

NINETY-NINTH STATED MEETING
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2005
COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA

05-45 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 99th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by moderator, TE Rick Finnig at 9:11 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida. TE Fennig opened the meeting with prayer and then called the presbytery to worship with a reading of Isaiah 25:1 & 9. Mr. Justin Stodghill, a candidate for licensure, preached a sermon from Matthew 17 concerning Christ's transfiguration.

05-46 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared to be present with the following commissioners in attendance:

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee	D. Rainwater	
Christ, Mobile		
Christ Community Church		
Concord	R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	B. Hayes	R. Webb
	R. Hopper	R. Post
Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	

Eastern Shore	B. O'Neil	B. Youngblood
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	VACANT	K. Sanders
First, Atmore	W. Channell	
First, Niceville	J. Grider	B. King
	D. Shackelford	W. Smith
First, Panama City		R. Croft
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	J. Hopwood	
Grace Community, Mobile	J. Bryars	
Loxley	VACANT	L. Keuler
McIlwain	R. Looper	R. Myers
		R. Gross
New Philadelphia	A. Newell	
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	F. Drew
Safe Harbor		F. Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	J. Hansen

Westminster, Fort Walton	W. Tyson	J. Richardson
		E. Smith
Westminster, Tallahassee	J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton		
Wildwood		
	B. Pullen	

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
B. Johnston		C. Ryor
S. Bradford		S. Seidler
D. Paulson		M. Swain
C. Pearson		D. Story

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EXCUSED: Teaching Elders: S. DeVries, D. Eide, R. Gardner, D. Gilleran, M. Griffith, T. Hughes, M. Kirk, H. A. Maves, J. Riggs, J. Robbins, G. Shamblin, and B. Sinclair, granted.

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VISITORS: Robert Marsh, Ron Kohlin, Tim Locke, Ken Ferguson, Al Ward, Justin Stodghill, Bill Taylor, and Stephen Scott.

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05-47 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES

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Minutes from the 98th Stated Meeting and the August 16th Called Meeting were approved as amended (editorial corrections).

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05-48 COMMUNICATIONS

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1. Letter from the Stated Clerk, Western Carolina Presbytery, informing presbytery of the reception of TE Josiah Bancroft and requesting his transfer, referred to Ministers and Candidates.

- 1 2. Letter from TE Josiah Bancroft, requesting transfer to Western Carolina
2 Presbytery, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
- 3 3. Gift of \$1,354.28 for Hurricane Relief from the Zion Evangelical and Reformed
4 Church, Garner, Iowa, received with thanksgiving. The clerk was directed to
5 send a letter of thanks to the church.
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- 7 4. Letter from TE Dudley Crowe, concurring with the request to dissolve his
8 pastoral relationship, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 10 5. Ministerial Call from the Session, Pinewoods PCA to Tim Locke, referred to the
11 Examinations Committee.
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- 13 6. Minutes from the Commission to install TE Barksdale Pullen, III as assistant
14 pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, found in order and printed in the
15 minutes. (**Appendix A**)
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- 17 7. Requests for excused absence from,
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19 Teaching Elders: S. DeVries, D. Eide, R. Gardner, D. Gilleran, M. Griffith, T.
20 Hughes, M. Kirk, H. A. Maves, J. Riggs, J. Robbins, G. Shamblin, and B.
21 Sinclair, granted.

22 **05-49 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

23 The docket was adopted as amended. (**Appendix B**)

24 **05-50 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

25 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 05-46)

26 **05-51 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

29 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 30 • TE B. Tyson
- 31 • TE A. Newell
- 32 • RE R. Post
- 33 • RE F. Rall

34 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 35 • TE D. Rainwater, Chairman
- 36 • TE J. Hopwood

- 1 • RE E. Smith
- 2 • RE R. Myers

3 **05-52 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

4 TE R. Hornick presented the report to Presbytery. The following
5 recommendations were adopted:

- 6 1. That the docket be approved as amended (**Appendix B**)
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- 8 2. That the nominations for Presbytery Officers and Committees be approved
9 (**Appendix C**).
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- 11 3. That the nominations for GA Committees and Agencies be elected and
12 forwarded to the GA Nominating Committee.
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- 14 4. That the following responses to GA Review of Records be approved and
15 forwarded to the committee:
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 - 17 a. Exception: May 11, 2004. Presbytery acknowledges the omission of the
18 Sessional recommendation and 6 months prior church membership in the
19 minutes and will instruct the committee chairman to include this
20 information in the future.
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 - 22 b. Exception: November 9, 2004. Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the
23 exception noted concerning the dissolution of pastoral relationships. The
24 record of the dissolution was noted in 04-48.5 Communications and in the
25 Committee report 04-53.1&3.
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- 27 5. That the 100th Stated Meeting be held at the Blue Springs Baptist Assembly
28 Campgrounds, February 13--14, 2006.

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

30 **05-53 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD**

31 TE D. Shackelford presented the Administration Committee's report to
32 presbytery. The following recommendations were adopted.
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- 34 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records
35 on time to the 98th stated meeting of this Presbytery on May 10, 2005,
36 and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:
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 - 38 • Fairfield, Pensacola, FL
 - 39 • First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, FL
 - 40 • Grace, Madison, FL

- Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores, AL
- Loxley, Loxley, AL

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.

REMINDER: Be sure to check the Sessional Minutes Review Schedule for changes and updates to your review date. These are subject to change without notice.

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 97th stated meeting of this Presbytery on May 10th , 2005.

- First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL
- First Presbyterian Church, Panama City
- McIlwain, Pensacola, FL
- Westminster, Milton (last report was Oct. 2003)

3. That Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL submitted their Sessional minutes and records to the 97th stated meeting of this Presbytery on February 15, 2005, and that the following exceptions of substance were found:

- That there have been no stated meetings of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL as required by BCO 12-6 for a period of at least five years.
- That there has been no reading and approval of previous minutes by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL
- That there has been no review of records during the previous years by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL
- That copies of the annual statistical report to General Assembly have not been provided for records review.

Action Item: The Presbytery has instructed the Administrative Committee chairman to send a letter to the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL, outlining these exceptions of substance and requesting a written response. The letter was sent on 9/14/05 (**Appendix E**).

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL has responded as of 10/11/05 in writing. (see attached).

- 1 4. Proposed Budget for 2006. (**Appendix F**) Referred to “New Business” on
2 the docket for approval at that time in order to allow for amendments.
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- 4 5. The Administrative committee recommends to the Presbytery that we
5 approve the spending of \$1,500.00 for the purchase of a new laptop
6 computer for the use of the Stated Clerk (R. Hornick) effective
7 immediately. As in the case of the Recording Clerk, the laptop may be
8 used by the Stated Clerk for both personal and Presbytery related
9 business, however the laptop will remain the property of Gulf Coast
10 Presbytery should R. Hornick cease to serve as the Stated Clerk.
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- 12 6. The Presbytery has received 2 personal checks totaling \$125.00 marked
13 for disaster relief. These funds need to be distributed through our MNA
14 committee.
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- 16 7. That this report be approved as a whole.

17 **05-54 EXAMINATIONS – TE W. CHANNELL**

18 Chairman W. Channell opened the report of the examinations committee
19 with prayer and introduced the Reverend Tim Locke to presbytery. Mr.
20 Locke was ordained by the Faith Baptist Church (Independent), Taylors,
21 South Carolina. He has been called to serve as an assistant pastor by
22 the Pinewoods Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, FL.

23 RE R. Myers examined him on the area of his Christian experience and
24 sense of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this
25 portion of the exam.

26 TE B. Tyson then examined Mr. Locke in area of Theology. A motion was
27 made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

28 TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Locke in area of English Bible. A motion
29 was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

30 TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Locke in area of Polity. A motion was
31 made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

32 TE W. Channel then examined Mr. Locke in area of Church History. A
33 motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

34 TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Locke in area of Sacraments. A motion
35 was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

36 A motion was made to sustain the examination of Mr. Locke as a whole and
37 noting that he has no exceptions to the Westminster standards.

1 A motion was made and carried that we receive Mr. Locke into Gulf Coast
2 Presbytery upon his signing the book of ministerial obligations.

3 The terms of the call Pinewoods Presbyterian Church were read,
4 approved, and found acceptable to Mr. Locke and placed in his hands.
5 **(Appendix G)**

6 The installation service was set for October 23, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. at Pinewoods
7 Presbyterian with the following appointed to serve on the commission: (Quorum -
8 2 RE & 2 TE)

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10 TE David Anderegg RE Frank Drew
11 TE Robert Dekker RE Butch Ritchie
12 TE Stephen Cloud RE Richard McSwain
13 TE Anthony Locke, ARP as Guest of the Commission
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15 **SPECIAL ORDER – 11:25 – GA REPORT ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – Bill Kuh**

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17 **SPECIAL ORDER – 11:45 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS**

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19 **SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH**

20 **PRESBYTERY RECONVENED**

21 The Moderator called presbytery to order and led in prayer. Presbytery
22 reconvened following lunch at 12:04 (CST).

23 **05-54 EXAMINATIONS CONT'D – TE W. CHANNELL**

24 TE W. Channell continued the report of the examinations committee by
25 introducing Mr. Justin Stodghill to the presbytery. Mr. Stodghill is being
26 examined for licensure in Gulf Coast Presbytery. Mr Stodghill has
27 attended Whitefield Theological Seminary.

28 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Stodghill in the area of Christian experience
29 and sense of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest
30 this portion of the exam.

31 Mr. Stodghill's trial sermon and sermon manuscript was approved.

32 TE B. Tyson then examined Mr. Stodghill in area of Theology. A motion
33 was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

34 TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Stodghill in area of Polity. A motion was
35 made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

1 TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Stodghill in area of English Bible. A
2 motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

3 A motion was made to arrest and sustain the examination of Mr. Stodghill
4 noting that he has no exceptions to the Westminster standards.

5 The questions of licensure were then put to him and affirmed. A suitable
6 charge was given by TE B. O'Neil who also prayed for Mr. Stodghill.

7 At Panama City, FL, the eleventh day of October, 2005, the Gulf Coast
8 Presbytery, having received testimonials commending Mr. Justin Stodghill,
9 proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for licensure, which
10 was met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered
11 the questions for licensure, Mr. Stodghill was licensed by the Presbytery to
12 preach the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery.

13 **SPECIAL ORDER: REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HANDLING**
14 **OUT-OF-BOUNDS CALLS – TE B. O'Neil**

15 A draft proposal on the nature of the call of teaching elders and the handling
16 of out-of-bounds calls was presented to presbytery for further study. The
17 report was tabled for a vote at the next meeting of presbytery.

18 **05-55 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE C. RYOR, CHAIRMAN**

19 TE C. Ryor presented the report to Presbytery.

20 TE D. Anderegg gave an update report on the work of Disaster Relief in Gulf
21 Coast Presbytery. The presbytery has been at the fore front of initial relief in the
22 wake of hurricane Katrina.

23 TE C. Ryor gave an update on the work of the CenterPoint Mission and the re-
24 plant of Faith Presbyterian Church in Robertsedale, AL.

25 A motion was made to amend the proposed MNA Budget to authorize the
26 following item:

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- 28 • That revitalization funding the church planter for the replant of Faith PC in
29 Robertsedale and Loxley Presbyterian Churches in Alabama at our
30 standard church planting funding arrangement of \$1,500 per month for the
31 first year, \$1,000 per month for the second year, and \$500 per month in
the third year.

32 **05-56 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE BENNY YOUNGBLOOD, CHAIRMAN**

33 Mr. Youngblood presented the report to presbytery. He informed the presbytery

1 of several conference opportunities and resources for PresWIC, Youth and
2 Children's Ministries. He also encouraged all presbyters to attend the Overnight
3 Presbytery Meeting, February 13-14, 2006.

4 See **Appendix H** for the full report and containing important conference and
5 resource information.

6 **05-57 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER**

7 TE R. Dekker presented the report to presbytery.

8 TE Dekker gave a follow-up status report on the relationship of the First
9 Presbyterian Church of Niceville, Florida and TE M. Swain, the former senior
10 pastor. Both TE M. Swain and TE J. Grider, current senior pastor, indicated that
11 a healthy relationship exists between TE Swain, the Session, and congregation
12 of First Presbyterian Church where they are regularly attending. Mrs. Swain will
13 soon become a member of the congregation.

14 The following recommendations were adopted by presbytery.

15 1. We move the adoption of the following:

16 Whereas, it is the responsibility of Presbytery through the Ministers and
17 Candidates Committee to provide written notification of the GCP's ministry
18 requirements which are to be consistent with the academic standards spelled
19 out in the Uniform Curriculum for Theological Education (BCO 21-4) to the
20 intern, prior to the commencement of his period of internship (GCP 407-2),
21 and

22 Whereas, it is the responsibility of Presbytery to determine the nature of the
23 requirements (BCO19-7), involving the full scope of the duties of any regular
24 ministerial calling, and

25 Whereas, it is within the scope of Presbytery's responsibility to determine
26 what is suitable to best test an intern's gifts (BCO-19-7), and

27 Whereas, areas not covered satisfactorily in the candidates choice of
28 seminary are to addressed through a candidates' internship testing (BCO 21-
29 4),

30 Be it resolved that the current "Gulf Coast Presbytery Internship Criteria
31 Guide" and "Internship Checklist for the Gulf Coast Presbytery" be utilized as
32 the minimum standard for the Gulf Coast Presbytery's internship expectations
33 when developing each person's tailored internship checklist (which may at the
34 discretion of the Ministers and Candidates Committee and the intern's
35 mentor, require the substituting of redundant activities with particular activities

1 that will more acutely address the candidates known areas of weakness), and
2 Be it further resolved that such a personalized Internship will commence with
3 the approval of the Presbytery (BCO 19-10).

4 2. We move the following motion:

5 Whereas the BCO requires an annual report to Presbytery by all Candidates
6 (BCO 18-6 & GCP Standing Rules 407-1b),

7 Whereas the BCO requires an annual reporting by all interns of their progress
8 (see BCO 19-12 and GCP Standing Rules 407-2a),

9 Whereas the BCO 8-7 requires the annual reporting of all Teaching Elders
10 who are laboring out-of-bounds, and

11 Whereas the GCP Standing Rules require the MAC to provide its report at the
12 May Stated Meeting,

13 Whereas the neglect of regular annual reporting has provided confusion and
14 has not received due process,

15 Be it resolved that all annual reporting be submitted by April 15th of each year
16 to the Clerk of Presbytery (and a copy of that report be forwarded to the
17 Chairman of the Ministers and Candidates Committee.

18 3. We move the following motion:

19 Whereas it has been noted by the Ministers and Candidates Committee that
20 TE Tim Spilman continues to be without a call for a period now exceeding
21 three years (BCO 13-2), and

22 Whereas it is the duty of the Presbytery to inquire into the matter (BCO 34-10)
23 and if necessary to divest him of his office (BCO 34-10),

24 Be it resolved that the Gulf Coast Presbytery order the clerk proceed with the
25 process outlined in BCO 34-10, seeking TE Spilman to address this matter in
26 person at our next stated meeting.

27 4. We move that GCP approve the initiation of the internship request by Al
28 Ward. That Al Ward, having been previously taken under care as a candidate
29 and having been examined in the area of Christian experience and sense of
30 call to ministry, be approved for licensure. Presbytery accepted Mr. Ward's
31 previous statement of Christian Experience and sense of call to the ministry
32 as meeting the BCO requirements for licensure.

1 5. We move that GCP approve the request dated on August 6, 2005, from the
2 Clerk of the Western Carolina Presbytery to dismiss TE Josiah Bancroft to
3 their presbytery so that he may serve at the Grace Community Church in
4 Fletcher, NC.

5 6. We move that Mr. Justin Stodghill be taken under care of Gulf Coast
6 Presbytery. Mr. Stodghill is a member of the Westminster Presbyterian
7 Church, Milton, FL. He has been endorsed by the Session and has submitted
8 an application to the clerk. Presbytery accepted Mr. Stodghill's statement of
9 Christian experience and call to the ministry as given during his licensure
10 exam (see 05-54) as meeting the requirement for candidacy.

11 The moderator proposed the questions which were answered in the
12 affirmative. TE B. O'Neil delivered the charge and led in prayer in Mr.
13 Stodghill's behalf.

14 TE Dekker closed the report with prayer. See **Appendix I** for Ministers
15 and Candidates full report.

16 **05-58 MISSION TO THE WORLD – TE S. BRADFORD**

17 The Mission to the World report was given by TE S. Bradford in the absence of
18 the chairman, TE Dewey Roberts. Mr. Roberts is on active duty with the National
19 Guard.

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21 TE Bradford introduced Stephanie Pike who a missionary with MTW in France.
22 She gave a report of her work there and God's continuing work in France.

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24 Mr. Kent Ferguson also gave a report on their work with MTW in the
25 development of a support network for missionaries called the "Safety, Awareness
26 and Crisis Response Program".

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28 TE S. Bradford gave an update on the work of Church Planting International.

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30 The report was approved a whole and TE B. Hayes closed with prayer.
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32 **05-59 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES**

33 TE B. Hayes gave the report on the works involving seven different RUF
34 ministries in the state of Florida. TE David Story gave an oral report of the work
35 of RUF at Florida State University.

36 **05-61 NEW BUSINESS**

37 2006 Budget – Presbytery approved the 2006 GCP Budget as amended

1 See **Appendix F** for the details of this budget.

2 Time & Place of the 100th Stated Meeting - The next stated meeting of Gulf Coast
3 Presbytery will be held February 13-14, 2006 at Blue Springs Baptist Assembly
4 Campgrounds in Mariana, Florida.

5 **05-62 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

6 The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

7 **Whereas**, we the members of Gulf Coast Presbytery praise God for this
8 99th Stated meeting at the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Panama City,
9 FL.

10 **And Whereas**, we appreciate greatly the gracious hospitality shown by
11 our host church's pastors and staff,

12 **Therefore Be It Resolved that**, Gulf Coast Presbytery formally and
13 corporately expresses its thanks and appreciation to Covenant
14 Presbyterian Church, its pastors, and its staff for hosting and serving
15 refreshments and lunch to the presbytery and its guests.

16 Resolution and Thanks Committee,

17 TE D. Rainwater, Chairman
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19 **05-63 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

20 Presbytery adjourned at 4:15 PM (CST) by TE R. FENNIG who closed with
21 prayer.

22 Respectfully submitted,

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25 TE R . Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
TO ORDAIN & INSTALL MR. BARKSDALE PULLEN**

Report of the Commission to install Rev. Barksdale M. Pullen, III as Assistant Pastor of Wildwood Presbyterian Church.

The Commission met on August 20, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. at the church. A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

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| TE Bob Evans | RE Lynn Haygood |
| TE Ed Hague | RE Jimmy Hill |
| TE Stephen Bradford | RE Bob Burton |

Others Present: None

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by TE Bob Evans. TE Bob Evans was elected chairman and TE Ed Hague was elected Secretary of the Commission. The Commission recessed with prayer by TE Bob Evans for the ordination/installation service.

The Chairman stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the installation ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate/Minister (BCO 21.9) and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions to the Wildwood congregation (BCO 21.10), and these were answered in the affirmative by the Members holding up their right hands. RE Lyn Haygood then read Scriptures and explained the nature of the position to the Congregation. The Commission, Ruling Elders of Wildwood PCA, and the Search Committee gathered around the Candidate for prayer. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Rev. Barksdale M. Pullen, III had been regularly installed as Assistant Pastor of the Wildwood Church PCA.

A charge to the Pastor was delivered by RE Lyn Haygood.

A charge to the Congregation was delivered by TE Bob Evans.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned by prayer by TE Bob Evans.

1 Rev. Ed Hagne
2 Secretary

3 **APPENDIX B**

4 **PROPOSED DOCKET**
5 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 99th STATED MEETING**
6 **October 11, 2005 – 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 EDT**

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- 8 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
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 - 10 2. Worship Service
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 - 12 3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
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 - 14 4. Approval of Printed Minutes
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 - 16 5. Communications
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 - 18 6. Adoption of Docket
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 - 20 7. Introduction of Visitors
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 - 22 8. Appointment of Standing Committees
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 - 24 9. Permanent Committee Reports
 - 25 Executive Committee – TE R. Hornick, Clerk
 - 26 Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford
 - 27 Examinations – TE Wesley Channell
 - 28 AD HOC Committee on Call to Ministry
 - 29 Christian Education – RE Benny Youngblood
 - 30 Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker
 - 31 Mission to North America – TE Chuck Ryor
 - 32 Mission to the World – TE G. Roberts
 - 33 Florida Joint Commission on RUF – TE R. Hayes
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 - 35 SPECIAL ORDER – 11:25 – GA REPORT ON STRATEGIC PRIORITIES – Bill Kuh
 - 36 SPECIAL ORDER – 11:45 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
 - 37 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH
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 - 39 10. Old Business
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 - 41 11. New Business
 - 42 a. Time & Place of 100th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, February 13-14, 2006

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- 2 12. Reports of Standing Committees
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- 4 13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

5 **APPENDIX C**

6 **Nominations for Presbytery Officers & Committees**

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9	Moderator – RE Benny Youngblood		Stated Clerk – TE. R. Hornick
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11	Recording Clerk – TE J. Grider		Treasurer – RE Bill Luka
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13	Parliamentarian – TE G. D. Roberts		
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15	COMMITTEE	Class of 2008	Chairman
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17	Administration	RE R. Kohlin	
18			TE D. Shackelford
19		TE D. Eide	
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21	Christian Education	RE	
22			RE B. Youngblood
23		TE B. Pullen, III	
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26	Examinations	RE J. Hill	
27			TE B. O’Neil
28		TE B. O’Neil	
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31	Ministers & Candidates	RE K. Robinson	
32		RE E. Smith	
33			TE. R. Dekker
34		TE R. Looper	
35		TE C. Pearson	
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38	Mission to North America	RE R. Simpson	
39		RE E. Haug	
40			TE C. Ryor
41		TE C. Ryor	
42		TE R. Newell	
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1 Mission to the World RE Carrigan
2 TE D. Roberts
3 TE R. LaGuardia
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5 Reformed University Ministries - R. Hayes, D. Shackelford & R. Looper
6 **NOMINATIONS FOR GA PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

7 **For Administrative Committee**

8 RE TE R. Hornick
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10 **For Christian Education & Publications**

11 RE TE
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13 **For Constitutional Business Committee**

14 RE TE
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16 **For Interchurch Relations Committee**

17 RE TE
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19 **For Mission to North America**

20 RE TE
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22 **For Mission to the World**

23 RE TE
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25 **For Reformed University Ministries**

26 RE TE R. Hayes
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28 **For Standing Judicial Commission**

29 RE TE G. Roberts
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31 **For Theological Examining Committee**

32 RE TE
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34 **For Trustee of Covenant College**

35 RE TE
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37 **For Trustee of Covenant Theological Seminary**

38 RE TE
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40 **For Board of PCA Foundation**

41 RE TE
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43 **For Trustee of RBI**

44 RE TE
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46 **For Director of Ridge Haven**

47 RE TE R. Andrew Newell

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APPENDIX D

**Executive Committee Report
Tuesday, October 11, 2005**

I. MEETINGS

The Executive Committee met via conference call on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM CDT

II. ISSUES DISCUSSED

- A. Communications
- B. Committee Reports
- C. Docket
- D. Nominations

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- A. That the docket be approved as presented (Appendix A)
- B. That the nominations for Presbytery Officers and Committees be approved (Appendix B).
- C. That the nominations for GA Committees and Agencies be forwarded to the GA Nominating Committee.
- D. That the following responses to GA Review of Records be approved and forwarded to the committee:
 - 1. Exception: May 11, 2004. Presbytery acknowledges the omission of the Sessional recommendation and 6 months prior church membership in the minutes and will instruct the committee chairman to include this information in the future.
 - 2. Exception: November 9, 2004. Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception noted concerning the dissolution of pastoral relationships. The record of the dissolution was noted in 04-48.5 Communications and in the Committee report 04-53.1&3.
- E. That the 100th Stated Meeting be held at the Blue Springs Baptist Assembly Campgrounds, February 13--14, 2006.

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4 **APPENDIX E**
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6 **First Presbyterian Church**
7 **A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America**
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10 September 14, 2005
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12 FROM: Dennis Shackelford
13 Chairman, Administration Committee
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15 RE: Sessional Records
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19 Dear Jim,
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21 I am writing you today on behalf of the Gulf Coast Presbytery after the Administration Committee review
22 of the Sessional minutes that Westminster Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL submitted to
23 the 97th stated meeting of the Gulf Coast Presbytery on February 15, 2005.
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25 At the completion of Westminster Presbyterian Church's records review the following exceptions
26 of substance were reported to the Presbytery:
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- 28 • That there are no records of stated meetings of the Session of Westminster
29 Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL as required by BCO 12-6 for a period
30 of at least five years.
- 31 • That there has been no record of the reading and approval of previous
32 minutes by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee,
33 FL.
- 34 • That there has been no recorded review of records during the previous years
35 by the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL.
- 36 • That copies of the annual statistical report to General Assembly have not
37 been provided for records review.
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39 The Presbytery has instructed me to send a letter to the Session of Westminster Presbyterian
40 Church in Tallahassee, FL, outlining these exceptions of substance and to request a written
41 response. Will you and your Session please respond in writing to these exceptions of
42 substance to me or to the Stated Clerk by the 99th Stated Meeting on October 11th, 2005? If you
43 have any questions please call me at (850) 678-2521 or e-mail me at dwshack@fpcniceville.org.
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45 Yours in Christ,



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2 Dennis Shackleford
3 Administration Committee Chairman
4 Gulf Coast Presbytery

APPENDIX F

GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.

PROPOSED BUDGET

CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

	2005	2006	Actual	2005
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Thru</u> <u>Aug</u> <u>2005</u>	<u>Receipts</u>
General Fund				
Administrative Expenses				
Executive				
Postage	\$450	\$450	296	
Printing	800	800	368	
Supplies	100	100	0	
Telephone	1,300	1,300	298	
Travel	500	500	0	
Miscellaneous	100	100	30	
Recording Clerk	925	925	225	
Stated Clerk	5,400	5,400	3,600	
Total	<u>9,575</u>	<u>9,575</u>	<u>4,817</u>	
Administration				
Postage, Printing & Travel	100	100	30	
Computer	1,500	1,500	1,434	
Telephone	30	30	0	
Web Site	340	340	0	
Total	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,464</u>	
Mission to the World Committee				
Committee expenses	200	200	0	
Short-term Mission	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Total	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,000</u>	
Mission to North America Committee				

Committee expenses	750	1,550	0	
Disaster relief	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>1,600</u>	
	<u>3,150</u>	<u>3,950</u>	<u>1,600</u>	
Christian Education Committee				
Committee expenses	500	500	0	
Conferences & Retreats	1,000	1,000	366	
Speakers	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>781</u>	
Total	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>1,147</u>	
Ministers & Candidates Committee				
Committee expenses	500	500	53	
Conferences	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>0</u>	
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>	<u>53</u>	
Examinations Committee				
Committee expenses	400	400	62	
Reformed University Ministries				
David Story - Florida State University	6,300	12,000	4,200	
Total General Fund	<u>\$26,795</u>	<u>\$33,295</u>	<u>\$14,343</u>	<u>\$6,575</u>
	\$22,000	\$24,000		\$6,938

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APPENDIX G

**Terms of Call for Timothy R. Locke as Assistant Pastor
of Pinewoods Presbyterian Church**

The Pinewoods Presbyterian Church (PCA) being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. Timothy R. Locke, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, 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 \$44,000 a year in regular monthly salary and housing allowance payments, as well as other benefits (approximated to be \$11,500 a year) such as: retirement; insurance coverage comparable to PCA health, dental, disability and basic life plan; and four week's vacation; during the time of your being and continuing the Assistant Pastor of this church. Pinewoods also agrees to reimburse you for reasonable moving expenses.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 5th day of May, A.D. 2004.

Attest: I, having moderated the sessional meeting which extended a call to Rev. Timothy R. Locke for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the PCA Book of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the Session.

Moderator of the Session

Recording Clerk

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7 **APPENDIX H**

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9 **Christian Education Committee Report**
10 **Gulf Coast Presbytery**
11 **Presbytery Church in America**
12 **October 11, 2005**
13 **RE Benny Youngblood, Chairman**

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15 **I. Open in Prayer**

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17 **II. PresWIC**

- 18 a. 2006 WIC Leadership Training Conference
19 i. March 9-11, 2006
20 ii. Sheraton Gateway, Atlanta Airport;
21 iii. Rev. Philip Ryken; Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia
22 iv. Sign Up at <http://www.ppacep.org/Wic/Leadership06.htm>
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24 b. 2006 International Women in the Church Conference
25 i. Keynote Speaker: Joni Eareckson Tada
26 ii. Atlanta, GA
27 iii. September 15-17, 2006

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29 **III. Reform Youth Ministry (RYM)**

- 30 a. Contacts:
31 i. Justin Gishal; Concord Presbyterian Church, Gulf Breeze, 850-932-6243
32 ii. Rev. Tim Locke, Pinewoods Presbyterian Church, Cantonment
33 tim@pinewoodschurch.org, 850-968-9342
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35 **IV. Conferences and Retreats**

- 36 a. Children's Ministry Conference – January 17-19, 2005
37 i. Keynote Speakers: Dr. Paul Tripp
38 ii. Holiday Inn North, Atlanta Airport
39 iii. CEP Children's Ministry Conference link:
40 <http://www.ppacep.org/Children/2006conference/index.htm>
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42 b. PYA – Youth Conference
43 i. Dean Conkel Coordinator
44 ii. <http://www.ppacep.org/PYA/default.htm>
45 iii. Call 678-825-1144 for more information

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V. Resources (All able to be ordered from <http://www.cepbookstore.com>)

- a. Children’s Ministry Manuel- “*Kids Under Construction*”
 - i. Great resource for building a successful children’s ministry
 - ii. http://www.cepbookstore.com/iwwida.pvx?;item?item_no=KIDSUN6772%20%20%20%20%201?comp=CEP
- b. *Making Kingdom Disciples: A new Foundation* by Charles Dunahoo
- c. *God is the Gospel* by John Piper

VI. Miscellaneous

- a. We encourage everyone to attend the Overnight Presbytery Meeting, February 13-14, 2006.

VII. This concludes the Christian Education Report

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APPENDIX I

Ministers and Candidates Committee Report
Gulf Coast Presbytery
The October 2005 Stated Meeting
Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman

THE MEMBERS:

Name	Class	Church	Contact #	
TE Rob Looper	05	McIlwain, Pensacola	(850) 438-5449	rob@mcilwain.org
TE Carl Pearson	05	Westminster, Milton	(850) 623-3731	Westminsterpresmfl@earthlink.net
RE Ron Kohlin	05	First, Niceville	(850) 897-3301	sooline1@cox.net
RE Earl Smith	05	Westminster, Ft Walton	(850)-243-2764	smithet311@aol.com
TE Bruce O'Neil	06	Eastern Shore, Fairhope, AL	(251) 928-0977	boneil@espcfairhope.org
TE Stephen Cloud	06	Fairfield, Pensacola	(850) 455-7245	pastorfpc@bellsouth.net
RE Frank Drew	06	Pinewoods, Pensacola	(850) 968-0274	frank.drew@cox.net
RE Frank Bierling	06	Wildwood, Tallahassee		fbierling@comcast.net
TE Robert Dekker	07	Concord, Gulf Breeze	(850) 932-6243	dekkerr@bellsouth.net
TE Dieter Paulson	07	Covenant Reformed PCA	(251) 625-1733	Mdieterp@aol.com
RE Bob Cooper	07	Fairfield, Pensacola	(850) 492-9567	cooperpp@cox.net
TE Scott Seidler	04	Kings Bay, Panama City Beach	(850) 774-5007	hesed77@knology.net

THE MEETINGS:

This Committee engaged in various phone and e-mail interactions between Presbytery meetings.

THE MATTERS (addressed since last Presbytery Meeting):

1. The matters pertaining to the Annual Report of candidates and licentiates
2. The matters pertaining to updating the internship requirements
3. The matters pertaining to the Lamb Scholarship Fund for GCP candidates attending Covenant Seminary
4. The matters pertaining to the annual reporting by the candidates,

- 1 TE's without call, TE's laboring out of bounds, and the regular
2 reporting of interns by the MAC
3 5. The matters pertaining to TE Spilman's continuing status of being
4 without a call

5 THE ACTIONS

- 6 1. The Annual Report of the GCP Candidates and Licentiates has been
7 updated and will be delivered at the October meeting of Presbytery. (see
8 the attached Report)
9 2. The MAC is seeking to implement minor changes in the current internship
10 program to enable a more personalized testing period which will best suit
11 the needs of each individual and those of the church or ministry in which
12 he will be laboring as an intern.
13 3. The 2005 scholarship has been divided equally among the 3 candidates
14 attending Covenant Seminary. (Please encourage any candidate
15 attending Covenant Seminary in 2006, to complete the application for this
16 scholarship at the Financial Aid Office before the end of August 2006)
17 4. The Committee desires conformity to the BCO requirements and our GCP
18 Standing Rules regarding the reporting.
19 5. TE Spilman has been without call since June of 2002. (See 13-2 and 34-
20 10 below)

21 **(13-2.** A minister shall be required to hold his membership in the Presbytery
22 within whose geographical bounds he resides, unless there are reasons which
23 are satisfactory to his Presbytery why he should not do so. When a minister
24 labors outside the geographical bounds of, or in a work not under the jurisdiction
25 of his Presbytery, at home or abroad, it shall be only with the full concurrence of
26 and under circumstances agreeable to his Presbytery, and to the Presbytery
27 within whose geographical bounds he labors, if one exists. When a minister shall
28 continue on the rolls of his Presbytery without a call to a particular work for a
29 prolonged period, not exceeding three years, the procedure as set forth in BCO
30 34-10 shall be followed.

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32 **34-10.** Whenever a minister of the Gospel shall habitually fail to be engaged in
33 the regular discharge of his official functions, **it shall be the duty of the**
34 **Presbytery, at a stated meeting, to inquire into the cause of such**
35 **dereliction and, if necessary, to institute judicial proceedings against him**
36 **for breach of his covenant engagement.** If it shall appear that his neglect
37 proceeds only from his lack of acceptance to the church, Presbytery may, upon
38 the same principle upon which it withdraws license from a licentiate for lack of
39 evidence of the divine call, divest him of his office without censure, even against
40 his will, a majority of two-thirds (2/3) being necessary for this purpose.
41 In such a case, the clerk shall under the order of the Presbytery forthwith deliver
42 to the minister concerned a written note that, at the next stated meeting, the
43 question of his being so dealt with is to be considered. This notice shall distinctly
44 state the grounds for this proceeding. The party thus notified shall be heard in his
45 own defense; and if the decision pass against him he may appeal, as if he had

1 been tried after the usual forms. This principle may apply, with any necessary
2 changes, to ruling elders and deacons.)

3 **THE MOTIONS:**

4 1. We move the adoption of the following:

5 Whereas, it is the responsibility of Presbytery through the Ministers and
6 Candidates Committee to provide written notification of the GCP's ministry
7 requirements which are to be consistent with the academic standards spelled out
8 in the Uniform Curriculum for Theological Education (BCO 21-4) to the intern,
9 prior to the commencement of his period of internship (GCP 407-2), and

10 Whereas, it is the responsibility of Presbytery to determine the nature of the
11 requirements (BCO19-7), involving the full scope of the duties of any regular
12 ministerial calling, and

13 Whereas, it is the within the scope of Presbytery's responsibility to determine
14 what is suitable to best test an intern's gifts (BCO-19-7), and

15 Whereas, areas not covered satisfactorily in the candidates choice of seminary
16 are to addressed through a candidates' internship testing (BCO 21-4),

17 Be it resolved that the current "Gulf Coast Presbytery Internship Criteria Guide"
18 and Internship Checklist for the Gulf Coast Presbytery" be utilized as the
19 minimum standard for the Gulf Coast Presbytery's internship expectations when
20 developing each person's tailored internship checklist (which may at the
21 discretion of the MAC and the intern's mentor, require the substituting of
22 redundant activities with particular activities that will more acutely address the
23 candidates known areas of weakness), and

24 Be it further resolved that such a personalized Internship will commence with the
25 approval of the Presbytery (BCO 19-10).

26 2. We move the following motion:

27 Whereas the BCO requires an annual report to Presbytery by all Candidates
28 (BCO 18-6 & GCP Standing Rules 407-1b),

29 Whereas the BCO requires an annual reporting by all interns of their progress
30 (see BCO 19-12 and GCP Standing Rules 407-2a),

31 Whereas the BCO 8-7 requires the annual reporting of all Teaching Elders who
32 are laboring out-of-bounds, and

1 Whereas the GCP Standing Rules require the MAC to provide its report at the
2 May Stated Meeting,

3 Whereas the neglect of regular annual reporting has provided confusion and has
4 not received due process,

5 Be it resolved that all annual reporting be submitted by April 15th of each year to
6 the Clerk of Presbytery (and a copy of that report be forwarded to the Chairman
7 of the Ministers and Candidates Committee.

8 3. We move the following motion:

9 Whereas it has been noted by the Ministers and Candidates Committee that TE
10 Tim Spilman continues to be without a call for a period now exceeding three
11 years (BCO 13-2), and

12 Whereas it is the duty of the Presbytery to inquire into the matter (BCO 34-10)
13 and if necessary to divest him of his office (BCO 34-10),

14 Be it resolved that the Gulf Coast Presbytery order the clerk proceed with the
15 process outlined in BCO 34-10, seeking TE Spilman to address this matter in
16 person at our next stated meeting.

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Ministers and Candidates Annual Report
May 2005 (Updated for the October 2005 Stated Meeting)

In accord with the Gulf Coast Presbytery’s Standing Rules 407:1b and the corresponding points of BCO 18-6, this annual report of the GCP Candidates and Licentiates is provided so that our presbyters might pray for these men and personally encourage them as they follow their individual callings into the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ.

Candidates on Roll:

- 1. Steven Brooks
- 2. Matthew Carr
- 3. Bruce Clark
- 4. Joe Elliott
- 5. Justin Gischel
- 6. Jay Kessler
- 7. Charles McLean
- 8. Mark Miller
- 9. Sid Philips
- 10. Douglas Ramsey
- 11. Phil Roderick
- 12. Wilson Shirley
- 13. Brian Steadman
- 14. Scott Telhiard
- 15. Al Ward

Licentiates on Roll:

- 1. Sid Phillips

REPORTS:

Steven Brooks—Steven became a candidate in February of 2001 and completed his internship in October of 2003. He is married to Kelly and has a child who just turned one. He has most recently been working with Seven Rivers Church, PCA, pastored by Ray Cortes. After 9 months of ministering there, he is anticipating a call from them to serve as an Assistant Pastor, working with the Junior and Senior High. He is currently preparing to take the ordination examination in the Central Florida Presbytery. At that time he will be transferred to that presbytery.

Matthew Carr-- Matthew became a candidate in May of 2005. His wife is named Shannon. His home church is Covenant PCA in Panama City, Florida. He is currently attending Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, taking 14 credit hours this fall.

Bruce Clark – Bruce became a candidate in May of 2005. He is a RE at First Presbyterian Church in Niceville.

Joe Elliott – Joe became a candidate in May of 2004; he has already been ordained in another denomination but is eagerly pursuing PCA credentials. His wife is named Beverly and he has 3 children. Joe is currently involved in

1 ministry at Center Point in Tallahassee along side TE Church Ryor; he has a desire to lead a daughter church in the
2 near future (as early as 2007). He is eager to complete his internship requirements as soon as possible.
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4 **Justin Gischel--** Justin became a candidate in May of 2005. He continues to be a member at Concord PCA in Gulf
5 Breeze, but is currently living in Maryland. He is not yet married. He has just begun his seminary education
6 through virtual classes administered from Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He has expressed a
7 desire to become an Air Force Chaplain after completing an MDiv. He has just secured a part-time position with a
8 PCA church in Bel Air, MD, working with their youth.
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10 **Jay Kessler--** Jay became a candidate in GCP as a member of the Eastern Shore PCA Church. He has graduated
11 from Covenant Seminary. Having approved his internship requirements at our May meeting, he is seeking
12 ordination in a Church in Great Lakes Presbytery.
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14 **Charles McLean—**Jay became in a candidate of GCP as a member of the Pinewoods PCA Church. He continues to
15 serve as a chaplain for Waterfront Rescue Mission.
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17 **Mark Miller-** Mark became a candidate in May 2004. Mark is enrolled in Birmingham Theological Seminary and
18 has been regularly attending the extention classes offered at Eastern Shore PCA. He is making great progress
19 towards an MDiv degree, and is eager to begin an internship in February.
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21 **Sid Philips—**Sid became a candidate in April of 1994. He is married. He has served as the pulpit supply for a
22 PCA church in Moss Point, MS. His home was recently damaged by hurricane Katrina; he is doing most of the
23 repairs. Sid recently indicated a special encounter with God, which has fanned his flame to spread the gospel.
24 Sid's wife is currently serving as the music director for a conservative Anglican church. He is now worshipping
25 regularly with them and is reconsidering what God is calling him to do. Sid's license to preach was renewed (for 4
26 more years) in October of 2003.
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28 **Douglas Ramsey—**Doug became a candidate in October 2002. He has recently returned to Covenant Seminary
29 after serving as a summer intern his home church, First Presbyterian, in Niceville. He is not married and lives on
30 campus. He is currently working at the Archeology Institute in St. Louis. Doug has maintained a good GPA. His
31 internship was initiated in October, with the hope intent to include his summer ministry in Niceville.
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33 **Phil Roderick--** No report was received.
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35 **Wilson Shirley—**Wilson became a candidate in May 2004. He is married to
36 Laura, and is currently pursuing an MDiv at RTS in Jackson, MS, having completed his first seven hours of classes
37 last fall. He is serving full time at the Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland, MS as their Youth Minister.
38 His wife is teaching 2nd grade at First Presbyterian Day School in Jackson. He has testified that God is blessing his
39 ministry there, as there has been great parental and parishioner involvement around him to reach out to the rising
40 generation. While the church was seeking a pastor, Wilson was able to gain experience doing other tasks typically
41 met by the pastor. He was able to lead staff devotions regularly and preach occasionally.
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43 **Brian Steadman—**Brian became a candidate in May 2004. He is married to Jessie and is the proud father of a little
44 boy born on August 27, 2005. He has 3 more years at Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. He is busy at school and is
45 working part time at a bank. He is seeking to initiate an internship with the Providence PCA in the near future.
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47 **Scott Telhiard—no report was received.**
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49 **Al Ward—**Al became a candidate in Niceville. He is married to Allison. He is in his last year at RTS in Jackson.
50 He is eager to fulfill the internship requirements. His home church is Eastern Shore PCA. He is currently working
51 at Providence PCA in Jackson. [mailto:aandaward@yahoo.com])