

1 CALLED MEETING OF
2 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
3 10:00 AM CDT / 11:00 AM EDT
4 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA

7 08-44 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER

8 At the request of TEs Stephen Cloud, Dave Crenshaw, Robert Hayes, Barksdale
 9 Pullen and REs Jimmy Hill, Ray Myers the Moderator has called presbytery to
 10 meet on Tuesday, September 16th at 10:00 AM CDT/11:00 AM EDT at the First
 11 Presbyterian Church, 1800 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, FL.

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 13 The meeting has been called to conduct the following business:

- 14 1. To examine and receive TE Mo Leverett (Southeast Louisiana
 15 Presbytery) Mr. Leverett has been called by the CenterPoint
 16 Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee.
- 17 2. To act upon the request of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church to
 18 dissolve the pastoral relationship between herself and TE Ed Hague.
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- 20 3. To act upon any matters that may arise from the above.
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22 08-45 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

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

CHURCHES	ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Centerpoint		Mike Houghton
	Stephen Brooks	
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	Dennis Eide	
Concord		
Cornerstone, Destin		
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	Cory Colravy	
	Bob Hayes	

Covenant Reformed		
Eastern Shore		
Fairfield	Stephen Cloud	
	David Crenshaw	
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	Tom Barnes	
First, Atmore	Jim Thorpe	
First, Niceville	Joe Grider	Steve Essig
	Dennis Shackelford	
First, Panama City	Bill Lamkin	
Grace Fellowship, Gulf	Rick Fennig	Paul McLain
Grace, Madison		
Grace Community, Mobile	Jim Bryars	
Loxley	Tom Barnes	Lloyd Keuler
McIlwain	Rob Looper	Ray Myers
New Philadelphia		
Pinewoods	Dave Anderegg	
Safe Harbor	James Calderazzo	
Warrington	Bob Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	William Tyson	Scotty Roberston
Westminster, Tallahassee		
Westminster, Milton		
Wildwood	Barksdale Pullen	James Hill

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OTHERS TEACHING ELDERS

Bobby Gardner		Arnie Maves
David Story		

EXCUSED

TEs S. Bradford, W. Channell, S. DeVries, P. Fowler, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, R. LaGuardia, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, B. Sinclair, and REs Commissioners from Warrington Presbyterian Church.

1 **VISITORS**

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3 **08-46 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 4 1. Letter from TE Stephen Cloud, et.al. requesting that presbytery be called to
5 meet. Presbytery found that the meeting had been properly called. (Appendix A)
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7 2. Letter from the congregation, CenterPoint Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL
8 informing GCP of the ministerial call to TE Mo Leverett, Southeast Louisiana
9 Presbytery, referred to the Examinations Committee.
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11 3. Letter from J. Scott Lindsay, Stated Clerk, Southeast Louisiana Presbytery
12 stating that TE Mo Leverett is a member in good standing and that he had been
13 dismissed to Gulf Coast Presbytery.
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15 4. Letters from the Wildwood Presbyterian Church and TE E. Hague requesting that
16 the pastoral relationship between them be dissolved, referred to the Ministers
17 and Candidates Committee.
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19 5. Requests for excused absence from TEs S. Bradford, W. Channell, S. DeVries,
20 P. Fowler, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, R. LaGuardia, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, B.
21 Sinclair, and REs Commissioners from Warrington Presbyterian Church.
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23 **08-47 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

24 The docket was adopted as presented.

25 **08-48 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

26 **08-49 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD, CHAIRMAN**

27 TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery. Presbytery voted to proceed to
28 examine TE Mo Leverett (Southeast Louisiana Presbytery). Mr. Leverett has
29 been called by the Centerpoint Presbyterian Church as its Senior Pastor.

- 30 1. RE R. Myers examined Mr. Leverett in the area of Christian experience and
31 his sense of call to the Gospel ministry. This portion of the exam was
32 arrested.
- 33 2. TE D. Crenshaw then examined Mr. Leverett on his views in the area of
34 theology. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 35 3. TE S. Cloud then examined Mr. Leverett on his views in the area of
36 sacraments. This portion of the exam was arrested.
- 37 4. TE S. Cloud next examined Mr. Leverett on his views in the area of polity.
38 This portion of the exam was arrested.

- 1 5. Mr. Leverett indicated that he takes no exceptions to the Westminster
2 Standards and the Book of Church Order.
- 3 6. The exam as a whole was sustained and presbytery voted to receive Mr.
4 Leverett into Gulf Coast Presbytery by transfer from Southeast Louisiana
5 Presbytery and upon his signing the book of ministerial obligation.
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- 7 7. The call was presented and a motion carried to approve the terms of the call
8 from CenterPoint. (See Appendix C) Mr. Leverett expressed his willingness to
9 receive the pastoral call from CenterPoint Church.
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- 11 8. The installation service for Mr. Leverett was set for 6:00 p.m. at First Seventh
12 Day Adventist Church (Meeting Location of CenterPoint) in Tallahassee, FL
13 on Sunday, October 19, 2008. The installation commission is composed of
14 RE's Jonathan Watson, Steve Gibbons and Mike Houghton, and TE's Steven
15 Brooks (Convener), David Story, Joe Elliott, and Jim Bryars.
- 16 9. This concluded the report of the Examinations Committee.

17 **08-50 MINISTERS AND CANDIDATES REPORT – TE R. Dekker, Chairman**

18 Mr. Dekker reported that he had been in contact with TE R. Evans, Senior
19 Pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church and TE E. Hague. Both men
20 reported that the request for dissolution was in order and mutually requested.

21 Presbytery voted to approve the dissolution and to carry Mr. Hague on the roll of
22 presbytery as being “without call.”

23 Presbytery approved the report as a whole and led the presbytery in prayer for
24 Mr. Hague and his family.

25 **08-51 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

26 Presbytery adjourned at 11:29 AM (CST) with prayer offered by TE Bill Tyson.

27 Respectfully submitted,

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29 TE Robert Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

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4 September 1, 2008

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6 Mr. Ray Myers, Moderator
7 Gulf Coast Presbytery

8 Dear Sir,

9 The undersigned request that a called meeting of presbytery be held for the
10 following purposes:

- 11 1. To examine and receive The Reverend Mo Leverett, pastor elect of
- 12 the CenterPoint Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee;
- 13 2. To dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE E. Hague and the
- 14 Wildwood Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee, FL.

15 Sincerely,

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18 The Reverend Dr. Stephen Cloud

Mr. Raymond Myers

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21 The Reverend Dave Crenshaw

Mr. Jimmy Hill

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24 The Reverend Robert S. Hayes

Mr. Mike Houghton

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27 The Reverend Barksdale Pullen

1 **APPENDIX B**

2 **Called Presbytery Meeting -- Gulf Coast Presbytery**
3 **First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, FL**
4 **September 16, 2008**

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- 6 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer – 10:00 AM CDT
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- 9 2. Determination of a Quorum
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- 12 3. Communications:
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- 14 a. Letter from TE Stephen Cloud, et.al. requesting that presbytery be called to
- 15 meet.
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- 17 b. Letter from the congregation, CenterPoint Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee,
- 18 FL informing GCP of the ministerial call to TE Mo Leverett, Southeast
- 19 Louisiana Presbytery.
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- 21 c. Letter from J. Scott Lindsay, Stated Clerk, Southeast Louisiana Presbytery
- 22 stating that TE Mo Leverett is a member in good standing.
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- 24 d. Letters from the Wildwood Presbyterian Church and TE E. Hague requesting
- 25 that the pastoral relationship between them be dissolved.
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- 27 e. Requests for excused absence from TEs S. Bradford, W. Channell, S. DeVries,
- 28 P. Fowler, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, M. Kirk, R. LaGuardia, J. Riggs, G. Roberts, B.
- 29 Sinclair, and REs Commissioners from Warrington Presbyterian Church.
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- 31 4. Approval of the Docket
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- 34 5. Examinations Committee Report
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- 37 6. Ministers and Candidates Committee Report
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- 40 7. Adjournment and Closing Prayer
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APPENDIX C

FORM OF CALL

CenterPoint Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Rev. Mo Leverett, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$ 75,000 year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as, manse, retirement, insurance, vacations, moving expenses etc., during the time of your being and continuing the regular pastor of this church.

In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 17th day of August, A.D. 2008.

Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Rev. Mo Leverett 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 foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.

Rev. Steven Brooks //s//
Moderator of the Meeting