

MINUTES
116th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Pines
February 11, 2017
Presbyterian Church of Ruston, Louisiana

CONSTITUTION

With all constitutional requirements being met, and in accordance to the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery, Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Ruston, Louisiana. He offered the opening prayer.

The following attendance was taken, with a quorum being present:

Teaching Elders/Minister of the Word and Sacrament in Active Service

Albright, John	present	Leonard, Jason	present
Arnold, John	present	Moody, Allison	present
Arnold, Susan	present	Morgan, Mike	present
Berger, Sara Anne	excused	Reinowski, Tom	excused
Branch, Alford	present	Saathoff, Seth	excused
Cooper, Harry	excused	Scott, John	present
Currie, Chris	excused	Sentell, Beth	present
Faris, Philip	present	Seo, Jungsuk	present
Farrell, Julia Nance	excused	Stipp-Bethune, David	present
Freeman, Jim	excused	VanHook, Jim	present
Hignight, Kathleen	present	Wortham, George	present
Kaye, Erin	present		

Teaching Elders/Ministers of Word and Sacraments in Validated Service

Giddens, James	excused	Hill, Joe	present
Hignight, J. Daniel	present		

Teaching Elders/Ministers of Word and Sacraments Honorably Retired

Brown, Dianne	excused	McLarty, Philip	excused
Burns, Ralph	excused	Moore, Lauren	present
Grisso, Lee	excused	Nygaard, Robin	excused
Groves, Grant	excused	Snydeer, Maetta	excused
Kennedy, Mark	excused	Stipp, Rhodes	excused
Kim, Stephen	excused	Tompkins, Jerry	excused
Loomis, Dan	present	Vance, Art	excused
McClelland, John	excused	Willis, Bill	excused
McDowell, Bryan	excused	Yates, Hugh	excused

Ruling Elders Commissioned by Sessions

Athens	absent	Bossier City Trinity	Linda Copple
Baskin	excused	Camden	Michael Harris
Bastrop	Jeanne Anders	Carthage	absent
Belcher	Dan Logan	Tates Bluff	Betsy Carroll
Benton	excused	Choudrant	Anita Gray
Bossier City Korean	absent	Crossett	Susan Pendergrass
		Dermott	absent

El Dorado	Jim Bennett	Plain Dealing CG	Kitty Coyle
Ferriday	absent	Plain Dealing First	absent
Frierson	Beverly White	Rayville Alto	excused
Grand Cane	absent	Rayville Rayville	Sandra Watson
Haynesville	absent	Ruston	Nancy Bergeron
Hermitage	absent	Shreveport Broad.	Barbara Callaway
Homer	Susan Herring	Shreveport First	Julie Blue
Hope	absent		Sie Selby ?
Jonesville	Martha Brailier	Shreveport Hwood	absent
Keatchie	absent	Shreveport J Calvin	Sheryl Nix
Lake Providence	absent	Shreveport St Andrew	absent
Lake Village	absent	Tallulah	absent
Magnolia	Martine Boumtje	Texarkana	Maggie Morgan
Mansfield First	absent	Vidalia	absent
Mansfield Red Lick	absent	Vivian	absent
Monroe	Sharon Scioneaux	Warren	excused
Monticello First	absent	West Monroe	Ruth Smith
Monticello HC	Kiln Hamiter, Sr.	Winnfield	absent
Natchitoches	Richard Rose	Winnsboro	Franklin Clay
Newellton	absent		

Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations

Edith Hill	present	Webber, Clyde Ray	absent
Travis, Kay Childs	present		

Ruling Elders Enrolled in Presbytery

Boumtje, Pierre	present	Lamkin, Corbet	present
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Corresponding Members Seated

Hicks, Bonnie	Vera Lloyd Homes
McConnell, Bill	Mission Agency, TE Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

WELCOME BY HOST CHURCH

Edith Hill, CRE for the host church, welcomed the Council.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the Docket be approved.
2. That the Minutes of the 115th Stated Meeting be approved.
3. That Ruling Elder Pierre Boumtje be enrolled as a member of presbytery while service as Moderator of Presbytery, and that Ruling Elder Corbet Lamkin be enrolled as a member of Presbytery while serving as Moderator of Business Affairs Committee.
4. That Corresponding Members be seated.

That the following roll of Presbytery, as of December 31, 2016, be entered into record:

Teaching Elders Serving Congregations

Albright, John	Branch, Alford
Arnold, John	Cooper, Harry
Arnold, Susan	Currie, Chris
Berger, Sara Anne	Faris, Philip

Farrell, Julia
Freeman, Jim
Hignight, Kathleen
Kaye, Erin
Leonard, Jason
Moody, Allison
Morgan, Mike

Reinowski, Tom
Saathoff, Seth
Scott, John
Sentell, Beth
Seo, Jungsuk
Stipp-Bethune, David
Wortham, George

Teaching Elders in Validated Ministry
Giddens, James

Hignight, Daniel
Hill, Joe

Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired
Brown, Dianne
Burns, Ralph
Grisso, Lee
Groves, Grant
Kennedy, Mark
Kim, Stephen
McClelland, John
McDowell, Bryan

McLarty, Philip
Moore, Lauren
Nygaard, Robin
Snyder, Maetta
Stipp, Rhodes
Tompkins, Jerry
Willis, Bill
Yates, Hugh

Teaching Elders, At Large
Loomis, Dan

Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations
Hill, Edith

Travis, Kay
Webber, Clyde Ray

Certified Christian Educator
Hignight, Daniel

5. That Presbytery Elect members to the *Nominations and Representation Committee*:

Class of 2016
TE Maetta Snyder
RE Danny Logan
TE Julia Farrell

Class of 2017
RE Wayne Neuroth
TE Susan Arnold
RE Gordon Christy

Moderator: Julia Farrell

GENERAL PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Joe Hill, General Presbytery brought an oral report which was received as information

GREETINGS FROM VERA LLOYD HOME

Bonnie Hicks, Activities Director at Vera Lloyd gave a presentation about the Home.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY

Bill McConnell gave a presentation on the work of the Agency.

PRESENTATION BY MISSIONARIES LES & CINDY MORGANS

The Morgans gave a presentation on their work in Bangladesh

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF ORDER

Mike Morgan led a discussion on each of the proposed amendments to the Book of Order.

DISCUSSION ON THE PROPOSED MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

Joe Hill gave a brief overview of the proposed Manual.

LUNCH RECESS

At 12:30 p.m. the Moderator offered a prayer and declared the Council in recess for lunch.

PRESBYTERY RECONVENES

At 1:15 p.m. the body reconvened in the Sanctuary with a prayer by the Moderator.

WORSHIP WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Council was led in worship of Almighty God by liturgists Erin Kaye and John Scott. David Stipp-Bethune proclaimed the Word; Pierre Boumtje and Erin Kaye celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

During the service Joe Hill led the body in a Service of Celebration upon the honorable retirement of the Rev. Dr. Dan Loomis. The body joined in the commissioning of Les and Cindy Morgan, members of First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport, to continued service as missionaries of the PCUSA. The Necrology of elders who had died in the past year was read during the Sacrament.

Following the service, the body moved to the Fellowship Hall to continue business

ORDERS OF THE DAY

The time having arrived, the Orders of the Day were taken up.

Vote on the Manual of Operations. The proposed Manual was presented vote. IT WAS VOTED to adopt it.

Vote on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order. The Proposed Amendments sent by the recent General Assembly were presented. THE VOTE ON EACH WAS:

16.A. Child and Youth Protection Policy	Passed
16.B. Parity in Committees	Passed
16.C. Ordered Ministries	Passed
16.D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person....	Passed
16.E. Certified Service Requirements	Passed
16.F. The Ministry of Members	Passed
16.G. Access to the Lord's Table	Passed
16.H. Revised Directory for Worship	Passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business Affairs Corbet Lamkin, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the Budget as presented

Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee Edith Hill, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery receive the report as information.

2. That the presbytery approve the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. David Stipp-Bethune as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, El Dorado, Arkansas, on February 26, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.
 - a. Preside Pierre Boumtje
 - b. Preach Timothy Reeves, Presbytery of Arkansas*
 - c. Installation Prayer Erin Kaye
 - d. Charge the Congregation Hamilton Singleton
 - e. Charge the Pastor Anna Gnann
 - f. Complete the Commission Philip Farris
 - g. * invited to sit with the Commission
3. That Presbytery approve the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Harry Cooper, Jr., as pastor of Good Hope Presbyterian Church, Frierson, Louisiana, on March 26, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.
 - a. Preside Joe Hill
 - b. Preach Jim Freeman
 - c. Installation Prayer Joe Etta Foster
 - d. Charge the Pastor Chris Curry
 - e. Complete the Commission Anna Kay Kidd, Mary Bethel
4. Enter into record the following actions taken by the Committee under Commission Powers granted by Presbytery:
 - a. Transferred the Rev. William Searight to Philadelphia Presbytery on November 17, 2016
 - b. Transferred the Rev. Lindsay Peery to Charlotte Presbytery on February 6, 2016.

Recruitment and Representation Committee Beth Sentell presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to elect the following :

Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee

Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Jim Freeman (Mod.)	Barbara Calloway (Vice Mod.)
Kathleen Hignight	Ed Evans
Chris Currie	Mary Bethel
Dudley Glenn	Beth Sentell
Sandra Watson	Sara Ann Berger
Martine Boumtje	John Scott

Ecclesiastical Business

Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Mike Morgan (Mod.)	Betty Jo Hays
Beverly White	Chris Brewster
Gordon Christy	Joe Etta Foster
Rhodes Stipp	John Scott
John Albright	Mike Morgan

Business Affairs

Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Kay Scott	John Arnold
Mike Dumas	Sara Ann Berger
Mike Morgan	Dana Stinson

Maribeth Frazier
Dumas Dan Logan

Mike

Vision and Mission

Class of 2017
Kay Travis (Mod.)
Karen Logan
Lisa Moon
Dianne Brown
PW Rep: Patty Kim

Class of 2018
Julia Farrell (Vice Mod.)
Donna Rose
Arthur Ghere
Alford Branch
Harry Cooper

Synod Commissioners

Class of 2017
2018 RE Edith Hill
TE

Class of
Mike Morgan

*Louisiana Board of
Publications*

Class of 2017
Nancy Bergeron
Julia Farrell

Class of 2018
Barbara Calloway
Donna Rose

Presbytery Trustees

Class of 2017
J. N.
Walpole
Joe Nixon

Vision and Mission Committee
was received as information.

John Scott, Moderator, presented the report which

ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

With all business being concluded, the Moderator declared the Council Adjourned and gave a closing prayer at 3:50 p.m.

MINUTES
117th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Pines
June 10, 2017
Homer Louisiana

CONSTITUTION

Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Homer, Louisiana, on June 10, 2017. He opened the meeting with prayer. The following roll was taken, those present constituting a quorum:

Ministers Serving Congregations

John Albright	Excused	Jason Leonard	Present
John Arnold	Excused	Allison Moody	Absent
Susan Arnold	Present	Mike Morgan	Present
Sara Anne Barger	Present	Tom Reinowski	Excused
Alford Branch	Excused	Seth Saathoff	Present
Harry Cooper	Present	John Scott	Present
Christ Currie	Excused	Beth Sentell	Excused
Philip Faris	Excused	Jungsuk Seo	Present
Julia Nance Farrell	Excused	David Stipp-Bethune	Excused
Jim Freeman	Present	Jim Van Hook	Excused
Kathleen Hignight	Present	George Wortham	Present
Erin Kaye	Present		

Ministers in Validated Ministries

James Giddens	Excused	Joe Hill	Present
Daniel Hignight	Present		

Ministers Retired

Dianne Brown	Present	Philip McLarty	Excused
Ralph Burns	Excused	Lauren Moore	Present
Lee Grisso	Excused	Robin Nygaard	Excused
Grant Groves	Excused	Maetta Snyder	Present
Mark Kennedy	Excused	Rhodes Stipp	Present
Stephen Kim	Excused	Jerry Tompkins	Excused
Daniel Loomis	Excused	Bill Willis	Excused
John McClelland	Present	Hugh Yates	Excused
Bryan McDowell	Excused		

Ruling Elders Commissioned to Congregations

Edith Hill	Present	Clyde Ray Webber	Excused
Kay Childs Travis	Excused		

Ruling Elders Enrolled in Presbytery

Pierre Boumtje	Present		
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Elder Commissioners

Alto	Excused	Bastrop	Absent
Athens	Sherline Carver	Belcher	Dan Logan
Baskin	Excused	Benton	Excused

BC Korean	Absent
BC Trinity	Dana Stinson
Camden	Absent
Carthage	Absent
Chidester	John McGill
Choudrant	Absent
Crossett	Susan Pendergrass
Dermott	Frank Henry, Jr.
El Dorado	Absent
Ferriday	Absent
Frierson	Charles White
Grand Cane	Absent
Haynesville	Absent
Homer	Susan Herring
Hope	Betty Jo Hays
Johnsville	Absent
Jonesville	Martha Brallice
Keatchie	Absent
Lake Provid.	Absent
Lake Vlg.	Absent
Magnolia	Martine Boumtje
Mansfield 1 st	Absent
Mansfield RL	Absent
Monroe	Absent
Monticello HC	Absent
Monticello 1 st	Sam Snyder
Natchitoches	Donna Rose
Newellton	Excused
Pl. Dealing CG	Absent
Pl. Dealing 1 st	Absent
Rayville	Excused
Ruston	Wayne Neuroth
S'port B-moor	Christy Kennedy
S'port 1 st	David Butterfield
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S'port H'wood	Absent
S'port JC	Excused
S'port St. A	Absent
Tallulah	Absent
Texarkana	Maggie Morgan
Vidalia	Absent
Vivian	Absent
Warrant	Judy Adams
W. Monroe	Sarah Young
Winnfield	Absent
Winnsboro	Absent

DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

The body moved immediately to the Worship of Almighty God with participants from many of the agencies and institutions supported by Presbytery. Ruling Elder Bernadette Coffee, Moderator of the Synod of the Sun and Co-Moderator of the 20/20 Visioning Committee of the General Assembly proclaimed the Word. CRE Edith Hill and Minister Harry Cooper celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. The Docket of this meeting be adopted.
2. The Minutes of the February 11, 2017, meeting be approved as circulated.
3. The following Corresponding Members be seated:
Ruling Elder Bernadette Coffee, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Tx, Moderator of the Synod of the Sun.
Ruling Elder Valerie Young, Synod of the Sun Interim Leader and Stated Clerk.
4. That Privilege of the Floor be granted to the following:
Richard Dunsworth, President, University of the Ozarks
Emily Fausett, Solar Under the Sun
5. That the Minutes of the Administrative Commissions to Ordain Lisa Schrott and to Dissolve First Church, Fordyce, be entered into record.

GENERAL PRESBYTER'S & TREASURER'S REPORT

Joe Hill, General Presbyter, gave an Oral Report which was received as information, and distributed a financial report.

REPORT OF SYNOD COMMISSIONER

Edith Hill, Ruling Elder Commissioner to Synod, presented an oral report.

MISSIONS GREETINGS AND REPORTS

Rick Dunsworth, President of the University of the Ozarks, brought greetings and presented a short program about the University.

Jungsuk Seo presented a report on the Korean's church's mission trip to Haiti.

LUNCH RECESS

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m., with a prayer by the Moderator.

RECONVENE

The Moderator reconvened the body at 1:00 p.m. with prayer

MISSIONS GREETINGS AND REPORTS

Pierre and Martine Boumtje presented a report on their continued and proposed mission work in Cameroon.

Bernadette Coffee presented the work of the 20/20 Vision Committee of the General Assembly.

Emily Fausett presented a report on the Solar Under the Sun.

Valerie Young presented a report on the mission and offerings of the Synod of the Sun.

CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

Jim Freeman, Moderator, presented an oral report which was received as information.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business being concluded, the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. He offered a closing prayer.

MINUTES
118th Stated Meeting
Presbytery of the Pines
El Dorado, Arkansas
October 21, 2017

CONSTITUTION

The Presbytery met in Stated Meeting on October 21, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in El Dorado, Arkansas. Moderator Pierre Boumtje called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel and offered the opening prayer.

The following attendance was taken, showing a quorum was present:

Ministers

Albright, John	present	Hill, Joe	
Arnold, John		present	
excused		Kaye, Erin	
Arnold, Susan	excused	present	
Berger, Sara Anne	excused	Leonard, Jason	present
Branch, Alford	present	Moody, Allison	excused
Cooper, Harry	present	Morgan, Mike	present
Currie, Chris		Reinowski, Tom	excused
present		Saathoff, Seth	present
Faris, Philip		Scott, John	
present		excused	
Farrell, Julia Nance	present	Sentell, Beth	
Freeman, Jim	present	excused	
Giddens, James	excused	Seo, Jungsuk	present
Hignight, Dan	present	Stipp-Bethune, David	present
Hignight, Kathleen	present	VanHook, Jim	excused
		Wortham, George	present

Ministers, Honorably Retired

Brown, Dianne	excused	McLarty, Philip	excused
Burns, Ralph		Moore, Lauren	present
excused		Nygaard, Robin	excused
Grisso, Lee		Snydeer, Maetta	excused
excused		Stipp, Rhodes	present
Groves, Grant	excused	Tompkins, Jerry	excused
Kennedy, Mark	excused	Vance, Art	
Kim, Stephen	excused	excused	
McClelland, John	excused	Willis, Bill	excused
McDowell, Bryan	excused		

Elders Enrolled in Presbytery

Boumtje, Pierre present

Elders Commissioned to Congregations

Hill, Edith present
 Travis, Kay Childs present

Webber, Clyde Ray excused

Elders Commissioned by Sessions

Athens	absent	Johnnie Travis	
Baskin		Magnolia	Martine Boumtje
excused		Mansfield First	absent
Bastrop	absent	Mansfield Red Lick	absent
Belcher	Dan	Monroe	Kathy
Logan		Dyatt	
Benton		Monticello First	absent
excused		Monticello HC	absent
Bossier City Korean	absent	Natchitoches	Ed Evans
Bossier City Trinity	excused	Newellton	absent
Camden		Plain Dealing CG	absent
excused		Plain Dealing First	absent
Carthage	absent	Rayville Alto	excused
Chidester, Tates Bluff	Corbet Lamkin	Rayville	Sandra
Choudrant, Alabama	absent	Watson	
Crossett	Susan	Ruston	Betty Sheeler
Pendergrass		Shreveport Broad.	Peggy Thompson
Dermott	absent	Shreveport First	Lyn Honza
El Dorado	Jim Bennett		
Ferriday	absent	Michelle Philan	
Frierson	absent	Shreveport Hwood	absent
Grand Cane	absent	Shreveport J Calvin	excused
Haynesville	absent	Shreveport St Andrew	absent
Hermitage	absent	Tallulah	absent
Homer	Becky	Texarkana	Maggie
Bays		Morgan	
Hope		Vidalia	absent
excused		Vivian	absent
Johnsville	absent	Warren	
Jonesville	Gail Bean	excused	
Keatchie	Dudley	West Monroe	absent
Glenn		Winnfield	absent
Lake Providence	absent	Winnsboro	Frank Clay
Lake Village			

Corresponding Members Seated
Copley, Steve, UMC, Interfaith Arkansas Director

Worship with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper The Presbytery was led in Worship of Almighty God. Chris Currie proclaimed the Word, with liturgists Lynace Pabst Veit, Emily Wernsdorfer (Program Direct, Ferncliff), Dan Hignight, David Stipp-Betune. Erin Kaye and Pierre Boumtje celebrated the Eucharist.

Welcome by Host Church David Stipp-Bethune, pastor of the host church brought a welcome to the body.

Stated Clerk's Report

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following motions:

1. The Docket for this meeting be approved.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting be approved.
3. Corresponding members be seated.
4. Enter into Minutes the deaths of Honorably Retired members Hugh Yates on August 23, 2017, and Dan Loomis on September 14, 2017.
5. Enter into Minutes that the Trustees of Presbytery transferred these properties:
 - a. the former First Church Fordyce, Arkansas, to Big Red, a non-profit organization
 - b. a property in Emmet, Arkansas, to the city of Emmet.
6. That the Manual of Operations, Section X, Trustees, be amended by adding following at the end of the paragraph beginning "The Board of Trustees of the Presbytery shall be composed of..."
The signatures of the Stated Clerk and any two trustees shall be sufficient for signing legal documents, following actions taken by a quorum of Trustees.
7. That the Plan of Merger between First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, Louisiana, and Highland Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, be approved

Plan for Merger

The First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Louisiana, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Highland Presbyterian Church of West Monroe, Louisiana, Presbyterian Church (USA).

History

In the summer of 2016, The First Presbyterian Church of Monroe completed the sale of the church plant on Stubbs Ave., Monroe, Louisiana, to The Walk in the Word Church of Monroe. At that time, the Session of Highland Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, invited the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, to join them in worship, ministry and mission. The congregation of First Presbyterian Church accepted this invitation and the first joint service of worship was held on Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016. Since that date, these two congregations have been unifying their mission and ministry at the Highland location in West Monroe. The Sessions of both churches have also been holding joint meetings and have led the congregation in discernment conversations concerning mission and identity. We have come to the understanding that the time has come for a formal merger of the two congregations and the creation of a new church.

Plan of Union

1. The congregations of First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, Louisiana, and Highland Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, held a concurrent Meeting of the Congregation on September 24, 2017 to vote on the merger. The merger was approved by a unanimous vote.

2. During that meeting the Congregation approved the following Articles of Agreement for Merger:
 - a. That the new congregation merger will become effective on January 1, 2018.
 - b. That the name of the new congregation shall be New Iona Presbyterian Church.
 - c. That the Session of the New Iona Presbyterian Church shall be composed of 9 members with 3 classes serving 3 year terms. These 9 members will be presented by a committee composed of current Session members from both current congregations.
 - d. That all property: real property, funds or investment, that are in the name of Highland Presbyterian Church and in the name of The First Presbyterian Church shall be transferred to the New Iona Presbyterian Church.
 - e. That the Session of New Iona Presbyterian Church shall determine the disposition of Memorial Gifts of both churches.
 - f. That the Rev. George Wortham be called to serve as pastor of the New Iona Presbyterian Church, and that the call will be presented to the Presbytery of the Pines for approval.
 - g. That the Session of New Iona Presbyterian Church will draft and adopt the Bylaws of the new church.

General Presbyter's Report

Joe Hill presented an oral report.

Orders of the Day

Recognition of Lynace Pabst Veit becoming a Certified Christian Educator.

The Presbytery was led in service of celebration for Lynace Pabst Veit, Christian Educator at First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, who completed all the requirements to become a Certified Christian Educator in the PCUSA. The service was led by Jim Freeman, Julia Farrell, Barbara Callaway, Dan Hignight, and Pierre Boumtje.

Visioning of Presbytery

Erin Kaye, co-moderator of the committee, gave an update on the work of the committee. A "Wittenberg Door" was available on which presbyters were asked to pin their suggestions and thoughts on what Presbytery should be doing or improving.

Memorial Services

David Stipp-Bethune led a memorial service for the Rev. Dr. Dan Loomis. Joe Hill led a memorial service for the Rev. Hugh Yates.

Lunch Recess

The body broke for a lunch recess. Dan Hignight offered a prayer.

Presbytery Reconvenes

The Moderator called the body to order and offered a prayer

Greetings

Steve Copley, Director of Interfaith Arkansas brought greetings to the assembled. and gave an overview of the work of the organization.

Emily Wernsdorfer of Ferncliff Camps and Conference Center brought greetings and updated the body on the mission of the Center, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance depot at the Center.

Business Affairs Committee

Dan Logan presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. That the financial report of September 30, 2017, be received as information.
2. That the balance sheet of September 30, 2017, be received as information.
3. That Presbytery adopt the following distribution percentage for UMS receipts for 2018:

Presbytery of the Pines	90%
Synod of the Sun	5%
General Assembly	5%
4. That Presbytery adopt the 2018 *per capita* as:

General Assembly	\$7.73
Presbytery	\$3.25
5. That Joe Hill be elected Treasurer of Presbytery for 2018
6. That the draft Operating Budget for 2018 be received as information.

Congregational and Pastor Care Committee

Jim Freeman, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to adopt the following recommendations:

1. The committee recommends that the minimum terms of call for ministers of word and sacrament in 2018 be adjusted as listed below. The change will result in an increase of \$3,000 in Salary/Housing in order to match the minimum participation level of the Board of Pensions. Also to be included in minimum terms is a sabbatical in keeping with the Presbytery's sabbatical policy previously approved by Presbytery as guidelines. Any variance from the minimum terms of call would need to be approved by the CPCC.

Proposed Minimum Terms of Call for 2018

- Salary/Housing \$44,000
- Pension/Medical 16,280
- Travel Reimburse. 3,300
- Cont. Ed./Profess. 300
- Soc. Sec. offset ½
- Vacation 4 weeks
- CE Leave 2 weeks
- Sabbatical Policy of Presbytery to apply as part of call

2. That Trinity Church, Bossier City, Louisiana, be granted permission to lease a portion of their property to the area judicatory of the Church of the Nazarene for a new church development with Trinity to receive \$1,000 a month.
3. That Presbytery approve the following Terms of Call to George Wortham called to serve as pastor of the New Iona Presbyterian Church, the merged congregation formed from the former First Church, Monroe, Louisiana, and Highland Church, West Monroe, Louisiana, effective January 1, 2018.
 - a. Annual Cash Salary: \$34,000.00
 - b. Housing Allowance: \$20,000.00
 - c. ½ SECA \$4,131.00
 - d. Board of Pensions in full
 - e. Professional Expenses \$5,000.00
 - f. Medical Savings Account \$2,500.00
 - g. Vacation: 4 weeks
 - h. Continuing Education: 2 weeks.

4. That Presbytery appoint the following Commission to Install George Wortham as pastor of the New Iona Presbyterian Church on January 7, 2018, 5:00 p.m., at the New Iona Presbyterian Church, West Monroe, Louisiana:

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| Preside and Propound Constitutional Questions | MWS Joe Hill |
| To Preach the Sermon | RE Nancy Bergeron |
| Lead Installation Prayer | RE Flora Tucker |
| To Charge the Congregation | RE Donna Tiser |

To Charge the Pastor
Ecumenical Delegates Invited to Sit with Commission:
Dr. Larry Johnson, Mrs. Denise Pani, Rev. Dr. Robbie Williams

MWS Dan Hignight

5. That the following changes be made to the Glassell Fund Guidelines Application:
To add: C. (1) f. Any church professional of presbytery for use to fund Continuing Education for a course of study approved by the Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee.
To strike C. (4) and replace with: C. (4) Grants from the A. C. Glassell Fund shall be made by the Congregational and Pastoral Care Committee.

Rationale: The committee recognizes that the Glassell Fund might be better used as a source of funding that included renewal and educational opportunities for church professionals and as support of sabbatical leave.

Leadership Council

George Wortham, Moderator, presented an oral report for information.

Vision and Mission Committee

Kaye Travis, Moderator, presented an oral report for information.

Recruitment and Representation Committee

Julia Farrell, Moderator, presented the report. IT WAS VOTED to elect the following Commissioners, YAAD, and Alternates to the General Assembly meeting in 2018:

	Principal	Alternate
Minister of Word & Sacrament	Erin Kaye	Sarah Ann Berger
Ruling Elder	Edith Hill	Pedro Pizzorro
YAAD	Chet Andrews	Kelly Brock

Installation of the Moderator-Elect

Pierre Boumtje, Moderator, and Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk, led a service of Installation where Erin Kaye, Moderator-Elect was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of the Pines.

Adjournment

With all business being concluded, Moderator Kaye adjourned the meeting with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Pierre Boumtje, Moderator

Dan Hignight, Stated Clerk