

**MINUTES**  
**114<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Pines**  
**April 16, 2016**  
**Jonesville, Louisiana**

**Constitution**

The Presbytery of the Pines met in Stated Meeting on April 16, 2016, in the sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Jonesville, Louisiana. Moderator George Wortham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and gave the opening prayer.

The following attendance was taken, constituting a quorum.

*Teaching Elders*

Albright, John	Present	McClelland, John	Excused
Andresen, Paul	Absent	McDowell, Bryan	Excused
Arnold, John	Present	McLarty, Phillip	Excused
Arnold, Susan	Present	Moody, Allison	Present
Alford Branch	Absent	Moore, Lauren	Excused
Brown, Dianne	Absent	Morgan, Mike	Present
Burns, Ralph	Excused	Murray, Spencer	Excused
Currie, Chris	Present	Nygaard, Robin	Excused
Faris, Philip	Excused	Pope, John-Nelson	Absent
Farrell, Julia	Present	Reinowski, Tom	Excused
Freeman, James	Present	Scott, John	Present
Giddens, James	Excused	Sentell, Beth	Present
Grisso, Lee	Excused	Seo, Jungsuk	Present
Groves, Grant	Excused	Snyder, Maeetta	Present
Hignight, Dan	Present	Stipp, Rhodes	Present
Hignight, Kathleen	Excused	Tompkins, Jerry	Excused
Hill, Joe	Present	Vance, Art	Excused
Kaye, Erin	Present	Van Hook, Jim	Excused
Kennedy, Mark	Excused	Willis, Bill	Excused
Kim, Jung Jin	Excused	Wortham, George	Present
Kim, Stephen	Excused	Yates, Hugh	Excused
Loomis, Dan	Excused		

*Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Evans, Chris	Excused	Lamkin, Corbet	Present
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*Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Cobb, Charlotte	Excused	Travis, Kay	Excused
Hill, Edith	Excused	Webber, Clyde	Excused

### *Sessions*

Alto	Absent	Lake Village	Absent
Athens	Absent	Magnolia	Absent
Baskin	Absent	Mansfield, First	Absent
Bastrop	Absent	Mansfield, Red Lick	Absent
Belcher	Karen Logan	Monroe, First	Absent
Benton	Absent	Monticello, First	Absent
Bossier City, Korean	Absent	Monticello, Holmes Ch	Absent
Bossier City, Trinity	Excused	Natchitoches	Ed Evans
Camden	Absent	Newellton	Absent
Carthage	Excused	Plain Dealing, CG	Absent
Chidester	Absent	Plain Dealing, First	Absent
Choudrant	Absent	Rayville	Absent
Crossett	Baker Coulter	Ruston	Absent
Dermott	Absent	Shreveport, Broadmoor	Absent
El Dorado	Nancy L Arn	Shreveport, First	Amy McGhee
Ferriday	Jane Vaughn	Shreveport, Hollywood	C. Porter
Frierson	Belverly White	Shreveport, SA	Shelia Williams
Grand Cane	Absent	Tallulah	Absent
Haynesville	Absent	Texarkana	Absent
Hermitage	Absent	Vidalia	Absent
Homer	Cynthia Steele	Vivian	Absent
Hope	Excused	Warren	Absent
Jonesville		West Monroe	Absent
Keatchie	Absent	Winnfield	Absent
Lake Providence	Absent	Winnsboro	Kay F. Scott

### *Corresponding Members*

Patrick Fleming, Cumberland PC

Kevin Keaton, New Covenant

### **Welcome**

John Scott, host pastor welcomed the Presbytery

### **Stated Clerk Report**

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

1. That the Docket for this meeting be approved.
2. That the Minutes of the 113<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting be approved as circulated.
3. That Corresponding Members be seated.
4. That the Minutes of Administrative Commission to Dissolve First Presbyterian Church, DeQueen, Arkansas, and Minutes of Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Jung Suk Seo as pastor of the Korean Church be admitted to record.

5. That Ruling Elder Corbet Lamkin serving as Moderator of a Presbytery Committee be enrolled as a member of Presbytery for the year:

6. That Presbytery Elect members to the Nominations and Representation Committee:

*Class of 2016*

RE Gary Martin

TE Lauren Moore

RE Wayne Neuroth

Moderator: Lauren Moore

*Class 2017*

TE Maetta Snyder

RE Danny Logan

TE Julia Farrel

7. That the following rolls as of December 31, 2015, be admitted to record:

**Teaching Elders In Validated Ministries with a Congregation**

1. ALBRIGHT, John C.

2. ARNOLD, John C

3. ARNOLD, Susan

4. BRANCH, Alford L.

5. BROWN, Dianne E.

6. CURRIE, T. Christian

7. FARIS, Philip A.

8. FARRELL, Julia N.

9. FREEMAN, James D.

10. HIGNIGHT, R. Kathleen

11. KAYE, Erin P.

12. MOODY, Allison

13. MORGAN, Michael D.

14. REINOWSKI, Thomas K.

15. ROBERTS, David

16. SENTELL, Beth

17. SCOTT, John

18. SEO, Jungsuk

19. VANHOOK, James A., Jr.

20. WORTHAM, George

**Teaching Elders Serving In Validated Ministries**

1. GIDDENS, James

2. HIGNIGHT, J. Daniel

3. HILL, Joseph

**Teaching Elders Who Are Members at Large**

1. KIM, Jung Jin

2. KIM, Young Doo

5. SEARIGHT, William

3. PERRY, Lindsey

4. POPE, John Nelson

**Teaching Elders Who are Retired**

1. BURNS, Ralph M.

2. GRISSO, E. Lee

3. GROVES, Grantland M.

4. KENNEDY, Mark E.

5. KIM, Stephen K.

6. LOOMIS, Daniel

7. McCLELLAND, John D.

8. McDOWELL, Brian L.

9. McLARTY, Philip W.

10. MOORE, Lauren

11. MURRAY, Spencer C

12. SYNDER, Maetta

13. STIPP, R. Rhodes

14. TOMPKINS, Jerry R.

15. VANCE, A. Arthur

16. WILLIS, William C.

**Ruling Elders Commissioned to Serve a Congregation**

1. COBB, Charlotte

3. TRAVIS, Kay

2. HILL, Edith

4. WEBBER, Clyde Ray

8. That Presbytery adopt the proposed *Manual of Operation*.
9. That in response to a request of the Tulip Church that the congregation be dissolved, the following Administrative Commission be appointed:  
RE John McGill, TE Erin Kaye, TE Philip Faris
10. That the above named Administrative Commission be given the following powers:
  - a. In consultation with the Session to set a date for dissolution
  - b. To secure copies of all records of historical significance (e.g. Session records, rolls, etc.), or to see that such records are deposited in a PCUSA approved site for archiving historical records
  - c. To secure Communion and Baptismal ware for deposit with the Presbytery, or to be given to another congregation within the Presbytery for use
  - d. To transfer members to another congregation
  - e. To dispose of the property and appointment in the best manner possible
  - f. To conduct a service of celebration for the life and witness of the congregation, if a service is desired by the remaining members

### **General Presbyter Report**

Joe Hill presented an oral report received as information.

### **Divine Worship**

The council moved to a time of worship in which candidate for membership Jason Leonard led parts of the liturgy, candidate Harry Cooper proclaimed the Word, and candidate Sara Ann Berger presided at the Lord's Table. Susan Arnold, Pierre Boumtje, John Scott, and Joe Hill also participated.

### **Old Business**

The body took up the proposed Gracious Separation Policy presented at the previous meeting by TE Mike Morgan. The proposal became the main motion when the proposed policy was withdrawn. After debate, IT WAS VOTED not to accept the policy.

### **Good News from Congregations**

Participants were asked to share good news from their congregations.

### **Lunch Recess**

The body recessed for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and was led in prayer by the moderator.

## Reconvene

The body reconvened at 1:30 p.m. with prayer by the moderator

## ORDER OF THE DAY

With Order of the Day at hand, Presbytery heard a presentation by Kevin Keaton, representative of the Board of Pensions.

Sherrie Kennedy of the Presbyterian Foundation made a presentation.

## Good News from Congregations

Participants were asked to share good news from their congregations.

## Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee Report

Jim Freeman presented the report in the absence of the moderator. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery receive the report as information.
2. That Presbytery receive the Rev. Jason Leonard from the Presbytery of New Hope.
3. That Presbytery approve the Terms of Call to the Rev. Mr. Leonard by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Homer, Louisiana, effective November 29, 2015.

Cash Salary	\$31,000
Fair rental value of manse	\$ 9,300
Automobile expense	\$ 3,000
Professional/Continuing ed	\$ 1,500
SECA	\$ 3,083
Board of Pensions	\$14,956
Paid vacation	4 weeks
Paid continuing education	2 weeks
Moving costs	up to \$4500

4. That Presbytery approve the following Commission to Install the Rev. Mr. Leonard on May 15, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the church  
James Roach, Sara Anne Berger, Becky Bays, Nancy Bergeron and Chris Currie
5. That Presbytery receive the Rev. Harry Cooper from the Presbytery of San Diego.
6. That Presbytery approve the Terms of Call to the Rev. Mr. Cooper for half time service by the congregation of Hollywood Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, effective December 1, 2015.

Cash Salary	\$11,000
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Housing allowance	\$ 9,500
Professional expenses	\$ 1,650
SECA	\$ 1,568.25
Board of Pensions	\$13,240
Annual vacation	4 weeks
Continuing education time	2 weeks

And from Good Hope Presbyterian Church, Frierson, Louisiana

Two days per month visiting the sick/shut-in, provide Communion quarterly, moderate Session meetings (quarterly and when called), preach first and third Sundays, Easter, Christmas Day, and conduct funerals

Salary	\$12,000
Travel Expense	\$ 600
Reimbursable Expenses	TBD

(up to ½ fee paid by Hollywood Church)

7. That Presbytery approve the following Commission to Install the Rev. Mr. Cooper on June 11, 2016, at 4 p.m. at the Hollywood Church:  
Joe Hill, Joe Etta Foster, Victoria Parrot, May Bethel, Dudley Glenn and Art Vance. Asked to sit with the commission: Dr. Lonnie Oliver (Atlanta Presbytery) and the Rev. Darlene James (UMC).
8. That Presbytery receive the Rev. Sara Anne Berger from the Presbytery of Trinity.
9. That Presbytery approve the Terms of Call to the Rev. Ms. Berger by First Presbyterian Church, Natchitoches, Louisiana, effective February 2, 2016.

Cash Salary	\$27,800
Housing allowance	\$13,200
Professional/Continuing ed	\$ 3,300
SECA	\$ 3,136.50
Board of Pensions	\$15,040
Paid vacation	4 weeks
Paid continuing education	2 weeks
10. That Presbytery approve the following Commission to Install the Rev. Ms. Berger on April 24, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the church:  
Chris Currie, Donna Rose, Pierre Boumtje, Jim Freeman, George Wortham. Invited to sit with Commission, the Rev. Will Berger & the Rev. Sara Hughes, (Presbytery of Middle Tennessee)

### **Vision and Mission Committee Report**

John Scott, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.

2. That Presbytery end the Chilean mission partnership.
3. That Presbytery concur with a request from First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, to establish a formal commissioning relationship with Les and Cindy Moran and their mission in Bangladesh.
4. That Presbytery develop a PDA disaster response team for the Presbytery.

### **Business Affairs Committee Report**

Corbet Lamkin, moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. This report be received as information.
2. The Presbytery's policy on receiving and disbursing per capita be changed to: The Presbytery of the Pines, meeting in Jonesville, Louisiana on April 16, 2016, instructs the Presbytery Treasurer to remit to the General Assembly only those per capita apportionments received. The portion of per capita remitted to the General Assembly shall only be sent if one of two conditions are met:
  - a. the remittance is clearly marked for GA per capita, or
  - b. the presbytery's portion has been fully subscribed. Any congregation, for reason of conscience, that does not wish any of its per capita to be remitted to the General Assembly, may designate such per capita payments for presbytery use only.
3. The document entitled "Use Agreement for Camp Alabama Facilities" be approved.
4. That, if the above document is approved, then the General Presbyter be authorized to sign said document on behalf of the presbytery.
5. That, if the above document is approved, the Trustees of the Presbytery be instructed to sign all necessary titles and other transfer documents.
6. That the presbytery understands that upon the signing of this above document, any and all previous lease agreements between the Presbytery of the Pines and Med-Camps of Louisiana are no longer valid.
7. That all congregations examine their financial commitments to the presbytery and communicate such to the presbytery office.
8. That the proposed budget for 2016 be approved as presented.

### **Adjournment**

With all business being concluded, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. and offered a closing prayer.

George Wortham, Moderator

Daniel Hignight, State Clerk



MINUTES  
Administrative Commission  
To Dissolve First Presbyterian Church  
DeQueen, Arkansas  
September 13, 2015

The Administrative Commission elected to Dissolve First Presbyterian Church, DeQueen, Arkansas, met in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Arkansas on September 13, 2015.

Stated Clerk Dan Hignight called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

AC members present were TE Kathleen Hignight, RE Sue Ellen Hall, and RE Marshall Moore. Members of the DeQueen church, current Session members, Moderator of Session, Dianne Brown, and a former pastor were also in attendance.

The State Clerk invited the members of the AC to introduce themselves, then asked members of the DeQueen church to share their memories of the church. Each shared memories of special times and people over the years.

The Stated Clerk then explained the process and duties of the AC. Time was given for questions and clarifications. Kathleen Hignight was elected Moderator, and Sue Ellen Hall was elected Clerk.

After consultation with the members of the church, the AC voted to:

1. Set the closing date, and celebration, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, for All Saints' Day, November 1, 2015, 4:00 p.m. Invited to participate in the service will be Dan Hignight, Dianne Brown, Gary Walker, and TE Ralph Burns.
2. The manse and its property will be deeded to First United Methodist Church, DeQueen, who have jointly operated the Food Bank with the congregation (the Food Bank has been housed in the manse).
3. Members will be given an opportunity to remove any items from the building with the exception of the Communion Set, Baptismal Font, and anything attached to the building. The items used for the Sacraments will go to Presbytery.
4. The Session and Moderator of Session agreed to contact all members regarding their transfer of membership, and to take appropriate action so transfer are effective on November 1, 2015.
5. Instructed the Clerk of Session to turn over all church records to Presbytery as soon as the records were complete.

6. Members of the Session indicated that a non-profit organization had expressed interest in having the church property. They will try to make contact with the organization and have them contact Kathleen for more information.

With all business completed, the Moderator asked for the reading of the minutes. They were approved as read. She closed the meeting with prayer and adjourned the group at 4:15 p.m.

MINUTES  
Administrative Commission  
To Dissolve First Presbyterian Church  
DeQueen, Arkansas  
November 1, 2015

The Administrative Commission to Dissolve First Presbyterian Church, DeQueen, Arkansas met in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 3:45 p.m. Moderator Kathleen Hignight called the meeting to order and opened it with prayer.

Also present was Clerk Sue Ellen Hall. Marshall Moore as excused. Invited to sit with the Commission were Stated Clerk Dan Hignight, Session Moderator Dianne Brown, and member Gary Walker.

The group reviewed the order of worship, and recessed to the sanctuary. During the service Gary Walker read scripture, Dan Hignight offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the congregation, Ralph Burns proclaimed the Word, Sue Ellen Hall provided music, and Kathleen Hignight and Dianne Brown celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Following the service the AC, Stated Clerk, and members of the congregation met to discuss an offer from Legacy to receive the church to convert it into a community/youth center. Comments from the congregation were supportive.

The AC voted to transfer the property to Legacy and to instruct the Trustees of carry out all necessary paper work to transfer both pieces of property (the manse, see previous Minutes).

The Moderator asked the Clerk to read the Minutes. These were approved as read. The Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 5:00 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
Special Meeting  
Presbytery of the Pines  
Keatchi, Louisiana  
August 20, 2016

**Constitution**

Moderator George Wortham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of Keatchi Presbyterian Church, and offered an opening prayer.

The following were present, constituting a quorum.

*Teaching Elders*

Albright, John	Excused	Leonard, Jason	Excused
Arnold, John	Excused	Loomis, Dan	Excused
Arnold, Susan	Present	McClelland, John	Excused
Alford Branch	Excused	McDowell, Bryan	Present
Berger, Sara Ann	Present	McLarty, Phillip	Excused
Brown, Dianne	Excused	Moody, Allison	Excused
Burns, Ralph	Excused	Moore, Lauren	Excused
Cooper, Harry	Present	Morgan, Mike	Present
Currie, Chris	Present	Nygaard, Robin	Excused
Faris, Philip	Excused	Pope, John-Nelson	Excused
Farrell, Julia	Excused	Reinowski, Tom	Excused
Freeman, James	Excused	Scott, John	Excused
Giddens, James	Excused	Sentell, Beth	Present
Grisso, Lee	Excused	Seo, Jungsuk	Present
Groves, Grant	Excused	Snyder, Maeetta	Excused
Hignight, Dan	Present	Stipp, Rhodes	Present
Hignight, Kathleen	Present	Tompkins, Jerry	Excused
Hill, Joe	Present	Vance, Art	Excused
Kaye, Erin	Excused	Van Hook, Jim	Excused
Kennedy, Mark	Excused	Willis, Bill	Excused
Kim, Jung Jin	Excused	Wortham, George	Present
Kim, Stephen	Present	Yates, Hugh	Excused

*Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Evans, Chris	Excused	Lamkin, Corbet	Present
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*Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations*

Hill, Edith	Present	Travis, Kay	Excused
		Webber, Clyde	Excused

*Sessions*

Alto	Excused	Magnolia	Pierre Boumtje
Athens	Excused	Mansfield, First	Excused
Baskin	Excused	Mansfield, Red Lick	Excused
Bastrop	Excused	Monroe, First	Excused
Belcher	Excused	Monticello, First	Excused
Benton	Excused	Monticello, Holmes Ch	Excused
Bossier City, Korean	Illegible	Natchitoches	Edward C. E.
Bossier City, Trinity	Excused	Newellton	Excused
Camden	Excused	Plain Dealing, CG	Excused
Carthage	Excused	Plain Dealing, First	Excused
Chidester	Excused	Rayville	Excused
Choudrant	Excused	Ruston	Gail Nelson
Crossett	Excused	Shreveport, Broadmoor	Excused
Dermott	Excused	Shreveport, First	John Frierson
El Dorado	Excused		J. E. Bl...
Ferriday	Excused	Shreveport, H'wood	J. E. Foster
Frierson	Excused	Shreveport, St. Andrew	Excused
Grand Cane	Excused	Tallulah	Excused
Haynesville	Excused	Texarkana	Excused
Hermitage	Excused	Vidalia	Excused
Homer	Excused	Vivian	Excused
Hope	Excused	Warren	Excused
Jonesville	Excused	West Monroe	Excused
Keatchie	Dudley Glenn	Winnfield	Excused
Lake Providence	Excused	Winnsboro	Excused
Lake Village	Excused		

### Validation of Call

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk, validated that the meeting was duly called by Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee, constituted of more than the necessary minimum of Teaching and Ruling Elders representing different churches. The purpose of the meeting is deal with receiving, ordaining, and dismissing Teaching Elders, and any other business needing action before the next stated meeting.

### Welcome

Dudley Glenn, Ruling Elder of the host church welcomed the body and gave a brief history of the historic church and Keatchi.

### Worship

The presbytery was led in worship by candidate Seth Saathoff.

### CPCC Report

Edith Hill, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery appoint the following Administrative Commission to ordain Lisa Schrott as Minister of Word and Sacrament so that she may be installed as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hilton Head, South Carolina. The ordination service will take place at First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, on Saturday, September 24, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

will be celebrated. (The ordination is being done at the request of the receiving presbytery.):

Chris Currie, Jim Freeman, Joe Hill, Julie Blewer, Frank Dodson, and Edith Hill. Pen Peery (Charlotte Presbytery) is invited to sit with the commission.

2. That Presbytery immediately transfer Lisa Schrott to Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery.
3. That Presbytery examine for ordination and reception into the Presbytery Seth Saathoff, candidate under care of Palo Duro Presbytery, called to be Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport.
4. That Presbytery sustain in part and as a whole the examination of Mr. Saathoff.
5. That Presbytery approve the following Terms of Call to Seth Saathoff to serve as Associate Pastor of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, effective August 15, 2016:

Salary	\$37,000
Housing	\$16,200
Board of Pensions	\$19,710
SECA	\$ 4,131
Profess. Expenses	\$ 6,500
Moving Expenses	in full
Vacation	4 weeks annually
Cont. Ed. Leave	2 weeks annually, cumulative to 6 weeks
6. That Presbytery appoint the following Administrative Commission to ordain and install Seth Saathoff as Minister of Word and Sacrament and Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport on September 18, 2016, at 3:00 p.m.

Jim Freeman, Christ Currie, Beth Sentell Clareth Porter, Dana Stinson, and Danny Logan.
7. Having received a report from General Presbyter Joe Hill concerning his visit with the pastor of the Shreveport-Bossier Korean Presbyterian Church, the CPCC requests that it be given commission power to work with the congregation and the pastor to resolve current leadership issues. The powers granted to the commission include:
  - a. Granting original jurisdiction to CPCC until such time as a new Session can be identified, elected, trained, and installed.
  - b. To require a financial review to be completed by an outside source.
  - c. To provide support to the pastor.
  - d. To provide support to the congregation.

The body was led in prayer for the pastor and congregation.

### **Adjournment**

With all business being completed, the moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. with prayer.

George Wortham Moderator

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk

**MINUTES**  
**115<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Presbytery of the Pines**  
**October 15, 2016**  
**Hope, Arkansas**

**Constitution**

The Presbytery of the Pines met in Stated Meeting on October 15, 2016, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church in Hope, Arkansas. Moderator George Wortham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., and gave the opening prayer.

The following attendance was taken, constituting a quorum.

*Teaching Elders Serving Congregations*

Albright, John	Excused	Kaye, Erin	Excused
Arnold, John	Absent	Leonard, Jason	Present
Arnold, Susan	Present	Moody, Allison	Absent
Berger, Sara Anne	Present	Morgan, Mike	Excused
Branch, Alford	Absent	Renowski, Tom	Absent
Cooper, Harry	Absent	Saathoff, Seth	Present
Currie, Chris	Present	Scott, John	Present
Faris, Philip	Present	Sentell, Beth	Present
Farrell, Julia	Absent	Seo, Jungsuk	Present
Freeman, Jim	Present	VanHook, Jim	Excused
Hignight, Kathleen	Present	Wortham, George	Present

*Teaching Elders in Validated Ministry*

Giddens, James	Excused	Hignight, Daniel	Present
		Hill, Joe	Present

*Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired*

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

*Ruling Elders Commissioned to a Congregation*

Hill, Edith	Present	Webber, Clyde Ray	Absent
Travis, Kay Childs	Present		

*Ruling Elders Enrolled in Presbytery*

Boumtje, Pierre	Present	Lamkin, Corbet	Present
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### Sessions

Alto	Excused	Magnolia	Martine Boumtje
Athens	Absent	Mansfield, First	Absent
Baskin	Excused	Mansfield, Red Lick	Absent
Bastrop	Excused	Monroe, First	Absent
Belcher	Dan Logan	Monticello, HC	Absent
Benton	Absent	Monticello, F	Absent
Bossier City, Kor.	Absent	Natchitoches	Donna Rose
Bossier City, Tr.	Excused	Newellton	Excused
Camden	Excused	Plain Dealing, F	Tom Myrick
Carthage	Excused	Plain Dealing, CG	Kitty Coyle
Chidester	Excused	Rayville	Excused
Choudrant	Absent	Ruston	Buddy Johnson
Crossett	Baker Coulter	S'port, Broad.	Steve Callaway
Dermott	Frank Henry	S'port, First	Lorraine Guice
El Dorado	Nancy Worrell		Shelby Guilbert
Ferriday	Excused	S'port, Hollyw.	W W Mays, Jr.
Frierson	Absent	S'port, J C	Absent
Grand Cane	Absent	S'port. St. An.	Absent
Haynesville	Absent	Tallulah	Absent
Homer	Susan Herring	Texarkana	Absent
Hope	Amelia Leverett	Vidalia	Excused
Johnsville	Excused	Vivian	Absent
Jonesville	Excused	Warren	Judy Adam
Keatchie	Absent	Winnfield	Absent
Lake Providence	Absent	Winnsboro	Absent

### Welcome by Host Church

Kathleen Hignight, pastor of the host church, welcomed attendees.

### Stated Clerk Report

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

1. That the Docket for this meeting be approved.
2. That the Minutes to the 114<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting (April 16, 2016) and the Special Meeting (August 20, 2016) be approved as circulated and corrected.
3. That Troy Pritt, Associate Reformed Presbyterian minister, be seated as a corresponding member.
4. That Presbytery enter into record:
  - a. Minutes of Administrative Commissions which have met:  
to ordain Lisa Schrott  
to ordain and install Seth Saathoff
  - b. The Minutes of Presbytery for 2015 were reviewed by Synod and passed with comment.
  - c. The results of Review of Session Minutes:  
Only six churches submitted Minutes for review, all found with exception:  
Belcher, Bossier City-Trinity, Choudrant, Ferriday, Jonesville, Texarkana



- d. The death of Teaching Elder Spencer Murray on August 29, 2016 and Commissioned Ruling Elder Mary Charlotte Cobb on July , 2016.
5. That the Presbytery Manual of Operations be amended as follows:
  - VI. MEETINGS and QUORUM. Word to be deleted is indicated by strike through, and words to be added indicated by italics:  
The Presbytery shall hold stated meetings at least ~~twice~~ *three times* each year, shall meet at the direction...

### **Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee**

Edith Hill, Moderator presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.
2. That the Manual of Operations of Presbytery be amended to grant the Committee Commission Powers to establish ordination and installation commissions.
3. That the Rev. David Stipp-Bethune, a member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and pastor-elect of First Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, be examined for membership into the presbytery.
4. That the examination of the Rev. Mr. Stipp-Bethune be sustained in its parts and in the whole.
5. That Presbytery approve the following Terms of Call to the Rev. David Stipp-Bethune by First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, effective November 15, 2016:
 

Salary	\$47,000
Housing	18,000
Auto	2,000 (reimbursable)
Professional Expenses	1,000 (reimbursable)
Continuing Education	2,500 (reimbursable)
SECA 50%	5,035
Board of Pensions	in full
Supplemental Death (\$100,000)	in full
Supplemental Life 3 children	in full
Optional Dental	in full
Vacation 4 weeks    Study Leave 2 weeks	
6. That Candidate Brenda Holder be transferred to the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky upon receipt of a request from the presbytery's committee on candidates.

### **Divine Worship with the Lord's Supper**

The Council was led in worship by Pierre Boumtje, John Scott, Sara Anne Berger, Donna Rose, Kathleen Hignight, Joe Hill and Organist Wes Reed. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated during worship.

### **Good News from Congregations**

The body heard reports of good news from congregations around the presbytery.

### **Lunch Recess**

The body recessed for Lunch at 12:30 p.m. Kathleen Hignight offered a prayer.

## **Reconvene**

The body reconvened at 1:30 p.m. The Moderator called the council to order and offered prayer.

## **General Presbyter's Report**

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

## **Orders of the Day**

The time for the Order of the Days arrived. The following Orders were presented:

1. *Memorial Services* Kathleen Hignight, Joe Hill, Edith Hill, and Chris Curry presented a memorial service for TE Spencer Murray and CRE Mary Charlotte Cobb.
2. *General Assembly Commissioners* TE Philip Faris and RE Nancy Bergeron reported on the recent General Assembly in Portland, Oregon.
3. *Retirement Celebration* Joe Hill led the body in the celebration retirement of TE Dianne Brown, and IT WAS VOTED to grant her the status of Honorably Retired, effective December 1, 2014.

## **Business Affairs Committee**

Corbet Lamkin, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.
2. That the report entitled "Operating Budget" dated 10/07/2016 be received as information.
3. That the report entitled "Balance Sheet" dated 10/09/2016 be received as information.
4. That the report entitled "Per Capita 2016 to Date" be received as information.
5. That the report entitled "UMS 2016 to Date" be received as information.
6. That the distribution of offerings to the Synod of the Sun and General Assembly remain at 5% for each of net income for 2017.
7. That the Rev. Joe Hill be elected Presbytery Treasurer for 2017.
8. That the "Budget Building" proposal be approved with the following amendment: *The position and salary for the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery be included in the proposed budget.*
  - a. The Presbytery Treasurer be directed to send the document to all sessions for their prayerful consideration.
  - b. The Proposed budget will have an accompanying response form which sessions are asked to complete and return to Presbytery office as soon as possible.

- c. Early in 2017, after the response forms have been received, the Business Affairs Committee will consult with other committees of Presbytery and present a budget at the Stated Meeting in February, 2017
9. That the Leadership Council of Presbytery, or its designated representative group, be directed to meet with the general councils of the Presbyteries of Arkansas and South Louisiana to begin to develop a plan for the future of the churches in Arkansas and Louisiana.

#### **Vision and Mission Committee**

John Scott, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the report be received as information.
2. That Les and Cindy Morgan, who desire to renew their commission to serve in Southeast Asia through the Presbytery of the Pines, be recommissioned at the February Meeting of Presbytery. The intent is to offer spiritual support, not necessarily financial support by our congregations.
3. That Presbytery work with the Morgans to develop a model and understanding of group based spiritual support for mission coworkers, and potentially write an overture to General Assembly to address the issue of support.
4. To help disseminate information that the Morgans will be itinerating in Presbytery in 2017. Congregations interested in have the Morgans speak at their churches should contact John Scott.

#### **Recruitment and Representation Committee.**

Beth Sentell, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That current members of committee continue in service until a new slate can be presented at the February, 2017, meeting.
2. That Erin Kaye be elected Moderator-Elect.

#### **Installation of the Moderator**

George Wortham, Moderator, and Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk, led the Council in a Service of Installation wherein Pierre Boumtje was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Pines for 2017.

#### **Adjournment with Prayer**

With all business being concluded, Moderator Boumtje adjourned the meeting with prayer at 3:25 p.m.

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Pierre Boumtje, Moderator

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Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk

