

**ONE-HUNDRED THIRD STATED MEETING
 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
 TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4-5, 2007
 BLUE SPRING RETREAT CENTER
 MARIANNA, FLORIDA**

07-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 103rd stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order at 2:07 p.m (CST) on Tuesday, February 4, 2007, at the Blue Springs Retreat Center, Marianna, Florida by Stated Clerk, TE Bob Hornick. Mr. Hornick led in the opening prayer.

Mr. Hornick reported that due to personal illness, the moderator, TE Chuck Ryor was unable to attend the meeting. The floor was open for nominations. TE Robert Dekker was elected Moderator pro tem.

07-02 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	D. Eide	M. Hunter
Christ Community Church		
Concord	R. Dekker	
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee	J. Watson	R. Hawks
		R. Feldman
Covenant	B. Hayes	
Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	

Eastern Shore		B. Luka
	J. Fair	R. Skinner
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
		K. Peebles
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	T. Barnes	K. Sanders
First, Atmore		
First, Niceville	J. Grider	
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City	R. Watson	J. Rish
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores		
Grace, Madison	J. Hopwood	
Grace Community, Mobile	J. Bryars	
Loxley	T. Barnes	
McIlwain	R. Looper	G. Fell
		R. Myers
New Philadelphia	A. Newell	
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	
	T. Locke	
Safe Harbor	J. Calderazzo	P. Belardino
		F. Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	J. Hansen

Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	J. Richardson
		S. Robertson
Westminster, Tallahassee	J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton		
Wildwood	B. Evans	J. Hill
	E. Hague	
	B. Pullen	

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
S. Bradford		A. Maves
D. Box		C. Phillips
M. Griffith		C. Pearson
J. Elliott		D. Story
Dave Crenshaw		

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EXCUSED: Requests for excused absence from TEs W. Channell, S. DeVries, K. Fagerheim, R. Fennig, R. Gardner, M. Kirk, T. Rott, C. Ryor, G. Shamblin, B. Sinclair and RE Commissioners from Christ Community and Grace Community.

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VISITORS: Wilson Benton, Stephen Scott, Win Groschlose, Matt Eide, and Bill Lamkin.

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07-03 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES

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Minutes from the 102nd Stated Meeting were approved with editorial corrections.

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07-04 COMMUNICATIONS

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1. Letters from TE G. Shamblin and the congregation of Christ Community Church requesting that presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship, referred to Ministers and Candidates

- 1 2. Minutes from the Commission to install TE J. Elliott as organizing pastor of the
- 2 Door of Hope Mission Church, found in order and printed in the minutes.
- 3 **(Appendix A)**
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- 5 3. Pastoral Call from the Session, First Presbyterian Church to TE W. Lamkin,
- 6 referred to Examinations Committee.
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- 8 4. Pastoral Call from Fairfield Presbyterian Church to TE D. Crenshaw, referred to
- 9 Ministers and Candidates.
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- 11 5. Application from and endorsement of Mr. Matt Eide as a candidate for the
- 12 Gospel ministry, referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 14 6. Requests for excused absence from TEs W. Channell, S. DeVries, K.
- 15 Fagerheim, R. Fennig, R. Gardner, M. Kirk, T. Rott, C. Ryor, G. Shamblin, B.
- 16 Sinclair and RE Commissioners from Christ Community and Grace Community.
- 17 These requests were granted.

18 **07-05 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

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

20 **07-06 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

21 Visitors to presbytery were introduced. (See 07-02)

22 **07-07 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

23 TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk presented the report to presbytery. The following

24 recommendations were approved.

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- 26 A. That the docket be approved as amended. **(Appendix B)**
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- 28 B. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission to elect
- 29 commissioners for the Committee of Commissioners.
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- 31 C. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:
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- 33 Examinations TE Dave Crenshaw
- 34 TE S. Cloud, Chairman
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- 36 MNA TE Rick Fennig
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- 38 D. That the following be appointed to:
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- 40 GA Nominating TE David Anderegg

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

1 **07-08 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

4 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 5 • TE Ralph LaGuardia
- 6 • TE Arnie Maves
- 7 • RE James Hansen
- 8 • RE Ken Pebbles

9 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 10 • TE Joe Elliott, Chairman
- 11 • TE Bill Tyson
- 12 • RE Tony Chesser
- 13 • RE Bob Cooper

14 **07-09 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD**

15 TE Bill Lamkin was introduced to the presbytery. Mr. Lamkin is a member in good
16 standing of North Florida Presbytery. He has been called to First Presbyterian
17 Church, Panama City as an Assistant Pastor. Presbytery voted to proceed with
18 the examination.

19 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Lamkin on the area of his Christian Experience and
20 sense of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this
21 portion of the exam.

22 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. Lamkin in the area of theology. After questions from
23 the floor, this portion of the examination was sustained.

24 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Lamkin in the area of the Sacraments.

25 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Lamkin in the area of Church Government.

26 Mr. Lamkin stated that his views had not changed since ordination. He took no
27 exceptions to the Book of Church Order.

28 Motion was made and carried to sustain the exam as a whole.

29 A motion was made and carried that we receive Mr. Lamkin into Gulf Coast
30 Presbytery by upon his transfer from North Florida Presbytery. Mr. Lamkin
31 signed the book of ministerial obligation.

32 The terms of the call to the Mr. Lamkin were read, approved, and found
33 acceptable to Mr. Lamkin and placed in his hands. **(Appendix D)**

1 The presbytery approved the following installation service and commission. The
2 installation service was set for February 25, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. at First
3 Presbyterian Church with the following appointed to serve on the commission:
4 (Quorum -2 RE & 2 TE)

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6	TE Richard Watson	RE Richard Post, Covenant
7	TE Bob Hayes	RE Robert Croft, FPC
8	TE Bob Hopper, Alt.	RE Charlie Bryant, FPC

9 TE S. Cloud introduced Mr. Stephen Brooks and Mr. Win Grosclose to the
10 presbytery. Mr. Brooks is being examined for ordination and is being called as
11 an Assistant Pastor to Centerpointe Church in Tallahassee, FL. He is a MDiv
12 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, Orlando.

13 Mr. Win Grosclose is being examined for licensure and is serving as stated
14 pulpit supply at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Milton, FL. He is a graduate
15 of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson.

16 Presbytery divided to hear the sermons of Mr. Stephen Brooks and Mr. Win
17 Grosclose, candidates for the gospel ministry. The sermons and sermon
18 manuscripts were found to be in order and approved by presbytery.

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

22 TE S. Cloud examined both men in the area of English Bible. After questions
23 from the chairman and from the floor this portion of the exam was arrested.

24 TE S. Cloud examined both men in the area of Theology. After questions the
25 floor this portion of the exam was arrested.

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

27 Dr. Henry Krabbendaum, professor at Covenant College spoke to the presbytery
28 on the need for permanent chaplain at the college to guard against the spiritual
29 decline inherent most Christian educational institutions and university.

30 TE C. Phillips spoke about the Enterprise team's work in Western Europe.

31 TE Phillips recessed presbytery with a prayer of thanksgiving for our evening
32 meal.

33 **SPECIAL ORDER – 5:00 PM – SUPPER**

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

35 Presbytery reconvened at 6:30 PM for worship and the observance of the

1 Lord's Supper. A worship team from Centerpointe Church led the presbytery
2 in the singing of psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Dr. Wilson Benton
3 preached a sermon from John 16:33 on Jesus' overcoming of the
4 world in such a way that we have no accidents, adversity, or
5 anxiety. TE B. Pullen and other elders of Wildwood Presbyterian Church,
6 along with TE W. Benton administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

7 The presbytery reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 5th, with the
8 reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns and songs of praise. TE Wilson
9 Benton again spoke to the presbytery on how to handle discouragement in the
10 ministry.

11 **07- 10 MISSION TO THE WORLD**

12 TE R. LaGuardia, chairman of the MTW Committee, opened with prayer and
13 introduced Mr. Bryant Meredith who spoke about his missionary work in
14 Cambodia through teaching English as a second language.

15 Mr. LaGuardia informed presbytery of a medical missionary trip to Uganda
16 sponsored by Oak Mountain Presbyterian Church. Cost is airfare,
17 immunizations, and incidentals.

18 Mr. LaGuardia closed the report in prayer.

19 **07-11 EXAMINATIONS (CONT'D) – TE S. CLOUD**

20 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. Brooks and Mr. Grosclose in Church Government.
21 Following an opportunity for questions from the floor, a motion was made and
22 carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

23 Mr. Grosclose's examination for licensure was sustained as a whole. He took no
24 exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

25 The moderator posed the questions for Licensure which were answered in the
26 affirmative. Mr. Grosclose was declared to be licensed to preach in Gulf Coast
27 Presbytery.

28 The Moderator presented a charge to Mr. Grosclose and then led in prayer for
29 his ministry.

30 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Brooks in the area of Church History. The chairman
31 asked representative questions and opened the floor for further questions. A
32 motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

33 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Brooks in the Sacraments. The chairman asked
34 representative questions and opened the floor for further for further questions. A
35 motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

1 Motion was made and carried to accept his seminary degree from Reformed
2 Theological Seminary in lieu of his exam in the original languages.

3 Mr. Brook's exegetical and theological papers were found to be in order and
4 approved.

5 Mr. Brooks takes no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

6 Mr. Brooks was excused from the floor so that presbytery could discuss his
7 examination.

8 The examination was sustained as a whole and he was approved for ordination
9 to the Gospel Ministry.

10 A partial report of the MNA Committee was given in order to present the call
11 to Stephen Brooks from the committee. Mr

12 The terms of the call to Centerpointe as Assistant Pastor were read, approved,
13 and found acceptable to Mr. Brooks and placed in his hands. **(Appendix E)**

14 The ordination and installation service was set for April 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at
15 Centerpointe Mission with the following appointed to serve on the commission:
16 (Quorum -2 RE & 2 TE, representing at least 2 churches)

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18	TE Chuck Ryor	RE Eric Haug
19	TE David Story	RE John Schmidt
20	TE Joe Elliot	RE Greg Costas



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22 The committee then introduced Mr. Matt Eide to presbytery. He is a member of
23 the Christ Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL. He has submitted an application and
24 been endorsed by his Session. Mr. Eide has been a member for more than six
25 months.

26 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Eide in the area of his Christian Experience and
27 sense of call to the ministry. This exam as a whole was arrested and approved.
28 He was received as candidate in Gulf Coast Presbytery. An appropriate charge
29 to the occasion was given by his father, TE D. Eide. Prayer was offered and Mr.
30 Eide was added to the roll of candidates.

31 **07-11 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. PULLEN, Chairman**

32 TE Joe Grider presented the report to presbytery. He informed the presbytery of
33 several conference opportunities and resources for Deacons, and Youth and
34 Children's Ministries. He also highlighted the work of Gulf Coast Presbytery's
35 PresWIC, exhorting the presbytery's churches and pastors to encourage and
36 support our women in this important work at the local and presbytery levels.

37 1. Training opportunities from CE/P in Atlanta

2007		
January 16-18	Children's Ministry Conference	Atlanta, GA Gwinnett Marriott
April 20-22	 Women's Leadership Conference	Atlanta, GA
April 20-22	 Mercy Ministry Conference	Atlanta, GA
July 9-14	Youth Leadership Conference (YXL)	Lookout Mtn, GA
August 25	Equip Conference -- Training for Local Church Leaders	Asheville, NC

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- 2. Pres WIC Report (Appendix E)
- 3. Upcoming Camps : Salt & Light 07 -- July 29 – Aug 2

The report was received as a whole. (**Appendix F**)

07-12 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN

TE R. Dekker presented the report to presbytery.

Mr. Dekker reported that the committee acting as a commission of presbytery, voted to approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE G. Shamblin and the Christ Community Church. (See Appendix G)

The following recommendations were adopted:

- 1. That presbytery concur with TE M. Swain's request to demit the ministry and that he be transferred to the roll of First Presbyterian Church on Niceville, Florida. (TE J. Grider, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church indicated their willingness to receive him.)
- 2. To approve the call of TE D. Crenshaw to Fairfield Presbyterian Church as Assistant Pastor for Missions. The motion carried and was presented to Mr. Crenshaw and was found acceptable. (See **Appendix G**)

The presbytery approved the following installation service and commission. The installation service was set for February 25, 2007 at 6:00 PM at Fairfield Presbyterian Church with the following appointed to serve on the commission: (Quorum -2 RE & 2 TE)

1 TE David Anderegg RE Bob Cooper
2 TE Stephen Cloud RE Peter Nash
3 TE Robert Hornick RE Ken Peebles

4 TE Dekker closed the report with prayer. The report of approved as a whole.
5 **(Appendix H)**

6 **07-13 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE J. BRYARS, CHAIRMAN**

7 TE D. Anderegg presented the report to Presbytery.

- 8 1. Oral Report from Henry Krabbendaum re the impact in the states of serving
9 on short term missions in abundance cultures like Uganda where Dr.
10 Krabbendaum has been going for over 25 years.
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12 2. That GCP approve Centerpointe Mission's request, pending his theological
13 exams being found in order and sustained, that GCP MNA Committee issue a
14 call to Steven Brooks to serve as an Assistant Pastor at CenterPoint Mission.
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16 3. That GCP approve MNA Committee's request to be constituted as a
17 commission to examine officers at Centerpointe Mission. (Quorum 2 RE/2
18 TE)

19 TE D. Anderegg closed the report with prayer asking God's blessing on the
20 committee and its work. The report as a whole was received. **(Appendix I)**

21 **07-14 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES**

22 TE B. Hayes gave the report to presbytery.

- 23 1. The chairman gave a report on possible future RUF works on campuses
24 within the bounds of our presbytery.
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26 2. Mr. Evan Strong, an intern at FSU, gave a report on the work of RUF at
27 Florida State University.

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

29 **07-15 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD**

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

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33 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and
34 records on time to the 102nd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October
35 10th, 2006, and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as
36 follows:
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38 • Cornerstone, Destin, FL

- Cornerstone, Tallahassee, FL
- Covenant, Panama City
- New Philadelphia, Quincy, FL
- Pinewoods, Cantonment, FL
- Safe Harbor, Destin, FL
- Warrington, Pensacola, FL
- Westminster, Ft. Walton Bch, FL
- Westminster, Milton, FL
- Wildwood, Tallahassee, FL

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 102nd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 10th, 2006.

- Westminster, Tallahassee, FL Update: Responded with minutes at the 103rd stated meeting on February 5, 2007.

3. That Christ Community, Pensacola, FL has not submitted any records for review since February of 2005. I spoke with Randy Peacock (their clerk of session), who had promised to report in at the 103rd Stated Meeting.

4. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records for review after having been granted a deferment request from the May 9, 2006 Stated meeting.

- First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL

5. The December 31, 2006 Summary of funds is available for your information as well as an end of year summary.

It was noted by the chairman that Christ Community of Pensacola, FL, and First Presbyterian Church of Atmore, AL, have repeatedly failed to comply with the presbytery's requirements to submit minutes. Presbytery passed the following motion:

That the chairman of the committee, representing the presbytery, draft and send a certified letter return receipt requested to these churches warning them that if they do not make progress in compliance by the May meeting of Presbytery that presbytery will take appropriate action, which could ultimately include procedures to dissolve their churches.

The report was approved as a whole (Appendix J)

07-16 OLD BUSINESS

TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk, gave the presbytery a brief progress report on the work of the special commission to study how GCP should deal with exceptions with regard to the Sabbath. TE Hornick indicated the commission is making

1 progress and hopes to have a report ready for the next stated meeting in May,
2 2007.

3 **07-17 NEW BUSINESS**

- 4 • Time & Place of the 104TH Stated Meeting - The next stated meeting of Gulf
5 Coast Presbytery will be held May 9, 2007 (9:00 AM CST / 10:00 AM EST) at
6 First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida. Covenant Presbyterian Church
7 in Panama City will serve as the back-up in case FPC is unavailable due to
8 expansion.

9 **07-18 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

- 10 1. Kings Bay Commission – No Report
11 2. Resolution & Thanks

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13 • The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

14 **Whereas**, we the members of Gulf Coast Presbytery praise God for this
15 103rd Stated meeting at the Blue Springs Baptist Conference Center of
16 Mariana, Florida.

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

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

24 Resolution and Thanks Committee,

25 TE J. Elliot, Chairman
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27 **07-19 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

28 Presbytery adjourned at 2:05 PM (CST). TE Chuck Phillips led in the closing
29 prayer.

30 Respectfully submitted,

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32 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

Report of the Commission to install Rev. Jehoshphat "Joe" Elliott as Pastor of Door of Hope Mission Church

The Commission met on October 22, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the CentrePoint Mission Church.
A quorum was present.

Commission members present were:

TE Dudley Crowe

RE Greg Costas

TE Chuck Ryor

RE Rick Feldman

The Commission meeting was opened with prayer by the Reverend Chuck Ryor.
Rev. C. Ryor was elected chairman and Rev. Dudley Crowe was elected Secretary of the
Commission. The Commission recessed with prayer by Mr. Ryor for the installation service.

The Chairman presided in the sanctuary service, which was opened with singing, prayer and
Scripture reading. The sermon was preached by Rev. Michael Leach, on the topic/text:
Christological Focus of Scripture.

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

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions to the Candidate/Minister (*BCO*
21.9) and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the
constitutional questions to the Mission Church (*BCO* 21.10), and these were answered in
the affirmative by the Members holding up their right hands. The Candidate then kneeled
and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of
hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of
fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Rev. Joe Elliott had been regularly elected,
and installed as Pastor of the Church.

A charge to the Pastor was delivered by Mr. Greg Costas

A charge to the Congregation was delivered by Rev. Chuck Ryor

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

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned by prayer by Rev.
Chuck Ryor.

Dudley Crowe //s//

Secretary

1 **APPENDIX B**

2 **PROPOSED DOCKET**
3 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 103rd STATED MEETING**
4 **February 5 – 6, 2007 – 2:00 PM CST/3:00 PM EST**
5 **Blue Springs Campgrounds, Marianna, FL**
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- 7 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – 2:00 PM CST
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9 2. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
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11 3. Approval of Printed Minutes
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13 4. Communications
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15 5. Adoption of Docket
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17 6. Introduction of Visitors
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19 7. Permanent Committee Reports
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21 a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
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23 b. Examinations – TE Stephen Cloud
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25 c. Christian Education – TE Barksdale Pullen
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27 d. Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker
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29 e. Mission to North America – TE Jim Bryars
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31 f. Mission to the World – TE Ralph LaGuardia
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33 g. Reformed University Ministries -- TE Bob Hayes
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35 h. Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford
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37 SPECIAL ORDER – 4:30 PM – Reports, etc from Missionaries & Others
38 SPECIAL ORDER – 5:00 PM – Supper
39 SPECIAL ORDER – 6:30 PM -- Worship – Dr. Wilson Benton Preaching
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41 8. Old Business
42 • Ad-Interim Committee on the Sabbath
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44 9. New Business
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46 a. BCO Amendments
47 b. Time & Place of 104th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, May 8, 2007
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49 10. Reports of Standing Committees & Commissions
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51 a. Kings Bay Commission
52 b. Resolutions & Thanks
53 c. Bills & Overtures
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55 11. Adjournment and Closing Prayer – 12:00 NOON

1 **APPENDIX C**

2 **Executive Committee Report**
3 **Tuesday, February 7, 2006**
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6 I. MEETINGS

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8 The Executive Committee met via conference call on Wednesday, January 10,
9 2007 at 9:00 AM CST.
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12 II. ISSUES DISCUSSED

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14 A. Communications
15 B. Committee Reports
16 C. Docket
17 D. Nominations
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20 III. RECOMMENDATIONS

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22 E. That the docket be approved as presented.
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24 F. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission to elect
25 commissioners for the Committee of Commissioners.
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27 G. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:

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29 Examinations TE _____
30 TE S. Cloud, Chairman

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32 Administration RE _____
33 MNA TE Rick Fennig
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35 H. That the following be appointed to:

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37 Review of Records RE _____
38 Nominating TE David Anderegg
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1 **APPENDIX D**

2 **Terms of Call to**
3 **Mr. Bill Lamkin**
4 **from**
5 **First Presbyterian Church**
6 **Panama City, Florida**

7 The Session of the First Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the
8 ministerial qualifications of you, William Lamkin, and having good hopes from our knowledge
9 of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests,
10 do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in
11 the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord.
12 That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige
13 ourselves to pay you a total of \$56,000.00 per a year in regular monthly payments, which
14 include Salary, \$23,500.00, Housing \$24,000.00, and Medical Insurance, \$8,500.00, to pay
15 moving expenses up to \$3,000.00, and to allow one month vacation per year, during the time
16 of your being and continuing as the assistant pastor of this church.

17 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 21st day of
18 January, A.D. 2007.

19 Attest: We, the Clerk and Moderator of the session meeting which extended a call to
20 William Lamkin for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all
21 respects according to the rules laid down in the *Book of Church Order*.

22 _____
23 Robert Croft
24 Clerk of Session

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27 Richard Watson
28 Moderator of the Meeting
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1 **APPENDIX E**

2 **Terms of Call to**
3 **Mr. Stephen Brooks**
4 **from the**

5 **Mission to North America Committee**

6 The Mission to North America committee on behalf of the CenterPoint Mission Church
7 of Tallahassee, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications
8 of you, Steven Brooks, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that
9 your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable both to our spiritual interests, do
10 earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you,
11 in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the
12 Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and
13 oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$48,000 a year in regular compensation, which
14 includes your salary, housing allowance, health insurance, and paid vacations during
15 the time of your being a pastor of this church.

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17 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 4th day of
18 February, A.D. 2007.

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20 Attest: I having moderated this presbytery meeting which extended a call to Steven
21 Brooks for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects
22 according to the rules laid down in the *Book of Church Order*, and that the persons who
23 signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by note of the congregation.

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26 Robert Dekker
27 Moderator of the Meeting
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APPENDIX F

**Christian Education Committee
Gulf Coast Presbytery
February Report**

1. Training from CE/P in Atlanta

2007		
January 16-18	 Children's Ministry Conference	Atlanta, GA Gwinnett Marriott
April 20-22	 Women's Leadership Conference	Atlanta, GA
April 20-22	 Mercy Ministry Conference	Atlanta, GA
July 9-14	Youth Leadership Conference (YXL)	Lookout Mtn, GA
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- 2. Pres WIC Report (See Attached)
- 3. Upcoming Camps
 - Salt & Light 07: July 29 – Aug 2
- 4. Committee Members

<u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</u>			
Rick Fennig	07	Willy Smith	
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rev. Barksdale M. Pullen, III, Chair, Christian Education

FROM: Julie Costas, President, Gulf Coast PresWIC

RE: 2007 PresWIC Report

DATE: February 2, 2007

This information is being provided to you, as you requested, for your upcoming report to the Gulf Coast Presbytery in your capacity as Chair of Christian Education.

The 2007-08 officers of the Gulf Coast PresWIC are as follows:

Julie Costas, President
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Rollanda Cothran, Vice President
Door of Hope/Centerpoint (Tallahassee)

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PresWIC held its 34th Annual Retreat at Blue Springs in Marianna the weekend of January 26-27, 2007. Approximately 81 ladies from fourteen of Gulf Coast Presbytery's churches were present to hear the Speaker, Mary Beth McGreevy, on "*An Alabaster Encounter: The Heart's Response to the Lord Jesus Christ.*" Mrs. McGreevy is from the St. Louis area but was serving as a personal assistant to Dr. James Montgomery Boice at the time of his death in 2000. She is a noted Bible teacher and frequent speaker at women's retreats and conferences, and has written a Bible study on Deuteronomy published by CE&P.

The 2006 retreat had Tara Barthel of Peacemakers Ministries as its speaker, and the speaker at the 2005 retreat was Carol Ruvolo. Plans are already underway for next year's retreat which will be held at Blue Springs the weekend of March 7-8, 2008.

At these retreats, an offering is taken to provide scholarships to students from the Gulf Coast Presbytery who are attending Covenant College, Belhaven College, Covenant Seminary, or Reformed

1 Theological Seminary. This year, there were two nominations for scholarships and both recipients are
2 students at Covenant College. It is expected that the amount of each scholarship will be approximately
3 \$700.
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5 Also at this retreat, the organization adopted changes to its Constitution, By Laws, and Standing Rules
6 to provide for two meetings a year and to combine the offices of Secretary and Historian into one
7 office.
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9 In addition to its annual retreat, PresWIC also meets each fall for a Rally Day program. One of the
10 churches within the Presbytery hosts the event, and PresWIC arranges for a speaker and assists with
11 planning and expenses. The October 2006 Rally Day was hosted by New Philadelphia Church in
12 Quincy with Mary McArthur as our speaker. PresWIC's new officers were also installed at this
13 meeting by Rev. Bob Evans of Wildwood Church. The 2005 Rally Day was hosted by Covenant
14 Presbyterian in Panama City, and Carolyn Custis James was the speaker. Plans are being made for the
15 2007 Rally Day program. Two dates being considered are September 22 or October 13, and First
16 Presbyterian, Panama City, has offered to host the event.
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18 Gulf Coast PresWIC desires to remain relevant to the women of our Presbytery while honoring its
19 history and members who were present when the denomination was formed. We pray that we can
20 continue to offer high quality programs with Godly, Reformed speakers. To the extent that the Pastors
21 and leaders of the churches in our Presbytery can encourage and support their women's participation in
22 PresWIC programs, these purposes can be achieved.
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24 In His service,
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28 JULIE COSTAS, PRESIDENT
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1 **APPENDIX G**

2 **Call to David Crenshaw**
3 **As Assistant Pastor for Missions**
4 **Fairfield Presbyterian Church**
5 **Pensacola, Florida**

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7 The Session of Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida being on
8 sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you,
9 David Crenshaw, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your
10 labors that your ministrations in the gospel will be profitable both to our
11 congregation and the kingdom of God at large, do earnestly call you to
12 undertake the office of Assistant Pastor for Missions in said congregation,
13 promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support,
14 encouragement and obedience in the Lord. Specifically, we promise prayer
15 support and to cover expenses required to undertake the duties asked. In
16 addition, we promise to assist you in maintaining a vibrant mission
17 program.

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19 In testimony whereof we, the members of the session, have respectively
20 subscribed our names this the 11th day of December, 2006.
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24 **Ken Peebles**

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28 **Bob Cooper**
29 **Clerk of Session**

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Moderator of Session

APPENDIX H

Ministers and Candidates Committee Report

Gulf Coast Presbytery
The GCP February 2007 Stated Meeting
Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman

THE MEMBERS:

Name	Class	Church	Contact #	
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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
RE	09			
RE Frank Drew	09	Pinewoods, Pensacola	(850) 968-0274	frank.drew@cox.net
TE Bob Evans	09	Wildwood, Tallahassee	(850)668-0566	bob@wildwoodpca.org
TE Dieter Paulson	09	Covenant Reformed PCA	(251) 625-1733	Mdieterp@aol.com

THE MEETINGS:

The Committee engaged in a conference call on 01/31/07 and multiple e-mail and phone interactions. A commission was called to order on 01/31/07 to address the matter of TE Shamblin's dissolution with Christ Community Church of Pensacola.

THE MATTERS (addressed since last Presbytery Meeting):

1. The request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Christ Community Church and TE George Shamblin.
2. The need to move Mr. Tim Spilman's church membership in accord with the BCO (BCO 46-8) requirements.
3. The request from TE Swain to be divested (38-2) and to have his membership assigned to 1st Presbyterian Church in Niceville, FL.
4. The request of Matt Eidie to come under care (all paper work received)
5. The request from the Congregation of Fairfield PCA to facilitate the call TE Crenshaw, who is already a member of GCP.
6. The need to fill the vacant RE seat for the class of 2009 on the MAC.
7. The need follow up on churches who are currently without pastors (Atmore,

- 1 Westminster, Christ Community, etc.)
- 2 8. The oversight of our Candidates
- 3 9. The oversight of our Licentiates
- 4 10. The oversight of interns (and regular reporting of their progress)
- 5 11. The oversight/ Accountability of our Special TE's & Chaplains (Such as TE
- 6 Crowe and TE Gwin)
- 7 12. The dispersing of the Covenant Scholarship among candidates
- 8 13. The need to encourage struggling pastors and churches, creating a safe place to
- 9 find healing and restoration by means of the gospel
- 10 14. The need to keep the web site data accurate
- 11 15. The need to develop a plan to secure background-checks on clergy (especially
- 12 for those entering the GCP) to comply with insurance industry expectations
- 13 16. The need to streamline the internship process
- 14 17. The need to improve the dissolution process, to educate the parties involved on
- 15 both how it can be done to the glory of God and who can help them through the
- 16 processes

17 **THE ACTIONS**

18 **The Commission Action:**

- 19 1. In accord with the Standing Rules of GCP, the committee formed a commission via
- 20 conference call and via internet, to address the matter of dissolving the pastoral relationship
- 21 of Christ Community Presbyterian Church and TE George Shamblin. After some
- 22 discussion of the facts, the commissioners were not pleased that this matter had not been
- 23 revealed earlier to the MAC, as it gave us no opportunity to seek intercession, healing,
- 24 and/or guidance. The commission voted to dissolve the relationship. The chairman will
- 25 communicate this action to the Stated Clerk who will communicate it with the parties
- 26 involved.

27 407.1.d. THE MAC has the authority to act as a commission of presbyter in dissolving pastoral

28 relationships in cases where the pastor and congregation formally concur or where no

29 congregation is concerned, to dismiss other ministers, licentiates or candidates. The committee

30 shall inform the stated clerk of this action so that the clerk may dismiss the ministers.

31 **The Committee Actions:**

- 32 1. The MAC reconsidered the need to assign Mr. Tim Spilman's membership to a local
- 33 particular church. On 1/31/07, by way of a phone conversation, Mr. Spilman
- 34 indicated that he is not yet in fellowship with a local church. The MAC will draft a
- 35 letter to encourage this former TE to become active in a visible church.

36 **46-8.** When a Presbytery shall divest a minister of his office without censure, or depose him without

37 excommunication, it shall assign him, to membership in some particular church, subject to the approval of the

38 Session of that church.

- 39 2. The MAC considered the matter referred to us at the October meeting of GCP,
- 40 requesting from TE Swain to be voluntarily divested of his credentials. He has been
- 41 "Without Call" (BCO 13-2) since 05/31/04. After rehearsing some of the details that
- 42 have led to our brother's reconciliation, there was a reluctance to want to divest
- 43 him, but the will of the committee was clear to proceed with his request and to
- 44 assign his membership to 1st Presbyterian Church of Niceville, pending the approval

- 1 of its session.
- 2 3. The MAC was pleased to receive the documentation of Matt Edie to come under care of
3 GCP. The exam will be executed by the examinations committee. This information will be
4 forwarded to the chairman of that committee.
- 5 4. The MAC found the call for TE Crenshaw from the Fairfield Presbyterian Church to be in
6 order.
- 7 5. The MAC members suggested that the RE vacancy for the class of 09 be filled by one
8 from Alabama. Chairman Dekker will pursue this matter.
- 9 6. The MAC expressed compassion for the plight of so many churches in our presbytery that
10 are having to search for pastors and who are having to function without a chief shepherd.
11 The members desire to understand the progress of these ministries so that we might
12 partner in prayer and provide assistance where possible.
- 13 7. The MAC will schedule a meeting after April 15's Annual Reporting Deadline to update the
14 Web site and to oversee the progress of those under our care.

15 **THE MOTIONS to GCP**

- 16 1. To divest TE Swain of his TE credentials and pending the session's approval, to
17 assign his church membership to the church where he currently is worshipping, 1st
18 Presbyterian Church of Niceville.
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- 20 2. To approve the call of TE Crenshaw to Fairfield

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APPENDIX I

Gulf Coast Presbytery Mission to North America Committee Report

Stated Meeting of Presbytery at Marianna, FL
February 5 & 6, 2007

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I. Activities of the Committee

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A.) Meetings:

11 1. The Committee met on Monday evening, after supper, at the Gulf Coast Presbytery
12 Retreat at Blue Springs Retreat Center in Marianna, FL. TE Jim Bryars, TE Andy Newell,
13 TE Bill Tyson, RE Rick Skinner, TE Dave Anderegg were in attendance. TE Chuck Ryor
14 participated by proxy.
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II. Reports

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1) Kings Bay Mission, Panama City Beach, FL

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- 19 ▪ TE Scott Siedler has communicated to TE Bill Tyson, a member of the commission
appointed to Kings Bay as a temporary Session, that there continue to be difficulties.
 - 20 ▪ The MNA Committee is planning to meet with TE Scott Siedler as soon as possible to
21 encourage and counsel with him, and to discuss current difficulties, and future plans.
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2) CenterPoint Church, Tallahassee, FL

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- 25 ▪ TE Chuck Ryor has pneumonia. Nevertheless, Chuck spoke with TE Jim Bryars and
reported that the Lord continues to bless His work at CenterPoint.
 - 26 ▪ Attendance continues to be stable, with a continued demographic diversity including a
27 number of students.
 - 28 ▪ CenterPoint has petitioned MNA to issue a call to Steven Brooks to serve as an Assistant
29 Pastor to students. Installation Commission information TBA.
 - 30 ▪ Plans are being made to leave mission status and "particularize" on May, 20, 2007.
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3) Door of Hope Mission, Tallahassee, FL

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- 34 ▪ TE Joe Elliott spoke to the committee of God's grace in the work of this predominantly
African-American, inner-city, mission begun by CenterPoint Mission.
 - 35 ▪ Joe continues to minister weekly to students at Florida A&M University.
 - 36 ▪ Joe was called away and had to leave Presbytery early and was unable to report.
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4) Future Plans for Church Planting in Gulf Coast Presbytery

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- 40 ▪ The MNA Committee is planning a meeting to revisit and update the Presbytery's
Strategic Plan for Church planting in the near future, though no date was set. TE Jim
41 Bryars, the chair of the committee, agreed to convene this meeting.
 - 42 ▪ Established churches in the Presbytery were encouraged to assist the MNA Committee in
43 identifying potential future church plants, and becoming "mother" churches by financially
44 and administratively assisting in their development.

- 1 ▪ MNA is currently focusing on potential plants in South Walton County, Crestview, Pace,
2 FL; and Mobile, AL.
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4 **5) MNA Chaplancy Ministries**

- 5 ▪ TE Col. Mack Griffith, spoke briefly about PCA Chaplain Ministries
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7 **6) MNA Disaster Relief Sub-Committee**

- 8 ▪ The Disaster Relief Sub-Committee was established for the purpose of establishing clear
9 communication, coordination, and the development of an efficient and effective disaster
10 relief network within GCP, to the glory of God. Disaster Relief work is staffed by the
11 members of GCP congregations.
12 ▪ The MNA Committee is continuing to organize and develop an effective system of
13 communication and coordination.
14 ▪ All churches in GCP are encouraged assist the sub-committee by appointing a key-man
15 who will represent each local congregation by communicating with the sub-committee,
16 and by making preparations locally.
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18 **7) GA MNA events and helpful resources were highlighted:**

- 19 ▪ Dr. Henry Krabbendam spoke briefly regarding his continual work in training men in
20 evangelism through a summer mission ministry in Uganda. This ministry has been
21 helpful in training men, and may be of revitalization assistance to our local
22 congregations.
23 ▪ TE Wilson Benton spoke to committee members briefly about his current involvement in
24 the "Embers to a Flame" Revitalization work. (www.embersto aflame.org)
25 ▪ "Fanning the Flame," a strategic planning service continues to be offered through Joe
26 Weatherly and Vision Planners, LLC. (www.visionplanners.com)
27 ▪ ESL Conference
28 ▪ Mercy Ministry Conference
29 ▪ Church Planter Training & Assessment Opportunities (www.pca-mna.org)
30 ▪ MNA Disaster Relief Volunteer Registration Form. (www.pca-mna.org)
31 ▪ Hispanic American Ministries Convocation (www.pca-mna.org).
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33 **II. Recommendations:**

- 34 A. That GCP approve Centerpoint Mission's request, pending his theological exams being found
35 in order and sustained, that GCP MNA Committee issue a call to Steven Brooks to serve as an
36 Assistant Pastor at CenterPoint Mission.
37 B. That GCP approve MNA Committee's request to be constituted as a commission to examine
38 officers at CenterPoint Mission.
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APPENDIX J

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT GULF COAST PRESBYTERY February 5, 2007

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on time to the 102nd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 10th, 2006, and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

- Cornerstone, Destin, FL
- Cornerstone, Tallahassee, FL
- Covenant, Panama City
- New Philadelphia, Quincy, FL
- Pinewoods, Cantonment, FL
- Safe Harbor, Destin, FL
- Warrington, Pensacola, FL
- Westminster, Ft. Walton Bch, FL
- Westminster, Milton, FL
- Wildwood, Tallahassee, FL

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

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 102nd stated meeting of this Presbytery on October 10th, 2006.
- Westminster, Tallahassee, FL Update: Responded with minutes at the 103rd stated meeting on February 5, 2007.
3. That Christ Community, Pensacola, FL has not submitted any records for review since February of 2005. I spoke with Randy Peacock (their clerk of session). Who has promised to report at the 103rd Stated Meeting. Update 02/07/07: Minutes had been mailed and delivered to the Stated Clerk's office prior to the 103rd Stated Meeting. The package was not opened until after the meeting. No letter will be sent by the Administrative Committee to Christ Community Church.

- 1 4. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their
2 Sessional minutes and records for review after having been granted
3 a deferment request from the May 9, 2006 Stated meeting.
4 • FPC, Atmore, AL
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- 6 5. The December 31, 2006 Summary of funds is available for your
7 information as well as an end of year summary.
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- 9 6. Point of Interest for member churches: Microsoft has a new open license
10 program for 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. The Microsoft Open License Charity
11 program allows eligible nonprofit organizations to acquire multiple software
12 licenses—rather than multiple software packages—at reduced prices. You need only
13 purchase one complete software package and enough licenses to cover the
14 remaining amount of computers. Your church would be required by Microsoft to
15 buy a minimum of 5 licenses to get started. Every license after that would only be
16 about \$70.00 for MS Office 2007 Pro. A Charity Volume License is renewable every
17 two years and is available for almost all of Microsoft’s new titles including the new
18 Vista operating system.

19 You can see the details of the Charity Volume License Program at the following link:

20 <http://www.microsoft.com/licensing/programs/open/opencharity.aspx>
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- 23 7. That this report be approved as a whole.
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26 Respectfully Submitted,



27 Dennis Shackleford, Chairman, Administrative Committee
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31 **NOTE:** A suggested template for creating minutes for a Stated and a Called
32 Session meeting is now posted on the Presbytery website at
33 www.gulfcoastpres.org under the *FORMS* section. These files are in Microsoft
34 Word format and may be downloaded for your use.