

FEBRUARY STATED PRESBYTERY
MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010

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NORTH ALABAMA PRESBYTERY
Synod of Living Waters
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

FEBRUARY STATED MEETING
Minutes
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL
Saturday, February 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Moderator Rev. Jaina Anderson convened the presbytery with prayer on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at 9:00am.

**INTRODUCTION OF FIRST TIME COMMISSIONERS AND SEATING OF
CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

First Time Commissioners: Neva Beasley, Big Cove, Brownsboro; Rebecca Weaver, Westminster, Decatur; Jason Peagler, Fellowship, Huntsville; Sarah Martin, FPC Guntersville; Diane Captain, Faith Huntsville; Clara Swanson, FPC Athens; Tam Bevel, FPC Huntsville; Cindy Saseen, Copeland Athens; Barbara Stephens, FPC Ft Payne; Roger Tarbox, FPC Sheffield; Robert Ludwig, Covenant Huntsville; Bert Bock, FPC Florence;

Corresponding Members: Rev. Janet Tuck, Director of Communications for the Presbyterian Voice; Rev. Sandra Lynn Price, Disaster Assistance, Sheppards & Lapsley; Rick Turner, Disaster Assistance, Foothills Presbytery; Rev. Bills Wills, President of Presbyterian Children's Home; Clark Simmons, Board of Pensions Regional Representative

WELCOME BY THE HOST FACILITY

Rev. Hal Oakley, Pastor of Covenant, welcomed presbyters and guests. Rev. Soon Steven Son, Organizing Pastor of the new Korean Fellowship located at Covenant Presbyterian Church, added his welcome.

ENROLLMENT

Roll of Churches and Pastors

CHURCH	MINISTER	ELDER
Albertville, First	Ed Hamlett, SS	Bobby Hastings (excused)
Athens, First	David Palmer, SS Jaina Anderson	Clara Swanson* Deborah Kohlhase
Athens, Copeland	Tom Lewis	Cindy Saseen*
Belgreen, Mountain Home	VACANT	Terry Dempsey
Cullman, First	Terry Tingle (not present)	(not present)
Decatur, First	V. Don Haas	Aylett Dickman
Decatur, St. Andrew	Steve Arndt	Alan Chapman
Decatur, Westminster	David Rollins	Rebecca Weaver*
Elkmont, Beulah	VACANT	(not present)

Florence, First	Richard Gillespie	Martha Anne Hardiman Bert Bock*
Florence, Westminster	John McKell	Mariann Flynn
Fort Payne, First	Jerry Davis	Barbara Stephens*
Gadsden, Trinity	Les Anderson, CLP	(not present)
Guntersville, First	Mel Strain, Interim	Sarah Martin*
Hartselle, First	John Brock, SS	(not present)
Huntsville, Covenant	Hal Oakley Robert Seitz (not present) Mark Looyenga	Robert Ludwig* Art Woodling Roland Walker
Huntsville, Faith	Tom Lovell	Cecil Stokes Diane Captain*
Huntsville, Fellowship	John Bush	Jason Peagler*
Huntsville, First	Mark Mueller	Bob McKemie Elaine Stowe Tam Bevel*
Huntsville, Hope	Christie Ashton	Ann Elgin
Huntsville, Trinity	Toby Mueller	Kevin Stanley
Madison, Grace	Robin Palmer	Steve Bong
New Market, New Market	Brad Hall, SS	(not present)
Muscle Shoals, Old Brick	Carl Malm, TS (not present)	Patricia Holt
Owens Crossroads, Big Cove	Rosemary McMahan, CLP Houston Hodges, PA	Neva Beasley*
Rock Springs-Mitchell Memorial	VACANT	(not present)
Sheffield, First	Van Edington	Roger Tarbox*
Toney, Madison Crossroads	VACANT	Norman Skeeters
Valleyhead, Winston Memorial	VACANT	(not present)
Waterloo, Williams Chapel	Joseph Gamble (not present)	(not present)
NW Madison County/Harvest NCD		Maricarmen Castro
Korean Presbyterian Community Fellowship		Steven Soon Son

*First time Commissioners

Roll of At Large/Retired Clergy

William (Bill) Allen (not present); Edward (Skip) Babcock (not present); John W. Bolton (not present); Carol Byrd (not present); Kerry Campbell; Robert Dobbins (not present); Wallace Faris (not present); Joseph Gamble (not present); Edward Gartrell (not present); Robert Grigsby (not present); Chris Hauer; Lyndall Hamlett (excused); John Herndon; Washio Ishii (not present); Eui Kyum Jang (not present); John Johnston (not present); Donald Kaller (not present); Leigh Ann Looyenga (not present); Jim Matthews (excused); Robert McGehee (excused); Roy Miller (not present); James Nash; James Pruden (not present); Amanda Ragland; Jack Ragland; Paul David Reynolds (not present); Libby Rollins (excused); Irving Rudolph; William Shouse; Steve Stager (excused); James Thompson; Charles Van Devender (excused).

Roll of Other Elders with Voice and Vote

Marita Durham, COM Moderator; Serena Neely, MSRT Moderator; Bob Hamilton, BAT Moderator; Bo Lundy, MMT Moderator; Lee Matthews, NAP Moderator; Richard Borie, Stated Clerk

Roll of North Alabama Presbytery Officers and Staff

Position	Name
NAP Executive Presbyter	Rev. Warner Durnell
Stated Clerk	Richard Borie
Outgoing Moderator	Rev. Jaina Anderson
Incoming Moderator	Lee Matthews
Incoming Vice-Moderator	Rev. Steve Arndt
Office Manager/Recording Clerk	Linda Griffis

Roll of Visitors

Bob Wilson, Nominating Committee Co-Moderator; Harriet Bibb, CDFB Admin Asst; Rebecca Harbor Jones, CPM Moderator; Beth Clements, FPC Ft Payne; Billy Bell, Trinity, Huntsville; Robert McCoy, Holy Spirit; Mamie Jones, FPC Huntsville; Jeff Kyser, FPC Huntsville; Hikmat Antonios, Faith Huntsville; Minnie Moore, Fellowship; Stan and Ann Fee, Trinity Huntsville; Rich and Betty Collins, First Huntsville; Larry Lawson, Covenant; John Carter, FPC Guntersville; Mary and Newell Witherspoon, Covenant; John Hardiman, FPC Florence; Sarah Ford, Fellowship; Sharline Dempsey, Mt Home; Rev. Judy Rich, Grace; Hugh Comfort, Covenant; Nancy Weaver, Faith

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Elder Bob Wilson, Moderator of the Nominating Committee, nominated Rev. Steve Arndt as Vice Moderator of the presbytery for 2010. There were no other nominations, and Rev. Arndt was elected.

Rev. Jaina Anderson, the out-going Moderator, then posed the installation questions to Elder Lee Matthews, elected as Moderator at the previous stated meeting on October 20, 2009, Rev. Arndt and the presbytery. These questions being answered in the affirmative, Rev. Anderson declared that Elder Matthews and Rev. Arndt were duly installed and then Rev. Anderson presented Elder Matthews with the gavel and the ceremonial necktie that was first given to the Moderator in 2006 by the Egoli Presbytery of South Africa.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Declaration of Quorum and Appointments:

On advice of the Stated Clerk Dick Borie, the Moderator declared a quorum present. The Stated Clerk made the following appointments on behalf of the Moderator:

Temporary Clerks:	Steve Bong and Norman Skeeters
Leaves of Absence:	Linda Griffis
Thanks:	Rev. Richard Gillespie
Bills and Overtures:	Rev. Mark Looyenga and Hugh Comfort

Adoption of Docket

The docket was **approved**. (*Appendix A*)

Approval of Minutes

The Stated Clerk informed the presbytery that the minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting on October 21, 2009 have been reviewed and found in order.

On motion, the minutes for October 21, 2009 were **approved**.

Communications or Referrals – none

ORDER OF THE DAY - COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Moderator, Rebecca Harbor Jones, explained that the CPM committee has been occupied with helping Mr. Gang Sang Park as he seeks candidate status. This has been a complicated process as he has had to return to Korea. Mrs. Jones introduced Rev. Houston Hodges, CPM Liaison for Mr. Park, who described Gang Sang Park's journey as follows:

Mr. Park, the son of a Methodist minister, grew up in Korea and received his undergraduate education there. He completed studies at Candler School of Theology (Methodist) at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia. During that time, he learned about the Presbyterian Church (USA). He came to believe that his heart and calling is Presbyterian. Mr. Park is member of Big Cove Presbyterian Church; his elder liaison from the Big Cove Session is Tom Jones. Following a Skype interview on June 26, 2009, the CPM decided to recommend Mr. Park for candidacy. The Office of the General Assembly approved his taking the ordination examinations in Korea with a proctor that the GA approved. He has done so and is awaiting those results.

With approval of the Office of the General Assembly, Mr. Park was examined for candidacy via video teleconference (Skype) from Korea. The examination was conducted by CPM members and additional questions were asked from the floor.

On motion, the examination was sustained. After Mr. Park responded in the affirmative to the questions specified in the CPM Advisory Handbook, the Moderator declared him accepted as a candidate for ministry of Lord and Sacrament. Rev. Hodges gave a charge to Mr. Park and the proceedings were concluded with prayer.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT (Part 2)

MINISTER/ELDER PARITY

As of December 31, 2009, there were 66 minister members of North Alabama Presbytery, 50 of whom are resident and participating. The basis number of elder commissioners from our churches, as provided by the Book of Order, is 32: one from each church with 500 or fewer members, and two from churches with 501 to 1000 members. The Book of Order further provides that additional elders shall be selected to redress an imbalance when the number of resident/participating ministers is greater than the basis number of elders. Other elders given voice and vote in presbytery meetings include the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Stated Clerk, Commissioned Lay Pastors, and members of the Coordinating Team, all of whom are counted as elder commissioners for the purpose of attaining minister/elder parity. **The resultant allocation to achieve minister/elder parity at 50 each is shown in the table below and will be in effect through February 19, 2011.**

