

**NINETY-FOURTH STATED MEETING
 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2004
 COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA**

04-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 94th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by moderator, RE Clarence Ladner at 9:03 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida. Moderator Ladner opened the meeting with prayer.

04-02 WORSHIP SERVICE

The Presbytery held its morning worship service with songs of praise and worship. TE Al Baker then delivered a message from God's Word appropriate to the occasion and host pastor, Bob Hayes, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

04-03 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

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Chattahoochee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Rainwater	Spurgeon Cowen
Christ, Lynn Haven	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Johnston	Joseph Ashbrook
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	
Cornerstone, Destin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee	<input type="checkbox"/> J. Watson	

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
Covenant Reformed	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Gilleran	Henry Russell
		Amzi Sherling
Eastern Shore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. O'Neil	Benny Youngblood
		Don Barnes
Fairfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Cloud	Bob Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL		Ken Sanders
First, Atmore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Channell	Jim Corman
First, Niceville	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M. Swain	Ron Kohlin
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Shackelford	Bob Burnet
First, Panama City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Watson	Charles Bryant
Grace, Gulf Shores	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Adams	Murray Comer
Loxley	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Gwin, Jr.	
McIlwain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Looper	George Fell
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Grider	Brent McMahan
New Philadelphia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Newell	
Pinewoods	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Anderegg	Clarence Ladner
		Tom Roberson

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Warrington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R. Hornick	James Hansen
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Robbins	
Westminster, Fort Walton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> W. Tyson	John Hart
Westminster, Tallahassee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton	<input type="checkbox"/> C. Pearson	
Wildwood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Evans	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Crowe	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Hague	

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OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS

(An indicates a commissioner present)

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

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1 EXCUSED: TEs J. Bancroft, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, G.
2 Omerly, C. Phillips, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, T. Spilman, J. Watson and RE
3 Commissioners from Cornerstone and Loxley, granted.
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5 VISITORS: Al Baker, Frank Drew, Wilson Shirley, Cliff Bradford, Joe Elliott,
6 Justin Gischel, Steve Milstid, Rod Hammer and Ray Myers.

7 **04-04 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

8 Minutes from the 93rd Stated Meeting were approved as submitted.

9 **04-05 COMMUNICATIONS**

10 A. Minutes from the Commission to install Dr. Jerry Robbins, found in order and
11 print in the minutes (Appendix A)
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13 B. Minutes of the commission to install TE Glen Edward Hague, found in order
14 and print in the minutes. (Appendix B)
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16 C. Minutes from the Faith, Robertsedale Commission, referred to the
17 Administrative Committee.
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19 D. Minutes from the Grace, Mobile Commission, referred to the Administrative
20 Committee.
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22 E. Letter from TE John Mathieu requesting transfer to SE Alabama Presbytery,
23 referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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25 F. Letter from the Stated Clerk, SE Alabama Presbytery, notifying presbytery of
26 TE J. Mathieu's reception, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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28 G. Letter from Stated Clerk, N. Georgia Presbytery notifying presbytery of TE G.
29 E. Hague's dismissal, received as information.
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31 H. Letter from J. Ashbrook, Clerk, Christ Presbyterian Church, Panama City
32 requesting dissolution of the church, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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34 I. Letter from TE B. Johnston requesting dissolution of pastoral relationship and
35 honorable retirement, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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37 J. Letter from TE D. Gilleran, notifying presbytery of his deployment to Iraq and
38 Covenant Reformed Church's request for dissolution of pastoral relationship,
39 referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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41 K. Letters from Messrs J. Steadman and B. Kelly requesting that they be
42 received as ministerial candidates, referred to Examination's Committee.
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1 L. Letter from the Grace, Mobile Commission, requesting that they be
2 empowered to proceed to organization as a particular church, referred to
3 MNA Committee.

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5 M. Letter from the Session, Fairfield Presbyterian Church, inviting presbytery to
6 conduct its 95th stated meeting, accepted.

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8 N. Requests for excused absence from TEs J. Bancroft, K. Fagerheim, R.
9 Gardner, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, G. Omerly, C. Phillips, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, T.
10 Spilman, J. Watson and RE Commissioners from Cornerstone and Loxley,
11 granted.

12 13 **04-06 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

14 The docket was adopted. (Appendix C)

15 **04-07 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

16 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 04-03)

17 **SPECIAL ORDER – PCA STRATEGIC PRIORITIES - LEADERSHIP**

18 TE R. Looper facilitated a discussion of the PCA's strategic priorities in the area
19 of leadership. Part of this discussion was recorded and will put as an audio file on
20 the presbytery's website with an accompanying moderated discussion board.
21 This will allow further development of these practical strategic discussions and
22 will be available for the edification of others in our Presbytery and beyond.

23 **0-08 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

26 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 27 • TE T. Hughes, Chairman
- 28 • TE B. Evans
- 29 • RE J. Ashbrook
- 30 • RE J. Hansen

31 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 32 • TE B. O'Neil, Chairman
- 33 • TE S. Cloud
- 34 • RE B. Cooper
- 35 • RE V. Tinklenberg

36 37 **04-09 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE B. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

38 TE B. Hornick presented the report to Presbytery. The following

1 recommendations were adopted:

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3 A. That the docket be approved as presented.

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5 B. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission, for the
6 purpose of electing commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners to
7 General Assembly.

8 The report was approved as a whole. (Appendix D)

9 **04-10 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – RE BENNY YOUNGBLOOD, CHAIRMAN**

10 RE Youngblood gave the following oral report to Presbytery.

11 1. The chairman called upon Eileen Crabtree, Gulf Coast
12 Presbytery PresWIC President who told the presbytery about
13 the work of PresWIC and the state of women's ministries.
14 (Appendix E)

15 2. Introduced Mr. Mike Owens, a representative of Great
16 Commission Publications, who gave a report about the work
17 of GCP.

18 3. Received a letter of thanks from RYM for the support for the
19 recent retreat.

20 **04-11 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN**

21 TE R. Dekker presented a partial report of the Ministers and Candidates
22 Committee: The following recommendations were approved:

23 1. Having received the proper documentation, the Committee recommends that
24 GCP dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Brian Johnston and the Christ
25 Presbyterian Church in Lynn Haven, FL.

26 2. Having received the proper documentation, the Committee recommends that
27 Christ Presbyterian Church be dissolved and that the M&C Committee, with
28 the assistance of PCA elders in the Lynn Haven area, be granted the powers
29 of a commission to properly shepherd the existing membership of the Christ
30 Church in Lynn Haven, Florida in accordance with BCO-13-10, and report
31 back within a year. RE Charles Bryant and TE Brian Johnston were added to
32 the commission and Joe Ashbrook was also added as an advisor.

33 3. The Committee recommends that TE Brian Johnston be honorably retired.

34 **04-12 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL**

35 TE M. Swain introduced the following proposed change to the Standing Rules of
36 Presbytery.

- 1 1. Replace 406.1 with the following sentence. "The Committee on
2 Examinations shall serve presbytery by presenting each candidate,
3 having previously been approved by the committee on ministers
4 and candidates, to the presbytery and conducting his examination
5 in experimental religion and motives for seeking the gospel
6 ministry."
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- 8 2. Add the following sentence to the beginning of paragraph 407.1b.
9 "Processing application for candidacy in accordance with the
10 procedure set forth in The Book of Church Order"
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12 The amendment was moved, seconded and passed. (It will be docketed for final
13 vote at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.
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15 **Richard Watson.** TE W. Channell presented Dr. Richard Watson, a licentiate in
16 Gulf Coast Presbytery and a member-in-good-standing of Evangel Presbytery.

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

- 19 • RE W. Channell examined Mr. Watson in the area of Christian
20 experience and his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. The floor
21 was opened for questions but there were no questions from the
22 floor. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 23 • TE W. Channell then examined Mr. Watson on his views in the
24 area of theology. The floor was opened for questions but there
25 were no questions from the floor. This portion of the exam was
26 arrested.
- 27 • TE J.R. Foster examined Mr. Watson on his views in the area of
28 sacraments. This portion of the examination was arrested.
- 29 • TE J.R. Foster also examined Mr. Watson on his views in the area
30 of polity. The floor was opened for questions. This portion of the
31 exam was arrested.
- 32 • The exam as a whole was arrested.
- 33 • Two exceptions were expressed and there was discussion on the
34 floor.
 - 35 1. The first stated exception dealt with his understanding of the
36 purpose of Shorter Catechism Q.1. TE Watson stated that the
37 correct answer to Shorter Catechism Question 1 should be
38 supplied by Matthew 22:37-40, i.e. to love the Lord your God
39 with all your heart..." After discussion the Presbytery voted to
40 acknowledge TE Watson's position as an exception.

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

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

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

5 **PRESBYTERY RECONVENED**

6 The Moderator called presbytery to order following lunch and RE T. Roberson
7 led in prayer. Presbytery reconvened at 1:20 PM (CST).

8 **04-13 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL (CONTINUED)**

9 The examination with TE R. Watson resumed.

- 10 • The presbytery then debated whether or not this exception should
11 be granted. After further discussion and clarification was obtained
12 on matters of semantics and terms, a motion was made to
13 reconsider the previous acknowledged exception and it passed.
14 The Presbytery then determined that Mr. Watson expressed view
15 was not an exception Shorter Catechism Q.1.
- 16 • The second stated exception dealt with a Larger Catechism
17 question, and after clarification and explaining of terms, Presbytery
18 determined that this was not an exception.
- 19 • The exam was sustained as a whole.

20 Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Watson into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon
21 his dismissal from Evangel Presbytery and upon signing the book of
22 Ministerial Obligation.

23 The call was then read by the commissioner of First Presbyterian Church
24 was found in order by the Presbytery and acceptable to Mr. Watson. The
25 call was placed in his hands. (APPENDIX F).

26 The appointment of the Commission to install Mr. Watson was moved and
27 carried.

28 The Installation Service for TE Richard Watson will at the First
29 Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 15, 2004 at 5:30 p.m.
30 Members of the Commission will be: Teaching Elders Michael Swain,
31 Roger Newell, Dewey Roberts. The Ruling Elders will be Richard Post,
32 Robert Croft, and Joe Manning. (Quorum - 2 TE/2 RE)

33 **04-14 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN (Continued)**

34 TE R. Dekker presented a partial report of the Ministers and Candidates
35 Committee: The following recommendations were approved:

- 1 4. The Committee recommends, after much prayer and discussion, that GCP
2 dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Gilleran and the Covenant
3 Reformed Presbyterian Church in Daphne, AL.
- 4 5. The Committee recommends that TE John Matthews' request for transfer
5 from the Gulf Coast Presbytery to the Southeast Alabama Presbytery be
6 approved.
- 7 6. The Committee recommends that the request for transfer of TE Hoon Sang
8 and the Panama City Korean Church to the SE Korean Presbytery be granted
9 pending their reception into that Presbytery and proper notification of GCP.
- 10 7. The Committee requests that a RE from the Ft. Walton/Panama City Region
11 be appointed to fill the class of O5 on the M&C Committee.
- 12 8. That Presbytery approve the request of Covenant Reformed Presbyterian
13 Church to secure TE D. Paulson to serve as stated supply with the terms to
14 be worked out with the council of the Ministers and Candidates Committee.

15 The report was approved as a whole.

16 **04-15 COMMISSION OVERSEEING FORMER NEW SONG MEMBERS – TE B.**
17 **SINCLAIR**

18 TE Sinclair reported that Approximately 50 members have not yet formally joined
19 another church (this number includes 3 families attending Christ Community
20 Church).

21 The following motion was made and carried:

22 That the commission be continued in order to conclude its business at the
23 October (2004) meeting of Presbytery.

24 **04-16 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE D. ANDEREGG, CHAIRMAN**

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

- 27 1. That GCP approve TE Darwin Box's request to finalize his work as an
28 evangelist to NorthPoint Community Church, and change his status to
29 "without call," and to continue MNA Church planting support for a period of up
30 to 6 months as he finalizes the work and seeks another call.
- 31 2. That GCP approve Grace Community's petition to organize as a particular
32 church; and further approve a 5:00 pm, April 25, 2004 service of organization
33 to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mobile, AL.
- 34 3. That GCP approve TE Scott Seidler's, and King's Bay Mission's request to
35 add TE Dennis Rainwater to the King's Bay Commission.
- 36 4. That GCP amend the MNA Committee budget for 2004 by increasing it \$750;
37 and that it approve retroactively, the MNA Committee's request to send TE

1 Scott Seidler to the GA's MNA Church Planter Basic Training course at RTS
2 Orlando, January 26-30, 2004, and reimburse his expenses up to \$750.

3 The report was received as information (Appendix G). TE Anderegg closed
4 with prayer.

5 **04-17 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE E. ADAMS**

6 TE E. Adams presented an oral and written report to Presbytery.

- 7 1. TE S. DeVries reported on his ministry to support church planting in the
8 Middle East. Prayer was offered for Scott and his family.
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- 10 2. TE B. Sinclair reported on his candidacy with MTW as a missionary to
11 Uganda to help plant Ugandan churches and training indigenous pastors. He
12 told of his recent vision trip to Uganda this summer. Prayer was offered for
13 Bruce and his family.
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- 15 3. TE D. Miller reported on his efforts to return to a foreign field ministry, or to go
16 to the Philadelphia area. He is circulating his ministerial data form to work
17 find a ministry in Philadelphia area. Prayer was offered for Doug and his wife
18 and God's guidance in their ministry search.
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- 20 4. Every congregation is encouraged to continue to expand their mission
21 outreach.
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23 The report was approved a whole and TE Roberts closed the report with prayer.
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25 **04-18 REFORMED UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES COMMITTEE REPORT – TE B.
26 HAYES**

27 TE B. Hayes called upon J. R. Foster and his work with RUF at Tallahassee.

28 **04-19 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE D. SHACKLEFORD**

29 TE D. Shackelford gave the report to Presbytery. The following recommendations
30 were adopted:
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- 32 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on
33 time to the 93rd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 14th, 2003, and
34 that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:
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- 36 • Pinewoods Cantonment, FL
- 37 • Safe Harbor Destin, FL
- 38 • Warrington Pensacola, FL
- 39 • Westminster Ft. Walton, FL
- 40 • Westminster Milton, FL
- 41 • Grace Community Church (Commission Meeting)

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2 NOTE: A suggested template for creating minutes for a Stated and Called Session
3 meetings is now posted on the Presbytery website at www.gulfcoastpres.org under
4 the *FORMS* section. These files are in Microsoft Word format and may be
5 downloaded for your use.
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7 2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional
8 minutes and records to the 93rd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October
9 14th, 2003 as scheduled:

- 10 • Westminster Tallahassee, FL
- 11 • Wildwood Tallahassee, FL
- 12 • New Philadelphia Quincy, FL

13 (Note: Spoke with RE: Ronnie Brunson and deferred until May 2004)
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16 3. That the minutes from the Grace, Mobile (Appendix J) and Faith, Robertsdale
17 (Appendix K) commissions be approved.
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19 4. REMINDER: Be sure to check website for the Sessional Minutes Review
20 Schedule for changes and updates to your Review date.
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22 5. Checks now require two signatures. The following men are now authorized
23 signers: Robert S. Hornick, William C. Luka, Dennis W. Shackelford, James B.
24 Youngblood, Jr., Bruce O'Neill.
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26 6. Requirement: Annual election of corporation officers for Gulf Coast Presbytery,
27 Inc. (To be held at the October stated meeting hereafter).
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29 President – Robert Hornick
30 Secretary – Joseph Grider
31 Treasurer – William Luka
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33 7. Report on Credit Card options / progress from Bill Luka
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- 35 • Motion was made and carried to authorize the current officers and the
36 administration Committee chairman, by unanimous consent, to setup new
37 or additional checking accounts and credit card accounts, as needed.
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39 8. Year End financial report from Bill Luka (Appendix H)
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41 9. That \$35,000 be added to the Church Planting Fund. The motion carried.
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43 10. That this report be approved as a whole. (Appendix I)
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45 **04-20 OLD BUSINESS**

- 1 1. Report from Ad-Interim Committee on WCF. The committee
2 recommended that no amendments to WCF be proposed. The
3 Committee was dismissed with thanks.

4 **04-21 NEW BUSINESS**

- 5 1. BCO Amendments

6 The Presbytery voted on the amendment: 39 for, 5 against, 3 abstain

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

- 10 3. Time & Place of the 95th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 11, 2004

11 The next stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery will be held at 9:00
12 AM (Central) / 10:00 AM (Eastern) at the Fairfield Presbyterian Church,
13 Pensacola, Florida.

14 **04-22 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

15 The following resolution were adopted:

16 ***Whereas**, the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Panama City has
17 provided a sumptuous and nourishing meal for the members of Gulf Coast
18 Presbytery,*

19 ***And Whereas**, the Covenant Presbyterian Church has made available her
20 wonderful facilities for the fellowship and business of Gulf the presbytery,*

21 ***And Whereas**, they have demonstrated a most warm and gracious spirit
22 of hospitality and attention to detail in hosting this meeting of presbytery,*

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24 ***Therefore, be it resolved**, that, the Gulf Coast Presbytery wishes to
25 extend a gracious thanks to the Covenant Presbyterian Church for their
26 provisions, labors, and hospitality. Soli Deo Gloria!*

27 **04-23 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

28 Presbytery adjourned at 3:41 PM (CST) by Moderator C. Ladner with prayer by
29 TE R. Looper.

30 Respectfully submitted,

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32 TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

**Minutes of the Commission of Gulf Coast Presbytery
to Install the Rev. Ed Hague**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install the Rev. Ed Hague as Assistant Pastor of Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL, met at 3:30 p.m., Sunday, November 9, 2003. The following members were present: TEs R. Evans, Dudley Crowe and REs Greg Costas, Tim Breseler, Eric Haug, Jack Morris and Jimmy Hill.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Evans and prayer was given by Mr. Greg Costas. TE R. Evans was elected Chairman and RE Greg Costas as secretary. The order of service was reviewed and approved, and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the worship service at 4:00 p.m. Greg Costas presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Hague and to the Session. TE R. Evans read the Scripture and preached a sermon, using as his text Acts 20:15-24. Tim Breseler led in prayer as Mr. Hague was installed as the shepherd over this particular congregation. Then Mr. Evans delivered a charge to Mr. Hague and to the Session.

TE Hague 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 commission's business.

Signed: *Greg Costas, Secretary*

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APPENDIX B

**Minutes of the Commission of Gulf Coast Presbytery
to Install the Rev. Dr. Jerry Robbins**

The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install the Rev. Dr. Jerry Robbins as Assistant Pastor of Warrington Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, FL, met at 5:30 p.m., Sunday, October 19, 2003. The following members were present: TEs R. Hornick , Robert Dekker and REs Brian Alaback, Jim Hansen and Paul White.

The meeting was called to order and prayer was given by Mr. Hornick. Mr. Hornick was elected Chairman and RE Brian Alaback 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. Mr. Hornick presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to Dr. Robbins and to the Session and Congregation. TE R. Hornick read the Scripture and preached a sermon, using as his text, 1 Thessalonians 1. Mr. Hornick led in prayer as Dr. Robbins was installed as a shepherd over this particular congregation. Then RE J. Hansen delivered a charge to Dr. Robbins and TE R. Dekker delivered a charge to the Session and the Congregation.

Dr. Robbins 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 commission's business.

Signed: *Brian Alaback, Secretary*

APPENDIX C

PROPOSED DOCKET
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 94th STATED MEETING
February 10, 2004 – 9:00 AM CST/10:00 AM EST
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL

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- 7 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
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- 9 2. Worship Service & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
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- 11 3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
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- 13 4. Approval of Printed Minutes
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- 15 5. Communications
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- 17 6. Adoption of Docket
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- 19 7. Introduction of Visitors
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- 21 SPECIAL ORDER – PCA Strategic Priorities – Leadership, TE R. Loper, Facilitator
- 22 8. Appointment of Standing Committees
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- 24 9. Permanent Committee Reports
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- 26 a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
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- 28 b. Examinations – TE Wesley Channell
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- 30 c. Christian Education – RE Benny Youngblood
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- 32 d. Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekke
- 33 • Commission on New Song Members
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- 35 e. Mission to North America – TE David Anderegg
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- 37 f. Mission to the World – TE Earl Adams
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- 39 g. Reformed University Ministries
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- 41 h. Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford
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- 43 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:10 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
- 44 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:30 – 1:00 – LUNCH
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- 46 10. Old Business
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- 48 11. New Business
- 49 a. Time & Place of 95th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 11, 2004
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- 51 12. Reports of Standing Committees
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- 53 13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer
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1 **APPENDIX D**

2 **Executive Committee Report**
3 **Tuesday, February 10, 2004**
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8 **I. MEETINGS**
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10 The Executive Committee met via conference call on Tuesday, January 20th at
11 2:00 PM CST.
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15 **II. ISSUES DISCUSSED**
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- 17 A. Communications
- 18 B. Committee Reports
- 19 C. Docket
- 20 D. Nominations
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23 **III. RECOMMENDATIONS**
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25 A. That the docket be approved as presented.

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27 B. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission, for the
28 purpose of electing commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners.
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APPENDIX E

Gulf Coast PresWIC Report

January 15, 2004

Dear Reverend Youngblood,

It is a privilege and an honor to appear before the Gulf Coast Presbytery and deliver our Gulf Coast PresWIC report to you and all of our teaching and ruling elders. The last two years have been years of prayer, planning, and work. And, they have been years of challenge and blessing.

At our Blue Springs Retreat in the year 2002 we had very poor attendance. This was the first time we had experienced this in the thirty years that we have been in existence. Our vice president, Sue Tully, was hurt because she had worked so hard planning it but it left me more puzzled because I felt there were deeper problems. I wrote a letter to all of our WIC'S (a copy is enclosed) and received a fine response because I proceeded to call all of the churches. One church, Wildwood of Tallahassee, responded and felt very convicted for not having actively participated in PresWIC before. They invited us to training programs -which I promoted and we attended- as well as hosting our annual meeting in January. They have been active ever since. And so have a number of others.

Realizing that we were in difficulty spiritually and organizationally, I began to pray to the Lord for help, guidance, and direction. I turned to Kathy Cheely, our regional director at the time, and she quickly came to our side with much encouragement and ideas. One day as I prayed the Lord gave me the strong conviction that I needed to communicate actively with each group. I called each church asking for prayer and praise items and getting to know each of my Christian sisters.

I wrote the information down and our council soon decided to begin a newsletter to be sent out twice a year. It is called "Tidings" and Linda Gibson of the Madison church headed that up designing its structure, naming it, and sending it out. At that time we had 17 churches that had some form of women's work, 7 that were inactive but wanted to get started again, and 4 with no ministries at all.

In addition to our newsletter, "Tidings", we divided the churches into small groups and each member of our council vowed to pray for them and try to establish personal contact with them. That was a big step forward because now ownership of the needs of individual churches had occurred within our council. Then one day as I was walking down the hallway of our home the Lord spoke to me and suggested that I start taking women to lunch - especially those churches that were floundering or were unsure how to begin. This was the breakthrough as I was able to bring our elect ladies to the understanding that if they had a prayer group of two or more or a bible study of two or more they had women ministries going on that met the needs of their church.

What rejoicing we had the next year when we met once again at Blue Springs. Many more churches were represented, three had actually formed WIC'S which they preferred to call Women's Ministries led by coordinators, strongly encouraged by their sessions, and others came renewed -- all praising the Lord. We had meetings and workshops on "Sick WIC'S and Healthy WIC'S" at our Blue Springs Retreat led by our regional director, Kathy Cheely, and our Fall Rally Days led by several of our own churches, medium and small sizes, that were really effective. WE'RE ON OUR WAY!

As I leave the office of PresWIC president I realize that the following needs exist:

- Women's Ministries need to continue to be updated-

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- a. move away from the name WIC and into the more encompassing term, Women's Ministries
- b. use coordinators instead of officers and keep responsibilities short term if possible
- c. continue to have active accountability with an enthusiastic session Women's Ministries need to catch a fresh vision of women's work – PresWIC can help a lot with this due to its contacts with other women's ministries and WASC - our national based women's committee.

- Our larger women's groups need to help struggling smaller groups-- as they have begun doing. Create VISITATION TEAMS (2 or 3) to help.
- Local groups need to create different types of women's meetings that are more appropriate in today's world. Change is good and same/old, same/old is not.
- We need to continue to urge Atlanta to produce video bible studies for our busy women to use. The Southern Baptists have done this very effectively. It would help us if you gentlemen would make this a point of emphasis as well.

MY FINAL POINT

All of this is futile unless the teaching and ruling elders actively get behind women's ministries and strongly support them publicly from the pulpit, in word and deed in the course of daily interaction and in the visions and programs they seek to do and participate in. Talk up women's ministries often and enthusiastically -- and pray for them apart and together.

Back in the Garden of Eden, a long time ago, God looked over his handiwork and said it is not good for man to be alone and He created Eve. Often when you go home after a discouraging day at business or at church, your wife is often the only person you can share your thoughts with. Women as wives and mothers are a very important part of your picture. If you want a spiritual partner to share with and pray with, encourage her to help prepare a challenging spiritual program that will give her wisdom, compassion and ability to relate to you and others.

This is what women's ministries is all about. We are the right arm of fellowship in our church and community and we are also the soft shoulder and keeper of wisdom and courage as well. God wants us to be your effective partner.

My presidency was one of challenge. Out of adversity grew strength, unity, and harmony. Throughout these two years, I realized that as always God is sovereign and allows all things to happen in our best interests. Our PresWIC has gotten to know each other. Through our prayer chain we have held one another up in prayer. We are right where God wants us to be and we have become earnest. God is in our midst and we can't go anywhere without Him. So, we are not badly off, are we? Our council has come together in prayer and our communication has greatly improved with the use of luncheons, e-mails, our "Tidings" newsletter, and where necessary, the phone. We contact one another and encourage each other. We have warmed up and reach out to one another. It will be good to have Sue Tully of Westminster of Tallahassee come in and lead with new ideas and approaches. More needs to be done but we are on our way.

Thank you for this time to be with you.

Eileen Dunkerley Crabtree, President
Gulf Coast PresWIC

1 **APPENDIX F**

2 **Call of TE Richard Watson**

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4 **F irst Presbyterian Church**

5 100 E. 7th Street

6 Panama City, Florida 32501

7 850-785-7423

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9 The F irst Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications
10 of you, Dr. Richard G. Watson, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations
11 in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in
12 said congregation, promising you, the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in
13 the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to
14 pay you the sum of 58,000.00 a year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as vacations (2 weeks),
15 mission assignment to Ukraine (6 weeks), insurance, housing, etc., as specified below, during the time of your
16 being and continuing the regular senior pastor of this church.

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18	Salary	\$19,000.00
19	Housing	\$24,000.00
20	Supplemental -	
21	Medical-	
22	Insurance	\$5,000.00
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26		\$58,000.00

27 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 21st day of December 2003, A.D.

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29 Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Dr. Richard G. Watson
30 for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rule laid down in
31 all respects according to the rules laid down in *The Book of Church Order*, and that the persons who signed the
32 foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

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 Moderator of the Meeting

Appendix G

Gulf Coast Presbytery Mission to North America Committee Report Stated Meeting of Presbytery February 10, 2004

I. Activities of the Committee

A.) Meetings:

1. Met via teleconference 1/22/04 at 7:30pm CST. Dave Anderegg [TE Chairman], George Shamblin [TE Christ Community], Dick Buchanon [RE Grace Presbyterian], Darwin Box [TE NorthPoint Mission], Jim Corman [RE Atmore], Scott Siedler [TE Kings Bay]

2. In addition, the Committee met at noon, over lunch, at Presbytery, 2/10/04, in Panama City, FL. TE Scott Seidler, TE Chuck Ryor, TE Darwin Box, TE George Shamblin, RE Virgil Tinklenburg, TE Dave Anderegg were in attendance.

II. Reports

1) North Point Community Church Mission, Tallahassee, FL

- TE Darwin Box reported on his work as an evangelist and church planter. He communicated his prayerful decision to discontinue the work at North Point because of a general lack of lay interest and commitment to the work.
- The Committee requested that Darwin leave the conference call so they can discuss how the Presbytery might financially assist Darwin during his transition. In his absence, the Committee unanimously determined to request Presbytery to continue the \$1,500 per month support he is receiving from the GCP MNA Planting Fund for up to six months while Darwin finalizes his work, and seeks another call.

2) Grace Community Mission, Mobile, AL

- In TE Jim Bryars absence, RE Corman reported that worship continues to go well at St. Paul's at 5:00pm on Sunday evenings. And small groups are being strengthened as well.
- Things are moving forward with a need for a greater structure to facilitate growth. There are plans for Elder & Deacon training in place. And plans are being made to strengthen children's ministry.
- RE Corman reported the exciting development of a significant prayer ministry in the congregation, and many are now praying for the conversion of the lost.
- No land or other worship facilities has been identified yet. Plans are to continue meet at St. Paul's for now.
- RE Buchanan reported to the Committee that Grace Community intends to particularize, and desired to do so as soon as possible.
- Subsequently, TE Jim Bryars communicated the Missions' official desire to particularize to the clerk of Presbytery via a letter dated Feb. 5, 2004.

1 **3) Baldwin County Church Planting Developments**

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- 3 ▪ RE Corman additionally reported that several pastors and individual members of PCA
- 4 congregations, both in Atmore and in Baldwin county, had shown considerable interest
- 5 in planting a church in a developing area near Stockton, AL. After some discussion, Jim
- 6 Corman was appointed to head up investigative subcommittee with Dick Buchanon and
- 7 Dave Anderegg, and to report back to the MNA Committee at a later date.
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9 **4) Kings Bay Mission, Panama City Beach, FL**

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- 11 ▪ TE Scott Siedler reported that Kings Bay Mission is going well. Kings Bay is now meeting
- 12 in a local fitness center, and that they are seeing a steady increase in the number of
- 13 visitors.
- 14 ▪ Though particularization does not appear to be in their immediate plans, TE Seidler was
- 15 encouraged by God's hand in the ministry of Kings Bay.
- 16 ▪ TE Seidler communicated that King's Bay continues to be financially challenged, and the
- 17 he is considering the pursuit of additional "tent-making" income if it becomes necessary.
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19 **5) CenterPoint Church, Tallahassee, FL**

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- 21 ▪ TE Chuck Ryor reported attendance avg. of 150 adults each Sunday in month leading up to
- 22 official public launch, with a demographic composition of: 10% African-American, and 50%
- 23 college students.
- 24 ▪ First membership class had 51 new members [29 transfers from Wildwood]. Second
- 25 membership class came in on February 6. Currently 3 home groups are active – with two
- 26 more starting this Spring. Leadership Team: 25 adults, meeting monthly.
- 27 ▪ CenterPoint Church has moved from the FEA building to the Movies @ Governor's Square.
- 28 They now meet in a 250 seat stadium theater and do children's ministry in areas set up in
- 29 the lobby.
- 30 ▪ Two launch dates - BIG LAUNCH is coming up Sunday, January 25.th In preparation the team
- 31 used door knob hanger promotional and placed them on 5,000 homes.
- 32 ▪ Sunday night college ministry, "TCO – Tallahassee Campus Outreach" averages over 300
- 33 students each week – less than half attend PCA churches in Tallahassee or at home. This
- 34 Spring CenterPoint began its "TCO" ministry at Florida A&M University.
- 35 ▪ Reports that CenterPoint has a staff of four: Director of Discipleship; Director of Worship and
- 36 Ministry Coordinator. Director of Discipleship is African American, Ministry Coordinator is
- 37 African American.
- 38 ▪ Monthly budget is \$15,549 [\$186,588 annually]. Monthly offerings were \$10,000 during
- 39 November and December. Financial support raising continues to be a challenge: TE Ryor
- 40 has 60% of support pledged [3 of 5 years]. The staffing strategy of CenterPoint is
- 41 predicated on the idea that TE Ryor will not be paid his full salary until the 6th year of the
- 42 plant. (TE Ryor's salary is processed through GA-MNA.)
- 43 ▪ And the confrontation of difficult congregation members continues to be a challenge as well.
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45 **II. Recommendations:**

- 46 A. That GCP approve TE Darwin Box's request to finalize his work as an evangelist to NorthPoint
- 47 Community Church, and change his status to "without call," and to continue MNA Church
- 48 planting support for a period of upto 6 months as he finalizes the work and seeks another
- 49 call.

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- B. That GCP approve Grace Community's petition to organize as a particular church; and further approve a 5:00 pm, April 25, 2004 service of organization to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mobile, AL.
- C. That GCP approve TE Scott Seidler's, and Kings Bay Mission's request to add TE Dennis Rainwater to the King's Bay Commission.
- D. That GCP amend the MNA Committee budget for 2004 by increasing it \$750; and that it approve retroactively, the MNA Committee's request to send TE Scott Seidler to the GA's MNA Church Planter Basic Training course at RTS Orlando, January 26-30, 2004, and reimburse his expenses upto \$750.

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APPENDIX H

GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS

December 31, 2003

General Fund (Schedule 1)	\$29,549.80
Mission to North America Committee Loan Fund (Schedule 2)	126,394.01
Mission to North America Committee Church Planting Fund (Schedule 3)	25,718.28
Designated Funds (Schedule 4)	500.00
Diaconal Fund (Schedule 5)	1,835.23
Mission Caring Fund	<u>300.00</u>
	<u>\$184,297.32</u>

LOCATION OF FUNDS

Compass Bank	
Checking	\$10,708.88
Money Market, 0.698%	83,588.44
Certificate of Deposit, 0.80%, 6 months, due March 10, 2004	30,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, 1.65%, 13 months, due October 10, 2004	30,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, 1.25%, 12 months, due December 18, 2004	<u>30,000.00</u>
	<u>\$184,297.32</u>

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GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET REPORT

MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003

	<u>2003 Budget</u>	<u>2003 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Receipts</u>
General Fund			
Administrative Expenses			
Executive			
Postage	\$450	\$207	
Printing	800	888	
Supplies	100	18	
Telephone	800	718	
Travel	500		
Miscellaneous	100	35	
Recording Clerk	850	850	
Stated Clerk	<u>4,800</u>	<u>4,800</u>	
Total	<u>8,400</u>	<u>7,516</u>	
Administration			
Postage, Printing & Travel	100	140	
Telephone	30		
Web Site	<u>275</u>	<u>275</u>	
Total	<u>405</u>	<u>415</u>	
Mission to the World Committee			
Committee expenses	200	<u>199</u>	
Short-term Mission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Total	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,199</u>	
Mission to North America Committee			
Committee expenses	1,200	861	
Reformed University Ministries - J.R. Foster	<u>6,300</u>	<u>6,300</u>	
Total	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,161</u>	
Christian Education Committee			
Committee expenses	650		
Conferences & Retreats	1,950	450	
Speakers	<u>1,200</u>		
Total	<u>3,800</u>	<u>450</u>	

Ministers & Candidates Committee			
Committee expenses	530	37	
Examinations Committee			
Committee expenses	400	121	
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Total General Fund	<u>\$22,235</u>	<u>\$16,899</u>	<u>\$15,298</u>
Mission to North America Committee Church Planting Fund (Receipts)	<u>\$24,000</u>		<u>\$11,204</u>

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APPENDIX I
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
February 10, 2004

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on time to the 93rd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 14th, 2003, and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

- Pinewoods Cantonment, FL
- Safe Harbor Destin, FL
- Warrington Pensacola, FL
- Westminster Ft. Walton, FL
- Westminster Milton, FL

- Grace Community Church (Commission Meeting)

NOTE: A suggested template for creating minutes for a Stated and a Called Session meeting is now posted on the Presbytery website at www.gulfcoastpres.org under the *FORMS* section. These files are in Microsoft Word format and may be downloaded for your use.

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 93rd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 14th, 2003 as scheduled:

- Westminster Tallahassee, FL
 - Wildwood Tallahassee, FL
 - New Philadelphia Quincy, FL
- (Note: Spoke with RE: Ronnie Brunson and deferred until May 2004)

REMINDER: Be sure to check the Sessional Minutes Review Schedule for changes and updates to your Review date. These are subject to change.

3. That the minutes from the Grace, Mobile (Appendix J) and Faith, Robertsdale (Appendix K) commissions be approved.

4. GCP checks now require two signatures. The following men are now authorized signers: Robert S. Hornick, William C. Luka, Dennis W. Shackelford, James B. Youngblood, Jr., Bruce O'Neill.

1 5. Requirement: Annual election of corporation officers for Gulf Coast Presbytery, Inc. (To
2 be held at the October stated meeting hereafter).

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4 President – Robert Hornick
5 Secretary – Joseph Grider
6 Treasurer – William Luka
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9 6. Report on Credit Card options / progress from Bill Luka

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11 7. Year End financial report from Bill Luka

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13 8. That this report be approved as a whole.
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16 Respectfully Submitted,



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18 Dennis Shackleford, Chairman, Administrative Committee
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1 **APPENDIX J**

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3 Grace Community Church
4 Commission Meeting
5 Minutes
6 February 25, 2003
7 5:00 p.m.
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9 A stated Commission meeting was held at the office of Grace Community Church in Mobile, Alabama. Elders
10 present included Pastor Jim Bryars, Wesley Channell, John Mathieu, Jim Corman, and Tripp Oliphant.
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12 The meeting was opened in a season of prayer led by Wesley Channel.
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14 Jim Bryars shared a devotion from I Timothy 2:4.
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16 M/S/C approving the Commission Meeting minutes of January 14, 2003, as corrected in regard to minor name
17 misspellings. John Mathieu will ensure correction of these errors.
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19 Jim Bryars gave a positive progress report regarding ministry growth and development.
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21 John Mathieu updated the Commission in the area of missions. Campus Outreach Gulf Coast will receive \$15,000
22 in funding from Grace Community Church, with \$5,000 designated to each of the following: Central Asia projects,
23 local staff, and summer missions. A Grace Community missions team is currently being developed.
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25 Doug Meduna will assist Jim Bryars in training preparation for a new wave of community groups. The possibility
26 of four additional groups by June 2003 is anticipated.
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28 The youth group is planning to attend Gold Rush in June 2003.
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30 Tim Garland plans to attend seminary beginning in August 2003.
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32 In regard to a future facility, Faith Bible Church remains a possibility should this church become favorable toward a
33 lease or lease/purchase agreement.
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35 M/S/C approving the following individuals for church membership with the indicated means, based upon
36 completion of the Discovering Grace Weekend and subsequent interview by Jim Bryars and John Mathieu:
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38 Gary and Nancy Ash	Reaffirmation of Faith
39 Earl and Lisa Blackmon	Reaffirmation of Faith
40 Steve and Perri Denton	Reaffirmation of Faith
41 Jenny Flynn	Reaffirmation of Faith
42 Ryan and Angela Griffin	Reaffirmation of Faith
43 Gregg and Paula Lyle	Reaffirmation of Faith
44 Kari Smaka	Reaffirmation of Faith
45 Scott and Caroline Stevens	Reaffirmation of Faith

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47 M/S/C establishing a budget committee with Jim Corman and Wesley Channell as members. This committee will
48 work on a 2003 budget to include terms of call for the pastorate.
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50 The meeting adjourned as Jim Corman led the Commission in prayer.
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52 Respectfully submitted,
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54 Tripp Oliphant
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Grace Community Church
Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 23, 2003
6:00 p.m.

A stated Commission meeting was held at the office of Grace Community Church in Mobile, Alabama. Elders present included Pastor Jim Bryars, Jim Corman, and Tripp Oliphant.

The meeting was opened in a season of prayer led by Jim Bryars.

M/S/C approving the Commission Meeting minutes of May 6, 2003.

Jim Bryars reviewed the vision and mission of the church and updated the Commission in regard to general finances and ministry growth. The worship time has been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A prayer group is meeting the first Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m.

The administrative office has relocated within the same building complex with a current monthly rental rate of \$550.

An offer was made for the purchase of the former Faith Baptist Church during early September 2003. The offer was not accepted.

The financial status of the church was reviewed in detail. As of September 23, 2003, the total giving for 2003 was \$188,585.18 while expenses were \$142,232.21. Current total cash was \$142,460.15.

M/S/C asking Earl Blackmon to present a 2004 budget proposal to the Commission at the November 2003 Commission meeting.

Plans for officer training and church particularization will be reviewed at the October 21, 2003 Commission meeting.

M/S/C approving the following individuals for church membership with the indicated means, based upon completion of a Discovering Grace Weekend and subsequent interview by Jim Bryars:

Elizabeth Ash	Reaffirmation of Faith
Mallory Blackmon	Reaffirmation of Faith
Julia Blount	Reaffirmation of Faith
Ashley Hood	Reaffirmation of Faith
Chris Mayfield	Reaffirmation of Faith
Bo and Martha Winter	Reaffirmation of Faith

The meeting adjourned as Tripp Oliphant led the Commission in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tripp Oliphant
Clerk of the Commission

Grace Community Church
Commission Meeting
Minutes
October 21, 2003
4:45 p.m.

A stated Commission meeting was held at the home of Tripp Oliphant in Fairhope, Alabama. Elders present included Pastor Jim Bryars, Wesley Channell, Chuck Phillips, and Tripp Oliphant.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Jim Bryars.

Chuck Phillips shared information related to his commitment as a missionary to London with MTW. He was welcomed to the Commission as he replaces John Mathieu, effective October 14, 2003. John has accepted a call outside the Gulf Coast Presbytery.

M/S/C approving the Commission Meeting minutes of September 23, 2003.

M/S/C establishing a Building Fund with an initial balance of \$50,000 and minimal monthly transfers from the General Fund of \$1,000.

A financial overview of the church was received as information. Current total cash available as of October 21, 2003 is approximately \$148,982.

M/S/C approving the following individuals for church membership with the indicated means, based upon completion of a Discovering Grace Weekend and subsequent interview by Jim Bryars and John Mathieu:

Jimmy and Frances Bryars	Reaffirmation of Faith
Don and Sally Ellington	Reaffirmation of Faith
Brent and Marie Woodall	Reaffirmation of Faith

Jim Bryars shared exciting information related to prospective international ministry growth.

Grace Community Church will be supporting Chuck and Wyema Phillips with MTW and Cameron Reynolds with Campus Outreach.

M/S/C establishing a part-time staff position of Children's Ministry Coordinator with a maximum monthly salary of \$500.

The Commission discussed training of elders and church particularization.

M/S/C approving a particularization date of April 25, 2003 for Grace Community Church.

Officer training will commence no later than the week of January 5, 2004.

The 2004 budget proposal will be reviewed at the November 18, 2003 Commission meeting.

The meeting adjourned as Wesley Channell led the Commission in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tripp Oliphant
Clerk of the Commission

Grace Community Church
Commission Meeting
Minutes
December 16, 2003
4:45 p.m.

A stated Commission meeting was held at the Family Life Center of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church in Fairhope, Alabama. Elders present included Pastor Jim Bryars, Wesley Channell, Chuck Phillips, Jim Corman, and Tripp Oliphant. Also present was treasurer Earl Blackmon.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Chuck Phillips.

M/S/C approving the Commission Meeting minutes of November 18, 2003.

Jim Bryars presented an overall update of ministry at Grace Community Church.

M/S/C approving a 2004 pastor salary package increase of \$2,000, excluding insurance costs.

M/S/C approving the 2004 budget as amended.

M/S/C approving the following individuals for church membership, with the indicated means, based upon elder interviews with Jim Bryars and Chuck Phillips:

Kim and Kristen Bailey	Reaffirmation of Faith
Shane and LaJuan Black	Associate
Beverly Bright	Reaffirmation of Faith
James Bryars	Reaffirmation of Faith
Sid and Janine Phillips	Reaffirmation of Faith
Tim, Vicki, Knox, Forrest, and Rawley White	Transfer of Letter

M/S/C appointing Jim Bryars and Chuck Phillips as a commission for the purpose of interviewing and approving individuals for church membership.

The meeting adjourned as Jim Corman led the Commission in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tripp Oliphant
Clerk of the Commission

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2 Grace Community Church
3 Commission Meeting
4 Minutes
5 January 20, 2004
6 4:45 p.m.
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8 A stated Commission meeting was held at the Family Life Center of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church in Fairhope,
9 Alabama. Elders present included Pastor Jim Bryars, Chuck Phillips, Jim Corman, and Tripp Oliphant.

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11 The meeting was opened in a season of prayer led by Jim Bryars. He also encouraged the Commission with a
12 reading from Colossians 1:9.
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14 M/S/C approving the Commission Meeting minutes of December 16, 2003.
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16 Jim Bryars reported on church ministry progress. He and several other men recently attended the “Embers to
17 Flames” conference sponsored by Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Jim also shared
18 information about officer training, prayer ministry, children’s ministry, missions trip planning, and women’s
19 ministry. Planning and coordination for the purpose of enhancing small group ministry will be a focus over
20 upcoming months.
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22 The current financial status of the church and future budget planning were discussed. Total giving as of January 20,
23 2004 was \$16,868.18 while expenses were \$10,233.47. Current total cash is \$162,819.87.
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25 M/S/C amending the 2004 budget per following line item changes:
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27 Withdrew Jim Bryars’ salary adjustment of \$2,000.00 for 2004
28 Increased Missions from 10% to 15% of total giving per month
29 Adjusted Building from 11% to 10% of total giving per month
30 Adjusted Associate Pastor’s Salary for 2004 from \$35,000 to \$17,000
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32 There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on January 25, 2004 for the purpose of
33 presenting 2004 budget information. Jim Corman will serve as the presenter for this meeting.
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35 M/S/C authorizing the creation of a new building fund account and the transfer of \$100,000 from the existing money
36 market account to the new building fund account.
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38 The next Commission meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2004, at 4:45 p.m.
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40 The meeting adjourned as Tripp Oliphant led the Commission in prayer.
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42 Respectfully submitted,
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45 Tripp Oliphant
46 Clerk of the Commission
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APPENDIX K
FAITH COMMISSION MEETING
October 20, 2003 , 7:00 a.m.

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5 **Convener TE Bob Hornick called the meeting to order.**

6 **Opening prayer** by Convener.

7 **Present:** TE David Anderegg, TE Rick Fennig, TE Bob Hornick, RE Ken Sanders, RE Benny
8 Youngblood.

9 Visitors: TE Henry Bishop, Stated Supply.

10 The Convener determined a quorum present.

11 **Election of Chairman and Secretary.**

12 TE Bob Hornick is nominated Chair of the Commission. 2nd & Passed.

13 TE Rick Fennig is nominated Secretary of the Commission. 2nd & Passed.

14 **Reports and/or communications:**

15 Letters of transfer for former members moving their memberships to other churches were
16 granted recently

17 by RE Ken Sanders acting on behalf of FPC.

18 RE Ken Sanders reported on the status of the Faith Presbyterian School which is governed by a
19 School Board responsible to the session of FPC.

- 20 • A meeting with parents of students was held encouraging parents to increase fund raising
21 efforts, seek new students for the next semester and consider further financial support for the
22 school.
- 23 • April Morgan is the administrator for the school.
- 24 • 99 students are currently enrolled.
- 25 • An enrollment of 120-125 is necessary to meet budget demands.
- 26 • A mortgage on the school building is held in the Church's name. The church may need to
27 make several mortgage payments on behalf of the school. Payments are about \$2900 per
28 month.

29 RE Ken Sanders reported on the status of the Church.

- 30 • Currently four families, including eight children, and two widows attend regularly.
- 31 • Ken, his wife Mishelle and their children are the regular Sunday School attendees.
- 32 • The Church has cash assets of about \$30,000.

33 Questions were asked of RE Ken Sanders and TE Henry Bishop.

- 34 • What is it that brings these families from Pensacola, Magnolia Springs, Spanish Fort and
35 Summerdale together here at FPC? Answer: Common commitment to worship. The
36 fellowship is a blessing.
- 37 • Would the membership consider incorporating the school separately from the church and
38 dissolving the church, encouraging the membership to participate in Reformed fellowships
39 nearer their residences? Answer: Incorporating the school separately? Yes. Dissolving the
40 Church? No.
- 41 • Would the membership consider uniting with other PCA Churches in the area who are like
42 minded as per worship? Answer: We have talked to the Church in Loxley and perceived no
43 real interest on their part for a merger. Personal difficulties with former members of FPC
44 who are now in the other PCA Church preclude such a merger.

45 The Commission and the Congregation will meet together Monday, November 3rd, at 6:30pm.

1 The purpose of the meeting is to gain further insight as to the vision and purpose of FPC,
2 and to consider any action that would be helpful in caring for the congregation.

3 TE Bob Hornick will prepare a devotional.

4 TE David Anderegg will prepare questions for discussion and inquiry. MSP.

5 **Adjournment:** MSP. RE Benny Youngblood closed in prayer.

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10 TE Rick Fennig, Secretary
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1 FAITH COMMISSION MEETING

2 November 3, 2003 - 6:30 p.m.

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Chair TE Bob Hornick called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer by Chairman.

Commissioners Present: TE David Anderegg, TE Rick Fennig, TE Bob Hornick, RE Ken Sanders,

RE Phil Vaughn, RE Benny Youngblood.

Visitors: TE Henry Bishop, Mary Bishop, and the Congregation of Faith.

The Secretary determined a quorum present.

TE Bob Hornick led a devotional from Luke 15, on “A passion for what is lost.”

The floor was opened for questions from the Congregation.

TE David Anderegg led in asking questions of the Congregation.

After some discussion...

Adjournment: MSP. The meeting was adjourned with a season of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Rick Fennig, Secretary

Faith Presbyterian Church

Commission Meeting

10:10 am - 11:30 am Teleconference

January 9, 2004

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I. Conveners and Opening Prayer

6A. RE Ken Sanders and TE Bob Hornick called this meeting, and Bob opened the meeting in prayer

II. Present

8A. RE Ken Sanders, TE Bob Hornick, RE Benny Youngblood, TE Dave Anderegg.

9B. The Conveners determined a quorum was present.

10B. TE Anderegg was asked to function as Secretary in lieu of the absence of TE Rick Fennig.

III. Reports / Communications

12A. RE Sanders reported on the status of Faith Presbyterian Church

13 1. New members may be added soon. A couple, formerly attending, indicated that they will be returning.

14 2. Baptism.

15 a. RE Sanders desires to have his son, Aaron, baptized. Though adoption has not yet been formalized, all
16 present encouraged RE Sanders to move forward with baptism.

17 3. RE Sanders reported that he was still planning to attend the upcoming "Embers to a Flame" Conference in
18 Birmingham later this month.

19 4. RE Sanders continues to teach Sunday School. One other family is attending at this time.

20 5. No evangelistic small groups in homes have been established at this time.

21 a. But all present encouraged RE Sanders to move in this direction as quickly as possible.

22 b. RE Youngblood committed to mail appropriate "Bible Study" resources to RE Sanders.

23 6. Winford Wilson and family will likely move their membership to Covenant OPC in Pensacola.

24 7. TE Henry Bishop, supply pastor, has decided not to relocate to the Robertsdale area at this time.

25 8. For convenience, all agreed that the Commission would hold more teleconference meetings.

26B. RE Sanders discussed several Christian School related issues:

27 1. RE Sanders discussed the idea of expanding the school board to include PCA teaching (TE) and ruling elders
28 (RE) from the Baldwin County area.

29 a. This would help take some of the burden of sole responsibility off the elders at Faith Presbyterian.

30 b. All present viewed this positively.

31 2. RE Sanders envisioned their school one day becoming the Middle and High School for all of the Presbyterian
32 churches in Baldwin County.

33 3. RE Sanders reported that he planned to hold an open house at the school and invite all those interested from PCA
34 and PCUSA churches in Baldwin County.

35 4. Chapel Speakers. To improve the quality of school chapel services, RE Sanders asked if elders from other
36 Baldwin County churches would monthly lead a devotional chapel service.

37 a. RE Youngblood responded positively, and agreed to email the names and numbers of potential chapel
38 speakers from Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church.

39C. RE Sanders reported on a land swap opportunity.

40 1. A Mr. Childers, owner of a neighboring radio station adjoining the church property to the east, has approached
41 Faith Presbyterian Church to engage in a property trade.

42 2. It was RE Ken Sanders opinion that this land swap would be advantageous to the church. The following details
43 discussed:

44 a. **Land to be swapped:**

45 i. 10 +/- acres of land to the south of the school building, currently owned by church

46 ii. To be swapped for: 6 +/- acres of land to the east of the church and school

1 (i.) Site Improvements: A building currently occupied by a radio station; and a broadcasting tower

2 **b. Rationale:**

3 i. Mr. Childers, who owns the Radio Station and tower, wants to sell.

4 ii. Since the church may not be able to purchase his property, Mr. Childers has negotiated with Emerald
5 Coast RV (ECRV), located on the main highway to the south, to enter into a land swap arrangement.

6 (i.) ECRV is interested in the 10+/- acres of land which the church owns to the south. ECRV desires the
7 land to increase their RV lot size and expand their inventory.

8 iii. Though the church would end up with fewer acres, the church would gain more desirable / usable land:

9 (i.) The church is currently separated from the 10+/- tract by marshy soil, and county maintained
10 drainage ditches (perhaps 2+/- acres of the 10.)

11 (ii.) The 6+/- acres is adjoining, dry, and cleared.

12 **c. Arrangement:**

13 i. ECRV would purchase Mr. Childers property.

14 ii. Then ECRV would swap the 6+/- acres formerly owned by Childers, for the church's 10+/- acres.

15 iii. In addition, Mr. Childers expressed a desire to:

16 (i.) continue to occupy the building, and operate a radio station broadcasting off the existing tower for
17 approx. 2 yrs. (at which time, the tower would be removed and the building vacated)

18 (ii.) erect 2 additional towers, and sign a lease on other property to the south owned by the church, or
19 possibly on the 10+/- acres swapped to ECRV, or one tower on each. Mr. Childers expressed a
20 desire to lease this land for \$1,000 per year.

21 iv. Both of the other parties (ECRV / Childers) have agreed to pay for all of the closing costs including:
22 transfer for deeds, surveys, and other county/state issues.

23 v. Approval for future tower sites is not understood to be part of this initial swap agreement.

24 **d. Questions Briefly Discussed:**

25 i. Zoning.

26 (i.) What is the zoning for the newly swapped 6+/- acres? Is the anticipated use permissible?

27 (ii.) Could it be developed educationally, commercial, etc...?

28 (iii.) Is this land more or less marketable than the land swapped? What are the economic
29 consequences to the church -- for use or if later sold? (Access: Could it be accessed w/o
30 easements from the church, etc...?)

31 ii. Liability.

32 (i.) What liability does the church have regarding the radio station building, occupancy, and operation of
33 that business?

34 (ii) Are there any environmental concerns regarding these 6+/- acres?

35 iii. Expenses.

36 (i.) Who would cover maintenance and repairs to the improvements, property & casualty insurance,
37 utilities, and any other expenses or applicable taxes?

38 (ii.) Could / should a "triple net lease" be established to put the financial burden and liability issues on
39 the tenant / occupant?

40 iv. *It was strongly recommended that the church should have an attorney examine these and other*
41 *contractual issues.*

42 v. Approvals for the other two towers and leases will come in the future.

43 **4. Motions:**

44 a. M/S/C [RE Sanders; RE Youngblood 2nd]: to call a congregational meeting, Sunday 1/18/04, 5:00 pm, at
45 Faith Presbyterian Church, to consider and discuss the above mentioned property exchange, and to conduct
46 any related business that may arise.

47 i. The motion carried unanimously.

48IV. Adjournment: A. M/S/C [RE Sanders; TE Anderegg 2nd]: to adjourn. RE Youngblood closed in prayer.

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2 **FAITH COMMISSION MEETING**
3 **February 4, 2004 -- 9:00 a.m.**
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7 **Chairman TE Bob Hornick called the meeting to order.**

8 **Opening prayer** by Chairman.

9 **Present:** TE Rick Fennig, TE Bob Hornick, RE Ken Sanders, RE Benny Youngblood.

10 The Chairman determined a quorum present.

11 **Reports and/or communications:**

- 12 • RE Ken Sanders reported that there are men in the Church who could be candidates for
13 Elder.
- 14 • Call for the congregation to nominate Elder candidates. M/S [RE Sanders; RE
15 Youngblood]
16 Discussion followed re: the status of potential candidates and a plan for leadership
17 training using ESPC and Briarwood training curriculum.
- 18 • The motion on the floor was rescinded as per RE Sanders and RE Youngblood.
- 19 • RE Ken Sanders will use resources recommended to construct a leadership training
20 program and bring the plan back to the commission for approval. MSP [RE Ken Sanders;
21 RE Benny Youngblood]
- 22 • RE Ken Sanders noted that a complaint in regard to Faith Presbyterian School has been
23 circulated both in writing and word of mouth. TE Rick Fennig and RE Benny
24 Youngblood are available to the School Board for a meeting with the concerned parent.
- 25 • A meeting of the Corporation of Faith Presbyterian Church is called for the purpose of
26 electing Trustees and addressing any related that may arise. MSP [RE Benny
27 Youngblood; RE Ken Sanders]
- 28 • Following the meeting of the Corporation the bank account(s) will be moved from
29 Citizens Bank to Penn Air Credit Union with the Trustees as signees on the account(s).
30 MSP [RE Ken Sanders; TE Rick Fennig]
- 31 • RE Ken Sanders has been in touch with the Vision Planners organization and will pursue
32 this resource for the development of the ministry of the Church.
- 33 • RE Ken Sanders reported no further progress in the real estate transaction. The
34 Congregation has approved negotiations.
- 35 • There are potential new member candidates attending Faith. A New Members Class will
36 be initiated as a first step toward their membership.

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38 **Adjournment:** MSP [RE Benny Youngblood; TE Rick Fennig]. RE Ken Sanders closed in
39 prayer.
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45 TE Rick Fennig, Secretary