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Dear Commissioners:

Welcome to the 134th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas! Thank you for your service to your congregations and to the church.

This is the "Presbytery Meeting Packet." It includes nearly all of the documents and resources you will need for the meeting. The packet is laid out in the order of the meeting and follows the flow of the docket. Occasionally business has to be added at the last minute during the days leading up to the presbytery meeting. In the event there is last minute business, it will be available to you in hard copy form at the registration table.

There is one section in the packet that may not be familiar. At this meeting we will continue considering business referred from the 222nd General Assembly. Each amendment to the constitution requires the ascent of a majority of the 172 presbyteries. To save space in the packet, only the abbreviated text of the amendments is included in the packet. For more information or to read the full rationale for each amendment, you may visit http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf. The business referred from GA is different than that referred by presbytery committees. With each motion from the GA, the presbytery will take a simple yes or no vote. Because this business is being considered by all presbyteries at the same time, the motions may not be amended. The process for considering this business will be more fully explained at the meeting.

This meeting will also feature a special theological conversation. On Saturday morning, we will have a conversation about proposed changes to the Book of Order concerning the Lord's Supper and the new Directory for Worship. This is the first wholesale revision of the Directory for Worship in several years and reflects the prayerful work of a special committee, the staff of the Office of Theology and Worship, and the 222nd General Assembly.

Please take some time to review the materials in the packet and make note of any questions you would like answered about the business before the presbytery. If you have any questions about the meeting packet itself, please don't hesitate to contact me at robert@presbyteryofarkansas.org. I look forward to seeing you in Clarksville!

Peace,

The Rev. Dr. Robert Wm Lowry
Stated Clerk

Stewart Smith
General Presbyter

Kenneth Rich
Director of Mission Support

NiAnn Thompson
Resourcing Center Director

Robert W. Lowry
Stated Clerk

Britton Varn
Youth Ministry

Michael Vinson
Vital Congregations

University of the Ozarks
February 17-18, 2017

Next Meetings

135th Stated Meeting
Second, LR
June 3, 2017

136th Stated Meeting TBD

134th Stated Meeting

The Presbytery of Arkansas

Meeting Schedule

Friday Munger-Wilson Chapel

3:30pm Exhibitor Set-up
3:30pm Communion Training
4pm Registration Opens
6:45pm The Presbytery Convenes
7:15pm Worship including the Lord's Supper and
Installation of Moderator

Saturday Rogers Conference Center

8:30am The Presbytery Reconvenes
8:35am Morning Prayer
10am Order of the Day
Noon Lunch
1pm Order of the Day

Presbytery Leadership

Moderator RE Ruth Hamilton
Vice-Moderator TE Leslie Roper
Moderator of CT TE Lacy Sellers
General Presbyter TE Stewart Smith
Stated Clerk TE Robert Lowry
Moderator of Administration
RE Jan Enke
Moderator of CCM TE Dari Rowen
Moderator of CLD TE Kade Curry
Moderator of Future of the Church
RE Leah Shell
Moderator of Church & Its Mission
RE Kelley Pearson
Moderator of Youth, Campus & YA
RE Mary Shaw
Moderator of Nominations
TE Elizabeth Gabbard

Docket

Friday February 17

We Gather in God's Name

- 6:45 pm Call to Order
 Opening Prayer
 Report of Enrollment and Declaration of Quorum
 Adoption of the Docket
 Seating of Corresponding Members and Granting of Privilege of the Floor/Voice
 Welcome to First Time Commissioners
 Introduction of Presbytery Staff
 Welcome from Host
 Adoption of Consent Agenda (Section A)
 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings (Section S)
 Moment for Ministry- First United Fayetteville History

We Encounter God's Word

- 7:15 pm Worship including the Lord's Supper and Installation of Moderator (Section T)
 A reception hosted by the University of the Ozarks will be held following worship.

Saturday February 18

We Respond to God's Call

- 8:30 am Call to Order
 Morning Prayer including Installation of the Vice-Moderator
 Report of the General Presbyter and State of the Presbytery
 Report of the Stated Clerk (Section B,N,P)
 Report of the Coordinating Team (Section C)
 Report of the Administration Ministry Area (Section D)
 Report of the Committee on the Church's Ministries (Sections E)
 Report of the Committee on Leadership Development (Section F)

10am Order of the Day-Theological Discussion on New Directory for Worship

Noon Lunch

1 pm Order of the Day-Report of the Polity Committee (Section M)
Report of the Committee on Nominations (Section G,N)
Report of the Future of the Church Ministry Area (Section H)
Report of the Mission of the Church Area (Section J)
Ferncliff Annual Report
Arkansas Gives
Minute Announcements
New Business
a.
b.
c.
Report of the Leaves of Absence Committee

We Are Sent in God's Service

Closing Prayer
Adjournment



Office of the President

Commissioners and Visitors of the Presbytery of Arkansas

Dear Friends,

Welcome back to campus! And, welcome back to the restored and renovated Munger-Wilson Memorial Chapel and the new Wilson Family Plaza. The amazing gift was due to the faithful generosity of a lifetime member of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Frances Wilson of Tulsa, OK.

Much has happened in the short two years since we last hosted the Presbytery of Arkansas:

- The University adopted a new strategic plan – Renewing Our Place, which is a commitment to building on our 183-year history as we prepare to serve the next generation of students.
- We have continued to hold tuition and have eliminated all compulsory fees – the cost to the graduating class of 2017 is less now than when they started four years ago.
- We have grown by 20%, and in doing so our Presbyterian representation in the student body has increased from less than 2% to 4%.
- We renewed our covenant with the Synod of the Sun.
- We were ranked No. 1 for Best Value for the second year in a row by U.S. News & World Report.
- We are considered the second most diverse institution in a 12-state region.
- We announced the latest commitment to access in the Frontier Scholarship, a \$10 million gift to support students with economic need.
- We announced partnerships with schools in Europe, South America and Africa.

As you walk around campus, I hope you feel the relationship between and among the members of the Presbytery of Arkansas and the University of the Ozarks is alive and well. We take seriously our mission... "True to our Christian heritage, we prepare students from diverse religious, cultural, educational and economic backgrounds to live life fully."

Thank you for supporting us and for supporting our students. I pray you have a productive presbytery meeting and should I be of assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Dunsworth, JD
President

Presbyterian to English Cheat Sheet

From time to time abbreviations and acronyms will be peppered through the meeting. The following is a quick primer on Presby-speak. If you have questions about any of these terms or the way they fit into the larger picture of the life of the church, feel free to ask the Stated Clerk!

- **AC-** An **A**ddministrative **C**ommission is a group of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders given specific responsibilities and authority to act on behalf of the presbytery between meetings. They are typically formed to ordain and/or install pastors, perform the tasks associated with dismissing, closing, or merging congregations, deal with difficulties in a particular church, or assist a church in times of transition.
- **Board of Pensions-** The General Assembly agency charged with overseeing the benefits plans for pastors and some other church employees.
- **Candidate-** A person in the latter portion of the ordination process for the ministry of Teaching Elder.
- **CCM/COM-** The **C**ommittee on the **C**hurch's **M**inistries (formerly Committee on Ministry) provides oversight and advocacy for congregations and teaching elders. It receives teaching elders from other presbyteries, approves calls for pastoral services, oversees congregations without pastors, dissolves pastoral relationships, dismisses teaching elders to other presbyteries, determines of the criteria for validating ministries of non-parish clergy, and oversees Commissioned Ruling Elders serving congregations.
- **CLD-** The **C**ommittee on **L**eadership **D**evelopment oversees the process of preparation for the ministry of Teaching Elder, training of Commissioned Ruling Elders, and the process of certification for Christian Educators.
- **Council-** In the context of Presbyterian polity and governance, a council is a governing body of the church. The councils of the PC(USA) are the session, the presbytery, the synod and the General Assembly.
- **CT-** The Coordinating Team of the presbytery acts on the presbytery's behalf on routine matters between stated meetings, coordinates the ministries of the presbytery, and
- **GA-** The **G**eneral **A**sssembly of the PC(USA) is the highest council of the church. It meets in even numbered years for approx. 12 days. The 2018 meeting will be held in June in St. Louis, MO.

- ***HR- Honorably Retired*** is a designation for Teaching Elders retired from active service to the church who remain in good standing with the PC(USA).
- ***Inquirer-*** A person in the initial phase of the process of preparation for ministry as a Teaching Elder.
- ***MIF-*** A ***Ministry Information Form*** is the standardized format for advertising certain church professional positions through the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection.
- ***Moderator-*** The Moderator is the person elected to keep order and chair the meetings of the presbytery. The pastor or CRE of a local congregation serves as the moderator of the local session.
- ***NCD-*** ***New Church Developments*** are new ministries of the presbytery engaged in a formal process to work toward establishing a new congregation.
- ***PDA-*** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is an agency of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Mission Agency. PDA assists communities coping with natural and human-caused disasters.
- ***PJC-*** Permanent Judicial Commission implements the disciplinary procedures required by the Book of Order. There is a Judicial Process Manual which gives details on these duties.
- ***PMA-*** The Presbyterian Mission Agency is part of the larger PC(USA) and is located at national church headquarters in Louisville, KY.
- ***PNC-*** Pastor Nominating Committee is a search committee elected by a congregation to seek, interview, and recommend a new pastor.
- ***RE/Ruling Elder-*** Ruling Elder is a lay member of a congregation who has been elected, ordained and installed to serve on the session of a church. Ruling elders are eligible for election as commissioners to presbytery, synod and General Assembly.
- ***Stated Clerk-*** Stated Clerk is the officer elected by the presbytery to maintain the official records, provide extracts when asked, prepare the docket for presbytery meetings, and answer questions about the records, Presbyterian polity, policies, procedures and history. The Stated Clerk is authorized to certify ministers and congregations are in good standing and qualify under the tax exemption of the PCUSA.
- ***Synod of the Sun-*** The governing body council which includes all the presbyteries in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. It coordinates the work of the PCUSA in this region.
- ***TE/Teaching Elder-*** Teaching Elder is an ordained Presbyterian minister member of the clergy.

- ***TPF***- Texas Presbyterian Foundation is a financial service organization for Presbyterian members, councils and institutions. It invests funds and provides bookkeeping services for Grace Presbytery.
- ***Validated Ministries***- Positions served by chaplains, professors and other teaching elders who are not currently serving a congregation. Sometimes they are referred to as non-parish clergy.

Tips for Commissioners on Procedure and Parliamentary Practice

Parliamentary procedure enables the presbytery to become a deliberative assembly, to seek the will of God and to witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. It is never an end in itself. Parliamentary gamesmanship is never appropriate.

The will of the majority shall prevail, but the rights of the minority shall always be protected.

Parliamentary principles balance individual conscience with the will of the majority. It takes seriously the following rights of individual members: (1) the right to know (due notice); (2) the right to speak (rules of debate); (3) the right to vote (membership); and (4) the right to hold office (fair representation).

The Moderator represents the unity of the body. The Moderator preserves decorum and protects the rights listed above.

Parliamentary procedure allows discussion of a subject only when a motion about that subject has been made. To speak during the meeting, first go to a microphone. When recognized by the Moderator, state your name, church, city and status – such as ruling elder or Honorably Retired. You may speak to a pending motion or ask a question. The person making the motion will have first opportunity to speak to the motion. Only motions coming from individuals need a second. A motion made on behalf of a committee already has a second: the majority vote of the committee.

Only commissioners may speak and vote on motions. It is advisable to speak only once on a subject, but you may seek to speak a second time only after everyone who wishes to speak has spoken. All remarks during debate shall be addressed to the Moderator. Questions seeking information from a person who has the floor shall be addressed to the Moderator. Speeches to an individual or the whole presbytery are not permitted during debate. Reading reports or documents out loud requires the permission of the body. In debate, remarks shall be confined to the pending motion. Remarks shall not impugn another commissioner or that person's motives. Commissioners' names shall not be used.

To end debate, a commissioner must go to a microphone and, when recognized by the Moderator, state: "I move the previous question." It is not appropriate to call the question without going to a microphone.

If you offer a substitute motion or a new item of business, you should give the Moderator and Stated Clerk advance notice and written copy. An electronic copy is preferred – using Microsoft Word on a memory stick or thumb drive. Not only will this help these officers facilitate the work of presbytery, they may also be able to help you with suggestions as to how and when it would be appropriate to make the motion. The Stated Clerk and the Moderator are available to advise commissioners on the wording of any motion so that it can clearly express the concerns of the commissioner. When in doubt, ask. The Moderator and the Stated Clerk are eager to help you understand and use the process.

Section A

Consent Agenda

Stated Clerk TE Robert Wm Lowry

NB: In the past, actions of the General Committee have been included on the Consent Agenda. Because the Coordinating Team (and formerly General Committee) is a commission of the presbytery, only certain actions require affirmation by the presbytery.

1. That Presbyterian Women be granted permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper at their spring gathering.
2. That Presbyterian Pilgrimage be granted permission to celebrate the Lord's Supper at their gathering(s).
3. That the presbytery adopt proposed Standing Rules 3, 4, and 5 recommended by the Coordinating Team.
 - a. Standing Rule 3: Terms of Service for Presbytery Leadership (Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Past Moderator)
 - i. The terms of service for the Past Moderator (as moderator of Coordinating Team), Moderator of Presbytery and Vice-Moderator of Presbytery shall be from January 1-December 31 of each year of service. (NB if Section 4 of the O&S is amended, the titles will be changed to reflect the change)
 - ii. *Rationale: The presbytery practice of starting the program and committee service years on January 1 but delaying the moderatorial start until after the installation service in February is confusing and constitutionally unnecessary. An individual is elected Vice-Moderator with the express understanding that it is a three-year cycle of service. That service is begun in the year following election (normally in October of the calendar year preceding the year of service as Vice-Moderator). Just as a Teaching Elder may begin service in a congregational setting weeks or even months before their installation, the Moderator of Presbytery can do the same. As currently practiced, the installation service is more akin to the investiture of a bishop than the installation of a leader in the Reformed tradition.*
 - b. Standing Rule 4: Ex-Officio Members and Quorum
 - i. Ex-officio members of the Coordinating Team (Moderator of Presbytery, Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer) shall count toward the presence of a quorum pursuant to the rules set forth in the Organization and Structure and Committee and Ministry Duties sections of the Presbytery Ministry Manual.

c. Standing Rule 5: Terms of Service for Coordinating Team Members from Ministry Areas

- i. Members of the CT appointed to represent ministry areas or committees shall remain members of CT until their successors are named. If an individual is no longer an active member of the committee he/she represented, the position is declared vacant until a successor is named.
4. That the Administrative Commissions for First Rogers, First Lonoke, First Little Rock, Cane Hill/Walnut Grove, and Ozark be reaffirmed for 2017 with current membership.
 5. That First, Marianna be granted an exception to the rule of rotation and term limits for Ruling Elders.
 6. That the following changes be made to the Ministry and Committee Duties of the Administration Ministry Area at their request:
 - a. Add to #10 the following: *“Non budget purchases over \$500 must be approved by the Administration Area Committee.”*
 - b. Add to #2 the following: *“A full audit will normally be performed every 5 years, with annual reviews on intervening years.”*

Section B

Report of the Stated Clerk

TE Robert Wm Lowry
Stated Clerk

For Information:

1. All Teaching Elders (including those who are Honorably Retired-Active) are reminded that a condition of continued employment and membership in the Presbytery of Arkansas requires periodic background checks. ALL Teaching Elders must complete a background check Authorization and Release form (found in Section M of the packet) and forward \$10 for the cost of the background check. Congregations employing Teaching Elders are encouraged to cover the cost of the background check.
2. All Teaching Elders must complete and return to the Stated Clerk an Acknowledgement of Receipt of the presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Policy (found in Section M of the packet). Completed Acknowledgements of Receipt must be returned to the Stated Clerk.
3. The Stated Clerk made the following editorial revisions to the Ministry and Committee Duties section of the Presbytery Ministry Manual
 - a. Changed all references to number of regions to four from five.
 - b. Changed language for membership of Future of the Church to make consistent with rest of manual.
 - c. Added for clarity "non-Caucasian" to description of required majority for COR.
 - d. Changed wording as necessary to match adopted changes to Organization and Structure
4. The Siloam Springs church has been officially dismissed to the EPC following receipt of the first installment of the financial settlement.
5. The Stated Clerk filed the following annual reports with the Office of the General Assembly as required by GA rules:
 - a. **Governing Body Costs Report**
 - i. Number of FT employees 2
 - ii. Number of PT employees 5
 - iii. Total Cost of Salaries and Benefits \$283,154
 - iv. Total Cost of Staff Travel \$12,090
 - v. Total Cost of Building (incl. utilities) \$33,295
 - vi. Total for All Categories \$328,540

b. Salaries and Benefits Report

- i. David Dyer
 - 1. Salary \$1142
 - 2. Benefits \$0
 - 3. Total \$1142
- ii. Robert Lowry
 - 1. Salary \$18,880
 - 2. Benefits \$3267
 - 3. Total \$22,147
- iii. Kenneth Rich
 - 1. Salary \$56,275
 - 2. Benefits \$20,530
 - 3. Total \$76,805
- iv. Stewart Smith
 - 1. Salary \$80,000
 - 2. Benefits \$34,703
 - 3. Total \$114,703
- v. NiAnn Thompson
 - 1. Salary \$31,733
 - 2. Benefits \$14,481
 - 3. Total \$46,214
- vi. Britton Varn
 - 1. Salary \$14,319
 - 2. Benefits \$0
 - 3. Total \$14,319
- vii. Michael Vinson
 - 1. Salary \$7822
 - 2. Benefits \$0
 - 3. Total \$7822

c. Summary of Church Changes Report

- i. Number of Congregations 1-1-16 84
 - 1. Total added 0
 - 2. Total dissolved 0
 - 3. Total Merged
 - 4. Total dismissed 1
- ii. Number of Congregations 12-31-2016 83

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For Action:

1. That Section 4 of the Organization and Structure be deleted entirely and the following language be inserted:

4) Officers and Staff

A. Officers- The constitutional officers of the presbytery shall be the Moderator and Stated Clerk. The presbytery also provides by rule for Moderator-in-Election and Moderator of Coordinating Team.

- 1. Moderator: The Moderator shall preside at meetings of the presbytery and fulfill such other duties as provided by rule and the most recent edition of the PC(USA) Book of Order.*

a) Election- An individual nominated to serve as moderator will normally be elected as “Moderator-in-Election” (or vice-Moderator) in the fall preceding the first year of service. Upon election as Moderator-in-Election, the individual is deemed to have been elected to the full three years of service as Moderator-in-Election, Moderator, and Moderator of Coordinating Team unless resignation or removal from office prevent the completion of the term.

b) Installation- The Moderator shall normally be installed at the first meeting in the year of service as Moderator.

c) Vacancy: Should a vacancy occur during the first year of service (Moderator-in-Election), the Nominating Committee shall bring to the next stated or called meeting of the presbytery the name of an individual to be elected for the remainder of the term. Should a vacancy occur during the second year of service (Moderator), the Moderator-in-Election shall assume the role of Moderator for the rest of the unexpired term and continue to serve his or her own elected term. Should a vacancy occur during the third year of service (Moderator of Coordinating Team), the Moderator in Election shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term as Moderator of Coordinating Team.

- 2. Stated Clerk: The Stated Clerk shall serve as the parliamentarian of the presbytery and as the designated authority on matters of policy and polity.*

a) Election- Upon vacancy or upon the nomination of more than one candidate, the Nominating Committee shall bring to the presbytery a Stated Clerk Nominating Committee to be elected and charged with presenting a candidate to the presbytery for election. Nominations shall be allowed from the floor.

b) Vacancy: Should a vacancy occur a Temporary Stated Clerk shall be named by the Coordinating Team from among previous Stated Clerks or otherwise qualified individuals. The appointment shall be presented to the presbytery at the next stated meeting for its approval. A search for a new Stated Clerk shall commence for the election of a Stated Clerk to complete the unexpired term.

B. Parity- The office of Moderator shall normally alternate between Ruling and Teaching Elders.

C. Staff- The presbytery staff shall normally include an Executive/General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer and may include such other staff approved by the presbytery for the fulfillment of the presbytery's mission and ministry.

Rationale: The revisions are intended to clarify which are constitutional offices required for the presbytery and which are offices created by rule for the effective operation of the presbytery. Additionally, the expected three-year commitment for candidates to serve as Moderator-in-Election (or vice-Moderator), Moderator, and Moderator of Coordinating Team is clarified.

2. That the Organization and Structure be amended as follows:

- That a new letter 3.D.3.g and 3.D.3.h be inserted with the following text:

g. Moderators of CCM, CLD, Future of the Church, Administration, Y/YA/C, Mission of the Church, Nominations, and Representation who are Ruling Elders shall be enrolled as members with voice and vote if not otherwise members of the presbytery. Moderators who are not Ruling Elders may be seated as Corresponding Members with voice but not vote.

h. Ruling Elder members of the Coordinating Team not otherwise members of the presbytery shall be enrolled as members of the presbytery during their time of service on the Coordinating Team.

Current section g shall be re-designated as 3.D.3.j

Rationale: This change will ensure that all moderators of standing ministries and RE members of the CT have voice in the work of the larger presbytery.

- That 5.H.1 be revised to read as follows (text to be added is shown in *italics* and text to be deleted is shown with a ~~striketrough~~):

Membership- There shall be no more than ~~17~~ 22 and no fewer than ~~10~~ 15 members of the Coordinating Team.

Rationale: This change clarifies that the five ex-officio members of the CT are part of the total membership.

- That all other Presbytery documents be amended to reflect these changes.

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Section C

Report of the Coordinating Team

TE Lacy Sellers
First, Hot Springs

For Information:

The Coordinating Team took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery during a called conference call on January 13, 2017

1. Accepted with regret and with thanks the resignation of TE Robert Wm Lowry as Stated Clerk effective at the close of the 134th Stated Meeting.
2. Elected TE Leslie Belden as temporary Stated Clerk from the close of the 134th Stated Meeting until the election of a new Stated Clerk.
3. Instructed the Nominating Committee to bring names to the 134th Stated Meeting for a Stated Clerk Search Committee.

The Coordinating Team took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery at its stated meeting January 21, 2017:

1. Created a task force of six members (two each to be named by Future of the Church, CCM, and CLD) to evaluate the criteria of how to prepare and support CREs. The task force shall return its final report to CT no later than January 21, 2018. Stewart Smith will act as staff support.
2. Approved the start time for the 134th Stated Meeting, requests for docket time, a pre-presbytery workshop, Orders of the Day for Theological Discussion and a report from the Polity Committee, and an invitation to TE Chip Andrus to lead the Theological Discussion.
3. Authorized the Stated Clerk to solicit and accept an invitation from a host for the 135th Stated Meeting June 3, 2017.
4. Instructed the General Presbyter to consult with the vendor responsible for background checks to ensure that the Background Check Release Form is limited to the scope prescribed in presbytery policy.
5. Referred three proposed Standing Rules to the presbytery for approval or disapproval (included in Consent Agenda).
6. Referred changes to the Organization and Structure to the presbytery for approval or disapproval.
7. Extended an invitation to TE Rebecca Spooner and Dr. David Johnson to lead the Theological Discussion at the 136th Stated Meeting.

8. Set the date and location for the 136th Stated Meeting for October 6-7, 2017 at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church, Forrest City.
9. Appointed a Task Force of four to examine the financial resources of the presbytery and report back to Coordinating Team no later than August 1, 2017 on recommendations for policies and procedures for use of funds beyond the annual presbytery budget. One member each shall be named by the Future of the Church, Mission of the Church, Administration, and Coordinating Team.

Section D

Report of the Administration Ministry Area

RE Jan Enke
First, Van Buren

For Information:

1. Financial information including Balance Sheet, Year End Budget Report, and Year End Benevolence Report are included in the following pages.
2. We ended the year 2016 with a net income of \$367.80. This was due to a larger than anticipated income from investments combined with several committees of the presbytery for keeping a careful eye on the expenditures.
3. The Chenal Property is scheduled to be sold on February 22, 2017 for \$1,130,000 which will pay off both loans.
4. The Board of Pensions Insurance was reviewed with the new options available. After a discussion with the staff covered it was decided that the 100% member and children would be covered by the presbytery but not the spouse. The spouses will be required to get insurance through their employers. The salaries of those who will be effected will be adjusted by the amount of their spouse's insurance premium. This plan saves the presbytery \$14,083.

For Action:

1. The Administration Ministry Area moves the following terms of call for General Presbyter Stewart Smith:
 1. Effective salary:
 - a. Salary: \$40,000
 - b. Housing: \$35,000
 - c. 403(b): %5,000
 - d. Spousal Insurance Cost Offset: \$865.80
 2. Full medical, pension, death and disability coverage through the Board of Pensions (for Stewart and child only; spouse not covered)
 3. SSI reimbursement: \$6,196
 4. Professional expenses: \$15,000 (reduced from \$18,000)
 5. Continuing Education: \$1,500
 6. Paid Vacation Leave: four (4) weeks;
 7. Paid Continuing Education Leave: two (2) weeks;
 8. Three month Sabbatical after the seventh year of work.
2. The Administration Ministry Area moves to adopt the 2017 Operating Budget. (Distributed at registration.)

Rationale: The 2017 Operating Budget proposes \$80,000 in reductions from the 2016 operating budget. If expenses come in at the projected number of \$805,330 we anticipate having a deficit and transferring some funds from investments.

3. That the changes endorsed by the Administration Ministry Area to the job description for Michael Vinson be approved.

Proposed Job Description

PART 1: SKILLS FOR THRIVING IN CHANGE WORKSHOPS

The Theme of the work for 2017 would be Skills for Thriving in Change. In meeting with the discernment group, one of the things that they thought would be helpful would be hands on learning and skill development to help them do ministry in a variety of settings and in the complicated world of ministry in which the church currently exists. The benefit of the workshop to the local pastor is that it gives them some tools to begin conversations with their session and to develop their own skill set in navigating ministry during rapidly changing times. The benefit to the Presbytery is that the Presbytery begins to have leaders who can use their skills to help others discover their purpose and fulfill their calling in new ways. This allows the Presbytery and the local congregations to develop leadership skills and plans that are flexible and productive. The Purpose of the workshops would be to build skills for thriving in change for leaders within the Presbytery.

This would include a series of three pre-presbytery workshops:

- Workshop One: Fostering a Life Nurturing Environment In Your Congregation
- Workshop Two: Mapping Congregational Transformation, Aligning with your Purpose as a congregation.
- Workshop Three: Shifting From Old Patterns of Behavior and Developing New Patterns of Behavior

The overall benefit for this group of workshops for the Presbytery will begin to develop leadership that can help discern new ways of being the church within the Presbytery based on skills and knowledge from the workshops. The individual congregations will learn how to assess that its behaviors and actions help or distract from accomplishing its purpose, how to foster and environment within the congregations that is life nurturing and affirming in order to accomplish its purpose; and to learn how to develop leadership, vision and community to accomplish its purpose.

Each pre-presbytery workshop would be approximately three hours in length. They will be offered once during the course of the year perhaps as a part of the regularly scheduled Presbytery meetings. Leadership at all levels of the church would benefit from these workshops. This would include deacons, elders, and pastors.

Additionally there would be one workshop offered at least twice in different parts of the state. The theme of this workshop would be Thriving in Change. This would be an afternoon and morning workshop with the first part of the workshop taking part in the afternoon and the second part of the workshop taking place the next morning for a total of eight hours. This workshop would be beneficial to deacons, elders and pastors

as they would begin to develop tools for assessing and discerning ways to fulfill their purpose individually and collectively.

The design of the workshops, the implementation of the workshops including the development of resource and educational material for the workshops would be covered by the current salary.

Some Benefits to these workshops would include:

- Strengthening the relationship between the session and the pastor to lead a congregation that thrives in times of transition.
- Moving from one stage of ministry to the next by broadening the discussion beyond the present ministry challenges to bring understanding to where to put energy in ministry that brings about lasting improvement.
- Broader conversations with respect to the mission of the Church.
- Conflict Prevention in transition by developing new patterns of behavior that strengthen the current mission and context of mission.
- Development of new patterns of behavior that take congregation out of patterns of behavior that no longer serve them and keep the congregation in conflict.
- Development of organizational wide understanding of transition: where it starts, how to thrive in transition, stages along the way and development of a path forward to a new mission.

PART 2: WORKING WITH CONGREGATIONS

This is work that relates to specific congregations. This would be like the deep discernment work that I have done with congregations like Jacksonville and Rogers.

The purpose of this work is to help the congregation learn new ways of being as it discerns next steps in ministry. This is accomplished in a variety of way. There are individual interviews which allows individual members to discern how well the church is doing in accomplishing its purpose, identify things that need to be eliminated, reduced or developed. It allows the congregation to look at its history and come to terms with behaviors that have been helpful in moving the ministry of the congregation forward and to look at behaviors that have not been helpful in moving the ministry forward. The focus groups allow the participants to assess and discern next steps in ministry while at the same time learning new skills to help them accomplish their ministry. As more congregations do this kind of work the Presbytery will see congregations that have clarity of purpose as it relates to their ministry in local congregations and across the Presbytery increasing the connectional ties of the work together.

This work would be limited to three churches a year and would be paid for by the church requesting the services. The payment might come through a presbytery grant.

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

Balance Sheet

As of 12/31/2016

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash TPF & Arvest - undesignated	268,757.94	
TPF Investment Cash - designated	227,129.27	
TPF Investments	3,436,451.39	
N/R Ministers	10,523.61	
N/R Churches	2,123.30	
Other Pledges Receivable	0.00	
TPF Mark to Market 52190	761,653.69	
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	
Total Current Assets		4,706,639.20

Property and Equipment

Furniture & Fixtures	68,104.89	
Land	473,237.00	
Buildings	771,516.12	
	1,312,858.01	

Accumulated Depreciation	(328,328.99)	
Net Property and Equipment		984,529.02

TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 5,691,168.22
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LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Payroll & Other Withholdings	4,598.12	
Unearned Pledges	0.00	
Total Current Liabilities		4,598.12

Long-Term Liabilities	0.00	
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Total Long-Term Liabilities		0.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		4,598.12
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Fund Balance

Equity Beginning Balance	4,468,944.31	
Fund Balance	876,667.40	
Transfer To & From Account	3,803.60	
Unrealized Gains/Losses	288,124.83	
Net Income	49,029.96	

Total Fund Balance		5,686,570.10
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL		\$ 5,691,168.22
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For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2016									
		Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual	2016 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget		
6000-01	Mission Acceptance	\$ 287,092.70	234,583.33	52,509.37	\$ 651,541.48	615,000.00	36,541.48		
6000-01-1-101	Previous Year Pledges	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	7,233.32	1,500.00	5,733.32		
Misc (Acct. 6015)	Interest Income	13,770.46	10,000.00	3,770.46	161,798.17	120,000.00	41,798.17		
Misc	Transfer from Investments	0.00	11,160.67	(11,160.67)	0.00	133,928.00	(133,928.00)		
6001-00-1-000	Miscellaneous Revenue	2,100.00	1,250.00	850.00	13,142.00	15,000.00	(1,858.00)		
	Total Revenues	302,963.16	257,994.00	44,969.16	833,714.97	885,428.00	(51,713.03)		
Expenses									
7000-01-1-000	Coordinating Team--Meeting Exp, Meals, Worship	0.00	138.75	(138.75)	1,195.54	1,665.00	(469.46)		
7000-06-1-000	Coordinating Team--Gifts	0.00	3.75	(3.75)	50.00	45.00	5.00		
7000-09-1-000	Coordinating Team--Moderator's Expense	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)		
7000-10-1-000	Coordinating Team--Vice moderator's Expense	797.24	93.75	703.49	797.24	1,125.00	(327.76)		
7000-20-1-000	Coordinating Team--Presbytery Workshop/Speaker	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	150.00	450.00	(300.00)		
7000-31-1-000	Coordinating Team--Background Checks	0.00	30.00	(30.00)	0.00	360.00	(360.00)		
		797.24	341.25	455.99	2,192.78	4,095.00	(1,902.22)		
7100-01-1-000	Administration--Meeting Expense, Financial Review	0.00	578.83	(578.83)	7,613.19	6,946.00	667.19		
7100-04-1-000	Administration--Debt Reduction Contingency (e.g. land appraisal)	0.00	333.33	(333.33)	1,500.00	4,000.00	(2,500.00)		
7100-05-1-000	Administration--Loan Interest Payments	2,733.93	2,692.00	41.93	31,912.43	32,304.00	(391.57)		
		2,733.93	3,604.16	(870.23)	41,025.62	43,250.00	(2,224.38)		
7200-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Leadership Dev.--Travel, food, lodging, suppl	0.00	41.25	(41.25)	128.16	495.00	(366.84)		
7200-02-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Leadership Dev.--ConEd--Emergency Fund, Etc	0.00	375.00	(375.00)	5,760.00	4,500.00	1,260.00		
8000-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Leadership Dev.--Mtg. Expenses, etc.	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	2,684.72	1,800.00	884.72		
8000-09-1-000	Min. of the Church--Cmte on Leadership Dev.--Eval, Retreat, Support, Bkg Check	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	1,200.00	3,600.00	(2,400.00)		
7700-01-1-000	Min. of the Church--formerly Committee on Ministry--travel, food, mtg. support	1,752.00	990.00	762.00	3,817.81	11,880.00	(8,062.19)		
		1,752.00	1,856.25	(104.25)	13,590.69	22,275.00	(8,684.31)		
7300-29-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Min./All	2,356.66	2,356.67	(0.01)	28,279.92	28,280.00	(0.08)		
7300-71-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Meetings, travel, meals	0.00	75.00	(75.00)	541.24	900.00	(358.76)		
7300-73-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Scholarships	700.00	58.33	641.67	700.00	700.00	0.00		
7300-74-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Triennium	(4,410.00)	150.00	(4,560.00)	3,212.17	1,800.00	1,412.17		
7300-75-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--YAD at Presbytery	0.00	30.00	(30.00)	191.96	360.00	(168.04)		
7300-76-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT SR Hi YthQuake	2,916.00	240.00	2,676.00	2,832.18	2,880.00	(47.82)		
7300-77-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT JR Hi YouthQuake	600.00	180.00	420.00	2,144.13	2,160.00	(15.87)		
7300-78-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Montreat	(1,297.50)	206.25	(1,503.75)	3,854.61	2,475.00	1,379.61		
7300-79-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--JRHi Jubilee	5,887.83	206.25	5,681.58	2,900.44	2,475.00	425.44		

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7300-80-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--2017 Mission Trip	(2,200.00)	0.00	(2,200.00)	(2,200.00)	0.00	(2,200.00)		
7300-86-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Leader Development	400.00	33.33	366.67	400.00	400.00	0.00		
7300-98-1-000	Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Middle School Mission Trip	300.00	25.00	275.00	300.00	300.00	0.00		
		5,252.99	3,560.83	1,692.16	43,156.65	42,730.00	426.65		
7500-01-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Admin., Listening	1,173.29	375.00	798.29	2,873.00	4,500.00	(1,627.00)		
7500-06-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Black Caucus--Al Branch	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	450.00	450.00	0.00		
7500-15-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Lilly Grant Matching Funds	5,000.00	375.00	4,625.00	10,625.00	4,500.00	6,125.00		
7500-21-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--West End Operation Support	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)	13,500.00	13,500.00	0.00		
7500-28-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Smaller Church Misc.	1,200.00	2,362.50	(1,162.50)	3,660.00	28,350.00	(24,690.00)		
7500-40-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--Annual Spring Retreat Expenses	2,500.00	360.00	2,140.00	793.00	4,320.00	(3,527.00)		
7500-51-1-000	Future of the Church--CCD--New NCD Development	0.00	1,875.00	(1,875.00)	0.00	22,500.00	(22,500.00)		
7500-53-1-000	Future of the Church--Laotian Ministry support	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00		
7500-92-1-000	Future of the Church--CRE Support	0.00	225.00	(225.00)	0.00	2,700.00	(2,700.00)		
7500-98-1-000	Future of the Church--Harlis Wright--Pine Bluff (salary support)	0.00	594.00	(594.00)	7,199.96	7,128.00	71.96		
		9,873.29	7,629.00	2,244.29	42,700.96	91,548.00	(48,847.04)		
7300-01-1-000	Christian Education--Meeting Expenses	114.35	37.50	76.85	361.68	450.00	(88.32)		
7300-10-1-000	Christian Education--Special train. Events/presb	0.00	75.00	(75.00)	872.09	900.00	(27.91)		
7300-20-1-000	Christian Education--RD--Hisp. Dev. Hsp. Resources	0.00	18.75	(18.75)	19.59	225.00	(205.41)		
7300-21-1-000	Christian Education--Fmc. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp	0.00	2,374.17	(2,374.17)	28,490.00	28,490.00	0.00		
7300-30-1-000	Christian Education--Presbyterian Pilgrimage	0.00	150.00	(150.00)	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00		
7300-41-1-000	Christian Education--Diversity--Scholarship	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)		
7300-90-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Center Resources	280.64	191.25	89.39	1,448.60	2,295.00	(846.40)		
7300-91-1-000	Christian Education--Resource Cntr. Admin.	200.00	90.00	110.00	374.78	1,080.00	(705.22)		
7300-94-1-000	Christian Education--Confirmation Support	0.00	33.33	(33.33)	0.00	400.00	(400.00)		
7600-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--Mission, Travel, Meals	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	361.21	450.00	(88.79)		
7600-03-1-000	Mission of the Church--Scholarship for Mission Trip	0.00	120.00	(120.00)	285.00	1,440.00	(1,155.00)		
7600-05-1-000	Mission of the Church--International Mission Emphasis	0.00	375.00	(375.00)	2,000.00	4,500.00	(2,500.00)		
7600-11-1-000	Mission of the Church--Evangelism Support	449.00	225.00	224.00	449.00	2,700.00	(2,251.00)		
7600-26-1-000	Mission of the Church--Arkansas Interfaith Conference	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	3,600.00	3,600.00	0.00		
7600-44-1-000	Mission of the Church--Lyon College	0.00	187.50	(187.50)	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00		
7600-45-1-000	Mission of the Church--Presby. Village Support	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	450.00	450.00	0.00		
7600-49-1-000	Mission of the Church--Univ. of Ozarks	0.00	187.50	(187.50)	2,250.00	2,250.00	0.00		
7600-51-1-000	Mission of the Church--Vera Lloyd Mission	0.00	210.00	(210.00)	2,520.00	2,520.00	0.00		
7600-53-1-000	Mission of the Church--Evergreen Ministries	0.00	75.00	(75.00)	1,000.00	900.00	100.00		
7600-54-1-000	Mission of the Church--Justice Issues	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)		
7600-62-1-000	Mission of the Church--Unified Mission Emphasis	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)	8,260.00	13,500.00	(5,240.00)		
7600-96-1-000	Mission of the Church--Solar Under the Sun	0.00	750.00	(750.00)	2,500.00	9,000.00	(6,500.00)		

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8300-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW Exp., travel, postage, etc.	1,504.50	37.50	1,467.00	2,311.65	450.00	1,861.65		
8300-07-1-000	Mission of the Church--PW--Spring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering	0.00	281.25	(281.25)	105.56	3,375.00	(3,269.44)		
9400-01-1-000	Mission of the Church--Disaster Preparedness	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)		
		2,548.49	7,031.25	(4,482.76)	61,709.16	84,375.00	(22,665.84)		
7800-01-1-000	Nominations--travel, food	0.00	30.00	(30.00)	256.72	360.00	(103.28)		
8100-01-1-000	Representation--Meeting Expenses	0.00	3.75	(3.75)	30.62	45.00	(14.38)		
8400-01-1-000	POA/Supplies & Office Exp.	143.24	500.00	(356.76)	4,757.80	6,000.00	(1,242.20)		
8400-02-1-000	Utilities/Telephone	334.36	833.33	(498.97)	9,295.90	10,000.00	(704.10)		
8400-03-1-000	Copy Machine	754.95	833.33	(78.38)	9,581.25	10,000.00	(418.75)		
8400-05-1-000	Technology	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	3,568.12	3,000.00	568.12		
8400-07-1-000	Replace Equipment	43.59	250.00	(206.41)	43.59	3,000.00	(2,956.41)		
8400-09-1-000	Insurance	0.00	625.00	(625.00)	6,656.24	7,500.00	(843.76)		
8400-10-1-000	Miscellaneous Expenses	304.78	166.67	138.11	939.98	2,000.00	(1,060.02)		
8400-11-1-000	Moving Expenses	0.00	583.33	(583.33)	3,120.00	7,000.00	(3,880.00)		
8400-12-1-000	Maintenance/Grounds, Bldg Upkeep)	740.88	825.00	(84.12)	10,038.87	9,900.00	138.87		
8400-13-1-000	SC-travel computer, etc.	0.00	358.33	(358.33)	6,221.59	4,300.00	1,921.59		
8400-15-1-000	Assistant Stated Clerk Expense	0.00	106.25	(106.25)	207.27	1,275.00	(1,067.73)		
8400-22-1-000	K. Rich/Travel	230.95	83.33	147.62	826.58	1,000.00	(173.42)		
8400-24-1-000	N. Thompson/Travel	0.00	62.50	(62.50)	943.89	750.00	193.89		
8400-25-1-000	S. Smith/Professional Ex	185.04	1,500.00	(1,314.96)	10,633.40	18,000.00	(7,366.60)		
8400-29-1-000	Salaries	14,502.51	14,500.00	2.51	175,172.72	174,000.00	1,172.72		
8400-30-1-000	Pension/Major Medical	5,500.35	5,916.67	(416.32)	71,650.93	71,000.00	650.93		
8400-31-1-000	S. Smith/Continuing Ed.	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	1,000.00	1,500.00	(500.00)		
8400-33-1-000	Payroll Taxes	1,282.69	916.67	366.02	15,479.72	11,000.00	4,479.72		
8400-34-1-000	Housing	2,916.66	3,333.33	(416.67)	34,999.92	40,000.00	(5,000.08)		
8400-37-1-000	K. Rich/Cont. Ed.	514.59	83.33	431.26	1,404.89	1,000.00	404.89		
8400-40-1-000	S. Smith/FICA	516.33	583.33	(67.00)	6,195.96	7,000.00	(804.04)		
8400-41-1-000	N. Thompson/Cont. Ed.	0.00	43.75	(43.75)	306.00	525.00	(219.00)		
8400-46-1-000	Repay CCD & Bldg. End.	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	0.00		
8400-49-1-000	B. Varn/Travel	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	435.13	1,000.00	(564.87)		
8400-50-1-000	M. Vinson/Travel	124.27	83.33	40.94	124.27	1,000.00	(875.73)		
8400-51-1-000	B. Varn/Con. Ed.	200.00	83.33	116.67	226.27	1,000.00	(773.73)		
8400-52-1-000	M. Vinson/Con. Ed.	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)		
8400-53-1-000	TPF Bookkeeping Fees	101.13	916.67	(815.54)	9,017.96	11,000.00	(1,982.04)		
		31,396.32	36,729.14	(5,332.82)	418,848.25	440,750.00	(21,901.75)		

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8400-17-1-000 Administrative Commissions	100.00	208.33	(108.33)	519.66	2,500.00	(1,980.34)			
8600-01-1-000 General Assembly	4,842.16	2,562.50	2,279.66	35,055.31	30,750.00	4,305.31			
8700-01-1-000 GA Per Capita	31,847.76	8,083.33	23,764.43	95,543.28	97,000.00	(1,456.72)			
8800-01-1-000 Synod Mission	4,842.16	2,145.83	2,696.33	30,055.31	25,750.00	4,305.31			
	41,532.08	12,791.66	28,740.42	160,653.90	153,500.00	7,153.90			
Total Expenses	95,986.34	73,785.62	22,200.72	784,685.01	885,428.00	(100,742.99)			
Net Income	\$ 206,976.82	\$ 184,208.38	\$ 22,768.44	\$ 49,029.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 49,029.96			

Benevolence as of
December 31, 2016

LOCATION	2015 Benevolence	2016 Benevolence	2017 Pledge
Alma	-	-	
Amity	-	-	
Arkadelphia, First	6,000.00	750.00	
Arkadelphia, West End	1,606.00	1,106.00	
Atkins	-	-	
Batesville	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Beebe	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Bella Vista	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Benton	8,500.00	8,200.00	
Bentonville, First	20,000.00	22,000.00	22,000.00
Bentonville, Vaughn	2,500.00	2,000.00	
Brinkley	-	-	
Bull Shoals	670.00	-	
Cane Hill	-	-	
Clarksville, First	1,200.00	-	
Clarksville, Harmony	-	842.00	
Conway	7,500.00	7,500.00	
Dardanelle	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Elkins	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Eureka Springs	2,450.00	3,600.00	
Fairfield Bay	9,240.00	9,240.00	
Fayetteville, First United	41,000.00	41,000.00	
Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	2,000.00	1,000.00	
Forrest City	8,530.00	8,250.00	
Ft. Smith, Central	11,000.00	16,000.00	
Ft. Smith, First	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Gamaliel	-	-	
Gravette	-	-	
Greenwood	2,000.00	-	
Gurdon	900.00	1,200.00	
Hardy	4,000.00	3,500.00	
Harrison	6,000.00	9,000.00	5,000.00
Heber Springs	2,500.00	1,500.00	
Helena	916.67	1,000.00	1,000.00
Holiday Island	3,750.00	3,750.00	
Holly Grove	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Horseshoe Bend	1,700.00	3,000.00	
HSV, Kirk	27,270.00	27,270.00	
H. Springs, First	18,000.00	18,000.00	20,000.00
H. Springs, Westminister	6,150.00	7,749.96	
Huntsville	2,400.00	2,400.00	
Jacksonville	2,400.00	2,520.00	
Jonesboro	2,000.00	3,000.00	
Lincoln	1,500.00	1,500.00	
LR, Allison	250.00	-	
LR, First	9,999.96	8,333.30	
LR, Grace	5,625.00	7,500.00	
LR, Pulaski Heights	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Little Rock, Second	200,000.00	200,000.00	
LR, Trinity	7,000.00	8,000.04	
LR, Westminister	300.00	400.00	400.00
LR, Westover Hills	10,500.00	10,500.00	
Lonoke	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Malvern	9,999.96	10,000.00	

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LOCATION	2015 Benevolence	2016 Benevolence	2017 Pledge
Marianna	1,200.00	400.00	200.00
Mena	7,200.00	7,500.00	
Morrilton, First	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Morrilton, Hopewell	-	-	
Mountain Home	1,320.36	1,591.00	
Mountainburg	-	-	
Newport	3,600.00	3,600.00	4,800.00
Norman	2,000.00	500.00	
NLR, First	1,000.00	1,000.00	
NLR, Park Hill	16,000.00	13,000.00	
Ozark	-	-	
Paragould, First	-	-	
Pea Ridge	3,000.00	2,750.00	
Pine Bluff, Central	4,166.68	5,000.01	
Pine Bluff, Faith	-	166.00	
Pine Bluff, First	5,000.04	5,000.04	
Prairie Grove	9,841.00	9,084.00	
Rogers	6,999.96	6,999.96	7,000.00
Russellville	-	10,000.00	
Searcy	-	3,000.00	
Siloam Springs	1,850.00	462.50	
Springdale	30,000.00	30,000.00	
Stuttgart	-	-	
Van Buren	3,000.00	-	
Walnut Ridge	3,600.00	6,990.00	
Wynne	12,500.04	9,166.67	
Yellville	2,000.00	8,000.00	
McGehee	2,520.00	2,520.00	
Springdale/Hispanic Ministry	-	-	
Total	637,355.67	651,541.48	97,900.00

Section E

Report of the Committee on the Church's Ministries

TE Dari Rowen
First, Benton

For Presbytery Action:

1. Motion to receive TE Blake Brinegar into the Presbytery of Arkansas upon transfer from

Blake Brinegar Statement of Faith

I believe in God the Father, creator of all things, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit. God is not finished with creation; scripture tells us, "The one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ." God is caring, nurturing, accepting, and patient. Most encounters with God are through ordinary order and structure. Our faith and relationship with God is lifelong, a continual process of deepening one's relationship with God.

God is manifest in the person of Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine, the incarnate Son of God, our Lord and Savior. The ministry of Jesus was to share the Good News of God's will for the world. Jesus died on a cross for the forgiveness of sins, and his resurrection shows that God is ultimately victorious over sin and death. We turn from God and try to separate ourselves from God. I believe nothing can separate us from God. God is with us in the Holy Spirit, guiding, nurturing, and challenging us to live faithful lives. In recalling God's presence with us, we know we are children of God, called to spread the Good News of the Gospel in the world. As disciples, we offer the gift of God in Jesus Christ by making new disciples, through mission work in our community, our country, and around the world.

We encounter God through the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible, the inspired word of God, an authoritative guide of how to live, speaks to each of us. The Bible should be interpreted with humility and love. God related to humanity, first by leading the Israelites, then in the Incarnation of Jesus. God's purpose and power are endless, adding to God's mystery and grandeur. Created in God's image, we are challenged to use our minds in relating to humanity. We are called to be good stewards, entrusted with caring for God's creation.

God works through the church, the body of Christ. Our no longer being separated from God by sin is secured in our faith, not works or merit. We don't earn God's love; it is a freely given gift. The role of the community of believers through which God works is multi-faceted. The community helps us to live more faithfully. We are called to ensure all peoples the basic necessities of a life of dignity.

Through our life in congregations, presbyteries, and as Presbyterians, we belong to the larger community of believers, the church universal. We enter this community through the

Sacrament of Baptism, which is the sign God first chose us, even before we could make our own profession. The Lord's Table belongs to Jesus, not a church. When we partake in the Lord's Supper, Jesus is spiritually present in the elements. As the bread is broken and the cup poured, we are reminded of the brokenness of Christ's body. In this act, we share with the faithful around the world, including the saints who have gone before us, as we seek reconciliation with those around us, rededicating ourselves afresh to Christ.

2. Motion to approve the call of TE Blake Brinegar as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Yellville, effective January 1, 2017, and enroll him as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, requesting that the Presbytery of Cascades dismiss him, with the following terms of call and details concerning the installation service:

Effective Salary	
Cash Salary	31,800
Rental Value of Manse	9,673.08
Dental	443.40
Total Effective Salary	41,916.08
Reimbursable Expenses	
Auto @ 53.5/mile	3,000
Cont. Ed.	1,200
Presbytery Expense	420
Moving Costs	5,000
Pension in Full	
Paid Vacation 4 Weeks	
Paid Continuing Ed 2 weeks	

3. Motion to approve TE Blake Brinegar's installation service on February 12, 2017 at 4 pm with the offering recipient to be the Committee on Disaster Preparedness and Response and commission members:

TE Lacy Sellers to Moderate and Propound the Constitutional Questions
 TE Dick Shinkle to Preach
 TE Brian Brock to Charge the Pastor
 RE Jeanne Simpson, FPC Yellville, to Charge the Congregation
 RE Evelyn Mills, FPC Harrison
 TE Patty Schaller

4. Motion to receive TE Joyce A. Daniel (HR) as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Statement of Faith

As a child I sang with the congregation, "Oh how I love Jesus because he first loved me." I believe that the sovereign triune God being the source of all love, created the human race in God's own image. God reveals Godself to us through the Holy Scriptures, through the living

Word, Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, who inspired the writers of Scripture and is present to teach us as we read and listen.

I believe that God's full expression of love, justice, and mercy is found in Jesus Christ, truly human and truly God. Jesus came willingly to earth to live, suffer, and die that we might be forgiven of sin and have eternal life in relationship with God. In the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, sin and death were defeated. Our forgiveness being forever accomplished on the cross, we are called to confess our sins and forgive others as we also receive forgiveness.

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost to be present within and around us. I believe Holy Spirit unites us mysteriously with the person and work of Jesus Christ, and guides, companions, comforts, empowers, and advocates for us.

We who believe are called to practice our faith and love in community. This communal expression of faith is experienced in Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe, as Augustine said, both Sacraments are "visible signs of God's invisible grace" through which the Church is invited into deeper communion with Jesus Christ. In Baptism the Church recognizes God's sovereignty in the life of a person and affirms the ongoing communal nature of God's work through the Church. At the Lord's Table we are nourished by the Spiritual presence of Christ in the receiving of the bread and the cup, as we are in communion with the triune God and all believers of every time and place.

As head of the Church, his body, Christ calls and empowers us to live out the reign of God on earth, praying and working for peace and justice for all people, and caring for and enjoying the environment. We are charged to share the good news of Jesus in our words, our prayers, and our actions, loving God and neighbor; in this way the reign of God grows, and will one day be complete.

In summary, I believe my salvation and sanctification rest solely on the gracious love and power of God the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and that nothing will ever separate me from that eternal presence of love.

5. Motion to receive TE Danny Daniel (HR) as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Statement of Faith

Legend has it that sometime in the early 1960's, while lecturing at the University of Chicago; the renowned theologian Karl Barth took a few questions from the audience. Allegedly, Dr. Barth was asked by an inquisitive divinity student if Dr. Barth could summarize his life's work in theology by one brief statement. The most famous theologian of the 20th Century supposedly replied with something like this, "Yes, I can... 'Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so.'"

I doubt if anyone can top Karl Barth's wit or profound succinctness, neither should I try. This is my brief statement of faith:

I believe that I worship and have an intimate relationship with an omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscience God. Through my understanding of Scripture and the Confessions of the PCUSA I have come to believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (one God in three persons). I believe

that the Triune God has created and is still creating all humankind in the image of God. I believe that God is revealed to us through the Holy Scriptures, through God's only begotten son, Jesus Christ (who came to us being fully divine and fully human), and through the immense workings of the Holy Spirit.

I believe Jesus' life, death on the cross, and his resurrection provided the atonement for our sins and broke the chains of eternal death for all believers. By the grace of God and the unconditional love found in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, all believers have a perpetual relationship with the most holy and almighty God and have become children of God and heirs to God's kingdom. I believe that the Holy Spirit has been sent to indwell within us and is an advocate to accompany us through the many joys and trials of the life we have been given. I believe that the Holy Spirit beckons people from all "walks of life" into action after hearing the voices of the oppressed in the world, not only the injustices leveled upon humanity but also the planet earth we are called to preserve, honor, and protect. I believe that the Holy Spirit continues to connect each of us to the community of faith in Jesus Christ (the catholic Church) as we honor the Sacraments of our faith, baptism and the Lord's Supper. I believe that the Holy Spirit calls all believers, i.e. men, women, and children from across the diverse globe, to unite together in one body, the Body of Christ.

And yes after saying all this, one of the most profound beliefs that I can attest to is... "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so."

6. *Materials to be distributed at registration.*

7. Motion to adopt:

Policy for Pastors from Other Denominations Seeking to Serve PC(USA) Congregations in a Pastoral, Transitional or Supply Role.

- 1.. When a congregation requires pastoral or transitional pastoral leadership and would like to consider a candidate whose ordination in good standing, prior service, and/or training are not in a denomination in full communion with the Presbyterian Church (USA), the session of that congregation shall consult formally with the Committee on the Church's Ministries through its presbytery liaisons before any formal or informal conversations are conducted with any such candidate.
2. Through its assigned liaisons and its appropriate Examinations Subcommittee, the Presbytery's Committee on the Church's Ministries shall determine whether, when, and to what extent the person's ability to lead, teach, preach, and provide pastoral care may or may not serve the present and future mission and vision of the congregation in a manner consistent with Presbyterian theology and polity, and the ethos of The Presbytery of Arkansas and the Presbyterian Church (USA). This determination shall be made in a formal examination by the appropriate Examinations Subcommittee and approved by the Committee on the Church's Ministries.

3. In addition in order to preside at the Lord's Supper or to celebrate a baptism of the PCUSA congregation, a potential pastor, transitional pastor, minister, or leader whose credentials in good standing are in a denomination not in full communion with the PCUSA, shall normally be required to pursue pre-approved coursework in the following areas:
 - a. Reformed Theology (*Book of Confessions*)
 - b. Reformed Understanding of the Sacraments (*Book of Confessions* and "Directory for Worship")
 - c. Presbyterian Polity (*Book of Order*)
4. Following the completion of the above coursework or its equivalent, the appropriate Examinations Subcommittee of the Committee on the Church's Ministries shall examine the candidate again and may—at the Committee on the Church's Ministries sole discretion—specifically authorize the individual to exercise one or more of the following pastoral functions if it judges the exercise of that function by that individual to be desirable for the church's ongoing ministry:
 - a. Presiding at the Lord's Supper
 - b. Celebrating a baptismSuch authorization shall apply only to the congregation, context, and time-frame specified by the Committee on the Church's Ministries.
5. In no event shall a pastor, transitional pastor, minister, or other leader whose ordination, prior service, and training are not in a denomination in full communion with the Presbyterian Church (USA) moderate the Session of a congregation of the Presbytery of Arkansas unless/until such leader shall be elected and ordained as a ruling elder or teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

For Information:

Honorable Retirement

TE David Gill was granted Honorable Retirement status effective January 31, 2017. TE Anne Russ will speak on his behalf.

Necrology

Larry Curtis Mitchell, age 68, died Friday, November 18, 2016 at his home in Forrest City, AR. He had served as pastor of Graham Memorial Presbyterian, Forrest City for six years. A native of Frankfort, KY, Larry graduated from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA with a Master of Divinity and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary with a Doctorate of Ministry degree. He was ordained in Flint River Presbytery in 1974 and pastored churches in GA, MO, TX, NC and from 1987 to 1991, First, Little Rock. In Arkansas Presbytery he served on the Christian Education Committee and the Committee on Clusters after serving on Presbytery Council in Mission Presbytery, evangelism committee in Savannah Presbytery, and as synod commissioner from Cherokee Presbytery.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years Janice B. Frank Mitchell, a step-daughter Ashley Bermingham (Jason) of Little Rock, one granddaughter Mary Parker Bermingham, his mother and sister. After his cremation the memorial service was held at Graham Memorial on November 29. Memorials were suggested for the church, American Heart Association or to American Diabetes Association.

Transfers Out and Changes in Status

TE Marie Mainard O'Donnell was approved as the Interim Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries approved transferring TE Robert Lowry's membership to the Presbytery of Mississippi pending their request effective following the 134th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries approved moving TE Bob Hyatt's membership from Honorably Retired Active to Honorably Retired In-Active.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries approved the continuing Internship of Krista Denne as the Student Intern serving First Presbyterian Church of Clarksville.

Requests from Congregations and Presbytery Entities

The Committee on the Church's Ministries granted permission for Barr Memorial Presbyterian Church, Norman, to allow RE David Lysobey to continue serving on the Session following his two terms.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries recommends that a Congregation/Session shall normally pay a Pastor \$50 per visit plus mileage for moderating a Session meeting.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries requested that the Coordinating Team create a task force to evaluate the criteria of how to prepare and support CREs.

Responding to the request of the Coordinating Team to develop a policy concerning families of former pastors, it was the consensus opinion of the Committee on the Church's Ministries that there is no authority to set such policy.

Park Hill Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock was granted permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee, and First Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff was granted permission to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee when the mediation team is in place and there is a request by the mediation team to grant such permission.

The Committee on the Church's Ministries approved TE Bill Branch to serve as the "traveling evangelist" to the smaller congregations in northeast Arkansas.

Section F

Report of the Committee on Leadership Development

TE Kade Curry
First, Searcy

For Information:

The Committee on Church Leadership Development met January 23rd 2016 via teleconference and continued its work with those under care for Church Leadership positions.

The CLD received and accepted the resignation of Mike Easely as a member of the Committee and Sherry Miller as a member of the Committee.

The CLD also discussed the new and incoming members of the Committee.

The CLD reviewed its process and talked in detail about its purpose in the work of the Church at Large. There was agreement that the focus continue to be on those under care and that we personally and genuinely invest in their learning and preparation as a committee via a system that utilizes the use of Liaisons. We assigned 2 committee liaisons to each student under care. A list was reviewed that outlined good guidelines for being an affective committee liaison for someone under care. Our current Liaison assignments are as follows:

Liaison assignments:

- Katherine Norwood – Susan Anderson and Lynn Condra
- Molly DeWitt – Kade Curry
- Krista Denne – Debbie Freeman and Sherry Miller
- Brittany Fiscus Van Rossum – Kade Curry and Debbie Freeman
- Stacey Hammons – Debbie Freeman and Kathy White
- David Mills – Debbie Freeman
- Jordan Akin – Susan Anderson and Bill Henning
- Max Hill – Debbie Freeman and Lynn Condra

The CLD Committee has also reviewed its documents and processes for guiding prospective Commissioned Ruling Elders to Church Leadership. The CLD has a comprehensive manual for anyone interested in CRE. The CLD encourages sessions and congregations to send prospective CRE's our way. All documents needed for the process or for those interested in the process are now located on the Presbytery Website under "Resources" and then "Presbytery Documents."

The CLD also has an emphasis this year on Session relations. We want all Sessions to know that we have not forgotten that the covenant agreement between those under care and the Presbytery involves the Sessions of the candidate's local church. We want to work closely with the Sessions and home churches to ensure the best experience for those who seek to lead in the Church.

Current “Under Care” List

Inquirers:

Max Hill- 2nd Little Rock; Jordan Akin- 2nd Little Rock

Stacey Hammons- 2nd Little Rock; David Mills- 2nd Little Rock

Candidates for Candidacy (presented for endorsement to the 134th Stated Meeting):

Katherine Norwood- 2nd Little Rock

Molly Dewitt- 2nd Little Rock

Candidates:

Brittany Fiscus Van Rossum- 1st Jacksonville

Krista Denne- 1st Clarksville

For Action:

1. That Stephen Moody (First, LR) be enrolled under the Covenant Agreement of Inquirer by the Arkansas Presbytery.
2. That Katherine Norwood (Second, LR) be enrolled under the Covenant Agreement of Candidacy by the Arkansas Presbytery.

Statement of Faith

I believe in God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I believe God created the world and loved the world so much that God sent Jesus, who was fully human and fully divine, to die on the cross for all of humanity's sin. I believe the Holy Spirit was sent by God and is still present with us today. I believe that these three are One called the Trinity. I believe the Bible is Scripture and contains truth. I believe the Church is the body of Christ working to be his hands and feet and flesh in the world today.

I find comfort in a compassionate God who loves me and knows me, who is behind and before and always with me. I feel unworthy of Jesus' death on the cross for my sin, and study his life and teachings to better understand how to live a life like he taught. I have felt the Spirit's guiding presence in moments of stillness. I believe that my life of faith will lead me to a life of justice work welcoming the stranger, advocating for the marginalized, and wrestling with my own privilege because I believe God's wildly inclusive love is meant for all people.

3. That Molly Dewitt (Second, LR) be enrolled under the Covenant Agreement of Candidacy by the Arkansas Presbytery.

Statement of Faith

I believe in the triune God who is sovereign, infinite, and mysterious in nature. I believe in the saving grace of Jesus Christ who came to liberate and reconcile the world through his life, ministry, and death on the cross. In his humanity and divinity, we are able to connect to Christ personally as well as gain better understanding of our Creator. The salvation of Christ is given as a free gift of grace, undeserved and unable to be earned by works of the flesh. There is nothing that I can do to earn this salvation other than accepting Christ as Savior, yet I am called to a life of sanctification nonetheless. Faith calls me to never stop working to become closer to Christ.

I believe in the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit, which provides continuous insight into the revelation of God throughout time. The Holy Spirit enlightens through Scripture, as well as through the constant process of developing individual and corporate Christian faith. These three, God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, work independently and simultaneously as one. Through them, the church is called to minister to the world.

The mission of the church is to glorify God while living in righteous community. In order to live accordingly, the church is called to love, seek and call out injustice, proclaim the good news of the gospel, and work for peace as we await the coming realm of God. The church ministers to the world through the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, bringing together those who seek to learn and work together as members of an imperfect body, renewed by the mysterious sustenance of Christ's blood and body.

4. That David Clark be approved as a candidate for Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Statement of Faith

I am a child of the church. I am a Presbyterian by birth, by upbringing and by choice. When my father died in 1993, I lost my spiritual advisor as well as my father but in a lot of ways my spiritual journey began after I lost him. When you are the child of a minister you don't have to wrestle with spiritual questions, you can just pick up the phone and call your dad.

I preached my first sermon at Boy Scout camp. The text was Psalm 8. As an Elder I was asked to fill the pulpit at Batesville. I was asked more and more to fill various pulpits near Batesville. I began filling in at Greer's Ferry when Walter Swetnam's health prevented him from preaching. Eventually I began preaching there every other Sunday.

I am approaching retirement from public schools. I have been asked several times if I would consider going to a church on a more permanent basis. My response has always been that I wasn't a CRE. The time has come for me to change this.

I have always tried to be open to God's call. I have always done that y being prepared for what might come next. I believe that this is the next step in that process for me.

The Committee on Church Leadership Development will meet next of Saturday March 11, 2017 and will interview each of its newly accepted Inquirers individually to help them to continue their own discernment processes. Please consider adding "Those Under the Care of Arkansas Presbytery for Church Leadership" to your Church's prayer list and be in continual prayer for the future leaders of the PC(USA).

Section G

Report of the Committee on Nominations

TE Elizabeth Gabbard
First, Arkadelphia

For Information:

The form to self-nominate or nominate someone from your congregation is in packet Section M (Forms and Registration Documents).

For Action:

- 1) That the Presbytery elect the following to fill immediate vacancies:

Committee on Church and Its Ministries

TE Carol Clark, Park Hill, North Little Rock, Class of 2019

TE Lindy Vogado, Second, Little Rock, Class of 2019

Committee on Leadership Development

RE David Clark, First, Heber Springs, Class of 2018

RE Sarah Leer, First, Bentonville, Class of 2019

Future of the Church Ministry Area

RE Collins Andrews, Second, Little Rock, Class of 2018

TE Michael Ulasewich, First, Conway, Class of 2019

- 2) That the Presbytery elect the following to serve as the Stated Clerk Search Committee:

TE Steve Hancock, Moderator, Second, Little Rock

RE Dick Freer, First, Jonesboro

TE Georgia Senor, First, Bentonville

TE Bill Bailey, Kirk of the Pines, Hot Springs Village

DCE Theresa Spragins, First, Conway

TE Stewart Smith, Staff Resource

Section H

Report of the Future of the Church Committee

RE Leah Shell
Second, Little Rock

For Information:

1. MOTIONS INCLUDING THE MEETING AGENDA AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WERE APPROVED.
2. Ted Belden and Peg Falls Corbitt gave a report on the Coordinating Team. Ted Belden and Peg Falls Corbitt will continue to serve on the coordinating team in 2017.
3. The state of the Administrative Commissions that are currently staffed by members of the Future of the Church was discussed. The Administrative Commissions include: Lonoke; Rogers, Ozark, Crossover and Chenal. Dick Freer has been added to the Lonoke Administrative Commission which Anne Russ and Marie Mainard O'Connell serve.
4. Mike Vinson, our Staff Liaison between Future of the Church and the Presbytery led a discussion on what he does which can be of help to congregations within the Presbytery. The committee and Mike had a discussion on how best we could use his resources.
5. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED FOR PEG FALLS-CORBITT AND ANNE RUSS TO SERVE ON THE CRE TASKFORCE OVERSIGHT WORKGROUP. Some discussions about the CRE Program was made by the committee. Stewart indicated that over half of the congregations within the Arkansas Presbytery to not have full time called pastors.
6. A MOTION WAS MADE TO FUND \$2500 OUT OF THE TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FOR 2016 TO FUND A DAYLONG SEMINAR TAUGHT BY AUSTIN SEMINARY FOR LOCAL CHURCHES WANTING TO LEARN ABOUT HAVING A DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENCE. THE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED. The costs of the seminar will be \$50 per attendee. It will be held March 7 from 9-1 at First Presbyterian Conway. Lunch will be provided. There will be online registration. 22 spots are available. Limit 2/church. \$50/person
7. A MOTION WAS MADE SECONDED AND APPROVED TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP SOME MODELS FOR MINISTRIES THAT FOTC COULD PRESENT TO THE PRESBYTERY TO GIVE GUIDELINES TO CHURCHES IN DEVELOPING NEW MINISTRY MODELS TO SERVE THEIR CONGREGATIONS AND MINISTERS INTERESTED IN SERVING THEM.
8. A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED FOR JEFF PRICE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THE MINISTRIES SUPPORTED CURRENTLY WITH MONEY FROM FUTURE OF THE CHURCH
9. The committee discussed the budget allocation discussion for 2017. The total amount for the FOTC budget for 2017 is \$76,548. The following decisions were made by the committee.
 - Funding \$30,876 for the New Ministry Initiative
 - Funding \$7500 for 1001 new Worshipping Communities

- Funding \$7500 towards technology needs for the Presbytery,.
 - Funding \$7,125 for Continuing Ministry Support
 - Funding \$3000 towards CRE Support
 - Funding \$3000 of Administrative and Listening Expenses
 - The remaining funds of \$17,547 will be allocated towards Small Church Development.
10. Kade Curry, the Moderator of the Committee on Leadership Develop, who also serves as the Pastor of First Presbyterian Church and the moderator for the First Presbyterian Church- Beebe called into our meeting to discuss the status of these congregations. Dick Freer volunteered to serve as a liaison between the Beebe Congregation and the FOTC. Marie Mainard O'Connell will also be asked to participate.
 11. During our conversation with Kade we discussed the need to fund some of the training needed for Commissioned Ruling Elders. The training costs \$2500-\$3000 per person. He explained to the committee that most of the training is done online. It takes the typical person 18-24 months to complete this training. A MOTION WAS MADE TO FUND \$3000 OF FUNDING FOR THE CRE PROGRAM OUT OF 2017 FUNDS. THE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND APPROVED.
 12. A request from the First Presbyterian Church Conway to fund funding of an internship of Jeanie Corbitt. The request for funding was \$1200 and this amount will be matched by the First Presbyterian Church session. Peg Falls-Corbitt recused herself and left the room while the discussion and vote took place. THE MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO FUND \$1200 TO FUND THE INTERNSHIP. THE MOTION PASSED.
 13. A request from Susan Rose at United Campus Ministry was made to fund the Leadership Initiative Grant for 2017. Fund will be taken out of 2016 to fund this Internship. The funding requested is \$5000. THE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED TO FUND THIS INTERNSHIP OUT OF 2016 FUNDS.
 14. The agenda was approved by a vote of 8-0. It was moved by Ted Belden and seconded by Becky Purcell.
 15. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO INVEST 20-30 MINUTES PER MEETING TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH.
 16. Property reported that the Chenal property in Little Rock is under contract with closing expected on 2/22. The Crossover property remains listed.
 17. There was then discussion with Mike Vinson. He has a proposal to offer workshops to the presbytery. Workshops would be offered: 1) Fostering life nurturing environments. 2) Knowing your purpose. 3) Shifting from old patterns of behavior to new patterns. 4) How do we thrive in change, using the energy of change in a positive way? Mike also proposes to do work with 2-3 individual churches. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORT OF MICHAEL VINSON TO LEAD SPECIFIC WORKSHOPS AND CONVERSATIONS FOR AND WITH THE PRESBYTERY. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.
 18. In new business Ted asked about technology for meeting remotely. Dick mentioned Interfaith Power and Light. Peggy suggested we have a mission fair at a presbytery meeting. Anne mentioned missional thinking; thinking about mission as reaching people who are "none" or

"done." A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO move ACs off our plate. General consensus was reached that less time could be spent however motion failed 4-3.

Section J

Report of the Mission of the Church Ministry Area

RE Kelly Pearson
CRE First, Dardanelle

For Information:

The Church and Its Mission ministry-area met in a called meeting on January 7, 2017 to primarily consider the recommendations of a task-force. The task-force had been assigned to make recommendations to the ministry-area concerning educational-training events for the presbytery in 2017, such as The P.L.A.C.E.

The ministry-area accepted the recommendations of the task-force regarding the following:

- In lieu of having The P.L.A.C.E. in 2017, to encourage attendance at the-not-too- distant venues of *NEXT Church* and *Big Tent*, to be held March 13th-15th in Kansas City and July 6th-8th in St. Louis, respectively. (The P.L.A.C.E. will be considered again for 2018)
- That eight grants of \$50 be made available to those persons in our presbytery who may need assistance to help with expenses for either of the above events.
- To organize and sponsor the theological-discussion at the October presbytery meeting with the general theme related to “*The New Faces of Christian Spirituality*,” inviting the Rev. Dr. David Johnson, professor of Christian history and Spirituality at Austin Seminary, to be the primary leadership, with the Rev. Rebecca Spooner, of Wellspring and a teaching elder at-large of our presbytery, to assist with this discussion, relating also to aging, as in parenting of parents. This item was sent on to and given approval by the Coordinating Team. (pre-presbytery workshops related to these topics may also be considered for the October presbytery meeting)

The next regular meeting for The Church & Its Mission will be on Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00 by telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Pearson, Moderator

Section L

Theological Discussion

For Information:

Biographical Sketch of Rev. Chip Andrus

Chip Andrus and his wife Linda live in South Salem, NY. He is the pastor of South Salem Presbyterian Church and his wife Linda works at the local animal hospital in the hamlet. Chip and Linda's daughter Danielle and son-in-law Drew live in Nashville, TN. Chip graduated with an undergrad in Music from Henderson State University, a Master's of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Chip has served churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Arkansas and New York. He worked for the Office of Theology and Worship from 2001-2006 as an Associate for Worship where he helped the sacramental task force write "Invitation to Christ" which is a call to sacramental renewal. Chip is also an contributor to the liturgy of the new Presbyterian hymnal "Glory to God", the revised Directory for Worship and the revision of the Book of Common Worship which is scheduled to be released on its 25 anniversary next year. Chip is also a singer-songwriter and has published three CDs, one of liturgical music. Chip is also a child of the Presbytery of Arkansas where held his membership until moving to New York.

Section M

Polity Committee

For Action:

NB: Business referred to the presbyteries by the General Assembly may not be amended. The referrals must be voted on as presented.

1. Item 16-G. ***Access to the Lord's Table*** On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.

Shall W-2.4011a. and b. be amended by striking the current text and inserting new text to read as follows? [Text to be added or inserted is shown as italic.]

“Theology of the Lord's Supper

“a. The opportunity to eat and drink with Christ is not a right bestowed upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. All who come to the table are offered the bread and cup, regardless of their age or understanding. If some of those who come have not yet been baptized, an invitation to baptismal preparation and Baptism should be graciously extended.

“Worshipers prepare themselves to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting their trust in Christ, confessing their sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another. Even those who doubt may come to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

“Welcoming to the Table “

b. In cases where baptized children who have not yet begun to participate in the Lord's Supper express a desire to receive the Sacrament, the session should provide an occasion to welcome them to the table in public worship. Their introduction to the Lord's Supper should include ongoing instruction or formation in the meaning and mystery of the Sacraments.”

The Polity Committee recommends APPROVAL of Item 16-G.

2. Item 16-H ***Directory for Worship*** On Replacing the Current Directory for Worship
Shall the Book of Order be amended by striking out the text of Chapters I through VII of the current Directory for Worship and inserting new text to read as follows?

*NB: The full text of the proposed Directory for Worship can be found on the PCUSA website at:
http://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/2016_proposed_boa.pdf*

The Polity Committee recommends APPROVAL of Item 16-H.

3. That the Polity Committee be dismissed with the thanks of the presbytery.

Section N

Forms and Registration Documents

INFORMATION FOR NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

2017

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

Each year the Presbytery Committee on Nominations invites you, the pastors and current members of all committees and Sessions, to provide names of qualified persons who will feel it is a privilege and joyous responsibility to serve on a presbytery committee. Thank you for your willingness to suggest these leaders to serve in 2018 through 2020 or fill vacancies as they arise.

Your Church and City/Town: _____

OFFICES, MINISTRY AREAS, AND COMMITTEES OF PRESBYTERY

Administration Ministry Area

Committee on Leadership Development (CLD) (Teaching and Ruling Elders Only)

Committee on the Church's Ministries (CCM) (Teaching and Ruling Elders Only)

Church and Its Mission Area

Sub-Committee of Disaster Preparedness

Moderator of Presbytery

Ministries with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults

Future of the Church Ministry Area

Committee on Representation (Teaching and Ruling Elders Only)

Permanent Judicial Commission (Teaching and Ruling Elders Only)

Nominating Committee (Teaching and Ruling Elders Only)

Please return to:

Presbytery of Arkansas

9221 N. Rodney Parham Rd.

Little Rock, AR 72227

Attention: Nominating Committee

INDIVIDUALS RECOMMENDED

FOR PRESBYTERY MINISTRIES

Name: _____

Work Phone. _____ Home or Cell Phone _____

Ruling Elder: (Yes)(No): _____ Gender: _____ E-mail address: _____

Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

Ruling Elder: (Yes)(No): _____ Gender: _____ E-mail address: _____

Committees for Consideration:

Comments:

COMMISSIONER TO SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (must be teaching or ruling elder)

Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home or Cell Phone: _____

Gender: _____ E-mail address: _____

Comments:

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Name: _____ DOB: _____

Home or Cell Phone. _____ Gender _____ E-mail Address: _____

Comments:

Section P

Reference Documents and Reports



Session Minutes and Congregational Records

Reading Assignments 2016

Congregation	Reading	Reader
Alma, First	Van Buren	Van Buren
Amity, Alpine		Arkadelphia, First
Arkadelphia, First	Arkadelphia, West End Amity, Alpine	Arkadelphia, West End
Arkadelphia, West End	Arkadelphia, First	Arkadelphia, First
Atkins, Memorial		Central Russellville
Batesville, First	Jonesboro, First	Jonesboro, First
Beebe, First	Searcy, First	Searcy, First
Bella Vista, PC of	Bentonville, First	Bentonville, First
Benton, First	Malvern, First	Malvern, First
Bentonville, First	Bella Vista, First Bentonville, Vaughn	Bella Vista, First
Bentonville, Vaughn		Bentonville, First
Brinkley, First		Wynne
Bull Shoals, PC of	Holiday Island	Holiday Island
Cane Hill		FUPC
Clarksville, First	Central Russellville	Central Russellville
Clarksville, Harmony	Dardanelle, First	Dardanelle, First
Conway, First	Hopewell, First Heber Springs, First	Heber Springs, First
Dardanelle, First	Clarksville Harmony	Clarksville Harmony
Elkins		Rogers, First
Eureka Springs, First	Yellville, First	Yellville, First
Fairfield Bay, Kirk of the Hills	Morrilton, First	Morrilton, First
Fayetteville, First United	Cane Hill, Rogers First	Springdale, First
Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	Lincoln, First	Lincoln, First
Forrest City, Graham	Wynne, Marianna	Wynne

Mem.		
Ft. Smith, Central	Ft. Smith, First	Ft. Smith, First
Ft. Smith, First	Central, Ft. Smith	Central, Ft. Smith
Gamaliel, One o One		Harrison, First
Gravette, First		Rogers, First
Greenwood, Good Shepherd	Mountainburg	Mountainburg
Gurdon, First		Malvern, First
Hardy, Spring River	Horseshoe Bend	Horseshoe Bend
Harrison, First	Mt. Home	Mt. Home
Heber Springs, First	Conway, First	Conway, First
Helena, First	Cleburne Ave.	Cleburne Ave.
Holiday Island	Bull Shoals	Bull Shoals
Holly Grove	Stuttgart	Stuttgart
Horseshoe Bend, Faith	Hardy, Spring River	Hardy, Spring River
Hot Springs, First	HSV, Kirk	Hot Springs, Westminster
Hot Springs, Westminster	Hot Springs, First	HSV, Kirk
Hot Springs Village, Kirk	Hot Springs, Westminster	Hot Springs, First
Huntsville, First	Pea Ridge	Pea Ridge
Jacksonville, First	Westminster, LR	Westminster, LR
Jonesboro, First	Batesville, First Paragould	Batesville, First
Lincoln, First	Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort
Little Rock, Allison	Westover, LR	Trinity, LR
Little Rock, First		Westover, LR
Little Rock, Grace	Pulaski Heights, LR	Second, LR
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	Second, LR	Grace, LR
	Lonoke, First Trinity, LR Grace, LR	Pulaski Heights, LR
Little Rock, Second	Allison, LR	Second, LR
Little Rock, Trinity	Jacksonville, First	Jacksonville, First
Little Rock, Westminster	First, LR	Allison, LR
Little Rock, Westover		Second, LR
Lonoke, First		
Malvern, First	Benton, First Gurdon, First	Benton, First
		Graham Memorial, Forrest City
Marianna, First		
McGehee, First	Pine Bluff, Faith	Pine Bluff, Faith
Mena, First	Barr Memorial	Barr Memorial

Morrilton, First	Fairfield Bay, Kirk	Fairfield Bay, Kirk
Morrilton, Hopewell		Conway, First
Mountain Home, First	Harrison, First	Harrison, First
Mountainburg, First	Greenwood, Good Shepherd	Greenwood, Good Shepherd
Newport, First	Walnut Ridge, First	Walnut Ridge, First
Norman, Barr Memorial	Mena	Mena
NLR, First	Park Hill	Park Hill
NLR, Park Hill	NLR, First	NLR, First
Paragould, First		Jonesboro
Pea Ridge, Mt. Vernon	Huntsville, First	Huntsville, First
Pine Bluff, Central	Pine Bluff, First	Pine Bluff, First
Pine Bluff, Faith	McGehee	McGehee
Pine Bluff, First	Pine Bluff, Central	Pine Bluff, Central
Prairie Grove, First	Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville	Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville
Rogers, First	Elkins, Gravette, Springdale, First	FUPC
Russellville, Central	Memorial Atkins, Clarksville, First	Clarksville, First
Searcy, First	Beebe, First	Beebe, First
Springdale, First	FUPC	Rogers, First
Stuttgart, First	Holly Grove	Holly Grove
Van Buren, First	Alma	Alma
Walnut Ridge	Newport, First	Newport, First
West Helena, Cleburne Ave.	Helena, First	Helena, First
Wynne	Brinkley, First Graham Mem, Forrest City	Graham Mem, Forrest City
Yellville, First	Eureka Springs	Eureka Springs

Records Review Checklist

THE SESSION

Is each meeting opened & closed with prayer? (G-3.0105)
Is a quorum present for each meeting? (G-3.0203)
Did session hold stated meetings at least quarterly? (G-3.0203)
Is a budget prepared & adopted annually? (G-3.0205)
Are periodic reports of all financial transactions made to the session? (G-3.0205c)
Did session annually provide for a full financial review of all financial books & records? (G-3.0113)
Are commissioners to Presbytery elected for each meeting, or, preferably, for one year? (G-3.0202)
Did session receive reports from its commissioners of presbytery? (G-3.0202a)
Do the minutes reflect "a full & accurate record of its proceedings?" (G-3.0107)
Are rolls kept of baptized members, active members & affiliate members? (G-3.0204a)
Does the session have a Manual of Administrative Operations that addresses the following issues?(G-3.0106)
The definition of a quorum for Congregational Meetings? (G-1.0501)
Is the " <i>minimum notification</i> " for Congregational Meeting defined? (G-1.0502)
Is the length of the term of office for the Clerk of Session defined? (G-3.0104)
Is the length of the term of office for the Treasurer defined? (G-3.0205)
Is a procedure in place to assure that all offering shall be counted & recorded by at least two duly appointed persons or by one fidelity bonded person? (G-3.0205a)
Are the financial books & records open at reasonable times to all persons authorized by the session?(G-3.0205b)
Are committees of the session listed & their duties described along with who is eligible to serve, how many members are appointed & the length of service? (G-3.0109)
Does the session have a sexual misconduct policy? (G-3.0106)
Has the session taken actions consistent with G-3.0202b-f that will be for the good of the whole church? (G-3.0202)

THE CONGREGATION

Did the congregation hold an annual meeting, & was a quorum determined to be present? (G-1.0501)
Did the congregation provide for election of a Nominating Committee? (G-2.0401)
Did the congregation elect church officers? (G-2.0401)
Did the Session instruct, examine, ordain, & install officers? (G-2.0402)
Is the congregation incorporated? (G-4.0101) If yes – date:
Who is designated as trustees of the Corporation? (G-4.0102) ___The Session ___A Separate Body

PRESBYTERY'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Are called & stated meetings of the session so indicated?
Are the minutes of session meetings signed by the Clerk of Session?
Do the minutes of session reflect the approval of the Annual Statistical Report?
Has the Session considered the Presbytery's Mission Askings?
Are called & annual meetings of the congregation so indicated?
Are the minutes of congregational meetings signed by the Secretary & the Moderator?
Is the name of the church on the front of the session records book?

Prayer List for Congregations, Presbytery of Arkansas – 2017

Jan.	1	First, Clarksville	Park Hill, North Little Rock
Jan.	8	Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge	First, Huntsville
Jan.	15	First, Benton	Active Ruling Elders
Jan.	22	University of the Ozarks, Clarksville	Faith, Horseshoe Bend
Jan.	29	First, McGehee	Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry
Feb.	5	First, Lincoln	First, Heber Springs
Feb.	12	Synod of the Sun	Church Musicians
Feb.	19	First, Jacksonville	Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
Feb.	26	Woodlands, Hot Springs Village	Holiday Island Presbyterian
Mar.	5	Second, Little Rock	First, Yellville
Mar.	12	Directors of Children's Programs	First, Mena
Mar.	19	First United, Fayetteville	Lyon College, Batesville
Mar.	26	First, Harrison	First, North Little Rock
Apr.	2	Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville	First, Dardanelle
Apr.	9	Good Shepherd, Greenwood	Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista
Apr.	16	Central, Fort Smith	Active Deacons
Apr.	23	Alpine Church, Amity	Cleburne Avenue, West Helena
Apr.	30	First, Lonoke	Vaughn, Bentonville
May	7	First, Hot Springs	Ministries to Hispanic Persons
May	14	Westover Hills, Little Rock	Allison Memorial, Little Rock
May	21	Holly Grove Church, Holly Grove	First, Alma
May	28	Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village	First, Searcy
June	4	Mission Trip Participants	First, Fort Smith
June	11	Pulaski Heights, Little Rock	Harmony Church, Clarksville
June	18	New Worshipping Communities	First, Pine Bluff
June	25	Graham Memorial, Forrest City	Elkins Church, Elkins
July	2	Grace, Little Rock	First, Malvern
July	9	Barr Memorial, Norman	Hopewell Church, Morrilton
July	16	First, Mountain Home	First, Newport
July	23	First, Little Rock	Presbytery Staff
July	30	Trinity, Little Rock	Spring River, Hardy
Aug.	6	First, Bentonville	Westminster, Little Rock
Aug.	13	First, Conway	First, Prairie Grove
Aug.	20	First, Morrilton	First, Springdale
Aug.	27	Wynne Church, Wynne	Commissioned Ruling Elders
Sept.	3	Faith, Pine Bluff	First, Beebe
Sept.	10	Central, Pine Bluff	Church Camp Ministries
Sept.	17	First, Brinkley	First, Jonesboro
Sept.	24	First, Gurdon	Churches in Presbyteries in Honduras

Oct.	1	Cane Hill Church, Cane Hill	Active and Retired Educators and Youth Directors
Oct.	8	First, Van Buren	First, Batesville
Oct.	15	First, Eureka Springs	Central, Russellville
Oct.	22	First, Helena	West End, Arkadelphia
Oct.	29	Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals	First, Arkadelphia
Nov.	5	Campus Ministries	Hospital Chaplains and Counselors
Nov.	12	Church Nursery Workers	First, Rogers
Nov.	19	First, Marianna	Westminster, Hot Springs
Nov.	26	First, Paragould	Church Custodians
Dec.	3	Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg	Active and Retired Ministers
Dec.	10	Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith	First, Stuttgart
Dec.	17	Memorial Church, Atkins	First, Walnut Ridge
Dec.	24	Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay	One-O-One Church, Gamaliel;
Dec.	31	Church Pre-Schools	Prison Ministries

Section Q

Flyers and Announcements

Searching for spiritual ideas for yourself or your congregation?

Two popular national conferences sponsored by the PC(USA) will be relatively near the Presbytery of Arkansas in March and July, so make plans now to attend!

Well & Walls: Well Being in a Thirsty World

[Based on John 4: -42, the Samaritan woman at the well]

March 13 – 15, 2017

Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO

Sponsored by NEXT Church

Keynote speakers are Dr. Rodger Nishioka (who was enthusiastically received by this Presbytery in June, 2015 at Benton), Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah and Rev. Dr. Linda Mercadante. On Monday and Tuesday, 45 workshops will be offered in rotation, as will a variety of 7-minute "Ignite" presentations, fellowship and worship. Details are at nextchurch.net.

Big Tent 2017

July 6 – 8, 2017

Washington University, St. Louis, MO

Sponsored by PCUSA

With the motto "Be inspired...Become equipped...Get connected!" Big Tent offers worship, workshops and the opportunity to engage and connect with other Presbyterians. Save the date and watch for more information to be released soon.

Presbytery's Church and Its Mission Ministry Area is making available eight grants of \$50 each to members or staff of congregations within the bounds to help attend either, but not both, of these excellent conferences. Contact moderator **Kelly Pearson** at ktpearson@suddenlink.net for grant information and **NiAnn Thompson** at niann@presbyteryofarkansas.org for help with coordinating travel.

***DON'T MISS OUT ON 2 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO
IGNITE INSPIRATION!!***



SAVE THE DATE

2017 Presbyterian Women Retreat

Friday, August 11, 2017

Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center

And

Saturday August 12, 2017

Daughters of Abraham

Jewish, Christian, Muslim Daughters



“Sisters in Faith”

Saturday, April 22, 2017

**First Presbyterian Church
213 Whittington Avenue Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901**

**Email: firstpreshs213@sbcglobal.net
Phone: 501-624-5646 or Fax: 501-624-2938**

**Keynote Speaker: *Rev. Laura Fleetwood, HR*
Worship Leader: *Rev. Elizabeth Gabbard***

**Offering: Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services
Ingathering Project: Bring Non Perishable Pantry Goods
for Hot Springs Community Food Pantry, Jackson House**

**Registration \$10 (includes lunch) begins: 9:00 AM
Worship: 9:20 AM**

**Please send registration by April 17th to:
Attention: Presbyterian Women (above address)**

**If you are coming in on Friday, make your own reservation at a hotel of your
choice. No rooms have been reserved.**

For more information Contact Moderator Jeanne Lloyd: jloyd12@sbcglobal.net 501.227.4404 501.231.6719

REGISTRATION FORM

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN ARKANSAS PRESBYTERY

2017 PW SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, APRIL 22, 2017

**First Presbyterian Church
213 Whittington Avenue, Hot Springs, AR 71901
501-624-5646 or Fax. 501-624-2938
Email: firstpreshs213@sbcglobal.net**

\$10.00 Fee includes lunch and child care

Church Name: _____

Name: _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Cell _____

Childcare request **(Please provide a sack lunch for your child).** (Use back of page for more names.)

Name of child _____ age _____

Name of child _____ age _____

Name of child _____ age _____

RSVP Reservation and Child Care request by **April 17th**

Please make checks payable to: **First Presbyterian Church** Memo: 2017 PW Spring Gathering.
Mail to: **First Presbyterian Church, 213 Whittington Avenue, Hot Springs AR 71901**
Attn: Presbyterian Women 2017 Spring Gathering

Section S

Minutes of Previous Meeting

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS

OCTOBER 21-22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING PRAYER

The 133rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was called to order at 6:45 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Harrison, Arkansas on Friday, October 21, 2016 by Teaching Elder Lacy Sellars, Moderator of the Presbytery. He invited all to greet others and offered opening prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Robert Lowry declared a **quorum present, 29 TE, 26 RE present at gavel.**

TEACHING ELDERS (who checked on sign-in sheet): DC Adams, Bill Bailey, Leslie Belden, Brian Brock, Carol Clark, Mark Clark, Kade Curry, Ruskin Falls, Steven Frazier, Paul Fulks, Elizabeth Gabbard, Gordon Garlington, Robert Hadley, Steve Hancock, “Chip” Hatcher, Marion Humphrey, Kim Young Doo, Courtney Bacon-Latina, Robert Lowry, “Mike” McCracken, Larry Mitchell, Rebecca Purcell, Dennis Ritchie, Leslie Bethell Roper, Dari Rowen, Cinthia Saul, David Schaller, Patricia Schaller, William Seitz, Lacy Sellars, Georgia Senor, Stewart Smith, Rebecca Spooner, Michael Ulasewich, Michael Vinson, Elizabeth Wagner, Marci Ward.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS: Catherine Allsbury, Ben Bateman, Ira “Ike” Brighton, Howard “Flash” Gordon, John King, James Miller, Richard Shinkle, Fred Taylor.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS (who signed in): Memorial, Atkins, Mark Murdoch; First, Batesville, Karen Lange; Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, Ronnie Prevost and Burnis Leavens; Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals, Meg Simons; First, Clarksville, Heather Patton; First, Conway, Peg Falls-Corbitt; First, Eureka Springs, Margie Bullock; First United, Fayetteville, Bill Mitchell and LeNelle Cagle; Central, Fort Smith, Janis McClure; Good Shepherd, Greenwood, Ed Wilkinson; First, Harrison, Brian Davis; First, Heber Springs, David Clark; Holiday Island, Susan Stille; Faith, Horseshoe Bend, George Jackson; First, Hot Springs, Frances Bateman; Westminster, Hot Springs, Lawrence Grubb; Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, Jerrel Johnson; First, Huntsville, Carla Taylor; First, Jacksonville, Mary Lee Schultz; Allison, Little Rock, Tim Anthony; First, Little Rock, Roberta Saxon; Grace, Little Rock, Laurine Williams; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, LaWanda Harris; Second, Little Rock, Linda LeBron, Diane Skinner; Westover Hills, Little Rock, H. K. Stewart; First, Mountain Home, Marti Frazier; Mount Vernon, Pea Ridge, Ron Davis; Central, Pine Bluff, Marty Shell; First, Pine Bluff, Don Harris; First, Prairie Grove, Jill Maddox; First, Rogers, Betty Hilton; Central, Russellville, Garrie Kellam; First, Springdale, Davis Morris, Scarlett Morris; First, Yellville, Felice Dennis.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS: Ex-Officio Members of Coordinating Team, Ruth Hamilton and Bob Boehmler. Ruling Elder Members of Coordinating Team, Ted Belden. Moderators of Presbytery

Ministry Areas, Committees, Subcommittees: RE Leah Shell, Future of the Church. Ruling Elder Commissioners to General Assembly 222, Gail Murdoch. Moderator of Presbyterian Women, RE Jeanne Lloyd.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: Chuck Olson, Memorial, Atkins; Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: NiAnn Thompson, Presbytery Staff.

Certified Associate Christian Educators: None.

VISITORS TO THIS MEETING: 23 registered.

YOUNG ADULT DELEGATE ADVISORS: Hartley Allen, First, Springdale, United Campus Ministry, UofA; Julianna Whitson, United Campus Ministry, UofA, Fayetteville.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Lemuel Garcia, Mission Presbytery, Austin Seminary; Terry McLellan, honorably retired, Grace Presbytery; Jeremy Wilhelmi, Presbytery of The James, Chaplain, University of the Ozarks, Clarksville.

TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nancy Benson-Nicol, Phil Butin, Janet Butin, Joy Carrington, Lance Clemmons, Jeff Cranton, Fern Davis, Lewis Donelson, James Farley, Debra Freeman, Susan Gray, Al Henager, Chris Jones, Anne Russ, Rachel Shepherd, Shauna Silmon, Lindy Vogado, Susan Carter Wiggins, Robert Williamson, Harry Young.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: David Dyer, William Galbraith, Lance Jones, David King, Nancy Taylor, Rita Wilson.

TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Karen Akin, Phil Blackburn, Tasha Blackburn, Bryan Bond, Kris Crawford, Katie Cummings, Clif Ford, John Gibson, David Gill, Clare Martin Kelley, Frank LeBlanc, Libby Lizarraga, Ray McCalla, Jeff Parker, Emmett Powers, Jeff Price, Timothy Reeves, Susan Rose, Ward Rudolph, Terry Tallent, Dan Wooley.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: William Branch, Don Campbell, Milton Davis, Guy Delaney, Heinrich Eiler, Alan Ford, Orin Frank, Richard Frothingham, William Henning, Robert Hyatt, Sally Johnson, Mark Lenneville, “Bo” Lewis, Carlos Lopez, Richard Miller, Jerry Rice, Michael Seitz, Ken Upham, Don Wardlaw, Darwin Wolfe.

SESSIONS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Arkadelphia, West End; Bentonville, Vaughn; Little Rock, Westminster.

SESSIONS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Alma, First; Amity, Alpine; Arkadelphia, First; Beebe, First; Benton, First; Bentonville, First; Brinkley, First; Cane Hill; Clarksville, Harmony; Dardanelle, First; Elkins; Fairfield Bay, Kirk of the Hills; Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville; Forrest City, Graham Memorial; Fort Smith, First; Gamaliel, One-O-One; Gravette, First; Gurdon, First; Hardy, Spring River; Helena, First; Holly Grove; second commissioner Hot Springs Village, Kirk in the Pines; Hot Springs Village, Woodlands; Jonesboro, First; Lincoln, First; third and fourth commissioner, Little Rock, Second; Little Rock, Trinity; Lonoke, First; Malvern, First; Marianna, First; McGehee, First; Mena, First; Morrilton, First; Hopewell, Morrilton; Mountainburg; Newport, First; Norman, Barr Memorial; North Little Rock, Park Hill; Ozark, First; Paragould, First; Pine Bluff, Faith; Pocahontas, First; second commissioner, Russellville, Central; Searcy, First; Stuttgart, First; Van Buren, First; Walnut Ridge, First; West Helena, Cleburne Avenue; Wynne.

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Representation, RE Led Davis.

AT-LARGE MEMBERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Ruling Elder Members of Coordinating Team, Justin Clark, Ken Coker, Jan Enke, Karene Jones, Emily Laurel, Patty Minga, Laura Pierce;

RE Moderators of Presbytery Ministry Areas, Committees, Subcommittees: Elizabeth Branch, Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee; Mary Shaw, Ministries with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults. Ruling Elder Commissioners to General Assembly 222 (2016 Portland): Jessie Rancifer.

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

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: K. C. Chanthorn, Laotian-First, Fort Smith; G. Hartley Jones, Barr Memorial, Norman; Jim Keyes, 101, Gamaliel; Rita Manske, Cane Hill Presbyterian; Harlis Wright, Faith, Pine Bluff.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS ABSENT WITH EXCUSE: Kristi Button; Jeannie Ford; Lynn King, retired; Nancy Irving Smith, retired.

Certified Associate Christian Educators Absent with Excuse: Lynn Condra, retired; Theresa Spragins, Susie Wright.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator moved the adoption of the docket with changes. **The docket was adopted with additions (adding items 8-12 to Committee on Church's Ministry, two faith statements and covenants under Section R, and one item in Stated Clerk's report).**

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS/GRANTING PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Seated as corresponding members with privilege of the floor and voice were: TEs Lemuel Garcia, APTS, Mission Presbytery; TE Terry McLellan, HR, Grace Presbytery, and TE Jeremy Wilhelmi, Presbytery of The James.

WELCOME TO FIRST-TIME COMMISSIONERS

Moderator asked for first time elder commissioners to stand and introduce themselves with reason they are attending meeting. Elders from Second, LR; Rogers, Springdale, Holiday Island, FUPC, and Bull Shoals were welcomed.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESBYTERY STAFF

Moderator introduced the following: General Presbyter Stewart Smith, Stated Clerk Robert Lowry, Resourcing Director and Recording Clerk NiAnn Thompson, Director of Mission Support Kenneth Rich, Vital Congregations Staff Michael Vinson, Youth Staff Britton Varn, as well as presbytery's Vice Moderator Ruth Hamilton and Coordinating Team moderator Ed Wilkinson. Treasurer Bob Boehmler was also present.

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Pastor DC Adams brought greetings and invited all to slow down and enjoy their time in the Ozarks. Volunteers from the congregation are ready to help and answer questions.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk Lowry moved the following:

- 1. That the Synod Minutes Review report be received and that the presbytery minutes reflect appreciation to Recording Clerk NiAnn Thompson for her work in preparing the year-end minutes.**

2. That the presbytery affirm that current insurance coverage for the presbytery is adequate and instruct the Stated Clerk to include a summary of coverage upon the minutes of this meeting (appendix)
3. That the presbytery affirm that sexual misconduct and child and youth safety policies are in effect in the presbytery and instruct the Stated Clerk to include copies of both upon the minutes of this meeting (appendix).

No items were pulled from the consent agenda for individual consideration. **Motion passed.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Stated Clerk moved approval of minutes of 132nd stated meeting in June, 2016 as printed in the packet. **Motion passed.**

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator appointed the following to serve during the meeting and thanked Vice Moderator for securing their service:

Tellers: RE Steven Hudson, First, Harrison; TE Dari Rowen, First, Benton; TE Ruskin Falls, Pulaski Heights, LR; TE Patty Schaller, at large.

Leaves of Absence Committee: TE Georgia Senor, First, Bentonville; RE Ron David, Mt. Comfort, Pea Ridge; RE Don Harris, First, Pine Bluff.

Host pastor Adams was asked to tell more about the history of the church's move from downtown Harrison in 2007. He praised the loving nature of the congregation and their hospitality to him and his family upon arrival in Harrison.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

At 7:05 p.m. TE Ruskin Falls led discussion of amendment to the PC(USA) constitution 16-G. Access to the Lord's Table on amending W-2.4011 a. and b. which will be voted on at the February, 2017 presbytery meeting. He pointed out the current wording and the proposed wording. Many speakers shared their opinions on this amendment.

WORSHIP INCLUDING LORD'S SUPPER

At 8:00 Emme and Ellie Bell, Hartley Allen, Benjamin Adams, Marvin Murphree, Melody Davis, Harry Cikanek, Steven Hudson, Elizabeth Adam, Dr. Mark Bowdidge, and the Chancel Choir led worship with TE Carol Clark bringing the sermon and the worship offering benefitting the Delta Initiative of the AR Food Bank, newly merged with AR Rice Depot. TEs Adams and Clark officiated at the Lord's Table. Communion was served by intinction.

Adjournment for the night came at 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator Sellars called the council to order in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. for morning prayer. Worship offering from Friday night was \$1,346.

MORNING PRAYER

TE Adams led morning prayers and read scripture of the Parable of the Sower.

BUSINESS RESUMES

Moderator is pleased with the presbytery's progress under the new structure.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Lowry referenced the "Cheat sheet" for understanding the meeting and gave the following report:

For Information:

7. The Synod of the Sun has reviewed 2015 presbytery minutes and reported only minor exceptions. The exceptions noted will be corrected in the next reporting period.
8. All Teaching Elders (including those who are Honorably Retired-Active) are reminded that a condition of continued employment and membership in the Presbytery of Arkansas requires periodic background checks. ALL Teaching Elders must complete a background check Authorization and Release form (found in Section M of the packet) and forward \$10 for the cost of the background check. All releases must be received by February 1, 2017. Congregations employing Teaching Elders are encouraged to cover the cost of the background check.
9. All Teaching Elders must complete and return to the Stated Clerk an Acknowledgement of Receipt of the presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Policy (found in Section M of the packet). Completed Acknowledgements of Receipt must be returned to the Stated Clerk no later than February 1, 2017.
10. Moderators and Clerks of Session are reminded that Church Record and Session Minutes reviews are to be completed no later than December 1, 2016. Reading assignments and checklists are included in Section N of the packet and Appendix C of the Clerks Manual. Please contact the Stated Clerk with any questions or concerns.
11. Urgent correspondence has been received from the Board of Pensions concerning new Board of Pension changes. ALL institutions utilizing or planning to utilize the Board for employee benefits (this includes ALL congregations whether or not they currently have a Teaching Elder) must submit certain information for the plan. An informational flyer is included in Section N in this packet. The electronic version contains live links to the appropriate websites.

For Action:

1. **The revision of the map of regions by the Coordinating Team necessitates changes to the Organization and Structure of the presbytery to accommodate the reduced number of regions for nominations. In order to prevent disruption of ministry work and in an effort to simplify the process of nominations, the Stated Clerk recommends the following actions:**
 - a. **That the presbytery declare all committee, subcommittee, and ministry positions formerly designated as Region 5 as "at-large." Motion seconded and passed.**
 - b. **That the Organization and Structure be amended as follows (text to be deleted indicated by a ~~strikethrough~~ and text to be added indicated by *italics*):**
 - i. **5.B.1 One member from each of the ~~five~~ regions...up to ~~three~~ *four* at-large**

- ii. **5.C.a.1 ~~Four~~ *five* additional at-large...**
 - iii. **5.C.b.1 ~~Eight~~ *ten* additional at-large...**
 - iv. **5.D.1 Two members from each of the ~~five~~ regions...Up to ~~three~~ *additional five* at-large**
 - v. **5.D.3 ideally one from each of the ~~five~~ regions**
 - vi. **5.E.1 Two members from each of the ~~five~~ regions**
 - vii. **5.F.1 Two members from each of the ~~five~~ regions and ~~four~~ *six* at-large**
 - viii. **5.H.1.b ~~Five additional members shall be elected from the presbytery (one from each region.)~~
Five at-large members shall be elected from the presbytery (no more than two from any region.)
Motion seconded, discussed and approved. List of congregations will be placed on presbytery website.**
- c. **That the Committee and Ministry Duties section be amended to reflect the changes to the Organization and Structure. Motion seconded and approved.**
2. **Motion that the Presbytery of Arkansas approve the sale of “the Chenal property” for \$1.13 million under the terms of sale contracted with the purchaser. Details were shared. Motion, seconded and approved (with joy).**
 3. **Motion that the Presbytery of Arkansas empower the Administrative Commission charged with selling the NWA “Crossover” property to complete the necessary steps to conclude the sale of the “Chenal” property. Motion, seconded and approved.**

REPORT OF THE COORDINATING TEAM

Team Moderator Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson gave the following detailed report:

For Information:

The Coordinating Team took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery at their Stated Meeting August 31, 2016:

1. Approved three requests concerning the October Stated Meeting of the Presbytery:
 - From Second, Little Rock a request to include a flyer and registration information on an Eneagram workshop
 - From Presbyterian Pilgrimage to include information on upcoming pilgrimage events.
 - From TE Marie Mainard O’Connell to present a short video introduction of the new PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteers at Ferncliff.
2. Revised the presbytery region map to eliminate current Region 5 (east Arkansas) and reduce the number of regions to four. The churches from Region 5 have been reassigned as follows:
 - Faith, First, and Central Pine Bluff and First McGehee move from Region 5 to Region 3
 - All other churches in Region 5 move to Region 4
3. To balance the remaining regions, the following churches have been reassigned:
 - Central, Russellville and Memorial, Atkins move from Region 4 to Region 2
 - Yellville and Bull Shoals move from Region 4 to Region 1

4. On the advice of the Nominating Committee, named Jennifer McCracken (Wynne) to an unexpired term in the class of 2016 on the Ministry with Youth, Campus, and Young Adults.
5. On the advice of the Nominating Committee, named TE Ike Brighton, HR (member at-large) to an unexpired term in the class of 2016 on the Subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness.
6. On the advice of the Nominating Committee, named TE Paul Fulks (First, Heber Springs) to an unexpired term in the class of 2016 on the Church and Its Mission ministry.
7. The Moderator of Coordinating Team was asked to communicate with the Moderator of Nominations to ensure that the at-large positions on CT are filled in keeping with the needs of the CT. It was noted that two current members, TE Ruskin Falls and RE Laura Pierce, rotate off at the end of 2016.
8. The Nominating Committee asked the CT for guidance concerning volunteers willing to serve on committees and ministries where there was no vacancy. It was decided that by reducing the number of regions and eliminating the difficulty with finding Region 5 representatives, this was no longer a pressing concern.
9. The Stated Clerk informed the CT that declines in membership in next year's statistical reporting may drop the presbytery below the threshold for current number of GA Commissioners. Since it is not necessary to elect commissioners until next year, it was suggested that Nominations not bring those names to the presbytery until it is clear how many commissioners will be needed.
10. The Stated Clerk presented the corrected minutes of the 130th Stated Meeting. The CT was asked to approve the revised minutes so they may be presented to the Synod of the Sun for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the revised minutes.
11. The CT returned to the discussion begun in May concerning the scope, design, frequency, location, and purpose of presbytery meetings.
 - Data gathered during the Restructure process was presented along with some statistics on attendance and past experience with various locations for presbytery meetings.
 - The relative advantages and disadvantages of different potential models were discussed.
 - Following a lengthy conversation, it was decided that for the near term, the presbytery will continue with its current meeting schedule. Attention will be paid to the flow and content of the meetings in October, February, and June. The CT will return to the questions of logistics, timing, etc. at the October 1 meeting.
 - The Stated Clerk asked for guidance in seeking a host for the June 2017 meeting. A preference was expressed during the Restructure for meeting around tables if possible. The CT was in general agreement with that preference but did not act to make it a requirement. The Stated Clerk was instructed to seek a host for the June 2017 meeting in accordance with current criteria with a preference (but not requirement) for meeting space allowing for table gathering.
12. Decided that the topic for primary theological discussion at the October meeting will be issues surrounding mental health and that TE D.C. Adams be charged with coordinating it. After lengthy

discussion, it was decided that a second discussion concerning the new Directory for Worship and the proposed changes to language concerning admittance to the Lord's Supper will be a second theological discussion if time permits. TE Ruskin Falls will coordinate the second discussion.

13. At the request of the Stated Clerk, adopted the following policy as a Standing Rule (numbered as Standing Rule #1) for the filing of business for presbytery meetings.
 - All business to come before the presbytery must be submitted in writing to the Stated Clerk no later than 21 days prior to the date of the stated or called meeting.
 - Business not submitted by the deadline is treated as new business. It is the responsibility of the maker of the motion to provide hard copies for all commissioners.
 - The Stated Clerk will post the docket and all relevant documents no later than 7 days prior to a Stated Meeting.
14. Decided that due to conflicting existing policies, the CT determined that the host congregation (First, Harrison) shall plan worship for the October Stated Meeting.
15. The Stated Clerk informed the CT of a referral made by the presbytery at the 130th Stated Meeting. The referral reads:
 - *"That our General Committee (now Coordinating Team) study, discuss, and propose to our presbytery and its congregations action and strategies by which we may be "salt" and "light" amidst a culture increasingly violent, to include but not be limited to issues of the proliferation of fire arms, the treatment and care of the mentally ill, alienation among younger generations, racism, and poverty."*
 - The CT chooses to begin answering the referral with the Theological Discussion on mental health at the 133rd Stated Meeting. The Stated Clerk will include in his October report to presbytery communication acknowledging this ongoing consideration.
16. The Stated Clerk is working on completion of the revised Policies and Procedures section of the Presbytery Ministry Manual. Two presbytery policies in need of revision are the Emergency Loans to Pastors and the Emergency Loans to Congregations policies. Those policies were referred to the Administration Ministry with a request that they report back to the CT by December.
17. TE Roper raised the issue of how the families of former pastors relate to congregations. She noted that there is a policy for former pastors but no guidance for their families. The question was referred to the CCM with instructions to consider the issue and report back no later than November 30, 2016 with any policy recommendations.

The Coordinating Team took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery during a called conference call September 9, 2016:

1. The Stated Clerk presented the referral from the CCM concerning formation of an Administrative Commission with power to assume original jurisdiction to inquire into difficulties and work with the congregation and Session of First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock. The General Presbyter and

TE Leslie Belden (CCM representative to CT) described the situation and referral from CCM. Members discussed the timing of the AC, the scope of its business, and the proposed membership.

2. The CT adopted the following motions:

- a. That the Presbytery of Arkansas elect an Administrative Commission to counsel with the Session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock in discerning God's future for the church and its effective witness to the community. The Administrative Commission shall have the power to assume original jurisdiction.
- b. Elect the following members of the AC:
 - i. TE Bill Bailey Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village
 - ii. TE Debbie Freeman First, Jacksonville
 - iii. TE David Dyer, HR Westminster, Little Rock
 - iv. RE Ruth Hamilton Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village
 - v. RE Cyril Hollingsworth Second, Little Rock
 - vi. RE Mike Szabo First, Searcy
- c. That the AC appointed to work with First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock be charged with reporting back to the Coordinating Team no later than November 10, 2016. The Stated Clerk is instructed to forward the report to the CCM and Future of the Church Ministry prior to their November retreats. In addition to reports of any actions taken by the AC on behalf of the presbytery, the report shall include at least answers to the following:
 - i. Shall the Session continue as presently constituted?
 - ii. Is there a viable remnant to move forward?
 - iii. If the answer to question 2 is yes, what necessary steps need to be taken in budgeting and relationships with current and former staff to prepare the remnant church for the future?

The Coordinating Team took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery during a stated meeting via conference call on October 1, 2016:

1. A motion was made and seconded naming the following as the slate for at-large membership on the Nominations Committee:
 - o RE Susie Wright (Westminster, HS)
 - o RE Mike Harden (First, Arkadelphia)
 - o RE Matt Curry (First, Jonesboro)
 - o RE Kathy Rogers (First, Bentonville)
 - o The Stated Clerk was instructed to contact the list in this order.
 - o The slate will be presented to the presbytery at the 133rd Stated Meeting.(Note: a subsequent motion will clarify the membership of Nominations)
2. A motion was made and seconded to present the following to the presbytery for adoption as a Standing Rule:

In an effort to engage diverse voices from across the presbytery and honor the commitment of time and energy of ministry members, individuals may not serve concurrently on more than one of the following committees and subcommittees: CCM, CLD, Mission, Youth, Campus, and Young Adults, Campus Ministry subcommittee (except those automatically assigned to Youth, Campus, and Young Adults), Administration, Future of the Church, or Disaster Preparedness.

An exception is made for those who are automatically members of more than one ministry, committee or subcommittee by virtue of office or role in the presbytery.

3. The docket for the 133rd Stated Meeting was distributed before the meeting. Based on requests for time from committees, the needs of the host church, and discussion on the best way to ensure flow for the meeting, a motion was made and seconded to set the docket as discussed. *(NB: Due to the later than usual start time and the addition of theological discussion on Friday night, the CT chose not to have a reception following worship on Friday night.)*
4. The date and length of the June 2017 meeting (135th Stated Meeting) was discussed. The Mission Ministry shared that there is at present no leader for the 2017 PLACE event. The possibility of combining the PLACE event with the June meeting was discussed at length. It was decided that since the June docket is normally light, combining the two would be possible and potentially beneficial to the presbytery. In anticipation of this possibility, the Stated Clerk was instructed to secure a host church with sufficient facilities to host the PLACE as well as the meeting. The consensus of the group was to abide by the tradition of holding the June meeting in central Arkansas.
5. The 2017 contract with Wellspring Renewal Center was presented for approval. Following a lengthy discussion about the contract and the program of providing referral services for church professionals and their families, the CT took the following actions:
 - Approved the 2017 contract.
 - A motion was made and seconded to instruct the Committee on the Church's Ministries to review the program with attention to the following:
 - Rates of utilization
 - Whether the program as it stands meets the needs of the presbytery
 - Report back their findings to the CT prior to the April 2017 CT meeting.
6. A request was received from the Ozark church for permission to sell vacant land and use the proceeds to make essential repairs to the church building. The AC assigned to Ozark agreed with the request. Following lengthy conversation about the context of the situation including Ozark's financial position and the fact that the congregation is pursuing dismissal from the PC(USA), a motion was made and seconded to:
 - Approve the sale of the property with proceeds earmarked for repairs to the church building.
 - Require that any sale be approved by the Ozark Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission prior to sale.
7. Dissolved the Woodlands Presbyterian Church (HSV) Administrative Commission with the thanks of the presbytery. The AC was dissolved because litigation is pending with WPC.

8. The report from the Administration Ministry Area distributed before the meeting was discussed. GP Smith offered insights into the history of the budget and the unrestricted mission giving to Synod and GA above and beyond per capita giving.

Smith explained the financing of the presbytery office building and the repayment plan to the NCD fund of the presbytery.

A lengthy conversation followed focused on the following:

- The need to interpret the mission of the PC(USA) and the funding streams (per capita vs. mission giving) within the church to congregations.
- The need to evaluate our giving priorities in light of changing budget demands and lower levels of income. (NB: GP Smith will address this and other financial issues in his report to the presbytery at the 133rd Stated Meeting)
- The need to evaluate our budget in light of presbytery priorities.

After the discussion focused on next steps, the sense of the CT was expressed that RE Jan Enke (Moderator, Administration), RE Leah Shell (Moderator, Future of the Church), and GP Smith should begin a process of conversation addressing the issues above. No formal motion was made, however Enke and Smith indicated their willingness to begin this conversation soon and report back to the CT on progress.

For Action:

1. **The Coordinating Team recommends that the presbytery adopt the following as a Standing Rule (numbered as Standing Rule #2):**

Committee Membership

In an effort to engage diverse voices from across the presbytery and honor the commitment of time and energy of ministry members, individuals may not serve concurrently on more than one of the following committees and subcommittees: CCM, CLD, Mission, Youth, Campus, and Young Adults, Campus Ministry subcommittee (except those automatically assigned to Youth, Campus, and Young Adults), Administration, Future of the Church, or Disaster Preparedness.

An exception is made for those who are automatically members of more than one ministry, committee or subcommittee by virtue of office or role in the presbytery. Motion was approved.

2. **Motion to affirm the nine members of the Committee on Nominations and their classes as all are currently serving and willing to continue:**

Class of 2017: RE Kim Brooks, TE Robert Hadley, TE Joy Carrington.

Class of 2018: RE Wendell Phillips, TE Cinthia Saul, TE “Mike” McCracken

Class of 2019: TE Elizabeth Gabbard, RE Jane Anne Spikes, RE Susie Wright. Gabbard will serve as moderator in 2017. Motion was approved. Coordinating Team report was received.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

General Presbyter TE Stewart Smith gave the report.

He celebrated the joyful vote of potential sale of Chenal property. Having learning of the hurt feelings related to the pledge to the Ferncliff Capital Campaign by the presbytery and the loans to “cover” that pledge, Smith will be open and transparent. He reported that the new structure is working, and committees are doing patient work. He thanked the presbytery for their cooperation. New structure did not address finances or staffing. He and Administration Ministry are dealing with \$134,000 shortfall but are not doing across-the-board cuts. Two committees are cutting 2017 asking drastically (Future of the Church and Church and its Mission). He hopes that congregations will give in 2017 what they gave in 2016. He spoke of Per Capita giving and invites those congregations that “cleaned their rolls” to keep up the good work. He calculated that dividing the budget by reported members yielded a \$71 “presbytery per capita” and that 16 congregations meet that per capita. He is grateful that this presbytery disproves the model of large churches not giving or being involved in presbytery. He highlighted and thanked these: Second, LR; First United, Fayetteville; Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista; First, Springdale; Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village; Park Hill, NLR; First, Malvern; Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay; Wynne Presbyterian; First, Dardanelle; First, Prairie Grove; First, Mena; Grace, Little Rock; Spring River, Hardy; Barr Memorial, Norman; and Elkins Federated. He is aware of the challenges other congregations face in giving but encourages all to take steps toward the goal of tithing. He updated the presbytery on the situation with Woodlands Presbyterian, Hot Springs Village, which is taking legal action to be dismissed to Evangelical Presbyterian Church with their property. He acknowledged the struggle to find pastoral leadership for smaller churches. He invited ruling elders to pursue commissioned ruling elder training. Finally he asked for prayers for members of FUPC, Fayetteville; Second, LR; Bella Vista; Springdale; Westover Hills and Trinity, LR who are leaving for Honduras mission trip on Oct. 23.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY AREA

Moderator TE Catherine Allsbury gave the report. The bad news is that giving continues to decline. The good news is that giving to Presbytery should meet budget. Administration plans to reduce the budget by \$80,000 for next year though to date there is no tentative budget for 2017. Going forward, more cuts for coming years are expected. Administration is struggling for places to reduce and has asked Coordinating Team to set priorities to guide budgeting.

For Information:

1. Income & Expense as of June 2016:
 - a. As approved in February, the budget anticipated a **shortfall of \$133,928** – to be met by taking funds from the Presbytery investments (to meet the total budget of \$885,428).
 - b. Interest income is higher than expected, (+ **\$20,000**) as of June 2016.
 - c. Giving by local congregations is slow, but will be close to budget (**\$615,000**) by the end of December 2016.
 - d. Some discretionary spending has been more conservative than budgeted, which will bring presbytery closer to a balanced picture at the end of the year.
2. Areas of Greatest Expense for 2017
 - a. Administration of the Presbytery Office (costs of personnel, building and equipment).
 - i. The General Presbyter and the Administration Ministry Area will be scrutinizing this portion of the budget for potential savings.
 - ii. This section includes repayment to the Presbytery of \$36,000 annually:
 1. \$2,000/month for New Church Development;

2. \$1,000/month to an Office Building Maintenance & Repair fund; fund currently has a balance of \$100,000. *Administration Ministry has voted to suspend those payments.*
3. The presbytery could save money if the debt to the NCD fund were forgiven, or payments reduced.
- b. Commitments to the Greater Church
 - i. Total giving to General Assembly and Synod of the Sun is nearly 16% of expected giving from churches. *Currently, we are giving a tithe in addition to the Per Capita tax.*
 - ii. It is believed the original intent was to model good stewardship by tithing to the Greater Church, in faith that churches of the presbytery would follow that example by tithing to presbytery.
 - iii. The Administration Ministry is seeking guidance from other bodies in this Presbytery, in the form of theological or missional statement of intent for support of the Greater Church.
- c. Expenses for Committees and Ministry Areas
 - i. Traditionally, we have tried to balance the budget by asking each committee to trim their expenses by a flat rate. We have reached a point where, for instance, asking the Committees on Nominations (\$360 annually) and Representation (\$45 annually) to do so will not bear much fruit.
 - ii. The groups spending the most are those that are driving the mission of Presbytery: Mission of the Church; Future of the Church; Ministries of the Church; Youth, Collegiate and Young Adults.
 - iii. These areas of mission are at the heart of what we believe the church is called to do.
 - iv. *We encourage those Ministry Areas to carefully consider the financial resources available, and the most fruitful use of those resources. We cannot continue business as usual. The Administration Ministry does not intend to micromanage by suggesting line item cuts, but does believe there is room for saving.*
- d. Payments on Loan for Ferncliff Capital Campaign
 - i. The two loans totaling \$1,000,000 continue to be a source of distress.
 - ii. Interest-only payments have been **\$32,304.00 annually** since 1/1/2015. Reducing or eliminating those payments would be a big step forward in balancing our budget.
 - iii. To date, no relief in the form of property sales has arrived. (Prior to very recent acceptance of offer by potential buyer.)
3. Funds from sale of Presbytery owned property
 - a. The long-standing policy has been that sale of property (either donated or from churches that close) automatically goes into an endowment for New Church Development. Now is a time when New Church Development is rare.
 - b. The Administration Ministry suggests that it is time to revisit that position. Perhaps it could be reshaped to say that funds will be used where the *greatest need or call to mission presents itself*.
 - c. This would give the Presbytery greater flexibility in responding to areas of need, and calls to mission (locally and abroad).

Sellers asked if Ferncliff would be placed in 2017 budget; Allsbury answered that is up to Mission Committee.

Vice Moderator Ruth Hamilton moderated the next part of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

Moderator TE Dari Rowen gave the report.

For Information:

- TE Gordon Garlington was granted Honorably Retired status effective July 31, 2016. GP Smith spoke on his behalf. Garlington came to AR in 1980 as pastor of First, Bentonville and later, Park Hill, NLR. He befriended Stewart in 1994. Garlington thanked his mentors.
- TE David Gill was granted Honorably Retired status effective January 31, 2017. He will be honored in Feb.
- The membership of TE Debbie Spangler was transferred to Grace Presbytery.
- The CCM will henceforth use the following terminology for pastoral relationships:
 - Pastor/Co-Pastor/Associate Pastor;
 - Transitional Pastor;
 - Stated Supply Pastor;
 - and Pulpit Supply.
- The CCM will no longer use the terms:
 - Temporary Supply
 - Designated Pastor/Associate Pastor/coPastor
 - Interim Pastor/Associate Pastor/co-Pastor
 - *NB: the Parish Associate designation will continue to be used.*
- The CCM will present a key-ring on the 5-year anniversary of ordinations, certifications, and commissionings, at the October presbytery meeting, and subsequent anniversaries will be appropriately commemorated by an announcement in the October CCM report.
- TE Jeremy Wilhelmi was announced as the new chaplain of the University of the Ozarks, Clarksville.
- TE Carol Clark was approved as the Transitional Pastor of Park Hill Presbyterian Church, NLR effective August 1, 2016 through August 1, 2017, with the following terms of call:
 - Salary \$38,679
 - Pension/Medical 21,790
 - ½ Social Security 4,301*
 - Travel 1,550
 - Housing 19,125
 - Continuing Ed 600
 - Total compensation \$86,045. She was recognized.
- The CCM requested that the Presbytery, through the Coordinating Team, elect/appoint an Administrative Commission to work with the Session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock in moving toward God's future for the church, with the power to assume original jurisdiction. (*NB: The details of the AC are included in the Coordinating Team report.*)
- Rev. Don Hubbard resigned as the Transitional Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith, effective September 30, 2016, to take the position of Transitional Pastor of First Christian Church, Fort Smith. Rev. Hubbard is an ordained pastor in the Disciples of Christ denomination.

- Central Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith, First Presbyterian Church of Springdale, and First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro were granted permission to elect Pastor Nominating Committees.
- The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, was granted permission to serve as that congregation's Pastor Nominating Committee.
- The CCM re-constituted appropriate members for a subcommittee that will establish guidelines for (1) Transitional Pastors, and (2) the needs of congregations to have pastoral leadership and the lack of available PC(USA) Teaching Elders, including (3) how to work with those who are not ordained as a PC(USA) Teaching Elder and what will be required of them.

For Action:

- 1. Motion to approve the call of TE Karen Akin as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock for a designated term of 3 years with the following terms of call:**
 - a. Effective Salary**
 - i. Cash Salary: \$29,154**
 - ii. Housing Allowance: \$18,000**
 - b. Benefits**
 - i. Full medical, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**
 - ii. Paid Vacation (6 weeks including 3 Sundays)**
 - iii. Paid Continuing Education (2 weeks including 2 Sundays)**
 - c. Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)**
 - i. Mileage (\$0.54 per mile): \$1200**
 - ii. Business/Professional Expenses: \$0**
 - iii. SECA Supplement (up to 50%): \$0**
 - iv. Continuing Education: \$3500**

Motion was approved.

- 2. Motion to approve the following details concerning the Installation Service of TE Karen Akin as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church:**
 - a. Date and Time of Installation: November 20, 2016 at 3:00 pm**
 - b. Offering Recipient: Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center**
 - c. Members to serve on the Administrative Commission to include:**
 - i. TE Lacy Sellars, Moderator of the Presbytery, to moderate and propound the Constitutional Questions**
 - ii. TE David Gill, Director, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, to preach**
 - iii. TE Lindy Vogado, Associate Pastor, Second Presbyterian Church, to charge the congregation**
 - iv. RE Cyril Hollingsworth, elder, Second Presbyterian Church, to charge the pastor**
 - v. RE Betty Glenn, elder, Westover Hills Presbyterian Church, LR**
 - vi. TE Anne Russ, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, North Little Rock**

vii. RE Betty Winter or Jerry Herbert, Grace Presbyterian Church

Motion was approved. Members of Grace stood and were recognized.

3. Motion to approve the following details concerning the Installation Service for TE Paul Fulks as pastor of First, Heber Springs:

- a. Date and Time of Installation: November 6, 2016 at 3:00 pm**
- b. Offering Recipient: Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center**
- c. Members to serve on the Administrative Commission to include:**
 - i. TE Lacy Sellars to Moderate and Propound Constitutional Questions**
 - ii. TE Stewart Smith to Preach**
 - iii. TE Dari Rowen**
 - iv. TE Carol Clark to Charge the Pastor**
 - v. TE Kade Curry to Charge the Congregation**
 - vi. RE Ruth Hamilton, Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village**
 - vii. RE Carolyn Buchanan, First, Batesville**
 - viii. RE Anton Bucher, First, Heber Springs**
 - ix. Sitting with the Commission: TE Milton Davis, HR and RE David Clark, First, Heber Springs**

Motion was approved. Members of church were recognized.

4. Motion to approve the call of Rev. Jai Deok Kwak as Pastor (part-time) of Central Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff with the following terms of call:

- a. Effective Salary**
 - i. Cash Salary: \$15,867.78**
 - ii. Housing Allowance: \$12,000**
 - iii. Deferred Compensation: \$11,652.54**
- b. Benefits**
 - i. Full medical, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**
 - ii. Moving Expenses (negotiated)**
 - iii. Paid Vacation (3 weeks including 3 Sundays)**
 - iv. Paid Continuing Education (2 weeks including 2 Sundays)**
 - v. Clergy Renewal Leave (3 months including Sundays) with continued salary and benefits following the seventh year of service.**
 - vi. *NB: This position is $\frac{3}{4}$ time and is therefore exempt from presbytery minimum requirements for leave.***
- c. Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)**
 - i. Mileage (\$0.54 per mile): \$1200**
 - ii. Business/Professional Expenses: \$0**
 - iii. SECA Supplement (up to 50%): \$0**
 - iv. Continuing Education: \$1200**

Kwak was welcomed and introduced. **Motion was approved.**

5. Motion to approve the following details concerning the Installation Service of Jai Deok Kwak as pastor, Central, Pine Bluff:

Installation service to be held on December 4, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Central with the offering recipient to be Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services and the following to serve on the Administrative Commission:

TE Lacy Sellars to moderate and propound the constitutional questions

TE Stewart Smith to preach

TE David King, HR to charge the congregation

RE Kay Cromwell, Central, to charge the pastor

CRE Harlis Wright, Faith, Pine Bluff

RE Ruth Hamilton, Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village

RE David Stricklin, Westover Hills, LR

RE Kitty Rubenstein, First, Pine Bluff

Motion was approved.

6. Motion to enroll TE Jai Deok Kwak as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, from East TN Presbytery. Motion was approved. His statement of faith is below:

Statement of Faith Rev. Jai Deok Kwak

I believe in One God, the triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, three divine persons in one God. Three distinctive beings, yet One God for they are in same substance and share the eternity together. They suffer together, and sacrifice together to give new life to humanity and the renewing of the creation. They share the everlasting, uninterrupted love relationship forever.

I believe the divinity of the Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that through Christ, the Trinity God reveals Himself to humanity. Jesus is the most comprehensive and substantial revelation of the Triune God to humanity. His birth, His Baptism, His teachings, His miracles, His Crucifixion, and His resurrection display the identity and the works of three divine beings. I believe that the truth -- that there is only ONE God -- means that the Creator of the Universe, and the incarnated Son, and the one who indwells within the believers and do the work of sanctification are the same "ONE God." Though there are peculiarities in the work each person does, they work together for the salvation of humanity.

I also confess that I believe Jesus is a man. The Second person of the Trinity became a human being in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. He took the nature of humanity from the substance of a woman, a virgin, by mean of the Holy Ghost. And so was born the "just seed of David," the very Messiah promised. In His humanity, the promises of God, the Prophecies of the Old Testament Prophets were fulfilled. In His humanity, Jesus became the Lamb of God, the suffering servant for the whole world. Through the humanity of Jesus Christ, the power of God made perfect in weakness. As a man Jesus experienced every human needs and limitation. He also was tempted to sin, and yet lived a sinless life. In the mystery of "incarnation," the Creator (God) became the created (human). In this union, the fallen humanity sees the way of salvation, the way of reconciliation to God and others. In this sense, Jesus is the perfect link between two quiet distinct beings, God and humanity. For Christ is both God and human, not partially but in perfect form, Jesus can be one and only Mediator between God and man. In Him, God is really with us. Humanity of Jesus Christ exhibits God's genuine love toward the humanity. In Jesus Christ, human life was accepted, and reconciled to God. God embraces who we really are. I believe that I am a beloved child of God, and God called me out of this world to live a Christ-like life. I believe that God desires the reconciliation of the world through Jesus. For this work of reconciliation, God called Christians out of darkness and placed the Spirit of Christ in them. Just as the Christ was predestined to be the mediator between the God and the Humanity, Christians are predestined to be the agents of the

Christ to bring the world back to the Christ. I was formed in His image. I am called to be in likeness of Christ. I find my value and purpose of my life only in Him.

Members of Central and Kwak's wife were recognized.

7. **Approve the renewed CRE covenant (Jan. 1, 2017-Dec. 31, 2019) between Kenneth Rhodes and Claire Rhodes and the congregation of West End, Arkadelphia. Motion was approved.**
8. **Approve the renewed CRE covenant (Jan. 1, 2017-Dec. 31, 2019) between Kelly Pearson and First, Dardanelle. Motion was approved.** Pearson stood.
9. **Approve the renewed CRE covenant (Jan. 1, 2017-Dec. 31, 2019) between Harlis Wright and Faith, PB. Motion was approved.**
10. **Motion to enroll TE Jeremy Wilhelmi, chaplain at UofO, into membership upon dismissal from Presbytery of The James. Motion was approved.** He was welcomed back to AR, which is his home. (Faith statement is in appendix). His wife was also recognized.
11. **Motion to enroll TE Terry McLellan, HR into membership upon dismissal from Grace Presbytery. Motion was approved.** He was welcomed and introduced wife Kay. He will be back in Fort Smith. (Faith statement is in appendix).

Moderator Sellars resumed leadership of the meeting.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Moderator TE Kade Curry gave the report, thanked his committee members and praised the candidates and incoming inquirers.

For Information:

The Committee on Church Leadership Development of Arkansas Presbytery met at Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center at 9:30 am on Saturday, September 3, 2016. A quorum was present.

The process for examining the candidates was discussed prior to their joining the meeting. Because of the number of candidates, there will be a group interview process where all candidates may participate and also hear other answers. This will be followed by individual interviews. Time will be flexible based on the needs of the Candidates/Inquirers.

It was suggested that the Mentors be given a schedule to enforce for candidates to turn in paperwork and to move the process forward. It will be the responsibility of the Candidates/Inquirers to enforce their own schedules.

Two Liaisons are being assigned for each Candidate/Inquirer. Some Liaisons who have begun the process but are no longer on the Committee will continue with their assignments. Kathy White will set up a file of all the documents and status of each Candidate/Inquirer. The *Book of Order* has no rules as to how long a person must be in each stage of the process, but the total time between acceptance as Inquirer and Ordination should be at least three years.

Denne was present and moving toward seeking a call next spring.

Liaison assignments:

- Katherine Norwood – Susan Anderson and Lynn Condra, inquirer
- Molly DeWitt – Susan Rose and Kade Curry, inquirer
- Krista Denne – Debbie Freeman and Sherry Miller, candidate
- Brittany Fiscus Van Rossum – Kade Curry and Debbie Freeman, candidate
- Stacey Hammons – Debbie Freeman and Kathy White, incoming inquirer
- David Mills – Mike McCracken and Debbie Freeman, incoming inquirer
- Jordan Akin – Susan Anderson and Bill Henning, incoming inquirer
- Max Hill – Debbie Freeman and Lynn Condra, incoming inquirer

A repository will be developed on the Presbytery website to contain our forms. Kade Curry will arrange for this. He will also send an e-mail to each Candidate with copies to Liaisons to establish communication.

Interview Process

The Candidates joined the meeting, and the entire group participated in an icebreaker activity.

Group interview then began. Questions which were discussed included:

- What created the desire or urge to look into becoming a minister?
- How will ordination as a Teaching Elder enhance your opportunities to serve God?
- How can creative and bi-vocational ministry opportunities be developed?

Individual Interviews

Jordan Akin

Jordan indicated that she sees the Inquiry status as definitely a time for discernment for her as she begins her seminary studies. She has spent two years as a YAV which has given her insight into possibilities for ministry. She has spent two weeks at Louisville Seminary in an introductory course. She hopes this committee will be there to support her through her time of discernment. She was encouraged to develop new mentors in her new situation. Louisville Seminary offers field placements during the summer which Jordan plans to take advantage of. She was informed that the pastoral internship required by this committee can generally be coordinated with seminary requirements. Jordan was given information on her liaisons. Motion was approved to accept Jordan Akin as an Inquirer. Kade offered prayer for this relationship.

Stacey Hammons

Stacey has already graduated from seminary and is transferring from another denomination which did not allow ordination of women. She is currently working as a Chaplain at Presbyterian Village. She had graduated from seminary without a church but established a relationship with Karen Akin of Second Presbyterian. When Stacey first attended Second, she worried about how her theology would mesh with Presbyterianism. She was very comfortable with the encouragement to ask questions and ability to be accepting. She doesn't always agree with Calvin, but she is becoming more able to live with ambiguity. The committee discussed educational requirements which she needs to complete ordination requirements. She has to complete Hebrew and Greek language requirement. The committee does not want to require any unnecessary classes, but some study in Reformed theology and polity would be helpful. She hopes to start her studies as soon as possible. The committee agreed that she needs to concentrate on what is needed to pass her ordination exams. There has been a question as to whether Stacey can officiate at the Sacrament of Communion under her current status. She has not been ordained as a Ruling Elder in the PC(USA) and therefore cannot officiate at the monthly Sunday Sacrament of Communion at Presbyterian Village under the *Book of Order* but that she can participate in a service led by a minister of another denomination. Stacey was given information about her liaisons. Motion was approved to accept Stacey Hammons as an Inquirer. Kade offered prayer for this relationship.

David Mills

David indicated that he is still deciding on whether to work on a Masters or to go to seminary. He has toured several seminaries and is also considering studying in Northern Ireland. He is currently serving as Interim Director of Youth Ministries at Second in Little Rock. This position will allow him to save money for school during this year and to work through his options for the next year. David had discussed with his pastor Steve Hancock as to whether he should apply for Inquirer status or wait until he decides whether he is going to seminary. David shared some of his experience in growing up in a small church and how he vacillated in a leadership roll. He indicated that helping others has always been a part of his life. Motion was approved to accept David Mills as an Inquirer. Debbie offered prayer for this relationship. He was given information about his liaisons.

Max Hill

Max indicated that he had gone through a process of wanting to avoid organized religion to deciding that he would be attending seminary. He had been turned off by the narrow-minded view of Christianity he had grown up with and their lack of acceptance of him as a gay person. His family encouraged him to search out other religions which he did. He eventually became involved with UCM at the University of Arkansas and was accepted for who he was. He became very involved there, finally becoming president and student director. He will be starting at Princeton Seminary next week. He has received scholarships to Princeton and is currently involved in the "1001 Worshipping Communities" movement. Motion was approved to accept Max Hill as an Inquirer. Lynn offered prayer for this relationship. He was given information about his liaisons.

Katherine Norwood

Katherine has been an Inquirer for a while, but this is the first time she has met with the committee in person. She indicated that her studies at Louisville Seminary are going well. The seminary has a good mix of older and traditional students. She is starting her field studies next year at Central Presbyterian in Louisville, an urban church. It was agreed that a semester rather than quarterly report from her supervisor would be adequate. She has completed her Hebrew and Old Testament exegesis courses. She will be doing Greek and New Testament next year. Katherine was reminded that this committee requires a field internship that her seminary field study will satisfy. Katherine is looking at possibilities of campus ministry but is open to other possibilities. She will fill out the required paperwork. Kade is working on an outline of the Candidacy process to post on the Arkansas Presbytery website. Liaisons will work on planning the ordination exams with the candidates. Taking these exams can be spread out over the Candidacy stage. Katherine may apply to become a Candidate whenever she feels ready; she needs to ask the Session of her home church to approve her application so it can be presented to Presbytery for approval. Forms will be available on the Presbytery web site. Stewart Smith offered a prayer for this relationship.

Molly DeWitt

Molly has found an advocate at her seminary to see that she is able to have the courses she needs for ordination. She is now placed as a pastoral intern at a small church with an older membership, a change from the youth emphasis she has had working in a camp situation. She is looking at a CPE internship as the next stage in her preparation. She is currently on a three-year program. She is having to be creative in planning for her language courses. She has not yet talked with her liaison about applying for candidacy and planning for her ordination exams. The camp where she is employed is actively working to build bridges to churches who disagree with the denomination. The process for becoming a Candidate was explained to Molly. She indicated that she is weak in Bible knowledge and will need to work very hard to pass the ordination exams. Molly may apply to become a Candidate whenever she feels ready; she needs to ask the Session of her home church to approve her application so it can be presented to Presbytery for approval. Forms will be available on the Presbytery web site. Debbie Freeman offered a prayer for this relationship.

Brittany Fiscus-van Rossum

Brittany has completed four of her ordination exams and needs to pass Bible Content. She is entering her last year of seminary at Columbia and will be doing an internship in CPE. She should meet all requirements for ordination by the end of the school year. As soon as she passes Bible Content, she hopes to start looking for a church. There is a possibility

of continuing at the church where she is doing supervised ministry which serves the homeless, but she would also like to explore other possibilities. It was noted that she does not have to appear before Presbytery when she is approved to receive a call. When she receives a call, she will be examined by the Presbytery where the call is issued. It was recommended that she begin work on her PIF so that she can seek a call as soon as she completes ordination requirements.

Krista Denne

Krista has completed two of her ordination exams. She will complete her required seminary classes in January but does plan to take additional classes the next semester. She has been working as an Intern at First Presbyterian in Clarksville and would consider staying there if possible. She would also consider going overseas. It was noted that she does not have to appear before Presbytery when she is approved to receive a call. When she receives a call, she will be examined by the Presbytery where the call is issued. It was recommended that she begin work on her PIF so that she can seek a call as soon as she completes ordination requirements.

He talked about the process in place for ruling elders to prepare for Commissioned Ruling Elders.

For Action:

1. **That Jordan Akin (Second, LR) be enrolled as an Inquirer. Motion was approved.**
2. **That Stacey Hammons (Second, LR) be enrolled as an Inquirer. Motion was approved.**
3. **That David Mills (Second, LR) be enrolled as an Inquirer. Motion was approved.**
4. **That Max Hill (Second, LR) be enrolled as an Inquirer. Motion was approved.**

Moderator offered a prayer for all four new inquirers.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Moderator TE Elizabeth Gabbard gave the report.

For Information: The form to self-nominate or nominate someone from your congregation was in packet Section M (Forms and Registration Documents).

For Action:

1. **The Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following persons for a two-year term, Class of 2018**
 - a. **Coordinating Team (at-large members):**
 - i. **TE Ruskin Falls, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock**
 - ii. **TE Mike McCracken, Wynne Presbyterian**
 - b. **Commissioner to Synod of the Sun:**
 - i. **RE Emily Laurel, First, Benton**
 - c. **Committee on Representation:**
 - i. **RE Ledridge Davis, First, Malvern**
 - ii. **RE Jeannie Maples, First, Harrison**
 - iii. **RE Barry Matthews, First, Jacksonville**
 - iv. **Ms. Yuri Hernandez, Barr Memorial, Norman**
- d. **General Assembly Young Adult Advisory Delegate**

i. **Ms. Emma Gillaspy, First, Conway/Lyon College**

Nominations were invited from the floor, but there was none. **Motion was approved.**

2. The Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following persons for three-year terms, Class of 2019:

a. Stated Clerk:

i. **TE Robert Lowry, at-large**

b. Counselor-at-law:

i. **RE Ed McCorkle, First, Arkadelphia**

c. Committee on Administration:

i. **TE Catherine Allsbury, HR, Second, Little Rock**

ii. **TE David Dyer, HR, Westminster, Little Rock**

d. Committee on the Church and Its Ministries:

i. **TE Phil Butin, First United, Fayetteville**

ii. **RE Don Eilbott, Trinity, Little Rock**

iii. **RE Sue Johnston, First, Batesville**

iv. **RE Jim Pedersen, First, Rogers**

e. Committee on the Church and Its Mission:

i. **TE Paul Fulks, First, Heber Springs**

ii. **RE Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle**

iii. **RE Marty Shepherd, First, Dardanelle**

f. Committee on Leadership Development:

i. **TE Kade Curry, First, Searcy**

ii. **RE Mike Easley, Graham Memorial, Forrest City**

iii. **TE Debra Carl Freeman, First, Jacksonville**

g. Committee on the Future of the Church:

i. **TE Phil Blackburn, First, Fort Smith**

ii. **TE Brian Brock, Central, Russellville**

iii. **TE Steven Frazier, First, Morrilton**

iv. **TE Marie Mainard O'Connell, at-large**

h. Committee on Youth, Campus, and Young Adults:

i. **RE Justin Clark, First, North Little Rock**

ii. **Ms. Jennifer McCracken, Wynne Presbyterian**

iii. **Ms. Carolyn Ward, First, Batesville/Lyon College**

i. Subcommittee on Disaster Preparedness

i. **TE Ira "Ike" Brighton, HR, at-large**

ii. **RE Betty Powell, Park Hill, North Little Rock**

iii. **TE David Schaller, Faith, Horseshoe Bend**

j. Readers of Theological Exams:

i. **TE Steve Hancock, Second, Little Rock**

ii. **RE Sherry Miller, First, Hot Springs**

iii. **RE Wendell Phillips, Park Hill, North Little Rock**

- iv. **TE Ward Rudolph, at-large**
- k. **Alternate Reader of Theological Exams:**
- i. **TE Katie Cummings, First, Bentonville**

Nominations were invited from the floor, but none was offered. **Motion was approved.**

- 3. **The Committee on Nominations moves the election of the following for one-year terms in Class of 2017:**
 - a. **RE Jan Enke, First, Van Buren, moderator, Committee on Administration**
 - b. **TE Dari Rowen, First, Benton, moderator, Committee on Church and Its Ministries**
 - c. **RE Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle, moderator, Committee on Church and Its Mission**
 - d. **TE Kade Curry, First, Searcy, moderator, Committee on Leadership Development**
 - e. **RE Ledridge Davis, First, Malvern, moderator, Committee on Representation**
 - f. **RE Leah Shell, Second, Little Rock, moderator, Committee on the Future of the Church**
 - g. **RE Krista Denne', First, Clarksville, moderator, Committee on Youth, Campus and Young Adult**
 - h. **TE Lacy Sellars, First, Hot Springs, moderator, Coordinating Team**
 - i. **TE Ira (Ike) Brighton, HR, at-large, moderator, Disaster Preparedness Subcommittee**
 - j. **RE Ruth Hamilton, Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, moderator, Presbytery of Arkansas**

Nominations were asked from the floor, but none was offered. **Motion was approved.**

REPORT OF THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY AREA

Moderator RE Leah Shell gave the report. She shared the brochure on the Crossover property in Fayetteville which is listed for sale. The committee works with property but hopes to concentrate on technology and the presbytery website. Committee member TE Brian Brock is working with congregations on “brick and mortar” needs. The committee supports 4-5 congregations with partial funding and will check with them in two weeks.

For Information:

The Future of the Church committee met twice since the last Presbytery meeting. The first meeting was on June 9, 2016 while the second meeting occurred on August 11, 2016. A summary of both meetings is noted below.

- Peg Falls-Corbitt and Ted Belden serve on the Coordinating Team as representatives for the Future of the Church. Ted Belden will serve for two years on this committee while Peg Falls-Corbitt will roll off the Coordinating Team at the end of 2016.
- During the August meeting a discussion of current and anticipated budget constraints was led by Stewart Smith. A motion was made and seconded to reduce portion of the 2017 FOTC budget by \$15,000. The committee will work on allocation of the anticipated budget during a retreat on the 18th and 19th of November in Russellville, AR.
- **Property:** Melanie Gibson, the listing agent for the Chenal Property reports interest from a developer for the possible use as a site for senior living community. A formal offer has not been submitted. Ted

Belden is arranging to have some preliminary engineering work done to aid with marketing efforts. An Administrative Commission was formed during the June Presbytery meeting for the purpose of marketing and selling the Crossover Property. Ted Belden and Leah Shell are the representatives from FOTC for this Commission. The Commission has met via two conference calls and an appraisal of the Crossover Property was ordered and prepared. The Commission is in the process of listing this property.

- Committee is working on a celebration of life of the Gravette Church (Oct. 30).
- **Technology:** Stewart Smith has encouraged committee to look outside the Presbytery for answers to some of the technology needs. A discussion of virtual meeting platforms was shared.
- **Community Resourcing:** Brian Brock continues to work with the Van Buren Church to look for ways to fund the needed repairs to their building. He has reached out to others within this committee for aid. Committee is continuing to work on developing new policies for grant request and procedures for awarding funds to congregations.
- **Visioning and Vitality:** A motion was made and seconded to fund a portion of the Food with Family Program at the Argenta Church. A motion was made and seconded to fund 12 weeks at \$125 per week plus the salary for the intern. The total voted to be paid from Small Church Miscellaneous – Account 7500-28-1-000 is \$2460. Committee continues to reach out to the churches that the FOTC helps support yearly to find out if the level of support is needed and what the funds will be used for in the future.
- **New Worshipping Communities:** Marie Mainard O'Connell gave a report on the Mercy Church, a congregation whose focus is the homeless population in downtown Little Rock. She also gave a report on the Walnut Grove Church. The former intern from United Campus Ministries is now attending Seminary and is no longer involved with this congregation. A motion was made and seconded to approve UCM's adding liability-only insurance for Walnut Grove to the UCM policy, to be paid for through UCM's grant funding. Motion was seconded and passed.
- **Visioning:** The First Presbyterian Church in Beebe has approach the FOTC. They desire some help with some steps their congregation can make. Mike Vinson, who serves as the Staff Liaison from the Presbytery for the FOTC, expressed a desire to work on visioning projects within the Presbytery.
- Members of the Future of the Church continue serving on several Administrative Commissions. These include Lonoke, Rogers and Ozark.
- The FOTC has scheduled a retreat on the 18th and 19th of November in Russellville Arkansas. They welcome commissioners' input.

REPORT OF THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH AREA

Moderator CRE Kelly Pearson gave the report. He pointed out the display at meeting by TE David Schaller on Journey into Hope, two mission trips to McGehee, budget cuts of 17% without gutting the church's mission, two sets of grants available (evangelism incentives and unified mission grants to the most vulnerable), great committee members, and thanksgiving for international mission trips.

For Information:

- A letter from Journey into Hope

To: Committee on Mission Presbytery of Arkansas

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

Members and a friend of Faith Presbyterian Church, Horseshoe Bend, Arkansas, have recently completed our third mission trip to the Dominican Republic in July and August of 2016, to work with Journey into Hope.

Journey into Hope is a mission that works with Haitians in the town of Sabaneta de Yasica, Dominican Republic. Haitians in the DR are the “poorest of the poor” in our hemisphere. The mission includes community nutrition support through a soup kitchen (serving up to 60 children per day), spiritual support through the New Life Christian Church, basic medical service through an on-site clinic (when medical staff are available), housing support through several residences, job training, education support through scholarship and uniform assistance for kindergarten through medical & nursing school students, assistance in securing passports and work documents, and general encouragement and support.

Journey into Hope, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) private charitable foundation, dedicated to serving the desperately poor in Latin America and the Caribbean. Richard Taylor, the foundation's director, is a professional luthier (guitar builder). Several years ago he accompanied a medical mission team to Sabaneta, DR as a translator, where he was introduced to a small community of Haitians. That meeting turned into a calling.

Haiti and the Dominican Republic share the Caribbean island of Hispanola. But since Haiti was formed in 1804 following a slave revolt, the relationship between the two sides of the island have been rocky. Haitian agricultural workers have been brought into the DR since the early 20th century. Many Haitians in the DR today are descendants of those early sugar cane workers. But according to new laws in the DR, they do not qualify for citizenship, either in the Dominican or Haiti.

Journey into Hope has worked closely with a private elementary school in the neighborhood for several years. In 2014 JIH constructed a building for the school on their compound. Intentionally bi-racial and bi-cultural, the school is heavily subsidized by scholarships, in an effort to raise a generation of Haitian and Dominican children who can live and work comfortably together.

Faith Presbyterian, along with several other congregations of various denominations around the country, has been instrumental in the construction of residences, a soup kitchen, the church, clinic and school, both through the donation of funds, and on-site work over the past several years. In 2016 this small congregation in north central Arkansas raised over \$7000 toward an addition to the elementary school building. Along with a \$2000 contribution from the Presbytery of Arkansas, this was enough to construct the addition, as well as security walls around the compound. Our team of five had the privilege of putting the finishing touches on the school addition, allowing an expansion to 150 students.

Please visit www.journeyintohope.org or Journey into Hope on Facebook for a more close-up and personal view of the work of this ministry.

In Christ,

Faith Presbyterian Church

David Schaller, Pastor Horseshoe Bend, AR

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- Since the presbytery meeting in June, the Church and Its Mission ministry-area has met twice to allocate missional funds and provide educational opportunities.
- The P.L.A.C.E. educational event was held on August 6th, making this the third consecutive annual venue in this presbytery. Gracious thanks are given to committee member/Christian Educator Kristi Button of FUPC-Fayetteville, who was this year's coordinator. A task-force has been established to

ascertain options on how to provide an *en masse* venue(s) for Christian education, spiritual development, and/or evangelistic skills/tools in 2017.

- The mission of the presbytery has included the Disaster and Response Permanent Subcommittee sponsoring two mission work-weeks in McGehee to repair homes damaged from spring flooding. One trip was in August and the other the first full week of October. The presbytery made a grant for the initial trip of \$2,500 to assist in buying materials.
- Other grant recipients have or will include: Stop Hunger Now--\$2,000; The Food-pantry/meal ministry of FPC-Van Buren--\$1,000; Arkansas Interfaith--\$5,600(\$2,000 for 2015); Journey into Hope (Dominican Republic), mission-trip sponsored by Faith PC-Horseshoe Bend--\$2,000; the Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage--\$1,800 for two 4-day retreats; Vera Lloyd Family Services--\$2,520; Solar Under the Sun--\$2,500; Evergreen Ministries Flood-damage repairs--\$1,000; FPC-McGehee's backpack ministry--\$1,500.
- The ministry-area made the decision in July to trim its 2017 budget request by 17%, to then approve the budget-lines in its September meeting to equal the \$70,000 figure. Believing that most ministry-areas will face major cuts, the Church and Its Mission ministry-area anticipates a significant reduction in outgoing grants even for this year.
- Though committed to reducing expenditures, monies remain for which committee encourages interested congregations to apply, especially for these two purposes:
 - Because expenditures for evangelism have not been made this year, grant-requests will be considered for up to \$500 each to help five churches needing assistance with an evangelism-endeavor, such as: improving signage, updating or creating a website, running newspaper or other media advertisements; and,
 - The notice again is being announced for grant-requests from congregations having or wanting to do ministries for the vulnerable, "*especially among the very young and very old.*"
 - A grant request, along with ministry explanations/purpose, participant numbers, and/or specific planned use(s) of the grant money, may be sent to the email of Moderator Kelly Pearson: ktpearson@suddenlink.net.
- It is anticipated that at presbytery meetings next year there shall be reports from officials of Arkansas Interfaith and Vera Lloyd, that all may stay current on these ministries in the state which the presbytery supports.
- Trusting that the oversight of donations given by the presbytery's churches and allocated for the purposes of Christian Education and Mission of the Church are being administered with diligent stewardship, committee solicits not only the continuation of faithful financial giving but prayers. We give thanks to God for those who volunteer to be traveling agents of God's love to places like McGehee, Honduras, south Louisiana, and the Dominican Republic. As well, we give thanks for the witness of Christ through the entities and partnerships hereto unnoted: the Arkansas Black

Presbyterian Caucus, Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center, and the Presbyterian Women.

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Co-Moderator TE “Ike” Brighton, HR gave the report. Thanks is given that there have been no new disasters in the last six weeks. McGehee work trips were mentioned.

For Information:

March 10, 2016, McGehee, AR received over 15 ½” rain in a very short time. As you may know, there is nothing but flat land in McGehee, AR; and the rain drenched the first floor of a lot of houses. Very few people in the flooded area had flood insurance.

About 32 houses came to the attention of the McGehee Disaster Recovery Committee (a committee appointed by the mayor of McGehee). With United Methodist Church layperson Gen. Wesley Jacobs in charge, the committee has used a case management process to determine needs not met by insurance or other personal resources. The committee is using volunteer work teams to meet needs that the homeowners themselves cannot meet: restoring flooring, insulation, dry wall, and paint in the houses.

The Presbytery of AR, led by Susie Wright, organized two mission trips, Aug. 8-12 and Oct. 3-7, to help with repairs. The first week, 24 people from 6 different churches collaborated to restore 4 houses and to offer emotional and spiritual care to the homeowners. Oct. 3-7, 16 people from 3 different churches worked on 3 more houses in McGehee. Thanks to donations from AR churches, the DPRS was able to contribute \$5,000 toward a materials fund. According to Gen. Jacobs, community recovery could be finished by winter.

On August 6, 2016, at the P.L.A.C.E., the DPRS brought Heath Whorton, the Director of Emergency Management at AR Tech University, to lead two workshops on dealing with an active shooter situation. About 40 people attended.

The committee is working on a committee protocol for response to low-impact events within the presbytery and on a disaster response protocol for congregations.

The DPRS has provided \$1,500 in support of Katie McGee, the PDA Young Adult Volunteer at Ferncliff for 2016-17, and \$1,500 to help Ferncliff purchase 10 emergency radios for use on campus. The radios have already proven to be valuable.

On Oct. 26, in a PDA-led training at Ferncliff, three Presbyterian women from the Presbytery of AR will be trained as congregational preparedness trainers. The DPRS wants to know that each congregation is prepared for the worst. Please inform the subcommittee who your disaster contact will be.

Thank you for your support of disaster preparedness and response in AR.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Moderator Jeanne Lloyd gave the report. In July 14 women attended the Synod PW Gathering in Fort Worth. August 11-12 are dates for retreat for interfaith concerns, with four fall gatherings held in August and September of this year.

ORDER OF THE DAY – THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

At 10:55 a.m. TE DC Adams introduced TE Rebecca Spooner of Wellspring Renewal Center who made a presentation on causes, signs, prevention and support after suicide. Many people then spoke from their own experiences. She pointed out that veterans and elderly men are especially vulnerable. Her presentation was added to the presbytery website and linked to The Banner monthly newsletter.

PRESBYTERY AT RECESS FOR LUNCH

TE Adams asked God's blessings of the meal served in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m.

BUSINESS RESUMED AFTER LUNCH AT 12:35 p.m.

MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Numerous announcements were shared. Final worship service at First, Gravette on Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. was announced; pulpit swap between First, Prairie Grove and Hot Springs explained and recommended (newsletters, lunch with members after the worship, prayer); Nov. 6 celebration of 50th anniversary of sanctuary noted; AR Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekend announced for April; and Refugee resettlement in NW AR request for prayer.

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Video was shown of the three Young Adult Volunteers based at Ferncliff camp, working in garden, ecology and disaster assistance, as well as their leader TE Marie Mainard O'Connell.

ORDER OF THE DAY – REPORT OF THE POLITY COMMITTEE

Commissioners to General Assembly TEs Elizabeth Gabbard and Leslie Bethell Roper and RE Gail Murdoch gave the report on their experience last summer in Portland with slides and verbally. Fourth commissioner Jessie Rancifer was absent. Sam Anderson, young adult delegate, was praised. Report covered time in plenary and committee work. Stated Clerk Lowry explained how items from GA are handled in this presbytery.

Polity Committee recommended approval of all the amendments that were discussed.

Motions were presented, in the interest of fairness and time, to follow these rules for debate:

- 1. That each speaker be limited to 2 minutes. Motion, seconded, and approved.**
- 2. That debate alternate between speakers in favor of and opposed to the motion. Motion, seconded, and approved.**

Members of the Polity Committee rotated in moving approval of each amendment and speaking for each:

- 3. 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy On Amending G-3.0106.** Discussion followed (Falls against.) **Motion passed.**
- 4. 16-B. Parity in Committees On Amending G-3.0109.** Discussion followed (Clark against). (Noting the absence of tellers Hudson and Rowen, moderator appointed RE HK Stewart and TE Adams to join TE Patty Schaller and TE Falls as tellers). 35 in favor, 29 opposed. **Motion passed.**
- 5. Motion in the interest of time and because the subject matter is the same, the following additional rules for debate on items 16-C.1 through 16-C.8 (items 3-10 in the packet)**
That the body debate the question whether the title Minister of Word and Sacrament shall replace the title Teaching Elder in the Book of Order and that once debate is closed, each of the 8 items be voted on individually without further debate. Motion passed.

Roper explained polity committee recommendation's based on practicality and more importantly pastoral issues of authority, especially for females in the South. (Against Fulks, Belden, in favor Gabbard, Ward, against Adams, in favor elder Huntsville, against Purcell, in favor McCracken, against Lowry, in favor Falls-Corbitt). **Motion to call the question was approved. Motion to approve this rule for debate affecting amendments 16-C.1 through 16-C.8 passed.**

6. **16-C.1. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending F-3.0202. Motion passed** (47 in favor and 16 opposed per show of hands and tellers' count).
7. **16-C.2. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0102. Motion passed.**
8. **16-C.3. Ministers of Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0301. Motion passed.**
9. **16-C.4. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G.2.05 and G.2.0501. Motion passed.**
10. **16-C.5. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament On Amending G-2.0701. Motion passed.**
11. **16-C.6. Ministers of the Word and Commissioned Pastors On Amending G-3.0307. Motion passed.**
12. **16-C.7. Minister of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastor On Amending the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline. Motion passed.**
13. **16-C.8. Minister of the Word and Sacrament On Amending W-4.4001a. Motion passed.**
14. **16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-10, Recommendation 1).** (Ritchie question, Falls question, Purcell question, Clark question, Falls spoke for, Belden spoke for.) **Motion passed.**
15. **16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401** (no questions). **Motion passed.**
16. **16-E. Certified Service Requirements On Amending G-2.1101. Motion passed.**
17. **16-F. The Ministry of Members On Amending G-1.0304.** Discussion: (Falls against) **Motion passed with comment.** (will include Stated Clerk Robert Lowry's letter, appendix).

REPORT FROM YOUTH TRIENNIUM

Britton Varn and Hartley Allen reported. 34 youth, plus adults and young adult corps made trip to Youth Triennium at Purdue University in July with 5,000 other youth. Varn and Youth Advisory Team thanked the presbytery for their support. Watch the presbytery website and [The Banner](#) for information.

REPORT OF THE LEAVES OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

Stated Clerk Lowry gave the report from the Leaves of Absence Committee (who signed in): 45 TEs, 3 corresponding members, 38 RE commissioners from congregations, 2 young adult delegate advisors, 7 at-large commissioners, 3 other RE commissioners, 23 visitors, for a total of 121 in attendance.

CLOSING PRAYER

Moderator Sellars gave the closing prayer, listing the joys and concerns of the commissioners. Adjournment came at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

NiAnn Thompson, Recording Clerk

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