

ONE-HUNDRED SECOND STATED MEETING
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2006
9:00 AM CST / 10:00 AM EST
CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

06-46 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 102nd stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order by the acting moderator, TE Rick Fennig at 9:21 a.m. (CST) on Tuesday, October 10, 2006, at the Concord Presbyterian Church, Gulf Breeze, Florida. The presbytery elected TE Rick Fennig as moderator pro tem for this meeting.

The meeting was opened with a reading of Scripture and prayer. TE R. Dekker, host Pastor welcomed the commissioners and then lead the presbytery in singing a hymn and a song of praise. Candidate Joe Elliott preached a sermon from Hosea 2:14-23. The time of worship concluded with hymn.

06-47 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	D. Eide	
Christ Community Church		
Concord	R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin	D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	B. Hayes	R. Post

Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	
Eastern Shore	B. O'Neil	B. Luka
	J. Fair	
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
Faith, Robertsdale, AL		K. Sanders
First, Atmore	W. Channell	B. Rice
First, Niceville	J. Grider	
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City		R. Croft
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison		
Grace Community, Mobile		
Loxley	<i>(See Faith Robertsdale)</i>	A. Keuler
McIlwain	R. Looper	R. Myers
		Tom Swaim
New Philadelphia	A. Newell	
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	
	T. Locke	
Safe Harbor	J. Calderazzo	F. Rall

Warrington	R. Hornick	J. Hansen
Westminster, Fort Walton	W. Tyson	J. Richardson
		S. Robertson
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Westminster, Milton		Obie Willis
Wildwood	J. Trostle	
	E. Hague	
	B. Pullen	

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
C. Ryor		D. Story
D. Paulson		J. Riggs
C. Pearson		T. Rott

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3 EXCUSED: TEs J. Bryars, W. Cathey, J. Craft, S. DeVries, K. Fagerheim, R.
 4 Gardner, D. Gilleran, C. Gwin, M. Griffith, Bob Hoper, M. Kirk, D. Miller, C. Phillips,
 5 G. Shamblin, B. Sinclair and J. Watson.

6 VISITORS: Curt Moore, Jean Larroux III, Stephen Scott, Luke Rasmussen, Beryl
 7 Hubbard, and Chip Frost.

8 **06-48 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

9 Minutes from the 101st Stated Meeting, May 9, 2006 and the Called Meeting,
 10 August 29, 2006 were approved as corrected.

11 **06-49 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 12 1. Minutes from the Commission to install TE J. Benjamin Youngblood, found in
 13 order and printed in the minutes. (Appendix A)
 14 2. Minutes from the Commission to install TE Jeffrey Trostle, found in order and
 15 printed in the minutes. (Appendix B)

- 1 3. Letter from TE David Crenshaw requesting that he be received into GCP as an
2 Honorably Retired minister, referred to the Examinations Committee.
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- 4 4. Notification from Potomac Presbytery of the dismissal of TE David Crenshaw,
5 pending reception to GCP, received as information.
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- 7 5. Letter from TE Douglas Miller requesting that presbytery place him on the roll of
8 Honorably Retired ministers, referred to the Ministers & Candidates committee.
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- 10 6. Letter from TE Tom Hughes requesting the dissolution of the pastoral
11 relationship with Safe Harbor PC and placing him on the roll of HR ministers
12 effective August 31, 2006, referred to Ministers & Candidates.
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- 14 7. Letter from RE Fred Rall, clerk of the congregational meeting, Safe Harbor PC,
15 informing presbytery of her concurrence of the request by TE T. Hughes to
16 dissolve the pastoral relationship and to designate Mr. Hughes as Pastor
17 Emeritus of the Safe Harbor PC, referred to Ministers & Candidates.
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- 19 8. Letters from TE Wesley Channell and the congregation of First Presbyterian
20 Church requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, referred to
21 Ministers & Candidates Committee.
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- 23 9. Letters from TE J. B. Youngblood and the Session, Eastern Shore Presbyterian
24 Church requesting the dissolution of the Pastoral relationship, referred to
25 Ministers & Candidates Committee.
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- 27 10. Letters from TE Dennis Rainwater and the congregation, Chattahoochee PC
28 requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, referred to Ministers and
29 Candidates Committee.
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- 31 11. Letter from TE Michael Swain requesting that presbytery divest him of office per
32 BCO 38-2, referred to Ministers and Candidates Committee.
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- 34 12. Letter from the Review of Records Committee informing presbytery of
35 exceptions to her minutes of May 10, 2006, received as information.
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- 37 13. Letter from the Session, Pinewoods Presbyterian Church, commending Mr. Luke
38 Rasmussen to presbytery, referred to the Examinations Committee.
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- 40 14. Application for Ministerial Candidacy from Mr. Luke Rasmussen, referred to
41 Ministers and Candidates Committee.
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- 43 15. Requests for excused absence from TEs J. Bryars, W. Cathey, J. Craft, S.
44 DeVries, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, D. Gilleran, C. Gwin, M. Griffith, M. Kirk, D.
45 Miller, C. Phillips, G. Shamblin, B. Sinclair and J. Watson.

1 **06-50 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

2 The docket was adopted as amended. (Appendix C)

3 **06-51 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

4 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 06-47)

5 **06-52 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

8 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 9 • TE D. Shackelford, Chairman
- 10 • TE D. Roberts
- 11 • RE R. Post
- 12 • RE B. Cooper

13 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 14 • TE D. Story, Chairman
- 15 • TE J. Fair
- 16 • RE B. Luka
- 17 • RE F. Rall

18 **06-53 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD**

19 TE D. Shackelford presented the Administration Committee’s report to
20 presbytery. The following recommendations were adopted:

- 21 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on
22 time to the 101st stated meeting of this Presbytery on May 9, 2006, and that
23 they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

- 24 • Fairfield, Pensacola, FL
- 25 • Faith, Robertsdale, AL
- 26 • First Presbyterian, Niceville, FL
- 27 • Grace, Madison, FL
- 28 • Grace Community, Mobile, AL
- 29 • Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores, AL
- 30 • Loxley, Loxley, AL
- 31 • McIlwain, Pensacola, FL
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1 **REMINDER:** Be sure to check the Sessional Minutes Review Schedule for
2 changes and updates to your review date. These are subject to
3 change without notice.
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5 2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their
6 Sessional minutes and records to the 101st stated meeting of this Presbytery
7 on May 9, 2006.
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- 9 • Christ Community, Pensacola, FL (were due in Feb 06)

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11 3. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their
12 Sessional minutes and records for review after having been granted a
13 deferment request from the May 9, 2006 Stated meeting.
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- 15 • FPC, Atmore, AL

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17 4. Albert Keuler (or former Treasurer) has completed a review of the 2004 and
18 2005 records of Gulf Coast Presbytery as requested by our current Treasurer
19 (Bill Luka). Mr. Keuler reports that he found our records to be maintained
20 accurately and in an orderly manner and he has provided us with a letter of
21 review and a copy of the statements for each year. This is now available in
22 Adobe PDF format to any member of the Presbytery upon request.
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24 5. Proposed budget for 2007. (Appendix D)

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26 6. That this report be approved as a whole.

27 **06-54 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

28 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk presented the report to presbytery.
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30 The following recommendations were adopted:
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32 A. That the docket be approved as presented
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34 B. That the nominations for Presbytery Officers and Committees be approved.
35 (Attachment A)
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37 C. That the nominations for GA Committees and Agencies be forwarded to the
38 GA Nominating Committee. (Attachment B)
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40 D. That the following responses to GA Review of Records be approved and
41 forwarded to the committee:
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- 43 1. Exception: May 10, 2005. Presbytery acknowledges the omission of
44 the notation of Sessional recommendation and 6 months prior church

1 membership in the minutes and will instruct the clerk to include this
2 information in the future.

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4 E. That the 103rd Stated Meeting be held at the Blue Springs Baptist Assembly
5 Campgrounds, February 5-6, 2007

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7 F. That presbytery approve the purchase of Directors & Officers liability
8 insurance.

9 The report was approved as a whole. (Appendix E)

10 **06-55 EXAMINATIONS – TE B. O’NEIL**

11 TE B. O’Neil, chairman opened the report of the examinations committee with
12 prayer. He then introduced Mr. Joe Elliott to presbytery. Mr. Elliott was ordained
13 by a Reformed Baptist Church in Jackson, MS and is seeking transfer in Gulf
14 Coast Presbytery. He is being called as an Assistant Pastor and church planter
15 by the CenterPoint Church, Tallahassee, FL.

16 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Elliott in the area of Christian Experience and call to
17 the Gospel ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the
18 exam.

19 TE S. Cloud examined the candidate in the area of English Bible. This portion of
20 the exam was arrested.

21 TE B. Tyson examined Mr. Elliot in the area of Theology. This portion of the
22 exam was arrested.

23 TE B. O’Neil examined the Mr. Elliot in the area of polity. This portion of the
24 exam was arrested.

25 TE B. O’Neil examined the Mr. Elliot in the area of the Sacraments. This portion
26 of the exam was arrested.

27 Motion was made, seconded and carried to sustain the exam of Mr. Elliott as a
28 whole.

29 Mr. Elliot is coming to us under the extraordinary clause of the BCO 21:4. This
30 will require two separate votes of presbytery. One to wave the seminary degree
31 and the other to wave the requirement in original languages.

32 A motion was made and seconded to invoke the extraordinary clause in light of
33 Mr. Elliot’s lack of a seminary degree. The motion was carried with the required
34 3/4s vote.

1 A motion was made and seconded to invoke the extraordinary clause in light of
2 Mr. Elliott's lack of having knowledge in the original languages. The motion
3 carried with the required 3/4s vote.

4 Mr. Elliott took no exceptions to the WCF and BCO.

5 Presbytery voted to receive Mr. Elliott into Gulf Coast Presbytery. Mr. Elliott
6 signed the book of ministerial obligation and responded in the affirmative to the
7 Ordination Questions.

8 **SPECIAL ORDER – 11:25 AM – REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES & OTHERS**

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10 TE Jean Larroux, III, Church planter in Bay St. Louis presented a report on the
11 ministry of Lagniappe Presbyterian Church and a progress report on the recovery
12 efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

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14 **SPECIAL ORDER – 11:30 AM – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS**

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16 Presbytery divided into small groups for sharing and prayer.

17 **SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 PM - LUNCH**

18 Presbytery reconvened at 12:45 p.m. TE B. O'Neil resumed the report of the
19 Examinations Committee and continued with the examination of Mr. Joe
20 Elliott.

21 The chairman of the MNA Committee presented and read the call to presbytery
22 to serve a church planter with Door of Hope Mission Church. Presbytery voted to
23 approve the call and to place it in Mr. Elliott's hands. Mr. Elliott accepted the call.
24 (Appendix F)

25 Presbytery voted to grant Mr. Elliott the powers of an evangelist to receive and
26 dismiss members and to administer the Sacraments.

27 The Installation service was set for October 22, 2006 at the CerterPoint Church.
28 Presbytery appointed the following Commission: TEs David Story (Convenor),
29 Chuck Ryor and Dudley Crow. REs Eric Haug, Rich Feldman and John Schmidt.
30 Michael Leech was invited to serve as a guest of the commission. (Quorum 2
31 RE/2 TE.)

32 The chairman introduced Mr. Luke Rasmussen to the presbytery. Mr.
33 Rasmussen is a member in good standing of the Pinewoods Presbyterian
34 Church. He has been endorsed by the Session and has the submitted a
35 Ministerial Candidacy application to presbytery. He has been a member of
36 Pinewoods PCA for more than six months.

1 Mr. Rasmussen presented his Christian testimony and sense of call to the
2 presbytery. Presbytery voted to arrest the exam.

3 The moderator posed to questions to which a affirmative response was given.
4 Presbytery voted to on presbytery's roll of Ministerial Candidates. TE D.
5 Anderegg was called to give the candidate an appropriate charge an led
6 presbytery in prayer in Mr. Rasmussen's behalf.

7 Mr. O'Neil introduced TE David Crenshaw to presbytery. Mr. Crenshaw is a
8 honorably retired minister in Potomac Presbytery and is seeking to transfer into
9 Gulf Coast Presbytery.

10 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Crenshaw to share his Christian Experience and
11 sense of call to the gospel ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest
12 this portion of the exam.

13 TE B. Tyson then examined Mr. Crenshaw on his theological views. This portion
14 of the exam was arrested.

15 TE B. O'Neil then examined Crenshaw on his views on the sacraments. This
16 portion of the exam was arrested.

17 The motion was made, seconded and approved to sustain the exam as a whole
18 and to receive Mr. Crenshaw as honorably retired into Gulf Coast Presbytery. Mr.
19 Crenshaw signed the Book of Ministerial Obligation.

20 **06-56 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. PULLEN**

21 TE B. Pullen presented the report to presbytery.

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23 Mr. Pullen reviewed the plans of the 103rd Stated Meeting at Blue Springs
24 Baptist Assembly Campgrounds, February 5 & 6, 2007. Dr. Wilson Benton will be
25 the guest speaker.

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27 The report was received as information.

28 **06-57 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER**

29 TE R. Dekker, chairman, presented the report to presbytery.

30 Acting as a Commission, Mr. Dekker reported that the Ministers and Candidates
31 Committee took the following actions

- 32 1. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Dennis
33 Rainwater and the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church. (Appendix G)

- 1 2. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Wesley
- 2 Channell and the First Presbyterian Church in Atmore, AL.
- 3 3. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Benny
- 4 Youngblood and the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church
- 5 4. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Tom
- 6 Hughes and the Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church.

7 Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- 8 1. That the request of TE D. Miller to be carried on the roll of presbytery as
- 9 honorably retired be approved.
- 10 2. That the request of TE T. Hughes to be carried on the roll of presbytery as
- 11 honorably retired be approved.
- 12 3. That Mr. Al Ward be approved as having met requirements of internship.
- 13 4. That presbytery divest Mr. T. Spilman of the office of teaching elder
- 14 without censure per BCO 38-2 (Since Mr. Spilman and his family are
- 15 worshipping an non-PCA church, presbytery was not able to place him
- 16 under care of a Session.)
- 17 5. That presbytery begin the process of divesting TE M. Swain without
- 18 censure at his request (38-2). Final action to be taken at the next stated
- 19 meeting of presbytery.
- 20 6. That presbytery find the minutes of the Administrative Commission to be in
- 21 order (Appendix G).

22 TE Dekker closed the report with prayer. The report was approved as a

23 whole. (Appendix H)

24 **06-58 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE C. RYOR, CHAIRMAN**

25 TE A. Newell led in prayer and then presented the report to Presbytery.

26 Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- 27 1. That presbytery approve the ministerial call \$72,000 in salary and benefits to
- 28 TE Joe Elliott as Evangelist to Door of Hope Mission. (Appendix E)
- 29 2. That presbytery approve a loan of \$75,000 through the MNA Loan Fund to
- 30 Grace Community Church, Mobile, AL to be paid back in full, plus 10%, over
- 31 a ten year period as determined by the Presbytery treasurer.
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34 The report was closed with prayer asking God's blessing on the committee and

35 its work. The report as a whole was received. (Appendix I)

36 **06-59 MISSION TO THE WORLD - TE D. ROBERTS**

37 TE D. Roberts gave the report to presbytery.

1 Mr. Roberts reported on his work with the US Army's Chaplain's School. During
2 his year of active duty he assisted in developing a new core courses and
3 advanced courses for students in the school.

4 The report was received as information.

5 **06-60 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE D. SHACKLEFORD**

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

8 Mr. Shackelford closed the report with prayer. The report was received as
9 information.

10 **06-61 OLD BUSINESS**

11 The Commission to install TE James Calderazzo at Pastor of Safe Harbor
12 Church is one RE short of our established Commission. The presbytery
13 appointed RE Scotty Robertson, Jim Richardson, and, if necessary, another
14 RE alternate will serve the Commission. Also the date of installation service
15 was changed due to circumstances to October 13th at 6:30 p.m. That change
16 was approved by presbytery.

17 **06-62 NEW BUSINESS**

18 1. Vote on BCO Amendment - The presbytery considered an amendment
19 to BCO 15-4 which adds to following sentence at the end of the
20 paragraph to read:

21 **No person who has served two full terms on the SJC or at**
22 **least six consecutive years shall be eligible for reelection until**
23 **one year has passed (the year between two Assemblies).**

24 The amendment passed by a vote of 37-0-0.

25 2. Time & Place of 103rd Stated Meeting – Monday, February 5-6, 2006. The
26 place will be Blue Springs Retreat Center in Mariana, FL. The main speaker
27 will be Dr. Wilson Benton.

28 **06-63 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

29 Resolution & Thanks

30 The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

1 **Whereas**, we the members of the Gulf Coast Presbytery praise and give
2 thanks to God for this its 102nd Stated Meeting, and
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4 **Whereas**, we appreciate greatly the gracious hospitality shown by our
5 host church, the Concord Presbyterian Church of Gulf Breeze, Florida
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7 **Therefore be is resolved that**, the Gulf Coast Presbytery express its
8 thanks and appreciation to the Concord Presbyterian Church of Gulf
9 Breeze, Florida for hosting our meeting in its excellent facility which has
10 weathered multiple hurricanes, for serving to us the delicious meal and for
11 seeing to our corporate and individual needs as a presbytery in Session
12 this tenth day of October, 2006.
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14 TE David Story, Chairman
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16 **06-64 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

17 Presbytery adjourned at 3:00 PM (CST) by D. Anderegg who closed with prayer.

18 Respectfully submitted,
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20 TE R . Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

2 **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**
3 **TO INSTALL J. BENJAMIN YOUNGBLOOD**

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5 The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install Reverend J. Benjamin
6 Youngblood, Jr. as Assistant Pastor of the Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church, met at
7 Eastern Shore Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p.m. on May 21, 2006.

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9 The following members were present: TEs Robert Hornick, Bruce O’Neil, Jeremy Fair,
10 Mack Griffith and REs Tripp Oliphant, Don Barnes, Bill Carrigan and Bill Luka.

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12 The meeting was called to order by Robert Hornick and prayer was given by Robert
13 Hornick. Robert Hornick was elected chairman and Bill Luka as secretary. The order of
14 service was reviewed and approved and the Commission retired to the sanctuary for the
15 worship service at 4:00 p.m.

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17 Robert Hornick presided and propounded the Constitutional Questions to J. Benjamin
18 Youngblood, Jr. and the congregation. Bill Carrigan read the Scripture and Bruce
19 O’Neil preached a sermon, using as his text John 3:26-30. Don Barnes led in prayer as
20 J. Benjamin Youngblood, Jr. was installed as a shepherd over this particular
21 congregation. Then Mack Griffith delivered a charge to J. Benjamin Youngblood, Jr.
22 and Jeremy Fair delivered a charge to the congregation.

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24 J. Benjamin Youngblood, Jr. pronounced the benediction following the singing of a
25 closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new
26 minister.

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28 The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly
29 installed pastor would close this portion of the Commission’s business.

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35 Bill Luka
36 Secretary

1 **Appendix B**

2 **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION OF GULF COAST PRESBYTERY**
3 **TO INSTALL THE REVEREND JEFFREY TROSTLE**
4 **TALLAHASSEE, Florida**
5 **May 28, 2006**
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7 The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install Rev. Jeffrey Trostle as
8 assistant pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church, met at 9:00 AM, Sunday, May
9 28, 2006. The following members were present: Teaching Elders R. Evans, Ed Hague,
10 Steven Bradford and Ruling Elders Greg Costas, Clay McGonagill and Bob Burton.
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12 The meeting was called to order Rev. Ed Hague and prayer was given by Bob Burton.
13 Greg Costas was elected chairman and Clay McGonagill as secretary. The order of
14 service was reviewed and approved, and the commission retired to the sanctuary for the
15 worship service at 9:30 AM.
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17 Clay McGonagill read the Scripture and Rev. Bob Evans preached a sermon using as
18 his text Hebrews 12:1-2. Rev. Ed Hague presided and propounded the Constitutional
19 Questions to Mr. Trostle and the congregation. Greg Costas then led in prayer as Rev.
20 Jeff Trostle was installed as the shepherd over this particular congregation. Then Rev.
21 Steven Bradford delivered a charge to Mr. Trostle and Bob Burton delivered a charge to
22 the Congregation. Rev. Jeffrey Trostle pronounced the benediction following the singing
23 of a closing hymn, and the members of the church came forward to welcome their new
24 minister.
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26 The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly
27 installed pastor would close this portion of the commission's business.
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31 Respectfully Submitted _____

32 RE Clay McGonagill
33 Secretary
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1 **APPENDIX C**

2 **PROPOSED DOCKET**
3 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 102nd STATED MEETING**
4 **October 10, 2006 – 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 EDT**

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- 6 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
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 - 8 2. Worship Service
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 - 10 3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
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 - 12 4. Approval of Printed Minutes
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 - 14 5. Communications
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 - 16 6. Adoption of Docket
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 - 18 7. Introduction of Visitors
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 - 20 8. Appointment of Standing Committees
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 - 22 9. Permanent Committee Reports
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 - 24 Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford
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 - 26 Examinations – TE Bruce O’Neil
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 - 28 Christian Education – TE Barksdale Pullen
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 - 30 Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker
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 - 32 Mission to North America – TE Chuck Ryor
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 - 34 Mission to the World – TE G. Roberts
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 - 36 Florida Joint Commission on RUF – TE R. Hayes
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 - 38 SPECIAL ORDEDR – 11:25 – REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES & OTHERS
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 - 40 SPECIAL ORDER – 11:45 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
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 - 42 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH
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 - 44 10. Old Business
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 - 46 Oversight Commission Reports
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 - 48 11. New Business
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 - 50 a. Time & Place of 103rd Stated Meeting – Tuesday, February , 2007
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 - 52 12. Reports of Standing Committees
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 - 54 13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

APPENDIX D

GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.

PROPOSED BUDGET

CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>2006</u> Budget	<u>2007</u> Budget
General Fund		
Administrative Expenses		
Executive		
Postage	\$450	\$450
Printing	800	800
Supplies	100	100
Telephone	1,300	1,300
Travel	500	500
Miscellaneous	100	100
Recording Clerk	925	925
Stated Clerk	<u>5,400</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Total	<u>9,575</u>	<u>9,575</u>
Administration		
Postage, Printing & Travel	100	100
Computer	1,500	
Telephone	30	30
Liability Insurance		1,200
Web Site	<u>340</u>	<u>70</u>
Total	<u>1,970</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Mission to the World Committee		
Committee expenses	200	200
Short-term Mission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Mission to North America Committee		
Committee expenses	1,550	1,550
Disater relief	<u>2,400</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>3,950</u>	<u>1,550</u>
Christian Education Committee		
Committee expenses	500	500
Conferences & Retreats	1,000	1,000

Speakers	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Ministers & Candidates Committee		
Committee expenses	500	500
Background checks		500
Conferences	<u>1,200</u>	<u>700</u>
	<u>1,700</u>	<u>1,700</u>
Examinations Committee		
Committee expenses	400	400
Reformed University Ministries		
David Story - Florida State University	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>
Total General Fund	<u><u>\$33,295</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,325</u></u>
Mission to North America Committee Church Planting Fund (Receipts)	<u><u>\$22,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$22,000</u></u>

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1 **APPENDIX E**

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3 **Executive Committee Report**
4 **Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

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6 I. MEETINGS

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8 The Executive Committee met via conference call on Tuesday September 12,
9 2006 at 10:00 AM CDT

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13 II. ISSUES DISCUSSED

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15 A. Communications
16 B. Committee Reports
17 C. Docket
18 D. Nominations

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21 III. RECOMMENDATIONS

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i.23 A. That the docket be approved as presented
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25 B. That the nominations for Presbytery Officers and Committees be approved
26 (Attachment A).
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28 C. That the nominations for GA Committees and Agencies be forwarded to the
29 GA Nominating Committee. (Attachment B)
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31 D. That the following responses to GA Review of Records be approved and
32 forwarded to the committee:
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34 Exception: May 10, 2005. Presbytery acknowledges the omission of the
35 notation of Sessional recommendation and 6 months prior church
36 membership in the minutes and will instruct the clerk to include this
37 information in the future.
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39 E. That the 103rd Stated Meeting be held at the Blue Springs Baptist Assembly
40 Campgrounds, February 5-6, 2007
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42 F. That presbytery approve the purchase of Directors & Officers liability
43 insurance.
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1 **Attachment A**

2 **Nominations for Presbytery Officers & Committees**

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4 Moderator – Chuck Ryor Stated Clerk – Bob Hornick
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6 Recording Clerk – Joe Grider Treasurer – Bill Luka
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9 Parliamentarian – Dewey Roberts
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	COMMITTEE		Class of 2009				Chairman																															
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		TE	Dennis Shackelford																																			
	Christian Education	RE	Pete Scarbrough																																			
		RE	Willy Smith (07)				Barksdale Pullen																															
		TE	Tim Locke																																			
		TE	Rick Fennig (07)																																			
	Examinations	RE	Ken Robinson																																			
		TE	Bob Hayes				Bruce O’Neil																															
	Ministers & Candidates	RE	Frank Drew																																			
		RE	Grace, Mobile																																			
		TE	Deiter Paulson				Robert Dekker																															
		TE	Bob Evans																																			
	Mission to North America	RE	Rick Skinner																																			
		RE	Wildwood`																																			
		TE	David Anderegg				Jim Bryars																															
		TE	Bill Tyson																																			
	Mission to the World	RE	Steve Milstid																																			
		TE	Arnie Maves				Ralph LaGuardia																															
	Reformed University Ministries																																					

1 **Attachment B**

2 **NOMINATIONS FOR GA PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

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4 **For Administrative Committee**

5 RE TE

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7 **For Christian Education & Publications**

8 RE TE Robert Dekker

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10 **For Constitutional Business Committee**

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13 **For Interchurch Relations Committee**

14 RE TE

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16 **For Mission to North America**

17 RE TE

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19 **For Mission to the World**

20 RE TE Bob Hayes

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22 **For Reformed University Ministries**

23 RE TE

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25 **For Standing Judicial Commission**

26 RE TE Dewey Roberts

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28 **For Theological Examining Committee**

29 RE TE

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31 **For Trustee of Covenant College**

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34 **For Trustee of Covenant Theological Seminary**

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37 **For Board of PCA Foundation**

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40 **For Trustee of RBI**

41 RE TE David Anderegg

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43 **For Director of Ridge Haven**

44 RE TE

1 **APPENDIX F**

2 **MINISTERIAL CALL TO JOE ELLIOTT**

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5 *October 10, 2006*

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9 *Gulf Coast Presbytery*
10 *Re: Call for TE Joe Elliott*

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13 *The Mission to North America Committee of the Gulf Coast Presbytery, being on sufficient*
14 *grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Joe Elliott, and having good hopes*
15 *from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our*
16 *spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office of Evangelist for the*
17 *Mission work, "DOOR OF HOPE CHURCH," promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper*
18 *support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and*
19 *avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$72,000 a year in*
20 *compensation, which includes salary, insurance, vacations, and sick pay during the time of your*
21 *being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.*

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23 *In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 10th day of October,*
24 *A.D. 2006.*

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28 *Attest: I, having moderated the Presbytery Commission meeting which extended a call to*
29 *Joe Elliott for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects*
30 *according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church Order, and that the persons who signed the*
31 *foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.*

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35 *TE Chuck Ryor, Chairman of MNA - Gulf Coast Presbytery*
36 *Moderator of the Meeting*

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APPENDIX G

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GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

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August 29, 2006

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1. **Convening and Attendance:** A meeting of an Administrative Commission appointed by the Moderator as per the business of a Called Meeting of the Gulf Coast Presbytery, August 29, 2006, was Convened at 12:37 p.m. with the ascertainment of the required quorum (BCO-) and opening prayer by TE Robert Dekker. The following were in attendance: REs Frank Drew (Pinewoods Presbyterian Church, Cantonment), Earl Smith (Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton); TEs Robert Dekker, Chair, Robert B. Looper, Dieter E. Paulson, Carl Pierson; Guests, REs Newton Brooks and Bob Carpenter, Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church; TE Dennis Rainwater, Chattahoochee, Presbyterian Church.
 2. **Docket:** The stated purpose of the Administrative Commission was to oversee and act on behalf of the Gulf Coast Presbytery regarding the relationship between the Session and Pastor of the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church, Chattahoochee, Florida.
 3. **Administrative Business:**
 - A. M(TE Pierson)/S/C to elect TE Rob Looper as Secretary.
 - B. M(TE Dekker)/S/C that TE Paulson serve as a member of the Commission.
 4. **Items Discussed:** TE Looper reported to the Commission regarding the meeting of the Ministers and Candidates sub-committee with the Chattahoochee Session and TE Rainwater on August 3, 2006. That sub-committee met at the request of TE Rainwater to ascertain the situation of the situation between the above parties. Not possessing any Presbyterial power to make recommendations, the sub-committee encouraged the parties to seek to attempt to work out the differences. Within two weeks of that meeting, both RE Carpenter and TE Rainwater called TE Looper to request the M&C Committee assist them in overseeing the dissolution of TE Rainwater's pastoral relationship with the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church.

RE Carpenter reported to the Commission that the Session's stance that the current situation has resulted primarily because of the financial situation of the Chattahoochee church. TE Rainwater concurred, relating his understanding of the events, beginning with a December 2005 congregational meeting in which it was stated that the probability of the budget not sustaining the Pastor's salary beyond 2006 was high.

The Commission went into executive session with the Chattahoochee elders present; TE Rainwater was excused. Following discussion, the elders were dismissed. Following a discussion among the Commission members, TE Rainwater was invited to rejoin the meeting. Following discussion, the Commission voted to exit its executive session and the elders were asked to rejoin the meeting.
 5. **Action Taken by Commission:** A severance agreement was agreed upon (attachment A) that states that TE Rainwater will resign on September 1, 2006, upon the terms accepted by the congregation of the Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church that include:
 - 1.) Continuation of current regular salary for three and one half months (\$13,000) beginning September 1, 2006.
 - 2.) Use of the church Manse for 30 days, beginning the effective date of the severance agreement.

1 **6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Earl Smith.

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3 Respectfully submitted, August 29, 2006

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6 TE Robert B. Looper, Secretary

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8 X _____
9 TE Dieter E. Paulson, Secretary pro-tem

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11 **Attachment A**

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13 **SEVERANCE AGREEMENT**

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15 This document serves as a binding agreement attested both by the parties involved, Dennis Rainwater,
16 Pastor of Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church, P.C.A., Chattahoochee, Florida and the Elders of the
17 Session of Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church and the undersigned witness.

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19 The agreement is as follows:

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21 Teaching Elder Dennis Rainwater will resign all regular and special duties as Pastor of Chattahoochee
22 Presbyterian Church effective September 1, 2006. Additionally, the Session of the Chattahoochee
23 Presbyterian Church agrees, pending congregational acceptance of TE Rainwater's resignation, to
24 provide TE Rainwater a severance package that will include the following:

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26 1.) Continuation of current regular salary for three and one half months (\$13,000) beginning
27 September 1, 2006.
28 2.) Use of the church Manse for 30 days, beginning the effective date of the severance
29 agreement.
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31 Both parties will earnestly entreat the Lord for his mercy both in the lives of the congregants of
32 Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church as well as in the Rainwater family.

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34 This resignation and severance have been approved by the special Administrative Commission appointed
35 by the Moderator of the Gulf Coast Presbytery as per the business of a Called Meeting of the Presbytery,
36 August 29, 2006

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38 Attested and signed, Tuesday, August 29, 2006:

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41 x _____
42 RE Bob Carpenter, Clerk of Session, Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church

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45 x _____
46 TE Dennis Rainwater, Pastor, Chattahoochee Presbyterian Church

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50 TE Robert Dekker, Chairman, Administrative Commission of the Gulf Coast Presbytery

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52 Witnessed by:

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55 x _____
56 RE Frank Drew, Member, Administrative Commission of the Gulf Coast Presbytery

APPENDIX H

Ministers and Candidates Committee Report

Gulf Coast Presbytery
 The October 2006 Stated Meeting
 Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman

THE MEMBERS:

Name	Class	Church	Contact #	
TE Bruce O'Neil	06	Eastern Shore, Fairhope	(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 Ch	Concord, Gulf Breeze	(850) 932-6243 (850) 384-3106	dekkerr@bellsouth.net
TE Scott Seidler	07	Kings Bay, Panama City Beach	(850) 774-5007	hesed77@knology.net
RE Bob Cooper	07	Fairfield, Pensacola	(850) 492-9567	cooperpp@cox.net
RE Jack Hollingsworth	07	Grace, Madison	(850) 929-4669	cmhollingsworth@earthlink.net
TE Rob Looper	08	McIlwain, Pensacola	(850) 438-5449	rob@mcilwain.org
TE Carl Pearson	08	Honorably Retired	(850) 623-3731 (850) 994-6715	carl.pearson@mchsi.com
RE Ken Robinson	08	Eastern Shore, Fairhope	(251) 928-0977 (251)928-0337H (251)621-0700	KenRobinson@bellsouth.net
RE Earl Smith	08	Westminster, Ft Walton	(850)-243-2764	smithet311@aol.com

TE Dieter Paulson	Guest	Covenant Reformed PCA	(251) 625-1733	Mdieterp@aol.com
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THE MEETINGS:

The Committee engaged in a called meeting on Aug 29th at McIlwain PCA in Pensacola following a called meeting of the GCP and in several e-mail interactions.

THE MATTERS (addressed since last Presbytery Meeting):

1. The request by TE D. Rainwater for the MAC to mediate dissolution between pastor and the session of the Chattahoochee church.
2. The news of the resignation of TE Channel from the Atmore Church
3. The departure of Licentiate Justin Stodghill from the Milton church to another denomination
4. The vacant pulpit at the Milton church
5. The unfinished processing of TE Tim Spilman's demitting according to the BCO rules
6. The request by Al Ward to approve his Internship in GCP before transferring to Mississippi Valley Presbytery and a call to be an Assistant Pastor
7. The oversight of our Candidates

- 1 8. The oversight of our Licentiatees
- 2 9. The oversight/ Accountability of our Special TE's
- 3 10. The dispersing of the Covenant Scholarship
- 4 11. The request to update TE Sinclair's address change
- 5 12. The departure of TE Tom Hughes from the Safe Harbor Church and his request
- 6 to be Honorably Retired
- 7 13. The request by TE Doug Miller to be Honorably Retired (Aug. 5, 2006)
- 8 14. The need to encourage some struggling pastors and churches
- 9 15. The request from TE Michael Swain to be divested
- 10 16. The request to dissolve the pastoral relationship of B. Youngblood
- 11 17. The need to remove one candidate from the rolls who is living the ministry
- 12 18. The need to do background checks on incoming clergy

13 **THE ACTIONS**

- 14 1. To send a fact-finding subcommittee to the meet with and pray with both parties (the
- 15 pastor and session of the Chattahoochee Church)
- 16 2. To request Presbytery to form a commission to resolve the matter at Chattahoochee
- 17 3. To Contact the Atmore session and TE Channel to insure that things are done decently
- 18 and orderly
- 19 4. To Contact the Milton session and Licentiate Stodghill to insure that things are done
- 20 decently and orderly
- 21 5. To proceed with motion to demit TE Spilman since he remains without call
- 22 6. To review and affirm the internship data progress reports submitted by Al Ward
- 23 7. To review the status, to address concerns, and to pray for each of the Candidates and
- 24 Licentiatees
- 25 8. To update the rolls for the October GCP Stated meeting
- 26 9. To provide guidance to churches and TE's about dissolving relationships and/or exiting
- 27 strategies which bring glory to God and which do not destroy the church, about healthy
- 28 compensation principles, about God-honoring conflict resolution, about connectionalism
- 29 with presbyters, etc...
- 30 10. To authorize Covenant Seminary to distribute the scholarship evenly between those
- 31 candidates who have applied to us for aid (which included Brian Steadman and Matthew
- 32 Carr for July 2006) {Application for a portion of this scholarship is to be requested in the
- 33 reports due each April 15th.}
- 34 11. The Committee Chairman has been seeking to provide accurate data concerning those
- 35 who are a part of the Gulf Coast Presbytery. The updates provide the committee are
- 36 readily available on the committee work pages at
- 37 <http://www.gulfcoastpres.org/Committe.htm>
- 38 12. Pending the receipt of the appropriate documentation, the MAC dissolved the pastoral
- 39 relationship with Dennis Rainwater
- 40 13. Pending the receipt of the appropriate documentation, the MAC dissolved the pastoral
- 41 relationship with Wesley Channel
- 42 14. Pending the receipt of the appropriate documentation, the MAC dissolved the pastoral
- 43 relationship with Benny Youngblood
- 44 15. Pending the receipt of the appropriate documentation, the MAC dissolved the pastoral
- 45 relationship with Tom Hughes
- 46 16. To make known that Wesley channel is available to fill the pulpit

47 **THE MOTIONS to GCP**

- 48 1. To recommend that GCP approve the requests of TE Miller to be honorably
- 49 retired as requested
- 50 2. To recommend that GCP approve the request of TE Hughes to be honorably
- 51 retired as requested

- 1 3. To recommend that GCP approve AI Ward's Internship
- 2 4. To recommend the demission of TE Spilman in accord with the BCO
- 3 requirements.
- 4 5. To recommend that GCP proceed in divesting TE Swain of the office of
- 5 Teaching Elder (38-2).

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APPENDIX I

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MNA Committee Report

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1. CenterPoint Church, Tallahassee, FL plans to particularize in the Spring of 2006.
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 - 8 2. Presbytery called Joe Elliot as an evangelist to Door of Hope Mission, Tallahassee, FL with the
9 authority to administer the sacraments and to receive and dismiss members.
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 - 11 3. Report that Church Planting Fund will run out unless income is increased in coming years.
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13 **Recommendations:**

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- 15 A. To support Joe Elliot as Evangelist to Door of Hope Mission at the current financial level.
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 - 17 B. To approve a loan of \$75,000 through the MNA Loan Fund to Grace Community Church, Mobile,
18 AL to be paid back in full, plus 10%, over a ten year period as determined by the Presbytery
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