

**NINETY-THIRD STATED MEETING  
 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2003  
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA**

**03-57 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER**

The 93<sup>rd</sup> stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by the moderator, TE Bruce O'Neil at 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, October 14, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida. Moderator B. O'Neil opened the meeting with prayer.

**03-58 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Presbytery was led in worship by Moderator O'Neal and worship leaders from Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church. TE Rob Looper delivered a sermon from God's Word appropriate to the occasion.

**03-59 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>	<b>RULING ELDERS</b>
Chattahoochee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Rainwater	
Christ, Lynn Haven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Johnston	
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	Ron Hawks
Covenant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Hayes	Jim Middleton

	<input type="checkbox"/> R. Hopper	Virgil Tinklenberg
Covenant Reformed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Gilleran	Henry Russell
		Amzi Sherling
Eastern Shore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. O'Neil	Benny Youngblood
		Bill Luka
Fairfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Cloud	Bob Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	Ken Sanders
First, Atmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Channell	
First, Niceville	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Swain	Ron Kohlin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City	<input type="checkbox"/> W. Cathey	Glenn Buff
		John Colmery
Grace, Gulf Shores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Adams	Roger Gibson
Loxley	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Gwin, Jr.	
McIlwain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Looper	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Grider	
New Philadelphia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Newell	
Panama City Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> VACANT	
Pinewoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Anderegg	Clarence Ladner

Safe Harbor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> T. Hughes	Fred Rall
Warrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hornick	James Hansen
Westminster, Fort Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Tyson	Earl Smith
Westminster, Tallahassee	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Pearson	Roger Molina
Wildwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Evans	Eric Haug
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Crowe	

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**OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS**

(An  indicates a commissioner present)

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Box		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Cathey
<input type="checkbox"/> S. Bradford		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Griffith
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> C. Sledge		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Phillips
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Paulson		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S. Seidler

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1           EXCUSED: TEs J. Bancroft, S. Bradford, J. Bryars, J. Cavanah, J. Craft, S.  
2           DeVries, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, A. Maves, G.  
3           Omerly, J. Riggs, T. Spilman, M. Swain, RE commissioners from McIlwain and  
4           Loxley.

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6           VISITORS: Justin Gischel, Richard Post, Ed Hague, and Jerry Robbins.

7           **03-60 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

8           Minutes from the 92<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting and the September 9, 2003 called meeting  
9           were approved as printed.

10          **03-61 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 11          1. Letter from First Presbyterian Church, Panama City and the Rev. Walter  
12          Cathey, Jr. requesting dissolution of pastoral relationship, referred to  
13          Ministers and Candidates.  
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15          2. Letter from Mr. Sidney Phillips requesting renewal of licensure, referred to  
16          Ministers and Candidates.  
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18          3. Letter from the Session, Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church and TE Dieter  
19          Paulson, requesting dissolution of pastoral relationship, referred to Ministers  
20          and Candidates.  
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22          4. Letter from the Session, Covenant Presbyterian Church and TE Keith  
23          Fagerheim, requesting dissolution of pastoral relationship, referred to  
24          Ministers and Candidates.  
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26          5. Ministerial Call to TE Jerry Robbins from the Session, Warrington  
27          Presbyterian Church, referred to Examinations Committee.  
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29          6. Ministerial Call to TE Ed Hague from the Session, Wildwood Presbyterian  
30          Church, referred to Ministers and Candidates.  
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32          7. Minutes from the Commission to organize Covenant Reformed Presbyterian  
33          Church, found in order and print in the minutes. (Appendix A)  
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35          8. Minutes from the Commission to install TE A. Earl Adams, found in order and  
36          print in the minutes. (Appendix B)  
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38          9. Minutes from the Commission to install TE Stephen Cloud, found in order and  
39          print in the minutes. (Appendix C)  
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41          10. Minutes from the Commission to install TE Scott Seidler, found in order and  
42          print in the minutes (Appendix D)  
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1 11. Minutes from the Congregation, Faith Presbyterian Church requesting that  
2 presbytery to appoint a commission to govern the church, referred to  
3 Ministers and Candidates.  
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5 12. Requests for excused absences from TEs J. Bancroft, S. Bradford, J. Bryars,  
6 J. Cavanah, J. Craft, S. DeVries, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C.  
7 Gwin, M. Kirk, A. Maves, G. Omerly, J. Riggs, T. Spilman, M. Swain and REs  
8 Commissioners from Loxley and Mcllwain.  
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### 10 **03-62 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

11 The docket was adopted as amended. (Appendix E)

### 12 **03-63 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

13 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 03-59)

### 14 **03-64 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

#### 17 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 18 • TE Dieter Paulson, Chairman
- 19 • TE Dennis Edie
- 20 • RE B. Youngblood
- 21 • RE H. Russell

#### 22 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 23 • TE R. Dekker, Chairman
  - 24 • TE R. Looper
  - 25 • RE T. Bosworth
  - 26 • RE R. Kohlin
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### 28 **03-65 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE D. ANDEREGG, CHAIRMAN**

29 After leading in prayer, TE D. Anderegg presented the report to  
30 Presbytery outlining the status of church planting goals in Gulf  
31 Coast Presbytery. Oral reports were given by:

- 32 • Darwin Box
- 33 • Scott Seidler
- 34 • Chuck Ryor
- 35 • John Mathieu

- Ron Haynes, MNA Disaster Response Director.

The following recommendations were adopted:

A. That the MNA Budget for 2004 be approved: (Administrative Committee)

1. Church Planting \$30,500

2. Committee Expenses \$ 750

B. That TE Darwin Box (called to plant NorthPoint Community Church in the Tallahassee area at our September 9, 2003 called meeting),

1. Receive the following terms regarding this call: \$52,000 in salary and housing allowance in addition to medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefits, and 4 weeks of vacation per year to be provided by the Northpoint Tallahassee mission work, under the oversight of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

2. Be installed on December 7, 2003, 5:00 pm at the chapel of The Church of the Advent (Episcopal; 815 Piedmont Dr., Tallahassee, FL), with the following members of GCP to comprise the installation commission: TE Chuck Ryor, TE Dudley Crowe, TE George Omerly, RE Greg Costas, RE Charles Underwood.

C. That a commission be appointed to provide sessional oversight of King's Bay, consisting of the following members: RE Richard Post, RE Warren Kline, RE Virgil Tinklenburg, and TEs Scott Seidler, Bill Tyson (pending approval of Westminster Presbyterian's Session)

D. That MNA purchase a set of seminar tapes from the summer MNA church planting conference for the benefit of TE Scott Seidler, and other members of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

The report was approved as a whole. (Appendix F). TE D. Anderegg closed with prayer.

### **03-66 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE B. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

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

A. That Presbytery's Response to Review of Records be as follows:

1. March 19, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the TE in question was completed at the 93rd Stated Meeting of GCP.
2. May 14, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the Teaching Elder had been delayed due to schedule conflicts. It was completed at a called meeting of GCP, September 9, 2003.
3. May 14, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The minutes in question were approved at the 93rd meeting of GCP.
4. October 8, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the candidate in the Bible content and History of

1 the PCA was included in his trials for ordination. Presbytery  
2 acknowledges its omission from the minutes.

3 5. October 8, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The  
4 examination of the candidate in the sacraments was conducted  
5 during his trials for ordination. Presbytery acknowledges the  
6 omission from its minutes.

7 6. March 27, 2001/May 8 2001 – Presbytery acknowledges the  
8 omission from its action. At the 93rd Stated Meeting of GCP the  
9 candidates and Teaching Elders in question were granted  
10 permission to express and practice their view on WCF 24-3.

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12 B. The Nominations of Officers and Committee members be sustained.

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14 C. That the nominations to the Nominating Committee of the GA be  
15 sustained: Administrative Committee—TE R. Hornick, MTW—RE D.  
16 Barnes and RUF—TE R. Hayes  
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18 The report was approved as a whole. (Appendix G)

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

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

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

23 **PRESBYTERY RECONVENED**

24 The Moderator called presbytery to order following lunch and led in prayer.  
25 Presbytery reconvened at 12:50 PM (CST).

26 **03-67 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

29 1. That the following Sessional records be approved without exception to  
30 form and substance: Eastern Shore, Fairfield, Faith, First-Niceville,  
31 First, Atmore, First-Panama City, Grace, Grace Fellowship, Loxley and  
32 McIlwain Memorial.

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34 2. That the Commission Minutes of the Grace Community Church be  
35 approved.

36 3. That the budget for 2004 be approved. (Appendix H)

37 4. That the financial report be approved. (Appendix I)

38 That the report be approved as a whole.

1 N.B. All outstanding commissions of the Presbytery are to submit their  
2 minutes at each stated meeting of Presbytery.  
3 N.B. 2 All committees are to submit their minutes at least once a year for  
4 examination.

### 5 **03-68 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL**

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

- 8 1. **Jerry Robbins.** TE W. Channell introduced TE Robbins to the presbytery.  
9 Mr. Robbins, Assistant Pastor-elect of the Warrington Presbyterian  
10 Church is a member-in-good-standing of Evangel Presbytery.

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

- 13 • RE W. Channell examined Mr. Robbins in the area of Christian  
14 experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. The floor  
15 was opened for questions. There were no questions from the floor.  
16 This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 17 • TE W. Channell then examined Mr. Robbins on his views in the  
18 area of theology. The floor was opened for questions. There were  
19 no questions from the floor. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 20 • TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Robbins on his views in the area of  
21 sacraments. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the  
22 examination was arrested.
- 23 • TE J.R. Foster also examined Mr. Robbins on his views in the area  
24 of polity. There were no questions from the floor. This portion of the  
25 exam was arrested.
- 26 • The exam as a whole was arrested.
- 27 • No exceptions were noted and the exam was sustained as a whole.

28 Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Robbins into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon  
29 his dismissal from Evangel Presbytery and upon signing the book of  
30 Ministerial Obligation.

31 The call was then read by the commissioner of Warrington Presbyterian  
32 Church was found in order by the Presbytery and acceptable to Mr.  
33 Robbins. The call was placed in his hands. (APPENDIX J).

34 The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Robbins was moved  
35 and carried.

- The Installation Service for TE Jerry Robbins will at the Warrington Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 16, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The following commission was appointed TEs R. Hornick and R. Dekker and REs, B. Alaback, J. Hansen, J. Irby and P. White, Jr. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

2. **Ed Hague.** TE W. Channell then introduced TE Hague to the presbytery. Mr. Hague, Assistant Pastor-elect of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church is a member-in-good-standing of North Georgia Presbytery.

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

- RE W. Channell examined Mr. Hague in the area of Christian experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE W. Channell then examined Mr. Hague on his views in the area of theology. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Hague on his views in the area of sacraments. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the examination was arrested.
- TE J.R. Foster also examined Mr. Hague on his views in the area of polity. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- The exam as a whole was arrested.
- No exceptions were noted and the exam was sustained as a whole.

Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Hague into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon his dismissal from North Georgia Presbytery and upon signing the book of Ministerial Obligation.

The call was then read by the commissioner of Wildwood Presbyterian Church was found in order by the Presbytery and acceptable to Mr. Hague. The call was placed in his hands. (APPENDIX K).

The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Hague was moved and carried. The Moderator welcomed TE Hague into Gulf Coast Presbytery with the right hand of fellowship.

- The Installation Service for TE Earl Hague will be at the Wildwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 9, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. Members of the Commission will be: Teaching Elders Bob Evans Crowe, and Darwin Box. The Ruling Elders will be Greg Costas,

1 Eric Haug, and Bob Burton. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

- 2 3. **Henry Bishop.** TE W. Channell then introduced TE Henry Bishop to the  
3 presbytery. Mr. Bishop is coming to Gulf Coast Presbytery for licensure to  
4 preach within bounds of presbytery. TE Bishop has his credentials in  
5 Southeast Alabama Presbytery.

6 Following the committee's recommendation presbytery voted to proceed  
7 with the examination of Mr. Bishop for licensure in Gulf Coast Presbytery.

- 8 • RE W. Channell examined Mr. Bishop in the area of Christian  
9 experience. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the  
10 exam was arrested.
- 11 • TE W. Channell then examined Mr. Bishop on his views in the area  
12 of theology. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the  
13 exam was arrested.
- 14 • TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Bishop on his views in the area of  
15 sacraments. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the  
16 examination was arrested.
- 17 • TE J.R. Foster also examined Mr. Bishop on his views in the area  
18 of polity. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the  
19 exam was arrested.
- 20 • The exam as a whole was arrested.
- 21 • No exceptions were noted and the exam was sustained as a whole.

22 The moderator then read the questions of licensure to TE Bishop and  
23 declared his being licensed to preach within the bounds of Gulf Coast  
24 Presbytery.

25 **03-69 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. EVANS, CHAIRMAN**

26 TE Bob Evans called upon Justin Gischel, Youth Director at  
27 Concord PCA who told the presbytery about the RYF (Reformed  
28 Youth Fellowship) Winter Retreat, Janaury 16-19, 2004 at Ridge  
29 Haven, NC.

30 **03-70 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN**

31 TE R. Dekker presented the report to Presbytery (Appendix K). The following  
32 recommendations were approved:

- 33 1. That in light of the request received from the Faith Presbyterian  
34 Church of Robertsedale, AL, we disband the committee formed at  
35 the last called meeting of presbytery and establish them as an  
36 administrative commission (Quorum 2 TE's and 2 RE's) to act

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as their Session and to help develop vision for ministering to that community. The members of the commission are: TE's B. Hornick, R. Fennig and D. Anderegg. RE's P. Vaughn (McIlwain), B. Youngblood (Eastern Shore) and K. Sanders (Faith, Robertsdale).

- 2. That Presbytery invite TE I. H. Koh, Korean Coordinator, to assist our Examinations Committee to assist in the examination of the pastor-elect of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Panama City, in committee and on the floor at the next stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery.
- 3. That Mr. Cavanah be divested from the office of Teaching Elder without censure. The motion was approved and TE B. Tyson offered prayer for TE Cavanah.
- 4. That Mr. Sid Philips' license to preach the gospel in the Gulf Coast Presbytery be renewed. The motion carried.
- 5. That Steven Brooks be certified as having completing presbytery's requirements for internship. The motion carried.

TE Dekker led the presbytery in prayer for TE Dieter Paulson who is currently without call.

**03-71 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE G. ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN**

TE G. Roberts presented an oral and written report to Presbytery.

- 1. TE Dewey Roberts reported that retired missionary, TE George Omerly, was teaching for two weeks at the Moscow Presbyterian Seminary. Roberts will be making a trip to Moscow in November to teach at the seminary on the doctrine of eschatology.
- 2. TE Chuck Phillips reported on his candidacy with MTW as a missionary to Great Britain and TE Doug Miller reported on his candidacy to work with MTW among the French speaking people in the Caribbean. TE Bruce Sinclair also gave an update on his fund raising to go to Uganda to help plant Ugandan churches and training indigenous pastors. He told of his recent vision trip to Uganda this summer.
- 3. Every congregation is encouraged to continue to expand their mission outreach.

The report was approved a whole and TE Roberts closed the report with prayer.

1 **03-72 OLD BUSINESS**

2 1. Amendment to Standing Rules

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4 Add new paragraph ¶ 410 COMMITTEE ON REFORMED UNIVERSITY  
5 MINISTRIES  
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- 7 1. Presbytery shall accomplish the task of taking the gospel to the
- 8 college campuses within its bounds by working in concert with the
- 9 other presbyteries of Florida through the Florida Joint Committee on
- 10 Campus Ministry. (The Florida Joint Committee oversees campus
- 11 ministry staffing, encouragement, support, financing, and promotion
- 12 among the churches within the presbyteries in Florida)
- 13 2. Due to the statewide ministry of this committee, membership shall
- 14 be as follows rather than in accordance with ¶ 401
- 15 a. Presbytery shall maintain four members on the Florida Joint
- 16 Committee
- 17 b. membership is open to teaching and ruling elders
- 18 c. members serve a four year term, with no limit on the number of
- 19 consecutive terms an individual may serve
- 20 d. nominations for service on the committee shall by the Executive
- 21 Committee in accordance with ¶ 403 - 2. c.
- 22 3. Presbytery shall receive a report on the progress of campus ministry
- 23 within its bounds and the State of Florida at each stated meeting.

24 2. Report from Ad-Interim Committee on WCF.

25 The Committee was dismissed with thanks.

26 **03-73 NEW BUSINESS**

27 1. BCO Amendments

28 The vote on BCO Amendment 58-5 was:

- 29 • 39 For, 5 Against, 3 Abstain

30 2. A motion was made and carried to replace John Mathieu (transferring  
31 to another Presbytery) with Chuck Phillips to serve on the Grace  
32 Community Church of Mobile, AL.

33 3. Time & Place of the 94<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2004

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

37 **03-74 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

38 The following resolution was adopted:

1           **Whereas**, the First Presbyterian Church of Panama City and its women's  
2           ministry has provided a sumptuous and nourishing meal for the members  
3           of Gulf Coast Presbytery,

4           **And Whereas**, the First Presbyterian Church has made available her  
5           wonderful facilities for the fellowship and business of the presbytery,

6           **And Whereas**, they have demonstrated a most warm and gracious spirit  
7           of hospitality and attention to detail in hosting this meeting of presbytery,  
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9           **Therefore, be it resolved**, that, the Gulf Coast Presbytery wishes to  
10          extend a gracious thanks to the First Presbyterian Church for their  
11          provisions, labors, and hospitality. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

12   **03-75 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

13          Presbytery adjourned at 3:55 PM (CST) with the benediction by Moderator B.  
14          O'Neil.

15          Respectfully submitted,

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17          TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

2 **REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE MISSION CHURCH,**  
3 **And ORDAIN/INSTALL PASTOR**

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5 **I. Examination of Ruling Elder Candidates**

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7 The commission met on June 8, 2002 at 6:30 pm at Russell Insurance Building.  
8 Commission members present were: Teaching Elders: David Gilleran, Rick Fennig, Ruling  
9 Elders: Ken Ferguson, Pete Scarborough. Others Present: Henry Russell, Amzi Sherling,  
10 Bill Vernon

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12 The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Fennig. Pete Scarborough was  
13 elected Secretary of the Commission and Mr. Fennig was elected chairman.

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15 The following Ruling Elder Candidates were examined: Henry Russell, Amzi Sherling and  
16 Bill Vernon. Each nominee was questioned individually and in turn in the areas of Christian  
17 Experience, Knowledge of the System of Doctrine, Government and Discipline contained in  
18 the standards, the duties of the office, and willingness to give assent to the questions  
19 required for ordination in *BCO* 24-1. After completion of examination, it was moved, second  
20 and passed to declare the following men eligible for election to the office of Ruling Elder  
21 according to *BOC* 24-5: Henry Russell, Amzi Sherling, Bill Vernon.

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23 The Commission closed the meeting with prayer by RE Ferguson.

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25 **II. Organization of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Mission Church and Installation**  
26 **and/or Ordaining of the Pastor.**

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28 The commission reconvened on June 28, 2002 at 2:00 pm at Point Clear Baptist Church.  
29 A quorum was present with the following in attendance: Teaching Elders: D.Gilleran, R.  
30 Fennig, (Chairman), Ruling Elders: K. Ferguson, and P. Scarborough. Others present: TE  
31 Joe Grider

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33 The following had been nominated for the election to the office of Ruling Elder and have  
34 been examined and approved for election by the commission: Henry Russell, Amzi Sherling,  
35 and Bill Vernon.

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37 The Commission recessed with prayer by Mr. Gilleran for the service of organization,  
38 election and installation of the Pastor.

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40 The Commission and congregation gathered for the service of Organization and Installation  
41 of the Pastor.

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43 A sermon was preached by TE J. Grider from John 17:20-23, "Evidence the Demands a  
44 Verdict".

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46 Mr. Fennig asked the members of the mission congregation the question for entering into  
47 church covenant contained in *BCO* 5-8 (3) which was answered affirmatively by the

1 congregation with uplifted hands. Mr. Fennig then declared that Covenant Reformed  
2 Mission Church was constituted as a church in the PCA (*BCO* 5-8 (4)).  
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4 Election of Elders per *BCO* 24 then took place. The congregation determined the number of  
5 Ruling Elders needed to be three. The following were declared elected: Henry Russell,  
6 Amzi Sherling and Bill Vernon.  
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8 The Sermon having been heard during the Worship Service, the presiding minister, Mr.  
9 Fennig, stated the warrant and nature of the office of Ruling Elder together with the proper  
10 character to be sustained and the duties to be fulfilled per *BCO* 24-5. The 6 questions in  
11 *BCO* 24-5 were addressed to the Ruling Elder candidates and each responded affirmatively  
12 to the questions. The question to the congregation in *BCO* 24-5 was made and they  
13 answered in the affirmative by holding up their right hands.  
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15 A Dedicatory Prayer was offered for Messrs. Russell, Sherling and Vernon who had  
16 previously been ordained as Ruling Elders. The new officers were then given the right  
17 hand of fellowship. The Minister then declared that Henry Russell, Amzi Sherling and Bill  
18 Vernon had been regularly elected and installed as Ruling Elders of the church using the  
19 words of *BCO* 24-5. The Minister then addressed a charge to the Ruling Elders and to the  
20 church.  
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22 The Chairman, Mr. Fennig, called for the Pulpit Committee Report of the Covenant  
23 Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Call to TE David Gilleran was read. The members  
24 of the congregation were asked if they were ready to vote (*BCO* 20-4) and upon affirmative  
25 answer, the congregation elected Mr. Gilleran as their Pastor per *BCO* 5-11.  
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27 The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the  
28 nature and importance of the installation service. The Chairman propounded the  
29 constitutional questions *BCO* 21-9 for a Minister, and *BCO* 21-6 or 21-10) to the  
30 congregation of the Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church and these were answered in the  
31 affirmative by members holding up their right hands. He then rose and the Members of the  
32 Commission gave him the aright hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that TE  
33 David Gilleran had been regularly elected and installed as Pastor of the Church, using the  
34 words of *BCO* 21-7.  
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36 A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by TE R. Fennig.  
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38 A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by RE P Scarborough.  
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40 Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.  
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42 The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by TE  
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46 /s/ Pete Scarborough, Secretary of the Commission  
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**APPENDIX B**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY  
TO INSTALL *TE A. EARL ADAMS***

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install Rev. A Earl Adams as Senior Minister of the Grace Presbyterian Church, met at Madison, FL at 6:00 p.m., July 6, 2003. The following members were present: TE Dennis W. Shackelford; TE Edward "J.R." Foster, Jr; RE Murray Comer; RE Roger Gibson; RE J. D. "Buddy" Scruggs. Invited guests of Gulf Coast Presbytery were TE Gordon K. Reed; TE Michael F. Ross; RE Joe Rice Goodwin.

The meeting was called to order by TE Dennis Shackelford and prayer was given by TE Dennis Shackelford. TE Dennis Shackelford was elected Chairman and TE Edward "J.R." Foster, Jr as secretary. The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the worship service at 6:00 p.m. TE Dennis Shackelford presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to TE A. Earl Adams and the congregation. RE Roger Gibson read the Scripture and TE Michael F. Ross preached a sermon, using as his text 2 Timothy 4:1-8. TE Dennis Shackelford led in prayer as TE A. Earl Adams was installed as the shepherd over this particular congregation. Then TE Gordon K. Reed delivered a charge to TE A. Earl Adams and RE Joe Rice Goodwin delivered a charge to the Congregation. TE A. Earl Adams pronounced the benediction following the singing of a closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new minister.

The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed pastor would close this portion of the commissions' business.

Signed:

Edward J. "J.R." Foster, Jr.  
Secretary

1 **APPENDIX C**

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3 **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**  
4 **TO INSTALL DR. STEPHEN CLOUD**

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6 Pensacola, FL

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8 **May 25, 2003**

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12 The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install Rev. Dr. Stephen Cloud  
13 as pastor of the Fairfield Presbyterian Church, met at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, May 25, 2003.  
14 The following members were present: Rev. Rick Fennig, RE Ken Peoples, RE Bob  
15 Cooper, Rev. David Gilleran, RE James Thrasher and Rev. Robert Hornick.

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17 The meeting was called to order and prayer was given by Rev. Robert Hornick. Rev.  
18 Robert Hornick was elected chairman and RE Bob Cooper as secretary. The order of  
19 service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the  
20 worship service at 5:00 p.m.

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22 Rev. Robert Hornick propounded the Constitutional Questions to Dr. Stephen Cloud and  
23 the congregation. Rev. Rick Fennig read the Scripture and preached a sermon, using  
24 as his text John 1:19-28. Rev. Robert Hornick led in prayer as Rev. Dr. Stephen Cloud  
25 was installed as the shepherd over this particular congregation. Then Rev. David  
26 Gilleran delivered a charge to Rev. Dr. Stephen Cloud and Rev. Robert Hornick  
27 delivered a charge to the Congregation. Rev. Dr. Stephen Cloud pronounced the  
28 benediction following the singing of a closing hymn, and the members of the church  
29 came forward to welcome their new minister.

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31 The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly  
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**APPENDIX D**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY  
TO INSTALL TE Scott Seidler as Pastor  
King's Bay Presbyterian Mission Church  
Panama City, FL, June 22, 2003**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install TE Scott Seidler as pastor of the King's Bay Presbyterian Mission Church, met in the conference area of the Panama City Beach Garden Club at 1:50 p.m., Sunday, June 22, 2003.

The following members were present: Teaching Elders Robert Hayes, Robert Hopper, and Michael Swain, and Ruling Elders Arden Jensen, Virgil Tinklenberg, and Rod Webb.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hayes and prayer was given by Mr. Webb. Mr. Swain was elected chairman and Mr. Hayes secretary.

The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the worship service at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Jensen led the worship and Mr. Swain propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Seidler and the congregation. Mr. Tinklenberg read the Scripture from Matthew 16 and Mr. Hayes preached a sermon on this text entitled "The Church."

Mr. Jensen offered the prayer of installation. Mr. Hopper delivered a charge to and prayed for Mr. Seidler and Mr. Webb delivered a charge to and prayed for the congregation.

Mr. Seidler pronounced the benediction following the singing of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. The members of the church came forward to welcome their new pastor.

The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly installed pastor would close this portion of the commissions' business.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robert S. Hayes

Robert S. Hayes, Secretary

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**APPENDIX E**

**PROPOSED DOCKET**  
**GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 93rd STATED MEETING**  
**October 14, 2003 – 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 EDT**

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Worship Service – TE Rob Looper
3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
4. Approval of Printed Minutes
5. Communications
6. Adoption of Docket
7. Introduction of Visitors
- SPECIAL ORDER – PCA Strategic Priorities - Leadership
8. Appointment of Standing Committees
9. Permanent Committee Reports
  - a. Mission to North America – TE D. Anderegg, Chairman
  - b. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
  - c. Administration – TE D. Gilleran
  - d. Examinations – TE W. Channell, Chairman
  - e. Christian Education – TE R. Evans, Chairman
  - f. Ministers and Candidates – TE R. Dekker
  - g. Mission to the World – TE G. Roberts
10. Report from the Florida Joint Committee on RUM
- SPECIAL ORDER – 11:40 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
- SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH
11. Old Business
  - Amendment to Standing Rules
  - Report from Ad-Interim Committee on WCF
12. New Business
  - a. BCO Amendments
  - b. Time & Place of 94th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2004
13. Reports of Standing Committees
14. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

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APPENDIX F

**Mission to North America  
Committee Report  
Stated Meeting of Presbytery  
October 14, 2003**

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**I. Activities of the Committee**

A. Met at noon, over lunch, at Presbytery, 10/14/03, in Panama City, FL. TE Scott Seidler, TE Chuck Ryor, TE Darwin Box, TE George Shamblin, RE Virgil Tinklenburg, TE Bill Tyson, TE Dave Anderegg were in attendance.

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**1. TE Darwin Box** spoke about his work at NorthPoint in Tallahassee.

[northpointpca.com] NorthPoint continues to move forward meeting on Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm at the chapel facility of the Church of the Advent -- Episcopal Church. Darwin requested prayer for new meeting facilities beginning in January 2004.

a. This ministry has been in the first phase of gathering believers and interested families to this work (core group development), and determining who might be interested in participating in this ministry core; many attendees are still involved with and active in other congregations on Sunday mornings.

B. While continuing this first phase, Darwin plans to begin the second phase of ministry -- reaching out to the unchurched. He is beginning to develop printed materials, and is seeking out opportunities in public places to meet people and share his faith; and hopes to lead and develop others in evangelism.

c. Darwin plans to meet soon with all those attending to discuss financial and growth issues, and to challenge them to become involved prayerfully, and financially by pledging to the work for the upcoming year. In addition, he continues to develop a prayer and financial support ministry team which is comprised of supporters both inside and outside Northpoint.

d. Currently, there is a men's discipleship group meeting weekly, and a Thursday evening bible study on Ephesians. Darwin hopes to begin more home bible studies in the near future.

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**2. TE Scott Seidler** reported on the progress of King's Bay in Panama City Beach.

a. Scott requested that a provisional session be provided by Presbytery for King's Bay to assist in governing responsibilities including the facilitation of new members. It was understood that Covenant Presbyterian in Panama City, currently functioning as a commission overseeing Kings Bay, agreed to this request. Scott also requested financial assistance from Presbytery to attend General Assembly in June 2004.

b. Scott reported that 2 key families had been relocated away from the area, but that they had gained one key couple, and were currently seeking someone with musical gifts to assist in leading worship.

c. Two families have expressed difficulties with PCA doctrinal positions (women's ordination, and predestination), and have informed Scott of their reluctance to join.

1 d. Two items of praise: Kings Bay has started mid-week bible studies, meeting in  
2 homes, with good participation; and God has recently given unity and vision in  
3 regard to some missional objectives.

4 **3. TE Chuck Ryor** spoke about his work at Centerpoint in Tallahassee.

5 [centerpointtallahassee.com]

6 a. Chuck reported that their current attendance is approx. 125-150 each week.  
7 But the facilities they are using are too small. Please pray for God to provide  
8 new facilities soon.

9 b. Centerpoint plans to publicly begin to worship ("launch") in January 2004  
10 (three weekends: 12, 19, 26). In the interim, Centerpoint hopes to receive her  
11 first members (50+).

12 c. Chuck has raised approximately 2.5 yrs of his own support or salary to date  
13 (approx. \$205,000). His goal is to raise 5 yrs. of his own salary (75k) expenses  
14 (5k) for a total goal of \$400,000.

15 d. Centerpoint's current minority representation is around 5-10%, with an eye for  
16 reaching the goal of 40%. Recently, Chuck interviewed an african-american RTS  
17 student/intern (Belhaven graduate) to assist him in reaching out to the african-  
18 american community. He would be required to raise half of his annual salary.

19 e. Pray for wisdom and resources; and for leaders to emerge and training to  
20 begin in 2004.

21 B. Though not present at the MNA lunch meeting, TE John Mathieu spoke on the floor  
22 about the work of TE Jim Bryars and the progress of Grace Community in Mobile. John  
23 related that God is continuing to bless this work in many ways, but there is a need to  
24 continue to pray for a meeting facility.

25 C.MNA Committee was pleased to welcome to GCP Ron Haynes, Director of MNA  
26 Disaster Response, and his wife and administrative assistant: Judy. They shared their  
27 vision to build a ever-growing network of PCA volunteers to respond to disasters by  
28 providing practical assistance -- showing God's love and mercy. And they requested  
29 that all GCP congregations prayerfully consider both physical and financial participation.

30 D. Regional church planter prayer request forms were handed out to each planter  
31 present, and planters were asked to faithfully mail prayer requests quarterly so that their  
32 needs could be published in the MNA Intercessor.

33 **II. Recommendations:**

34 A. That the MNA Budget for 2004 be approved: (Administrative Committee)

35 1.Church Planting \$30,500

36 2.Committee Expenses \$ 750

37 B. That TE Darwin Box: (called and granted the powers of  
38 an Evangelist to plant NorthPoint Community Church in the Tallahassee area at our  
39 September 9, 2003 called meeting),

40 1. Receive the following terms regarding this call: 52,000 in salary and housing  
41 allowance in addition to medical, dental, disability and life insurance benefits, and 4  
42 weeks of vacation per year to be provided by the Northpoint Tallahassee mission  
43 work, under the oversight of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

44 2. Be installed on December 7, 2003, 5:00 pm at the chapel of The Church of the  
45 Advent (Episcopal; 815 Piedmont Dr., Tallahassee, FL), with the following members

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of GCP to comprise the installation commission: TE Chuck Ryor, TE Dudley Crowe, TE George Omerly, RE Greg Costas, RE Charles Underwood.

C. That a commission be appointed to provide sessional oversight of Kings Bay, consisting of the following members: RE Richard Post, RE Warren Kline, RE Virgil Tinklenburg, and TEs Scott Seidler and TE Bill Tyson (pending the approval of Westminister Presbyterian's Session)

D. That MNA purchase a set of seminar tapes from the summer MNA church planting conference for the benefit of Scott Seidler, and other members of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

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**APPENDIX G**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT  
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 93<sup>rd</sup> STATED MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2003**

*I. MEETING*

The Executive Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, September 30, 2003 at 3:00 PM CDT.

*II. ISSUES DISCUSSED*

- a. Response to the GA Review of Records concerning exceptions taken to minutes of GCP.
- b. Committee Reports
- c. Proposed Docket
- d. Nominations
- e. Credit Card – The committee directed the chairman of the Administrative Committee and the Treasurer to secure a credit card so that charges of conference calls may be directly billed to presbytery.

*III. RECOMMENDATIONS*

- a. Response to Review of Records:
  - i. March 19, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the TE in question was completed at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of GCP.
  - ii. May 14, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the Teaching Elder had been delayed due to schedule conflicts. It was completed at a called meeting of GCP, September 9, 2003.
  - iii. May 14, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The minutes in question were approved at the 93<sup>rd</sup> meeting of GCP
  - iv. October 8, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the candidate in the Bible content and History of the PCA was included in his trials for ordination. Presbytery acknowledges its omission from the minutes and instructs its clerk to be more diligent in recording in the future.
  - v. October 8, 2002 – Presbytery agrees with the exception. The examination of the candidate in the sacraments was conducted during his trials for ordination. Presbytery acknowledges the omission from its minutes and instructs its clerk to be more diligent in the future.
  - vi. March 27, 2001/May 8 2001 – Presbytery acknowledges the omission from its action. At the 93<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of GCP the candidates and Teaching Elders in question were granted permission to express and practice their view on WCF 24-3.
- b. That the docket be approved as presented.
- c. The Nominations of Officers and Committee members be sustained. (Appendix B)
- D. That the nominations to the Nominating Committee of the GA be sustained. (Appendix C)



## APPENDIX H

### GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.

#### PROPOSED BUDGET

#### YEAR 2004

	<u>2003</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2004</u> <u>Budget</u>
General Fund		
Administrative Expenses		
Executive		
Postage	\$450	\$450
Printing	800	800
Supplies	100	100
Telephone	800	800
Travel	500	500
Miscellaneous	100	100
Recording Clerk	850	850
Stated Clerk	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total	<u>8,400</u>	<u>8,400</u>
Administration		
Postage, Printing & Travel	100	100
Telephone	30	30
Web Site	<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>
Total	<u>405</u>	<u>405</u>
Mission to the World Committee		
Committee expenses	200	200
Short-term Mission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Mission to North America Committee		
Committee expenses	<u>1,200</u>	<u>750</u>
Christian Education Committee		
Committee expenses	650	650
Conferences & Retreats	1,950	1,950
Speakers	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Total	<u>3,800</u>	<u>3,800</u>
Ministers & Candidates Committee		

Committee expenses	530	530
Examinations Committee Committee expenses	400	400
Reformed University Ministries J. R. Foster	6,300	6,300
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Total General Fund	<u>\$22,235</u>	<u>\$21,785</u>
Mission to North America Committee Church Planting Fund (Receipts)	<u>\$24,000</u>	<u>\$24,000</u>

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**APPENDIX I**  
**GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.**

**SUMMARY OF FUNDS**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

General Fund	\$28,798.19
Mission to North America Committee Loan Fund	125,967.93
Mission to North America Committee Church Planting Fund	33,328.25
Designated Funds	500.00
Diaconal Fund	1,547.85
Mission Caring Fund	<u>300.00</u>
	<u><u>\$190,442.22</u></u>

LOCATION OF FUNDS

Compass Bank, checking	\$32,027.03
Compass Bank, Money Market Account, 0.70%	98,415.19
Compass Bank, Certificate of Deposit, 0.80%, 6 months	30,000.00
Compass Bank, Certificate of Deposit, 1.65%, 13 months	<u>30,000.00</u>
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## APPENDIX J

### Call to Pastoral Ministry Of TE Jerry Robbins

The Warrington Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, TE Jerry Robbins, 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 of part-time Assistant Pastor in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. This position is non-salaried.

In testimony, whereof, we have respectively subscribed our names this sixth day of September, A.D. 2003.

James E. Hansen

Paul G. White, Jr.

Attest: I, having moderated the session meeting which extended a call to TE Jerry Robbins 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 foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the session.

Robert S. Hornick  
Moderator of the Meeting

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APPENDIX K

# Wildwood

Rev. Ed Hague  
1221 Castle Drive Watkinsville, Georgia  
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Dear Ed.

Please regard this letter as Wildwood Presbyterian Church's call to you to be our Assistant Pastor of Adult Discipleship. As you are aware, this call is contingent upon appropriate action by the Gulf Coast Presbytery.

The anticipated date of your being financially compensated by Wildwood Presbyterian Church will commence on September 1, 2003, with benefits to begin October 1, 2003.

The gross salary and housing compensation that will be provided for you and your family's support will be \$67,586.00 annually. Additionally, health insurance will be provided for both you and your family in accordance with the terms of the contract Wildwood Presbyterian Church has with Capital Health Plan, Tallahassee, Florida. Furthermore, you will be provided with disability income coverage, dental coverage and life insurance in accordance with the terms of the contract Wildwood Presbyterian Church has with Met Life. Lastly, Wildwood Church will deposit an amount equal to 6.0% of your gross salary and housing compensation into the Presbyterian Church in America's Tax-sheltered Annuity program.

In addition to the above your family will be provided with a \$5,000.00 housing deposit *plus relocation expenses up to \$5,000.00*. This call also provides you with leave benefits including 25 days of vacation leave, 20 days of sick leave and 9 holidays.

If clarification is needed on any of the above please give me a call.

In Christ and for His Glory,

Eric S. Haul, Executive Director

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## APPENDIX L

### Ministers and Candidates Committee Report

2003 October Stated Meeting

#### THE MEMBERS:

<u>MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES</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		

\*TE Cloud was in attendance at the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### THE MEETINGS:

This committee met on June 6<sup>th</sup> in Gulf Breeze.

This committee engaged in several e-mail interactions between meetings.

#### THE MATTERS:

1. The request for assistance from the Robertsdale Church
2. The status of TE Cavanah
3. The recipients of the GCP Covenant Seminary scholarship
4. The status of RE Sid Philips's Licensure
5. The request to Dissolve TE Cathey's Pastoral Relationship
6. The request to Dissolve TE Paulson's Pastoral Relationship
7. The request to Dissolve TE Fagerhiem's pastoral relationship
8. The need officially to Dissolve TE Box's Pastoral Relationship with Wildwood now that he has a call to plant another church
9. The status of the Commission over the Korean Presbytery Church in Panama City
10. The request for updated internship guidelines for new interns
11. The status of the PCA members who formerly worshipped at the New Song Church.
12. The complaints of a PCA Church member against his pastor
13. The request from Steven Brooks to approve his internship
14. The follow-up on former intern Scribner

#### THE ACTIONS:

1. The M&C Chairman, having received a letter from the Robertsdale Church in March of 2003 indicating a financial need, and having engaged in several phone conversations and e-mails with RE Sanders, the only current elder in the church, and having been encouraged by the Clerk of Presbytery to pursue this matter, called for an information-

1 gathering meeting on 9-04-03. The Meeting was attended by TE Bishop (Faith PCA's  
2 pulpit supply), RE Sanders (Faith PCA's only RE), TE Fennig (from the region), TE  
3 Hornick (from the region), TE Enderegg (a GCP-MNA representative) and TE Dekker.  
4 After much discussion, the group concluded that a presbytery commission would be the  
5 best way move forward in this matter. At the Called meeting of Presbytery in  
6 September, TE Dekker presented a personal motion, that the Presbytery establishes a  
7 commission, to be convened by TE Hornick, for this purpose. It was approved.  
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- 9 2. The Committee authorized TE Tyson and RE Kohlin to serve as a subcommittee to  
10 investigate TE Cavanah's current status. At the request of TE Cavanah before the last  
11 stated Presbytery meeting, the chairman had tabled this matter until appropriate and  
12 adequate information could be obtained. The committee via e-mail received the  
13 Subcommittee's report. The committee as a whole affirmed the following motion by e-  
14 mail ballot, requesting that GCP divest our brother without censure.  
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- 16 3. In accordance with the committee's request, the M&C Committee Chairman authorized  
17 the Seminary to equally distribute the annual GCP Scholarship of \$1275 to the following  
18 Candidates: Mr. Jay Kessler and Mr. Douglas Ramsey.  
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- 20 4. On June 8,2003, RE Sidney C. Phillips communicated his sincere desire to have his  
21 license to preach the Gospel within our Presbytery boundaries renewed for the next four  
22 years. He indicated that he was not aware that it had expired and politely asked to be  
23 forgiven for not keeping up with the expiration date. After the committee was informed  
24 of his activity in the past years utilizing this license to preach and after affirming that his  
25 theological views had not changed, the committee voted by e-mail to renew the license.  
26 Several committee members encouraged Sid to begin seminary classes to move toward  
27 fulfilling the regular ordination expectations. Sid has recently joined the PCA church in  
28 Mobile, where TE Bryars is pastor.  
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- 30 5. On June 5,2003, the Minister's and Candidates Committee met to address the request of  
31 TE Walter Cathey to dissolve the relationship between him and the First Presbyterian  
32 Church Panama City and to continue to carry him on the roll of Gulf Coast Presbytery as  
33 honorably retired and medically disabled. . Our committee was also made aware of the  
34 May 25<sup>th</sup> Congregational Minutes of the First Presbyterian Church of Panama City,  
35 where the vote was 72-9-2 to accept TE Cathey's resignation. After some discussion as  
36 to how our committee might continue to minister to both parties, the Committee, utilizing  
37 the powers of a commission as granted in the bylaws of the GCP Presbytery, voted to  
38 dissolve the relationship between TE Walter "Bud" Cathey and the 1st Presbyterian  
39 Church in Panama City and to continue to carry TE Cathey on our roll with the status of  
40 "honorably retired and medically disabled." TE Dekker indicated that he would  
41 communicate our proceedings to the Clerk of Presbytery.  
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- 44 6. The Committee received a request from Eastern Shore PCA on August 5<sup>th</sup> to dissolve  
45 the relationship with TE Paulson. On 8-18-03, TE Paulson communicated that he would  
46 not contest the matter. As per the request of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church and  
47 having received the consent of Rev. Dieter Paulson, the Minister's and Candidates  
48 Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery, taking the powers of a commission in accordance  
49 with our Standing Rules of Presbytery, voted affirmatively via E-MAIL to dissolve the  
50 Assistant Pastor relationship. Dieter will now be added to the list of Teaching Elders

1 without Call. TE Dekker indicated that he would communicate our proceedings to the  
2 Clerk of Presbytery.  
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5 7. The M&C Committee Chairman was made aware of TE Keith Fagerheim's resignation  
6 as Assistant Pastor at the COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH on September 9,  
7 2003 by phone and by e-mail. Keith's letter indicated that the effective date of the  
8 resignation was September 2, 2003. At the Called Presbytery meeting in Niceville, TE  
9 Hayes, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, produced the August 25<sup>th</sup> Session  
10 Minutes from that church which indicated the acceptance of Keith's resignation effective  
11 on August 31st. The M&C Committee learned of this matter via e-mail. On October 1,  
12 2003, the Minister's and Candidates Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery, taking the  
13 powers of a commission in accordance with our Standing Rules of Presbytery,  
14 voted affirmatively via E-MAIL to dissolve the Assistant Pastor relationship. TE  
15 Fagerheim will now be added to the list of Teaching Elders without Call.  
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18 8. The Clerk of Presbytery indicated to our committee that TE Box's departure from  
19 Wildwood had not yet been completely processed. (FYI: TE Box received a new call  
20 from GCP to be a church planter in the Tallahassee area at the called meeting of  
21 Presbytery in September.) The Chairman of M&C immediately communicated with the  
22 parties involved. The chairman received an explanation of the events and a personal  
23 request from TE Box requesting that our committee officially process the dissolution of  
24 his Senior Associate Pastoral relationship with Wildwood. The chairman received  
25 verbal confirmation that the Wildwood congregation had accepted this request. Their  
26 new clerk of session is to be forwarding the minutes of that meeting to the chairman of  
27 M&C. Wildwood has agreed to provide severance pay to TE Box through the month of  
28 October. The Minister's and Candidates Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery, taking  
29 the powers of a commission in accordance with our Standing Rules of Presbytery,  
30 voted affirmatively via E-MAIL to dissolve the Senior Associate Pastor relationship. TE  
31 Dekker will communicate this with the Clerk of Presbytery.  
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34 9. The status of the Commission over the Korean Presbytery Church in Panama City: the  
35 GCP Executive Committee requested on 9-30-03 that the M&C committee pursue a  
36 better understanding of the Panama City Korean Church's intentions to participate in this  
37 presbytery. The committee Chairman is to contact the commission, which is currently  
38 providing oversight, which is chaired by TE Hayes. The examination Committee is  
39 willing to secure the services of a translator to properly receive their new preacher into  
40 the presbytery, if it is their intention to actively participate. Their new pastor is not  
41 proficient in English; he has been on the field now for more than 6 months. This matter  
42 will be addressed at our next meeting.  
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45 10. The committee is processing an internal request to update the internship GCP guidelines  
46 for future interns. RE Bob Cooper has been asked to draft a more effective procedure  
47 that can be utilized by the committee for new interns. Most of the proposed changes  
48 are intended to promote progressive accountability which will help an intern improve  
49 during the internship rather than to simply complete a checklist. Interns that have  
50 already initiated their internships may choose to follow the existing list or to utilize the  
51 updated version upon its completion. TE Looer has also indicated a desire to conform

our internship standards to parallel those at Covenant Seminary. This matter will be addressed at the next meeting.

11. Some on the committee expressed interest to see if the former members of the New Song Church have been receiving the oversight as intended by Presbytery since the church closed. Since the Commission is scheduled to report at the Feb. 2004 meeting, no M&C action was taken.
12. Having received phone calls, letters and faxes from a dissatisfied church member, the committee after allowing time for this matter to possibly settle on its own, authorized a subcommittee convened by RE Kohlin to seek a better understanding of the matter. The subcommittee indicated that there were no chargeable offenses to warrant committee action and encouraged that we pray for the peace and purity of the church.
13. Steven Brooks is currently one of our candidates attending RTS in Orlando. He has served his internship under the mentoring of TE Ryor at Wildwood. Candidate Brooks has requested that GCP accept his 3 years of labors and ministry experience at Wildwood satisfy the internship requirement. The M&C committee considered this request from Steven Brooks and a strong letter of recommendation by TE Ryor, who indicated that Wildwood's situation did not adapt very well to our current internship checklist, sighting the fact that interns never are asked to fill the pulpit at a regular worship service, TE Ryor also indicated that Steven was an active seminary student during the 3 years at Wildwood, and praised him for integrating what he was learning though correspondence into their youth ministry. (FYI: Candidate Brooks in currently enrolled at RTS Orlando pursuing an MDiv). Although Steven's checklist was not as thoroughly completed as others, the M&C Committee voted by e-mail to approve the internship and requests the GCP sustains our recommendation.
14. Former Candidate Scribner update: Dr. Cloud has indicated that he believes progress is being made in this situation as presented in his e-mail letter to the M&C Committee. The committee is encouraged to continue praying for Jamin and his family.

FYI: Record of E-mail Voting as of 10-12-03

	Paulson	Philips	Brooks	Cavanah	Fagerheim	Box
R. Dekker	y	y	y	y	y	y
B. Tyson	y	y	U	y	y	y
B. Cooper	y	y	y	y	y	y
K. Robinson	y	y	y	y	y	y
J. Craft	?	y	y	?	y	?
R Looper	y	y	y	y	y	y
R Kohlin	y	y	y	y	y	y
J Hollingsworth	?	?	y	y	?	?
F Bierling	U	y	y	y	y	y
C Pearson	y	y	y	y	y	y
S. Cloud	--	--	--	--	--	y

**A Summary of Commission Actions since the last stated meeting of Presbytery:**

To dissolve the following Pastoral Relationships:

- 1 • Darwin Box
- 2 • Keith Fagerheim
- 3 • Dieter Paulson
- 4 • Walter Cathey

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7 **THE MOTIONS:**

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- 9 • That Mr. Cavanah be divested from the office of Teaching Elder without censure.
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- 11 • That Mr. Sid Philips' license to preach the gospel in the GCP presbytery be renewed.
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- 13 • That Steven Brooks' internship be accepted
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16 \*The committee requests that we pray for each of these brothers who are now without call.

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