

OCTOBER STATED PRESBYTERY

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009

MINUTES OF FALL STATED MEETING—Tuesday, October 20, 2009

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

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Minutes
Maranatha Camp and Conference Center in Scottsboro
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

Moderator Rev. Jaina Anderson convened the Presbytery with prayer on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 9:00am.

WORSHIP

The Worship Service began at 9:05 am. The Order of Worship is included as *Appendix A*. Elder Christie Ashton, Candidate for Ordination, preached the sermon entitled "*Speaking the Truth in Love*". The closing hymn was "*God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*".

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

Elders attending Presbytery as commissioners for the first time were introduced: Roger Heath, FPC Guntersville, Prudy Thomas, FPC Florence, Nancy Curl, FPC Decatur. Rev. Bill Wills of the Presbyterian Children's Home was seated as a corresponding member.

WELCOME BY THE HOST FACILITY

Gene Joiner, MCCC Executive Director, welcomed everyone to the conference center.

ENROLLMENT

Roll of Churches and Pastors

CHURCH	MINISTER	ELDER
Albertville, First	Ed Hamlett, SS	Melissa Tebus (excused)
Athens, First	David Palmer, SS Jaina Anderson	Carol Copeland Price Boyd
Athens, Copeland	Tom Lewis (excused)	Janice Hutton
Belgreen, Mountain Home	Philip Faris (excused)	Terry Dempsey
Cullman, First	Terry Tingle	Cecil Miller
Decatur, First	V. Don Haas (not present)	Nancy Curl*
Decatur, St. Andrew	Steve Arndt	Linda Grissom
Decatur, Westminster	David Rollins	Bob Lawton
Elkmont, Beulah	VACANT	(not present)
Florence, First	Richard Gillespie	Prudy Thomas Keith Fraser

Florence, Westminster	John McKell (excused)	(not present)
Fort Payne, First	Jerry Davis (excused)	Susan Booth
Gadsden, Trinity	Les Anderson, CLP	Helen Bilbro
Guntersville, First	Mel Strain, Interim	Roger Heath*
Hartselle, First	John Brock, SS	Sam Gugliotta
Huntsville, Covenant	Hal Oakley	Newell Witherspoon
	Robert Seitz (not present)	Art Woodling
	Mark Looyenga	Roland Walker
Huntsville, Faith	VACANT	Cecil Stokes
		Sarah Curtis
Huntsville, Fellowship	John Herndon III	Jimmie Woods
Huntsville, First	Darryl Goldman	Betty Green
	Lyndall Hamlett	Bill Fowler
		Kim Hovater
Huntsville, Hope	Sam Hobson (excused)	Carolyn Lord
Huntsville, Trinity	Bill Allen	Joan Smith
Madison, Grace	Robin Palmer	Karen Voelker
Mount Hope, Rock Springs-	Philip Faris (excused)	(not present)
New Market, New Market	Brad Hall, SS (excused)	(not present)
Muscle Shoals, Old Brick	Carl Malm, TS (not present)	Patricia Holt (excused)
Owens Crossroads, Big Cove	Rosemary McMahan, CLP	Kirk Finley
	Houston Hodges, PA	
Sheffield, First	Van Edington	(not present)
		(not present)
Toney, Madison Crossroads	VACANT	(not present)
Valleyhead, Winston Memorial	VACANT	(not present)
Waterloo, Williams Chapel	VACANT	(not present)
NW Madison County/Harvest NCD	Maricarmen Castro	

*First time Commissioners

Roll of At Large/Retired Clergy

Edward (Skip) Babcock (not present); John W. Bolton (not present); John Bush; Carol Byrd (not present); Kerry Campbell (not present); Robert Dobbins (not present); Wallace Faris (excused); Joseph Gamble (not present); Edward Gartrell (not present); Robert Grigsby (not present); Chris Hauer (not present); Houston Hodges; Washio Ishii (excused); Eui Kyum Jang (excused); John Johnston (not present); Donald Kaller (not present); Luther Kramer (excused); Looyenga, Leigh Ann (not present); Jim Matthews; Robert McGehee (not present); Roy Miller (not present); James Nash (not present); James Pruden (not present); Amanda Ragland; Jack Ragland; Paul David Reynolds (not present); Libby Rollins (excused); Irving G Rudolph (not

present); John Sadler (not present); William Shouse (not present); Steve Stager (not present); James Thompson; Charles Van Devender (excused).

Roll of North Alabama Presbytery Staff

Position	Name
NAP Executive Presbyter	Rev. Warner Durnell
Stated Clerk	Richard Borie
Moderator	Rev. Jaina Anderson
Vice-Moderator	Lee Matthews
Office Manager/Recording Clerk	Linda Griffis
MCCC Executive Director	Gene Joiner

Roll of Visitors

Patrick Smith, COM Moderator; Anita Raby, CDMT Moderator; Serena Neely, MSRT Moderator; Bob Wilson, Nominating Co-Moderator; Lucile Adams, Nominating Co-Moderator; Bob Hamilton, BAT Moderator; Harriet Bibb, CDFB Admin Asst; Betty Johnson, Hope; Judy Counts, Hope; Sara Malaspina, Hope; Doug Elgin, Hope; Marita Durham, Grace; Tom Meier, St. Andrew; Tommy Hutton, Copeland; Sharline Dempsey, Mountain Home; Jim Daughtry, FPC Huntsville; Rosalie Lane, Fellowship; Gladys Bracy, Fellowship; Ann Elgin, Hope; Mary Rudd, Hope; Becky Adams, Hope; Cheryl Hoard, Hope; Zana Free, FPC Cullman; Janel Bates, FPC Huntsville; Ed Bates, FPC Huntsville; Kathleen Perry, Faith; Bobby Perry, Faith; Ruth Mack, Faith; Jerry Mack, Faith; Carol Mebane, Faith; Otis Vaughn, FPC Huntsville; John Newton, FPC Huntsville; Jerry Adams, FPC Huntsville; Jeff Kyser, FPC Huntsville; Leo Rowe, FPC Decatur; Henry Norton, Faith; Mamie Jones, FPC Huntsville; Karen Madison, FPC Huntsville

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Declaration of Quorum and Appointments:

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

Temporary Clerks: Linda Grissom and Otis Vaughn
Leaves of Absence: Linda Griffis
Thanks: Rev. John Bush
Bills and Overtures: Rev. Jim Matthews and Elder Harriet Bibb

Adoption of Docket

The docket was **approved** (*Appendix B*)

Approval of Minutes

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

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

Communications or Referrals – none

COORDINATING TEAM REPORT

Vice Moderator, Lee Matthews presented the second reading of proposed amendments to the Manual of Administrative Operations and moved their adoption.

Amend paragraph 2.3103 (with text to be added in *bold italic* and text to be deleted in ~~strikethrough~~).

All business coming before Presbytery shall ~~ordinarily~~ be submitted to the Stated Clerk ~~twenty-one~~ *fourteen* days before Presbytery meets. *It shall be the responsibility of the Stated Clerk to mail (electronically, or US mail by special request) the proposed docket, printed reports and all action items proposed by NAP units to come before each Presbytery meeting, to all NAP ministers and all known elder commissioners, no later than ten days prior to a Presbytery meeting. Any reports or action items not submitted to the Stated Clerk fourteen days before a Presbytery meeting will not be considered at that meeting unless a two-thirds majority of ministers and elder commissioners approve its late inclusion at the time at which the meeting docket is adopted.*

Rationale. The current Manual of Administrative Operations *does not* mandate a 10 day prior distribution of the Presbytery packet. The Manual only mandates that the Stated Clerk shall (see paragraph 2.7103-1) “give notice at least ten days in advance of the time and place of each Presbytery meeting.” We have read into the Manual what it does not specifically say. However, given the need for transparency, it would be wise and prudent to make certain that business to come before Presbytery be sent out in advance so that commissioners may study the issues before being asked to cast a vote.

It should also be noted that the concern about asking Presbytery to conduct business on matters without sufficient time to read and understand pertinent background information is not unique to NAP. Six sister Presbyteries in the Synod of Living Waters have adopted similar deadlines to deal with this problem.

ADOPTED

Elder Matthews presented the first reading of proposed amendment to the Manual of Administrative Operations. The second reading will be presented at the next stated meeting in February.

Amend paragraph 2.6111 (with text to be added in *bold italic*).

At the last stated meeting of the year Presbytery shall elect a Moderator and Vice-Moderator who shall be installed into office by the retiring Moderator at the first stated meeting of the year and shall serve for one year without succession, but with eligibility for the Vice-Moderator for election as Moderator. *If the retiring Moderator is unable to officiate at the installation of those officers, the Executive Presbyter or Stated Clerk may do so.*

Rationale: This paragraph, as presently worded, makes no provision for installing a new Moderator and Vice-Moderator in the absence of the retiring Moderator, a situation that has occurred several times in recent years.

