

The Presbytery of Arkansas

129th Stated Meeting

June 6, 2015

First Presbyterian Church, Benton, Arkansas

- 8:30 a.m. Registration in entry hall and displays
- 9:45 a.m. Call to Order, Business Session, in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 noon Lunch throughout the building (youth downstairs)
- 12:45 p.m. Resume Business Session

PROPOSED DOCKET FOR THE 129th STATED MEETING

(New Business should be placed in the hands of the Acting Stated Clerk no later than 9:15 a.m.)

OPENING SESSION OF BUSINESS

Sanctuary

- 9:45 a.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, Acting Stated Clerk
- 3. Welcome from Host.....Teaching Elder Dari Rowen
- 4. Welcome to first-time Elder Commissioners.....Acting 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)..... Acting Stated Clerk
- 9. Report of the Stated Clerk (addenda packet)... Acting Stated Clerk
- 10. Appointment of Standing Committees..... Moderator
Leaves of Absence; Tellers
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 11. Restructure ProposalTE Robert Lowry
- 12. General Committee (addenda packet).....TE Clare Kelley
- 13. Committee on Ministry (page 3 & addenda packet)TE Dari Rowen
- 14. Committee on Nominations (addenda pack)...TE Carl McCormack
- 15. Committee on Representation (page 9).....RE John Alderson

~~12:00 noon Recess for Lunch and Honoring of Bill Galbraith~~

12:45 p.m. Resumption of Business

16. Report of Congregational Care and Development Committee
(page 13).....RE Leah Shell

1:00 p.m. Theological Discussion.....Dr. Rodger Nishioka

17. Committee on Mission (page 14).....RE Kim Danehower

18. Report from Presbyterian Village.....Melissa Jenkins

19. Committee on Christian Education.....CCE Linda LeBron

20. Committee on Administration.....TE Catherine Allsbury

21. Report on the Synod of the Sun..... RE Emily Laurel

22. Minute announcements

23. Report of Leaves of Absence CommitteeActing Stated Clerk

24. New Business

a.

b.

c.

Other Business

a.

Closing PrayerVice Moderator TE Lacy Sellars

UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

**130th Stated Presbytery Meeting, Friday-Saturday, October 9-10,
2015, Central Presbyterian, Russellville**

**131st Stated Presbytery Meeting, Friday-Saturday, February 12-13,
2016, Lyon College, Batesville**

NOTE ON PACKETS: Other packets also posted on the presbytery website are: host information, preliminary information and minutes of previous meeting. Five portions of the Restructure Proposal are also on the website. Three packets (addenda reports, financial statements and informational flyers) will be posted separately on the presbytery website on June 2, so that commissioners may download and print out only those items they need for the 129th Stated Meeting. Blessings on you all.

**Minutes of the The Presbytery of Arkansas
129th Stated Meeting, June 6, 2015
First Presbyterian Church, Benton, Arkansas**

Note: the appendix to these minutes will consist of the information distributed in the pre-presbytery packets and items presented at the meeting itself.

The Presbytery of Arkansas was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Ed Wilkinson at 9:45 a.m. on June 6, 2015 in the sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, Benton, Arkansas with prayer for its 129th Stated Meeting.

The docket was adopted.

Acting Stated Clerk, Teaching Elder David Dyer reported that there was a quorum present.

Present were:

TEACHING ELDERS (who checked in sign-in sheet): DC Adams, Karen Kokles Akin, Catherine L. Ailsbury, Leslie F. Belden, Tasha Blackburn, Robert Brian Brock, Janet B. Butin, Philip W. Butin, D. Breckinridge Castleman, Kris Crawford, Katie Cummings, Kade Curry, Steven Frazier, Elizabeth Gabbard, Bill Galbraith, Susan Gray, Robert Hadley, Steve Hancock, Al Henager, Marion A. Humphrey, Chris Jones, Clare Martin Kelley, Young Doo Kim, Frank Leblanc, Liz Lindsey, Robert Lowry, Carl McCormack, Marie Mainard O'Connell, Jeff Price, Rebecca Purcell, Leslie Bethell Roper, Susan Rose, Dari Rowen, Ward Rudolph, Anne Russ, Cindy Saul, David Schaller, Lacy Sellars, Georgia Senor, Rachel Shepherd, Nancy Taylor, Michael Vinson, Lindy Vogado, Elizabeth R. Wagner, Rita Wilson.
Honorably Retired Teaching Elders: Ben H. Bateman, William W. Branch, Ira Brighton, David H. Dyer, Orin M. Frank, Howard H. Gordon, William F. Henning, Lance Jones, David S. King, Richard. H. Miller, C. Michael D. Seitz, Richard Shinkle, Frederick A. Taylor.
Honorably Retired Non-Active Teaching Elders: Burle D. Mattingly.

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS (who signed in): Alpine, Amity, Christopher W. Robertson; First, Arkadelphia, Mike Hardin; West End, Arkadelphia, LaNoir Dawkins-Leeper; First, Batesville, James Anderson; First, Benton, Emily Laurel; First, Bentonville, Emily Hill and Kate Hill; Bull Shoals, Stephen Brozkovak; Harmony, Clarksville, Forrest Hoeffler; First, Conway, Geoff Ryken; First, Dardanelle, Tom Heald; First, Eureka Springs, Virginia Miller; Kirk of the Hills, Douglas Forsman; First United, Fayetteville, Peg Manger and Wait Manger; Graham Memorial, Forrest City, Carol Danehower; Central, Fort Smith, Charles Cook and Suzanne Bethell; Good Shepherd, Greenwood, Ruth Corbin; First, Heber Springs, Scott Rezabek; Holiday Island, Nancy Werbitzky; Faith, Horseshoe Bend, Geroge Jackson; First, Hot Springs, Helen Bumpas; Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, Ruth Hamilton; First, Jacksonville, Jeannie Price; First, Jonesboro, Pam Alexander; Allison, Little Rock, Leroy Brownlee; First, Little Rock, Roberta Saxon; Grace, Little Rock, Judy Conley; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Charles Gray; Second, Little Rock, Linda LeBron, Jamie Lowe, Ben Barham, Marga Shoffner; Westover Hills, Little Rock, Marianne Estes; First, Malvern, Kevin Lock; Hopewell, Morrilton, Susan Morris; Barr Memorial, Norman, Noah Williamson; Park Hill, North Little Rock, Jim Clyde; First, Prairie Grove, Lynda Bottoms; First, Rogers, David Webb; Central, Russellville, Keith Dove and Amanda Johnson; First, Searcy, Ty Hendricks; First, Siloam Springs, J. C. Walter; First, Springdale, Mary Shaw; First, Van Buren, Elizabeth Balls; First, Yellville, Charles Lewis

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS: Ruling Elder Members of General Committee: Frances Bateman, Ken Coker, and Karene Jones; Moderator of Presbytery: Ed Wilkinson. Ruling Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees: James Anderson, Disaster; Kim Danehower, Mission; Leah Shell, Congregational Care and Development; Jan Enke, member, Committee on Clusters. Moderator, Presbyterian Women, Jeanne Lloyd

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: G. Hartley Jones, Barr Memorial, Norman; Chuck Olson, Memorial, Atkins; Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle; Claire Rhodes and Kenneth Rhodes, West End, Arkadelphia.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Jeannie Ford, Second, Little Rock; Linda LeBron, retired; NiAnn Thompson, First, Malvern and Presbytery Staff. **Certified Associate Christian Educators:** Theresa Spragins, First, Conway.

VISITORS TO THIS MEETING: 22 registered.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Howard Reed, New Covenant Presbytery; Marilyn Rauch, Bill Seitz, and Joe Hill, Pines Presbytery;

TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Nancy Benson-Nicol, Joy Carrington, Lance Clemmons, Fern M. Davis, Lewis R. Donelson IV, Ruskin Falls, Debra Carl Freeman, Gordon Garlington III, Jennifer Lord, "Mike" McCracken, Larry Mitchell, Camille LeBron Powell, Emmett Powers, Patricia Schaller, Shauna Silmon, Debbie Spangler, Thomas A. Ulrich, Linda Whitworth-Reed.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Donald K. Campbell II, Guy Delaney, Richard Frothingham, Sally Johnson, Carlos Lopez, and David Reed.

TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Bill Bailey, Phillip Blackburn, Jeff Cranton, James J. Farley III, Clifton P. Ford, John Gibson, David E. Gill, Libby Lizarraga, Timothy C. Reeves, Dennis Ritchie, Rebecca Spooner, Terry Tallent, Marci Ward, Susan Carter Wiggins, Robert Williamson, Daniel Wooley, and Harry Young.

HONORABLY RETIRED TEACHING ELDERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Milton B. Davis, Heinrich B. Eiler, Alan Ford, Robert Hyatt, John E. King, Mark Lenneville, James B. Miller, Jerry Rice, Maetta Snyder, W. Kennedy Upham, and Don Wardlaw.

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

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

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

Teaching Elder Dari Rowen, the host pastor, welcomed the presbytery.

The Acting Stated Clerk welcomed first-time Ruling Elder Commissioners.

Corresponding Members were seated and privilege of the floor was granted to those needing it.

The Consent Agenda was approved. (see appendix)

The Acting Stated Clerk reported. (see appendix)

The Moderator appointed the Leaves of Absence Standing Committee and the Tellers for the meeting.

The presbytery then entered into Morning Worship. (see appendix for bulletin). The morning offering was \$1,575.00.

Teaching Elder Robert Lowry presented the Restructure Proposal from the Listening/Redesign Task Force. The Motion to adopt the five documents that constitute the proposed restructure of the presbytery PASSED. A second vote will be required at the 130th Stated Meeting for it to be approved.

Teaching Elder Clare Kelley presented the report of the General Committee. (see appendix)

Teaching Elder Dari Rowen presented the report of the Committee on Ministry. (see appendix) Teaching Elder Ward Rudolph, pastor of All Souls Interdenominational Church, Scott, AR introduced himself to the presbytery.

Teaching Elder Carl McCormack presented the report of the Committee on Nominations. Teaching Elder Ward Rudolph was nominated from the floor for the position of Reader of Ordination Examinations. Teaching Elder David Dyer asked to be removed from nomination for that position. The name of Teaching Elder Katie Cummings was added to the slate, item 3d; and the slate was then elected, there being no further nominations from the floor. (see appendix)

Teaching Elder Steve Hancock, Moderator of the Stated Clerk Search Committee presented the report of that committee. A Motion to adopt an updated job description for the Stated Clerk PASSED. Teaching Elder Robert Lowry was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the Stated Clerk. There were no other nominations from the floor and he was ELECTED. The terms of the Stated Clerk's service were presented, he to begin July 1, 2015; and they were PASSED. A Motion to dissolve the Stated Clerk Search Committee with the thanks of the presbytery PASSED. (see appendix)

Teaching Elder Becky Purcell offered the prayer before the recess for lunch. During lunch General Presbyter Teaching Elder Bill Galbraith was honored as he approached the end of his service to the presbytery.

Following the lunch recess, the presbytery reconvened.

A Motion to grant Teaching Elder Rita Wilson the status of Honorably Retired PASSED. Teaching Elder Burle Mattingly spoke of her ministry and service.

The Theological Discussion on "The Nones" was presented by Dr. Rodger Nishioka, Columbia Theological Seminary.

The report of the Committee on Ministry resumed.

The attention of the presbytery was called to the written report of the Committee on Representation. (see appendix)

The report of the Congregational Care and Development Committee was presented by Ruling Elder Leah Shell. Teaching Elder Phil Butin offered prayer for the ministry of the Walnut Grove congregation.

The report of the Committee on Mission was presented by Ruling Elder Kim Danehower. A Motion to make the 2016 Unified Mission Emphasis a focus on the most vulnerable segments of our population, especially children and older adults PASSED.

A report from Presbyterian Village, Little Rock, AR was given by Melissa Jenkins.

Certified Christian Educator Linda LeBron gave the report of the Committee on Christian Education, promoting the August PLACE event.

Teaching Elder Catherine Allsbury gave the report of the Committee on Administration and presented a gift to General Presbyter Bill Galbraith for his years of service to the presbytery.

Ruling Elder Emily Laurel reported on the work of the Synod of the Sun.

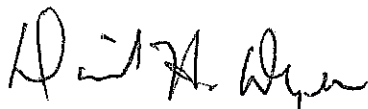
Teaching Elders Susan Rose, for United Campus Ministry and Ike Brighton, for the Retired Ministers Association, gave Minute Announcements.

The Acting Stated Clerk presented the report of the Leaves of Absence Committee.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Vice Moderator, Teaching Elder Lacy Sellars.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David H. Dyer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David H. Dyer, Acting Stated Clerk

**Report of the Acting Stated Clerk
to the 129th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas
June 6, 2015**

1. Motion to affirm the elected members of the 2015 Ferncliff Board of Directors (page 2 of Addenda Packet).
2. Hear the Report of the Stated Clerk Search Committee (page 9 of Addenda Packet).
3. The Investigating Committee authorized by the 125th Stated Meeting (February 2014), having met, finding no charges to file, entering into an Alternate Form of Resolution and the same being approved by the Permanent Judicial Commission of the presbytery, the Acting Stated Clerk moves the dissolution of the Investigating Committee with the thanks of the presbytery.
4. Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, with the following items and those in the report of the Committee on Ministry (page 14 of Addenda Packet).

For Consent Agenda (along with items from COM report for the Consent Agenda, page of Addenda Packet):

1. Motion to dismiss, with thanks, the Administrative Commission to install Steven Frazier as pastor at First, Morrilton.
2. Motion to dismiss, with thanks, the Administrative Commission to install Katie Bywaters as pastor of First, Bentonville.
3. Approve the minutes of the 128th Stated Meeting, February 20-21, 2015.
4. Motion to approve the request for a letter of endorsement to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. (letter approved by General Committee is on page 4 of Addenda Packet).

Invite TE Claire Rhodes to offer prayer for the Search Committee for the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY
Consent Agenda Items for the 129th Stated Meeting
June 6, 2015

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

For Information Only

1. TE Kendal Land was dismissed to Grace Presbytery effective July 15, 2014.
2. TE Kenny Shaw was dismissed to the Presbytery of Denver effective September 14, 2014.
3. TE Joy Carrington was granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Arkansas in Indian Nations Presbytery for the purpose of attending a CPE class, pending Indian Nations Presbytery granting permission to labor within the bounds.
4. The commission/covenant of CRE Jim Keyes at Gamaliel One-0-One was extended for one year, from January 1 - December 31, 2015, or such time that the relationship changes.
5. TE David Reed, HR, was approved as the Stated Supply of First Presbyterian Church in Lonoke effective August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015.
6. The 2014 terms of call of ministers that the Presbytery has received were approved. Congregations, through Clerks of Sessions and Moderators, are encouraged to consider the sabbatical component of terms of call. And churches across our presbytery who have not sent in the terms of call of pastors are encouraged to send them to the Presbytery office.
7. TE Jerry Rice, HR, has resigned as Moderator and Temporary Supply of the Community Church of Elkins effective December 14, 2014. TE Susan Rose has agreed to serve in this capacity from January 1 - December 31, 2015.
8. The covenant between TE Susan Gray and Vaughn Presbyterian Church of Bentonville was renewed for the year 2015, from January 1 - December 31, 2015, with the following terms of call for a twenty hour per week call as Stated Supply:

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| Cash Salary | \$5,000 |
| Housing | \$11,250 |
| Reimbursable Expenses | \$4,500 |
| Ministry travel expenses reimbursed at IRS approved rate. | |
| Vacation: 1 week per quarter | |
| Continuing Education: 1 week every six months | |

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