

**ONE-HUNDRED ELEVENTH STATED MEETING  
GULF COAST PRESBYTERY -- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NICEVILLE, FLORIDA**

**09-52 CALL TO ORDER & OPENING PRAYER**

The 111<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery was called to order at 9:14 (CDT) on Tuesday October 13, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida by the Moderator, TE Paul Fowler. TE D. Edie led in the opening prayer. TE J. Grider opened the worship service with a Scripture reading and the singing of a hymn. A trial sermon was then preached by candidate John MacDonald from the text of Matthew 16:13-18.

**09-53 ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

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

<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>TEACHING ELDERS</b>	<b>RULING ELDERS</b>
Chattahoochee		
Christ, Mobile	D. Eide	
Christ Community Church		
Concord	R. Dekker	Richard Kennedy
CenterPointe	Mo Leverett	
Cornerstone, Destin	D. Roberts	
Cornerstone, Tallahassee		
Covenant	C. Colravy	
	B. Hayes	
Eastern Shore	P. Fowler	Newt Blackerby
Fairfield		
Faith, Robertsdale, AL		
First, Atmore	J. Thorpe	
First, Niceville	J. Grider	Jim Gerber
	D. Shackelford	Bob Burnet
First, Panama City		
Grace Fellowship		
Grace, Madison	J. Hopwood	
Grace Community, Mobile	Jim Bryars	
Loxley		

McIlwain		Ray Myers
		Bob Oakes
New Philadelphia	Jerry Dodson	
Pinewoods	Dave Anderegg	
Safe Harbor	James Calderazzo	Fred Rall
Warrington	R. Hornick	
Westminster, Fort Walton	B. Tyson	Thomas Jebb
		Jim Richardson
Westminster, Tallahassee	Jim Craft	
Westminster, Milton	W. Groseclose	
Wildwood	Bob Evans	Jim Hill
	Jeff Trostle	

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**OTHER TEACHING ELDERS**

Bobby Gardner		Ralph LaGuardia
S. Cloud		Dieter Pawlson
D. Story		S. Seidler
Clif Wilcox		

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3 **EXCUSED:** Requests for excused absence from TEs T. Barnes, D. Box, W. Channell, S.  
 4 DeVries, R. Fennig, M. Griffith, M. Kirk, J. Riggs, J. Robbins, J. Watson and RE  
 5 commissioners from Grace Fellowship, Loxley, Faith, Robertsdale, Safe Harbor and  
 6 Warrington; Granted.

7 **VISITORS:** David Young, Curt Moore, John McDonald, Wayne Herring, Scott Moore,  
 8 Stephen Scott, and Todd Veleber.

9 **09-54 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

10 Presbytery approved the minutes from the 110<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting as presented. The  
 11 minutes of the July 14th and the August 25<sup>th</sup> called meetings were also approved as  
 12 submitted.

13 **09-55 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 14 1. Letter from TE Ed Hague requesting that presbytery divest him from office without  
 15 censure (BCO 38-2), referred to Ministers and Candidates.

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1 2. Letter from TE Charles Sledge requesting that he be carried on the rolls of presbytery as  
2 honorably retired; referred to Ministers and Candidates.

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4 3. Letter from TE Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk informing presbytery that her minutes of May  
5 13, 2008; June 24, 2008 and October 14, 2008 were approved without exception. The  
6 minutes of February 11, 2008 and September 16, 2008 were approved with exceptions of  
7 form reported to the presbytery (No record of session endorsement and six month  
8 membership of a candidate and no record of establishing a quorum for a commission.)  
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10 Presbytery adopted the following response: Gulf Coast Presbytery acknowledges the  
11 omissions from the minutes of February 11, 2008 and September 16, 2008. The  
12 candidate did have a letter of endorsement from his Session. The presbytery will exercise  
13 care to insure the inclusion of quorum requirements and Session endorsement in the  
14 future.  
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16 4. Letter from TE Wesley Channell requesting that he be carried on the rolls of presbytery  
17 as honorably retired, referred to Ministers and Candidates.  
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19 5. Letters from TE Bill Lamkin and the Session, First Presbyterian Church, Panama City  
20 requesting that the pastoral relationship between them be dissolved, referred to Ministers  
21 and Candidates.  
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23 6. Letter from the Session of Fairfield Presbyterian Church requesting that the pastoral  
24 relationship between TE Jan Werson and the church be dissolved; referred to Ministers  
25 and Candidates.  
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27 7. Letter from the Session, Fairfield Presbyterian Church concerning a misrepresentation of  
28 Fairfield Presbyterian Church at the May meeting of presbytery. Presbytery appointed  
29 TE Bill Tyson and a RE (to be named) to frame a response to the communication.  
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31 8. Letter from the Session, Pinewoods Presbyterian Church, commending Mr. Stephen Scott  
32 as a Candidate for the Gospel ministry; referred to Ministers and Candidates.  
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34 9. Requests for excused absence from T. Barnes, D. Box, W. Channell, S. DeVries, R.  
35 Fennig, M. Griffith, M. Kirk, J. Riggs, J. Robbins, J. Watson and RE commissioners  
36 from Grace Fellowship, Loxley, Faith, Robertsdale, Safe Harbor and Warrington;  
37 Granted.

#### 38 **09-56 ADOPTION OF DOCKET**

39 The docket was adopted as amended. (Appendix A)

#### 40 **09-57 INTRODUCTIONS OF VISITORS**

41 Visitors to presbytery were introduced.  
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1 **09-58 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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

4 **Bills and Overtures:**

- 5 • TE Bob Evans, Chairman
- 6 • TE Jim Thorpe
- 7 • RE Jim Richardson
- 8 • RE Fred Rall

9 **Resolution and Thanks:**

- 10 • TE Clif Wilcox, Chairman
- 11 • TE Jim Craft
- 12 • RE Bob Burnet
- 13 • RE Tom Jebb

14 **09-59 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – TE R. HORNICK, STATED CLERK**

15 TE B. Hornick, Stated Clerk presented the report to presbytery and opened with prayer.  
16 The following recommendations were approved:

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- 18 A. That the docket be approved as presented.
- 19 B. That SR 401 be suspended to allow the election of committee members to a  
20 third term of service.
- 21 C. That the nominees for presbytery officers and committee members be elected.
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23 Mr. Hornick closed the report with prayer. (Appendix B)

24 **09-60 ADMINISTRATION – TE D. SHACKLEFORD, CHAIRMAN**

25 TE D. Shackelford presented the report to presbytery. The following recommendations  
26 were approved by presbytery:

27 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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- 29 1. That the following churches submitted their Sessional minutes and records on  
30 time to the 110<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of this Presbytery on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and that  
31 they be approved without exceptions of substance as follows:
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- 33 • Fairfield, Pensacola, FL
- 34 • Faith, Robertsdale, FL
- 35 • FPC, Niceville, FL
- 36 • FPC, Atmore, FL
- 37 • Grace, Madison, FL

- Grace Community, Mobile, AL
- Grace Fellowship, Gulf Shores, AL
- Eastern Shore, Fairhope, AL
- Loxley, Loxley, FL

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

2. That the following churches be noted as having failed to submit their Sessional minutes and records to the 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of this Presbytery in February and May of 2009 and have been granted a deferment at their request until the October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Stated Meeting (today).

- Covenant, Panama City, FL

3. Proposed budget for 2010. (Appendix C)

- RUF Permanent Committee is requesting a new \$500.00 line item in the 2010 budget for committee expenses.

4. Our Presbytery Treasurer (Bill Luka) has informed the Administration committee that in 2006 Gulf Coast Presbytery allowed the PresWIC to open a separate checking account under our Federal ID number. The Treasurer has reminded the Administration committee that it is the responsibility of the corporation to have oversight of all activity and actions conducted under the auspices of our Federal ID number.

- Direct oversight of the PresWIC is a function of the CE Committee.
- The CE Committee should be receiving a summary of funds from the PresWIC treasurer (Grace Lorlinz) on a quarterly basis.
- The CE Committee should pass on that summary of funds to the Administration committee and to the Presbytery Treasurer.
- PresWIC activity will then be included in all future Presbytery financial reports.

5. Challenge to encourage your church to give to the work of Presbytery.

- As of September 2009 only 14 out of 27 of our churches have given financially to the work of Presbytery in this budget year.
- That means that almost half of our churches have not contributed anything at all this year.
- In 2008 – three churches contributed in November and December only (giving us a total of 17 contributing churches last year).

6. That the report be approved as a whole.

The Chairman closed the report with prayer.

1 **09-61 EXAMINATIONS – TE STEPHEN CLOUD, CHAIRMAN**

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3 TE Stephen Cloud opened with prayer and then presented the report to presbytery.

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5 **Examination of Todd Veleber**

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7 Mr. Cloud introduced Mr. Veleber to presbytery. He reminded the presbytery that Mr.  
8 Veleber had completed all of the required portions of the ordination examination at the  
9 110<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of presbytery. (See 09-27, page 4)

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11 Motion was made and seconded to approve the examination as a whole. There were no  
12 questions from the floor. The motion was sustained. Presbytery then approved Mr.  
13 Veleber for ordination.

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15 A call from the Wildwood Church was read and approved by presbytery. Mr. Veleber  
16 accepted the call. (Appendix C)

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18 Presbytery appointed the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Veleber as an  
19 assistant pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church on November 15, 2009 (Quorum 2  
20 RE/2 TE): TEs R. Evans, B. Pullen, J. Trostle, D. Box and REs J. Schmidt, Randy  
21 Lashua, Bob Nabell, Mike Holland, and Greg Costas. (Quorum 2 RE/2 TE)

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23 **SPECIAL ORDER -- 10:45 – REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
24 **ON THE SABBATH**

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26 TE W. Tyson presented the report to the presbytery. (Appendix E)

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28 A motion was made and carried to postpone the report until the next stated meeting of  
29 presbytery. The clerk was instructed to place the report following the introduction of  
30 visitors and to allow up to two hours for consideration.

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32 **SPECIAL ORDER -- 11:15 -- MISSIONARIES & OTHER VISITING BRETHREN**

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34 TE Wayne Herring from the Administrative Committee spoke to the presbytery about  
35 supporting the Administrative Committee of General Assembly.

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37 TE Curt Moore from MNA spoke to the presbytery about disaster relief in the Gulf Coast  
38 region and beyond.

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40 **SPECIAL ORDER – 11:45 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS**

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42 The commissioners met in small groups for a time of sharing and a season of prayer.

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44 **SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH**

45 **09-61 EXAMINATIONS (CONT'D) – TE S. CLOUD**

46 TE S. Cloud presented the report to presbytery.

1 **Examination of David Young**

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3 TE David Young, is a member in good standing in Siouxlands Presbytery. He is being  
4 called by the MNA Committee, in cooperation with Westminster PCA, Fort Walton  
5 Beach and First Presbyterian PCA, Niceville, to plant a church in the Crestview, FL  
6 community. David is a graduate of Auburn University and Covenant Theological  
7 Seminary.

8 RE R. Myers examined Mr. Young in the area of his Christian Experience and sense of  
9 call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

10 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Young in the area of theology. After questions from the floor  
11 this portion of the examination was arrested.

12 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Young in the area of the sacraments. After questions from the  
13 floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

14 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. Young in the area of church government (polity). After  
15 questions from the floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

16 Mr. Young took two exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

- 17 1. Mr. Young stated an exception of practice regarding the WCF's teaching on  
18 Sabbath observance. The presbytery determined that Mr. Young's stated  
19 difference was more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of  
20 the system of doctrine.  
21 2. Mr. Young stated an exception of practice regarding WCF's the synonymous  
22 usage of the terms Catholics and infidels. The presbytery determined that Mr.  
23 Young's stated difference was more than semantic but not out of accord with any  
24 fundamental of the system of doctrine.

25 Motion was made and seconded to sustain the examination as a whole.

26 The call from the MNA Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery to Mr. Young was read,  
27 approved and was found acceptable to him. (Appendix F)

28 Mr. Young was received into Gulf Coast Presbytery pending his transfer from Siouxlands  
29 Presbytery and upon his signing the book of ministerial obligations.  
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31 (An installation commission for Mr. Young was presented during the MNA report. See  
32 page 11, line 7)

33 **Examination of John McDonald**

34 Mr. John McDonald is on staff at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ft. Walton Beach,  
35 Florida. He is coming for candidacy and licensure at this meeting of presbytery. He is a  
36 graduate of Belhaven College and Whitfield Theo Seminary.

1 TE S. Cloud examined Mr. McDonald in the area of his Christian Experience and sense  
2 of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

3 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. McDonald in the area of the English Bible. After questions  
4 from the floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

5 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. McDonald in the area of theology. After questions from the  
6 floor this portion of the examination was arrested.

7 Mr. Cloud examined Mr. McDonald in the area of church government. After questions  
8 from the floor, this portion of the examination was arrested.

9 Mr. McDonald's trial sermon was found acceptable and approved.

10 A motion was made, seconded and adopted to license Mr. MacDonald to preach the  
11 Gospel in Gulf Coast Presbytery. (The Session, Westminster Presbyterian Church  
12 commends Mr. MacDonald to presbytery. He has been a member in good standing in the  
13 Westminster Presbyterian Church for more than six months.)

14 The questions for licensure were posed to Mr. MacDonald by the Moderator and were  
15 answered in the affirmative. Prayer was offered for him and his ministry.

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17 At First Presbyterian Church, the thirteenth day of October, the Gulf Coast  
18 Presbytery, having received testimonials commending John MacDonald,  
19 proceeded to submit him to the prescribed examination for licensure, which was  
20 met to the approval of the Presbytery. Having satisfactorily answered the  
21 questions for licensure, Mr. MacDonald was licensed by the Presbytery to preach  
22 the Gospel within the bounds of this Presbytery.

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24 The report was approved as a whole.

25 **09-62 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – TE JIM THORPE, CHAIRMAN**

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

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- 28 • Our overnight Winter Presbytery Meeting will be held February 8-9, 2010 at the Blue  
29 Springs Baptist Conference Center in Marianna, FL. The theme for this meeting will  
30 be Restoring the Passionate Community with Mo Leverett, the director and founder  
31 of Rebirth International and pastor of Centerpoint Church in Tallahassee, FL.
  - 32 • The Gulf Coast PresWIC /Wildwood Women's Retreat will be held February 5-7 at  
33 the Sandestin Beach and Golf Club in Destin. The speaker will be Nancy Guthrie  
34 from Christ Presbyterian Church (PCA) Nashville.
  - 35 • Upcoming CEP Events:
    - 36 ○ October 17, 2009 – Great Expectations Training Conference for Children and  
37 Youth Ministry Staff and Workers, Asheville, NC
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- 1           ○ November 5-7, 2009 – Life on Life Conference sponsored by Perimeter
- 2           Church, Atlanta, GA
- 3           ○ January 12-14, 2010 – National Great Expectations Training Conference for
- 4           Children and Youth Ministry Staff and Workers
- 5           ○ February 25-27, 2010 – Women’s Ministry Leadership Training Conference,
- 6           Atlanta, GA
- 7           ○ March 11-13, 2010 – Mercy Ministries Conference, Chattanooga, TN

8           The chairman closed the report with prayer.

9    **09-63 MINISTERS & CANDIDATES – TE R. DEKKER, CHAIRMAN**

10          TE R. Dekker presented the report to presbytery. Mr. Dekker led the presbytery in  
11          prayer.

12          TE Dekker recognized Mr. Stephen Scott who is coming for candidacy and the  
13          commencement of his internship. Mr. Scott has been a member of the Pinewoods  
14          Presbyterian for the required six months and has been endorsed by the Session.

15          Mr. Scott was then examined in the area of his area of his Christian Experience and sense  
16          of call to the ministry. A motion was made and carried to arrest this portion of the exam.

17          Mr. John McDonald was examined in the area of his Christian Experience and sense of  
18          call to the gospel ministry (See page 7, line 21). (Mr. MacDonald has been a member of  
19          the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach for the required six months and  
20          has been endorsed by the Session.

21          The questions for candidacy were posed by the moderator and answered in the  
22          affirmative by Messrs Scott and McDonald. TE Robert Dekker delivered a charge to the  
23          candidates and the led in prayer in their behalf.

24          Mr. Scott Moore was introduced to presbytery. Mr. Moore is a member of the Grace  
25          Fellowship Church, Mobile, AL. He was enrolled as a candidate for the Gospel ministry  
26          at the October, 2007 stated meeting of presbytery.

27          Messrs Moore, MacDonald and Scott presented have petitioned presbytery to begin their  
28          period of internship.

29          Presbytery acknowledged the receipt of their oral statements concerning their sense of  
30          call to the Gospel ministry when they were enrolled as candidates.

31          Presbytery voted to enroll them in presbytery’s intern program.

32          The Moderator then read the declaration of internship and led in prayer for the interns.

33                   In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by that authority which He has given to  
34                   the Church for its edification, we do declare you to be an intern of his Presbytery  
35                   as a means of testing your gifts for the holy ministry wherever God in His

1 providence may call you; and for this purpose may the blessing of God rest upon  
2 you, and the Spirit of Christ fill your heart.

3 At the First Presbyterian Church, Niceville, Florida, the thirteenth day of October,  
4 2009, the Gulf Coast Presbytery, having received testimonials commending  
5 Messrs Moore, MacDonald and Scott, having received them as a candidate for the  
6 ministry, has placed them under internship at their request in order to test their  
7 gifts for the holy ministry.

8 Presbytery also approved the following recommendations:

- 9 1. That the request of TE Charles Sledge to have his status changed to “honorably  
10 retired” be granted.
- 11 2. That the relationship of TE Bill Lamkin and First Presbyterian Church Panama City  
12 be dissolved and that he be carried on the roll of presbytery without call.
- 13 3. That presbytery notify TE Dudley Crowe that it will proceed to divest him of the  
14 office of teaching elder without censure at the February, 2010 stated meeting of  
15 presbytery. Mr. Crowe has been without call for more than three years. (See 13-2,  
16 34-10)
- 17 4. That TE Ed Hague’s request to demit the ministry without censure be received  
18 and be placed on the docket of February, 2010 stated meeting for final action.  
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20 TE Dekker closed the report with prayer. (Appendix G)

### 21 **09-64 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA - TE D. ANDEREGG, CHAIRMAN**

22 TE D. Angeregg led in prayer and then presented the report to presbytery. After giving  
23 oral reports on the status of various works in the presbytery the following motions were  
24 put before presbytery and adopted:  
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- 26 1. That GCP call Stephen Cloud to be the pastor/planter of the Lillian Mission, with  
27 a salary of 45,000, housing allowance of 30,000, plus benefits. Funds will need to  
28 be raised by the planter to accomplish this. (Appendix H)
- 29 2. That GCP call David Young to be the pastor/planter of the Crestview Mission,  
30 with a salary of 45,000, housing allowance of 30,000, plus benefits, and moving  
31 expenses. Notwithstanding funds already committed to this plant by GCP in  
32 February 2008, it is the responsibility of the planter to raise these funds.  
33 (Appendix F)
- 34 3. That GCP establish an Oversight Commission for the Crestview Mission,  
35 comprised of: RE Jim Richardson, RE Bob Burnet, TE Bill Tyson, and TE Joe  
36 Grider. (The quorum will be the same as a Session.)
- 37 4. That GCP postpone and relocate Clif Wilcox's installation service designated for  
38 this October meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery, appointing a commission,  
39 comprised of RE Ray Myers, RE Richard Wilcox, RE Robert Oaks, and TE  
40 Robert Looper, TE Timothy Rote, TE Arnie Maves, to install Clif Wilcox, at an  
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1 installation service on November 15, 2009, 6:00 pm, at McIlwain Presbyterian  
2 Church, Pensacola, FL. (Quorum 2 RE/2 TE)

3 5. That GCP appoint a commission to install TE David Young, comprised of RE Jim  
4 Richardson, RE Bob Burnet, RE Earl Smith, TE Bill Tyson, TE Joe Grider, TE  
5 Dennis Shackelford, to install TE David Young on (DATE TBA), at (TIME  
6 TBA), at (PLACE TBA). TE Bill Tyson requested that the Date/Time/Place be  
7 determined and announced. (Quorum 2 RE/2 TE)

8 6. That GCP appoint a commission to install TE Stephen Cloud, comprised of RE  
9 Don Roe, RE Paul McLain, RE Tom Roberson, TE David Anderegg, TE David  
10 Crenshaw, TE Rick Fennig, on November 15, 2009, 1:00 p.m., at Lillian  
11 Fellowship, Lillian, AL. (Quorum 2 TE/2 RE)

12 The report was approved as a whole. The whole matter was concluded with prayer.  
13 (Appendix I).

14 **09-65 MISSION TO THE WORLD - TE DEWEY ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN**

15 TE Win Groseclose led in prayer and then presented an oral report to presbytery.

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17 Win Groseclose, George Hutchinson and Dewey Roberts held a Calvin 500  
18 Conference in Moscow, Russia from September 8-10, 2009. There were  
19 additional speakers at the conference from Russia and the Netherlands. 35 pastors  
20 from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus attended the conference. After the conference  
21 held in December of 2008 a new reformed denomination was begun with 4  
22 founding churches. That number grew to 9 churches by the time of the Calvin 500  
23 Conference and there are 3 more churches wanting to join now. The Dutch  
24 Reformed Church of Holland (Liberated), a very conservative denomination, sent  
25 delegates to this conference for the purpose of exploring fraternal relations with  
26 the Russian Reformed Church.

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28 I had set a goal of raising \$5,000 over and above my travel expenses to defray the  
29 expenses of this conference and \$5,130 was given for that purpose. That money  
30 enabled me to reimburse the pastors for their travel costs, to pay for the building  
31 rental costs where the conference was held, to pay for all the food served at the  
32 conference and to purchase Reformed literature translated into Russian to be  
33 given to the conference attendees. The conference was a huge success and there  
34 are open doors for the spread of the reformed faith in Russia. I thank the  
35 Presbytery for their support of this mission trip through the MTW budget.

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37 The report was closed with prayer.

38 **09-66 FLORIDA JOINT COMMISSION ON RUF - TE B. HAYES, CHAIRMAN**

39 TE D. Shackelford presented the report to presbytery.

40 TE D. Story gave a report on his campus work with RUF at Florida State in Tallahassee.

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42 TE Evans closed the report in prayer for TE Story and for the work at FSU.

1 **09-67 NEW BUSINESS**

2 Presbytery postponed the scheduled vote of BCO Amendments until the next stated  
3 meeting.

4 The moderator’s appointed commission reported to presbytery and recommended that  
5 letter of concern from members of Fairfield Presbyterian Church be answered by a  
6 pastoral letter written by the Stated Clerk reflecting some of the counsel suggested by the  
7 commission.

8 **09-68 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

9 **Resolution & Thanks**

10 The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

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12 **Whereas**, we the members of the Gulf Coast Presbytery praise God for this its  
13 111<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, and for the gracious hospitality shown by our host church,  
14 the First Presbyterian Church of Niceville, Florida,

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16 **Therefore be it resolved that**, the Gulf Coast Presbytery express its heartfelt  
17 thanks and appreciation to the gifted and gracious staff of First Presbyterian  
18 Church of Niceville, Florida for hosting our meeting, serving the delicious lunch  
19 and seeing to our corporate and individual needs as a presbytery this 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
20 October, 2009.

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22 Respectfully submitted for the approval of Presbytery,

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24 TE Clif Wilcox, Chairman

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26 **09-69 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER**

27 Presbytery adjourned at 4:33 (CDT). TE Ralph LaGuardia led the closing prayer.

28 Respectfully submitted,

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30 TE R. Hornick, Stated Clerk

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1 **APPENDIX A**

2 **PROPOSED DOCKET**  
3 **GULF COAST PRESBYTERY – 111th STATED MEETING**  
4 **October 13, 2009 – 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 EDT**  
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- 6 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer  
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8 2. Worship Service  
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10 3. Roll Call & Determination of a Quorum  
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12 4. Approval of Printed Minutes  
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14 5. Communications  
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16 6. Adoption of Docket  
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18 7. Introduction of Visitors  
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20 8. Appointment of Standing Committees  
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22 9. Permanent Committee Reports  
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24 Executive – TE Robert Hornick  
25 Administration – TE Dennis Shackleford  
26 Examinations – TE Stephen Cloud  
27 Christian Education – TE Jim Thorpe  
28 Ministers and Candidates – TE Robert Dekker  
29 Mission to North America – TE David Anderegg  
30 Mission to the World – TE Dewey Roberts  
31 Florida Joint Commission on RUF – TE R. Hayes  
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33 SPECIAL ORDER -- 10:45 – REPORT OF THE AD-INTERIM COMMITTEE ON THE SABBATH  
34 SPECIAL ORDER -- 11:15 -- MISSIONARIES & OTHER VISITING BRETHREN  
35 SPECIAL ORDER – 11:45 – SHARING AND PRAYER GROUPS  
36 SPECIAL ORDER – 12:00 – 12:45 – LUNCH  
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38 10. Old Business  
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40 11. New Business  
41 a. BCO Amendments  
42 b. Time & Place of 112th Stated Meeting – Tuesday, February, 2010  
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44 12. Reports of Standing Committees & Commissions  
45 a. Resolution and Thanks  
46 b. Bills & Overtures  
47 c. Lillian Fellowship  
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49 13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

1 **APPENDIX B**

2 **Executive Committee Report**  
3 **Tuesday, October 13, 2009**  
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8 I. MEETINGS  
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10 The Executive Committee met via conference call on Tuesday September 17, 2009 at 10:00 AM CDT.  
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14 II. ISSUES DISCUSSED  
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- 16 A. Communications
- 17 B. Committee Reports
- 18 C. Docket
- 19 D. Nominations  
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22 III. RECOMMENDATIONS  
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- 24 A. That the docket be approved as presented.
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- 26 B. That SR 401 be suspended to allow the election of committee members to a third term of service. (2/3s  
27 vote required)
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- 29 C. That the nominations for Presbytery Officers and Committees be approved (Appendix A).  
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- 31 D. That the nominations for GA Committees and Agencies be forwarded to the GA Nominating  
32 Committee. (Appendix B)  
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**ATTACHMENT B**

**NOMINATIONS FOR GA PERMANENT COMMITTEES**

**For Administrative Committee**

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**For Christian Education & Publications**

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**For Constitutional Business Committee**

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**For Interchurch Relations Committee**

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**For Mission to North America**

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**For Mission to the World**

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**For Reformed University Ministries**

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**For Standing Judicial Commission**

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**For Theological Examining Committee**

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**For Trustee of Covenant College**

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**For Trustee of Covenant Theological Seminary**

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**For Board of PCA Foundation**

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**For Trustee of RBI**

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**For Director of Ridge Haven**

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APPENDIX C

WILDWOOD  
—CHURCH— PCA

6 October 2009

Dear Todd:

Wildwood Church being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Todd Veleber, 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 role of Next Generation Pastor 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 \$57,200 a year (salary and housing allowance). Additionally health insurance will be provided for you and your family in the terms of the contract Wildwood Church has with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida. Furthermore, you will be provided with disability income coverage, dental coverage and \$100,000 of life insurance in accordance with the terms of the contract with MetLife. Retirement benefits (403(b) plan) will be provided to you at the level of 6.0% of your gross compensation and deposited with PCA's Retirement & Benefits, Inc.

This call also provides you with leave benefits including 26 days paid time off (vacation and sick leave) and 9 holidays.

For the Kingdom,

RE Bob Burton  
*Staff Director*

**APPENDIX D**  
**GULF COAST PRESBYTERY, INC.**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	2009 <u>Budget</u>	2010 <u>Budget</u>
General Fund		
Administrative Expenses		
Executive		
Postage	\$450	\$450
Printing	800	800
Supplies	100	100
Telephone	1,300	1,300
Travel	500	500
Miscellaneous	100	100
Recording Clerk	1,000	1,000
Stated Clerk	<u>5,700</u>	<u>5,700</u>
Total	9,950	9,950
Administration		
Postage, Printing & Travel	100	100
Computer	0	0
Telephone	30	30
Liability Insurance	1,200	1,200
Web Site	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>
Total	1,400	1,400
Mission to the World Committee		
Committee expenses	200	200
Short-term Mission	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	1,200	1,200
Mission to North America Committee		
Committee expenses	1,550	1,550
Christian Education Committee		
Committee expenses	500	500
Conferences & Retreats	1,000	1,000
Speakers	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	2,500	2,500
Ministers & Candidates Committee		
Committee expenses	500	500
Background checks	500	500
Conferences	<u>700</u>	<u>700</u>
Total	1,700	1,700
Examinations Committee		
Committee expenses	400	400
Reformed University Ministries		
David Story - Florida State University	13,500	13,500
Committee Expenses	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>
Total	13,500	14,000
Total General Fund	\$31,200	\$32,700
Mission to North America Committee	\$24,000	\$24,000
Church Planting Fund (Receipts)		

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## Appendix E

### 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 on the Lord's Day or doing some family fun activity* should be regarding 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 live or on TV 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?**
- 2) **If he DOES, we need to clearly point to the applicable passages regarding how the Sabbath is to be kept (WCF 21.8; WLC 117-121; WSC 60-62) and ask whether a man is convinced that the Westminster Divines have, in fact, accurately expounded the revealed nature of the Sabbath command as indicated especially in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph of this statement (see above).** Things forbidden would obviously include devoting blocks of time to watching professional sports and the like, both because it does not devote the “whole time . . . [to] the public and private exercises of God’s worship”

1 and because it is a participation in “worldly . . . recreations.” It would also include such  
2 things as lazing away the rest of the day rather than engaging in public or private  
3 exercises of worship, and would seem to include family activities that were not directed  
4 towards the spiritual nurture of our souls [see the attached paper describing how some of  
5 the Puritans recommended that Christians keep the Lord’s Day to understand how they  
6 approached spending “the *whole* time (except so much of it as is to be taken up in works  
7 of necessity and mercy) *in the public and private exercises of God’s worship*”].  
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9 a. IF HE BELIEVES THE WESTMINSTER DIVINES HAVE  
10 ACCURATELY EXPOUNDED THE COMMANDMENT, we should ask if the  
11 examinee pursues obedience to that command as expounded in the WCF and  
12 Catechisms?

13 b. IF HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY HAVE ACCURATELY  
14 EXPOUNDED THE COMMANDMENT, then he ought to take an exception.  
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16 **3) If a man takes exception to the Westminster view**, then we need to have him define  
17 precisely what he DOES think the Scriptures teach with respect to the Sabbath and the  
18 Lord’s Day. What difference does the examinee have with the Confession/Catechisms?  
19 The Presbytery will then have to determine if the examinee’s view is acceptable, and  
20 what it expects him to teach his congregation with respect to the WCF/Catechisms and  
21 his views.

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

29 Another man might not think the Fourth Commandment is **obligatory**  
30 in the same sense as in the OT. Presbytery would want to know “why?” If a man was  
31 caught violating the Sabbath in the OT, he was subject to death (at least in Exodus  
32 15:32ff), and, one of the chief offenses for which the Lord judged Israel was their refusal  
33 to keep the Sabbath. But what if a man is not convinced that the Sabbath is **obligatory** in  
34 the same sense in the NT age as in the Old, largely because the theocracy has ended, yet  
35 that man still believes that God’s people should **attempt** to set apart the day (or, if  
36 necessary, another day) to rest and to delight themselves in the Lord and practice those  
37 exercises of worship that they do not have time to do on other days? What is a matter of  
38 *conscience* before the Lord so that a slave or employee would have to say “I must obey  
39 God rather than man,” and take the consequences? A matter of conscience is not the  
40 same as asking what might be a *wise* way to use the Lord’s Day. For example: we are not  
41 *required* by the Lord to read our Bibles for an *hour* a day. But it might be *wise* of us to  
42 do so; and we might find it tremendously beneficial. So we might encourage others to  
43 read their Bibles an hour a day, not as a matter of *conscience* before the Lord – because  
44 he hasn’t required that – but as *a wise and beneficial practice*.  
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46 General Understandings within the Gulf Coast Presbytery:

- 47 1. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the term “worldly recreation” is intended to include  
48 all organized and professional sports (which would apply to today’s NFL and MLB

1 etc...)

- 2 2. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the terms “all the day” and “whole time” are  
3 intended to include every waking moment of the Lord’s day, not just an hour or not just  
4 the morning or a part of the day.  
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6 3. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the term “exercises of His worship” is intended to  
7 mean intentional and doxological focus on God (which does not include special family  
8 times or leisure activities)  
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10 4. GCP believes the Confession’s use of the term “rest” is intended to show a clear contrast  
11 of continuing in employment ( and therefore it is not an admonition to sleep the day  
12 away)  
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14 The Committee further recommends that GCP determine

- 15 1) The examinee’s response to the principles advanced in the WCF’s handling of the 4<sup>th</sup>  
16 Commandment (If he sees it as “good”) and then  
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18 2) ask the examinee to reveal his conscience concerning those principles  
19 a. Is it binding upon me and upon all in the church to which I belong and in which I  
20 will be shepherding?  
21 b. Is it an “option to do” or an “ought to do”?  
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23 c. Is it “good counsel” or is it “authoritative”?  
24 i. If it carries scriptural authority, then it is therefore not only prescriptive in  
25 nature, but also corrective and reprovng in nature --See 2 Tim 3:16-17  
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27 An orthodox, Bible-believing candidate may express exceptions to the WCF in this area—falling  
28 under the categories of Practice or Principle:  
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30 1) An exception in practice -- “I agree with the position of the Westminster Standards, but in  
31 practice, although I take the Lord’s Day seriously, nevertheless, I consciously take more  
32 liberty than they allowed.”  
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34 2) An exception in principle—

35 The candidate may respond: “This is not what I believe the Bible says” or “This is not  
36 what I believe God intended to be construed from the creation ordinance” or “The divines  
37 went beyond what the text of Scripture demands” or “Too much of the application is  
38 intellectually derived rather than scripturally expressed”

39 --since it is not specifically re-expressed by the apostles after Christ’s ascension

40 --since the rise of secular governments over God’s people (theocracy and  
41 national monarchy are now past tense)  
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43 The GCP may accept exceptions of practice with adequate explanation of the candidate’s current  
44 patterns and demonstration of seriousness about remembering the day. This should be  
45 noted in the minutes. The candidate should be charged to teach that his personal practice  
46 is not in conformity with that of the Confession.  
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48 The GCP may accept exceptions of principle with adequate explanation of the candidate’s



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## Proposal for Handling the Report of the Gulf Coast Presbytery Committee to Study Sabbath Exceptions

1. Preliminary Perspectives regarding the Report:

a. The purpose of the report was to determine what the framers of the Westminster Confession and Catechisms meant by “worldly recreations” and “spend[ing] the whole time (except so much of it as is taken up in works of necessity and mercy) in the public and private exercises of God’s worship” (WLC 117), in order to determine what constitutes an “exception” to the Standards. The purpose was NOT to determine whether the framers were correct in their interpretation of the Scriptures.

b. Therefore, the report of the committee states

(1) what we believe the framers of the Confession/Catechism meant, and then

(2) sets forth a suggested procedure to be used by our examinations committee in determining what a man’s views are with respect to our Standards, when a man ought to declare an exception, and of what sort the exception is

2. Therefore, it is recommended that we consider the matter in the following manner:

a. First, **does the Presbytery believe that the Committee has accurately represented the view of the framers of our Westminster Standards?**

b. **If “yes,” does the Presbytery wish to adopt the procedural guidelines for the purpose of helping the Examinations Committee determine when an exception ought to be declared, and if so, of what sort the exception is – one of principle or practice – so the Examinations Committee can clearly bring a man’s view and exception before the Presbytery for consideration.**

3. It must still be understood that Gulf Coast Presbytery will always have to determine whether a given exception is acceptable to it, and if so, what guidelines or requirements it would give a man taking such an exception with respect to his preaching and teaching in the church where he will serve.

1 APPENDIX F

2 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE  
3 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

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5 CALL TO DAVID YOUNG  
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9 The MNA Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied with your  
10 ministerial qualifications and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your  
11 ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable toward accomplishing the vision of Mission to North  
12 America, do earnestly call you, David Young, to minister under the oversight and authority of MNA  
13 Committee, and its newly formed Commission, as a Church Planter for the purpose of starting a PCA  
14 congregation in the Crestview, FL area, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support  
15 and encouragement in the Lord.  
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17 The total salary package will be salary of \$45,000 and \$ 30,000 for housing; medical insurance (full  
18 coverage), annual retirement contributions equal to 12% of salary and housing (plus life and disability  
19 insurance), four weeks of vacation annually, and moving expenses. These monies are expected to come  
20 from Gulf Coast Presbytery, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Fort Walton Beach, and First  
21 Presbyterian Church of Niceville, FL in part, as well as from contributions made by the membership of  
22 this new work, and from financial support raised by you. It is understood that you will work with Gulf  
23 Coast Presbytery, its MNA Committee, and its newly formed Commission in regards to informing the  
24 churches and individuals of the presbytery and others who are interested in the needs and God's working  
25 through your leadership in this ministry, as you build a financial and prayer support base for this ministry.  
26 The terms of your call will be effective immediately upon dismissal from the PCA Presbytery of the  
27 Souixlands.  
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29 The call above was approved by the Gulf Coast Presbytery MNA Committee of the Presbyterian Church  
30 in America on September 9, 2009, for submission to the Gulf Coast Presbytery on October 13, 2009.  
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34 *David Anderegg*

*Paul Fowler*

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36 (Chairman, MNA Committee of GCP)

(Moderator of Gulf Coast Presbytery)  
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1 **APPENDIX G**

2 **Ministers and Candidates Committee**

3 Gulf Coast Presbytery Report

4 October, 2009

5 Presenter: TE Dekker, Chairman

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7 **THE MEMBERS:**

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9 **THE MEETINGS:**

10 There were no called meetings of the MAC between the May and October meetings of GCP. The Committee did  
11 interact via Email.

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

- 13 1. A request from TE Charles Sledge to be “Honorably Retired”
- 14 2. A request from TE Hornick to process the dissolution of TE Jan Wersen and the Fairfield  
15 Presbyterian Church.
- 16 3. A request from TE Hornick to process the dissolution of TE Bill Lambkin and the 1<sup>st</sup>  
17 Presbyterian Church of Panama City.
- 18 4. An inquiry by Steven Scott concerning candidacy, licensure and ordination.
- 19 5. A renewed request by TE Hague to be divested of his ministry credentials.
- 20 6. A request from TE Brian Johnson to be included on the list of available preachers and to  
21 have his information updated on the GCP roster and website.
- 22 7. An inquiry from Todd Veleber and TE Barksdale Pullen concerning Todd’s reporting to  
23 MAC
- 24 8. A request from John MacDonald and TE Tyson to proceed towards John’s ordination into  
25 the gospel ministry.
- 26 9. A request from Scott Moore and TE Byers to proceed towards Scott’s ordination into the  
27 gospel ministry.
- 28 10. An inquiry from Brian Loney regarding GCP reporting and a request to be a recipient of  
29 the GCP Covenant Scholarship.
- 30 11. A request from TE Channel to be honorably retired (Referenced to MAC on 10-13)
- 31 12. The need to purge the rolls of those who are no longer pursuing their call to ministry or  
32 those who have been without call for more than 3 years:  
33 a. The responsibility to process the demission of TE Dudley Crowe.

- 1 13. The responsibility to inform GCP on current internships:
- 2 14. The responsibility to authorize the dispersing of the Covenant Scholarship among our
- 3 candidates
- 4 15. The request from the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Niceville, to assist them in
- 5 bringing Rev. John Lennon into membership in the GCP.
- 6 16. The matter of updating the Pulpit Supply List
- 7 17. The appreciation for the service of the class of 09 from the MAC:

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TE Dieter Paulson	09	Covenant Reformed, AL	(251) 625-1733	<a href="mailto:Mdieterp@aol.com">Mdieterp@aol.com</a>

8 Old/Unfinished Business:

- 9 18. The need to determine the eligibility of Elder’s W/O call serving on the MAC
- 10 a. We have one RE whose resignation was received from his home session
- 11 b. We have one TE who is waiting for a dissolution from presbytery
- 12 c. If needed, to fill vacated seats if they are deemed ineligible
- 13 19. The responsibility to clarify the reporting of the 09 Candidates
- 14 20. The responsibility to clarify the reporting of the 2009 Licentiates
- 15 21. The responsibility to clarify the reporting of the current TE’s without call
- 16 22. The responsibility to clarify the reporting of the current TE’s working out of Bounds.
- 17 23. The responsibility to clarify the reporting of the current Special TE’s (Honorable Retired,
- 18 Chaplains, & Missionaries)
- 19 24. The need to revise and update the GCP Internship process and to make it available on the
- 20 web site
- 21 25. The need to improve the dissolution process, to educate the parties involved on both how
- 22 it can be done to the glory of God and to clarify who can help them through the processes
- 23 26. The need to clarifying the role of the MAC in relation to new Calls and Changes to
- 24 existing Calls of the GCP TE’s
- 25 27. The need to encourage weary pastors and plateaued churches; creating a safe “place”
- 26 with their church to find healing and restoration by applying the gospel
- 27 28. The responsibility to follow up on churches that are currently without pastors.
- 28 29. The suggestion to develop a plan to secure background-checks on clergy (especially for
- 29 those entering the GCP) to comply with insurance industry expectations
- 30 30. The need to update the web site data

31 **THE ACTIONS**

- 32 **1. The MAC authorized the disbursement of the GCP scholarship at Covenant**
- 33 **Seminary between our candidates currently enrolled. (FYI: Brian Loney**
- 34 **was the chief recipient; Luke R. is currently blessed with a full scholarship)**
- 35 **2. The MAC Committee, acting as a commission (see 407.1.d reprinted below),**
- 36 **approved the dissolution of the relationship of TE Jan Wersen, as Assistant**
- 37 **Pastor, with the Fairfield Presbyterian Church (noting that the proper**
- 38 **paper-work has been received by the clerk).**

39 407.1. d. THE MAC has the authority to act as a commission of presbyter in dissolving  
 40 pastoral relationships in cases where the pastor and congregation formally concur or  
 41 where no congregation is concerned, to dismiss other ministers, licentiates or candidates.  
 42 The committee shall inform the stated clerk of this action so that the clerk may dismiss  
 43 the ministers.

3. **Having received the application for candidacy, having received the letter of recommendation from the potential candidate’s session, having validated PCA membership of at least 6 months, the MAC recommends the following men to Presbyterian to come under care.**
  - a. **John MacDonald**
  - b. **Stephen Scott**
    - i. **18-2 (paragraph 2) requires the presbytery to deem this extraordinary**
4. **The MAC further Recommends the initiation of an internship (2009 Oct.) for the following men:**
  - a. **John MacDonald—mentored by TE Tyson**
  - b. **Scott Moore—mentored by TE Bryars**
  - c. **Stephen Scott—mentored by TE Anderegg**
5. **The MAC will inform the interns who have not reported of their responsibility to provide a report for every stated GCP meeting.**

**THE MOTIONS to GCP**

1. The MAC Chairman moves to approve the request of TE Charles Sledge to have his status changed to “honorably Retired”
2. The MAC Chairman moves to dissolve the relationship of TE Bill Lamkin and First Presbyterian Church Panama City.
3. The MAC Chairman moves to demit TE Dudley Crowe, of Tallahassee, from the office of Teaching Elder (See 13-2, 34-10) having been without call for more than 3 years.
4. The MAC Chairman moves to demit TE Ed Hague as requested.
5. The MAC Chairman moves to initiate the internship of Mr. John MacDonald of Fort Walton Beach.
6. The MAC Chairman moves to initiate the internship of Mr. Scott Moore of Mobile..
7. The MAC Chairman moves to initiate the internship of Mr. Stephen Scott of Pensacola.

**Appendix A1: 2009 Pulpit Supply**

MAC is seeking to keep an active list of available preachers. If you would like to be included, send it to [dekkerr@bellsouth.net](mailto:dekkerr@bellsouth.net). (Additional contact information is available at [Gulfcoastpres.org](http://Gulfcoastpres.org))

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- c. Jerry Robbins (Pensacola Area) (850) 455-3094 email: [presmin1@cox.net](mailto:presmin1@cox.net)
- d. Darwin Box (Tallahassee Area)
- e. Dieter Paulson (Daphne Area)
- f. Dennis Shackelford (Niceville Area)
- g. Carl Person (East Pensacola Area)
- h. Scott Seidler (Panama City Area)
- i. Brian Johnson (Panama City Area)

**Appendix A2: 2009 Candidates**

Candidates	Date Received	School & Degree	Assigned Mentor	Home church
Shane Black	2008 F	Orlando RTS	Jim Bryars	Grace Mobile
Matthew Carr	2005 M	Covenant TS		Covenant Panama City

Bruce Clark	2005 M	Covenant TS	Joe Grider	First Pres, Niceville
Matt Eide	2007 F	Whitefield TS	Dennis Edie	Christ Pres. Mobile
Steve Gibbons	2006 F		Chuck Ryor	Centerpoint
Jimmy Hill	2009 F		Bob Evans	Wildwood
Chris Inman	2007 O	Jackson RTS		Grace, Mobile
Bryan Loney	2007 O	Covenant.TS	David Story	Centerpoint
Scott Moore	2007 O		Jim Bryars	Grace, Mobile
Mark Miller	2004 M	Birmingham TS		Christ Community, Pcola
Luke Rasmussen	2006 O	Covenant, TS	Dave Anderegg	Pinewoods
Wilson Shirley	2004 M	Jackson RTS	Dave Anderegg	Pinewoods
Joshua Sparkman	2009 F		Dennis Edie	Christ Pres. Mobile
Allan Stanton	2006 F	Orlando RTS	Mike Francis/Rick Fennig	Gulf Shores
Demetrius Summerville	2007 O		Jim Bryars	Grace Mobile
Brad Smith	?			
Todd Veleber	2009 M		Bob Evans	Wildwood

1 **Appendix A3: 2009 Licentiates and Interns**

Licentiate	Approved:	Home Church		
Todd Veleber	5-12-09	Wildwood PCA		
Internship	Initiated:		Approved	
Wilson Shirley	2004 May	Jackson RTS	5-12-09	<i>Pinewoods</i>
Bruce Clark	2008 May			<i>First Pres, Niceville</i>
Bryan Loney	2008 May	Covenant.TS	10-14-08 by ¾ vote	<i>Centerpoint</i>
Allan Stanton	2009 Feb	Orlando RTS		<i>Gulf Shores</i>
Matthew Edie	2009 Feb			<i>Christ Pres, Mobile</i>
Jimmy Hill	2009 May			<i>Wildwood</i>
Todd Veleber	2009 May		5-12-09 by ¾ vote	<i>Wildwood</i>

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1 APPENDIX H

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3 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE  
4 GULF COAST PRESBYTERY

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6 CALL TO STEPHEN CLOUD

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8 The MNA Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied with your  
9 ministerial qualifications and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your  
10 ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable toward accomplishing the vision of Mission to North  
11 America, do earnestly call you, Stephen Cloud, to minister under the oversight and authority of MNA  
12 Committee, and its newly formed Commission, as a Church Planter for the purpose of starting a PCA  
13 congregation in the Lillian, AL area, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support and  
14 encouragement in the Lord.

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16 The total salary package will be salary of \$45,000 and \$ 30,000 for housing; medical insurance (full  
17 coverage), annual retirement contributions equal to 12% of salary and housing (plus life and disability  
18 insurance), four weeks of vacation annually, and moving expenses. These monies are expected to come  
19 from contributions made by the membership of this new work, and from financial support raised by you.  
20 It is understood that you will work with Gulf Coast Presbytery, its MNA Committee, and its newly  
21 formed Commission in regards to informing the churches and individuals of the presbytery and others  
22 who are interested in the needs and God's working through your leadership in this ministry, as you build a  
23 financial and prayer support base for this ministry. The terms of your call will be effective immediately,  
24 October 13, 2009.

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26 The call above was approved by the Gulf Coast Presbytery MNA Committee of the Presbyterian Church  
27 in America on September 9, 2009, for submission to the Gulf Coast Presbytery on October 13, 2009.

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31 *David Anderegg*

*Paul Fowler*

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33 (Chairman, MNA Committee of GCP)

(Moderator of Gulf Coast Presbytery)

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**APPENDIX I**

# **MNA Report**

Mission to North America Committee of Gulf Coast Presbytery

*October 13, 2009, Tuesday 9:00 a.m. (CST)*

*Chair, Recording Clerk: TE David L. Anderegg, Jr.*

A. Meeting 9/9/09. Teleconference, 8:00 p.m. CDT. Members Present: RE Jim Richardson, TE Bill Tyson, TE Dave Anderegg. And special guest: TE David Young, TE Stephen Cloud.

B. Meeting 10/13/09. Niceville, FPC, at Presbytery, at noon CDT. Members Present: RE Jim Richardson, TE Bill Tyson, TE Dave Anderegg, TE Jim Bryars, TE Bobby Gardner, TE Mo Leverette. And special guests: TE Curt Moore (MNA), TE David Young, TE Stephen Cloud, TE Cliff Wilcox, TE Scott Seidler.

C. The 10/13/09 meeting was opened in prayer by TE Jim Richardson.

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

A. Dissolved by Presbytery, February 2009. Though the MNA Committee continues to be responsible for remaining members, no efforts were made since May to contact any of the last three families remaining who at that time had not yet moved their membership: Maggie & Jerry Adams, Ron Davis, and Joe & Sue O'Lear. Efforts will continue to see each member transferred to another congregation

## **II. Door of Hope Mission (Tallahassee, FL)**

A. The work at 'Door of Hope' Mission was discussed briefly as well.

B. Door of Hope continues to rehab it's building. A bldg permit has now been issued.

C. Door of Hope is meeting intermittently during the summer for worship with approximately 15-20 in attendance. Door of Hope continues to have some serious financial concerns. Joe took a cut in pay in August. Jim Bryars will be contacting him for encouragement.

## **III. Crestview Mission (Crestview, FL)**

A. The Crestview Mission is a daughter-church mission effort by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ft. Walton Beach, FL, and First Presbyterian Church of Niceville, FL.

B. After much deliberation the steering committee, comprised of members and staff from both FPC Niceville, and WPC Fort Walton Beach, requested that the MNA Committee issue a call to TE David Young.

C. TE David Young, of Lenox S. Dakota, has felt called to church planting for a number of years. He shared his sense of call to this Crestview plant which has been growing for more than a year. He believes that Crestview plant is a good fit for he and his family, and looks forward to work with, train, prepare, disciple military members.

## **IV. Pace Mission**

A. TE Cliff Wilcox, or North Florida Presbytery, gave us an update concerning his activities:

1. Cliff has been focusing his efforts on raising support. Efforts include letters, phone calls and personal visits with churches in our Presbytery and beyond.

2. His home, his needs, etc...

## **V. Lillian Mission (Lillian, AL)**

A. TE Stephen Cloud, official pulpit supply, and TE David Crenshaw, who is volunteering, continue to labor to establish a mission church in Lillian AL. weekly worship services are now attended on average by approx. 40 people.

B. An oversight commission is in place, and has met once since our May Presbytery meeting.

C. Per TE Stephen Cloud's request, and after some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and carried to call TE Stephen Cloud to be a full-time church planter.

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

2 A.MNA continues to be concerned about Faith Presbyterian in Robertsdale, and TE Tom Barnes.

3 B.Though TE Barnes has labors diligently, membership and attendance. be many efforts have been

4 C.FPC's financial situation is also of grave concern. Because of a lack of funds, TE Barnes is no longer  
5 receiving a salary. In addition, FPC Christian School has now closed, and there are insufficient funds to  
6 make these payments. The Mortgagor is currently working with FPC at this time to delay any kind of  
7 foreclosure proceedings. Another church is negotiating a lease, which will help make the mortgage  
8 payment. And an adjoining parcel of land owned by the church has been sold or is under contract. These  
9 funds will also help. Even so, the situation is serious.

10 D.TE Tom Barnes health has also become a serious issue of concern. Prayer was offered for Tom and his  
11 family.

12 **VII. MNA Disaster Relief (TE Curt Moore)**

13 A.TE Curt Moore came to our GCP October Meeting and told us about the Disaster Response Training  
14 Workshop, to be held at the Mercy Ministry Seminar in Chattanooga. TE Moore encouraged our  
15 participation; saying that it would assist, encourage, and further our preparations here in our GCP MNA  
16 Disaster Relief Sub-Committee. In addition, he committed to personally assist us in further preparatory  
17 work, asking that we send him membership contact information...

18 **VIII. Committee Actions Taken**

19 A.M/S/C 9/9/09 Mtg: That GCP call Stephen Cloud to be the pastor/planter of the Lillian Mission, with a  
20 salary of 45k, housing allowance of 30k, plus benefits. Funds will need to be raised by the planter to  
21 accomplish this. (See the attached call)

22 B.M/S/C 9/9/09 Mtg: That GCP call David Young to be the pastor/planter of the Crestview Mission, with  
23 a salary of 45k, housing allowance of 30k, plus benefits, and moving expenses. Not withstanding funds  
24 already committed to this plant by GCP in February 2008, it the responsibility of the planter to raise these  
25 funds. (See the attached call)

26 C.M/S/C 9/9/09 Mtg: That GCP establish an Oversight Commission to function as a provisional session  
27 for the Crestview Mission, comprised of: RE Jim Richardson, RE Bob Burnet, TE Bill Tyson, TE Joe  
28 Grider.

29 D.MSC 10/13/09 Mtg: That GCP postpone and relocate Clif Wilcox's installation service designated for  
30 this October meeting of Gulf Coast Presbytery, appointing a commission, comprised of RE Ray Myers, RE  
31 Richard Wilcox, RE Robert Oaks, and TE Robert Looper, TE Timothy Rote, TE Arnie Maves, to install  
32 Clif Wilcox, at an installation service on November 15, 2009, 6:00 pm, at McIlwain Presbyterian Church,  
33 Pensacola, FL.

34 E.MSC 10/13/09 Mtg: That GCP appoint a commission to install TE David Young, comprised of RE Jim  
35 Richardson, RE Bob Burnet, RE Earl Smith, TE Bill Tyson, TE Joe Grider, TE Dennis Shackelford, to  
36 install TE David Young on (DATE), at (TIME), at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Fort Walton Beach,  
37 FL. (TE Bill Tyson requested that the Date/Time/Place tba)

38 F.MSC 10/13/09 Mtg: That GCP appoint a commission to install TE Stephen Cloud, comprised of RE Don  
39 Roe, RE Paul McLain, RE Tom Roberson, TE David Anderegg, TE David Crenshaw, TE Rick Fennig, on  
40 November 15, 2009, 1:00 p.m., at Lillian Fellowship, Lillian, AL.

41 **IX. Adjourn**

42 A. The 10/13/09 meeting was closed in prayer by TE Mo Leverette.  
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