

NORTH ALABAMA PRESBYTERY

Synod of Living Waters

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

CALLED MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Elder Lee Matthews, Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville.

Opening Prayer

Vice-Moderator Lee Matthews opened the meeting with prayer and then called on the Rev. John Herndon to welcome the Presbytery.

Welcome from Host Church and Devotional

Rev. John Herndon of Fellowship Presbyterian Church welcomed everyone to the meeting. Rev. Herndon gave the devotional, reflecting from Romans ??.

Declaration of Quorum and Purpose of Meeting

Elder Richard Borie, Stated Clerk, declared a quorum present.

Elder Borie read the purpose of the meeting from the notification sent to all NAP ministers and commissioners.

- A. To act on recommendations from the Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery at its stated meeting on February 21, 2009, to investigate and conclude matters surrounding conflict at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama.**
- B. To act on recommendations from the Committee on Ministry to grant Honorably Retired status to several minister members of this Presbytery.**

The docket (*Appendix A*) was presented to presbytery and **approved**.

Enrollment

The enrollment for this meeting of Presbytery is recorded as follows:

Roll of Churches

CHURCH	MINISTER	ELDER
Albertville, First	Ed Hamlett, Stated Supply (Not present)	Carlton Martin Bob Copous
Athens, First	David Palmer, SS, (Excused)	Carol Copeland
Athens, First	Jaina Anderson (Excused)	NOT PRESENT
Athens, Copeland	Tom Lewis	Sandra McDonald
Athens, Nebo	VACANT	NOT PRESENT
Belgreen, Mountain Home	Philip Faris	NOT PRESENT
Brownsboro, Big Cove	Rosemary McMahan, CLP	NOT PRESENT
Cullman, First	Terry Tingle	Ted Alverson
Decatur, First	Don Haas	Charles Guyton
Decatur, St. Andrew	Steve Arndt	Margaret Marsh E. T. Ferguson
Decatur, Westminster	David Rollins	Tony Bell
Elkmont, Beulah	VACANT	NOT PRESENT
Florence, First	Richard Gillespie	NOT PRESENT NOT PRESENT
Florence, Westminster	John McKell	NOT PRESENT
Fort Payne, First	Jerry Davis (Excused)	Sheila Davis NOT PRESENT
Gadsden, Trinity	Les Anderson, CLP	NOT PRESENT
Guntersville, First	Scott Jeffreys	Louise Sewell NOT PRESENT
Hartselle, First	John Brock (Not present)	NOT PRESENT
Huntsville, Covenant	Hal Oakley (Not present) Robert Seitz (Not present) Mark Looyenga Leigh Ann Looyenga (Not present)	Art Woodling Newell Witherspoon Roland Walker
Huntsville, Faith	Bob Grigsby (Head of Staff) (Not present) Kerry Campbell	Cecil Stokes Nancy Weaver
Huntsville, Fellowship	John Herndon	NOT PRESENT
Huntsville, First	Darryl Goldman Lyndall Hamlett (Not present)	Amy Stucky Bill Fowler NOT PRESENT
Huntsville, Hope	Sam Hobson	Carolyn Lord
Huntsville, Korean	Ji Feon Chong	Ki Chon Choi
Huntsville, Trinity	Bob Lawton, CLP	Joan Smith
Madison, Grace	Robin Palmer (excused)	Marita Durham
Mount Hope, Rock Springs-Mitchell Mem.	Philip Faris	NOT PRESENT
New Market, New Market	Bradley David Hall (Not present)	NOT PRESENT
Muscle Shoals, Old Brick	Carl Malm, TS (Not present)	NOT PRESENT
Sheffield, First	Van Edington (Not present)	NOT PRESENT
Toney, Madison Cross Roads	Jim Matthews, TS,	NOT PRESENT
Valley Head, Winston Memorial	VACANT	NOT PRESENT
Waterloo, Williams Chapel	VACANT	NOT PRESENT

Other ministers on roll, Present

Bill Allen, John Bolton, Wallace Faris, Houston Hodges, Luther Kramer, James Nash, Libby Rollins, Irving Rudolph, Mel Strain, James Thompson,

Other ministers on roll, NOT PRESENT

Edward Babcock, Carol Byrd, John Bush, Robert Dobbins, Joseph Gamble, Edward Gartrell, Robert Grigsby, Chris Hauer, Washio Ishii, John Johnston, Don Kaller, Robert McGehee (excused), Roy Miller, Luke Ponder, Sam Pope, James Pruden, Amanda Ragland, Jack Ragland, Paul David Reynolds, John Sadler, William Shouse, Charles Van Devender, Charles Walden

Presbytery Personnel – Present

Warner Durnell, Executive Presbyter
Richard Borie, Stated Clerk
Linda Griffis, Office Manager and Recording Clerk
Lee Matthews, Vice-Moderator
Anita Raby, CDMT Moderator

Visitors

Bob Hamilton, Faith, Huntsville; Harriet Bibb, FPC Huntsville; Glenn Smith, FPC Huntsville; Gladys Bracy, Fellowship Huntsville; Steve Bong, Grace Madison; Secery Woo Choi, Korean Huntsville; Yong S. Powell, Korean Huntsville; Insuk Whitley, Korean Huntsville; Sun T. Morgan, Korean Huntsville; Julianne Wan, Korean Huntsville; Sangma Lee, Korean Huntsville

Committee on Ministry

Rev. Jim Thompson, Vice Moderator of the Committee on Ministry made motion recommending to the presbytery the concurrence that the following ordained member ministers of North Alabama Presbytery be granted the status of “Honorably Retired” on the following effective dates:

Rev. Skip Babcock	06/16/09
Rev. Luther Kramer	07/01/09
Rev. Mel Strain	08/16/09
Rev. James Matthews	09/30/09
Rev. John Herndon	10/04/09

These individuals and their ministry will be celebrated at a later Stated Meeting of North Alabama Presbytery

Motion was approved.

Korean Administrative Commission Report

Moderator of the KAC, Rev. Sam Hobson, after explaining to the presbytery why the KAC had to come before presbytery to approve their findings, presented for nomination 1-6 as seen below for approval: (full KAC report submitted as *Appendix B*)

1. Recommends to the presbytery that it dissolve the Korean Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Alabama, effective upon the notification of the congregation and that the congregation cease to use the symbols of and the name of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-11.0103i);
2. Recommends to the presbytery that it dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Ji Feon Cheong and the Korean Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, and place him on the at-large roll of the presbytery (G-11.0103n, G-11.01030, G-14.0613);
3. Recommends that the presbytery notify Rev. Ji Feon Cheong that if he chooses to stay with any remnant of the former Korean Presbyterian Church that he is choosing to renounce jurisdiction and will lose his status in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)(G6.0702);

4. Membership rolls of Korean Presbyterian Church will be turned over to the Presbytery and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery will endeavor to ensure its accuracy (G-10.0302 b2);

5. The Commission urges North Alabama Presbytery to establish a new church development known as the Korean Fellowship to be started immediately under the auspices of the Congregational Development Ministries Team, to provide a place for worship, to provide pastoral leadership, to train leadership in the new church development, and to provide financial support for a pastor until such time as the new church can support the pastor (G-11.0103h).

Recommendations were approved.

Anita Raby, CDMT Moderator, stated that with the approval of recommendation No. 5 of the Administrative Commission Report for the Korean Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, the Congregational Development Ministry Team recommends:

That North Alabama Presbytery authorize the formation of a twelve member team composed of 3 representatives of the Congregational Development Ministry Team, 3 representatives of the Church Development Foundation Board, and 6 former members of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Huntsville (PCUSA), for the purpose of designing a strategy for the immediate start up of a new church development known as the Korean Fellowship (PCUSA) of Huntsville, and to report back to the July 21, 2009 Summer Stated Meeting of NAP the following: (a) the location for Sunday worship and fellowship, (b) the recruitment of a Minister or seminarian to provide ongoing pastoral leadership, (c) the process for training lay leadership in new church development, (d) and the means of financially supporting such a new church development for the near term and long term.

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Recommendation was approved.

Rev. Sam Hobson moved that the presbytery be convened as the North Alabama Presbytery, Inc. for the purpose of transacting business of the corporation.

The following is a recommendation for the corporation of North Alabama Presbytery, Inc.

6. Recommends that the corporation of North Alabama Presbytery, Inc. dispose of any interest it has in the real property of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Huntsville, Inc. located at 2901 1st Street, S.W., Huntsville, AL 35801 by quitclaim deed to said non-profit KPC, Inc., which non-profit corporation would remain responsible for payment of all mortgage indebtedness in the approximate amount of \$2.1 million dollars (G-8.0401) and that the Moderator of the Business Affairs Team/ Trustees of North Alabama Presbytery, Inc. be authorized to sign said quitclaim deed;

Recommendation was approved

Rev. Sam Hobson moved that the Corporation meeting be closed and reconvened as North Alabama Presbytery. **Motion approved.**

Vice-Moderator, Lee Matthews opened the floor for discussion regarding the issues voted on by presbytery. Elder Ki Chon Choi from the Korean Presbyterian Church spoke to the presbytery as did some ministers from the North Alabama Presbytery.

Executive Presbyter's Report

Rev. Warner Durnell, EP of North Alabama Presbytery, thanked the Administrative Commission for their work and felt that their decisions were done with utmost grace. He expressed that this was not an easy task and separation of churches are not easy.

Rev. Durnell made motion for dismissal of the Administrative Commission. Motion was seconded and **approved.**

Adjournment with Prayer

With no other business to attend to, Rev. Durnell made the motion to adjourn, it was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned, with prayer led by Rev. Durnell, at 3.45 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
 Stated Clerk

Date approved by Presbytery: _____