2018**

**CONSTITUTION**

The Presbytery met in Stated Meeting on February 10, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Texarkana, Arkansas. Moderator Erin Kaye called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and offered the opening prayer.

The following attendance was taken, showing a quorum was present: [**note: the registration papers are lost, please notify the Stated Clerk of corrections for the permanent minutes**]

*Ministers*

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

*Ministers, Honorably Retired*

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

*Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Boumtje, Pierre	present	Callaway, Barbara	present
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*Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Hill, Edith	excused	Webber, Clyde Ray	excused
Travis, Kay Childs	excused		

*Elders Commissioned by Sessions*

Athens		Magnolia	Martine Boumtje
Baskin		Mansfield First	
Bastrop		Mansfield Red Lick	
Belcher	Dan Logan	Monroe	
Benton	excused	Monticello First	
Bossier City Korean		Monticello HC	
Bossier City Trinity	excused	Natchitoches	
Camden		Newellton	
Carthage	absent	Plain Dealing CG	
Chidester, Bates Bluff		Plain Dealing First	
Choudrant, Alabama		Rayville Alto	
Crossett		Rayville	
Dermott		Ruston	
El Dorado		Shreveport Broad.	
Ferriday		Shreveport First	
Frierson		Shreveport Hwood	
Grand Cane		Shreveport J Calvin	
Haynesville		Shreveport St Andrew	
Hermitage		Tallulah	
Homer		Texarkana	
Hope	excused	Vidalia	
Johnsville		Vivian	
Jonesville		Warren	
Keatchie		West Monroe	
Lake Providence		Winnfield	
Lake Village		Winnsboro	

**Welcome by Host Church**

Susan Arnold, pastor of the host church, welcomed the body.

**Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Presbytery was led in worship by Susan Arnold, Erin Kaye, and Joe Hill. The theme of the service was the Church in Mission. During worship Dennis Smith, Regional Liaison, Brazil and Southern Cone, Presbyterian Mission Agency and Jorge Cárdenas Brito, Moderator, Synod of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Chile, spoke, addressing the partnership which has existed between the EPC and the Presbytery of the Pines, which has concluded. Paul Hooker, of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, addressed the mission of the seminary. Sherry Kennedy, Presbyterian Foundation, spoke on how the Foundation helps the Church fund mission. Melinda Hunt, Solar Under the Sun, brought updates of this mission of the Synod of the Sun. A representative of Evergreen Ministries gave an update on the organization. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

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

1. That the Docket for this meeting be approved as amended.
2. That the Minutes of the October 2017 meeting be approved as published.

3. That corresponding members be seated:  
 Denzer Burke, Elder, Moderator of the Presbytery and elder of host church.  
 Dennis Smith, Presbyterian Mission Agency  
 Jorge Cárdenas Brito, Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Chile  
 Paul Hooker, New Covenant Presbytery, APTS  
 Melinda Hunt, Elder, Presbytery of Arkansas
4. That visiting members of agencies be given privilege of the floor.  
 Sherry Kennedy, Presbyterian Foundation  
 \_\_\_\_\_, Evergreen Ministries
5. That Danny Logan, Barbara Callaway, and Pierre Boumtje, elders, be enrolled as members of presbytery while moderating a committee of presbytery.
6. That the following roll, as of December 31, 2017, be entered into record:

*Ministers Serving Congregations*

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

*Ministers in Validated Ministry*

Giddens, James	Hignight, Daniel
	Hill, Joe

*Ministers at Large*

Farrell, Julia

*Ministers Honorably Retired*

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

*Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Hill, Edith	Webber, Clyde Ray
Travis, Kay	

*Certified Christian Educator*

Hignight, Daniel

Veit, Lynace Pabst

### **GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT**

Joe Hill, General Presbyter presented an oral report for information.

### **LUNCH RECESS**

The Moderator declared the Council in recess for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Susan Arnold offered a prayer.

### **RECONVENE**

The body reconvened at 12:45 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The Moderator offered a prayer.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

The time for the Order of the Day arrived. David Stipp-Bethune, Jason Leonard, Alford Branch, and Erin Kaye presented their experience and learnings from the Kaleidoscope Conference they attended with financial assistance from Presbytery.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### *Business Affairs*

Danny Logan, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. The report be received as information
2. The 2018 Operating Budget be approved as presented (see attachment).

#### *Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee*

Jim Freeman, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. The report be received as information.
2. That the following actions taken by the Committee under its commission powers be entered into record:
  - a. Dissolved the relationship between John Scott and the Trinity Church, Jonesville, Louisiana, congregation, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Tampa
  - b. Granted exception to the Minimum Terms of Call to congregations who requested it with supporting materials.
  - c. Is in conversation with Lynn Hargrove, New Covenant Presbytery, to lead a workshop on boundary issues in the life of the church.
3. That John Calvin Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, be granted a waiver of G-2.0404, to allow current Session members to serve beyond the stated 6 year limit.

#### *Presbytery Council*

Pierre Boumtje, Moderator, presented an oral report which was received as information.

#### *Recruitment and Representation Committee*

Julia Farrell, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to elect the following:

*Business Affairs Committee*

Moderator: Elder Danny Logan  
Vice-Moderator:

2018	2019
Elder Mike Dumas	Elder Shelby Guilbert
MWS John Arnold	Elder John Ed Watkins
Elder Dana Stinson	Elder Danny Logan

*Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee*

Moderator: Elder Barbara Callaway  
Vice-Moderator MWS Chris Currie

2018	2019
Elder Ed Evans	MWS Kathleen Hignight
Elder Mary Bethel	MWS Chris Curry
MWS Beth Sentell	Elder Martine Boumtje
MWS Sara Anne Berger	Elder Sandra Watson
Vacant	Vacant

*Ecclesiastical Business*

Moderator: MWS Rhodes Stipp  
Vice-Moderator:

2018	2019
Elder Betty Jo Hays	Elder Alan Thompson
Elder Chris Brewster	MWS Rhodes Stipp
Elder Joe Etta Foster	MWS Mike Morgan

*Recruitment and Representation Committee*

Moderator: MWS Susan Arnold  
Vice-Moderator: Elder Edith Hill

2018	2019
Elder Wayne Neuroth	Elder Karen Logan
Elder Gordon Christy	Elder Edith Hill
MWS Susan Arnold	MWS John Albright

*Vision and Mission Committee*

Moderator: MWS Jim Freeman  
Vice-Moderator: Elder Donna Rose

2018	2019
PW Martha Braillier	MWS Jason Leonard
Elder Donna Rose	MWS Seth Saathoff
MWS Julia Nance Farrell	MWS Jim Freeman
MWS Alford Branch	MWS Jungsuk Seo
MWS Harry Cooper	Vacant
Vacant	Vacant

*Moderator-elect Serves 2019*

David Stipp-Bethune

*Synod of the Sun Commissioners*

Class of 2019 MWS David Stipp-Bethune  
Class of 2020 Elder Edith Hill

*Louisiana Board of Publications*

Class of 2018 Elder Martha Brallier, MWS Julia N. Farrell  
Class of 2019 Elders Barbara Callaway, Donna Rose  
Class of 2020 MWS Jason Leonard, Vacant

*Trustees of Presbytery*

Class of 2019 Elders J. N. Walpole, Joe Nixon

*Commissioners and YAAD to General Assembly 2018*

MWS Erin Kaye Alternate: Sara Anne Berger  
Elder\* Edith Hill Alternate: Pedro Pizarro  
YAAD Chet Andrews Alternate: Kelly Brock

\*Edith Hill withdrew and Pedro Pizarro was made principal

*Vision and Mission Committee*

In the absence of the moderator, Joe Hill introduced Dennis Smith from the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Jorge Cárdenas Brito, Moderator, Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Chile. The guests and presbytery celebrated the years of partnership the presbytery and the EPC have shared. With formal proclamations and the exchanging of gifts, the partnership was officially dissolved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Denzer Burke, former Moderator of the Presbytery, asked the body to study and address the current state of morality in the country. The request was referred to the Vision and Mission Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With all business being completed, Moderator Kaye offered a prayer and declared the body adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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Erin Kaye, Moderator

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J. Daniel Hignight, Stated Clerk

**MINUTES**  
**120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Pines**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Monticello, Arkansas**  
**June 9, 2018**

**Constitution**

The 120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Pines convened in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Monticello, Arkansas, on June 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Erin Kaye called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer.

The following were present, constituting a quorum:

*Ministers*

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

*Ministers, Honorably Retired*

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

*Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Boumtje, Pierre	present	Logan, Dan	present
Callaway, Barbara	present		

*Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Hill, Edith present

Travis, Kay Childs present  
Webber, Clyde Ray excused

*Elders Commissioned by Sessions*

Athens	absent	Magnolia	absent
Baskin	excused	Mansfield, First	absent
Bastrop	Jeanne Anders	Mansfield, Red Lick	absent
Belcher	Karen Logan	Monticello, First	Kathy Carmical
Benton	excused	Monticello, HC	Verlenda Harris
Bossier City, Korean	absent	Natchitoches	excused
Bossier City, Trinity	Dana Stinson	Newellton	absent
Camden	Linda S. Martin	Plain Dealing, CG	absent
Carthage	absent	Plain Dealing, First	absent
Chidester,	absent	Rayville, Alto	excused
Choudrant,	absent	Rayville	absent
Crossett	Vicki Patrick	Ruston	absent
Dermott	Frank Henry, Jr.	Shreveport, Broad.	Christy Kennedy
El Dorado	James Blaine	Shreveport, First	Simone Hennessee
Ferriday	absent		Chuck Moffett
Frierson	absent	Shreveport, Hwood	absent
Grand Cane	absent	Shreveport, J Calvin	absent
Haynesville	excused	Shreveport, St. Andrew	absent
Hermitage	absent	Tallulah	absent
Homer	excused	Texarkana	Martha Nell Richards
Hope	excused	Vidalia	absent
Johnsville	absent	Vivian	absent
Jonesville	Martha Brallier	Warren	Judy Adams
Keatchie	absent	West Monroe	Bob N. Cage
Lake Providence	absent	Winnfield	absent
Lake Village	Haley Elliot	Winnsboro	absent

*Corresponding Members*

Valerie Young, Elder, Synod of the Sun Leader and Stated Clerk

**Welcome by Host Church**

Minister of Word and Sacrament Maetta Snyder welcomed the body to the church

**Divine Worship, The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Commissioning Of Commissioners and YAAD to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly**

The presbytery was led in worship by Elders Eric Prichard, Kay Childs Travis, with the word proclaimed by Elder Valerie Young. Ministers of Word and Sacraments Maetta Snyder and Alford Branch celebrated the sacrament. General Presbyter Joe Hill and Stated Clerk Dan Hignight led the body in a Service of Commissioning for Commissioners MSW Erin Kaye and Elder Pedro Pizarro, and YAAD Chet Andrews (*in absentia*).

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

MWS Dan Hignight presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the docket of this meeting be approved as distributed



2. That the Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (February, 2018) be approved and that the Stated Clerk make amendments in attendance as needed.
3. That Valerie Young be seated as a Corresponding Member.
4. That the Minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install MWS George Wortham as past of New Iona Presbyterian Church be entered in to record.

**Report of the General Presbyter**

MWS Joe Hill welcomed the body an oral report, and gave updates on people and churches. The report was received as information.

**Report from the Synod Leader and Stated Clerk**

Valerie Young, Synod Leader and Stated Clerk presented an oral presentation about the work and vitality of the Synod, and the ways in which the Synod helps to fund ministries in presbyteries. She invited the group to become knowledgeable about the Synod and become involved.

**Living Waters for the World**

Edith Hill and others led the presbytery in a participatory learning event on the work and ministry of Living Waters for the World. Those present went through learning experiences similar to what people do who are receiving the clean water systems. She encouraged everyone to become active in the work of LW, by going on installation projects, praying for the work, recruiting people to go, or contributing financially towards the installations and G

**Lunch Recess**

The Moderator recessed the body at 12:00 noon for lunch. Edith Hill led the prayer and the body moved to the fellowship hall.

**Reconvene**

The Moderator reconvened the body with prayer in the fellowship hall at 12:25 p.m. IT WAS voted to amend the docket to continue business while eating lunch.

**Good News from Congregations**

Commissioners shared good news happening in the lives of their congregations.

**Reports of Committees**

The following committees presented oral or written reports, each received as information:

Business Affairs	Moderator Elder Danny Logan
Congregational and Pastoral Care	Moderator Elder Barbara Callaway
Ecclesiastical Communication (written)	Moderator MWS Rhodes Stipp
Vision and Mission	Moderator MWS Jim Freeman

**Adjournment**

With all business being concluded, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

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Erin Kaye, Moderator

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Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk

**Minutes**  
**The Administrative Commission to Install**  
**the Rev. Dr. George Wortham**  
**as Pastor of**  
**New Iona Presbyterian Church**  
**February 11, 2018**  
**4:30 p.m.**

The Administrative Commission appointed by the Presbytery of the Pines to install George M. Wortham as pastor of the New Iona Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, met at 4:30 p.m. on February 11, 2018, in a Sunday School room. The following members were present, thereby constituting a quorum:

RE Robyn Jorden	MSW Joe Hill	RE Donna Tiser
MWS Dan Hignight	RE Flora Tucker	RE Nancy Bergeron

Invited to sit with Commission:

Robbie Williams	Larry Johnson	Denise Pani
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Also present:

George M. Wortham

The meeting as opened with prayer by Commission Moderator, the Rev. Joe Hill.

It was voted to elect Robyn Jorden as Clerk of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the liturgy provided by the Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee and recessed to the Sanctuary, where during worship, George M. Wortham was installed as the Pastor of the New Iona Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Following the service the Commission reconvened. It was voted to approve the minutes of this meeting. The meeting was closed with prayer by the moderator.

/s/ Joseph W Hill, Moderator

/s/ R. Jorden, Clerk

**MINUTES**  
**121<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Pines**  
**Camden, Arkansas**  
**October 13, 2018**

**Constitution**

The Presbytery of the Pines met for its 121<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Camden, Arkansas, on October 13, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Moderator Erin Kaye, who opened the meeting with prayer.

The following attendance was taken, showing that a quorum was present:

*Ministers of Word and Sacraments*

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

*Ministers, Honorably Retired*

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

*Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Boumtje, Pierre	present	Logan, Dan	present
Callaway, Barbara	excused		

*Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Hill, Edith	present	Travis, Kay Childs	present
		Webber, Clyde Ray	excused

*Elders Commissioned by Sessions*

Athens	absent	Magnolia	Martine Boumtje
Baskin	excused	Mansfield, First	absent
Bastrop	Lisa Pemberton	Mansfield, Red Lick	absent
Belcher	Karen Logan	Monticello, First	Eric Prichard
Benton	excused	Monticello, HC	absent
Bossier City, Korean	absent	Natchitoches	Donna Rose
Bossier City, Trinity	excused	Newellton	absent
Camden	Gary Martin	Plain Dealing, CG	absent
Carthage	absent	Plain Dealing, First	absent
Chidester	T. Peterman	Rayville, Alto	excused
Choudrant	absent	Rayville	Sandra Watson
Crossett	excused	Ruston	Buddy Johnson
Dermott	Frank Henry, Jr.	Shreveport, Broad.	excused
El Dorado	Mae Murphy	Shreveport, First	Ruth Doreck
Ferriday	absent		Linda Griffey
Frierson	Beverly White	Shreveport, Hwood	absent
Grand Cane	absent	Shreveport, J Calvin	excused
Haynesville	excused	Shreveport, St. Andrew	absent
Hermitage	absent	Tallulah	absent
Homer	Penny Andrews	Texarkana	Sara Propps
Hope	Sally Short	Vidalia	absent
Johnsville	absent	Vivian	absent
Jonesville	Martha Brallier	Warren	Jane Harris
Keatchie	absent	West Monroe	excused
Lake Providence	absent	Winnfield	absent
Lake Village	absent	Winnsboro	John Guice

*Corresponding Members*

David Fletcher (Grace Presbytery), Judy Fletcher (Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery), Kevin Keaton (New Covenant Presbytery)

The body was led in Divine Worship led by David Stipp-Bethune, Erin Kaye, Sandra Watson, Julia Blewer, and Alford Branch proclaiming the Word; Sara Berger and Seth Saathoff presided over the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The offering received was split equally between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Apple Ministry of the host church.

**WELCOME BY HOST CHURCH**

Erin Kaye, pastor of the host church, welcomed the council.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

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

1. The Docket for this meeting be approved.
2. That the Minutes of the 120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting be approved as circulated.

3. That all corresponding members be seated.
4. That the following be granted privilege of the floor: Julia Blewer, Stefanie Marsden (Texas Presbyterian Foundation), Bonnie Hicks (Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services), and Kathy Crow (Evergreen Ministries)

### **GENERAL PRESBYTER REPORT**

Joe Hill, General Presbyter, presented the report which was received as information.

### **GREETINGS AND REPORTS FROM RELATED AGENCIES**

*Board of Pensions* Kevin Keaton, regional representative, gave an update on the work of the agency, noting that changes are coming to help small churches be able to call an installed pastor.

*Texas Presbyterian Foundation* Stefanie Marsden brought greetings and reported on the work of the Foundation and her availability to help congregations with planned giving workshops.

*Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services* Bonnie Hicks brought greetings and news of the Vera Lloyd Home.

*Evergreen Ministries* Kathy Crow brought greetings and news of the expanding Evergreen homes.

### **LUNCH RECESS**

At 12:15 p.m. the Moderator declared that the body was in recess for lunch. She offered a prayer for the meal.

### **RECONVENE**

The Moderator declared the body in session at 1:15 p.m., and offered a convening prayer.

### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

*Report of the Commissioners to General Assembly* NOTE: Pedro Pizzorro, Ruling Elder Commissioner, left after the first day of the Assembly. Minister Commissioner Erin Kaye and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Chet Andrews reported their experiences and reflections of the recent General Assembly in St. Louis.

*Kaleidoscope Stewardship Conference* Jason Leonard and David Stipp-Bethune reported on the recent event and offered to be available to congregations who want assistance, and encouraged elders and ministers to attend next year's conference.

*Pines Transitional Team Committee* Erin Kaye, Moderator of the Committee, gave an update on the work of the Committee which is considering the future of the presbytery after the General Presbytery retires.

*Retirement of Philip Faris* A Service of Recognition of Honorable Retirement for the retirement of Philip Faris as led by David Stipp-Bethune, Joe Hill, Dan Hignight, Erin Kaye, and Kathleen Hignight. Philip's retirement is official January 1, 2019.

### **REPORTS OF PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEES**

*Business Affairs* Danny Logan, Moderator, presented a report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That this report be received as information
2. That 2019 Per Capita be set at \$12.50
3. That the UMS distribution be 90% - Presbytery, 5% - Synod, 5% - General Assembly. This will maintain our standing as a tithing presbytery, a consideration this committee finds important.
4. That the Rev. Joseph W. Hill be appointed Treasurer for calendar year 2019
5. That the Initial Budget for 2019 be approved. *see attached budget*

*Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee* Chris Currie, a member of the committee, 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. Voted to dissolve the relationship between Reverend Philip Faris and First Presbyterian, Warren, Arkansas effective December 31, 2018, pending receiving minutes of the congregational meeting showing that the congregation voted to concur with his request.
  - b. Voted to give Reverend Philip Faris the title "Honorably Retired" effective December 31, 2018.
  - c. Voted to appoint Mrs. Kay Childs Travis as Session Moderator for Dermott Presbyterian Church.
  - d. Voted to appoint Rev. Rhodes Stipp as Session Moderator for Trinity Presbyterian Church in Bossier City.
3. That the 2019 Minimum Terms be approved, as presented. *see attached document*

*Ecclesiastical Business* Rhodes Stipp, Moderator, presented an oral report which was received as information.

*Recruitment and Representation* Edith Hill, Moderator, presented the report. The following slate was presented. With no nominations from the floor, IT WAS VOTED to elect the following people to the corresponding positions:

Moderator-elect of Presbytery	Donna Rose
Ecclesiastical Business, class of 2020	John Guice
Louisiana Board of Publications class of 2020	John Guice
Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee Class of 2020	RE Dana Stinson MWS Sara Ann Berger MWS Beth Sentell RE Barbara Callaway

Vision and Mission Committee Class of 2020

Julie Blewer  
Sherrie Bullard  
Julia Nance  
Harry Cooper  
Martha Brallier

Permanent Judicial Commission

Permission for the committee and Stated Clerk  
fill positions.

*Vision and Mission Committee*  
information.

A written report was presented which was received as

### **ANNOUCEMENTS**

In light of the recent Hurricane, Edith Hill offered to help pair churches in Pines presbytery with churches in her home presbytery of Coastal Carolina for direct help.

### **INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR**

Minister of Word and Sacrament David Stipp-Bethune was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery in a service led by current Moderator Erin Kaye, and the Stated Clerk Dan Hignight.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With all business completed, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:45 p.m.