

1 CALLED MEETING
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003
3 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
4 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA

5 03-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

6 At the request of the TE's Bruce Sinclair, Robert Dekker and George Shamblin and REs
 7 Steve Irons, Mick Breault and Rand Peacock, presbytery met on Tuesday, January 21,
 8 2003 at 10:00 AM, CST/11:00 AM EST at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville,
 9 Florida. The meeting was called to conduct the following business:

- 10 1. To act upon the request of the congregation of New Song Presbyterian
 11 Church to dissolve the church and to dissolve the pastoral relationship
 12 between the church and TE Bruce Sinclair, and;
- 13 2. To conduct any business the might arise from the above.

14 Following the adjournment of the called meeting, presbytery will discuss the future of
 15 the PCA as requested by the General Assembly and the Strategic Planning Committee.

16 Moderator B. O'Neil called the meeting of Presbytery to order, a quorum was declared
 17 present, and TE O'Neil opened with prayer at 10:02 AM.

18 03-02 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Rainwater	Spurgeon Cowen
Christ, Lynn Haven	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Johnson	
Christ, Mobile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Eide,	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Phillips	
Christ Community Church	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> G. Shamblin	Mick Breault
Concord	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Roberts	

Cornerstone, Tallahassee	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Watson	
Covenant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Hayes	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> K. Fagerheim	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hopper	
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"/>	Bob Cooper
Faith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S. Cloud	
First, Atmore	<input type="checkbox"/> W. Channell	
First, Niceville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Swain	Ron Kohlin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Shackelford	Vince Kane
First, Panama City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Cathey	
Grace, Gulf Shores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Loxley	<input type="checkbox"/>	
McIlwain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Looper	Ray Myers
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Grider	
New Philadelphia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Newell	

New Song	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Sinclair	Steve Irons
Panama City Korean	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pinewoods	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Anderegg	
Safe Harbor	<input type="checkbox"/> T. Hughes	Fred Rail
Warrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hornick	Jim Hansen
Westminster, Fort Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Tyson	Scotty Robertson
		John Hart
Westminster, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Pearson	
Wildwood	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Evans	
	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Box	
	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Ryor	

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

(An indicates a commissioner present)

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<input type="checkbox"/> S. Bradford	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Griffith
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Bryars	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Gwin
	<input type="checkbox"/> M. Kirk
<input type="checkbox"/> S. DeVries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Mathieu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F. Dole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Maves
<input type="checkbox"/> J.R. Foster	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Miller
<input type="checkbox"/> C. Gardener	<input type="checkbox"/> G. Ormerly
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Riggs	

<input type="checkbox"/> C. Sledge	
<input type="checkbox"/> T. Spillman	

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VISITORS

VISITORS: John McDonald.

03-03 COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from TE’s Bruce Sinclair, Robert Dekker and George Shamblin and REs Steve Irons, Mick Breault and Rand Peacock, requesting presbytery to meet on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 10:00 AM, CST/11:00 AM EST at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida.
2. Overture from the Congregation, New Song Presbyterian Church requesting that presbytery dissolve the church and the pastoral relationship.
3. Letter from TE Bruce Sinclair requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between himself and the New Song Presbyterian Church.
4. A call from the Christ Community Church of Pensacola to TE Bruce Sinclair as Assistant Pastor of Discipleship and Evangelism.
5. Requests for excused absence from:

03-04 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was adopted as amended.

03-05 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS

Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 03-02)

03-06 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN

TE R. Dekker opened with prayer and presented the report to Presbytery.

1. That the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Bruce Sinclair and the New Song Presbyterian Church be granted.
2. That the overture to dissolve the New Presbyterian Church be approved.
3. That GCP place individuals of the former New Song Presbyterian Church under the oversight of a commission of Presbytery acting as a session (BCO 15-2), until such time as either a new congregation can be formed or such persons are dismissed to membership in another church. We recommend that Gulf Coast Presbytery select the third alternative of BCO 15-2 and establish a commission comprised of the session of Christ

1 Community Church and TE Bruce Sinclair. (The members would be: TE
2 George Shamblin, TE Bruce Sinclair, RE Mick Breault, and RE Randy
3 Peacock.) And furthermore that RE Steve Irons be an non-voting advisory
4 member of the Commission. And furthermore that two members of the
5 Minister's and Candidates Committee from the Pensacola area, to be
6 determined by the Committee, be placed on the Commission. We further
7 recommend that the commission be empowered for one year and that it
8 submit its report to Gulf Coast Presbytery at the February 2004 meeting.

- 9 4. As business arising from the above, a call was presented from the Christ
10 Community Church of Pensacola to TE Bruce Sinclair as Assistant Pastor
11 of Discipleship and Evangelism. The call was then read by the
12 commissioner of Christ Community Church and was found in order by the
13 Presbytery and acceptable to TE Sinclair and the call was placed in his
14 hands. (See **APPENDIX A**).
- 15 5. That the above mentioned commission (motion #3), minus TE B. Sinclair,
16 become the installation commission for TE Sinclair as Assistant Pastor of
17 Christ Community Presbyterian Church. The date of the installation will be
18 determined by the commission.

19 **03-07 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

20 Presbytery adjourned at 10:57 AM (CST) with a season of prayer for TE Sinclair,
21 the former congregation of New Song PC, and the Christ Community Church.

22 Respectfully submitted,

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24 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

**From the Session of
Christ Community Church
to
Bruce Sinclair**

The Session of Christ Community Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Bruce Sinclair, 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 office of Assistant Pastor at Christ Community Presbyterian Church, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$24,000 a year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as, health insurance, 3 weeks vacation, during the time of your being and continuing as the Assistant Pastor of this church.

In Testimony whereof we have respectively subscribe our names this 19th day of January A.D. 2003.

Attest: I, having moderated the Session meeting which extended a call to Dieter Paulson 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.

George Shamblin

Moderator of Session

Randy Peacock

Clerk of Session

