



130th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Arkansas
Friday and Saturday, October 9-10, 2015
Central Presbyterian Church
Russellville, AR

DOCKET AND REPORTS

The Presbytery of Arkansas
130th Stated Meeting **October 9-10, 2015**
Central Presbyterian Church, Russellville, Arkansas

Friday, October 9

- 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 6:30 p.m. Presbytery convenes in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Saturday, October 10

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 12:00 noon Lunch break
- 12:45 p.m. Business resumes

PROPOSED DOCKET FOR THE 130th STATED MEETING

*(New Business should be placed in the hands of the Assistant Stated Clerk
no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 9)*

FRIDAY, October 9, 2015

OPENING SESSION OF BUSINESS Sanctuary

- 6:30 p.m. Call to Order.....
 - Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson, Moderator of Presbytery
- 1. Adoption of the Docket..... Moderator
- 2. Report of Enrollment.....
 - Teaching Elder David Dyer, Assistant Stated Clerk
- 3. Welcome from Host.....Teaching Elder Brian Brock
- 4. Welcome to first-time Elder Commissioners..Assistant Stated Clerk
- 5. Introduction of Presbytery Staff..... Moderator
- 6. Seating of Corresponding Members.....Moderator
- 7. Granting Privilege of the Floor.....Moderator
- 8. Consent Agenda (addenda packet).....
 - Teaching Elder Robert Lowry, Stated Clerk
- 9. Report of the Stated Clerk (addenda packet).....Stated Clerk
- 10. Appointment of Standing Committees..... Moderator
 - Leaves of Absence; Tellers
- 11. General Committee (addenda packet).....TE Clare Kelley

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2015

8:30 a.m. Morning Worship

8:45 a.m. Theological Discussion: "Who Is Jesus?"

Business of the Presbytery resumes:

12. Committee on Ministry (page 1 of packet).....TE Dari Rowen
 13. Committee on NominationsTE Elizabeth Gabbard
 14. Committee on Preparation for Ministry (page 13 of packet)
.....TE Kade Curry
 15. Committee on Christian Education
 16. Report on Mercy Community Church (a 1001 NWC partnership)
..... TE Robert Williamson
 17. Committee on Missions (page 14 of packet)
.....RE Kim Danehower
 18. General Presbytery Search Committee..... TE Jeff Price
 19. Minute announcements
 20. Report of Leaves of Absence Committee ...Assistant Stated Clerk
 21. New Business
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
- Other Business
- a.

Closing Prayer

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETING:

131st Stated Presbytery Meeting, Friday-Saturday, February 19-20, 2016,
Lyon College, Batesville

NOTE ON PACKETS: Other packets also posted on the presbytery website are: host information and preliminary information. Four packets (addenda reports, informational flyers, previous meeting minutes, and financial statements) will be posted separately on the presbytery website on October 5th, so that commissioners may download and print out only those items they need for the 130th Stated Meeting. Blessings on you all.

**PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
Consent Agenda Items for the 130th Stated Meeting
October 9-10, 2015**

**Recommendations and Information from the July 7, 2015
and September 1, 2015 Committee on Ministry Meetings**

Motions Before the Presbytery

1. Motion to enroll TE Ray McCalla, Chaplain of Lyon College, as a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and to request that he be dismissed by Homestead Presbytery effective July 1, 2015.
2. Motion to enroll TE Paul Fulks, Chaplain at the Tucker Intermediate or Moderate Unit of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, as a member-at-large of the Presbytery of Arkansas, and to request that he be dismissed by the Presbytery of Flint River, effective July 7, 2015.
3. Motion to approve the call of TE Michael Ulasewich as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Conway, effective August 10, 2015, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary

Cash Salary	\$33,600
Housing Allowance	28,658
Total Effective Salary	\$62,258

Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)

Continuing Education/Professional Expenses	\$4,241
Automobile/Transportation (\$.57 per mile)	3,600
Medical Allowance	1,440
SECA Supplement	5,640
Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$14,921

Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage under Board of Pensions

\$22,724

Total **\$99,903**

Paid vacation – 4 weeks

Paid Continuing Education – 2 weeks

Paid Parental Leave – 6 weeks

Sabbatical plan to be approved by COM at end of five years of full-time ministry

4. Motion that TE Michael Ulasewich be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas and request dismissal from Central Florida Presbytery, and to be installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Conway on November 1, 2015 at 5:00 pm, with the offering recipient

designated as the Theological Education Fund of the PC(USA), and the following to serve on the Administrative Commission to install:

- RE Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd, Greenwood, to Moderate & Propound the Constitutional Questions
- TE Marie Mainard O'Connell, at Large, to Preach
- TE Robert Lowry, First, Clarksville, to Charge the Pastor
- RE Cyril Hollingsworth, Second, Little Rock
- RE Julie Adkisson, First, Conway, to Charge the Congregation
- TE Anne Russ, First, North Little Rock
- TE Ruskin Falls, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock

5. Pending her successful examination on the floor of Presbytery, motion to approve the call of Courtney Bacon-Latina as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Malvern, effective October 25, 2015 with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary	
Cash Salary	\$42,200.00
Housing Allowance	\$7,800.00
Total Effective Salary	\$50,000.00
Reimbursable Expenses	
Continuing Education	\$1,500.00
Professional Expenses (by voucher)	\$3,300.00
Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$4,800.00
Social Security (7.70%)	\$3,850.00
Board of Pensions (in full, 36.5%)	
Medical	\$12,250.00
Pension	\$5,500.00
Death and Disability	\$500.00
Total Board of Pensions	\$18,250.00
Total	\$76,900.00

- Paid vacation - 4 weeks
- Paid Continuing Education - 2 weeks
- Up to eight weeks maternity leave
- Sabbatical Leave as Required by Presbytery
- Moving Expense \$7,150.00

6. Pending her successful examination on the floor of Presbytery, motion that Courtney Bacon-Latina be ordained and installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Malvern on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 3:00 pm, with the offering recipient designated as Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center, and the following to serve on the Administrative Commission to install:

RE Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd, Greenwood, to Moderate & Propound the Constitutional Questions
 TE Dari Rowen, First Presbyterian Church of Benton
 TE Anne Russ, First Presbyterian Church of North Little Rock to Preach
 RE Cyril Hollingsworth, Second Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, to Charge the Pastor
 TE Sally Johnson, HR, to Charge the Congregation
 RE NiAnn Thompson, First Presbyterian Church of Arkadelphia
 RE Pat Watkins, First Presbyterian Church of Malvern

Sitting with the Commission:

TE Erin Potter Kaye, First Presbyterian Church of Camden, Presbytery of the Pines
 RE Corbet Lamkin, Tate's Bluff Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of the Pines

7. Motion to approve the call of TE Elizabeth Gabbard as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Arkadelphia, effective September 1, 2015, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary	
Cash Salary	\$35,500
Housing Allowance	\$15,000
Total Effective Salary	\$50,500
Auto Allowance and Business Expenses	\$5,200
Reimbursable Continuing Education	\$1,200
(cumulative up to 3 years)	
Full Member-Only Board of Pensions	\$17,629
Total Salary	\$74,529
Moving Expenses up to \$2,200	
Four weeks Vacation	
Two weeks Study Leave, accumulative up to 3 years	

8. Motion that TE Elizabeth Gabbard be installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Arkadelphia on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 3:00 pm, with the offering recipient designated to be Disaster Response and Preparedness, and the following to serve on the Administrative Commission to install:

RE Ed Wilkinson, Good Shepherd, Greenwood, to Moderate & Propound the Constitutional Questions
 TE Bill Galbraith to Charge the Congregation
 TE Dari Rowen, First, Benton
 RE Charlotte Scott, First, Fort Smith, to Charge the Pastor
 RE Julie Gillaspay, First, Conway
 TE Lacy Sellars, First, Hot Springs, to Preach
 CRE Claire Rhodes, West End, Arkadelphia

RE Ed McCorkle, First, Arkadelphia

Necrology

Teaching Elder, Rev. Ernie Smith, HR, of Keller, Texas was welcomed into God's open arms on August 11, 2015. The service was held Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village.

For Information Only

1. TE Camille LeBron Powell was received by Greater Atlanta Presbytery on February 21, 2015, and was dismissed effective the same date.
2. TE Dennis Bennett, HR, was received by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida on February 28, 2015, and was dismissed effective the same date.
3. TE Maetta Snyder, HR, was received by the Presbytery of the Pines on February 21, 2015, and was dismissed effective the same date.
4. The COM granted permission for TE Emmett Powers to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Arkansas as Transitional Pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Kimberling City, Missouri, effective July 7, 2015, the same day that he was granted permission to labor inside the bounds of John Calvin Presbytery.
5. The COM approved the revised Transitional Pastor covenant between Transitional Pastor Linda Whitworth-Reed and Grace Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, effective July 1, 2015 through December 30, 2015, with the following terms of call:

Salary and Housing	40,500
Pension and Medical Benefits (full)	\$14,850
Vacation Accrues at 1 week per quarter	
Reimbursables	
Professional & Car Expense (\$.575/mile)	\$3,000
Continuing Education	\$1,200
Social Security Offset (1/2 of 7.65%)	\$3,099
Total Package:	\$62,649

6. The COM requested that the General Committee appoint an Administrative Commission to resource the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Rogers.
7. TE Chris Jones, Moderator of First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, will be leading a training on the Lord's Supper for elders. Elders who are interested in being a part of this training should contact Chris or First, Little Rock.
8. The COM approved the revised Transitional Pastor covenant between Transitional Pastor Robert Lowry and First and Harmony, Clarksville, and the University of the Ozarks, effective January 1, 2016:

Compensation Paid	
Annual Cash Salary	\$26,000
Housing, Utilities	\$34,000

403(b) Pastor contribution	
403(b) Church matching contribution	
Sub-Total	\$60,000
Benefits Paid	
Pension/Medical/Death/Disability	Full
Social Security	\$4590
(based on 7.65% of compensation paid by institutions)	
	\$25,590 (est.)
Accountable Reimbursements	
Cont. Ed/Book Allow. (as vouchered up to)	\$2500
Travel Expense (@IRS rate) up to max	\$3600
General Assembly/Big Tent	\$1250
Professional Expense (as vouchered up to)	\$1200
Sub-Total	\$8600
Total	\$94,190
Leave and other Compensation	
Continuing Education Leave (including Sundays)	2 weeks
Paid Vacation Leave (including Sundays)	4 weeks
General Assembly/Big Tent (including Sundays)	2 weeks
Sick Leave per policy	
Total Compensation Paid by First Presbyterian Church 40%	\$37,677
Total Compensation Paid by Harmony Presbyterian 25%	\$23,547
Total Compensation Paid by University of the Ozarks 35%	\$32,966

9. TE Marie Mainard O'Connell resigned as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock, and her dissolution will be effective October 2, 2015, to serve as the Young Adult Volunteer Coordinator.

NECROLOGY – Rev. Ernest Balaam Smith

Rev. Ernest (Ernie) Balaam Smith, 93, an honorably retired minister member of the Presbytery, died on August 11, 2015 in Keller, TX. A native of Monroe, LA, Ernie graduated from Centre College, Danville, KY, served as a navy medic in WWII and graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1952. Ordained that year, Ernie served churches in Mississippi, Kentucky, and was executive secretary and stated clerk of Presbytery of Muhlenberg (KY). In Presbytery of AR Ernie pastored First, Jonesboro from 1971-1982, served as moderator of Presbytery in 1981, and pastored Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village from 1982 to 1987. He served on the coordinating council and committees on church development, nominations and worship. After retirement in 1987, he served as Stated Supply at Westminster, Little Rock then as Parish Associate for Westminster, Hot Springs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 69 years Betty Jean and survived by son David and daughter Carol, two grandchildren and two siblings.

A memorial service was held at Presbyterian Kirk in the Pines, 275 Asturias Drive, Hot Springs Village on Saturday, Sept. 12, at noon with Rev. Bill Bailey officiating. Memorials may be made to the Kirk.

Statement of Faith
Ray McCalla

I confess the mystery of the triune God.

I trust in God Transcendent, whom Jesus called Abba, Father:

Who is God-For-Us,
Who creates and loves the world,
Who breathes into us the breath of life,
Who adopts us by grace through faith in Christ,
Who sends the Son into the world for our salvation,
Who breathes out the Spirit to bring all things to completion.

I trust in God Incarnate, Jesus Christ:

Who is God-With-Us,
Who reveals what God is like,
Who is fully God and fully human,
Who seeks the outcast, the sinner, and the lowly,
Who heals the sick and binds up the brokenhearted,
Who has defeated sin and death by his death and resurrection,
Who will return to raise his people and restore God's kingdom.

I trust in God Immanent, the Holy Spirit:

Who is God-In-Us,
Who kindles in us the gift of faith,
Who molds us into the likeness of God's Son,
Who spoke through the prophets and speaks through the written Word,
Who prays in us, lifting our wordless groans to God's throne,
Who communicates Jesus to us through the sacraments,
Who gathers the church from all nations, peoples, and tribes.

In joy and gratitude, knowing that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord, I dedicate my life to God's service.

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.



Statement of Faith
Paul Fulks

In Jesus Christ we are confronted both with the greatness of our sin while simultaneously receiving God's compassionate gift of grace. Thus, in Jesus Christ God has spoken an empowering Word of grace that calls all people into service as God's children. Our first service as God's children is worship. In worship we acknowledge God's sovereign claim on every part of our lives, trusting that the one who calls and commands also sustains and empowers. It is in worship that the depth of God's grace to us is disclosed. Even the act of completely giving ourselves without reservation in worship is inadequate compared to what God deserves. Yet in worship we hear the Word of God spoken as a complete and utter gift, unmerited and undeserved. This gift is the foundation of our identity as Christ's Church. It is the basis of our action in the world and our touchstone in daily life. We are who we are because of whose we are. All-too-often there are those who seek to distract the Church from its core identity as God's children in service to God in the world, seeking God's presence in all areas of living. At times these voices declare that unless we achieve unanimity in our views about certain issues, we have failed as the Church. I affirm that our identity as Christ's Church is founded, not on our correct belief, but on God's grace gift of Jesus Christ.

Worship moves Christ's Church out of the sanctuary and into God's world that God created in love. Our actions in the world are to reflect and witness to the love of God in Jesus Christ that has established our identity and called us into service. Our service in Christ's name is first and foremost to those who are deemed expendable and unimportant by the world's standards-- the least of these. To be followers of Jesus Christ and to serve those whom Christ called the 'least of these' means that we will live in conflict with the world, since the world is not as God intends it to be.

Our engagement with this world calls us to reflect deeply on our shared faith. Indeed, an unexamined faith is a strange gift to offer the One who calls us to love God with all of our being, including our minds. Thus, faithfully living our calling necessitates Christian education. In the many forms of Christian education we acknowledge that we are not God, do not know it all, have much to learn, and hunger to see and know God more clearly amidst the perplexities and difficulties of daily life.

While there are many important affirmations to make about the nature of God and how God acts in the world, through Christ's church, and in our lives, I believe it is in suffering that these affirmations cease to be abstractions. In life's suffering we are tempted to conclude that God either cannot or will not help us, or that we are so mired in sin that we have made our problems ourselves. Worship, Service, and Christian education call us into a deeper awareness of God's grace to a more durable trust, a more resilient hope, and more courageous action in God's world.



Courtney Bacon-Latina

Statement of Faith

(Use the space below to enter a one page statement of faith. Please limit response to no more than 3000 characters including spaces and punctuation.)

God is love and actively demonstrates love towards the world through Jesus Christ, the Church, and the Scriptures. There is one God, manifest in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, each of whom is vitally involved in revealing God's love to the world. God the Father is the Almighty, Creator, Sustainer of all things, Supreme and Sovereign. God is worthy of my worship and I worship God through corporate worship in the local congregation, prayer, loving my neighbor, mission, and working for justice and reconciliation. I believe that God is just and merciful. God is active in the world, but suffering still happens to God's people. God provides strength and comfort to God's people who suffer and ultimately I believe works all things together for the good of those who love God even though making sense of suffering is complicated. I further believe that at the end of the age, in Christ's return and in the heavenly kingdom there will be no more suffering. God's primary demonstration of love was revealed in the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of God's Son, Jesus Christ. God's followers also endured suffering so Christ did not die to remove suffering from the earth. Yet, a relationship with God should provide strength and help through difficult times.

Jesus Christ was sent into the world as an expression and act of love to reconcile humanity to God. Christ is an advocate between God and humanity, who as a "voluntary sacrifice" died and was raised for the forgiveness of humanity's sins. The life Christ lived that has been remembered in the Scriptures also serves as a model for ethical behavior

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and discipleship for all Christians. Christ is portrayed as a bridegroom who seeks reconciliation to the bride, the Church. The Church includes all who have responded to God loving us first by trusting in Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The love and mercy of God is revealed in the Scriptures in the grace given through Christ's inclusion and outreach to the poor, outcast of society, marginalized, and sinful individuals. Christ invites all to come to table fellowship and partake of the table of God, which includes receiving God's love, acceptance, reconciliation, forgiveness, and communion. As the Church, we are both the Bride of Christ and the friends of the bridegroom who are sent forth into the world. We are to invite all to come to the banquet of the Lamb and to partake of the table of the Lord and receive God's love for us and extend God's love and invitation to others. It is the desire of God that all know God. While God can reveal Godself to individuals and the world, God chooses to also send forth God's people as messengers of the Good News of the Gospel.

The Church is to love God, to love our neighbors, and our enemies in response to the love God has lavished upon us. We are invited to partake of the Sacraments of baptism and communion as a tangible representation of our reconciliation to God through the death and resurrection of Christ and our invitation to eternal communion with God. As we witness others' baptisms we again commit ourselves to God anew. When we celebrate communion together, we remember Christ's sacrifice for us and the forgiveness we have received through the grace of God.

The Church is to proclaim the return of Christ who comes in love to receive Christ's bride, the Church, in the second coming of Christ at the end of the age that those who believe in Christ will live forever with God. The Church anticipates this time when suffering will cease and sorrows will be no more but presently lives in the tension of the now but not yet fulfillment of the hope we confess. Further, as a church we want to be people of hope who anticipate the fullness of all things, who perceive the vision of a new



heaven and a new earth, a marriage feast, living eternally in the Father's house. Jesus stated in the Gospel of John that he has gone ahead to prepare a place for us. We as a church can anticipate a turning of events whether or not that happens here or at the end of things. We are members of another kingdom, a heavenly kingdom. As members of the Reformed church we confess an invisible church that spans all of time and touches every nation and tribe. We are members of this invisible church. We also know the promises and vision of God for the future. Hence, we are to live as children of God in hope.

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin and reveals God's grace. The Holy Spirit is given to believers as a seal and deposit of God's love bestowed upon the Church. The Holy Spirit was sent to bring glory to Christ and to bring to remembrance the words of God to God's followers. The Holy Spirit comes to dwell in those who believe in the redemption of the Son. The Holy Spirit is also a comforter and companion who grieves with those who grieve and continually draws near to God's people throughout our journeys be they seasons of grief, suffering, joy, or celebration. The Holy Spirit also gives spiritual gifts to every member of the Church for the building up of the Church and empowers the church to be God's witnesses in the world.

I believe that Scripture is the authoritative Word of God. It reveals the Triune nature and character of God to us. It demonstrates the love of God towards humanity through God's redemptive activity to save humanity from sin and reunite us in relationship with our Holy God who is without sin. The Scripture is essential as it provides knowledge about God's character, God's actions, and a model of what it means to be God's people. I approach scripture as sent from God but in need of interpretation because it was written and compiled by humans in an historical context. It contains various genres in its compilation and the genre of the writing should be considered in interpreting the scriptures. I do not believe in a strict literal interpretation of Scripture, but that the church should consider historical context, reason, experience, and tradition in its' approach to theology.

Statement of Faith:

I have come to believe that everything be redeemed by God and nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Our LORD is revealed through the Scriptures and in our lives as a God of great love. Our God is one of awesome power but also of amazing gentleness and forgiveness. This is shown through the love manifest in the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our LORD was willing, because of that love, to take human form and live among us as a fully human and fully divine being, thus drawing us back into right relationship with our Divine Father. Jesus' death on the cross is a further example of that love and his resurrection is a sign of our hope for eternal life.

As a mother gives birth to her children, our LORD created the Earth and labors still in the church and in each of us,

through the work of the Holy Spirit, towards peace, justice, and restoration in the world and in each person.

Anyone who turns to our creator, redeemer, and sustainer will surely find God's favor through Jesus Christ our LORD.

The Confession of 1967 states that Scripture is a "witness without parallel" to the revelation of God (9.27). Scripture is

inspired by the Holy Spirit and a trustworthy authority on all matters. As the "witness without parallel," it is not the *only*

witness—as our tradition, creeds, confessions, history, and experience also reveal much about God. However, Scripture

is the most trustworthy witness we have and should be given the greatest authority.

If Scripture is a witness, the sacraments (baptism and communion) are a sure sign of God's love and grace offered in

Jesus Christ. These sacraments are offered and commanded by Jesus in order to "seal in [the people's] hearts the

assurance of his promise" (The Scot's Confession 3.21). As such they are part of the mystery of faith, which we ritually

celebrate as the people of God.

Our LORD has revealed Godself in three persons—the Abba/Father God, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. God

created the world and everything in it and continues to care for us. Our sovereign LORD rules with grace and our right

response is worship.

Humans were created in the image of God. However, by choosing to sin, we have fallen short of God's standards and are

in need of help.

The Chalcedonian formula is true—Jesus was and is fully human and fully divine. As such, God entered into humanity.

Because the divine chose to become human, we may enter a relationship with the divine that was previously impossible.

Jesus Christ's act of sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate act of love and redemption. Christ on the cross is atonement for

our sin and the final declaration that God has forgiven our imperfections.

The mission of the church, as Christ's body, is to encourage people to righteous relationship with God the Father, with our

brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, and to a broken world the Holy Spirit is working through us to restore.

M. Ulasewich

Report of CPM of Arkansas Presbytery for Oct. Presbytery Meeting

Report will be given by Moderator Rev. Kade Curry

Report:

Meeting Sept 26th 2015 at Ferncliff Camp

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met for a Mini Annual Review Retreat at Ferncliff camp on September 26th from 100am to 3pm.

The CPM discussed guidelines for the CPM Process and reviewed the Arkansas Presbytery CPM Handbook

The CPM reviewed its process and talked in detail about its purpose in the work of the Church at Large.

The CPM Approved a Covenant Agreement form that details the requirements for the 12 month Pastoral Internship that is required of its members under care.

Katherine Norwood of 2nd Presbyterian in Little Rock requested to be enrolled as Inquirer.

Molly Dewitt of 2nd Presbyterian in Little Rock requested to be enrolled as inquirer.

Krista Denne of First in Clarksville had annual review as Inquirer.

Brittany Fiscus of First in Jacksonville requested to be enrolled as Candidate.

The CPM reviewed its responsibilities and paperwork regarding its work in the CRE education process.

Committee on Mission

Presbytery of Arkansas

May 9, 2019

Presbytery of Arkansas Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Kim Danehower and opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Bill Galbraith.

Adoption of agenda and quorum declared.

Those in attendance: Brian Davis, Carol Williams, Ila Wolfe, Emily Robinson, Marcia Szabo, Kim Danehower, George Jones, Jr., Rev. Dr. David Schaller, Rev. Dr. Bill Galbraith.

Guest: Rev. Leslie Belden attended for presentation.

Joys and concerns were shared and prayerfully acknowledged.

Marcia Szabo was asked to be clerk of the day.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as amended (spelling of Marcia Szabo, Journey "into: Hope) of the Mission Committee from the Nov. 22, 2015 meeting.

Roger Nishioka is set to be speaker at the June 6, 2015 Presbytery meeting in Benton.

David Schaller asked for 5 min. to have speaker at the Presbytery meeting if time could be set in the agenda.

Unified Mission interest: request from Judy Garlington to serve aging in our population through Presbyterian Village. Kim Danehower suggested putting in our report that we support the work of Presbyterian Village.

It was decided that the emphasis of United Mission is: To focus on the most vulnerable segments of our population from children to older adults. A motion was made, seconded, and carried for this mission statement to be presented at the June Presbytery meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to make Honduras Mission the sole recipient of Sensibility Funds for 2015.

Unified Mission request: Liz Lindsey requested funds for Forest City Schools' Garden to Table project. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve \$5,000 for this.

Rev. Leslie Belden gave a report on problems in Honduras and an overview of the current Honduras ministry. She requested a planning team to be a sub-committee of the Mission Committee.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to state that we are aware of and endorse Honduras Mission efforts as a committee and encourage participation by the Presbytery. Bill Galbraith will investigate how Honduras Mission is structured in other Presbyteries.

Bill Galbraith will arrange for Solar Under the Sun to speak at the Oct. Presbytery meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to provide Carol Williams \$500 for travel expenses for Big 10.

The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be 8/29/2015.

Respectfully submitted:

Marcia Szabo, Clerk of the Day

**Presbytery Meeting October 9th & 10th 2015
Disaster Preparedness and response Committee**

March 19 was a banner day for seven homeowners in Mayflower! On that day seven new houses built by Christian Aid Ministries, in collaboration with Inter-Faith and Partners Disaster Alliance Inc. 501(c)(3) (IFPA) and Habitat for Humanity of Faulkner County were dedicated. Five more houses built by Apostolic Christian World Relief were dedicated March 21 in Vilonia! Habitat and Vilonia Disaster Recovery Alliance Inc. 501(c)(3) (VDRA) collaborated on the five.



Mayflower homeowner cuts ribbon to her new house, March 19, 2015

Arkansas Presbyterians were there, too. Ruling Elder Sharon Hankins and Teaching Elder Ike Brighton are serving as co-chairs of IFPA. Presbytery of Arkansas generosity is helping with the recovery. Thanks to donations totaling \$38,015.42 from Arkansas Presbyterians, your Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee committed \$35,090.85 to long-term recovery. Thanks for your donations.

Long Term Recovery Groups, (IFPA) & (VDRA), have six more houses to build and more than forty smaller repair projects to complete. Funding need is \$400,000.00. Volunteer organizations are available for construction.

Please make a gift and offer a prayer for this faith based work.

James Anderson, moderator

Report of the Congregational Care and Development Committee

The Chenal Property continues to be listed by Melanie Gibson at Colliers. She has reported that there is limited interest in the property currently. A developer had expressed interest in the site as a site for a senior housing project, but his plans have not resulted in an offer. The property is currently listed for \$1,250,000.

Congregations within the Presbytery have continued to apply for Brick and Mortar Grants. Two additional congregations have asked for \$68,400 in funding for these grants. The total request from these congregations is \$144,467 have been submitted by six congregations. The brick and mortar requirements can be found on the Presbytery Website.

Plans for the annual spring retreat are ongoing. The retreat will be held at Ferncliff on March 3-5, 2016. The title of the retreat will be **Resurrected Living for Today**.

Matching funds for the Mercy Church were awarded once the funding of the New Worshipping Community was awarded.

The Congregational Care and Development Committee continues to support several congregations around Arkansas. Those include the Black Caucus, West End, and the Laotian Ministry.

Administrative Commissions continue working with the Ozark and Cane Hill congregations. The Administrative Commission for the Pocahontas is expected to meet shortly.. Ted Belden, a member of the CC& D committee met with a group on officials with a desire to repurpose this facility. Discussion of the future of this facility is ongoing. An Administrative Commission was formed with the First Presbyterian Church in Rogers. This commission has met with the session of this congregation.

CONTRACT COVENANT AGREEMENT

Wellspring Renewal Center and Rev. Rebecca M. Spooner LPC PLLC covenants/contracts with the Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals of the Presbytery of Arkansas to provide the following services from **January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016:**

Six free sessions of either psychological counseling or spiritual direction for the Presbytery's Active Minister members residing in the Presbytery or contiguous counties to the Presbytery of Arkansas (this does not include retired pastors unless they are currently serving congregations), Commissioned Ruling Elders, Certified/Certified Associate Christian Educators, Presbytery staff members (the Program Administrator and the Financial Administrator), and their immediate family members.

Counseling includes individual (child, adolescent and adult), family, marital, couples, and pre-marital counseling. It does not include after-hour emergency services, which Wellspring does not provide to any client.

Other services for the Minister members covered under this contract include: regular correspondence, emergency pastoral calls when needed, and crisis/conflict consultations.

Counseling services will be provided by Rev. Rebecca Spooner LPC, and other therapists in the Clergy Counseling Network which is managed by Wellspring Renewal Center.

The annual covenant relationship fee is roughly \$60 per minister/staff covered. Please signify the total number of persons you desire to be covered by this contract:

Teaching Elders (Minister Members of the Presbytery)
Presbytery Staff
Commissioned Ruling Elders (CLPs)
Certified and Certified Associate Christian Educators

x \$60.00

TOTAL FEE: \$

The Presbytery of Arkansas may initiate action to cancel this contract if it has reason to believe that Wellspring Renewal Center has not fully performed its responsibilities in accordance with this agreement, but only after Rev. Spooner/Wellspring Renewal Center has received 10 calendar days written notice stating the specific problems and suggesting ways in which these problems can be corrected.

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Counseling services at Wellspring Renewal Center are provided by Rev. Rebecca Spooner LPC, PLLC, and other therapists on Wellspring's Clergy Counseling Network. All counselors providing service are licensed by the state board and are bound by the legal and ethical statutes of their profession. They also carry their own professional liability insurance. The Presbytery of Arkansas is not liable for any actions of Wellspring or of Rev. Rebecca Spooner LPC, PLLC, or any therapists in the Counseling Network. **All counseling records of Wellspring are confidential and information will only be released to the Presbytery with written consent from the client.** Wellspring Renewal Center or any counselor on the Network does not provide letters of reference for Ministers, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Certified Christian Educators or any of its clients.

Counselors may refer clients to another therapist if there is a conflict of interest on behalf of the client or the counselor, or when the counselor believes it to be therapeutically necessary. The Presbytery of Arkansas, nor its Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals shall in any way control either Wellspring Renewal Center, Reverend Spooner or Network counselors as they carry out the terms of this agreement. Wellspring Renewal Center and Reverend Spooner are responsible for the performance of the work pursuant to this contract and the selection of the methods used to accomplish the terms of this contract. The Presbytery of Arkansas and its Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals are only concerned with the results. The Presbytery of Arkansas has no jurisdiction over the actions of Wellspring Renewal Center and therefore is not responsible for its methods or outcomes. Rev. Spooner will report to the Care and Nurture Committee annually and at the request of the committee's moderator.

If the Presbytery or its Committee on the Care and Nurture of Church Professionals is dissatisfied with the performance of Wellspring Renewal Center or any Network Counselors, formal complaints may be made to the State Board of Examiners in Counseling (101 East Capital Ave. #104, Little Rock, AR 72201).

In signing this document, I attest that I am authorized to sign this for Wellspring Renewal Center.

Rev. Rebecca M. Spooner LPC NCC
Wellspring Renewal Center

Date

STATE OF ARKANSAS

County of _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,

on this ____ day of _____.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

In signing this document, I attest that I am authorized to do so by and on behalf of the Committee on Care and Nurture of Church Professionals of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Representative
Care and Nurture of Church Professionals
Presbytery of Arkansas

Date

STATE OF ARKANSAS

County of _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,

on this _____ day of _____.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

In signing this document, I attest that I am authorized to do so by and on behalf of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

Rev. Bill Galbraith
General Presbyter
Presbytery of Arkansas

Date

STATE OF ARKANSAS

County of _____

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by _____,

on this _____ day of _____.

Witness my hand and official seal.

Notary Public

Commission Expires

This contract was written by Rev. Rebecca M. Spooner LPC NCC, Wellspring Renewal Center.