

**ONE-HUNDRETH STATED MEETING
 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7-8, 2006
 BLUE SPRING RETREAT CENTER
 MARIANA, FLORIDA**

06-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 100th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by moderator, RE Benny Youngblood at 2:11 p.m. (EST) on Tuesday, February 7, 2006, at the Blue Springs Retreat Center, Mariana, Florida. Mr. Youngblood opened the meeting with the reading of Psalm 100 and then led the commissioners in prayer.

06-02 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	R. Carpenter
Christ, Mobile	D. Eide	
Christ Community Church		
Concord	R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee	J. Watson	R. Hawks
Covenant		
	R. Hopper	
Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	
Eastern Shore	B. O'Neil	B. Youngblood

		B. Luka
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
		K. Peebles
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	VACANT	K. Sanders
		C. Bradford
First, Atmore		
First, Niceville	J. Grider	R. Kohlin
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City		R. Croft
		J. Rish
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	J. Hopwood	
Grace Community, Mobile	J. Bryars	
Loxley	VACANT	
McIlwain	R. Looper	R. Myers
New Philadelphia	A. Newell	G. Beach
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	
	T. Locke	
Safe Harbor	T. Hughes	P. Belardino
		F. Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	W. Tyson	J. Richardson
		E. Smith
Westminster, Tallahassee	J. Craft	

Westminster, Milton		
Wildwood	E. Hague	
	B. Pullen	

OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
M. Griffith		T. Rott
D. Miller		C. Ryor
D. Paulson		T. Spilman
C. Pearson		D. Story

EXCUSED: TE S. Bradford, W. Cathey, J. Craft, R. Evans, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, D. Gilleran, R. Hayes, M. Kirk, A. Maves, C. Phillips, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, J. Robbins, S. Seidler, B. Sinclair, and RE Commissioners from Loxley PC and Warrington PCA, Pensacola, FL.

VISITORS: Jim Bland, Steve Gibbons, Joe Elliott, Jeremy Fair, Stephen Scott, Bryant Meredith, Tom Barnes, Bryan Beard, Justin Stodghill, Bill Collier, and Allen Stanton.

06-03 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES

Minutes from the 99th Stated Meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

06-04 COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Stated Clerk, North Texas Presbytery, notifying presbytery of the dismissal of TE Tom Barnes, pending reception in Gulf Coast Presbytery, referred to the Examinations Committee.
2. Letter from the Session, Grace Fellowship PCA, endorsing Mr. Allen Stanton as a candidate for the Gospel Ministry, referred to the Examinations Committee.
3. Letter from TE J. C. Ryor, Church Planter and Evangelist, endorsing Messers Steve Gibbons and Brad Smith as candidates for the Gospel Ministry.
4. Applications for Candidacy from Messers Steve Gibbons and Allen Stanton, received as information.

5. Requests for excused absence from:

TE S. Bradford, W. Cathey, J. Craft, R. Evans, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, D. Gilleran, R. Hayes, M. Kirk, A. Maves, C. Phillips, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, J. Robbins, S. Seidler, B. Sinclair, and

RE Commissioners from Warrington PCA, Pensacola, FL.

06-05 ADOPTION OF DOCKET

The docket was adopted as amended. **(Appendix A)**

06-06 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS

Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 06-02)

06-07 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

Bills and Overtures:

- TE R. Looper
- TE D. Story
- RE K. Sanders
- RE B. Luka

Resolution and Thanks:

- TE D. Anderegg, Chairman
- TE D. Paulson
- RE J. Richardson
- RE R. Myers

06-08 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK

A. That the docket be approved as presented. Approved.

B. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission, for the purpose of electing commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners. Approved.

C. That the following be elected as GCP members of the following GA committees:

Review of Records -- (None)

Nominating Committee -- RE Ron Kohlin

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

06-09 EXAMINATIONS – TE B. O’NEIL

TE B. O’Neil, chairman opened the report of the examinations committee with prayer. He then introduced the Reverend Tom Barnes to presbytery. Mr. Barnes is an ordained PCA pastor in good standing in North Texas Presbytery. He has been called to serve as a re-organizing pastor of Loxley Presbyterian and Faith Presbyterian Churches in Baldwin County, Alabama.

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

TE B. O’Neil asked Mr. Barnes if his views had changed in the area of **Theology**. He indicated no change and, following an opportunity for questions from the floor, a motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

TE B. O’Neil asked Mr. Barnes if his views had changed in the area of **Sacraments**. He indicated no change and, following an opportunity for questions from the floor, a motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

TE B. O’Neil asked Mr. Barnes if his views had changed in the area of **Principles and Rules of Government and Discipline of the PCA Book of Church Order**. He indicated no change and, following an opportunity for questions from the floor, a motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

TE B. O’Neil asked Mr. Barnes if his views had changed in the area of Theology. He indicated no change and, following an opportunity for questions from the floor, a motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

A motion was made to sustain the examination of Mr. Barnes as a whole, noting that he has no exceptions to the Westminster standards.

A motion was made and carried that we receive Mr. Barnes into Gulf Coast Presbytery upon his signing the book of ministerial obligation.

The terms of the call to the Loxley and Faith Presbyterian Churches were read, approved, and found acceptable to Mr. Barnes and placed in his hands. **(Appendix C)**

The installation service was set for February 12, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian with the following appointed to serve on the commission: (Quorum - 2 RE & 2 TE)

TE David Anderegg
TE Bob Hornick

RE Benny Youngblood
RE Paul Allred

TE Stephen Cloud
TE David Gilleran

RE Ken Sanders
RE Gerald Keuler
RE Lloyd Keuler

TE B. O'Neil continued the report of the examinations committee by introducing Mr. Allen Stanton and Mr. Steven Gibbons to the presbytery. Both men have been endorsed by their Sessions and have made application to be received as candidates for the Gospel ministry.

TE B. O'Neil examined Mr. Stanton and Mr. Gibbons in the area of Christian Experience and sense of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest and sustain their exams for each in order.

A motion and carried to receive Mr. Stanton and Mr Gibbons as a candidates in Gulf Coast Presbytery.

The moderator posed the BCO questions to both candidates and they answered in the affirmative.

TE R. Fennig then charged both men and led the presbytery in prayer for them.

SPECIAL ORDER (3:00 PM): REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HANDLING OUT-OF-BOUNDS CALLS – TE B. O'Neil

TE O'Neil gave the report of the committee on handling out-of-bounds calls. The report was amended as follows:

Page 2, item 2 was amended by the insertion of the following phrase "*if appropriate to the ministry context*". The amended section now reads:

Will the organization issuing the request to Presbytery allow the man to preach and teach the Word of God and, if ***appropriate to the ministry context***, to administrate the Sacraments in ways appropriate to the order of a teaching elder and his call to the Gospel ministry (BCO 8-5)?

See **Appendix D** for the complete original report of the Ad Hoc Committee.

NOTE: Since this motion would amend our Standing Rules it will be docketed for a second vote at the next stated meeting of presbytery and will require a two-thirds vote.

EXAMINATIONS (CONT'D) – TE B. O'NEIL

TE B. O'Neil resumed the report of the examinations committee by introducing the Reverend Jeremy Fair. Mr. Fair has been called as Associate Pastor at Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church in Fairhope, Alabama. He is seeking to transfer into the presbytery from the Southern Baptist Convention.

RE R. Myers examined him in the area of his Christian Experience and sense of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Fair in the area of English Bible. This portion of the exam was arrested.

TE B. O'Neil examined Mr. Fair in the area of Theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.

TE B. O'Neil examined Mr. Fair in the area of Sacraments. This portion of the exam was arrested.

TE B. O'Neil examined Mr. Fair in the area of Church History. This portion of the exam was arrested.

TE B. O'Neil then examined Mr. Fair in the area of Principles and Rules of Government and Discipline of the PCA Book of Church Order. This portion of the exam was arrested.

Motion was made and carried to accept his seminary degree from Southwestern Theological Seminary in lieu of his exam in the original languages and his exegetical papers were also approved.

The exam was arrested exam as a whole and then sustained as a whole.

The appropriate questions were read to Mr. Fair from the BCO to which he answered in the affirmative.

A motion was made and carried that we receive Mr. Fair into Gulf Coast Presbytery by transfer from the Southern Baptist Convention upon his signing the book of ministerial obligations.

The terms of the call to the Eastern Shore Church were read, approved, and found acceptable to Mr. Fair and placed in his hands. **(Appendix E)**

The installation service was set for February 12, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church with the following appointed to serve on the commission: (Quorum -2 RE & 2 TE)

TE B. O'Neil
TE J. Bryars
TE Dieter Paulson

RE Benny Youngblood
RE N. Blackerby
RE R. Smith

SPECIAL ORDER – 4:30 PM – REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES & OTHERS

Report from TE Mack Griffith – MNA Chaplaincy Ministry

SPECIAL ORDER – 5:00 PM – SUPPER

SPECIAL ORDER - 6:30 PM - WORSHIP & THE LORD'S SUPPER

Presbytery reconvened at 6:30 PM for worship a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Eric Sparks led the presbytery in the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Dr. Jim Bland preached a sermon from Luke 16. Dr. Bill Tyson and the ruling elders from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach conducted the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The presbytery reconvened at 8:35 a.m. on Wednesday, February 8th, with the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns. A motion was made and carried to amend the docket to allow the MNA Committee to report at this time.

06-10 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE C. RYOR, CHAIRMAN

TE C. Ryor led in prayer and then presented the report to Presbytery.

1. **CenterPointe Mission**, Tallahassee. - Mr. Ryor reported that officer training is beginning as CenterPointe progresses toward becoming a particular church.
2. **Church Planting** - A request from TE Dennis Rainwater to plant a church in the Marianna area has been considered by the committee. While the committee believes that Mr. Rainwater possesses the gifts of a church planter, the situation at the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church and in the Marianna core group are not favorable for planting of a church. The committee believes that our limited resources as a Presbytery will be better used elsewhere. The MNA Committee also believes that his opportunities to serve God's Kingdom will be better elsewhere and to that end, we agreed at our last presbytery to provide the resources for his attendance at a church planting conference in Orlando last week, and our committee has agreed to request your approval for the provision of funds he'll need to attend MNA's Assessment Center in May, 2006.
3. **Vision Statement** - Restatement of the National MNA Committee Vision for Church Planting
 - To plant churches with the following characteristics:
 1. **Concentrations of People** – where the largest segments of the population lives.
 2. **Centers of Influence** – where people are leading the cultural institutions of our communities.
 3. **Crossroads of Society** – where people come and go.
 4. **Cultural, Economic & Socio-economic diversity** – different people groups

- To that end, while we continue to support plants and revitalizing efforts of the Presbytery as we have the Robertsdale Commission's work, we hope to focus our MNA energy on the three urban centers of Gulf Coast Presbytery in the years to come.

TE J. Bryars closed the report with prayer asking God's blessing on the committee and its work. The report as a whole was received. See **Appendix F** for the complete report.

06-11 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. PULLEN

Mr. Pullen presented the report to presbytery. He informed the presbytery of several conference opportunities and resources for PresWIC, Youth and Children's Ministries.

- I. Open in Prayer
- II. PresWIC
 - a. 2006 WIC Leadership Training Conference
 - March 9-11, 2006
 - Sheraton Gateway, Atlanta Airport;
 - Rev. Philip Ryken; Tenth Presbyterian, Philadelphia
 - Sign Up at <http://www.pcacep.org/Wic/Leadership06.htm>
 - b. 2006 International Women in the Church Conference
 - Keynote Speaker: Joni Eareckson Tada
 - Atlanta, GA
 - September 15-17, 2006
- III. Conferences and Retreats
 - a. Youth Christian Leadership Conference
 - June 12-17, 2006
 - Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, GA
 - PYA Conference link: <http://www.pcacep.org/yxl/index.htm>
- IV. Resources

All able to be ordered from <http://www.cepbookstore.com>

 - a. Children's Ministry Manuel- "*Kids Under Construction*"
 - Great resource for building a successful children's ministry
 - b. Youth Ministry Management Tools, by Olson, Elliot and Work
 - c. The Case for a Men's Discipleship Program by Patrick Morley
 - d. The Legacy of Biblical Womanhood by Susan Hunt and Barbara Thompson
- V. Motions:
 - a. That the Gulf Coast Presbytery approve our regularly scheduled February Presbytery be an overnight meeting annually. (This will

allow for more advanced planning and preparation for facility and speakers.)

The motion was approved. The report was received as a whole.

06-12 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER

TE R. Dekker presented the report to presbytery.

Mr. Dekker informed the presbytery that a new deadline of April 15th has been set by the committee for receiving reports of ministers and candidates obliged to make them. Those not complying will be brought before the next meeting of presbytery for appropriate action.

We move the following:

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

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

Be it resolved that the Gulf Coast Presbytery divest him of his office.

The motion was tabled until the May meeting of presbytery in light of Mr. Spilman's renewed pursuit of a call to a particular work.

TE Dekker closed the report with prayer and the report of approved as a whole. (See **Appendix G** for their complete report.)

06-13 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES

TE D. Shackelford gave the report to presbytery. He called upon TE D. Story to give an oral report of the work of RUF at Florida State University.

Mr. Shackelford closed the report with prayer. The report as whole was approved.

06-14 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD

TE D. Shackelford presented the Administration Committee's report to presbytery. The following recommendations were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on time to the 99th stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 11, 2005, and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

- First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL
- First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL
- McIlwain, Pensacola, FL
- New Philadelphia, Quincy, FL
- Pinewoods, Cantonment, FL
- Safe Harbor, Destin, FL
- Warrington, Pensacola, FL
- Westminster, Ft. Walton Bch, FL
- Westminster, Tallahassee, FL

REMINDER: Be sure to check the Sessional Minutes Review Schedule for changes for 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 99th stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 11th, 2005.
 - Westminster, Milton (last report was Oct. 2003)
3. On January 30th, 2006 the Administration Committee received e-mail correspondence from Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church requesting an extension until May 2006 for their Permanent Record Book Review. This request was granted.
4. On December 14th, 2005 The Administrative Committee purchased a new Dell laptop for the use of the Stated Clerk as approved at the October 2005 Stated Meeting.
5. Our Treasurer (Bill Luka) has enlisted the services of Al Keuler (our former Presbytery Treasurer), to conduct a review of our financial records.
6. A summary of funds and a year to date budget report are available for Presbytery review.
7. A financial “askings” letter was prepared and mailed out to all of the Teaching Elders and Clerks of Sessions on October 17, 2005. The letter outlined Gulf Coast Presbyteries 2006 budget increases (\$6,500.00 in our general fund & \$2,000.00 in our church planting fund) and requested that each church in the Presbytery do her part in contributing to the work of the Presbytery. The letter recognized that our churches are not all the same in size and therefore we are not called to give an equal share, but as a connectional family of churches we are all called to do our part and make an equal sacrifice for the Kingdom work of the Presbytery.
8. That this report be approved as a whole.

06-16 NEW BUSINESS

1. BCO Amendments

Item	Description	Yes	No	Abstain
#1	RE: Knowledge of Bible Content	33	0	1
#2	RE: Judicial Cases & Discipline	32	1	1
#3	RE: Appellate Jurisdiction	33	0	0

2. Time & Place of the 101st Stated Meeting - The next stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery will be held May 9, 2006 (9:00 AM CST / 10:00 AM EST) at First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida.

06-17 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

1. Kings Bay Commission

- (See **Appendix H** for their report)

2. Faith, Robertsedale Commission

- Oral report given by Chairman Bob Hornick. Mr. Hornick reported on the call of TE Tom Barnes as pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church. A motion was made to dissolve the commission with thanks. The motion was approved.

3. Resolution & Thanks

- The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

Whereas, we the members of Gulf Coast Presbytery praise God for this 100th Stated meeting at the Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center of Mariana, Florida.

And Whereas, we appreciate greatly the gracious hospitality shown by our host the Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center and Staff,

Therefore Be It Resolved that, Gulf Coast Presbytery formally and corporately expresses its thanks and appreciation to Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center and its staff for hosting and serving delicious meals and providing warm, comfortable accommodations in a beautiful atmosphere.

Resolution and Thanks Committee,

TE D. Paulson, Chairman

06-18 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

Presbytery adjourned at 10:46 AM (CST) by B. Hornick who closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

TE R . Hornick, Stated Clerk

RH/jcg

GCP Corporation Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

Following adjournment of the Stated Meeting, the Corporation (Gulf Coast Presbytery, Inc.) was convened with prayer by TE M. Griffith. A quorum consisting of the registered commissioners of the 100th Stated Meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was declared to be present.

The corporation received as information the financial reports as approved in the 100th Stated Meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

The corporation was adjourned with prayer by TE B. Cooper.

Respectfully submitted by,

RE B. Luka, Secretary of the Corporation

APPENDIX A

PROPOSED DOCKET
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 100th STATED MEETING
February 7 – 8, 2006 – 2:00 PM CST/3:00 PM EST
Blue Springs Campgrounds, Marianna, FL

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – 2:00 PM CST
2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
3. Approval of Printed Minutes
4. Communications
5. Adoption of Docket
6. Introduction of Visitors

SPECIAL ORDER – 3:00 PM – Report of Ad Hoc Committee on Out Of Bounds Calls

7. Permanent Committee Reports
 - a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
 - b. Examinations – TE Bruce O’Neil
 - c. Christian Education – RE Benny Youngblood
 - d. Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker
 - e. Mission to North America – TE Chuck Ryor
 - f. Mission to the World – TE Dewey Roberts
 - g. Reformed University Ministries -- TE Bob Hayes
 - h. Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford

SPECIAL ORDER – 4:30 PM – Reports, etc from Missionaries & Others

SPECIAL ORDER – 5:00 PM – Supper

SPECIAL ORDER – 6:30 PM -- Worship – Dr. Jim Bland, Preaching

8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - a. BCO Amendments
 - b. Time & Place of 101st Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 10, 2005
10. Reports of Standing Committees & Commissions
 - a. Kings Bay Commission
 - b. Faith, Robertsdale Commission
 - c. Resolutions & Thanks
 - d. Bills & Overtures
11. Adjournment and Closing Prayer – 12:00 NOON

APPENDIX B

Executive Committee Report Tuesday, February 7, 2006

I. MEETINGS

The Executive Committee met via conference call on Thursday, January 11th at 10:00 AM CST.

II. ISSUES DISCUSSED

- A. D & O Liability Insurance
- B. Committee Reports
- C. Docket
- D. Nominations

III. RECOMMENDATIONS

- D. That the docket be approved as presented.
- E. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission, for the purpose of electing commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners.
- F. That the following be elected:

Review of Records -- TE

Nominating Committee -- RE

APPENDIX C

The Calls to Tom Barnes from the Faith Presbyterian Church

The Faith Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, TE Thomas F. Barnes, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to your spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in this congregation and of Loxley Presbyterian Church, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$30,000 a year. This sum to be paid in regular monthly payments and housing, retirement, insurance, vacations, moving expenses, etc., during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.

**Approved in a congregational meeting of Faith Presbyterian Church,
25 September 2005**

LOXLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Loxley, Alabama
October 4, 2005

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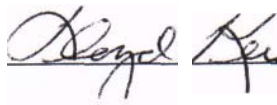
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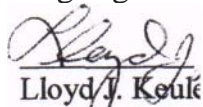
CALL TO THOMAS BARNES

Loxley Presbyterian Church, Loxley, Alabama being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you Thomas Barnes, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interest, 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. We promise you prayer support and annual compensation of \$12,000 to be paid in regularly monthly payments. This includes other benefits, such as, manse, retirement, insurance and book allowance. We will pay an annual vacation of four weeks and assist you in your moving expense in the amount of \$ 1,500. It is understood by this congregation that this is to be a joint ministry with the Faith Presbyterian Church in Robertsdale.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 4th day of October, 2005.



Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting on September 25, 2005 which extended a call to Thomas Barnes for his ministering services, do certify that the call has been made in all respect according to the rules laid down in the Book Of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by the vote of the congregation.


Lloyd J. Keule

Moderator of the Meeting

APPENDIX D

DRAFT PROPOSAL ON THE NATURE OF THE CALL OF TEACHING ELDERS AND THE HANDLING OF OUT-OF-BOUNDS CALLS

The issuing of calls to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery is relevant to the work of two permanent committees of Presbytery: 1) the Examinations Committee, which must review the terms of all calls; and 2) the Ministers and Candidates Committee, which must maintain contact and report on men on the roll of Presbytery without call, who may become the object of a request for out-of-bounds service, as well as report regularly to Presbytery on those with out-of-bounds calls.

To ensure that our united practice is in conformity with the Book of Church Order [BCO 8-7; 20-1; and 2 1-1], the Ministers and Candidates Committee and the Examinations Committee of the Gulf Coast Presbytery have settled on a common approach to out-of-bounds calls.

When making recommendations to Presbytery concerning the ordination of men with calls to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery [BCO 20-1] or the approval of calls to teaching elders to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery [BCO 21-1] --that is, invitations to the Gospel ministry which do not originate from a local church in Presbytery and/or which are designed for service outside of the pastoral and geographical bounds of Presbytery—the Examinations Committee and the Ministers and Candidates Committee will evaluate such calls in light of BCO 8-5, 8-7 and 20-1, which states:

8-5. *When a man is called to labor as a teaching elder, it belongs to his order, in addition to those functions he shares with all other elders, to feed the flock by reading, expounding and preaching the Word of God and to administer the Sacraments. As he is sent to declare the will of God to sinners, and to beseech them to be reconciled to God through Christ, he is termed ambassador. As he bears glad tidings of salvation to the ignorant and perishing, he is termed evangelist. As he stands to proclaim the Gospel, he is termed preacher. As he dispenses the manifold grace of God, and the ordinances instituted by Christ, he is termed steward of the mysteries of God.*

8-7. *A Presbytery may, at its discretion, approve the call of a teaching elder to work with an organization outside the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church in America, provided that he be engaged in preaching and teaching the Word, that the Presbytery be assured he will have full freedom, to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church, and that he report at least annually on his work. As far as possible, such a teaching elder shall be a member of the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors.*

20-1. *Before a candidate, or licentiate, can be ordained to the office of the ministry, he must receive a call to a definite work. Ordinarily the call must come from a church, Presbytery, or the General Assembly of this denomination. If the*

1 *call comes from another source, the Presbytery shall always make a record of*
2 *the reasons why it considers the work to be a valid Christian ministry.*
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4 Therefore, in light of BCO 8-5, 8-7 and 20-1, the Examinations Committee and the
5 Ministers and Candidates Committee will evaluate requests for a man to labor outside
6 the bounds of Presbytery and report to Presbytery concerning such labor, in terms of
7 the following criteria:
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- 9 1. Will the organization issuing the request to Presbytery engage the man in a
10 valid Christian ministry which would be approved by the Presbytery (BCO 20-
11 1)?
12
- 13 2. Will the organization issuing the request to Presbytery allow the man to
14 preach and teach the Word of God and to administrate the Sacraments in
15 ways appropriate to the order of a teaching elder and his call to the Gospel
16 ministry (BCO 8-5)?
17
- 18 3. Will this Christian ministry itself validate the nature of the call of a teaching
19 elder in the Presbyterian Church in America (BCO 8-5)?
20
- 21 4. Will the organization issuing the request to Presbytery allow him full freedom
22 to maintain and teach the doctrine of our Church (BCO 8-7)?
23
- 24 5. Will the organization issuing the request to Presbytery allow him to conduct
25 his ministry under the spiritual oversight of this Presbytery, including his
26 reporting on the work every six months, his faithful attendance and service
27 within Presbytery, and his genuine commitment to the local church (BCO 8-
28 7)?
29
- 30 6. Will the teaching elder submit a semi-annual report to the Presbytery through
31 the Ministers and Candidates Committee as to the Gospel ministry to which
32 he is called? Any change in status or responsibilities to the original call
33 approved by the Presbytery must be reported to the Presbytery through the
34 Ministers and Candidates Committee as soon as those changes take place
35 (BCO 8-7).
36

37 If these criteria are met, then in response to the organization's request an official
38 ecclesial call will be drafted by the Examinations Committee for Presbytery to issue to
39 the man, so that standards of the *Book of Church Order* and the regulations of U.S. tax
40 law for ministerial status may be clearly met. Pertinent tax codes include:
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42 *"Most services you perform as a minister, priest, rabbi, etc., are qualified*
43 *services. These services include: performing sacerdotal functions, conducting*
44 *religious worship, and controlling, conducting, and maintaining religious*
45 *organizations, boards, societies, and other integral agencies that are under the*
46 *authority of a religious body that is a church or denomination, You are*
47 *considered to control, conduct, and maintain a religious organization if you direct,*
48 *manage, or promote the organization's activities. A religious organization is*
49 *under the authority of a religious body that is a church or denomination if it is*

1 *organized for and dedicated to carrying out the principles of a faith according to*
2 *the requirements governing the creation of institutions of the faith. Your services*
3 *for a nonreligious organization are qualified services if the services are assigned*
4 *or designated by your church. Assigned or designated services qualify even if*
5 *they do not involve performing sacerdotal functions or conducting religious*
6 *worship. If your services are not assigned or designated by your church, they*
7 *are qualified services only if they involve performing sacerdotal functions or*
8 *conducting religious worship” (Internal Revenue Service assessed 2/13/03)*
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10 *“To qualify for minister’s tax treatment and tax-free parsonage allowance your*
11 *employer must be a church or an integral agency of a church. An exception to*
12 *the requirement that your employer must be a church or an integral agency is*
13 *provided if you are assigned or appointed to perform services that at an*
14 *organization that is not a church or integral agency, have your church or*
15 *denomination assign you to the position during the hiring process before you*
16 *accept the position (See “Qualifying Service Includes” from Regulation 1.1402©-*
17 *5(b), item #7)” [B.J. Worth, *Worth’s Income Tax Guide for Ministers: 2003 edition,**
18 *Evangel Publishing House, 2003, pp.31-32].*
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20 **Ad Hoc Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery**

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22 Steven Cloud
23 Ray Myers
24 Bill Tyson

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Robert Dekker
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APPENDIX E

CALL OF JEREMY FAIR
As Associate Pastor
Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church
According to BCO 20-6.

9 The Congregation of Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church being on sufficient
10 grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Jeremy Fair,
11 and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your
12 ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do
13 earnestly call you to undertake the office of Associate Pastor in said
14 congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper
15 support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free
16 from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves
17 to pay you the sum of \$46,887 a year in regular monthly payments, and
18 other benefits, such as, retirement, insurance, 4 weeks of vacation per year,
19 moving expenses etc., during the time of your being and continuing the
20 regular Associate Pastor of this church.

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22 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this the
23 30th day of January, A.D. 2006.

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25 Attest: I, having moderated the Congregational meeting which extended a
26 call to Jeremy Fair for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has
27 been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the *Book of*
28 *Church Order*, and that the person who signed the foregoing call is
29 authorized to do so by vote of the Congregation of Eastern Shore
30 Presbyterian Church.

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Moderator of the Meeting
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1 **APPENDIX F**

2 **MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT**
3 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**
4 **February 7, 2006**

5 I. Prayer

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7 II. Report from Mack Griffith - MNA Chaplaincy Ministry

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9 III. Report from Committee Meeting

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11 A. Meeting January 24, 2006

12 B. Considered and responded in the negative a request from TE Dennis
13 Rainwater that he be called as an evangelist and initiate a plant here in Marianna. As
14 the committee head I am convinced that Dennis is a gifted to be a great church
15 planter, but our committee as a whole feel that the circumstances and situation at the
16 Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church and in his Marianna core group are not favorable,
17 and that his opportunities to serve God's Kingdom will be better elsewhere and that
18 our limited resources as a Presbytery will be better used elsewhere. To that end, we
19 agreed at our last presbytery to provide the resources for his attendance at a church
20 planting conference in Orlando last week, and our committee has agreed to request
21 your approval for the provision of funds he'll need to attend MNA's Assessment Center
22 in May, 2006.

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24 IV. Restatement of the National MNA Committee Vision for Church Planting

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26 A. To plant churches with the following characteristics:

- 27 1. **Concentrations of People** - where the largest segments of the population lives.
- 28 2. **Centers of Influence** - where people are leading the cultural institutions of our
- 29 communities.
- 30 3. **Crossroads of Society** - where people come and go.
- 31 4. **Cultural, Economic & Socio-economic diversity** - different people groups

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33 B. To that end, while we continue to support plants and revitalizing efforts of the
34 Presbytery as we have the Robertsedale Commission's work, we hope to focus our MNA
35 energy on the three urban centers of Gulf Coast Presbytery in the years to come.

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Gulf Coast Presbytery - Urban Church Planting

Purpose of Gulf Coast Church Planting? Through new churches, reach previously un-reached people who have traditionally lived outside of our spheres of influence.

Presently un-reached areas of GCP? Three urban centers: Tallahassee, Mobile and Pensacola.

What is needed? People and financial resources to take the message of God's grace to traditionally African-American population centers.

Our hope? To energize and unify our Presbytery around the idea of seeing God do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine.

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38 V. Appeal to Churches for Giving to Presbytery Church Planting Fund

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40 VI. Closing in Prayer

1 **APPENDIX G**

2 **Ministers and Candidates Committee Report**

3 Gulf Coast Presbytery
4 The February 2006 Stated Meeting
5 Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman
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8 **THE MEMBERS:**

Name	Class	Church	Contact #	
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		Kings Bay, Panama City Beach	(850) 774-5007	hesed77@knology.net

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11 **THE MEETINGS:**

12 This Committee did not engage in a meeting between Presbytery meetings.
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14 **THE MATTERS** (addressed since last Presbytery Meeting):

- 15 1. The matters pertaining to the annual reporting by the candidates, TE's without
- 16 call, TE's laboring out of bounds, and the regular reporting of interns by the MAC
- 17 2. The matters pertaining to TE Spilman's continuing status of being without a call
- 18 3. The request from Stephen Gibbons to become a Candidate
- 19 4. The request from Allan Stantan to become a Candidate

20 **THE ACTIONS**

- 21 1. The Chairman of the Committee encourages that everyone be reminded of the

1 April 15th deadline to submit their required reports to GCP through the ministers
2 and candidates committee. See the website for templates/forms to complete
3 and for the location to send it. (see MAC committee work pages at
4 gulfcoastpres.org)

- 5 2. The Clerk communicated the will of the presbytery to TE Spilman, citing him to
6 come to the next presbytery meeting in February to make his will known. He
7 has been without call since June of 2002. (See 13-2 and 34-10 below)

8 **(13-2.** A minister shall be required to hold his membership in the Presbytery within whose geographical
9 bounds he resides, unless there are reasons which are satisfactory to his Presbytery why he should not
10 do so. When a minister labors outside the geographical bounds of, or in a work not under the jurisdiction
11 of his Presbytery, at home or abroad, it shall be only with the full concurrence of and under circumstances
12 agreeable to his Presbytery, and to the Presbytery within whose geographical bounds he labors, if one
13 exists. When a minister shall continue on the rolls of his Presbytery without a call to a particular work for a
14 prolonged period, not exceeding three years, the procedure as set forth in BCO 34-10 shall be followed.

15 **34-10.** Whenever a minister of the Gospel shall habitually fail to be engaged in the regular discharge of
16 his official functions, **it shall be the duty of the Presbytery, at a stated meeting, to inquire into the**
17 **cause of such dereliction and, if necessary, to institute judicial proceedings against him for**
18 **breach of his covenant engagement.** If it shall appear that his neglect proceeds only from his lack of
19 acceptance to the church, Presbytery may, upon the same principle upon which it withdraws license from
20 a licentiate for lack of evidence of the divine call, divest him of his office without censure, even against his
21 will, a majority of two-thirds (2/3) being necessary for this purpose.

22 In such a case, the clerk shall under the order of the Presbytery forthwith deliver to the minister
23 concerned a written note that, at the next stated meeting, the question of his being so dealt with is to be
24 considered. This notice shall distinctly state the grounds for this proceeding. The party thus notified shall
25 be heard in his own defense; and if the decision pass against him he may appeal, as if he had been tried
26 after the usual forms. This principle may apply, with any necessary changes, to ruling elders and
27 deacons.)

28 THE MOTIONS:

- 29 1. We move the following motion:

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

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

35 Be it resolved that the Gulf Coast Presbytery divest him of his office.

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1 **APPENDIX H**

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3 **Report on the King's Bay Mission**

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5 **King's Bay Report**
6 **Presbytery February 07-08, 2006**

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8 The new facility that we have been blessed with is working out nicely for our worship
9 services and ongoing meeting needs.

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11 We rejoice to see many of our snowbird visitors back and worshipping with us.

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13 The Lord has brought to our congregation a new large family. There are some musical
14 gifts within this family and we pray that the Lord would raise up from among them a
15 servant to assist us with piano.

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17 We are presently having an attorney assist us with a better arrangement for the
18 paperwork concerning the property which King's Bay Church has purchased.

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20 In the last Presbytery meeting we did request some financial assistance by way of loan
21 from our church planting committee for land which we had under consideration and
22 were categorically denied. The congregation upon being informed of this was not
23 particularly impressed but rather disappointed.

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25 We are particularly thankful to the Lord for hearing our prayers. We have had some
26 members overcome difficult health challenges and others who have struggled with
27 vocational issues see new doors open and others see new vitality in their present
28 circumstances. We are also rejoicing to see both the children of the covenant and our
29 members growing in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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31 We request prayer for wisdom concerning our worship. We regretfully lost a couple
32 recently mainly because our worship or shall I say the praise part of our worship service
33 was not "contemporary enough". In the same week I had another family express
34 concern that we were to open to contemporary tones in our praise portion of the worship
35 service. Our desire is to please God. When God is most pleased we know his people
36 will be most satisfied in Him. May he direct us in His worship with His Word and His
37 Spirit.

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40 From: Scott Seidler
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