

**ONE-HUNDRED NINTH STATED MEETING  
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

**09-01 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER**

The 109<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order at 9:06 (CT) on Tuesday February 10, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida by the Moderator, TE Paul Fowler. TE Arnie Maves opened with prayer. TE Stephen Cloud preached a sermon from 2 Corinthians 4:1-18.

**09-02 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

CHURCHES	TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDERS
Chattahoochee	Vacant	Bob Carpenter
Christ, Mobile	D. Eide	Matt Eide
Concord	R. Dekker	Richard Kennedy
CenterPointe	Mo Leverett	
	Steven Brooks	
Cornerstone, Destin	D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant		
Eastern Shore	P. Fowler	Rick Skinner
		Newt Blackerby
Fairfield	S. Cloud	
	D. Crenshaw	
Faith, Robertsdale, AL	T. Barnes	
First, Atmore	J. Thorpe	
First, Niceville	J. Grider	Rich Patterson
	D. Shackelford	
First, Panama City		

Grace Fellowship	R. Fennig	
Grace, Madison	J. Hopwood	
Grace Community, Mobile		
Loxley	Tom Barnes	Albert Keuler
McIlwain	R. Looper	Ray Myers
		Bob Oakes
New Philadelphia	Vacant	
Pinewoods	Dave Anderegg	
Safe Harbor	Jim Calderazzo	Fred Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	Julian Irby
Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	Earl Smith
		Jim Richardson
Westminster, Tallahassee	Jim Craft	
Westminster, Milton	W. Groseclose	
Wildwood		

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**OTHER TEACHING ELDERS**

Joe Elliot		D. Story
A. Maves		

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**EXCUSED:** Teaching Elders: D. Box, W. Channell, C. Colravy, S. DeVries, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, E. Hague, R. Hayes, M. Kirk, R. LaGuardia, M. Phillips, J. Robbins, and J. Watson.

**UNEXCUSED:** TEs J. Bryars, R. Evans, R. Watson and REs from Cornerstone, Destin; Cornerstone, Tallahassee; Covenant, Panama City; Fairfield; First, Atmore; First, Panama City; New Philadelphia; Grace Fellowship; Grace, Madison; Grace Community; New Philadelphia; Pinewoods; Westminster, Tallahassee; Westminster, Milton and Wildwood.

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**VISITORS:** Chip Frost, Joshua Sparkman and Charles Wolf.

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**09-03 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Presbytery approved the minutes from the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting as presented.

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1 **09-04 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2 1. Letter from TE E. Hague, requesting that he be granted a demission from the
- 3 ministry; referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 5 2. Ministerial Call from the Fairfield PCA to TE Jan Werson; referred to the
- 6 Examination’s Committee (See **Appendix A**)
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- 8 3. Letters from the Clerks of Session, Cornerstone PCA, Tallahassee and Eastern
- 9 Shore, PCA requesting that the examination of their Sessional records be
- 10 deferred until the May, 2009 meeting of presbytery; referred to Administrative
- 11 Committee.
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- 13 4. Letter from the Session, Christ Presbyterian Church, Mobile recommending that
- 14 presbytery receive Mr. Joshua Sparkman as a candidate for the Gospel ministry;
- 15 referred to Ministers and Candidates.
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- 17 5. Application for Ministerial Candidacy from Mr. Joshua Sparkman, a member in
- 18 good standing of the Christ Presbyterian Church, Mobile, AL.; referred to
- 19 Ministers and Candidates.
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- 21 6. Requests for excused absence from TEs D. Box, W. Channell, C. Colravy, S.
- 22 DeVries, M. Griffith, C. Gwin, E. Hague, R. Hayes, M. Kirk, R. LaGuardia, M.
- 23 Phillips, J. Robbins, and J. Watson.

24 **09-05 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

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

26 **09-06 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

27 Visitors to presbytery were introduced and listed in 09-02.

28 **09-07 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

31 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 32 • TE Dennis Shackelford, Chairman
- 33 • TE Dennis Edie
- 34 • RE Ray Myers
- 35 • RE Earl Smith

36 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 37 • TE Rob Looper, Chairman

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- TE Mo Leveret
- RE Rich Patterson
- RE Jim Richardson

**09-08 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk presented the report to presbytery. The following recommendations were approved:

- A. That the docket be approved as presented.
- B. That the Executive Committee be constituted as a commission to elect commissioners for the Committee of Commissioners.
- C. That the following be elected to GCP Committees:

Administration:	TE Jim Calderazzo	2010
	RE Ray Myers	2011

- D. That the following be appointed to:

Review of Records	TE Stephen Cloud
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**09-09 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE JIM THORPE, CHAIRMAN**

TE J. Thorpe opened with prayer and presented the report to presbytery.

- Additional committee members needed: One TE and two RE’s.
- The committee plans to meet on a quarterly.
- Opportunities for presbytery-sponsored training events, including events tied-in with our presbytery meetings. e.g. New Testament Greek Refresher Class.
- The CE Committee will be encouraging regular presbytery reports from WIC.
- Embers to a Flame Conference, March 27-28, 2009, Blue Springs Retreat Center, Marianna, FL – Initial registration for this presbytery sponsored event is extremely low. Fifty attendees are needed to meet contractual obligations. You can come that Thursday evening before the conference begins for only another \$40. Please register ASAP and no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>. Go online for more information: [www.embersto aflame.org](http://www.embersto aflame.org)
- Upcoming CEP Events:
  - March 10-12 – Women’s Ministry Leadership Training Conference, Covenant College, Chattanooga Choo Choo
  - March 12-14 – PCA Mercy Ministry Conference sponsored by CEP and MNA, New City Fellowship, Chattanooga, TN
  - March 13 – Great Expectations Training Conference for Children and Youth Ministry Staff and Workers, Orlando, FL

- 1           ○ July 6-11 – YXL Youth Leadership Conference, Covenant College,  
2           Lookout Mountain, TN
- 3           ○ September 12 – Great Expectations Training Conference for Children  
4           and Youth Ministry Staff and Workers, Pittsburgh, PA
- 5           ○ September 25 - Great Expectations Training Conference for Children  
6           and Youth Ministry Staff and Workers, Birmingham, AL
- 7           ○ October 3 - Great Expectations Training Conference for Children and  
8           Youth Ministry Staff, Baltimore, MD
- 9           ○ October 17 - Great Expectations Training Conference for Children and  
10          Youth Ministry Staff and Workers, Asheville, NC

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12          The report was received as information. Mr. Thorpe closed with prayer.

### 13   **09-10 AD INTERIM REPORT ON THE SABBATH**

14          Report was given with discussion led by the committee. (See **Appendix C**  
15          for the full report)

16          Presbytery adopted the section “General Understanding within Gulf Coast  
17          Presbytery, which reads as follows:

#### 18               General Understandings within the Gulf Coast Presbytery:

- 19           1. GCP believes the confession’s use of the term “worldly recreation” is  
20           intended to include all organized and professional sports (which would  
21           apply to today’s NFL and MLB etc...)
- 22           2. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the terms “all the day” and  
23           “whole time” are intended to include every waking moment of the  
24           Lord’s day, not just an hour or not just the morning or a part of the day.
- 25           3. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the term “exercises of His  
26           worship” is intended to mean intentional and doxological focus on God.
- 27           4. GCP believes the confession’s use of the term “rest” is intended to  
28           show a clear contrast of continuing in employment ( and therefore it is  
29           not an admonition to sleep the day away)
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31          The rest of the report was tabled and further feedback was encouraged  
32          from members of the presbytery. The report was closed with prayer.

### 33   **09-11 EXAMINATIONS – TE S. CLOUD**

34          TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery.

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36          Mr. Cloud introduced TE Jan Werson to presbytery. Mr. Werson has been called  
37          to be Assistant Pastor by the Fairfield Presbyterian Church in Pensacola, FL.  
38          Presbytery voted to proceed to examine TE Jan Paul Werson (Northern  
39          California Presbytery).

40          RE Ray Myers examined Mr. Werson in the area of Christian experience and his

1 sense of call to the Gospel ministry. After questions from the floor, this portion of  
2 the exam was arrested.

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4 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. Werson on his views in the area of theology.  
5 Following questions from the floor, this portion of the exam was arrested.

6 TE D. Crenshaw examined Mr. Werson on his views in the area of sacraments.  
7 After questions from the floor, this portion of the exam was arrested.

8 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. Werson on his views in the area of polity. This portion  
9 of the exam was also arrested.

10 Mr. Werson stated an exception of practice regarding WCF's teaching on  
11 Sabbath observance. The presbytery determined that Mr. Werson's stated  
12 difference was more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of  
13 the system of doctrine.

14 The exam was approved as a whole. Mr. Werson was received into Gulf Coast  
15 Presbytery by transfer from Northern California Presbytery. Mr. Werson signed  
16 the book of ministerial obligation.

17 The call to Mr. Werson was read, approved and was found acceptable to him.  
18 (See **Appendix A**)

19 The installation of Mr. Werson was set for March 29, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at  
20 Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, Florida. The following were appointed  
21 to serve on the installation commission: RE's Layne Hefner, Peter Nash and Ray  
22 Myers and TE's Stephen Cloud, Dave Crenshaw and Bob Hornick. Quorum: 2  
23 RE/2 TE.

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25 TE Cloud introduced Mr. Joshua Sparkman to presbytery. Mr. Sparkman has  
26 been a member in good standing of the Christ Presbyterian Church for more than  
27 six months. He has been endorsed by the Session. Presbytery voted to proceed  
28 with the examination.

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30 RE Ray Myers examined Mr. Sparkman in the area of Christian experience and  
31 call to the Gospel ministry. There were no questions from the floor. This portion  
32 of the exam was arrested.

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34 The moderator posed the questions to Mr. Sparkman. He answered in the  
35 affirmative. Presbytery voted to enroll Mr. Sparkman as a candidate for the  
36 Gospel ministry.

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38 TE D. Edie read a portion of Scripture and offered a challenge to Mr. Sparkman.  
39 The whole matter was concluded in prayer.

40 The report of the Examinations Committee was concluded with prayer.

1 **09-12 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN**

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

3 The following recommendations were approved:

- 4 1. That presbytery postpone the action of demitting TE Dudley Crowe of  
5 Tallahassee from the office of Teaching Elder (See 13-2, 34-10), due to  
6 evidence indicating a call is in process  
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8 • *13-2 When a minister shall continue on the rolls of his Presbytery  
9 without a call to a particular work for a prolonged period, not exceeding  
10 three years, the procedure as set forth in BCO 34-10 shall be  
11 followed...*  
12 • *34-10 In such a case, the clerk shall under the order of the Presbytery  
13 forthwith deliver to the minister concerned a written note that, at the  
14 next stated meeting, the question of his being so dealt with is to be  
15 considered. This notice shall distinctly state the grounds for this  
16 proceeding. The party thus notified shall be heard in his own defense;  
17 and if the decision passes against him he may appeal, as if he had  
18 been tried after the usual forms...*
- 19 2. That the initiation of an internship by Candidate Allen Stanton in  
20 accordance with our GCP guidelines be established. TE Mike Francis has  
21 been his Mentor, and will assist him in the completion of his internship.  
22 Allen is on track to graduate with an M Div in 2009.  
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- 24 3. That the initiation of an internship by Candidate Matt Edie in accordance  
25 with our GCP guidelines be established. TE Dennis Edie will serve as his  
26 Mentor.  
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- 28 4. That the request to demit the ministry from TE Ed Hague was received  
29 and will be docketed for the May meeting of presbytery for action. Until  
30 that time Mr. Hague remains on the roll without call. In the meantime  
31 presbytery directed the Ministers and Candidates committee to counsel  
32 with Mr. Hague and his wife. Presbytery voted to direct the Treasurer to  
33 disperse funds to the Hague family for a period of 3 months. (Mr. Dekker  
34 will consult with the family to determine their monthly shortage.  
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- 36 5. That the borrowed ruling elders for Faith Church, Robertsedale be  
37 continued until February 2010.

38 See **Appendix D** for the entire report of the Ministers and Candidates  
39 Committee. TE Dekker closed the report with prayer.

40 **09-13 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE D. ANDEREGG, CHAIRMAN**

41 TE D. Anderegg opened with prayer and then presented the report to presbytery.

1           **I. King's Bay Mission (Panama City Beach, FL)**

2           The King's Bay Commission's request to dissolve the relationship between  
3           King's Bay Mission and Gulf Coast Presbytery was briefly discussed. Mr.  
4           Anderegg introduced RE Charles Wolf from Whiteside Presbyterian, Brevard,  
5           NC to the presbytery. Mr. Wolf was given the privilege of the floor.  
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7           Mr. Wolf addressed the Presbytery about the need for a PCA work in Panama  
8           City Beach. Although he concurred with our request to close King's Bay, he  
9           spoke passionately about the need for a new church plant.  
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11          TE Arnie Maves closed this section of the report by praying for a new plant on  
12          Panama City Beach.  
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14           **II. Door of Hope Mission (Tallahassee, FL)**

15          A. TE Joe Elliott presented the following progress report:

- 16           • Twenty three people are enrolled in mission's first inquirer's Class.
- 17           • TE Tom Cowart and his wife have been assisting Mr. Elliott. Mrs.  
18           Cowart has led a catechism class for the children. (Mr. Cowart is a  
19           retired chaplain residing in Thomasville, GA.)
- 20           • AN EE training class is in progress. Door to door visitation to nearby  
21           neighborhoods is underway.
- 22           • A community center south of town is operated by Door of Hope. It is  
23           open 5 days a week.
- 24           • Mr. Elliott continues to pursue virtual seminary studies through RTS  
25           Charlotte. He has not been well physically, and has undergone 3  
26           minor operations since last Presbytery.

27          TE Mo Leverett prayed for TE Joe Elliott and for Door of Hope Mission.  
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29           **III. Crestview Mission (Crestview, FL)**

30          A. RE Jim Richardson's report began by with the vision of Isaiah 43:1-7 with  
31          many new military people coming into the area from the north and the south,  
32          east and the west...

33          B. The Crestview Mission is a daughter-church mission effort by Westminster  
34          Presbyterian Church in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and First Presbyterian Church  
35          of Niceville, FL., and an official mission effort of Gulf Coast Presbytery.

36          C. TE Bill Tyson, and RE Jim Richardson's labors include the formation of the  
37          **Crestview Church Plant Point Team** comprised of Marshall & Alicia  
38          Steinberg, Joe Grider, Dennis Shackelford, Bob Burnette, Eric & Julie  
39          Saladin, Jim Richardson, Bill Tyson to work toward establishing a mission  
40          church in Crestview, FL.

- 41           1. A core group of interested members from both churches has begun to  
42           develop, including an ongoing bible study. At present, a couple of families  
43           from each congregation are involved.

1 2. A "Percept Group, Inc." demographic study was procured by the Team  
2 to analyze the potential area demographics. Significant growth with  
3 ethnic/racial diversity is anticipated.

4 3. In addition, Team members met with Crestview city planners. It was  
5 determined that:

6 a. Land located to the south of the City of Crestview was already  
7 almost fully developed.

8 b. Most of the demographic growth within the city limits of Crestview  
9 will take place to the west of town, with some infrastructure already in  
10 place.

11 c. Okaloosa County appears to be poised for residential development  
12 just east of city limits of Crestview with schools, a hospital, and  
13 housing developments already in place.

14 d. In sum, one of these two areas (somewhere between the two rivers)  
15 appear to be most desirable location for a plant.

16 4. Much of the projected growth in the Crestview area is based on the  
17 anticipated expansion of Eglin Air Force base. Plans include Army and  
18 Special Ops personnel (permanent and training) which are scheduled to  
19 arrive in 2010 and 2011.

20 5. Funding issues were discussed. Currently, Westminster and First PC,  
21 Niceville plan to work together to provide approximately \$25,000 per year  
22 for first 3 years. Presbytery has pledged \$15,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000  
23 for the first 3 years. In addition, Westminster and FPC Niceville have  
24 committed funds for church planter candidate interviews, moving  
25 expenses, and limited operating expenses. Financial records, and funds,  
26 are being held and accounted for by the Diaconate of Westminster in Ft.  
27 Walton Beach.

28 6. Team members have been in contact with Ted Powers of the GA MNA  
29 Committee regarding church planting issues, and have begun to look for a  
30 planter for this work. RE Pete Scarborough led the Committee in prayer  
31 for God's guidance and direction regarding this search, and His hand upon  
32 this plant.

33 7. The report was closed in prayer for the Crestview Mission by TE Bill  
34 Tyson. (See **Appendix E** for the full report)

#### 35 36 **IV. Lillian Mission (Lillian, AL)**

37 A. TE Stephen Cloud and the staff of Fairfield Presbyterian Church continue  
38 to labor to establish a mission church in Lillian AL. Weekly worship services  
39 are attended by 25-35 people.

40 B. A number of things are beginning to take shape. Studies have been done  
41 into membership vows, among other things. Small groups have formed. And  
42 there continue to be growth in resources.

43 C. In addition, the Fairfield Team, which God has called, gifted, and equipped  
44 for outreach is also looking to gather people on Perdido Key, FL when a  
45 worship facility becomes available.

1 **V. Faith Presbyterian Church (Robertsdale, AL)**

2 A. TE Stephen Cloud and the staff of Fairfield Presbyterian Church, and TE  
3 Ralph LaGuardia have voluntarily begun to assist TE Tom Barnes with pulpit  
4 supply once a month. Mr. Barnes continues to pastor both the Robertsdale  
5 and Loxley congregations. In addition to his pastoral duties, he has recently  
6 assumed the role of Headmaster for Faith Presbyterian Christian School.

7 **VI. MNA Support**

8 A. Members of Presbytery were encouraged to visit the PCA MNA website for  
9 resources, encouragement, and training.

10 B. Participation in the upcoming Gulf Coast Presbytery and MNA "Embers to  
11 a Flame" Conference, and the "The Church as a Community of Hope" Mercy  
12 Missions Conference.

13 C. John Hopwood offered prayer for struggling churches and financial needs.

14 A motion was made that GCP concur with King's Bay Commission's motion to  
15 dissolve King's Bay Mission's relationship with Gulf Coast Presbytery. The  
16 motion carried. (This came to the floor as information in anticipation of the King's  
17 Bay Commission Report which follows)

18 The report was closed in prayer for our PCA Chaplains by Dewey Roberts.

19 **09-14 MISSION TO THE WORLD - TE D. ROBERTS -- CHAIRMAN**

20 TE D. Roberts presented the report of the committee. Mr. Roberts led the  
21 presbytery in prayer.

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23 Mr. Roberts reported on a conference for Reformed and Presbyterian pastors,  
24 December 8-16, 2008, in Moscow, Russia. Twenty pastors were present for the  
25 meetings held on the outskirts of Moscow. This was the first conference between  
26 these brethren. Many of them have been functioning independently of one  
27 another. There are plans to hold a conference commemorating Calvin's birth  
28 during the first week of September. Please pray that the Reformed faith will  
29 continue to grow in Russia.

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31 The meeting was closed with prayer for these works and the mission of our  
32 presbytery.

33 **09-15 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES, CHAIRMAN**

34 TE D. Shackleford presented the report to presbytery.

- 35 1. TE D. Shackleford called upon TE D. Story to give a report on the RUF  
36 work at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. Mr. Story shared with  
37 the Presbytery that although this has been a rebuilding year for RUF at  
38 FSU, he has been greatly encouraged with how Christ is building his  
39 church through the lives of students that are being reached by RUF.  
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- 1           2. Mr. Shackelford reminded the commissioners that new accounts have  
2           been established in the GCP budget to begin new RUF works at the  
3           University of South Alabama and at the University of West Florida. These  
4           accounts are presently empty but are open for contributions.

5           Mr. Shackelford closed the report in prayer.

6           **09-16 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD, CHAIRMAN**

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8           Mr. Shackelford presented the report to presbytery. The following  
9           recommendations were adopted:

- 10          1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on  
11          time to the 108<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of this Presbytery on October, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008,  
12          and that they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:

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14                   • Mcllwain Memorial, Pensacola, FL  
15                   • Pinewoods, Cantonment, FL  
16                   • Safe Harbor, Destin, FL  
17                   • Westminster, Ft. Walton Beach, FL  
18                   • Westminster, Milton, FL  
19                   • Wildwood, Tallahassee, FL

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21          2. An apparent Exception of Substance was found in the minutes of the  
22          Cornerstone PCA, Destin, FL -- It appeared that their Session did not have a  
23          stated or called meeting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2008. TE Roberts said that  
24          meetings did take place, but the approved minutes had not yet been finalized  
25          and produced by the time of Presbytery's 108<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting. TE  
26          Shackelford invited TE Roberts to bring these minutes to the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated  
27          Meeting of Presbytery on February 10, 2009. These minutes were provided  
28          at the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of GCP and approved without exception.

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

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34          **NOTE:** Following the 2009 May Stated Meeting, Faith, Robertsdale, FL and  
35          Fairfield, Pensacola, FL will be moved **from** the May review schedule **to** the  
36          February review schedule.

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38          3. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their  
39          Sessional minutes and records to the 108<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of this Presbytery  
40          on October 14th, 2008 and have been granted a deferment at their request  
41          until the February 2009 Stated Meeting.

- 42                   • New Philadelphia, Quincy, FL  
43                   • Warrington, Pensacola, FL  
44                   • Westminster, Tallahassee, FL

- FPC, Panama City, FL (last review was May 13, 2008)

**Note:** that the following churches did report as scheduled at the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting:

- Warrington, Pensacola, FL
- Westminster, Tallahassee, FL
- FPC, Panama City, FL (last review was May 13, 2008)

**Note:** that the following church granted a deferment did not report at the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting:

- New Philadelphia, Quincy, FL

4. At the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting GCP approved \$1000.00 increase for David Story (RUF - FSU) in 2009 budget year.
5. At the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting GCP approved the motion to create two new Presbytery budget accounts to receive gifts for the following new works:
  - 1) RUF Work for The University of Southern Alabama (USA).
  - 2) RUF Work for The University of West Florida (UWF)
6. At the 108<sup>th</sup> Stated meeting, GCP approved MNA's request that WPC Fort Walton Beach and FPC Niceville's request that financial support for a new church plant in the Crestview, FL area be approved from the MNA Church Planting Fund in the amount of: \$1500 per month for the first year, \$1000 per month for the second year, and \$500 per month for the third year for the Crestview Mission. The funding will begin at a future date in 2009 when it becomes needed.

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

## **09-17 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS**

### **1. Kings Bay Commission**

The King's Bay Commission opened its report to presbytery with prayer. The following recommendations were adopted:

- a. That King's Bay mission of GCP be dissolved and the relationship between TE Scott Seidler and the King's Bay mission be dissolved and the TE Seidler be retained on the roles of GCP without call.
- b. That King's Bay mission's remaining membership come under the care of presbytery and the King's Bay commission until such a time as they are transferred to another church. (See Commission Minutes **Appendix F**)

1           **2. Resolution & Thanks**

2           The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

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4           **Whereas**, we the members of the Gulf Coast Presbytery praise God for  
5           this its 109<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, and

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7           **Whereas**, we appreciate greatly the most gracious hospitality shown by  
8           our host church, the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville, Florida, and its  
9           staff,

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11           **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Gulf Coast Presbytery express its  
12           thanks and appreciation to the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville,  
13           Florida and to its staff for hosting our meeting, serving the delicious lunch  
14           and seeing to our corporate and individual needs as a presbytery in  
15           Session this tenth day of February, 2009.

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17           Respectfully submitted for the approval of Presbytery,

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19           Rob Looper, Chairman

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21           **09-18 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

22           Presbytery adjourned at 3:48 (CT). Moderator Fowler led in the closing prayer.

23           Respectfully submitted,

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25           TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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**APPENDIX A**

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**Fairfield Presbyterian Church**

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9 The Fairfield Presbyterian Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of  
10 the ministerial qualifications of you, **Jan Paul Werson**, and having good  
11 hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the  
12 Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to  
13 undertake the pastoral office in said congregation, promising you, in the  
14 discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in  
15 the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we  
16 hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you the sum of \$3,600.00 a  
17 year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as reimbursable  
18 ministry expenses during the time of your being and continuing the regular  
19 Assistant Pastor of this church.

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21 In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 10<sup>th</sup>  
22 day of February, A.D. 2009.

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24 Attest: I, have moderated the Session meeting which extended a call to Jan  
25 Paul Werson for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been  
26 made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church  
27 Order, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to  
28 do so by the vote of the Session.

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30 Stephen D. Cloud  
31 Moderator of the Session  
32 Fairfield Presbyterian Church  
33 Pensacola, Florida

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35 Dave Crenshaw  
36 Clerk of the Session  
37 Fairfield Presbyterian Church  
38 Pensacola, Florida  
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## APPENDIX B

### GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 109th STATED MEETING February 10 2009 – 9:00 AM CST/10:00 AM EST First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, FL

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1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Worship Service & Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Adoption of Docket
7. Introduction of Visitors
8. Appointment of Standing Committees
9. Permanent Committee Reports
  - a. Executive – TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk
  - b. Examinations – TE S. Cloud
  - c. Christian Education – TE J. Thorpe
  - d. Ministers and Candidates – TE R. Dekker
  - e. Mission to North America – TE D. Anderegg
  - f. Mission to the World – TE D. Roberts
  - g. Reformed University Ministries - TE R. Hayes
  - h. Administration – TE D. Shackleford
- SPECIAL ORDER – 11:20 AM - Reports from Missionaries, etc.
- SPECIAL ORDER – 11:40 AM – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS
- SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 - Lunch
10. Old Business
11. New Business
  - a. Time & Place of the 110<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting – McIlwain PC, May 12, 2009
12. Reports of Standing Committees & Commissions
  - a. King's Bay Commission
  - b. Resolution and Thanks
  - c. Bills and Overtures
13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

## APPENDIX C

### ***Final Report on the Sabbath or Lord's Day Exception Issue***

A Study Committee was appointed by the moderator of Gulf Coast Presbytery for the purpose of offering to Presbytery an orderly manner to consistently address the matter of exceptions to the confession with regard to the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment, particularly with regard to the phrase **worldly employments and recreations**, found in the WCF (21.8) and Catechisms (WLC 117,119; WSC 60,61), and more particularly **worldly ... recreations**. It seems *that* phrase – **worldly ... recreations** – is what men most frequently take exception to, and with which we have struggled in determining whether or not such things *as throwing a football with our son or doing some family fun activity* should be regarded as an exception to the intent of the Confession and Catechisms.

We are agreed that in many cases the real problem is not the phrase **worldly...recreations**. That phrase seems to have been especially directed towards a particular historical context. J.I. Packer explains that “At the end of the sixteenth century it was the Englishman’s custom after church was over to pass the rest of Sunday in ‘frequenting of bawdy stage plays . . . may-games, church-ales, feasts and wakes; in piping, dancing, dicing, carding, bowling, tennis-playing, in bear-baiting, cock-fighting, hawking, hunting and such like, in keeping of fairs and markets on the Sabbath . . .; in ‘football-playing, and such other devilish pastimes’” (*A Quest for Godliness: the Puritan Vision of the Christian Life*, p 235). We DO think that such things as watching football, basketball, baseball and such sports events falls into the same category as some of those, but these are quite different from getting out and throwing a football with one’s son for a little bit or planning a family outing or fun activity.

But it is the phrase “making it our delight **to spend the whole time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy) in the public and private exercises of God’s worship**” (WLC 117) that is the more challenging phrase, and one that might well forbid (in the Puritan view) even throwing a football with one’s son or pursuing a fun activity with the family. “Public and private exercises of God’s worship” clearly indicates the intentional focus upon worship and the spiritual nurture of the soul that undergirds and stimulates worship.

**So what are the options? What do we need to explore in our examinations?**

**1) We need to determine if a man believes that the Lord’s Day is governed by the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment;** i.e., whether the Lord’s Day is the NT equivalent of the OT Sabbath, moved to the first day of the week on account of Jesus’ resurrection and Apostolic practice (WCF 21.7; WLC 116; WSC 59). **If he DOES NOT, he ought to take an exception. Then the Presbytery will have to determine if it can accept the setting aside of the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment as acceptable in a PCA minister?**

1 **2) If he DOES, we need to clearly point to the applicable passages regarding how**  
2 **the Sabbath is to be kept (WCF 21.8; WLC 117-121; WSC 60-62) and ask whether a**  
3 **man is convinced that the Westminster Divines have, in fact, accurately**  
4 **expounded the revealed nature of the Sabbath command as indicated especially**  
5 **in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of this statement (see above).** Things forbidden would obviously  
6 include devoting blocks of time to watching professional sports and the like, both  
7 because it does not devote the “whole time . . . in the public and private exercises of  
8 God’s worship” and because it is a participation in “worldly . . . recreations.” It would  
9 also include such things as lazing away the rest of the day rather than engaging in  
10 public or private exercises of worship, and would seem to include family activities that  
11 were not directed towards the  
12 spiritual nurture of our souls [see the attached paper describing how some of  
13 the Puritans recommended that Christians keep the Lord’s Day to understand how they  
14 approached spending “the *whole* time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in  
15 works of necessity and mercy) *in the public and private exercises of God’s worship*”].

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17 a. IF HE BELIEVES THE WESTMINSTER DIVINES HAVE ACCURATELY  
18 EXPOUNDED THE COMMANDMENT, we should ask if the examinee pursues  
19 obedience to that command as expounded in the WCF and Catechisms?

20 b. IF HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE ACCURATELY EXPOUNDED THE  
21 COMMANDMENT, then he ought to take an exception.

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23 **3) If a man takes exception to the Westminster view,** then we need to have  
24 him define precisely what he DOES think the Scriptures teach with respect to the  
25 Sabbath and the Lord’s Day. What difference does the examinee have with the  
26 Confession/Catechisms? The Presbytery will then have to determine if the examinee’s  
27 view is acceptable, and what it expects him to teach his congregation with respect to the  
28 WCF/Catechisms and his views.

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30 For example, a man might think the Westminster Divines went further than the  
31 Scriptures when they affirm that **we must spend the *whole* time (except so much of**  
32 **it as is to be taken up in works of necessity and mercy) *in the public and private***  
33 ***exercises of God’s worship***, and think that the emphasis of the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment is  
34 not limited to worship, but includes **rest and refreshment following one’s labor**. What  
35 would that look like to him? How would he use the Lord’s Day in practice? And how far  
36 would that depart from the Westminster view?

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38 Another man might not think the Fourth Commandment is **obligatory** in the same sense  
39 as in the OT. Presbytery would want to know “why?” If a man was caught violating the  
40 Sabbath in the OT, he was subject to death (at Lord’s Day “exception” report, p 3  
41 least in Exodus 15:32ff), and, one of the chief offenses for which the Lord judged Israel  
42 was their refusal to keep the Sabbath. But what if a man is not convinced that the  
43 Sabbath is **obligatory** in the same sense in the NT age as in the Old, largely because  
44 the theocracy has ended, yet that man still believes that God’s people should **attempt**  
45 to set apart the day (or, if necessary, another day) to rest and to delight themselves in  
46 the Lord and practice those exercises of worship that they do not have time to do on  
47 other days? What is a matter of *conscience* before the Lord so that a slave or employee  
48 would have to say “I must obey God rather than man,” and take the consequences? A

1 matter of conscience is not the same as asking what might be a *wise* way to use the  
2 Lord's Day. For example: we are not *required* by the Lord to read our Bibles for an *hour*  
3 a day. But it might be *wise* of us to do so; and we might find it tremendously beneficial.  
4 So we might encourage others to read their Bibles an hour a day, not as a matter of  
5 *conscience* before the Lord – because he hasn't required that – but as *a wise and*  
6 *beneficial practice*.

## 7 8 **Procedural Outline:**

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10 General Understandings within the Gulf Coast Presbytery:

- 11 1. GCP believes the Confession's use of the term "worldly recreation" is intended  
12 to include all organized and professional sports (which would apply to today's  
13 NFL and MLB etc...)
- 14 2. GCP believes the Confession's use of the terms "all the day" and "the whole  
15 time" are intended to include virtually every waking moment of the Lord's day, not  
16 just an hour or not just the morning or a part of the day.
- 17 3. GCP believes that the Confession's use of the term "public and private  
18 exercises of His worship" is intended to mean an intentional and doxological  
19 focus on God (which does not include special family fun times or leisure  
20 activities)
- 21 4. GCP believes the Confession's use of the term "holy rest(ing)" is intended to  
22 show a clear cessation from our vocational employment in order to give  
23 ourselves to the public and private exercises of worship all the day, and is not an  
24 admonition to sleep the day away or waste the time in vain activities of no  
25 spiritual benefit

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27 The Committee further recommends that GCP determine:

- 28 1) The examinee's response to the principles advanced in the WCF's handling of  
29 the 4<sup>th</sup> Commandment (If he sees it as "good") and then
- 30 2) ask the examinee to reveal his conscience concerning those principles  
31 a. Is it binding upon me and upon all in the church to which I belong and in  
32 which I will be shepherding?
- 33 b. Is it an "option to do" or an "ought to do"?
- 34 c. Is it "good counsel" or is it "authoritative"? If it carries scriptural authority, then  
35 it is therefore not only prescriptive in nature, but also corrective and reproofing in  
36 nature --See 2 Tim 3:16-17 Lord's Day "exception" report, p 4.

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38 An orthodox, Bible-believing candidate may express exceptions to the WCF in this  
39 area—falling under the categories of Practice or Principle:

- 40 1) An exception in practice -- ("I agree with the wisdom expressed, but do not  
41 regard some or all of it binding on my conscience – I like the concepts, but I see  
42 their expressions as indicative rather than imperative)
- 43 2) An exception in principle—  
44 The candidate may respond: "This is not what I believe the Bible says" or "This is  
45 not what I believe God intended to be construed from the creation ordinance" or  
46 "The Divines went beyond what the text of Scripture demands" or "too much of  
47 the application is intellectually derived rather than scripturally expressed"

1 --since it is not specifically re-expressed by the apostles after Christ's  
2 ascension  
3 --since the rise of secular governments over God's people (the theocracy  
4 and national monarchy are now past tense)  
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6 The GCP may accept exceptions of practice with adequate explanation of the  
7 candidate's current patterns and demonstration of seriousness about remembering the  
8 day. This should be noted in the minutes. The candidate should be charged to teach  
9 that his personal practice is not in conformity with that of the Confession.

10 The GCP may accept exceptions of principle with adequate explanation of the  
11 candidate's Biblical defense for his convictions. The candidate should be charged to  
12 teach that his personal position is not in conformity with that of the Confession and to  
13 fairly represent the position of the Westminster Standards.

14 The committee recommends that all of us be admonished to take the Lord's Day more  
15 seriously, adopting a more proactive implementation of a day spent with God, with God  
16 and your family, and with God and God's family. God graciously gave man the Sabbath.  
17 May He give us the grace to enjoy it too!  
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19 *Submitted by*  
20 *Robert W. Dekker*  
21 *Richard A. Fennig*  
22 *Robert B. Looper*  
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1 **APPENDIX D**

2 **Ministers and Candidates Committee Report**

3 Gulf Coast Presbytery  
4 The GCP February 2009 Stated Meeting  
5 Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman  
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8 **THE MEMBERS:**  
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RE Brock Haddox	11	Gulf Shore, Al		

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11 **THE MEETINGS:**

12 No full committee meetings were scheduled between Presbytery Meetings. Several communications  
13 were made via emailing and phoning.

14 **THE MATTERS** (new and old matters before the committee):

- 15 1. The need to clarify the reporting of the 09 Candidates
- 16 2. The need to clarify the reporting of the 09 Licentiatees
- 17 3. The need to clarify the reporting of the current TE's without call
- 18 4. The need to clarify the reporting of the current TE's working out of Bounds.
- 19 5. The need to clarify the reporting of the current Special TE's (Honorable Retired,  
20 Chaplains, & Missionaries)
- 21 6. The need to inform GCP on current internships
  - 22 a. Candidate Allen Stanton's inquiry to initiate an internship
- 23 7. The need to revise the GCP Internship process and make it available on the web  
24 site
- 25 8. The need to improve the dissolution process, to educate the parties involved on  
26 both how it can be done to the glory of God and who can help them through the  
27 processes
- 28 9. The need to clarifying the role of the MAC in relation to new Calls and Changes  
29 to existing Calls of the GCP TE's
- 30 10. The need to encourage struggling pastors and churches; creating a safe place to  
31 find healing and restoration by means of the gospel
- 32 11. The need to fill the vacant RE and TE seats on the MAC, as well as those who  
33 will serve.
- 34 12. The need follow up on churches who are currently without pastors.

- 1 13. The dispersing of the Covenant Scholarship among candidates
- 2 14. The need to update the web site data
- 3 15. The need to develop a plan to secure background-checks on clergy (especially
- 4 for those entering the GCP) to comply with insurance industry expectations
- 5 16. The need to purge the rolls of those who are no longer pursuing their call to
- 6 ministry or those who have been without call for more than 3 years.
- 7 17. The request for action by TE Hague to assist him in providing for his family; his
- 8 request included personal demitting from the office of TE and removing his name
- 9 from our GCP rolls.
- 10 18. The request from TE Tom Barnes to extend the authorization of the borrowed
- 11 session for the Robertsdale church for another year.

## 12 **THE ACTIONS**

### 13 **No Commission Actions to report.**

14 407.1.d. THE MAC has the authority to act as a commission of presbyter in dissolving pastoral  
15 relationships in cases where the pastor and congregation formally concur or where no  
16 congregation is concerned, to dismiss other ministers, licentiates or candidates. The committee  
17 shall inform the stated clerk of this action so that the clerk may dismiss the ministers.

### 18 **The Committee Actions:**

- 19 1. The Committee continues to urges the all the Presbyters to provide the  
20 annual reports for 2009 to the Ministers and Candidates Committee by the  
21 MAY 2009 Meeting. (for more information contact the chairman at  
22 [dekkerr@bellsouth.net](mailto:dekkerr@bellsouth.net) or 850-384-3106)
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- 24 2. The Committee, through the agents of TE Fowler and RE Clarke, has taken  
25 the steps to complete the transfer of membership (BCO 14:2) . The  
26 committee also engaged in some clarification of the current status of the  
27 former elders of that congregation, formerly known as the Covenant  
28 Reformed Presbyterian Church of Daphne.
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- 30 3. The Chairman also received a request from Candidate Stanton concerning  
31 the initiation of his internship. This is to be engaged in the February meeting  
32 of GCP.
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- 34 4. The Committee has received several communications from TE Dudley Crowe,  
35 since the last presbytery meeting. The clerk of GCP communicated the will  
36 of presbytery concerning his future status and his pending demission (since  
37 he has been without call in excess of 3 years)
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- 39 5. The Committee has sought to assist TE Hague in finding a solution to his  
40 financial dilemma.
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- 42 6. The Committee is seeking to make contact with several members of  
43 presbytery who have been absent from our Presbytery activities and without  
44 excuse for more than a year.
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- 46 7. The committee received a request from Joshua Sparkman to come under

1 care of Gulf Coast Presbytery. He is being recommended by Christ  
2 Presbyterian Church of Mobile. The Committee has requested that the  
3 Examinations Committee examine him on the floor of presbytery regarding his  
4 salvation experience and his call by God to the ministry.  
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6 8. The committee received a request from Jimmy Hill to come under care of Gulf  
7 Coast Presbytery. He is currently serving at Wildwood Presbyterian Church.  
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9 9. The committee received a request from Matthew Edie to initiate his internship.

## 10 THE MOTIONS to GCP

11 1. The Chairman moves to postpone the action of demitting TE Dudley Crowe of  
12 Tallahassee from the office of Teaching Elder (See 13-2, 34-10), due to the  
13 provision of evidence indicating a call is in process  
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15 13-2 When a minister shall continue on the rolls of his  
16 Presbytery without a call to a particular work for a prolonged period, not  
17 Exceeding three years, the procedure as set forth in BCO 34-10 shall be followed...  
18 34-10 In such a case, the clerk shall under the order of the Presbytery  
19 forthwith deliver to the minister concerned a written note that, at the next  
20 stated meeting, the question of his being so dealt with is to be considered.  
21 This notice shall distinctly state the grounds for this proceeding. The party  
22 thus notified shall be heard in his own defense; and if the decision pass  
23 against him he may appeal, as if he had been tried after the usual forms...

24 2. The Chairman moves the initiation of an internship by Candidate Stanton in  
25 accordance with our GCP guidelines. TE Mike Francis has been his Mentor, and  
26 will assist him in the completion of his internship. Allen is on track to graduate  
27 with an MDiv in 2009.  
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29 3. The Chairman moves the initiation of an internship by Candidate Matt Edie in  
30 accordance with our GCP guidelines. TE Dennis Edie will serve as his Mentor.  
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32 4. The Chairman moves to honor the request of TE Ed Hague to demit his  
33 credentials as a Teaching Elder without censure and remove him from our  
34 Presbytery Roll. (see BCO 38:2)  
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36 5. Pending the approval of the above request, the chairman moves to approve the  
37 subsequent request of Mr. Ed Hague, to be licensed to preach within the Gulf  
38 Coast Presbytery.  
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40 6. The Chairman moves to honor the personal request of TE Tom Barnes to  
41 extend for 1 year the current authorization to operate the session of the  
42 Robertsdale Church through February 2010.  
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# APPENDIX E

## Presbytery Report on Crestview Church Plant Effort, Feb 09

### Overview

Being lead by the Holy Spirit, the Crestview Church Plant effort is the primary work of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Ft. Walton Beach and First Presbyterian Church of Niceville, FL, which began in the winter of 2007. In October 2008, the work was placed under the auspice of the MNA Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery. For a complete Site Report, visit [www.wpc-pca.com](http://www.wpc-pca.com) and choose "Crestview Church Plant" on side bar or visit [www.fpcniceville.org](http://www.fpcniceville.org) and choose the link on Crestview Church Plant.

With recent military realignments and closures, Eglin, Hurlburt, and Duke Field will benefit from the changes and Crestview's population is projected to grow enormously with the influx of military and contractor personnel. Our vision is to plant a PCA church in Crestview, FL, that is gospel-centered, adheres to reformed standards, seeks to save local souls, grow them up in the knowledge and wisdom of God, supports national and world mission work, promotes a Christian worldview, fellowships with sister churches, and works to maintain peace and unity among the body of Christ. Because of the nature of military communities, we would expect the plant to become a discipling and sending church consisting of transient younger military families, more stable support military personnel, and local families.

From a recent meeting with Crestview City officials, both sides left with a spirit of good feelings and mutual support for respective goals. They expect an advanced Army Engineering group to arrive shortly to construct facilities for the Army Special Forces Unit moving from Ft. Bragg, NC by January 2011. Also, approval has been given for a bus route between Eglin AFB and Crestview. They will approve a church to be located in any zone classification, but a commercial zone is probably best because of the setback requirements. Their main concern is that with the influx of so many people bringing widely diverse cultures and backgrounds that their rural cultural identity and southern values and atmosphere could be lost.

### Planter Requirements

1. Individual must be an ordained minister, of the reformed faith, and called to plant churches.
2. Planter and wife must have completed the evaluation process of the PCA MNA Planting Assessment Center.
3. Planter must be rated fully capable; i.e. Planter Level R1 or R2.
4. Planter must embrace the vision of WPC and FPC and be willing to work to this end.
5. In addition to personal résumé, Planter must submit a WPC/FPN Application form.
6. If extended, Planter and wife would be expected to visit the Crestview area for personal interviews and comprehension of the physical environment.
7. If selected, Planter must be approved as a Minister for Church Planting in the Gulf Coast Presbytery.

### Financial Considerations

1. We project an annual salary of \$75,000 for a fully capable planter.
2. WPC/FPN proffer sustenance of \$25,000 per year for 3 years.
3. WPC/FPN will support up to \$2,000 per year toward ministering allowances for 3 years
4. Presbytery has approved support of \$18,000/\$12,000/\$6,000 per year for 3 years, resp.
5. Balance of salary and other expenses will need to be raise by the Planter.
6. If invited to visit, WPC/FPN will pay travel, meal, and board expenses.
7. If selected, WPC/FPN will pay travel, meal, and board for Presbytery interview.
7. If approved, WPC/FPN will pay moving expenses to the Crestview area.

- 1 8. WPC/FPN will assist in locating permanent housing in the Crestview area.  
2 9. WPC/FPN will support in finding accommodations, and acquiring ministering and worship  
3 aids and material.  
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5 **Other Considerations**

- 6 1. The church plant would not be a daughter church as such, but WPC/FPC does expect to  
7 provide guiding influences initially, and be strong encouragers all through the process.  
8 2. WPC/FPN pledge to offer personal pastoral support to the planter, his wife, and family.  
9 3. WPC/FPN will provide ministry oversight (Session, counsel, etc.) as needed or directed.  
10 4. We envision the church plant work in Crestview to begin soon after a candidate is selected.  
11 5. WPC/FPN will support and assist in networking with City officials and local families.  
12 6. With the Lords guidance, WPC/FPN would expect a Church Plant in Crestview to be self  
13 supporting after three years.  
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15 **Contact Information**

16 Please Send Résumé to: Westminster Presbyterian Church  
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1 **APPENDIX F**

2 **Commission Minutes**  
3 **King's Bay Mission**  
4 **Called Meeting**  
5 **January 15, 2009**  
6 **8:00 PM CST Tele-conference**  
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8 **1. Participants:** Dave Anderegg, Pinewoods, TE; Moderator Scott Seidler, King's  
9 Bay, TE; Jim Rish, First Panama City, RE; Earl Smith, Westminster Ft Walton Beach,  
10 RE.

11 **2. Declare a Quorum:** All members were present and a quorum was declared.  
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13 **3. Open with prayer and election of Clerk:** Meeting was opened with prayer by Scott  
14 Seidler. After a short introduction of members, and a brief history of King's Bay, Earl  
15 Smith was elected Clerk.  
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17 **4. Review:** The meeting was called by Moderator Scott Seidler to discuss King's Bay  
18 status and future as well as his own ministerial plans and status. Scott Seidler reviewed  
19 the history of King's Bay Church and his background and call to King's Bay. He  
20 explained that having lost key members to job relocations, and having always lacked  
21 consistent local gifted leadership and worship talent, gathering and growth have been  
22 difficult. In addition, King's Bay has consistently lacked sufficient financial resources and  
23 TE Seidler has been tent-making for several years. King's Bay no longer meets weekly  
24 for worship. TE Seidler continues to meet with members on Wednesday evenings to  
25 listen to recorded sermons together and to fellowship. TE Seidler has met with the  
26 members of King's Bay to discuss the issue of dissolution of PCA affiliation and the  
27 possibility of independency and alternate denominational affiliation.  
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29 **5. Actions:** The following motions were seconded and carried:  
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31 **A.** That 'King's Bay Mission,' as a mission of Gulf Coast Presbytery of the  
32 Presbyterian Church in America, be dissolved, and that the pastoral relationship  
33 between King's Bay Mission and TE Scott Seidler be dissolved.

34 **B.** That King's Bay Mission's remaining membership come under the care of  
35 Presbytery until they are transferred to another church.

36 **6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Earl Smith at 9:45 PM.  
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40 RE Earl Smith  
41 Elected Clerk