

**NINETY-SECOND STATED MEETING
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003
LAGUNA BEACH CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA**

03-29 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 92nd stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, TE Bruce O’Neil at 9:02 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at the Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, Panama City, Florida. Moderator B. O’Neil opened the meeting with prayer.

03-30 WORSHIP SERVICE

The Presbytery joined the morning worship service being led by RUM campus ministries leaders for songs of praise and worship. TE Rod Maves then delivered a message from God’s Word appropriate to the occasion.

03-31 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in attendance (An indicates a TE commissioner present):

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Rainwater	Spurgeon Cowen
Christ, Lynn Haven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Johnson	
Christ, Mobile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Eide,	
Christ Community Church	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Shamblin	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Sinclair	
Concord	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Dekker	Tom Bosworth
Cornerstone, Destin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Watson	Rick Fellman
		Ron Hawks
Covenant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Hayes	Richard Post
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K. Fagerheim	Virgil Tinklenberg
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hopper	Richard Post

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Covenant Reformed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Gilleran	
Eastern Shore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. O'Neil	Benny Youngblood
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Paulson	
Fairfield	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	Jim Thrasher
		Bob Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Cloud	Ken Sanders
First, Atmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Channell	
First, Niceville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Swain	Ron Kohlin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City	<input type="checkbox"/> W. Cathey	Charles Bryant
Grace, Gulf Shores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	J. D. Scrugg
		Gordon Ashley
Loxley	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Gwin, Jr.	Albert Keuler
McIlwain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Looper	Bill Harris
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Grider	Rusty Gross
New Philadelphia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Newell	
Panama City Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	
Pinewoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Anderegg	
Safe Harbor	<input type="checkbox"/> T. Hughes	Fred Rall
Warrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hornick	Paul White

Westminster, Fort Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Tyson	John Hart
		Earl Smith
Westminster, Tallahassee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Pearson	
Wildwood	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Evans	Eric Haug
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Box	
	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Crowe	

OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS

(An indicates a commissioner present)

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
<input type="checkbox"/> S. Bradford		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Griffith
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Bryars		<input type="checkbox"/> C. Gwin
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Ryor		<input type="checkbox"/> M. Kirk
<input type="checkbox"/> S. DeVries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Mathieu
<input type="checkbox"/> F. Dole		<input type="checkbox"/> A. Maves
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J.R. Foster		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Miller
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Gardner		<input type="checkbox"/> G. Omerly
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Riggs		<input type="checkbox"/> T. Spilman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Sledge		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Phillips

EXCUSED: TEs J. Bancroft, W. Cathey, S. DeVries, R. Evans, R. Gardner, C. Gwin, T. Hughes, M. Kirk, H. Maves, G. Omerly, J. Riggs.

VISITORS: Murray Comer, Ray Myers, Scott Seidler, David Miller, Earl Adams, Mickey Schneider, Wilson Shirley, John Dekker and Justin Gischel.

SPECIAL ORDER – STRATEGIC PRIORITIES—EMPOWER CHURCH HEALTH

TE Rob Looper facilitated Presbytery in a discussion of one of the PCA’s adopted strategic priorities: Empowering church health.

03-32 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES

Minutes from the 91st Stated Meeting were approved with the following corrections:

- B. Johnston was present though marked absent.

The minutes were approved as amended.

03-33 COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Financial Aid Office, Covenant Theological Seminary, notifying presbytery of the availability of \$1,275 in scholarship funds for the coming academic year, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
2. Letter from Mr. Brian Kelly requesting that he be received as a candidate, referred to the Examinations Committee.
3. Letter from the Session, Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church, commending Mr. Brian Kelly to presbytery, referred to Examinations Committee.
4. Letter from the Session, Pinewoods Presbyterian Church commending Mr. Wilson A. Shirley to presbytery.
5. Letter from Wilson Shirley requesting that he be received as a candidate of presbytery, referred to Examinations.
6. Letter from TE Stephen D. Cloud and from the Session, Faith Presbyterian Church requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
7. Letter from RE Daniel Domin informing the TE Scott Seidler is a minister in good standing on the rolls of South Florida Presbytery, referred to Examinations Committee.
8. Letter from the stated clerk, Mississippi Valley Presbytery, informing presbytery that TE Earl Adams is a member in good standing, referred to Examinations Committee.
9. Letter from the stated clerk, Central Georgia Presbytery, informing Gulf Coast Presbytery of the reception of TE Paul Frick, received as information.
10. Minutes from the commission to install TE B. Sinclair, found in order and printed in the minutes. **(Appendix A)**
11. Minutes from the commission to install TE Dudley Crowe, found in order and printed in the minutes. **(Appendix B)**
12. Requests for excused absence from TEs J. Bancroft, W. Cathey, S. DeVries, R. Evans, R. Gardner, C. Gwin, T. Hughes, M. Kirk, H. Maves, G. Omerly, J. Riggs, granted.

03-34 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was adopted. (**Appendix C**)

03-35 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS

Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 03-31)

03-36 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Bills and Overtures:

- TE J. Bryars, Chairman
- TE D. Miller
- RE B. Cooper
- RE B. Youngblood

Resolution and Thanks:

- TE R. Kohlin, Chairman
- TE K. Sanders
- RE D. Powlison
- RE A. Newell

03-37 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE B. HORNICK, STATED CLERK

TE B. Hornick presented the report to Presbytery. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That the docket be approved as presented.
2. That the nominations for Committee of Commissioners be sustained. (**APPENDIX D**)
3. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:

TE David Anderegg be elected chairman of MNA Committee

TE Stephen Cloud - Ministers and Candidates

The report was approved as a whole.

SPECIAL ORDER – 11:30 AM (CST) - SHARING & PRAYER GROUPS

Presbytery divided into small groups for the sharing of prayer requests and conversational prayer.

SPECIAL ORDER – 11:40 - 12:30 PM (CST) - LUNCH

PRESBYTERY RECONVENED

The Moderator called presbytery to order following lunch and led in prayer. Presbytery

03-38 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL

TE W. Channell presented the report to presbytery and led in the conducting the examinations of the following:

1. **WILSON A. SHIRLEY.** Mr. W. Shirley, who is taking courses at Birmingham Theological Seminary Pensacola campus, is being examined to come under care of presbytery. He is a member of the Pinewoods Presbyterian Church. Mr. Shirley gave his testimony and his sense of his call to ministry. A motion was made and carried that the examination of Mr. Shirley be arrested and sustained and that he be brought under care. Moderator O'Neil then put the questions of BCO 18-3 to the candidate. TE C. Sledge gave a charge to Mr. Shirley. TE D. Anderegg then prayed for Mr. Shirley.
2. **TE EARL ADAMS.** TE W. Channell then introduced TE Earl Adams to the presbytery. Mr. Adams, Pastor-elect of the Grace Presbyterian Church is a member-in-good-standing of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Following the committee's recommendation presbytery voted to proceed with the examination of Mr. Adams for transfer to Gulf Coast Presbytery.

- RE R. Myers examined Mr. Adams in the area of Christian experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE M. Swain then examined Mr. Adams on his views in the area of theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Adams on his views in the area of sacraments. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the examination was arrested.
- TE J.R. Foster also examined Mr. Adams on his views in the area of polity. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- The exam as a whole was sustained.

Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Adams into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon his dismissal from Mississippi Valley Presbytery and upon signing the book of Ministerial Obligation.

The call was then read by the commissioner of Grace Presbyterian Church was found in order by the Presbytery and acceptable to Mr. Adams. The call was placed in his hands. (**APPENDIX E**).

The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Adams was moved and carried. The Moderator called upon TE D. Box to offer prayer for Mr. Adams.

- The Installation Service for TE Earl Adams will at the Grace Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 6, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. A motion was made and

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carried to approve the invitation to TE Gordon Reed and TE Michael Ross and RE Joe Goodwin as guests of the commission. Members of the Commission will be: Teaching Elders Dennis Shackelford, J.R. Foster, Robert Looper. The Ruling Elders will be Roger Gibson, Murray Comer, and J.D. Scruggs. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

3. TE W. Channell then introduced TE Scott Seidler to the presbytery. Mr. Seidler, Organizing Pastor-elect of the King's Bay Mission on Panama City Beach, Florida is a member-in-good-standing of South Florida Presbytery.

Following the committee's recommendation presbytery voted to proceed with the examination of Mr. Seidler for transfer to Gulf Coast Presbytery.

- RE R. Myers examined Mr. Seidler in the area of Christian experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE M. Swain then examined Mr. Seidler on his views in the area of theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Seidler on his views in the area of the sacraments. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the examination was arrested.
- TE M. Swain also examined Mr. Seidler on his views in the area of polity. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- The exam as a whole was arrested.
- The question of Mr. Seidler's stated exception on the Sabbath was brought before the Presbytery: Mr. Seidler stated exception to WCF XXI.8 and WLC Q. 117 is as follows:

"I take exception to this on the point of delighting in the creation of God, in the fellowship with my family, and friends, recreating outside – I do not consider to be exercise nor work, but a pleasure that Glorifies God in the fullest. I believe that God is most glorified when we are most satisfied in Him."

- Presbytery acknowledged that Mr. Seidler's view was an exception to the standards.
- The Exception was granted with the stipulation that whenever Mr. Seidler teaches on this issue that he make clear his view on this issue is an exception to the WCF.
- The exam as a whole was sustained.

Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Seidler into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon his dismissal from South Florida Presbytery and upon his signing of the book of Ministerial Obligation.

The call was then read by the commissioner of Covenant Presbyterian Church

Ninety second Stated Meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery – May 13, 2003 was found in order by the Presbytery and acceptable to Mr. Seidler. The call was placed in his hands. **(APPENDIX F)**.

The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Seidler was moved and carried. The Moderator called upon TE D. Box to offer prayer for Mr. Seidler.

- The Installation Service for Scott Seidler will at King's Bay Mission Church on Sunday, June 22, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Members of the Commission will be: Teaching Elders Bob Hayes, Bob Hopper and Bryan Johnston. The Ruling Elders will be Richard Post, Virgil Tinklenberg and Arden Jensen. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

03-39 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE D. ANDEREGG, CHAIRMAN

TE D. Anderegg presented the report to Presbytery outlining the status of church planting goals in Gulf Coast Presbytery. The following oral reports were given:

1. TE Chuck Ryor spoke about his work in planting a new church in downtown Tallahassee at Center Pointe. Their goal is this campus outreach ministry is to build a church with college graduate that stay in the Tallahassee after graduation. The church hopes to have a multicultural impact to build a multi-ethnic ministry and church. TE Box prayed for this new mission work and TE Ryor.
2. RE David Miller from King's Bay Mission gave a report on this work on Panama City Beach. Several home groups are going and an evening service was begun this past winter. This work is still in search of suitable facilities. RE Virgil Tinklenberg prayed for the work their.
3. TE Jim Bryars spoke about the work in Mobile, AL with Grace Community Mission. They are still holding their worship services in the evenings. He asked for prayer for God to provide facilities by mid-August. TE Deiter Paulson prayed for this work.

TE Anderegg challenged the presbytery consider supporting the MNA committee's church planting budget so that our goal can be reached. He also informed the presbytery of several GA MNA sponsored resource conferences in our geographical area.

The report was received as information and TE Anderegg closed with prayer.

03-40 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. EVANS, CHAIRMAN

No report.

03-41 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN

TE B. Tyson, in the absence of Chairman Dekker, presented the report to Presbytery: The following recommendations were approved:

1. That we table TE James Cavanah's request to demit the ministry until the October meeting of Presbytery. The motion carried.
2. That presbytery candidates attending Covenant Seminary be notified that they are

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eligible for the distribution of the 2003 Scholarship Funds.

3. That per the request of the Fairfield Presbytery Church the internship of Mr. Jason Scribner be terminated.
 4. That the internship of candidate Wilson Shirley be instated at this time.
 - At Laguna Beach, Florida, the 13th day May, the Gulf Coast Presbytery having received testimonials commending Wilson Shirley, have received him as a candidate for the ministry, has place him under internship his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.
- TE O'Neil gave a charge suitable to the occasion and prayed for him.
5. That the relationship between Faith Presbyterian Church in Robertsedale, AL and TE Stephen Cloud be dissolved.
 6. That the call from the Fairfield Presbyterian Church of Pensacola as their pastor-elect was found in order by the Presbytery and was approved as read. The call was found acceptable to TE Cloud and the call was placed in his hands. (**APPENDIX G**).
 7. The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Cloud was moved and carried.
 - The Installation Service for Stephen Cloud will at the Fairfield Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 25, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Commission will be: Teaching Elders Bob Hornick, (Convener), Rick Fennig and David Gilleran. The Ruling Elders will be Jim Thrasher, Bob Cooper and Ken Peebles. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

The report on Ministerial Candidates, Licentiates and teaching elders serving out-of-bounds be received as information (**APPENDIX H**)

03-42 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE G. ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN

TE G. Roberts presented an oral and written report to Presbytery. Mr. Roberts then told us about concept of ministry partnership with Russia. A Russia Partnership composed of PCA ministers, elders, and churches was formed last November and now has a formal, legal relationship in Russia which holds good prospects for planting churches in areas that have previously hard to reach.

Mr. Roberts announced the PCA MTW Missions Conference this November. Members of the presbytery were encouraged to attend or send delegates. Also Mr. Roberts asked for prayer for Paul Kooistra's wife Jan, who has had a recurrence of cancer.

The report was approved a whole and TE Roberts closed the report with prayer. (**APPENDIX I**)

03-43 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

TE D. Gilleran presented the Administrative Committee report to the presbytery. The following recommendations were approved:

1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on time to the 91st meeting of this Presbytery on February 11, 2003 and they be approved

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without exception of substance as follows: Fairfield, Cornerstone-Destin, Concord,
Chattahoochee Christ-Mobile, Christ-Lynn Haven, Cornerstone-Tallahassee,
Covenant, Covenant Reformed, Westminster-Milton.

2. That the following church failed to submit its Sessional minutes and records to the 90th meeting of this Presbytery on February 11, 2003: Panama City Korean.
3. That the Financial Report be approved.
4. That instead of establishing a presbytery level permanent committee on RUM, Gulf Coast Presbytery, through its nominating committee, maintains three representatives (TE or RE) to serve on the Florida Joint RUM Committee.
5. That presbytery establish a place in each stated meeting in the agenda to hear a report from the Florida Joint Committee.
 - The committee will craft an amendment to the Stated Rules to be present to the next Presbytery to bring them in harmony with this new structure.

That the report be approved as a whole.

03-44 OLD BUSINESS

1. The study committee appointed to propose an amendment to the WCF in relation to 24:3 reported to presbytery. A motion to postpone for further perfection carried and the study committee will report to the next meeting of presbytery.

03-45 NEW BUSINESS

Time & Place of the 93rd Stated Meeting

The next stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery will be held at 9:00 AM (Central) / 10:00 AM (Eastern) at the First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida.

03-46 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The following resolutions were adopted:

***Whereas**, the Reformed University Ministries has provided a hearty meal and an orderly environment for partaking and fellowshiping with one another,*

***And Whereas**, the Reformed University Ministries took great care to labor and prepare food for the Presbytery members and attending college students,*

***Therefore, be it resolved**, that, the Gulf Coast Presbytery wishes to extend a gracious thanks to RUM for their provisions, labors, and hospitality for our blessing and benefit.*

***Whereas** the Reverend Nathaniel Heath of Marietta, Georgia who served at Grace Presbyterian Church in Madison, FL from 1976 to 1983 has gone on to be*

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with the Lord,

And whereas, *he is survived by his wife Mary, his two sons, Patrick and Robert, five grandchildren, Amy, Robin, Debra, Ryan and Lee.*

Therefore be it resolved, *that, Gulf Coast Presbytery extends its condolences to his wife, sons, and grandchildren and commends them for their loving support of Nathaniel through his years of faithful and fruitful service. Subscribed this Thirteenth day of May, in the third year of the second millennium of our Lord.*

03-47 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

Presbytery adjourned at 3:35 PM (CST) by Moderator O'Neil with the singing of the hymn "What Wondrous Love Is This" and the benediction by TE O'Neil.

Respectfully submitted,

TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Gulf Coast Presbytery, Presbyterian Church in America **Commission for the Installation of TE Bruce Sinclair**

Member of the Commission Present:

TE Robert Dekker, Convener
RE Bob Cooper
TE George Shamblin
RE Randy Peacock
RE Mick Breault
TE Sinclair
TE Church Phillips
(Guest speaker at the request of TE Sinclair)

On March 5, 2003 at the grounds of Aletheia Christian Academy, convener Dekker called the commission to order with prayer.

The Commission members reviewed order of service as prepared by the host pastor, TE Shamblin.

TE Shamblin—Welcome and Call to Worship
RE Cooper—Prayer of Adoration
TE Phillips – Scripture Reading and Message
TE Dekker—Installation Questions
TE Shamblin—Charge to the Pastor
RE Peacock—Charge to the Congregation
TE Dekker—Oversee the Laying on of Hands by the Presbyters and the Installation Pronouncement
TE Sinclair—Benediction

After finding this in order, TE Dekker and TE Shamblin admonished the participants to cherish this evening's events as a time of uniting a congregation with a pastor, in similar way one celebrates the union of a bride and groom. After a season of prayer, it was M/S/P to recess to the auditorium for the worship service, where the TE Sinclair was installed as the Assistant Pastor of the Christ Community Church.

TE Sinclair closed the worship service and the commission with prayer.

Minutes submitted by TE Dekker

APPENDIX B

**Minutes of the Commission of Gulf Coast Presbytery
To Install TE Dudley A Crowe**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to ordain and install TE Dudley A. Crowe as Student Ministries Pastor of Wildwood Presbyterian Church, met in the conference room of the Church at 3:45 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 2003.

The following members were present: Teaching Elders Darwin Box (Convener), Bob Evans, and Chuck Ryor and Ruling Elders Greg Costas, Jimmy Hill, and Jack Morris, Eric Haug.

The meeting was called to order by Darwin Box and prayer was given by the same. Mr. Darwin Box was elected chairman and Eric Haug secretary.

The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission recessed to the sanctuary for the service at 4:30 p.m. Warren Halstrom led the worship and Darwin Box presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Crowe and the congregation. Pastors Box and Evans read various Scriptures suited for the occasion.

Pastor Box offered the prayer of installation. Then Pastor Evans delivered a charge to the Session, and delivered a charge to the congregation and preached an appropriate sermon.

Mr. Crowe pronounced the benediction, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new Student Ministry Pastor.

The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed Student Ministry Pastor completed the business of the Commission at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Haug, Secretary

Darwin Box, Chairman

APPENDIX C

Proposed Docket
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - 92nd STATED MEETING
May 13, 2003 - 8:30 AM CDT/9-.30 AM EDT
Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer

2. Worship Service

3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum

SPECIAL ORDER - Strategic Priorities-EMPOWER CHURCH HEALTH

4. Approval of Printed Minutes

5. Communications

6. Adoption of Docket

7. Introduction of Visitors

8. Appointment of Standing Committees

9. Permanent Committee Reports

- a. Executive - TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
- b. Examinations - TE Wesley Channell
- c. Christian Education - TE Bob Evans
- d. Ministers and Candidates - TE Robert Dekker
- e. Mission to North America - TE David Anderegg
- f. Mission to the World - TE G. Roberts
- g. Administration -TE D. Gilleran

SPECIAL ORDER - 11:30 - SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS SPECIAL ORDER - 12:00 -
12:45 - LUNCH

10. Old Business

11. New Business

- a. Time & Place of 93rd Stated Meeting – Tue., October 14th

12. Reports of Standing Committees

13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

APPENDIX D

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS

Gulf Coast Presbytery

RULING ELDERS

- Bills & Overtures - Eric Haug
- Covenant College - Clarence Ladner
- Mission to the World - James Boswell
- PCA Retirement & Benefits - Ben Brown
- Ridge Haven - Bart Kaiser
- Reformed University Ministries -Amzi Shirling

TEACHING ELDERS

- Administration - David Gilleran
 - Christian Education - William Tyson
 - Covenant Seminary - Rob Looper
 - Interchurch Relations - Rick Fennig
 - Mission to North America - Bruce O'Neil
 - PCA Foundation - Joe Grider
- Floor Clerk (RE or TE) - Steve Milstid & Dennis Rainwater
- Elder for Communion - William Harris, IV

1 **APPENDIX E**

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4 **Call to Earl Adams**

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6 Grace Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the

7 ministerial qualifications of you, Earl Adams, and having good hopes from

8 our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be

9 profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the

10 pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your

11 duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That

12 you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and

13 oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$63,400 a year which includes salary

14 and other benefits. Salary payments will be \$32,526 paid in equal biweekly

15 increments. Benefits totaling \$30,874 will be provided for by the church.

16 These benefits include manse, utilities, retirement annuity, health insurance,

17 car allowance and library and four weeks vacation per year during the time

18 of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church. Moving

19 expenses will be provided.

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21 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this

22 9th day of May, A.D. 2003.

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25 Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a

26 call to Earl Adams for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has

27 been in all respects according to the rules laid down in; the *Book of Church*

28 *Order*, and that the persons who signed the forgoing call were authorized to

29 do so by vote of the congregation.

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33 **Jack Hollingsworth**

34 Moderator of the Meeting

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1 **APPENDIX F**

2 **Call to Scott Seidler**

3 The Covenant Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL, on behalf of King's Bay
4 Presbyterian Church (a mission under the oversight of Covenant PCA),
5 Panama City Beach, FL, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the
6 ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. Scott Seidler, and having good hopes
7 from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will
8 be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the
9 pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your
10 duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That
11 you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and
12 oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$50,000.00 a year in regular monthly
13 (or quarterly) payments, and other benefits, such as, manse, retirement,
14 insurance, 4 vacation, moving expenses up to \$2,500.00, during the time of
15 your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.

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17 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this eighth
18 day of May, A.D. 2003.

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21 Attest: I, having moderated the Session meeting which extended a call to
22 Rev. Scott Seidler for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has
23 been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the *Book of*
24 *Church Order*, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were
25 authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

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27 Robert S. Hayes
28 Moderator of the Meeting
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APPENDIX G

**CALL OF REV. DR. STEPHEN CLOUD
FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

The Fairfield Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Dr. Stephen Cloud, and in good knowledge and faith of your labors that your ministrations in the gospel will be mutually profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the office of pastor in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. In order to free you from worldly cares and avocations, we do hereby promise and obligate ourselves to pay you:

- 1.) The sum of \$ 28,375, paid per year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits to include:
- 2.) Professional Expenses of S 4,000 per year.
- 3.) Annuity benefits of S4,800.
- 4.) Family Health & Dental Insurance of \$6,000 per year.
- 5.) Medical Override Benefit of \$1,200 per year.
- 6.) Life Insurance Benefit of S 1,225 per year.
- 7.) Housing Allowance of \$14,400 per year.
- 8.) Moving Expenses from Robertsedale, AL of up to \$2,000.
- 9.) Three (3) weeks of paid vacation for the first three years, then moving to four weeks, plus and ten paid holidays during the year.
- 10.) Two (2) weeks of paid sabbatical, accruing and accumulating up to 3 months.

In Testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 13th day of February, A.D. 2003.

Ken Peebles	James Thrasher
Chairman, Pulpit Nominating Committee	Clerk of the Session
Signer of Call and Prosecutor to Presbytery	Signer of Call and Prosecutor to Presbytery

Attest:

I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Dr. Stephen Cloud for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the forgoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

Rev. Joseph C.Grider, Moderator

APPENDIX H

**Report of the
Ministers and Candidates Committee
2003 May Stated Meeting**

<u>MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES COMMITTEE</u>			
William Tyson	03	Ken Robinson	Eastern Shore
James Craft	03	Frank Bierling	Wildwood
Robert Dekker, Chr.	04	Jack Hollingsworth	Grace, Madison
	04	Bob Cooper	Fairfield
Rob Looper	05	Ron Kohlin	First, Niceville
Carl Pearson	05		

I. Meetings

This committee met on May 3,2003 in Pensacola.
This committee engaged in several e-mail interactions between meetings.

II. Issues Discussed

1. The clarification of M/C responsibilities
2. The annual reporting of the candidates and ministers within the GCP boundaries
3. The need for preventative care for those within our presbytery
4. The request of TE Cavanah to delay action about his status
5. The clarification of eligibility for the Covenant Seminary Scholarship
6. The request to terminate the Scribner internship
7. The request to initiate the Shirley internship
8. The request to dissolve TE Cloud's relationship with Faith PCA
9. The processing of the TE Cloud's call to Fairfield

III. Committee Actions

1. The M/C Chairman met with the committee to develop guidelines to improve our care of the C/L/SC (candidates, Licentiates & Special Care TE's).
 - a. **The Reports for Candidates should include the following items:**
 - Evidence of Personal/Verbal contact with candidates
 - Monthly email with the candidates (which can be forwarded to the home church)
 - An accounting of academic progress if enrolled in a school
 - A validation of academic status by a school official (BCO 18:6)
 - Contact with the session of the candidates home church to encourage their continued input in the candidates progress
 - Determining the candidates current church attendance and involvement
 - Present Ministry activities
 - b. **The Reports for Licentiates should include:**
 - The Date when the license was granted and when it will expire

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- Some description of preaching activities in that year (Estimate the numbers and general locations of opportunities)
- Provide the future intentions of this licentiate concerning preaching
- Summarize the personal family status and over-all spirit of the Licentiate (including place of worship and how to contact his current pastor)

c. The Reports for Special TE's should include:

- A brief summary of the presbytery's actions regarding this pastor including the time and review of the initial request
- An indication of current ministry activity so as to enable us to pray more specifically for these men.
- If the pastor is w/o call, it is our desire to assist each one in his pursuit of finding a suitable call and reminding each person about the remaining time before the 3 year automatic demission
- Summarize the personal family status and over-all spirit of this TE (including place of worship and how to contact his current pastor)

2. The committee considered that this task of providing care should be divided up between the committee members. The members of the committee will "adopt" the candidates and provide the data for the annual reports in a timely manner to the Chairman.
3. Being the focal point of the broken relationships within the presbytery, the M/C committee wished to consider preventative care for those within our presbytery.
 - a. Each member is to be praying for God's wisdom in advance of a negative situation
 - b. Trust within the churches should be valued—so that there will not be unnecessary strife between pastors, between pastors and churches, or even between elders. One remedy is to develop deeper relationships as we worship together and fellowship when possible.
 - c. The committee advanced the idea of not simply being fire fighters which put out existing fires(ie: church troubles), but to be fire extinguishers, which are more handy and are able to snuff out sparks before they can be so destructive. Ideas for this activity are welcomed from all!
4. The Chairman of the Committee received a personal request form TE Cavanah prior to the Presbytery meeting. The nature of the request was to delay any action. TE Cavanah situation is rather unclear due to some unexpected circumstances. More time to seek clarification of both the details and future intentions would prove to be wise. The committee members indicated they were in agreement.
5. There chairman requested clarification on the matter of eligibility for the Covenant Seminary Scholarship. After some discussion, and with the help of the Clerk, this information was obtained. The committee wishes to make this matter known to the churches that may have students at Covenant Seminary.
6. The Fairfield church encountered a situation, which warranted immediate action. Their request to the Committee to terminate the Scribner internship was received with adequate supporting explanations. The committee agreed and asks Presb ytery to concur with their action.
7. The Pinewoods Presbyterian Church requested the Candidate Wilson Shirley officially begin his internship under the mentoring of TE Enderegg. The committee agreed.
8. The committee received the resignation from TE Cloud and the reception of that resignation as noted in the Congregational minutes of the Faith Presbyterian Church. The committee

1 was not able to meet as a commission, and recommended that the Presbytery act to dissolve
2 that pastoral relationship.

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5 9. The committee received information that TE Cloud was to receive a call from Fairfield PCA.
6 This matter will be handled at Presbytery, to find the call in order and to establish a
7 commission to install the new minister.
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10 **IV. A Summary of Commission Actions since the last stated meeting of Presbytery:** None to report
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12 **I. V. Recommendations**

- 13 • That presbytery table TE J. Cavanah's request to demit the ministry until the October meeting
14 of Presbytery.
- 15 • That GCP recognize that persons attending Covenant Seminary from our presbytery are
16 eligible to the distribution of the 2003 Scholarship Funds.
- 17 • That per the request of the Fairfield Presbytery Church the internship of Mr. Jason Scribner
18 be terminated.
- 19 • That the internship of candidate Wilson Shirley be instated at this time.
- 20 • That the relationship between Faith Presbyterian Church in Robertsedale, AL and TE Stephen
21 Cloud be dissolved.
- 22 • That the call from the Fairfield Presbyterian Church of Pensacola as their pastor-elect be
23 found in order by the Presbytery.
- 24 • That GCP appointment a Commission to install TE Cloud.
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27 **Annual Report of Candidates, Licentiatees**

28 **And Teaching Elders Laboring Out of Bounds**

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30 This Report will be updated for the October Stated Presbytery. We encourage the presbyters to pray for these men
31 and to encourage them in their preparation and in their service and thank those who have already taken time to pray
32 and gather information on these bothers.
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34 Reports:

- 35 1) Candidate Steven Brooks--

36 He is presently attending Orlando University Presbyterian Church.

37 He plans to be active in their summer program this summer.

38 He is also planning to join the church and will start Inquirer's
39 Class shortly. My new info is:

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42 Oviedo, FL 32765
43 HOME: (407)971-4359
44 CELL: (407) 443-9526
45 EMAIL: nolefanbrooks@hotmail.com
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1 2) Candidate Jay Kessler—
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3 3) Candidate Charles McLean-
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5 Charles McLean continues to work at the Waterfront Mission in Pensacola where he has worked since 1995.
6 Charles first served as a chaplain, and now as program director. His position does not require ordination, but
7 Charles indicated that he had been encouraged to pursue it. (Reminder: Charles attended Columbia Bible College
8 and Covenant Seminary, graduating from the latter in 1972. He was ordained in the RPCES, and served as a youth
9 minister and later pastor. He resigned from a church in Tampa in 1981, and in 1988 was removed from the
10 ministerial roll of the PCA presbytery there without censure, due to a lack of particular call. In 1994 Charles moved
11 to Pensacola.) Charles joined Pinewoods PCA in Cantonment, and served one term as an elder there. He has 3
12 grown children.

13 Charles has completed his written English Bible Exam, and is working on his Systematic Theology Exam. He will
14 then have his Polity Examination to do. Charles has been slow in completing these examinations
15 (the Examinations Committee could inform us better on the course of his progress), but indicates
16 that he still intends to do so, and hopes to be prepared for licensure by the fall meeting of
17 Presbytery.

18 Charles indicated that he would appreciate our prayers for his progress and perseverance through discouragement
19 in completing his examinations for licensure, as well as for his faithfulness in his work at Waterfront Mission.
20 Charles indicates that he believes he has grown a lot in and through his work there at the Mission.
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23 4) Candidate Sid Phillips –
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25 5) Candidate Phil Roderick—
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27 He has enrolled at RTS Charlotte as an extension student. Currently he is not taking classes, due in part to the
28 family issues. Phil is seeking to improve his financial situation by developing a business and intends to continue
29 with schooling to pursue an Mdiv. He requests prayer for a friend who is has a great need. Phil is not currently
30 active in a local church.
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32 6) Candidate Jamin Scribner—
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35 7) Candidate Al Ward—Prepared by RE Robinson

36 I wanted to take this time to respond to your email regarding the shepherding committee for ministerial candidates
37 of the G.C.P. I appreciate that this new process is being implemented, and look forward to the support of this body,
38 as well as your individual guidance and communication. A brief update follows:

39 Allison and I have become associate members (October 2002) of Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Clinton
40 (601-924-4747), a suburb of Jackson and one of the nearest churches to Reformed Theological Seminary. It is a +-
41 350 member church; traditional in worship format, with a wonderful exegetically minded preacher, Rev. John
42 Reeves, and a gifted Associate pastor, Rev. Wade Coleman. Dieter Paulson can perhaps fill in with more detail on
43 this church, as this is where he and Marty attended. A good number of seminary faculty and students attend this
44 church, which I believe is testimony to the passion for the Lord and depth of delivery of our two pastors.

45 I have been performing the duties of visitation intern for Providence since September, which is a paid 10-
46 hour/month internship, concentrating on those members hospitalized, confined to homes, or in extended care
47 facilities. I have had a wonderful time with this ministry, and have learned much regarding the lives and minds of
48 these elderly people within the congregation. It is my hope to build this ministry here at Providence to give this
49 segment more interaction with the congregation, more study of the Word (depending on individual capabilities)
50 through at-home study. I have also gained insight into the death and dying process, and have had the priceless
51 experience of being able to share in the last weeks and days of two of my elderly ladies, Miss Mary Conner King
52 and Mrs. Willametta "Billie" Gowans, before they went home to be with the Savior, whom they both professed.
53 Through the words of Scripture and shared prayer, these times have helped me confirm that I am called to this
54 ministry. I believe this internship will help to deepen any future ministry I might have with regard to the elderly.

1 I participated in the choir for the first 4 months of our stay here, but have had to suspend that involvement due to the
2 birth of our twins, Joseph and Reade. I have actively participated in Sunday School, as has Jeremy. Allison has not
3 been able to attend church until the last month due to bed rest and birth, but is looking forward to becoming
4 involved. I also enjoy and am nurtured by chapel services and small group prayer at RTS.

5 As you can imagine, this past six months has been one of great challenge for our family. God has given us the
6 strength and love to survive and even thrive, but we definitely could use prayer: for our children's health, for
7 energy, for the ability to juggle work, school, church, and family, and for harmonious relationship focused on Christ
8 between Allison and me. In addition I would ask for prayer in my classes, for memory (which is not nearly as good
9 as it was 15 years ago during undergraduate studies), and for direction and understanding of biblical principles in the
10 context of Reformed doctrine- and for discernment of God's Word and will for my life and ministry.

11 My degree pursuit at RTS is for the 4-year M.Div-Counselling tract. This means I am on the edge of full-time
12 hours, but also that I will be taking classes during January and Summer terms every year. I have currently passed 22
13 of my required 114 credit hours. I am taking two classes this semester due to the birth of our sons, but they are
14 difficult ones and the last two in the first year language studies: Greek and Hebrew Exegesis. I am on track to
15 complete these courses in May, giving me 4 more credit hours. They have been challenging, as have all my classes
16 to this point, but rewarding and confirming. I will be taking 6 more hours this summer. My advisor's name is Dr.
17 Duncan Rankin, but as I have not had a class with him to this point, it may be more helpful to contact Dr. John
18 Currid or Brian Gault (Director of Admissions/ professor) in any communication regarding me, as they have each
19 instructed me in classes, as well as attend church with me.

20 I hope this is extensive enough for a first report. I would ask when you have the opportunity that you would provide
21 to me a list of Internship/ordination requirements for the G.C.P., and a format for recording completed activities on
22 that list. I am very open to any feedback/guidance/comments that you or any member of the committee might have
23 for me - I am a work-in-progress, relatively new to deep theological training and concepts, and seeking to grow in
24 my faith, knowledge, and character.

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26 8) Candidate Douglas Ramsey—
27 Doug Ramsey
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29 Niceville, FL 32578
30 Phone 850.6789.5938
31 E-mail greystoke75@hotmail.com
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33 He is working construction at present, and intends to go up to St. Louis
34 and begin classes at seminary this summer. He is still awaiting
35 finalization of his plans from the seminary, but expects that soon.

36 Our Session has expressed an interest in providing support for Doug's
37 schooling, and will be addressing this in the near future. He is attending First Presbyterian Church in Niceville.
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39 9) Candidate Wally Roderick –
40 Wally Roderick has resigned as Music Minister at Westminster and has left the church because of the mason issue
41 and his frustration with the PCA in its stand on college and seminary degrees before ordination. He believes that
42 being called by God is all that's necessary. The session has accepted his resignation and has taken him off of our
43 "under care" status. He currently lives in the Milton area.
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45 10) Licentiate Larry Bean—
46 Larry Bean lives in Atmore. Larry was licensed by our presbytery about 1999 (as best he
47 remembers). He served as a supply for First Presbyterian Church in Atmore prior to Wesley Channell's present
48 pastorate there. Since that time Larry has been working as a therapist at a Mental Health Center in the area. He is
49 attending First Assembly Church at present. Larry's licensure either has come to the end of its 4 years, or soon will.
50 He does not believe there is a reason to request an extension because there are no ministry opportunities in view.
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52 11) Licentiate Sid Phillips—
53 12) Potential Candidate Scott Telhiard --

1 13) Special TE Stephen Bradford—
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3 14) Special TE Frank Dole—A Minister laboring out of bounds

4 Frank serves with Covenant Hospice as the senior chaplain in the Niceville office. He has been involved in a
5 clergy enhancement project for the past several months, a Hospice ministry designed to better equip clergy in
6 matters pertaining to ministry to dying patients and their families. He indicated that he is doing more public
7 speaking, carries a case load of 40 patients, conducted 80-100 funerals this past year, and makes 20-25 home visits a
8 week. Frank is involved in training other chaplains.

9 Frank and his wife have moved from Destin to Niceville. They have not settled into a church as of yet. [Frank and
10 I (Bill Tyson) were talking from my office to his cell phone, and I did not ask why they had not settled into a church
11 at present.]
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13 15) Special TE Doug Miller--

14 16) Special TE Mack Griffith—

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24 APPENDIX I

25 Mission to the World Report

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30 1. Report on Russia Mission Trip- I went on a mission trip to Russia with Dal Stanton, missionary to
31 Ukraine, from April 22- May 2. There were three purposes of my trip. First, I taught at the seminary in Moscow on
32 the History of Christian Doctrine from April 23-25. Second, Dal and I met with the Korean missionary leaders of the
33 Presbyterian Church in Russia (PCR) for the official signing of the partnership documents between the PCR and the
34 PCA on April 25. Those documents have now been officially signed which allows the PCA to begin mission work to
35 Russia. Third, Dal and I visited Nizhny Novgorod, the third largest city in Russia, where I preached on April 27 at a
36 Pentecostal congregation. On Monday, we met with officials of the Agape House, a Christian television, publishing
37 and recording company which is affiliated with Intervarsity Fellowship. On Tuesday, we met with several ministers
38 of the local churches to let them know of the interest of the PCA in possibly starting a mission work in their city.
39 Nizhny Novgorod is a city of nearly 3 million people with only about 15 Protestant churches. That afternoon we also
40 met with the campus worker for Campus Crusade who expressed a genuine interest in any mission the PCA would
41 start in Nizhny Novgorod. Before we left Nizhny Novgorod, there were three families who expressed a desire to be a
42 part of the type of church which the PCA would start in Russia.
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44 2. The Mission to the World will hold its second annual mission conference in Atlanta, GA from November
45 7- 9, 2003. This conference is open to all church members and will be a great encouragement to those who attend.
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1 3. Please pray for Dr. Paul Kooistra, coordinator for MTW, whose wife, Jan, has been diagnosed with
2 cancer.

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5 Respectfully Submitted,

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7 Dewey Roberts

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