

**ONE-HUNDRED FOURTH STATED MEETING
 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY
 TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2007
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

07-20 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

The 104th stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order at 9:09 AM (CDT) on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida by Moderator, TE Chuck Ryor. TE Ryor led in the opening prayer. The presbytery then worshiped with Scripture reading, the singing of hymns and the preaching of the Word by Moderator Ryor.

07-21 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. Hopper	
Covenant Reformed	R. LaGuardia	
Eastern Shore		T. Chesser

	J. Fair	
Fairfield	S. Cloud	B. Cooper
	D. Crenshaw	
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	T. Barnes	K. Sanders
First, Atmore		
First, Niceville	J. Grider	J. Gerber
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City	R. Watson	
	B. Lamkin	
Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison		E. Hollingsworth
		R. Gibson
		M. Comer
Grace Community, Mobile		
Loxley	T. Barnes	
		L. Keuler
Mcllwain	R. Looper	W. Wilcox
		R. Myers
New Philadelphia		
Pinewoods	D. Anderegg	
	T. Locke	
Safe Harbor		
		F. Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	

Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	J. Richardson
		J. Hart
Westminster, Tallahassee	J. Craft	
Westminster, Milton		O. Willis
Wildwood		
	B. Pullen	

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OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

TEACHING ELDERS		TEACHING ELDERS
S. Bradford		D. Paulson
S. Brooks		J. Riggs
D. Crowe		C. Ryor
A. Maves		D. Story
		S. Seidler

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3 **EXCUSED:** Teaching Elders D. Box, J. Bryars, J. Calderazzo, W. Cathey, W.
 4 Channell, S. DeVries, J. Elliott, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, E.
 5 Hague, J. Hopwood, M. Kirk, A. Newell, G. Ormerly, D. Rainwater, J. Robbins, G.
 6 Shamblin, J. Trostle, J. Watson.

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8 Ruling Elders from Cornerstone, Tallahassee and Warrington.

9 **VISITORS:** Matt Eide, Richard Vise, Chip Frost,

10 **07-22 APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES**

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12 Minutes from the 103rd Stated Meeting were approved with one editorial correction.

13 **07-23 COMMUNICATIONS**

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15 1. Minutes from the Commission to install TE William Lamkin as Assistant
 16 Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, FL; found in order and
 17 printed in the minutes. (Appendix D)

- 1 2. Letter from the clerk, Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL,
2 notifying presbytery that the congregation had called TE Barksdale Pullen,
3 III to serve as Associate Pastor; referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 5 3. Letter from TE David Peterson, Executive Director of the Presbyterian and
6 Reformed Joint Commission for Chaplains notifying presbytery that TE
7 Darwin Box had been endorsed for chaplaincy with Big Bend Hospice;
8 received as information.
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- 10 4. Financial Statements and Auditor's report from the Florida Joint
11 Committee on Campus Ministries; received as information.
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- 13 5. Application from Brian Steadman for the presbytery scholarship
14 application for Covenant Seminary; referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 16 6. Requests for excuse absence from:
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18 Teaching Elders D. Box, J. Bryars, J. Calderazzo, W. Cathey, W.
19 Channell, S. DeVries, J. Elliott, K. Fagerheim, R. Gardner, M.
20 Griffith, C. Gwin, E. Hague, J. Hopwood, M. Kirk, A. Newell, G.
21 Ormerly, D. Rainwater, J. Robbins, G. Shamblin, J. Trostle, J.
22 Watson.
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24 Ruling Elders from Cornerstone, Tallahassee and Warrington.

25 **07-24 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

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

27 **07-25 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

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

29 **07-26 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

32 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 33 • TE Dave Anderegg
- 34 • TE Scott Seidler
- 35 • RE Bob Cooper
- 36 • RE Lloyd Keuler

37 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 1 • TE Tim Locke, Chairman
- 2 • TE Ralph LaGuardia
- 3 • RE Jim Gerber
- 4 • RE Jim Richardson

5 **07-27 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

6 TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk presented the report to presbytery. The following
7 recommendations were approved.

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9 A. That the docket be approved as amended. **(Appendix B)**

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11 B. That Commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners to the 35th GA be
12 elected **(Appendix A)**

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14 C. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:

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16 Administration -- RE Kenneth Sanders

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18 D. That the following be appointed to GA :

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20 Review of Records - RE John Hart

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

22 **07-28 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD**

23 TE S. Cloud opened with prayer and re-introduced Mr. Win Groseclose to
24 presbytery. Mr. Groseclose is a MDiv. Graduate of Reformed Theological
25 Seminary. He has previously been examined in the areas of English Bible,
26 Church Government (Polity) and Theology for licensure. Mr. Groseclose is a
27 candidate in Gulf Coast Presbytery and is coming today for the completion of his
28 examination for ordination. He has been received a call as Pastor of Westminster
29 Presbyterian Church, Milton, Florida. Presbytery voted to proceed with the
30 examination.

31 Presbytery accepted the sermon manuscript and the sermon preached for
32 licensure as meeting the requirements for ordination.

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

36 Presbytery accepted Mr. Groseclose's seminary study in Greek and Hebrew as
37 meeting the requirements for ordination.

38 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. Groseclose in the area of Church History. After

1 questions from the floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

2 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Groseclose in the area of the Sacraments. After
3 questions from the floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

4 Mr. Groseclose stated that his views had not changed since his examination for
5 licensure. He takes no exceptions to the Book of Church Order and the
6 Westminster Standards. This portion of the examination was arrested.

7 A motion was made and carried that the examination be approved as a whole
8 and that he be approved for ordination by Gulf Coast Presbytery.

9 The terms of the call to the Mr. Groseclose were read, approved, and found
10 acceptable to Mr. Groscclose and placed in his hands. **(Appendix E)**

11 The presbytery approved the following ordination and installation commission.
12 The service was set for May 20, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian
13 Church with the following appointed to serve on the commission: (Quorum -2 RE
14 & 2 TE)

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16	TE Robert Dekker	RE Obie Willis
17	TE H. Arnold Maves	RE Dan Kennedy
18	TE Jason Riggs.	RE David McLellan
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20 **07-29 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE B. PULLEN, CHAIRMAN**

21 TE B. Pullen opened with prayer and presented the report to presbytery. He
22 informed the presbytery of several conference opportunities and resources for
23 Deacons, and Youth and Children’s Ministries.

24 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. Upcoming Camps:
 - a. JAM Camp (2nd & 3rd) -- July 13 - 14
 - b. Salt & Light 07 (4th & 5th) -- July 29 - Aug 2

The report was received as a whole.

07-30 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN

TE R. Dekker presented the report to presbytery and opened the report with prayer.

The following recommendations were adopted:

- 1. That TE H. Bishop from list of licentiates.
- 2. Approve request of TE K. Fagerheim to transfer to the roll of NY State Presbytery.
- 3. That the activities and preparations of Mr. Win Groseclose be considered as fulfilling the GCP internship requirements.
- 4. That presbytery approved the terms and change in call from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church for TE B. Pullen.
- 5. That the action on TE Dudley Crow’s status be tabled until the October Meeting.
- 6. To pray for those on our roll of candidates, interns and out of bounds and specifically for those who are “delinquent” in their reporting to the body.

TE Dekker closed the report with prayer. The report of approved as a whole.

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

SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 AM – LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:15 AM. The moderator led in a prayer of thanksgiving for God’s gracious provision for lunch and fellowship.

Presbytery was called to order by the moderator at 12:50 PM. Mr. Ryor led in the opening prayer.

07- 31 MISSION TO THE WORLD - TE R. LAGUARDIA, CHAIRMAN

1 TE R. LaGuardia, chairman of the MTW Committee, opened with prayer and
2 then presented an oral report to presbytery.

3 Mr. LaGuardia proposed that the smaller churches of presbytery consider joining
4 together to take an overseas mission trip at a future date. He also encouraged all
5 the commissioners to join with him in praying for those serving on the mission
6 field.

7 Mr. LaGuardia closed the report in prayer.

8 **07-32 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE J. BRYARS, CHAIRMAN**

9 TE D. Anderegg presented the report to Presbytery.

- 10 1. That GCP approve Centerpointe Mission's request, pending his
11 theological exams being found in order and sustained, that GCP MNA
12 Committee issue a call to Steven Brooks to serve as an Assistant Pastor
13 at CenterPoint Mission.
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15 2. That GCP approve MNA Committee's request to be constituted as a
16 commission to examine officers and organize Centerpointe Mission as a
17 particular church (Quorum 2 RE/2 TE)

18 TE D. Anderegg closed the report with prayer asking God's blessing on the
19 committee and its work. The report as a whole was received.

20 **07-33 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES, CHAIRMAN**

21 TE B. Hayes presented the report to presbytery.

- 22 1. The chairman gave a report on possible future RUF works on campuses
23 within the bounds of our presbytery.
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25 2. TE D. Story, campus minister at FSU, gave a report on the work of RUF at
26 Florida State University. TE Story also introduced TE Richard Vice,
27 campus minister at Auburn University, who also gave a report of the work
28 of RUF there.

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

30 **07-34 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD, CHAIRMAN**

31 TE D. Shackelford presented the Administration Committee's report to
32 presbytery. The following recommendations were adopted:
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- 34 1. That the following churches had submitted their Sessional minutes and records
35 on time to the 103rd stated meeting of this Presbytery on February 5th, 2007,
36 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

NOTE: 4 out of 8 churches scheduled for review today requested a deferment until the October Stated meeting.

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 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 promised to report in at the 103rd Stated Meeting. At the time of the 103rd Stated meeting we believed that this had not yet happened and the Presbytery instructed me to send a certified return receipt letter to the Session of Christ Community church to remind them that the Book of Church order 40-1 states that: *It is the right and duty of every court above the Session to review, at least once a year, the records of the court next below, and if any lower court fails to present its records for this purpose, the higher court may require them to be produced immediately, or at any time fixed by this higher court.* With the warning that if they did not make progress to be in compliance by the 104th Stated meeting (in May of 2007) of Presbytery, that this Presbytery will take appropriate action.

Update 02/07/07: The clerk of Session had attempted delivery prior to the meeting, however, they were delivered to the wrong church. The package was not received until after the meeting. No letter will be sent by the Administrative Committee to Christ Community Church.

An Exception of Substance was noted: There was a called meeting of the Session on November 29, 2006 and again on December 15th and 18th, 2006 which intentionally excluded the Pastor/ Moderator. (BCO 12-1)

Action Item from The 104th Stated Meeting of Presbytery: The Gulf Coast Presbytery directed the Stated Clerk (TE: Robert Hornick) and the current Moderator (TE: Chuck Ryor) at it's 104th Stated Meeting to meet with the Session of Christ Community Church in Pensacola, FL concerning their violation of BCO

1 12-1 and to report back with the results of that meeting at the 105th Stated
2 Meeting.

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4 3. The Session records of First Presbyterian Church, Atmore, AL were last
5 scheduled for review at the May 2006 Stated meeting, however a request for
6 deferment was sought by and granted to the church with the promise that their
7 records would be presented for review at the October 2006 Stated meeting. First
8 Presbyterian Church, Atmore failed to produce their records at the October 2006
9 Stated Meeting. A second written request was issued to their Clerk of Session
10 prior to the February 2007 Stated Meeting and again First Presbyterian Church
11 Atmore failed to comply with our written request to present records at the
12 February 5th & 6th, 2007 Stated Meeting. Therefore the Presbytery instructed
13 me to send a second certified return receipt letter to the Session of First
14 Presbyterian Church in Atmore, AL.

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16 Update: FPC Atmore produced their minutes to the 104th Stated meeting via
17 FedEx on May 8, 2007.

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19 4. That this report be approved as a whole.

20 **07-35 OLD BUSINESS**

21 TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk, gave the presbytery a brief progress report on the
22 work of the special commission to study how GCP should deal with exceptions
23 with regard to the Sabbath. TE Hornick indicated the commission is making
24 progress and hopes to have a report ready for the next stated meeting in May,
25 2007.

26 **07-36 NEW BUSINESS**

27 Time & Place of the 105TH Stated Meeting - The next stated meeting of Gulf
28 Coast Presbytery will be held October 9, 2007 (10:00 AM CST / 11:00 AM EST)
29 at Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, Florida.

30 **07-37 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

- 31 1. Kings Bay Commission – No Report
32 2. Resolution & Thanks
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34 • Chairman, Tim Locke had read the following resolution in memorial of RE
35 Jim Thrasher, Jr.

36 James W. Thrasher, Jr. went home to be with his Lord on Good
37 Friday, April 6, 2007. During his life, Jim was an exemplary Ruling
38 Elder, a dedicated presbyter, the first Stated Clerk of Gulf Coast
39 Presbytery, a Missionary, a master craftsman and engineer whose
40 knowledge taught and helped many. Jim and his dear wife, Nan,

1 practiced hospitality, providing lodging and meals to countless
2 furloughing missionaries, visiting pastors, conference speakers,
3 and college students.

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5 Be it therefore resolved that on May 8, 2007 in its regular stated
6 meeting, Gulf Coast Presbytery did recognize the blessings of God
7 given to us through the life of Jim Thrasher.

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9 Be it further resolved that in this meeting we pray thanking God for
10 his blessings given through Jim and also pray for his wife, Nan, that
11 the God of all comfort would comfort her in her time of loss.

- 12 • The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

13 Whereas, we the members of the Gulf Coast Presbytery praise and
14 give thanks to God for this 104th Stated Meeting, and

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16 Whereas, we appreciate greatly the gracious hospitality shown by
17 our host church, First Presbyterian of Niceville, Florida

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19 Be it Resolved, that the Gulf Coast Presbytery express its thanks
20 and appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville,
21 Florida for hosting our meeting during its time of expansion, for
22 serving a delicious meal and for seeing to our corporate and
23 individual needs as a presbytery in session this Eighth day of May,
24 2007

25 Resolution and Thanks Committee,

26 TE Tim Locke, Chairman
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28 **07-38 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

29 Presbytery adjourned at 2:40 PM (CST). Moderator C. Ryor led in the closing
30 prayer.

31 Respectfully submitted,
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33 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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APPENDIX A

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS Gulf Coast Presbytery

A. RULING ELDERS

Overtures – Rusty Gross, Mcllwain

Covenant College –

Mission to the World – Jim Richardson, Westminster

PCA Retirement & Benefits – Bob Cooper, Fairfield

Ridge Haven – Jerry Knight

Reformed University Ministries – Willie Wilcox, Mcllwain

B. TEACHING ELDERS

Administration – Rick Fennig, Grace Fellowship

Christian Education – Robert Dekker, Concord

Covenant Seminary – Rob Looper, Mcllwain

Interchurch Relations – Ralph LaGuardia, Covenant Reformed

Mission to North America – Jeremy Fair, Eastern Shore

Overtures – Dennis, Eide, Christ Presbyterian

PCA Foundation – Joe Grider, First, Niceville

Floor Clerk (RE or TE) –

Elder for Communion –

1 **APPENDIX B**

2 **PROPOSED DOCKET**
3 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 104th STATED MEETING**
4 **May 8, 2007 – 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT**
5 **First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, FL**
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- 7 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
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9 2. Worship Service
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11 3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
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13 4. Approval of Printed Minutes
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15 5. Communications
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17 6. Adoption of Docket
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19 7. Introduction of Visitors
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21 8. Appointment of Standing Committees
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23 9. Permanent Committee Reports
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25 a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
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27 b. Examinations – TE Stephen Cloud
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29 c. Christian Education – TE Barksdale Pullen
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31 d. Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker
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33 e. Mission to North America – TE Jim Bryars
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35 f. Mission to the World – TE Ralph La Guardia
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37 g. Reformed University Ministries – TE Bob Hayes
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39 h. Administration – TE Dennis Shackelford
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41 SPECIAL ORDER - 11:15 -- MISSIONARIES
42 SPECIAL ORDER – 11:30 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
43 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH
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45 10. Old Business
46 a. Report of the Ad-Interim Committee on Sabbath Observance
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48 11. New Business
49 a. Time & Place of 105th Stated Meeting – Tue., October 9, 2007
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51 12. Reports of Standing Committees
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53 13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

1 **APPENDIX C**

2 **Executive Committee Report**
3 **Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

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6 I. MEETINGS

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8 The Executive Committee met via conference call on March 27, 2007 at 10:00
9 AM CDT.

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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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21 III. RECOMMENDATIONS

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23 A. That the docket be approved as presented.
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25 B. That Commissioners to the Committee of Commissioners to the 35th GA be
26 elected (Appendix A)
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28 C. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:
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30 Administration RE Kenneth Sanders, Faith Robertsdale
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32 D. That the following be appointed to GA :
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34 Review of Records - RE John Hart, Westminster, FWB
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1 **APPENDIX D**

2 **Minutes of the Commission of Gulf Coast Presbytery**

3 To Install TE William Lamkin as Assistant Pastor
4 of First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida

5 March 4, 2007

6 The Commission appointed by Gulf Coast Presbytery to install TE William Lamkin as
7 Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, met in parlor the First Presbyterian Church
8 at 10:00 a.m., Sunday, March 4, 2007.

9 The following members were present: Teaching Elders Richard G. Watson, and Robert
10 S. Hayes, and Ruling Elders Charles Bryant, Robert Croft, and Richard Post.

11 The meeting was called to order by Mr. Watson with prayer. Mr. Watson was elected
12 chairman and Mr. Hayes secretary.

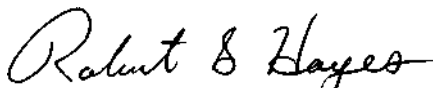
13 The order of service was reviewed and approved and the commission retired to the sanctuary
14 for the service at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Watson led the worship and presided. Mr. Hayes read the
15 Scripture lesson from 1 Timothy 4:9-16, preached a sermon on this text entitled "*The Good*
16 *Minister of Christ Jesus.*" Mr. Bryant propounded the Constitutional Questions to Mr. Lamkin
17 and Mr. Croft to the congregation. Mr. Post lead in the prayer of installation. The
18 Commission and Session extended the right hand of fellowship to Mr. Lamkin and Mr. Hayes
19 pronounced the proper installation of Mr. Lamkin.

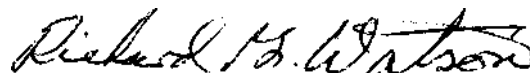
20 Mr. Hayes then delivered a charge to the Mr. Lamkin and Mr. Watson a charge to
21 the congregation.

22 Mr. Lamkin pronounced the benediction following the singing of the closing hymn, and
23 the members of the church came forward to welcome their new Assistant Pastor.

24 The minutes having been read and approved, the closing benediction of the newly
25 installed Assistant Pastor completed the business of the Commission.

26 Respectfully submitted,

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28 Robert S. Hayes, Secretary


Richard G. Watson, Chairman

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APPENDIX E

The Westminster Presbyterian Church, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Win Groseclose, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations of the gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience to the lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$13,000, a year housing allowance, in regular monthly payments and other benefits to include two weeks each year in paid vacation time to be used at your discretion, during the time of your being and continuing as interim pastor of this church.

In Testimony whereof we have we have respectively subscribed our names this 18 February of 2007, AD.

Walter Whitfield Craig D. Schuch
Oliver E. Walters Bruce Schuch

Attest: I having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Win Groseclose, for his ministerial services do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the book of church order, and that the persons who signed the forgoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.