

**1 CALLED MEETING**  
**2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2003**  
**3 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**4 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

**5 03-48 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER**

6 At the request of TEs D. Anderegg, W. Channell, R. Dekker and REs R.  
 7 Buchanan and J. Corman, Moderator B. O'Neil called presbytery to meet on  
 8 Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the First  
 9 Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, FL.

10 The meeting was called to conduct the following business:

- 11 1. To examine and license TE Richard Watson (Warrior Presbytery) to  
 12 preach the Gospel and conduct the Sacraments within Gulf Coast  
 13 Presbytery. Dr. Watson has been called by the First Presbyterian Church,  
 14 Panama City as her interim pastor;
- 15 2. To hear and act upon a report of the Ministers Candidates Committee  
 16 concerning the Faith Presbyterian Church, Robertsdale, AL;
- 17 3. To hear and act upon a request from MNA Committee to establish a  
 18 mission church in Tallahassee, FL and to call TE D. Box as church  
 19 planter;
- 20 4. To act upon any matters that may arise from the above.

21 Moderator B. O'Neil called the meeting of Presbytery to order, a quorum was  
 22 declared present, and TE O'Neil opened with prayer at 10:01 AM.

**23 03-49 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>	<b>RULING ELDERS</b>
Chattahoochee	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Rainwater	
Christ, Lynn Haven	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Johnson	
Christ, Mobile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Eide,	Dick Buchanan

Christ Community Church	<input type="checkbox"/> G. Shamblin	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Sinclair	
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 type="checkbox"/> R. Hopper	
Covenant Reformed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Gilleran	
Eastern Shore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. O'Neil	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Paulson	
Fairfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Cloud	
Faith		Ken Sanders
First, Atmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Channell	
First, Niceville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Swain	Ronald A. Kohlin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles E. Bryant
Grace, Gulf Shores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Adams	A.L. Hughes
		Jack Holligsworth
Loxley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Albert G. Keuler

Mcllwain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Looper	R. Myers
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Grider	Brent McMahan
New Philadelphia	<input type="checkbox"/> A. Newell	
Panama City Korean	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pinewoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Anderegg	Steve Milstid
Safe Harbor	<input type="checkbox"/> T. Hughes	Fred Rail
Warrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Tyson	Scotty Robertson
Westminster, Milton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Pearson	Roger Molina
Westminster, Tallahassee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Craft	
Wildwood	<input type="checkbox"/> B. Evans	
	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Crowe	

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### **OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS**

<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>		<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Box		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Maves
<input type="checkbox"/> S. Bradford		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Miller
<input type="checkbox"/> J. Bryars		<input type="checkbox"/> G. Ormerly
<input type="checkbox"/> S. DeVries		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Paulson
<input type="checkbox"/> F. Dole		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Phillips
<input type="checkbox"/> J.R. Foster		<input type="checkbox"/> J. Riggs

<input type="checkbox"/> C. Gardner		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C. Ryor
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**VISITORS**

Richard Watson, Wilson Shirley, Henry Bishop.

**03-50 COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Letter from TEs D. Anderegg, W. Channell, R. Dekker and REs R. Buchanan and J. Corman requesting the Moderator to call presbytery to meet on Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the First Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, FL. Presbytery declared that the meeting had been properly called and found the meeting to be in order.
2. Request for excused absences were granted for: TE J. Bancroft, J. Cavanah, S. DeVries, K Faggerheim, J. R. Foster, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, B. Johnson, M. Kirk, J. Mathieu, J. Riggs, T. Spilman, J. Watson and RE Commissioners from Warrington Presbyterian Church.

**03-51 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

The docket was adopted as presented. (See *Appendix A*).

**03-52 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

**03-53 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL, CHAIRMAN**

TE W. Channell presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed with the examination of TE Richard Watson to be licensed to preach at the First Presbyterian Church of Panama City as her interim pastor.

1. RE R. Myers examined Mr. Watson in the area of Christian experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. This portion of the exam was arrested.
2. TE M. Swain then examined Mr. Watson on his views in the area of theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.

- 1           3. TE M. Swain also examined Mr. Watson on his views in the area of polity.  
2           After questions from the floor, this portion of the exam was arrested.
- 3           4. TE W. Channell examined Dr. Watson in his views of the sacraments.  
4           After questions from the floor, this portion of the examination was  
5           arrested.
- 6           5. The exam as a whole was arrested.
- 7           6. The exam was sustained ad seriatim and then the exam as a whole was  
8           sustained.
- 9           7. The questions of licensure were then put the Mr. Watson by Moderator B.  
10          O'Neil. Prayer for TE Watson was then made by TE M. Swain.

11   **03-54 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN**

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

14          Mr. Dekker report that the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church  
15          had notified presbytery of its declining membership and recent  
16          resignation of one of its two ruling elders. The remaining ruling  
17          elder requested assistance from presbytery.

18          A motion was made and carried to appoint a committee of  
19          Presbytery to assist the Faith Presbyterian Church in Robertsdale,  
20          AL The committee will consist of 3 TE's, B. Hornick (convener), R.  
21          Fennig, and J. Mathieu and 3 RE's, Ken Sanders, an RE from  
22          Mcllwain, and an RE from Eastern Shore. The quorum of the  
23          committee was established at 3.

24   **03-55 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA – TE D. Anderegg, CHAIRMAN**

25          TE D. Anderegg called upon TE C. Ryor who opened with prayer.  
26          TE Anderegg then presented the report to Presbytery.

27          The following motions were made and carried:

- 28           1. That TE Darwin Box be called to plant NorthPoint  
29           Community Church in the Tallahassee area, and that he be  
30           granted the powers of an Evangelist to receive and dismiss  
31           members and to administer the Sacraments in accordance  
32           with BCO 5:3 and 8:6. And that the terms of this call from  
33           the GCP MNA Committee be inserted at the next stated  
34           meeting of Presbytery. The Committee will determine the  
35           date and time of the installation service.
- 36           2. That Gulf Coast Presbytery support TE Darwin Box,  
37           Evangelist and Church Planter for NorthPoint Community

1 Church in Tallahassee, according to the following plan:

- 2 a. \$1,500.00 monthly (for a period of 12 months) –  
3 Beginning August 1, 2003.
- 4 b. \$1,000.00 monthly (for a period of 12 months) –  
5 Beginning August 1, 2004.
- 6 c. \$ 500.00 monthly (for a period of 12 months) –  
7 Beginning August 1, 2005.

8 [For a total of \$36,000.00 over the three year period  
9 of support]

- 10 3. That Gulf Coast Presbytery send both TE Darwin Box, and  
11 TE Chuck Ryor to MNA's Church Planting Conference at  
12 Simpsonwood in Atlanta (July 21-24), and reimburse their  
13 expenses of \$250 each + reasonable lodging expenses at  
14 Fairfiled Inn. [Transportation for Darwin and Chuck to be  
15 provided at their own expense.]

16 See **Appendix B** for the MNA Report in its entirety.

17 **03-56 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

18 Presbytery adjourned at 12:13 PM (CST) with a season of prayer for TE Sinclair,  
19 the former congregation of New Song PC, and the Christ Community Church.

20 Respectfully submitted,

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22 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

2 **Docket**

3 Called Meeting  
4 Gulf Coast Presbytery  
5 September 9, 2003 -- 10:00 a.m.  
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8 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer  
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10 2. Determination of Quorum  
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12 3. Communications  
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14 a. Letter from TE's David Anderegg, W. Channell, R. Dekker and REs R.  
15 Buchanan and J. Corman requesting a called meeting of presbytery.  
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17 b. Requests for excused absence from TEs J. Bancroft, J. Cavanah, S.  
18 DeVries, K. Fagerheim, J.R. Foster, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, B.  
19 Johnston, M. Kirk, J. Mathieu, J. Riggs, T. Spilman, J. Watson and RE  
20 Commissioners from  
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22 4. Committee Reports  
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24 a. Examinations - TE Wesley Channell, Chairman  
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26 b. Ministers & Candidates - TE Robert Dekker, Chairman  
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28 c. MNA-TE David Anderegg, Chairman  
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30 5. Adjournment and Closing Prayer  
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1 **APPENDIX B**

2 **Gulf Coast Presbytery**  
3 **Mission to North America**  
4 **Committee Report**  
5 **Called Meeting of Presbytery**  
6 **September 9, 2003**  
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8 **I. Activities of the Committee**

9 **A. Historical Overview:**

- 10 1. The GCP MNA Committee met in DeFuniak Springs, FL on 1/22/02 and  
11 examined demographic information (statistical population growth and trends)  
12 regarding the geographical area in GCP to determine the location of the next  
13 GCP-initiated church plant.  
14 2. After study and discussion, the MNA Committee selected the Tallahassee, FL  
15 area.  
16 3. In the Spring of 2002, TE Bruce Sinclair, TE George Shamblin, and RE Chip  
17 Fellers (representatives from the MNA Committee) met with several Session  
18 members of Wildwood Presbyterian Church to church planting in Tallahassee.  
19 4. Wildwood became directly involved in this effort by planting and entering into  
20 a "mother / daughter" relationship with *CenterPoint Tallahassee*, pastored by  
21 TE Chuck Ryor. CenterPoint's vision is to minister to multi-ethnic,  
22 multi-cultural, center city families, singles and students.  
23 5. Because of the unique vision of CenterPoint, and the continuing demographic  
24 and spiritual opportunities in the Tallahassee area, the MNA Committee has  
25 continued to have an interest in church planting efforts in the Tallahassee  
26 area.

27 **B. Current Activities:**

- 28 1. In May 2003, TE Darwin Box, former head of this Committee, and Associate  
29 Pastor at Wildwood, contacted the MNA Committee with an interest in  
30 planting a church in Tallahassee.  
31 2. Darwin was encouraged to survey and explore the possibilities, and discuss  
32 the matter with other local churches -- including Wildwood. In response,  
33 Darwin spoke with several local pastors, the Wildwood Session, and began to  
34 meet with a number of families.  
35 3 TE David Anderegg also contacted RE Eric Haug (Wildwood), TE Jim Watson  
36 (Cornerstone), and TE Jim Craft (Westminster) regarding issues of proximity  
37 and how this plant might affect other ministries. After some discussion, no  
38 objections were forthcoming.  
39 4. On June 27, 2003, at 11:00 am CDT, the GCP MNA Committee (TE David  
40 Anderegg, TE George  
41 Shamblin, RE Dick Buchannan, RE Jim Corman, TE Chuck Ryor, and TE  
42 Darwin Box in  
43 attendance) met via telephone conference call to hear Darwin's vision for  
44 NorthPoint

1                    Community Church, and to discuss issuing him a call as an Evangelist.  
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3 **II. Recommendations:**

4        A. That TE Darwin Box be called to plant NorthPoint Community Church in the  
5        Tallahassee area, and that he be granted the powers of an **Evangelist** to receive  
6        an dismiss members and to administer the Sacraments in accordance with BCD  
7        5:3 and 8:6. And that the terms of this call from the GCP MNA Committee be  
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20       Fairfield Inn. [Transportation for Darwin and Chuck to be provided at their own  
21       expense.]  
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23 **III. Oral Reports**

24       A. TE Darwin Box regarding his vision for NorthPoint Community Church.