

1 **SUMMER STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

2 Shalimar Presbyterian Church
3 SHALIMAR, FLORIDA

4
5 **September 9, 2008**

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7 The Presbytery of Florida, Inc. of the Synod of South Atlantic of the Presbyterian
8 Church (U.S.A.) met for its Summer Stated Meeting at Shalimar Presbyterian Church, in
9 Shalimar, Florida on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

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11 The following 40 ministers and 43 elders were enrolled as commissioners:

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13 **Ministers:** Barry Arnold, Frank Beall, Bill Bess, Jerry E. Blacklaw, Robert Bohnsack,
14 Tom Borland, Mark Broadhead, Sally Campbell-Evans, Bruce Chapman, Tae Ho
15 Cheong, Huw Christopher, Joseph Chung, Richard Conner; Bea Copeland, Brant
16 Copeland, David Darrow, Terry Dyer, Joseph C. Eckstine, Chris Erde, Hugh Hamilton,
17 Eugene H. Harris, Ruth Hempel, Tully Hunter, Cherié Isakson, Randy Jackson, Walk
18 Jones, Kenneth Kelly, George Kessler, John Lown, Ruth Mashewske, Dan Mitchell,
19 Paul Mixon, Lindsay F. Moffett, John Napoli III, Sharon Schuler, Jim Stansbury,
20 Anghaarad Teague, Mary Vance, Joan Wooten, Stephen Yates

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22 **Elder Commissioners; Chipley:** LaMerle Feitsma; **Crestview:** Beth Brant;
23 **DeFuniak Springs-First;** Charles Cosson; **DeFuniak Springs-Euchee Valley:** Tommy
24 Yates; **DeFuniak-Pleasant Grove,** Henry Goode III, Bryant Campbell; **Destin:** Scotty
25 Scothorn; **Fort Walton Beach-First:** Elvin C. Bell; **FWB-First Korean,** Sunook Kimm,
26 **Freeport:** Fay Craig; **Gulf Breeze:** Pat Allen, Patty Arnett; **Havana:** Nesta Cumbie;
27 **Laurel Hill:** Bertie Ann Curenton; **Lynn Haven:** Rich Kangas; **Marianna-First:** Tom
28 Stadskev; **Milton-First:** Jeanette Harman; **Monticello-First:** Brant Johnson; **Navarre:**
29 Linda Wagoner; **Pace:** Walt Reese; **Panama City-Grace:** Gayle Walker; **Parkway:**
30 Bruce Davies; **St. Andrews:** Rose Stallins; **Pensacola-First:** Kevin Mahaffey, Leslie
31 Yandle; **Northminster,** Barbara Sawyer; **Pensacola-Trinity,** Mary Ruth Dobie, James
32 M. White, **Westminster,** Richard Daniel; **Port St. Joe:** Mark Curenton; **Quincy-First:**
33 Angus Hinson; **Red Bay:** Walter Ray; **Shalimar:** Rebecca Dodson; **Sunny Hills:**
34 Pauline Hartwell; **Tallahassee Christ:** Frank Wood; **Tallahassee-Covenant:** Dr.
35 William Kepper; **Tallahassee-Faith;** Jim Harrison; **Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Cochran
36 Keating; **Tallahassee-First:** Dave Custis; **Tallahassee-Trinity United;** Lori Gordon
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38 **Elders/Members of Council:** Martha Jean Woodward

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40 **Elder Christian Educators: Tallahassee-Fellowship:** Jeannie Dixon, **Ft. Walton**
41 **Beach:** Jennie Langham (Retired) and **Associate Executive Presbyter:** Jean Silva

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43 **Certified Christian Educators: Tallahassee-First:** Christy Williams

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45 **Visitors:** There were 26 visitors registered, including: **Board of Pensions:** Clark
46 Simmons, **Thornwell Home for Children:** Susan Sampson, **First DeFuniak:** Bill
47 Steadly-Campbell, **First Monticello:** John Schuler, **Navarre:** Larry Plank, **Panama City**
48 **Grace:** James McQuagge, Vernon Ballard, **Northminster:** Ken and Barbara Overholt,
49 Elizabeth Pelon, **Pensacola, Trinity:** Paul Caro, **Port St. Joe, First:** Ruth Eckstine,
50 **Shalimar:** Minora Mixon, Linda Shealy, Allison Davis, DiAnn White, Kaly Hart, Glenda

1 Bryant, **Sunny Hills:** Leslie Cole, **Tallahassee, Christ:** Patty and Buddy Searcy,
2 **Tallahassee, Covenant:** Christie Kimbrel, **Tallahassee, Faith:** Janara Lacher
3 **Other:** Suzanna Mixon, Rev. Michael Askew,
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5 **Presbytery Staff Members:** Darline Ray (Ministries Secretary), Melissa Darrow
6 (Bookkeeper)
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8 **ABSENCES**

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10 **Excused Ministers:** Nan Adams, Ronald Bradley, Ted Chumley, Lawrence Greenslit,
11 John Kelsay, Beth McCaw, Roger Nicholson, Dan Ottaviano, Joe Vaughn
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13 **Unexcused Ministers:** Nancy Forinash, Charley Grant, Pamela King Phillips, Taylor
14 Phillips, Leo Sandon, Ezra Yune
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16 **Excused Churches:** None
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18 **Unexcused Churches:** Blountstown, Crawfordville-Wakulla, DeFuniak Springs-Bethel,
19 Gretna, Panama City-Gulf Beach, Sawdust-Woodland, Tallahassee-Lafayette,
20 Wewahitchka-First
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22 **OPENING PRAYER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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24 Moderator Brant Copeland called the meeting to order at 9:00 CDT with prayer. A
25 quorum was present.
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27 **WELCOME**

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29 Rev. Cherie Isakson gave welcoming remarks from the host church.
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32 **ADOPTION OF DOCKET AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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34 The docket was adopted with the addition of the Interim Report from the Wakulla
35 Administrative Commission.
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37 **INTRODUCTION OF ELDERS, VISITORS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

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39 Visiting ministers, first time elders and corresponding members were introduced. A
40 special welcome was given to Rob Bohnsack who has just returned from a tour of duty
41 in Afghanistan.
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43 **WORSHIP**

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45 Opening worship was held with Rev. Brant Copeland, presider; Rev. Mary Vance,
46 reader; and Rev. Bill Bess, presenter. The sacrament of communion was celebrated
47 during the worship service.

1 **REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF ADMINISTRATION**

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3 Randy Jackson presented the Report of the Ministry of Administration. Melissa Darrow
4 (CPA) was introduced as the new bookkeeper; she presented the Treasurer's report.
5 The Presbytery staff will present a plaque of appreciation to Joy along with a lunch at a
6 later date. Dan Mitchell presented a report from the Budget and Finance Committee. It
7 was moved that the per capita be set as follows: GA - \$6.15; Synod - \$1.45; Presbytery
8 - \$4.40 (up one cent) for a total per capita of \$12.00. This was approved. The
9 remaining item of business from the Ministry was the presentation of an APA
10 certification, which was done following lunch.

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12 The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 for lunch and was called to order at 1:05.
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15 **REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS**

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17 The General Assembly commissioners (George Kimm, Brant Copeland, Nesta Cumbie
18 and Joan Wooten) presented information from the recent GA meeting. The
19 presentation on the confessions by Joan Wooten will be posted to the presbytery web
20 site for use by the churches.
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22 **APA RECOGNIZATION**

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24 Tamara Locker was recognized for having achieved APA certification. Jean Silva
25 presented a certificate of recognition to Tamara and a prayer of thanksgiving was
26 offered.
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28 **REPORT OF THE PC (USA) MINISTRIES**

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30 Joan Wooten presented the report of the PC(USA) Ministries. Mark Broadhead
31 presented the report of the Committee on Ministry reporting on the examination of
32 Michael Askew, which was sustained in part and in whole. Michael was introduced and
33 welcomed as the pastor-elect for Trinity United, Tallahassee. The COM Chair was
34 given permission to appoint an installation commission for Michael. The report also
35 noted the examination of Daniel Dieth, pastor-elect for Christ, Tallahassee. The
36 examination was sustained in part and in whole. The COM Chair was given permission
37 to appoint an installation commission for Daniel. David Darrow was appointed
38 Moderator of the Session for Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church.
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40 **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

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42 Brant Copeland presented the report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as
43 information. The report noted that Adam Copeland was examined and approved as
44 ready to receive a call. Michael Fransden was received as an Inquirer.
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46 **ECCLESIASTICAL CONCERNS**

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48 Stephen Yates presented the report from Ecclesiastical Concerns. It was moved "that
49 the proposed amendments to the constitution approved by the 218th General Assembly
50 be voted on at the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Florida to be held on

1 November 11th at the Lynn Haven Presbyterian Church in Lynn Haven, Florida.” This
2 was approved. Stephen announced a series of town hall meetings to be lead by the
3 Ecclesiastical Concerns Committee and the commissioners to the GA for a discussion
4 on the pros and cons of each amendment to be voted on at the November meeting.
5 George Kimm will also host a town hall for the Korean Presbyterians.

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7 September 28th –Trinity Presbyterian, Pensacola 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
8 October 5th – First Presbyterian, Fort Walton Beach 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
9 October 12th – Parkway Presbyterian, Panama City 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
10 October 19th – First Presbyterian, Chipley 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
11 November 2nd – Faith Presbyterian, Tallahassee 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

12 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR OUTREACH**

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15 Ruth Mashewske presented the report of the Mission for Outreach. Information on
16 Lifestyle Integrity is included in the supplemental packet; commissioners and members
17 are encouraged to review this material. The Social Justice ministry recommended to
18 Council that the 2008 Presbytery portion of the Peacemaking offering be designated for
19 domestic abuse shelters in the panhandle. John Lown reported for the New Church
20 Development ministry. He provided an update on Agape Korean NCD’s efforts to call
21 Jae Wan Chung. Pensacola Korean NCD is ready to charter. A motion was made:
22 “That in accord with Book of Order G-7.0200 the Presbytery of Florida appoint an
23 Administrative Commission to organize the Pensacola Korean Community Presbyterian
24 Church on Sunday, October 12, 2008, at 4 PM (CDT), in Pensacola, Florida; and, if the
25 way be clear, to examine, ordain and install elders; and to install the Rev. Tae Ho
26 Cheong as Minister of Word and Sacrament for the Pensacola Korean Community
27 Church.” The following were named as members of the Administrative Commission:

28 The Rev. Joseph Chung, Pastor, Korean First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Walton
29 Beach
30 The Rev. Terry Dyer, Executive Presbyter
31 Mr. George Kimm, Elder, Korean First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Walton Beach
32 The Rev. John Lown, Chair, NCD Committee
33 Mr. Robert Malcomson, Elder, Pace Presbyterian Church, NCD Committee
34 Ms. Jean Silva, Elder, Grace Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL
35 The Rev. Ruth Mashewske, Pastor, Gretna/Woodland Presbyterian Churches,
36 Gretna, FL

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38 This was approved. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend this joyous
39 celebration. A prayer of thanksgiving for this new community was given.

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41 Jean Silva reported for the Compassion Ministry that \$65 was collected during lunch for
42 the Centsability program. The supplemental packet includes a flyer for a mission trip
43 next year.

44 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

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47 Huw Christopher presented the report of the Mission for Spiritual Development.
48 A flyer announcing Disciplefest is in the supplemental packet. The Rev. Joan Gray will
49 be the keynote speaker. Another event coming soon (Sept. 21) is “Cherish the children
50 afternoon” at Shalimar Presbyterian. If anyone wishes to have a similar event they

1 should contact Jennie Langham for assistance. The dates for Spiritfest are September
2 26-28; Winter Sonshine is scheduled for March 6-8.

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5 **REPORT OF THE MISSION FOR DOGWOOD ACRES/OUTDOOR MINISTRY**

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7 Christy Williams presented the report for the Mission for Dogwood Acres/Outdoor
8 Ministry. She reported 182 campers attended summer camp this year.

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10 **REPORT OF THE MISSION DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/RESPONSE**

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12 Hugh Hamilton presented the report of the Mission Disaster Preparedness/Response.
13 There was no significant damage in our presbytery following Hurricane Fay. There is
14 still a need for contact persons from each church; this person would be the initial
15 contact for disaster response information. There is concern for churches in Louisiana.
16 So far all are OK. However, the disaster villages are overwrought. Projects in South
17 Florida need volunteers. St. Augustine reports 150 Presbyterian homes affected by
18 floodwaters. A prayer was offered for the concerns and safety of those affected by
19 Hurricane Ike.

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21 **REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

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23 Mary Gene Fleming presented the report of the Presbyterian Women. Our Presbyterian
24 Women gave the second largest amount of money to Columbia Friendship Circle for the
25 2007-08 year (second only to Greater Atlanta Presbyterian Women).

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27 **NEW BUSINESS**

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29 **NEW BUSINESS:**

30 There was no new business to come before the presbytery.

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32 A reminder was announced regarding Mel Baar's installation this Sunday at 3:00 PM at
33 Trinity, Pensacola.

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35 There was no other business before the body. The moderator offered a closing prayer
36 at 3:10 CDT. The meeting was adjourned.