

**EIGHTY-SIXTH STATED MEETING
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2001
FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**

00-28 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER & WORSHIP

The 86th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by the moderator TE W. Channell at 10:02 a.m. CST on Tuesday, May 8, 2001 at the Faith Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, FL. TE D. Miller led in the opening prayer.

00-29 WORSHIP SERVICE

Moderator W. Channell called upon TE P. Frick to lead us in a time of worship and then Mr. Stephen Cloud, a candidate for licensure, preached from I Kings 17:1-16 on life and ministry of Elijah. After singing another hymn Mr. Keith Fagerheirt, also a candidate for licensure preached a sermon from Hebrews 1:1-4.

00-30 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in attendance:

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Lynn Haven		
Christ, Mobile	C. Phillips	
Christ Community Church	G. Shamblin	
Concord	R. Dekker	T. Bosworth
Cornerstone, Destin	D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	R. Hayes	R. Post
Covenant Reformed	D. Gilleran	
Eastern Shore		C. Fellers; B. O'Neil; P. Zakutney
Fairfield	P. Frick	B. Cooper; J. Thrasher
Faith		K. Sanders; S. Cloud
First, Atmore	W. Channell	B. Rice
First, Niceville	M. Swain; D. Shackleford	R. Wilson; R. Kohlin
First, Panama City	W. Cathey	
Grace, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	J. Cavanah	R. Brunson; J.D. Scruggs
Loxley		L. Keuler
Mcllwain	C. DeBardleben; J. Grider	R. Wilcox; R. Myers
New Philadelphia	A. Newell	

Minutes of the 86th Stated Meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery

New Song	B. Sinclair	
Panama City Korean		
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	M. Crabbe
Redeemer Community Church	J. Mathieu	M. Campbell; R. Thompson
Safe Harbor		
Warrington	B. Hornick	K. Brady; D. Newbold
Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	E. Smith; S. Robertson
Westminster, Milton	C. Pearson	O. Willis
Westminster, Tallahassee	J. Craft	S. Robertson
Wildwood	B. Evans; D. Box;	C. Underwood

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2 OTHERS: Teaching Elders: C. Sledge, D. Miller, J.R. Foster, Arnie Maves, J. Bryers, M.
3 Griffith

4 EXCUSED: TE's J. Craft, T. Hughes, B. Johnston, J. Bancroft, S. DeVries, B. Gardner,
5 C. Gwin, M. Kirk and J. Riggs.

6 VISITORS: P. Scarbrough, M. Lugo, S. Gilleran

7 **00-31 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

8 Minutes from the 85th Stated Meeting of the February 13, 2001 and Called Meeting of
9 March 27, 2001 were approved as printed.

10 **00-32 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11 1. Minutes from the Commission to install TE D. Anderegg, Pastor of Pinewoods
12 PC, found in order and print in minutes (A).
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14 2. Minutes from Commission to install B. O'Neil, Pastor of Eastern Shore PC, found
15 in order and print in minutes (B).
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17 3. Letter from RE D. Dufour, stated clerk of Providence PC notifying GCP of the
18 reception of TE A.M. Schneider, received as information.
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20 4. Letter from CTS, notifying Presbytery as to the availability of scholarship funds,
21 refer to M & C.
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23 5. Letter from D. Roderick requesting candidacy.
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25 6. Letter from Concord Session commending D. Roderick to GCP.
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27 7. Request from an individual for an extract of Presbytery minutes. Clerk was
28 directed to grant the request. Further, he was directed to prepare an amendment

1 to S. R. clarifying GCP policy on granting requests for minutes and report to Fall
2 meeting.

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4 8. Letter from TE E. Stanton, requesting that he be carried on the rolls as Honorably
5 Retired, referred to M&C.

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7 9. Letter from Creation Study Committee of Central Carolina request GCP policies
8 on exceptions to WCF, refer to Examinations Committee.

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10 Requests for excused absence:

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12 TEs: J. Craft, T. Hughes, B. Johnston, J. Bancroft, S. DeVries, R. Gardner, C. Gwin, M.
13 Kirk, J. Riggs

14 **00-33 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

15 The docket was amended to include a report from Manette Lugo to make a report at
16 12:15 p.m.

17 **00-34 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

18 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 00-30)

19 **00-35 APPOINTMENTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

20 The moderator appointed the following commissioners to serve on the Standing
21 Committees of presbytery:

22 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 23 • TE R. Dekker (Chairman), TE D. Miller, RE R. Myers and RE B.
24 Cooper.

25 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 26 • TE Mathieu, (Chairman), TE J. Bryars, RE C. Fellers and RE B. Wilson

27 **00-36 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT—TE R. HORNICK, STATED**
28 **CLERK**

29 TE R. Hornick presented the report of the Executive Committee to
30 presbytery. The following recommendations were approved:

- 31 A. That the docket be approved as presented.
32 B. That the nominated Commissioners be elected to the Presbytery's
33 representative to the 29th General Assembly ([Appendix A](#)).

34 The report was approved as a whole.

35 **00-37 EXAMINATIONS – TE P. FRICK, CHAIRMAN**

36 **EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF MR. STEPHEN CLOUD & MR.**

1 **KEITH FAGERHEIRT**

2 TE P. Frick introduced Mr. Stephen Cloud and Mr. Keith Fagerheirt
3 and moved that Presbytery proceed to examine them. It was so
4 ordered.

5 Mr. Frick called upon Mr. Stephen Cloud to give his testimony and
6 account of his call to the ministry. Mr. Cloud is the headmaster of
7 Faith Christian School in Robertsedale, AL and a ruling elder at Faith
8 Presbyterian Church. He has been a pastor in a Southern Baptist
9 church. TE Frick then called upon Mr. Keith Fagerheirt to give his
10 testimony and account of his call to the ministry. Mr. Fagerheirt is
11 working with youth at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Panama
12 City, FL. A motion was made to arrest this portion of these
13 examinations.

14 TE Frick examined Mr. Cloud and Mr. Fagerheirt in area of Church
15 Polity. This portion of their examinations was arrested.

16 TE J. R. Foster examined Mr. Cloud and Mr. Fagerheirt in the area
17 of English Bible. After questions from the floor, this portion of their
18 examinations was arrested.

19 **SPECIAL ORDER—12:15 PM – MANETTE LUGO WITH MTW**

20 Manette Lugo is a member of New Song Presbyterian Church and is going to
21 Morocco as an MTW missionary.

22 **SPECIAL ORDER—12:20 PM – TE FRED MASH OF MNA IN ATLANTA**

23 Fred Marsh with MNA's permanent committee in Atlanta spoke to the Presbytery
24 about the state of church planting in North America.

25 **SPECIAL ORDER—12:30 PM - SHARING & PRAYER GROUPS**

26 Presbytery divided into small groups for the sharing of prayer requests and
27 conversational prayer. The moderator recessed the Presbytery for lunch at
28 12:45 p.m. with a prayer of thanksgiving.

29 **00-38 PRESBYTERY RECONVENED**

30 Moderator Channel called presbytery to order following lunch and led in prayer
31 reconvening presbytery at 1:25 p.m.

32 **00-39 EXAMINATIONS (CONTINUED)**

33 **EXAMINATION FOR LICENSURE OF MR. STEPHEN CLOUD & MR.**
34 **KEITH FAGERHEIRT (CONTINUED)**

35 TE P. Frick examined Mr. Cloud and Mr. Fagerheirt in the area of
36 theology. Bot men expressed exceptions to the standards on the

1 area of equating all Roman Catholics with infidels. They believe
2 the WCF has gone too far in the section on marriage where in
3 Chapter24, Section 3 it lumps Roman Catholics, infidels and other
4 idolaters together. After discussion it moved and passed that this
5 exception be noted and allowed by count of 39-0-3.

6 At this point the Presbytery voted to go into executive session in
7 order to discuss the candidates sermons and their theological
8 papers. It was moved that that Mr. Cloud's examination be
9 sustained as whole and that we proceed with licensure. It was
10 approved and so ordered. It was then moved that Mr. Fagerheirt's
11 examination be sustained as whole and that we proceed with
12 licensure. It was approved and so ordered.

13 The Presbytery then came out of executive session and called the
14 candidates back and the moderator licensed, charged and prayed
15 for them.

16 **00-40 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD, CHAIRMAN**

17 TE D. Shackleford reported on:

- 18 1. The recent Blue Springs retreat for the PresWIC.
- 19 2. They are also seeking better ways to be resource for education in
20 the Presbytery.
- 21 3. Also a report was given on the upcoming Pensacola Theological
22 Institute sponsored by McIlwain Presbyterian Church, July 22-27,
23 2001.

24 The report was approved a whole.

25 **00-41 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE M. SWAIM, CHAIRMAN**

26 TE M. Swaim gave the report of the Ministers and Candidates Committee:

- 27 1. Voted on the request of Eldon Stanton be granted the status of
28 being honorably retired.
- 29 2. Committee determined that the requirements of Stan Cayton's
30 internship have been approved.
- 31 3. Annual report of out-of-bounds candidates be delayed until the
32 October meeting.

33 The report was approved a whole.

34 **00-42 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - RE C. FELLERS, CHAIRMAN**

35 RE C. Fellers presented the report to presbytery. The report gave updates

1 to the following current situations and new works:

- 2 • Grace Community Church (Jim Bryar's Port City Project)
- 3 • Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church (David Gilleran's church plant)
- 4 • Redeemer Community Church (John Mathieu's church coming into the PCA)

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6 The committee, acting as a commission as empowered by the Presbytery, voted to
7 receive Redeemer Community Church (formally 1st Christian Church). The MNA
8 Commission:

- 9 • On 4/20/01, gave written exams to Mike Campbell and Ray Thompson as
10 prospective Ruling Elders (both men are already ordained PCA Ruling Elders). Both
11 did very well on the written exam.
- 12 • Met with and examined, on 5/08/01, both elder candidates. In accordance with BCO
13 13-8, both men acknowledged that they understood and adopted the doctrines and
14 polity of the PCA. And they both answered affirmatively those questions that are
15 required of officers at their ordination.
- 16 • Voted to receive Redeemer Community Church into GCP.

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18 The following recommendations were adopted:

- 19 A. That Gulf Coast Presbytery continue to pray for the MNA Committee as it
20 "devises measures" to plant churches within its bounds.
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- 23 B. That the western end of GCP make an effort to have some representation at
24 Redeemer Community Church's Dedication Service on Sunday evening, June
25 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. Frank Barker will speak. (NOTE: An installation service is not
26 required by our BCO)
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- 28 C. That Gulf Coast Presbytery pray for Redeemer Community Church, Christ
29 Presbyterian Church, and Grace Community Church as they work together to
30 build Christ's church in Mobile AL.
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- 32 D. That GCP recommend approval by the General Assembly's MNA Committee the
33 application of New Song Church (Pace, FL) for a loan from the Five Million Fund
34 in the amount of \$80,000 to be used for the church land and/or building.
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36 The report as a whole was approved. (See [Appendix B](#) for the entire report)

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38 **00-43 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE S. BRADFORD, REPORTING**

39 TE D. Roberts was absent and TE Stephen Bradford with Church Planting International
40 gave a report of the on the status of world missions activities in our Presbytery.

41 The report was approved a whole.

42 **00-44 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT—TE DAVID GILLERAN,**
43 **CHAIRMAN**

1 TE D. Gilleran presented the Administrative Committee report to the presbytery.

2 The following recommendations were adopted:

3 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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5 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on
6 time to 85th meeting of this Presbytery on February 13, 2001 and they be
7 approved without exception of substance as follows:

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 - 9 • Chattahoochee Presbyterian
 - 10 • Christ Presbyterian, Lynn Haven, Florida
 - 11 • Concord Presbyterian
 - 12 • Covenant Presbyterian
 - 13 • Eastern Shore Presbyterian
 - 14 • Faith Presbyterian

15 2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional
16 minutes and records to the 85th meeting of this Presbytery on February 13,
17 2001:

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 - 19 • Christ Presbyterian, Mobile, Alabama
 - 20 • Fairfield Presbyterian

21 3. That the following church has their Sessional minutes and records approved
22 without exception of substance, though late:

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 - 24 • Westminster Presbyterian, Milton, Florida

25 4. That the financial report be received as information.

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27 5. That this report be approved as a whole.

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29 The report was approved as a whole.

30 **00-45 NEW BUSINESS**

31 Time & place of the 87th Stated meeting was set to be 10:00 a.m. CST/11:00
32 EST, Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, FL.

33 **00-46 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

34 **A. Bill & Overtures**

35 No business to consider.

36 **B. Resolution and Thanks**

37 Presbytery adopted the following report of the Resolution and Thanks Committee:

1 Whereas the Fairfield Presbyterian Church of Pensacola, Florida, has graciously
2 provided it's beautiful facilities for the 86th Stated Meeting of the Gulf Coast
3 Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America, and

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5 Whereas the officers, pastor, and ladies of the church have graciously welcomed
6 and hosted us, and

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8 Whereas the breakfast and noon meals have been an expression of your love
9 and joy in serving Christ,

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11 Therefore, be it resolved that we the commissioners to the 86th Stated Meeting
12 of the Gulf Coast Presbytery give thanks to the congregation of Fairfield
13 Presbyterian Church for your service to us to the glory of God.

14 **00-47 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

15 A motion was made and carried to adjourn following the singing of a hymn and prayer.
16 Presbytery was adjourned at 3:03 p.m. (CST) with a prayer TE C. DeBardeleben.

17 Respectfully submitted,

18 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

**Nominations For Committee of Commissioners
Gulf Coast Presbytery**

Ruling Elders

Bills & Overtures – Ron Kohlin

Covenant College – Frank Drew

Insurance & Annuities –

Mission to the World – Jim Boswell

Ridge Haven – Chip Fellers

Reformed University Ministries –

Teaching Elders

Administration – Rick Fennig

Christian Education – Carl Pearson

Covenant Seminary – Robert Dekker

Interchurch Relations – Bill Tyson

Mission to North America – Jim Bryars

PCA Foundation – David Anderegg

Floor Clerk (RE or TE) – J.R. Foster

Elder for Communion – Bruce Sinclair

APPENDIX B

**GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT
May 8, 2001**

I ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

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- A. At the MNA Committee meeting in January, a goal was set to have a completed Church Planting document ready by May 8th. The committee is still working on this and plans to present it at the October 9th Presbytery meeting.
 - B. The MNA Committee was given authority at the last stated Presbytery meeting to receive Redeemer Community Church (formally 1st Christian Church). The MNA Commission:
 - On 4/20/01, gave written exams to Mike Campbell and Ray Thompson as prospective Ruling Elders (both men are already ordained PCA Ruling Elders). Both did very well on the written exam.
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 - Voted to receive Redeemer Community Church into GCP.
 - C. After being given permission at the February 13th Presbytery meeting, the MNA Committee filled the RE vacancy on the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Commission. Ken Ferguson, RE at Grace Fellowship in Gulf Shores, filled the vacancy.
 - D. The MNA Committee approved, at its 9:00 meeting on May 8th, to request that GCP Presbytery recommend New Song Church to MNAGA for an \$80,000 building/land loan from the Five Million Fund

31 **II ORAL REPORTS:**

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- A. Grace Community Church (formally Port City Project), Mobile AL – Rev. Jim Bryars
 - B. Covenant Reformed Presbyterian – Rev. David Gilleran
 - C. Redeemer Community Church – John Mathieu
 - D. Financial Report – Chip Fellers

38 **III RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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