



129th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Saturday, June 6, 2015

First Presbyterian Church, Benton, AR

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS
PRESBYTERY MEETING
(February 2015)**

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHTH STATED MEETING OF THE
PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
FEBRUARY 20-21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The 128th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville, Arkansas on Friday, February 20, 2015 by Teaching Elder Clare Kelley, Moderator of the Presbytery. She offered prayer and the Christ Candle was lit.

BUSINESS SESSION

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The moderator moved the adoption of the docket as printed. **The docket was approved.**

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT

Assistant Stated Clerk Teaching Elder David Dyer declared a **quorum present**.

TEACHING ELDERS (who checked in sign-in sheet): DC Adams, Karen Kokles Akin, Catherine L. Allsbury, Leslie F. Belden, Tasha Blackburn, Robert Brian Brock, Janet B. Butin, Philip W. Butin, Joy Carrington, D. Breckinridge Castleman, Kade Curry, Fern M. Davis, Ruskin Falls, Elizabeth Gabbard, Bill Galbraith, John Gibson, David E. Gill, Susan Gray, Robert Hadley, Steve Hancock, Chris Jones, Lance Jones, Clare Martin Kelley, Young Doo Kim, Frank Leblanc, Robert Lowry, Carl McCormack, "Mike" McCracken, Marie Mainard O'Connell, Jeff Price, Rebecca Purcell, Timothy C. Reeves, Dennis Ritchie, Leslie Bethell Roper, Susan Rose, Dari Rowen, Anne Russ, Cindy Saul, Lacy Sellars, Georgia Senor, J. Stewart Smith, Rebecca Spooner, Nancy Taylor, Michael Vinson, Lindy Vogado, Elizabeth R. Wagner, Marci Ward, Susan Carter Wiggins, Robert Williamson, Rita Wilson.

Honorably Retired Teaching Elders: David H. Dyer, Orin M. Frank, David S. King, John E. King, David Reed, C. Michael D. Seitz. **Honorably Retired Non-Active Teaching Elders:** Ron Jones, Darwin Wolfe.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS (who signed in): First, Alma, Sherrie Lech; First, Arkadelphia, Ed McCorkle; Memorial, Atkins, Chuck Olson; Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, Marvin Dodd and Burnis Leavens; First, Benton, Bill Ballard; First, Bentonville, Jean Horan and Ashley Clark; Vaughn, Bentonville, Lynn Brown; First, Clarksville, Linda Castleman; Harmony, Clarksville, Cindy Lanphear; First, Conway, Geoff Ryken; First, Dardanelle, DeNann Clark; First, Eureka Springs, Wayne Clark; First United, Fayetteville, Catherine Kirkpatrick and Lucy McClung; Central, Fort Smith, Charles Cook; First, Fort Smith, K. C. Chanthorn and Shirley Perez; First, Harrison, Kim Brooks; Holiday Island Presbyterian, Jean Razer; First, Hot Springs, Karen DeMott; Westminster, Hot Springs, Lawrence Grubb; Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, Ruth Hamilton; First, Huntsville, Carla Taylor; First, Jacksonville, Glenn Fiscus; First, Jonesboro, David Clark; First, Little Rock, Julia Hart; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Charles Gray; Second, Little Rock, Chris Honeycutt, Tom Hicks, Bev Lambert, Philip Shell; Trinity, Little Rock, Wanda Hartness; Westover Hills, Little Rock, H. K. Stewart; First, Malvern, Brent Fikes; First, Mena, Bill Hays; First, Morrilton, Michelle Cheek; First, Mountain Home, Don Crapnell; First, North Little Rock, Jeff Weldon; Mount Vernon, Pea Ridge, Stephanie Katouc; First, Pine Bluff, Clarence "Buzz" Roberts and Don Harris, Jr.; First, Rogers, Greg Paschall; Central, Russellville, Ken Coker and John Baker; First, Searcy, Morgan Ty Hendricks; First, Siloam Springs, Trisha Posey; First, Springdale, David Buck and Daniel Villalobos; First, Van Buren, Jan Enke; Wynne Presbyterian, Carrie Willoughby; First, Yellville, Clark Middleton.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS: Ruling Elder Members of General Committee: Laura Pierce; Moderator of Presbytery: Ed Wilkinson. Ruling Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees: James Anderson, Disaster; Leah Shell, Congregational Care and Development. Ruling Elder Commissioners to General Assembly 221 (2014 Detroit): Mary Beth Lysobey. Moderator, Presbyterian Women, Betty Glenn. **COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS:** G. Hartley Jones, Barr Memorial, Norman; Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Kristi Button, First United, Fayetteville; Jeannie Ford, Second, Little Rock; Linda LeBron, retired; NiAnn Thompson, First, Malvern and Presbytery Staff.

Certified Associate Christian Educators: Theresa Spragins, First, Conway.

VISITORS TO THIS MEETING: 27 registered.

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES: 30 registered.

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Jack Haberer, Peace River Presbytery; Howard Reed, New Covenant Presbytery; Steve Frazier, Homestead Presbytery; Katie Cummings, New Covenant Presbytery.

TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nancy Benson-Nicol, Lance Clemmons, Kris Crawford, Lewis R. Donelson IV, Debra Carl Freeman, Gordon Garlington III, Al Henager, Marion A. Humphrey, Kendal Land, Liz Lindsey, Jennifer Lord, Camille LeBron Powell, Emmett Powers, David Schaller, Kenneth Shaw, Shauna Silmon, Debbie Spangler, Catherine Ulrich, Thomas A. Ulrich, Linda Whitworth-Reed, Daniel Wooley, Harry Young.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Ben H. Bateman, Guy Delaney, Richard Frothingham, William F. Henning, Robert Hyatt, Sally Johnson, Carlos Lopez, James B. Miller, Richard Shinkle, Frederick A. Taylor,

TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Bill Bailey, Phillip Blackburn, Jeff Cranton, James J. Farley III, Clifton P. Ford, Libby Lizarraga, Larry Mitchell, Patricia Schaller, Terry Tallent.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: William W. Branch, Ira Brighton, Donald K. Campbell II, Milton B. Davis, Heinrich B. Eiler, Alan Ford, Mark Lenneville, Richard H. Miller, Jerry Rice, Maetta Snyder, W. Kennedy Upham, Don Wardlaw.

SESSIONS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: West End, Arkadelphia; Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals; Graham Memorial, Forrest City; First, Heber Springs; Holly Grove Presbyterian; Allison, Little Rock; Westminster, Little Rock; First, Marianna; First, McGehee; First, Newport.

SESSIONS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Alpine, Amity; First, Beebe; First, Brinkley; Cane Hill; second elder, First, Conway; Elkins; Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay; Walnut Grove, Farmington; Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville; One-O-One, Gamaliel; First, Gravette; First, Gurdon; Spring River, Hardy; second elder, First, Harrison; First, Helena; Faith, Horseshoe Bend; second elder, Westminster, Hot Springs; second elder, Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village; Woodlands, Hot Springs Village; First, Lincoln; Grace, Little Rock; second elder, Trinity, Little Rock; second elder, Westover Hills, Little Rock; First, Lonoke; Hopewell, Morrilton; Mountainburg Presbyterian; Park Hill, North Little Rock; First, Ozark; First, Paragould; Central, Pine Bluff; Faith, Pine Bluff; First, Pochontas; First, Prairie Grove; second elder, First, Rogers; First, Stuttgart; First, Walnut Ridge; Cleburne Avenue, West Helena.

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: General Committee, Patty Minga; Ruling Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees: Kim Danehower, Mission; Evelyn Mills, Christian Education.

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Ruling Elder Members of General Committee: Frances Bateman, Ron David, Rose Ann Scheiderer, Joel Bunch, Karene Jones. Ruling Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees: John Alderson, Representation.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Carolyn Beane, Barr Memorial, Norman; Claire Rhodes and Kenneth Rhodes, West End, Arkadelphia.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Gary Adler, First, Mountain Home; Bill Bush, First, Gravette; Jim Keyes, 101, Gamaliel; Bruce Schlegel, Walnut Grove, Farmington and Cane Hill Presbyterian; Harlis Wright, Faith, Pine Bluff.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Lynn King, retired; Nancy Irving Smith, retired; **Certified Associate Christian Educators:** Lynn Condra, retired; Sheila Reddig; Susie Wright, Westminster, Hot Springs.

WELCOME FROM HOSTS

Teaching Elder Robert Lowry, the host pastor, and University of the Ozarks President, Rich Dunsworth greeted the presbytery.

WELCOME TO FIRST-TIME ELDER COMMISSIONERS

The Assistant Stated Clerk welcomed first-time commissioners.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESBYTERY STAFF

Moderator Kelley introduced members of the presbytery staff: TE Bill Galbraith, General Presbyter; Ruling Elder NiAnn Thompson, Resourcing Director; TE David Dyer, Assistant Stated Clerk; Britton Varn, staff for youth; Ruling Elder Kenneth Rich, Director of Mission Support; and TE Michael Vinson, staff for congregational vitality.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

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Jack Haberer, Peace River Presbytery, Steve Frazier, Homestead Presbytery, Katie Cummings, New Covenant Presbytery, and Howard Reed, New Covenant Presbytery, First, Conway were seated as corresponding members.

GRANTING PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the Listening/Redesign Task Force Mike Szabo, First, Searcy and Julie Adkisson, First Conway; and Missionaries Mary Nebelsick and Paul Matheny were given the privilege of the floor.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented and **PASSED**:

1. Approve the Minutes of the 127th Stated Meeting (October 2014).
2. The minutes of the Administrative Commission to install TE Georgia Senor, having been received, it is moved that the Commission be dissolved with the thanks of the presbytery.
3. The report of the Administrative Commission dealing with matters at First Presbyterian Church, Helena, having been received, it is moved that the Commission be dissolved with the thanks for the presbytery. (text of the report in appendix)
4. Motion that the Presbyterian Women be granted permission to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at their Spring Gathering, April 11, 2015.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the Leaves of Absence Committee and Tellers.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson, Vice-Moderator of presbytery, gave the report of the General Committee.

For Action:

1. **A Motion to set the quorum for meetings of the Presbytery of Arkansas at twenty (20) Ruling Elders and twenty (20) Teaching Elders from at least twenty (20) congregations. PASSED.**
2. **Acting on the request of the Nominations Committee to elect new members to fill terms, the General Committee nominates RE Kim Brooks, First, Harrison and RE Chuck Blanton, First, Wynne to the Nominations Committee, if there be no other nominations from the floor. There being no further nominations, PASSED.**

For information only:

3. Approved missionaries Paul Matheny and Mary Nebelsick to lead the theological discussion at the February 2015 Stated Meeting.
4. Invited TE Roger Nishioka to preach and lead a theological discussion at the June 2015 Stated Meeting.
5. Authorized the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Senior High Youthquake, March 15, 2015 and at the Junior High Youthquake, September 27, 2015.
6. Communicated to the Listening/Redesign Task Force the General Committees' understanding of the process needed to adopt an new design.
7. Forwarded to the Listening/Redesign Task Force a communication from the Committee on Ministry.

EVENING WORSHIP

The presbytery then entered into A Service of Word and Sacrament and Installation of the Presbytery Moderator. Participating in the service were: Mr. Richard Dunsworth, President University of the Ozarks;

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Dr. David Dyer, Assistant Stated Clerk; Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard, University Chaplain; Dr. Bill Galbraith, General Presbyter; Dr. Sharon Gorman, University Organist and Walton Professor of Music; Ms. Samantha Hutto, Sophomore University of the Ozarks; Rev. Clare Kelley, Moderator of the Presbytery 2014; Elder Cynthia Lanphear, Harmony Presbyterian Church and Asst. Professor of Management University of the Ozarks; Dr. Robert Wm. Lowry, Transitional Pastor First Clarksville and Harmony Presbyterian; Elder Heather Patton, First Presbyterian Clarksville; Ms. Bethany Leigh Qualls, Director of Music First Presbyterian Clarksville; Mr. Ryan Smith, Senior University of the Ozarks; Elder Ed Wilkinson, Moderator of the Presbytery 2015; University of the Ozarks Chamber Singers, Youth of the Presbytery, and First Presbyterian Church Elders. The offering, designated for the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund of the University of the Ozarks was \$1,757.75.

A motion was made to spread the text of the out-going Moderator, Clare Kelley's sermon upon the minutes. **PASSED.** (see appendix for text)

RECESS FOR THE EVENING

The meeting was recessed and those gathered were invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville.

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES

The Presbytery reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 21 in the Rogers Conference Center, University of the Ozarks with Morning Worship led by the Youth of the Presbytery, which included the installation of the Vice Moderator TE Lacy Sellars.

GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED

TE Clare Kelley, Moderator of the General Committee completed their report:

In response to a request from the Committee on Administration and General Presbyter Bill Galbraith,

1. The General Committee moves **to extend Bill Galbraith's terms of call as recommended by Administration through June 30, 2015. PASSED.**
2. General Committee moves **that after June 30, 2015, Bill Galbraith continue on a month-to-month basis as General Presbyter until a new General Presbyter can be called or until the end of 2015, whichever comes first. PASSED.**
3. Upon receipt of Stated Clerk Cathy Ulrich's letter of resignation, General Committee moves **Presbytery to suspend Section 4.3D of the Standing Rules ("If the stated clerk resigns or is unable to serve during the three-year term, the General Committee of the presbytery shall immediately contact previous stated clerks within the presbytery and ascertain the willingness and availability of any of these persons to serve immediately as acting stated clerk."), allowing Presbytery to elect an acting stated clerk to serve until June 6, when Nominations Committee must have completed the search for a Stated Clerk, and General Committee nominates Teaching Elder David Dyer, current Assistant Stated Clerk, to serve as acting stated clerk.** (This motion requires a 2/3 vote for passage, and if passed will not be revoked by the Presbytery's subsequent vote on any of the Restructure Task Force motions in this meeting's agenda.) **PASSED.**
4. General Committee reports that if the above motion is passed, it has approved **that while TE David Dyer is serving as acting stated clerk he would be paid as Stated Clerk and RE NiAnn Thompson would be paid as his administrative assistant.**

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION

The Presbytery, as an Order of the Day, heard from Presbyterian Missionaries to the Phillipines, Mary Nebelsick and Paul Matheny.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

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TE Carl McCormack, moderator, gave the Committee on Nominations report and made the following motions, which, there being no further nominations from the floor, all **PASSED**.

The Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following to fill unexpired terms:

1) Committee on Preparation for Ministry

TE Bill Henning, honorably retired of Marshall, Class of 2017

2) General Committee

TE Ken Upham, honorably retired of Conway, Class of 2015

RE Ken Coker, Central, Russellville, Class of 2017

Please notice the Nominations Form which follows this report which you may fill out and turn in at registration to suggest ruling elders (required by most committees) or church members to serve at the presbytery level.

McCormack continued his report, from the addenda packet, and there being no further nominations from the floor, all **PASSED**.

1) Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following person to fill an unexpired term:

Committee on Ministry, TE Fern Davis, Holly Grove Presbyterian, Class of 2015

2) Having been instructed on Feb. 2 by General Committee to present to this presbytery meeting a slate of seven members of a General Presbyter search committee and form a five-member search committee for the Stated Clerk, Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following:

STATED CLERK SEARCH COMMITTEE

Moderator TE Steve Hancock, Second Presbyterian, Little Rock (region 3)

TE Bill Bailey, Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village (region 2)

RE Dick Freer, First, Jonesboro (region 5)

TE Georgia Senor, First, Bentonville (region 1)

Certified Associate Christian Educator Theresa Spragins, Central, Russellville and serving at First, Conway (region 4)

Staff Resource: TE General Presbyter Bill Galbraith

Note: Standing Rules, 4.3.D. requires the Committee on Nominations to "bring to the next Stated Meeting of the presbytery the name of a nominee for stated clerk to fill the unexpired term." Therefore the SC Search Committee will present the nominee to the June 6th meeting of presbytery at First, Benton to fill the term in the Class of 2016.

GENERAL PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Moderator TE Jeff Price, Trinity Presbyterian, Little Rock (region 3)

Young Adult RE Sam Anderson, First, Benton (region 3) and a junior at UofA, Fayetteville (region 1)

RE Krista Denne', First, Clarksville (region 2)

RE Donna Ellison, Allison Memorial, Little Rock (region 3)

TE Susan Gray, Vaughn, Bentonville (region 1)

TE "Mike" McCracken, Wynne Presbyterian (region 5)

TE Leslie Roper, First, Batesville (region 4)

Staff Resources from Synod of the Sun: TE Dan Saperstein/RE Valerie Young

GREETINGS FROM YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES

Youth Advisory Delegates greeted the meeting.

FERNCLIFF CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

TE David Gill, Director, gave the report on the camps and the conference center, noting a strong record and bright prospects for the future.

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POLITY COMMITTEE

As an order of the day, at 10:30 a.m. the report of the Polity Committee concerning proposed amendments to the *Book of Order* was presented. These results were recorded and communicated to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly:

Note: The Polity Committee was elected by the presbytery at the 127th Stated Meeting (October 2014) consisting of the presbytery's commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly.

1. Confession of Belhar. To include the Confession of Belhar in the *Book of Confessions* of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Susie Wiggins presented.
YES 107 NO 3
2. 14-A. Renunciation of Jurisdiction. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-05). Anne Russ presented. YES 30 NO 86
3. 14-B. Special Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process and Standard Ordination Exams (Item 06-12). Judy Hernandez presented.
YES 72 NO 20
14-B.2 YES 58 NO 49
4. 14-C. Child Protection Policy. On Amending G-3.0106 (Item 08-14). Mary Beth Lysobey presented. YES 101 NO 12
5. 14-D. Minimum Composition of a Presbytery. On Amending G-3.0301 (Item 06-06). Mary Beth Lysobey presented. YES 114 NO 1
6. 14-E. Interreligious Stance. On Amending G-5.0102 (07-02, Recommendation 2). Susie Wiggins presented. YES 94 NO 13
7. 14-F. Marriage. On Amending W-4.9000 (Item 10-02). Anne Russ presented.
YES 93 NO 25 ABSTAIN 2

July Hernandez spoke to the Youth Advisory Delegates.

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CRE Kelly Pearson and CCE Linda LaBron presented the report of the Christian Education.

The presbytery recessed for lunch.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

TE Kade Curry, Moderator, presented Krista Denne' to be enrolled as an Inquirer in the Presbytery of Arkansas. She spoke to the presbytery of her spiritual journey and TE Robert Lowry offered prayer.

LISTENING/RESTRUCTURE TASK FORCE

The Listening/Restructure Task Force moved that the Presbytery of Arkansas adopt the following three part rule for consideration of the Restructure Report:

- that the presbytery take an up or down vote at the June 2015 Stated Meeting on the Restructure Plan and all accompanying documents;
- that this vote will require a majority of commissioners present and voting;
- that Standing Rule 8.2 be suspended for this action.

The motion required a two-thirds majority for passage and the vote of 46 YES and 35 NO did not reach the required majority. The task force will report further at the 129th Stated Meeting in June.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

TE Dari Rowen, moderator, gave the report:

**Recommendations from the November 11, 2014
and January 8, 2015 Committee on Ministry Meetings**

Motions Before the Presbytery

1. Motion to grant the status of Honorable Retirement to TE Lance Jones, who retired as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Mena, effective December 31, 2014.
2. Motion to receive TE Ward Rudolph from John Calvin Presbytery and enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas.
3. Motion to approve the call of First Presbyterian, Morrilton to TE Steven Frazier as Pastor and enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, from Homestead Presbytery, with the effective date of January 17, 2015 and the following terms of call:

Salary	\$25,900
Housing Allowance	\$19,900
Utilities	\$ 7,200
Reimbursable expenses	\$ 2,500
Social Security	\$ 4,055
Insurance and Pension	\$19,875
Total	\$79,430
Vacation 4 weeks per year, paid	
Continuing Education 2 weeks per year, paid	
Sabbatical in the 7 th year, or as agreed upon (with COM's approval)	
Paternity Leave 6 weeks	

Information concerning the Administrative Commission to install, and the installation service, to be presented to the Presbytery for approval in a later addendum.

4. Motion to approve the call of First Presbyterian, Bentonville to TE Katie Cummings as Pastor and enroll her as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, from New Covenant Presbytery, with the effective date of March 9, 2015 and the following terms of call:

Effective Salary:

\$38,000	Base Salary
\$40,000	Housing Allowance
Other:	
\$5,967	Social Security Offset
\$6,500	Travel, mileage, other professional expenses
\$1,500	Continuing Education (accum. up to 3 years)

Sabbatical Leave is an option available every seven years in accordance with the Sabbatical Leave Policy of the Presbytery of Arkansas.
 Full participation for the Rev. Cummings and her family in the denominational plan for pension, accidental death, disability, and medical coverage; and for the denominational plan for dental coverage for the Rev. Cummings and her family.
 (\$30,102 for 2015)
 Paid vacation of four full weeks per year
 Study leave of 3 weeks in either 2015 or 2016 for the completion of her Doctorate of Ministry, and 2 weeks in other years.

Information concerning the Administrative Commission to install, and the installation service, to be presented to the Presbytery for approval in a later addendum.

5. Motion to approve Rachel Shepherd, a candidate under care of New Hope Presbytery, as the Transitional Associate Pastor at Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, effective October 22, 2014, pending her ordination, if the way be clear, with the following terms of call:

Salary/Housing	\$40,000
Full Board of Pensions includes	
Medical	\$9,660
Pension (defined benefit)	\$4,400

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Death and Disability \$400
Continuing Education \$1,500
Up to two weeks of time
Vacation of 4 weeks per year
Car Allowance \$1,800

Short-term disability up to 90 days of full salary (Effective Jan. 1, 2015, Second Presbyterian Church will continue to pay the member-only medical dues and the member will be required to pay the allowable dues amount for family medical coverage which equates to \$55/month. The salary/housing amount will increase to \$40,660 to compensate for the payment of the allowable dues). New Hope Presbytery was requested to ordain Rachel Shepherd on behalf of AR Presbytery.

6. Motion to receive Candidate Rachel Shepherd, pending her ordination by New Hope Presbytery, her presbytery of care, and enroll her as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas if the way be clear.

TE Dari Rowen presented the rest of the report of the Committee on Ministry. It included the following items from the addendum report:

1. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery of Arkansas elect the following to serve on an Administrative Commission to install TE Steven Frazier as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton on March 8, 2015 at 4 pm, with the offering designated toward an approved project.

RE Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions

TE Dennis Ritchie to Preach

TE Debbie Freeman

TE Jeff Cranton

TE Bill Galbraith

RE Michelle Cheek, First Presbyterian Church of Morrilton

RE Karene Jones, Park Hill Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock

RE Dawn Dvoracek, First Presbyterian Church, Clarksville. PASSED.

2. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery of Arkansas elect the following to serve on an Administrative Commission to install TE Katie Cummings as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville on March 9, 2015 at 4 pm, with the offering designated to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center:

RE Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Greenwood, to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions

RE Lynn Monroe, First Presbyterian Church of Bentonville

RE Chris Miller, Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock

TE Nancy Taylor, to Charge the Pastor

TE Liz Wagner

TE Bill Galbraith, to Charge the Congregation

TE Stewart Smith

To sit with the Commission and to Preach: TE Mike Cole, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of New Covenant. PASSED.

3. The Committee on Ministry moves that the Presbytery of Arkansas approve and commission RE Chuck Olsen of Central Presbyterian Church in Russellville as the Commissioned Ruling Elder of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Atkins, with permission to Moderate the Session and Administer the Sacraments. The effective date will be February 22, 2015 through December 31, 2015, for \$200 per Sunday with four Sundays off per year for vacation time and two Sundays off for study leave. PASSED.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

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TE Catherine Allsbury, Moderator, presented the report of the Committee on Administration. The following items were included:

1. Proposed change in terms of call for General Presbyter.
 - a. **Motion for Presbytery:** That the terms of call for the General Presbyter (William F. Galbraith) be extended from 2/21/15 to 6/30/15. PASSED
2. Loans from Bancorpsouth
 - a. Loan for **\$747,500** secured by the Chenal Property;
 - i. 20 year term with INTEREST ONLY payments for first 24 months.
 - ii. Interest Rate: 3.0%.
 - iii. Interest Payments are **\$1,931.04/ month;** (\$23,172.48 annually).
 - iv. After 24 months, this loan would convert to a standard amortized loan (principle and interest in each payment), amortized over 20 years.
 - b. Loan for **\$252,500** (balance of 1 million) - *unsecured*.
 - i. This will also be INTEREST ONLY for 24 months.
 - ii. After 24 months, the loan would convert to a standard loan with loan amount to be paid over 12 months.
 - iii. Interest Rate of **3.5%**.
 - iv. Interest Payments are **\$761.00 / month;** (\$9,132.00 annually).
 - c. Impact to Budget for 2015
 - i. **Motion for Presbytery:** Amount budgeted for loan payments be restricted to \$32,304 – which will cover *interest only*. PASSED.
 - ii. Budget for Admin Committee will be increased to cover interest payments (+ \$ 32,304);
 - iii. Budget for C.E. Committee will be decreased by same amount; presumably taken from support for Ferncliff.
 - d. Impact to Budget for 2016: It is currently the plan of the Administration Committee to divert more funds to payment of both interest and principle on the smaller (unsecured) loan in 2016. This will mean lowering the budget for the Christian Education Committee in 2016 by the amount diverted to loan payments.
3. Proposed Budget for 2015 (see appendix)
 - a. **Motion for Presbytery:** that the budget for 2015 be adopted. PASSED
4. Chenal Property - information
 - a. Current list price: \$ 1.45 million;
 - b. Sale property to be handled by CC&D;
 - c. No offers to date.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

RE Betty Glenn and TE Marie Mainard O'Connell reported for Presbyterian Women.

MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute Announcements were heard from TE Leslie Belden on Arkansas Giving Day, TE Mary Beth Lysobey on the Carpathian Water and Solar Project, TE Jeff Price on the Spring Retreat; TE Karen Akin about Anne Lamott; RE James Anderson on Presbytery Disaster Response, Dawn Dvoracek on Jack Haberer's lectures and U of O Reformation Pilgrimage, TE Frank LeBlanc on the Cotham Lectures, TE Robert Williamson on Lauren Winter's lectures at Hendrix college, TE Anne Russ on a spaghetti dinner before the Little Rock Marathon, CCE Theresa Spraggins on Youth at First, Conway, TE Becky Purcell on a Music Leader Workshop at First United, Fayetteville, TE Ruskin Falls in support of anti-death penalty legislation, TE Bill Galbraith about the presentation of Dr. Rodger Nishioka at the next presbytery meeting, and RE Leah Shall on the availability of grants from the Congregational Care and Nurture Committee.

REPORT OF THE LEAVES OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

TE David Dyer, Acting Stated Clerk gave the report of the Leaves of Absence Committee. (see above)

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NEW BUSINESS

TE Marie Mainard O'Connell presented the following Commissioner's Resolution: that the Presbytery of Arkansas, at its 128th Stated Meeting, declares its opposition to Arkansas House Bill 1228, allowing discrimination based on religious conviction, particularly intended to target gay, lesbian, and transgender people as well as others; and against Senate Bill 202, barring localities from passing anti-discrimination laws. We ask the Governor to use his power to veto this legislation. **PASSED** and the Acting Stated Clerk was instructed to communicate the action to Governor Asa Hutchinson.

CLOSING PRAYER

TE Lacy Sellars, Vice Moderator, offered the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 3:23 p.m.