

1 CALLED MEETING
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2002
3 MCILWAIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4 PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

5 02-45 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER & WORSHIP

6 At the request of TEs W. Channell, A. H. Phillips, J. R. Foster and REs Dick
 7 Buchanan, Gene New and Ray Myers, Moderator Ron Kohlin has call presbytery
 8 to meet on Thursday, July 25th at 11:00 AM CST/12:00 AM EST at the Christ
 9 Presbyterian Church, 2131 S. Cody Road, Mobile, AL.

10 The meeting has been called to conduct the following business:

- 11 1. To examine and receive TE Dennis Eide, pastor-elect of the Christ
 12 Presbyterian Church;
- 13 2. To act upon the request of the congregation of Redeemer Community
 14 Church of Mobile, AL to withdraw from the PCA, and
- 15 3. To conduct any business that may arise from the above.

16 Moderator R. Kohlin called the meeting to order with prayer and the singing of
 17 the hymn "*All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*" at 11:07 a.m.

18 02-46 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Lynn Haven		
Christ, Mobile	C. Phillips	C. Gray
Christ Community Church	G. Shamblin	
Concord		
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant		
Covenant Reformed	D. Gilleran	
Eastern Shore		B. O'Neil P. Zakutney
Fairfield		B. Cooper
Faith		S. Cloud
First, Atmore	W. Channell	B. Rice
First, Niceville		R. Kohlin
First, Panama City		

Grace, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	B. Kaisu
Grace, Madison		
Loxley		L. Keuler
Mcllwain	R. Looper J. Grider	R. Myers
New Philadelphia		
New Song		
Panama City Korean		
Pinewoods		
Redeemer Community Church	J. Mathieu	
Safe Harbor		
Warrington		
Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	J. Hart J. Richardson
Westminster, Milton		
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Wildwood		

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OTHERS: Teaching Elders: D. Miller, J.R. Foster, Arnie Maves, J. Bryers.

EXCUSED: TE's J. Bancroft, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, C. Gwin, R. Hornick, T. Hughes, B. Johnston, M. Kirk, C. Pearson, J. Riggs, C. Ryor, D. Shackelford, J. Watson. RE's Commissioners from Warrington PC

VISITORS:

02-47 COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from TE W. Channell requesting that presbytery be called to meet. With all requirements having been met the call of this presbytery meeting was found to be in order.
2. Letter from the congregation of Redeemer Community Church, Mobile, AL informing presbytery of her withdrawal from Gulf Coast Presbytery. Motion and made and carried that this communication be referred to the Minister's and Candidates Committee.

02-48 APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET

A motion was made and seconded that that the docket be approved as presented and the motion carried.

02-49 REPORTS

A. EXMANINATIONS – TE W. CHANNEL

- Examination, Reception and Approval of Call for TE Robert Looper

1 TE Dennis Eide, pastor elect of Christ Presbyterian Church, was
2 introduced to the Presbytery. Mr. Eide is a member in good standing in
3 Northern Illinois Presbytery.

4 TE Dennis Eide was first examined in the area of his Christian experience
5 and call to ministry at McIlwain by RE R. Myers. This portion of the
6 examination was arrested.

7 TE J. Foster next examined Mr. Eide in area of his theological views.
8 Moved and approved that this portion of the exam be arrested.

9 TE Channel examined Mr. Eide on views in the area of polity. This portion
10 was also arrested.

11 TE Channel examined Mr. Eide on views in the area of sacraments. This
12 portion was also arrested.

13 The examination was then arrested.

14 The Presbytery found that Mr. Eide held one exception to the WCF 24-3
15 and it is recorded below:

16 “Statement is made that, ‘it is the duty of Christians to marry only in
17 the Lord. And therefore such as profess the true reformed religion
18 should not marry with infidels, papists, or other idolaters’. I
19 disagree with the implied thought that all ‘papists’ – (Roman
20 Catholics) are outside of the Lord. While I would counsel and warn
21 against the Roman church’s doctrine of justification and would
22 encourage Catholics to leave the Roman Church, I do believe that
23 there are true believers that are Roman Catholic. I would also
24 counsel against a marriage where a Protestant believer wants to
25 marry a Roman Catholic believer who desires to remain a part of
26 the Roman church. However, I think it goes beyond Scripture to
27 forbid such a marriage.”

28 Following discussion the Presbytery granted the exception of Mr. Eide.

29 The examination was then sustained as a whole.

30 The call was then prosecuted by RE Charles Grey who read the call and
31 its terms before Presbytery. The call was found in order and, being
32 acceptable to Mr. Eide, was then placed in his hands (See [Appendix A](#)).
33 A motion was made and approved that Presbytery establish the following
34 commission to install TE Eide.

35 Members of the Commission: TE’s Jim Bryars, John Mathieu, Doug
36 Miller, Bruce O’Neil, and Chuck Phillips. RE’s Dick Buchanan,
37 Charles Gray, and Gene New.

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- Time: 6:00 p.m.
- Place: Christ Presbyterian Church

TE Eide then signed the Book of Obligations. Prayer was then offered by TE J. Bryars

**B. REPORT OF THE MINISTER’S AND CANDIDATES COMMITTEE –
TE M. SWAIM, CHAIRMAN**

Chairman T. Swaim was not present and therefore the Presbytery as a whole took up the communication from Redeemer Community Church referenced above.

A motion was made and carried that Presbytery concurs with the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE J. Mathieu and the Redeemer Community Church and that we recognize their withdrawal from the PCA and that we dismiss them to independency.

02-50 OLD BUSINESS

The following motion was made and carried that arose from the previous discussion during the examinations portion of this Presbytery meeting:

That the next regular stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery consider the question of marrying Roman Catholics, in accordance with WCF 24:3 and decide whether to take action, or propose changes in the wording of our Confession of Faith to the General Assembly.

02-51 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

Presbytery adjourned at 12:56 PM (CST) by TE W. Channell who led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

TE J. Grider, Acting Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Christ Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Pastor Dennis Eide, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$62,000.00 a year in regular monthly payments. This sum will include payments for

1 housing allowance, retirement, insurance, vacations and other benefits
2 during the time of your being and continuing to be the regular pastor of
3 this church. Christ Presbyterian Church may also provide you up to
4 \$10,000 for relocation expenses.

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6 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our -names
7 this 1-6th day of June, AD. 2002.

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9 Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which
10 extended a call to Pastor Dennis Eide for his ministerial services, do
11 certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules
12 laid down in the *Book of Church Order*, and that the persons who signed
13 the forgoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

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16 Gene A. New - Moderator of Congregational