

**‘APPROVED MINUTES’
ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH STATED MEETING
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ARKANSAS
UNIVERSITY OF THE OZARKS, CLARKSVILLE, ARKANSAS
FEBRUARY 18-19, 2011**

The 116th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Raymond Munger Memorial Chapel at University of the Ozarks, Clarksville on Friday, February 18, 2011 following three pre-presbytery workshops (Clerk of Session Training, Summer Vacation Bible School/Sunday School for Children, and New Form of Government) attended by 74 people.

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER

MWS Debra Carl Freeman, presbytery moderator, called the meeting to order, lit the Christ candle, and gave the opening prayer. **Docket (as amended for the addition of new business from Presbyterian Women and Committee on Ministry) was approved by VOTE.** She announced cell phones, wifi access in the chapel, breaks as needed, the four packets, thanked the host university, reminded speakers to the body to address the moderator, reference the packet and page number for reports.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT: Catherine L. Allsbury, Chip Andrus, Bill Bailey, Leslie F. Belden, Nancy Benson-Nicol, Robert Brian Brock, D. Breckinridge Castleman, Lance Clemmons, Jeff Cranton, Fern M. Davis, David H. Dyer, Ruskin Falls, Dan Festa, Alan Ford, Debra Carl Freeman, James Daniel Freeman, Bill Galbraith, Gordon F. Garlington III, David E. Gill, Jesus Juan Gonzalez, Susan Gray, Robert Hadley, Steve Hancock, Terry Hart, Al Henager, Randi Henderson, Marion A. Humphrey, Ron Jones, Tracy Y. Julian, Judith Kelley, Andrew King, Craig King, John E. King, Kendal Land, Frank LeBlanc, Robert Lowry, Carl McCormack, Melissa McNair-King, Steve Merrin, Larry Mitchell, Jeff Parker, Camille LeBron Powell, Emmett Powers, Jeff Price, Dennis Ritchie, Leslie Bethell Roper, Susan Rose, Anne Russ, Lacy Sellars, Georgia Senor, Kenneth Shaw, Shauna Silmon, J. Stewart Smith, Debbie Spangler, Rebecca Spooner, Nancy Taylor, Drew Travis, Catherine Ulrich, Thomas A. Ulrich, Michael Vinson, Donn L. Walters, Marci Ward, Daniel Wooley.

Honorably Retired Active Ministers: Ben H. Bateman, Dennis R. Bennett, Guy Delaney, Orin M. Frank, William F. Henning, James B. Miller, Richard H. Miller, Jerry Rice, Richard Shinkle, Joe Tropansky, W. Kennedy Upham, Don Wardlaw, Darwin Wolfe. **Honorably Retired Non-Active Ministers:** William A. Rail.

ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CONGREGATIONS: First, Alma, Manford Burris; Alpine, Amity, Thomas A. Robertson, Jr.; First, Arkadelphia, Amanda Matthews; First, Batesville, Lauren Cambias and Hope Spragins; First, Beebe, Jerry Jackson; Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista, David Guarncia; First, Benton, Emily Laurel; First, Bentonville, Ila Blackketter Wolfe and Cathy Rogers; Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals, Pat Erlewine; First, Clarksville, Heather Patton; Harmony, Clarksville, Cindy

Lanphear; First, Conway, Terrance Love and Jim Watkins; First, Dardanelle, Wallace G. Thacker Jr.; First, Eureka Springs, Kim Dewey; Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay, Vernie Holdman; First United, Fayetteville, Derrik Olson and Logan Woodruff; Mt. Comfort, Fayetteville, Brad Wallace; Graham Memorial, Forrest City, Donnie Jones; Central, Fort Smith, Janis McClure; First, Fort Smith, Mary Jackson and Spencer Stillman; Good Shepherd, Greenwood, Ed Wilkinson; First, Gurdon, Royce Robbins; Spring River, Hardy, Ruth Harrod; First, Harrison, Gwen Hoffmann; First, Heber Springs, Merrellyn Stark; Holiday Island, Carol Ann Schneider; Faith, Horseshoe Bend, Bill Lewis; First, Hot Springs, Kathy White; Westminster, Hot Springs, Chuck Clark; Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village, Jerral Johnson; First, Huntsville, Nancy Marsh; First, Jonesboro, Linda Norvell; Grace, Little Rock, Linda Hanson; Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Charles Gray; Second, Little Rock, Jackson Farrow, Matt Christenson, Joe Henry, Alan Diekman; Trinity, Little Rock, Rob Griffin; Westminster, Little Rock, Art Ritter; Westover Hills, Little Rock, Kathy Balkman; First, Lonoke, Black Harrison; First, Malvern, Led Davis; First, McGehee, Jean Ashford; First, Mena, Bill Hays; First, Morrilton, Connie Wear; Hopewell, Morrilton, Susan Morris; First, Mountain Home, Sissy Wells; Mountainburg, Amber Hopwood; First, Newport, Bob Taylor; Barr Memorial, Norman, Noah Williamson; First, North Little Rock, Mike Dougherty; Park Hill, North Little Rock, Russell Mathis; First, Ozark, Deloris Alberty; Mount Vernon, Pea Ridge, Ron David; Central, Pine Bluff, Al Glover; First, Pine Bluff, Steve Matthews; First, Rogers, Susan Harp; Central, Russellville, Kellie Coker; First, Searcy, Scott Howard; First, Siloam Springs, Jason Foley; First, Springdale, David Buck; First, Van Buren, William R. Johnston; First, Walnut Ridge, Tona Crider; West Fork, Rosilee Mugley; Wynne Presbyterian, Corbin Brown; First, Yellville, LeNelle Cagle.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS: Ex-Officio Member of General Council Sam Highsmith; Elder Members of General Council: Chuck Blanton, Linda Castleman, Sheree Niece, Becky Williams; Elder Members of the Committee on Clusters: Ted Belden and Patty Minga; Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees: Al Glover, Clusters and Wayne Quinney, Congregational Care & Development. Elder Commissioners to General Assembly 219 (2010 Minneapolis) Madeleine Middleton and Robert Murphy; Moderator, Presbyterian Women Mary Beth Lysobey.

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Joshua Bridges, First, Beebe; Elizabeth Hardin, First, Gurdon; Kelly Pearson, First, Dardanelle; Claire Rhodes, West End, Arkadelphia; Kenneth Rhodes, West End, Arkadelphia; Roger Shields, First, Pocahontas.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Jeannie Ford, Linda LeBron, NiAnn Thompson. **Certified Associate Christian Educators:** Lynn Condra, Theresa Spragins, Susie Wright. **Christian Educators in Particular Churches:** Whitney Bordelon, Park Hill, North Little Rock; Kristi Button, First United, Fayetteville; Leigh Woodruff, First, Fort Smith.

YOUTH ADVISORY DELEGATES: 21 registered.

YOUNG ADULT DELEGATE ADVISORS: 2 registered.

VISITORS TO THIS MEETING OF PRESBYTERY: 49 registered.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Rita Wilson, Eastern Oklahoma; Nancy McSpadden, AR Presbytery, Cumberland Presbyterian; Melinda Hunt, Grace Presbytery; Bill Christman, John Calvin Presbytery; Maetta Snyder, Homestead Presbytery; Rick Young, Grace Presbytery; Barry Williams, John Calvin Presbytery.

MINISTERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Karen Kokles Akin, Janet B. Butin, Philip W. Butin, Kris Crawford, Lewis R. Donelson IV, James J. Farley III, Arthur Fogartie, Clare Martin Kelley, Mark Lenneville, Jennifer Lord, Timothy C. Reeves, Dari Rowen, David Schaller, Patricia Schaller.

HONORABLY RETIRED ACTIVE MINISTERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Art Bell, William W. Branch, Donald K. Campbell II, Thomas S. Carter, Heinrich B. Eiler, Richard Frothingham, Howard H. Gordon, Robert Hyatt, Sally Johnson, David S. King, Carlos Lopez, Bill McWeeny, Frederick A. Taylor.

MINISTERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Robert Cox, Clifton P. Ford, John Gibson, Byung-Mook Kim, Libby Lizarraga.

HONORABLY RETIRED ACTIVE MINISTERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Milton B. Davis, James P. Fleming, David Laverty, Burle D. Mattingly, Leila L. Power, C. Michael D. Seitz, Walter Swetnam, Donald Trent, J. Q. Williams.

SESSIONS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: West End, Arkadelphia; second commissioner Central, Fort Smith; One-O-One, Gamaliel; Woodlands, Hot Springs Village; First, Jacksonville; First, Little Rock; First, Marianna; First, Paragould; First, Prairie Grove; First, Stuttgart.

SESSIONS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Memorial, Atkins; Vaughn, Bentonville; First, Berryville; First, Brinkley; Cane Hill; Walnut Grove, Farmington; First, Gravette; First, Helena; Holly Grove; First, Lincoln; Allison, Little Rock; Faith, Pine Bluff; First, Pochontas; Cleburne Avenue, West Helena.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCES: Elizabeth Branch, Disaster Preparedness and Response.

AT-LARGE COMMISSIONERS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Ex-Officio Members of General Council Billy Stone; Elder Members of the Committee on Clusters Betty Anderson and Francis Holmes; Elder Moderators of Presbytery Committees John Alderson, Nominations.

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS WITH EXCUSED ABSENCE: Bill Brown, West Fork; Jim Keyes, 101, Gamaliel; Bruce Schlegel, Walnut Grove, Farmington and Cane Hill Presbyterian.

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS ABSENT WITHOUT EXCUSE: Bill Bush, First, Gravette; K. C. Chanthorn, Laotian, First, Fort Smith; Harlis Wright, Faith, Pine Bluff.

Stated Clerk announced enrollment at the gavel was 59 ministers and 74 elders, which constituted **a quorum present.**

WELCOME FROM HOST

President Rick Niece welcomed all to the campus and to the chapel, on behalf of First, Clarksville and Harmony Churches, welcomed the Weathermans from Lyon College and greeted Sheree Niece, first Lady of Ozarks. He thanked churches for their belief in Ozarks, reported on the freshmen numbers, construction on campus (conference center and exercise facility/aerobics area and seventh residence hall). They are concluding a five-year campaign on heels of prior campaign. He thinks what Ozarks is about: connecting, learning and action, curiosity enriched, professional preparation and liberal education, integrity, leadership, servanthood, and Christian faith since 1834. He shared blessings and gratitude for the Presbyterian presence.

WELCOME TO FIRST-TIME ELDER COMMISSIONERS

The Stated Clerk asked these to stand or raise the Big Tent flyer in their hand: those who had been to a Presbyterian camp and conference center; had been to G.A. or PW Churchwide Gathering; run for an office and lost; attended a meeting and been overwhelmed by the paperwork; were from churches that had submitted annual statistical reports; and all first-time elder commissioners (16). They are invited to ask their questions during this meeting and return.

INTRODUCTION OF PRESBYTERY STAFF

Moderator Freeman introduced the following: Bill Galbraith, Pauline Rhodes, Brian Perry, NiAnn Thompson; Cathy Ulrich, Jesse Gonzalez, Whitney Bordelon and Michael Vinson; elected officers Sam Highsmith, David Dyer and Billy Stone.

SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS/ GRANTING PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Moderator Freeman welcomed the corresponding members listed in the enrollment and announced that Rick Young representing Board of Pensions would be available for conversations. All of those involved in giving reports automatically have privilege of the floor, and no additional people request privilege of the floor.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Ulrich made the report.

- 1) After a duly called meeting of the congregation, the First Presbyterian Church of Stuttgart requests permission from the Presbytery to sell a home, appraised at fifty-five thousand dollars, that has been bequeathed to the church. **PERMISSION WAS VOTED.**
- 2) First Presbyterian Church, Gurdon, after a duly called congregational meeting,

requests permission of Presbytery to sell a vacant lot, located at the corner of Main and South Third Streets at the current appraised value of \$3,000. **PERMISSION WAS VOTED.**

3) Melissa McNair-King (assoc. pastor, First, Bentonville) to serve on the Hispanic New Church Development Commission, taking the place of MWS Georgia Senor. **ELECTION WAS APPROVED.**

4) Minutes of commissions to install Lacy Sellars at First, Hot Springs and Andrew King and Melissa McNair-King at First, Bentonville have been received. These commissions are dissolved with the thanks of the Presbytery **BY VOTE.**

5) The final report from the Administrative Commission for Belair Presbyterian Church, Pine Bluff has been received and is available for any member of the Presbytery who would like to read it. That commission is now dissolved with the thanks of the Presbytery **BY VOTE.**

6) The clerk has received a letter of appreciation from Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons, thanking the presbytery for "full support of the 2010 per capita apportionment."

Stated Clerk announced that elder-training will be led by Stated Clerk of the PC(USA) Gradye Parsons on Saturday, June 4, 2011, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, during the 117th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas. If you are an elder serving on session, will serve on session, or have served on session, please plan for this unique opportunity to learn from one of our General Assembly officers. Also plan to attend the Elders Conference at The Big Tent this summer.

Ulrich also included an announcement urging churches to submit statistical reports.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator Freeman announced the following:

Tellers: MWSs David Dyer, Larry Mitchell, Georgia Senor, Elders Jim Watkins, First, Conway; and Karene Jones, Park Hill, NLR.

Leaves of Absence Committee: MWS Ruskin Falls, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock; Al Glover, Central, Pine Bluff; LeNelle Cagle, First, Yellville

REPORT OF GENERAL COUNCIL

General Council moderator MWS Debra Carl Freeman gave the report while Sam Highsmith moderated the meeting. The full report is in the appendix.

Discussions with respect to which the General Council took action, and makes recommendations to the Presbytery for action:

1. Using the new Vision Statement, a Task Force of the General Council reviewed and revised the responsibilities of the General Council as found in the Manual of Operations, pages 9-10. The format was revised to better categorize the Council's functions. Specifically, changes made were as follows:

- under membership – “The past Moderator of Presbytery shall be the Moderator of the General Council and shall be a voting member”. This change will increase the quorum, but will serve to ensure there are enough voting members.
- the number of ordinary meetings has been reduced from six to four per year. This is a natural flow from the reduction of the Presbytery meetings from four to three per year.

The Council approved the revised responsibilities and moves approval by the Presbytery.

Part II

The committees of the Presbytery of Arkansas shall seek to make visible the body of Christ through their purpose, responsibilities and membership.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council will serve as the visioning body of the presbytery, coordinating its mission, sometimes acting on its behalf in specific essential actions and encouraging a sense of unity and community.

VISIONING:

1. **Serve as the visioning body, including an annual review of the Presbytery’s vision.**
2. **Appoint special task forces of the General Council.**
3. **Provide oversight and coordination of the committees and task forces of the General Council.**

COORDINATING MISSION:

1. **Coordinate the mission and programs of the Presbytery.**
2. **Review and evaluate annually Presbytery’s mission and structure in light of the vision statement and the *Book of Order*.**
3. **Receive and provide for the implementation of referrals from the Presbytery. Ordinarily, response to requests for Presbytery action (other than those actions delegated to the General Council by the Manual of Operations) will be**
 - a. **by referring the request, with or without a recommendation as to its approval, to the appropriate committee or task force, or**
 - b. **by a vote of the members of the Presbytery at the next meeting of the Presbytery.**
4. **Plan the Presbytery’s meetings, the Presbytery’s worship, and approve all offerings to be taken at Presbytery meetings or in worship services of the Presbytery.**
5. **Work with the Stated Clerk to provide for the polity responsibilities of the Presbytery.**

ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY:

1. Be elected as the trustees of the Presbytery who will transact the legal business of the Presbytery.
2. Nominate individuals to the Presbytery to be elected to the Committee on Nominations.
3. In extraordinary cases, it may be essential that action be taken before the next Presbytery meeting and before a Presbytery meeting can be called. In such circumstances, the General Council may act on behalf of Presbytery to conduct such necessary and urgent business.

BUILDING UNITY AND COMMUNITY:

1. Develop, promote and encourage a sense of unity and community within the Presbytery of Arkansas.
2. Make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding the number of Clusters and their geographical boundaries.
3. Review Cluster effectiveness and groupings.

MEMBERSHIP:

The General Council shall have 15 elected voting members. One member shall be elected from each of the clusters no later than August 1st. Those elected will be an elder or clergy/certified church educator, depending on the year's rotation. Six will be nominated by the Committee on Nominations to give balance and inclusiveness to the Council and Council moderator can vote. When a cluster representative vacancy occurs, (i.e. moves to another area), the Cluster shall elect another representative following the initial guidelines.

The past Moderator of Presbytery shall be the Moderator of the General Council and shall be a voting member.

The following will be Ex officio members without vote:

The present Moderator of Presbytery shall be the Vice-moderator of the General Council

The Vice Moderator of the Presbytery

The General Presbyter

The Associate General Presbyter (if any)

The Assistant Stated Clerk

The Treasurer

<u>Election Year/Class of</u>	<u>Elders (from Cluster)</u>	<u>Clergy/Cert.Ed(from Cluster)</u>
2011 2014		Mid-Central(7) & Pulaski (9)
2012 2015	NW (1) & NE (3)	North Central (2)
2013 2016	South (5)	East (4) & West (6)
2014 2017	Mid-Central (7) Pulaski (9)	

MEETINGS:

The General Council will ordinarily meet four times a year including an annual retreat. A quorum shall be a majority of the currently serving elected voting members as determined by the records of the Presbytery office, but in no event shall a quorum be less than five elected voting members. Called meetings of the General

Council shall be at the request of two voting members and either the Moderator or Vice Moderator of the General Council.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The General Council shall report its work directly to the Presbytery by submitting a written report at every Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. This report shall be prepared by the Moderator, Vice-moderator of the Council and the Assistant Stated Clerk. The General Council shall not take any action contrary to the *Book of Order* or the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.”

Freeman explained the changes. **CHANGES IN THE MANUAL WERE VOTED.**

Discussions with respect to which the General Council took action (but no action on behalf of the Presbytery is required):

1. The Christian Education and Nurture Committee requested approval for communion to be administered Jan. 21-23 at Middle School Mission Retreat and approval for communion to be administered at Senior High YouthQuake on April 1-2 at Ferncliff with Presbyterian ministers officiating. Requests were approved.

2. The Congregational Care and Development Committee reported that the First Presbyterian Church of Berryville at a duly called meeting of the congregation on November 7, 2010 voted to “request that Presbytery elect an Administrative Commission to discuss the future direction for First Presbyterian Church of Berryville, including the possibility of dissolving the church and disposing of the assets.” At its regularly stated meeting on December 7, 2010 the Presbytery’s Committee on Congregational Care and Development voted to concur with the congregation’s request and submits the following motion for Presbytery action:

3. MOTION: That the Presbytery of Arkansas form an Administrative Commission for the purpose of considering the future direction of First Presbyterian Church of Berryville and taking appropriate action as may be necessary on behalf of the Presbytery. If dissolution of the Congregation is determined to be appropriate the Administrative Commission shall conclude the business of and otherwise close the Church with consideration given to the following specific responsibilities:

1. Arrange for transfer of all existing members and member records to the church of the member’s choice.
2. Conduct a service of worship to celebrate the life and ministry of the church.
3. Gather all pertinent records of the congregation and insure safe storage during the work of the Commission. These records include articles of incorporation and bylaws; membership records; financial records and annual audit reports; minutes of Session, Deacons and congregational meetings; property papers, titles and deeds; insurance policies; statistical records, congregational directories, bulletins, newsletters and artifacts including pictures of historical value. These records are to be used by the Commission, as needed, for closure of the Congregation and ultimately turned over to the Presbytery office for storage and/or conveyance to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
4. Locate the financial records of the church and turn all assets over to the Presbytery. These records include checking accounts, savings accounts, endowments and any and all investments.

5. Inventory and appropriately dispose of all moveable contents of the building and manse (if there is one). Special consideration shall be given to the possible use of these items by future or existing congregations as well as minimizing the cost of interim storage and oversight. Any monetary proceeds from the disposition of these items are to be turned over to Presbytery.
6. Obtain an appraisal of all real property. If the Commission determines that the property should be sold, obtain the services of a realtor to handle the sale. When the property is sold, insure that the proceeds are awarded to the Presbytery of Arkansas. If the Commission determines that the Presbytery should retain ownership of the real property then insure that a clear transfer of title and warranty deed is made to the Presbytery of Arkansas.
7. Insure that all utility, insurance, tax and legal issues are considered in the final disposition of any property and are completely dealt with prior to dissolution of the Commission.
8. Report to the Secretary of State and the County Clerk the closing of the church. Verify transfer of titles, warranty deeds, etc.
9. Report to the General Assembly the closing of the church.
10. Insure conveyance of all historical documents to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
11. Submit a final report of all actions taken by the Commission to the Presbytery (CC&D and the Stated Clerk). Remain convened until all actions necessary are taken to close the church, legal documentation is completed and ownership of all assets has been assumed by the Presbytery.
12. Every effort shall be made to complete the above tasks within nine months of formation of this Administrative Commission and within a budget of \$10,000, including property insurance premiums, facility maintenance, utilities, property appraisal, contents handling and general administrative expenses. All expenses of closure shall be paid from residual congregation assets. (CC&D is available to consider assistance with short term cash flow needs, if required.)

MOTION: That the following be elected to serve on the Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Berryville:

1. MWS Leslie Belden, Convener At Large
2. MWS Dick Shinkle Harrison, First
3. MWS Janet Butin Fayetteville, First United
4. MWS Clare Kelley Eureka Springs / Holiday Island
5. Elder Wayne Clark Berryville, First
6. Elder Carolyn Green Holiday Island
7. Elder Jim Pedersen Rogers, First

Berryville First Presbyterian Church Request to sell the manse

The First Presbyterian Church of Berryville at a duly called meeting of the congregation on November 7, 2010 voted to approve the sale of their manse and request that the Presbytery of Arkansas concur. At its regularly stated meeting on December 7, 2010 the Presbytery's Committee on Congregational Care and Development voted to concur with the congregation's request and submits the following motion for Presbytery action:

MOTION: That the Presbytery of Arkansas approve the sale of the manse of First Presbyterian Church, Berryville. GENERAL COUNCIL APPROVED ALL THREE REQUESTS.

Discussions with respect to which the General Council took action, and makes recommendations to the Presbytery for action:

1. At the General Council's meeting of November 6 it was recommended that Cluster VIII be dissolved and the churches in that cluster be allowed to move to other clusters. The churches in Cluster VIII have either made their choice known or been contacted as to which Cluster they would like to be involved in and it is the recommendation of the Committee on Clusters and the General Council that Cluster VIII be dissolved. DISSOLUTION WAS VOTED BY PRESBYTERY.

2. The dissolution of Cluster 8 will result in the need to make the following changes to the *MANUAL OF OPERATIONS*

Page 12: Clusters, "Purpose": "The clusters are to provide presbytery-wide representation on the General Council by electing a representative from each of the (delete nine) clusters to serve on the General Council."

Page 12: Clusters, "Membership": "The presbytery will be organized into (delete nine) clusters."

Page 14: Map of clusters will be adjusted to place the following churches in the clusters they have chosen:

First, Ozark, Cluster VII

First, Beebe, Cluster VII

Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay, Cluster VII

First, Heber Springs, Cluster VII

First, Jacksonville, Cluster IX

First, Lonoke, Cluster IX

First, Searcy, Cluster III

CHANGES TO THE MANUAL WERE VOTED BY PRESBYTERY.

3. The General Council moves that for the Feb., 2011 meeting of presbytery individual floor speech on the G.A. amendments should be limited to two minutes, alternating between pro and con and that commissioners use written ballot for amendment 10A. PRESBYTERY APPROVED THESE CONDITIONS FOR VOTING ON THE AMENDMENTS.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Stated Clerk moved approval of minutes of the 115th Stated Meeting of presbytery in October as amended to include MWS Joe Tropansky as present. **MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED.**

OPENING WORSHIP

After a break evening worship began at 7:20 p.m. with Moderator Freeman presenting the sermon, MWS Nancy Benson-Nicol, Inquirer Cameron Highsmith, MWS Tracy Julian,

Elders Ryan Smith and Bill Walmsley, MWSs Stewart Smith and Brian Brock participating. Officiating at communion by intinction were MWSs Bill Galbraith and Georgia Senor. Musicians were University of the Ozarks Chamber Singers and Sharon L. Gorman, organist. Elder Sam Highsmith was installed as presbytery moderator for 2011. The congregation gave \$1,807 to the Presbytery of Arkansas Scholarship at UofO.

PRESBYTERY IN RECESS

A dessert reception was hosted by President and Mrs. Rick Niece in the lobby of Walker Hall after worship ended at 8:45 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2011

Continental Breakfast was served in the lobby of Walton Fine Arts Building beginning at 7:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER, BUSINESS SESSION #2

Moderator Highsmith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and prayed. Candidate for Ministry Joy Carrington, under care of Greater Atlanta Presbytery, led worship as part of her requirements for ordination (bulletin in appendix).

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Committee Moderator MWS Bill Bailey gave the report.

Information and Recommendations from the November 16th and January 2nd Committee on Ministry Meetings: For Information Only

The following Ministers of Word and Sacrament were given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Arkansas:

- MWS Tom Carter HR to conduct the funeral for his father-in-law in Redding, Pennsylvania, on November 27, 2010.
- MWS Karen Akin to participate in a baptism, Sunday, February 20, 2011, at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina, Trinity Presbytery.
- MWS Rebecca Spooner to participate in a Disciples of Christ baptism.

The following request for validated ministry was approved:

- MWS Rebecca Spooner as Director of the Laurence Schmidt Center
- MWS Dari Rowen's interim covenant with Benton, First, was renewed for January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.
- MWS Terry Hart's interim covenant with Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals was renewed for January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.
- MWS David Schaller's covenant as designated pastor for Horseshoe Bend, Faith, was approved for a four-year term, April 1, 2011, until March 31, 2015.
- CLP William Brown's covenant with West Fork Presbyterian was renewed for January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011.
- MWS Leslie Belden was approved as Parish Associate for Fayetteville, First United, effective immediately until December 31, 2011.

--MWS Donn Walter's covenant as stated supply for Westminster, Little Rock, was renewed for January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.

--MWS Kris Crawford was dismissed from membership in Presbytery of Arkansas. She is now a member of Presbytery of the Pines.

--The closing service for Hot Springs, Highland, was held on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Motions before the Presbytery

1. Motions pertaining to MWS Rita Louise Wilson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yellville (faith statement in appendix):

a. Motion to enroll Rita Wilson as a member of Presbytery of Arkansas, pending her release from Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. She was introduced and gave her background. She left the room while discussion occurred.

b. Motion to approve the following terms of call with a start date of January 2, 2011:

Effective salary

Cash Salary \$30,000

Fair rental value of manse 6,000

Utilities Allowance 4,000

Total \$40,000

Reimbursable expenses

Automobile at \$.50 per mile \$ 3,000

Continuing Education 1,200

Moving Costs (up to) 5,000

Full medical, pension, disability, and Death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions

Paid Vacation 4 weeks/year; Paid Continuing Education 2 weeks/year

c. Motion to approve the installation of Rita Wilson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yellville, March 6, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., and to approve the following Administrative Commission:

Elder Sam Highsmith, Little Rock, Second, Moderator

MWS Nancy Taylor, Mountain Home, First

MWS Bill Galbraith, General Presbyter

MWS David Gill, Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center Director

Elder Keith Burt, Rogers, First

Elder Donna Farmer, Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista

Elder Dan Pierce, Yellville, First

MWS Dr. Courtney Furman, John Calvin Presbytery

The offering will be divided between Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center and Presbytery of Arkansas Scholarship—University of the Ozarks.

ALL THREE MOTIONS WERE APPROVED. She was welcomed back and members of First, Yellville were recognized.

2. Motions pertaining to MWS Dr. William J. Christman as Interim Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mena. He was introduced (faith statement in appendix), gave remarks, and he was escorted out.

a. Motion to enroll Dr. William Christman as a member of Presbytery of Arkansas, pending his release from John Calvin Presbytery

b. Motion to approve the following terms of the covenant with a start date of November 27, 2010, through November 26, 2011:

Salary \$20,000

Housing 6,000

Pension and Medical Benefits (full) 3,170

Moving Expenses (full) 0

Vacation 1 week per quarter

Continuing Education 1,200

(reimbursed as used and 1 week every six months)

Reimbursement of Ministry Expenses including:

Automobile at \$.50 per mile

The interim's mileage will include one round trip of 230 miles between Joplin and Mena per week and he will be spending 4 full days per week including Sundays at Mena with the manse being provided.

BOTH MOTIONS WERE APPROVED. Members of the Mena church were recognized. He returned and was greeted.

3. Motion to renew the revised Interim Pastor covenant between MWS Robert Lowry and Batesville, First, for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 with the following terms of the covenant:

Compensation Paid by Church

Annual Cash Salary \$ 8,000

Housing, Utilities 32,000

403(b) Pastor contribution 600

403(b) Church matching contribution 600

Sub-total \$ 41,200.00

Benefits Paid by Church:

Pension/Medical/Death/Disability \$ Full (est. \$ 11,288.35)

Social Security \$ 3,105.90 (based on 7.65% of compensation paid by church)

Sub-total \$ 14,394.25

Professional Reimbursement Paid by Church

Continuing Education/Book Allowance (as vouchered up to) \$ 3,000

Travel Expense (@IRS rate) up to max \$ 7,200

Professional Expense (as vouchered up to) \$ 1,956

Other \$Sub-Total \$ 12,200.00

Total \$ 67,690.20

Leave and other Compensation

Continuing Education Leave (including Sundays) 2 weeks

Paid Vacation Leave (including Sundays) 4 weeks

**Week of leave for work to the greater church (including Sunday) 1 week
Sick Leave As Needed
Flexible Medical Expense Account Available
COVENANT WAS APPROVED.**

4. Motions pertaining to MWS David Dyer, Pastor of Jacksonville, First:

a) Motion to dissolve the pastoral relationship between MWS David Dyer and the congregation of Jacksonville, First, effective July 31, 2011.

b) Motion to grant the status of Honorably Retired to MWS David Dyer, effective July 31, 2011.

BOTH MOTIONS RELATED TO DYER WERE APPROVED.

5. Motion to enroll MWS Robert Williamson, Jr., as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, pending his release from Foothills Presbytery. ENROLLMENT WAS APPROVED. He is also serving as parish associate at Second, LR.

6. Motion to transfer MWS Jim Chaffin HR's membership from New Covenant Presbytery to the Presbytery of Arkansas. (Faith statement in appendix). He was unable to attend and will be introduced at a later time. **ENROLLMENT WAS APPROVED.**

Two other ministers, Michael Kuner and Lance Jones, were not present. Jones will seek to transfer his membership to this presbytery. (Jones' faith statement in appendix.) These will be introduced at a later date.

Bailey announced an update on proposed background check policy will be brought in June. Reorganization of COM is underway through two permanent subcommittees (triennial visits and exams).

There was a question on where Jones is going to serve, and Bailey answered he will be at-large. Moderator prayed for the new ministers in the presbytery.

Necrology Report

MWS David Buford Davies HR, died on December 11, 2010 (appendix). His life and ministry were remembered in the Friday night worship.

FERNCLIFF CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER BOARD

MWS David Gill, executive director of Ferncliff, gave the report. He quoted *Presbyterian Outlook's* article on the importance of camps and conferences. Abby Cain, program director, assisted with the report, announcing the curriculum for this summer. Gill paraphrased the parable of the Good Samaritan in alliteration. State of the Camp was presented including 30 summer staff, registration increased by 17% in 2010, the status of different and new camps such as cook off camp, Footsteps of Faith camp and trip, participation by Pines Presbytery, military appreciation weekend, the new shady chute, weekly chaplain and staff Bible study, Camp in a Van, Ted and Janie Smith's retirement,

new beds to save our backs, 130 different groups used conference center, Confirmation Camp, gratitude for the work of volunteers, three Americorps teams' work at camp, and a total of 12,000 volunteer hours. The biggest users were: Second, Springdale, FUPC, Park Hill and patrons of the conference center. Outreach includes Solar under the Sun training, and our neighboring Living Waters of the World's work. In Haiti solar-powered water systems are in process. Solar camp for grades 6 and 7 is being offered. Disaster Assistance Center and Church World Service center is five years old. Churches send volunteers to help with Gifts of the Heart. Camp received green leaf seal in 2011. In a powerpoint presentation a solar camp vehicle was shown and future French Fry Truck which will be converted to running on old cooking oil. Gill also gave the status report on finances with the conference center accounting for 2/3. He broke down user groups and thanked presbytery for its support. In the future he predicts more greening at Ferncliff and a site development plan for the next five years. He closed with another quote from Haberer. Summer camp brochures will be available in the lunch line, according to Cain. Gill announced that Cain will be leaving after summer camp for graduate school.

YOUTH AT PRESBYTERY

Youth Council moderator MWS Leslie Roper gave the report, assisted by five youth. She presented YAP t-shirts to moderator and Stated Clerk. Each of the youth spoke about how the youth serve in their local churches: as elders, teachers, as officers, children's worship leaders, Sunday School teachers, deacons and superintendent.

STATE OF THE PRESBYTERY

General Presbyter Bill Galbraith gave the report (appendix). He suggested a variety of scenes to imagine: pastor being grateful to stay where he is; a long-time member discontent with pastor and reports that to COM and GP; the last service for a church closing in the winter with a different church to continue the ministry; Rep. Theatre gathering featuring people who love their church. He said this was a snapshot, here and there, as vignettes. Some pastors are under stress, Sessions may want to move ahead or just survive, churches are taking care of the needy in their community, children live in Chiapas and at Vera Lloyd Home. It's a good time and a hard time to be Presbyterian. Over the last 10 years there has been a general decline in presbytery revenue, but mission has not declined because it is a matter of vision. Presbytery needs to get as clear as possible on what our purpose is. Glimpses of making visible the body of Christ come sporadically. At a training meeting an elder and pastor swap was suggested. Each commissioner could leave this presbytery meeting committed to prayer, reliant on scripture, deepening our discipleship, caring for ourselves physically as part of incarnational theology. Galbraith enjoys being able to serve in this new way, visiting local congregations and thanked all for their service in their local settings. He closed with an illustration of four rabbis.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Commissioners to General Assembly from the Presbytery of Arkansas reported as the Polity Committee.. They are: MWSs Fern Davis and Richard Miller and Elders Robert Murphy and Madeleine Middleton and youth advisory delegate Lacy Morris. Polity Committee recommended an affirmative vote on all amendments.

10-A. Gifts and Requirements on Amending G-6.0106b was moved by Lacy Morris and seconded. Speaking in support of affirmation: MWSs Chip Andrus on the good language, scripture; Ruskin Falls on the background of the current language and sins and readings from *Book of Order*, *Book of Confessions*. Speaking against the amendment: MWS Breck Castleman, standards for sexual practice in Genesis 1 and 2 and he supports the current language. Speaking for the amendment: MWS Anne Russ on a growing church with inclusion of gay and lesbian people and their evangelism efforts; YAD William Freeman on equality and Calvinism; MWS Jeff Parker who thanked Falls for pointing out the language and how hard it is to uphold the confessional language. Speaking a second time for the amendment: MWS Falls, reading from the 1860 minutes of the G.A. re: *Book of Confessions* prohibition of dances and stage plays and points to leaving it to sessions and presbyteries to decide who is appropriate to ordain. Moderator gave instructions for written votes: yes is to approve amendment, no is to disapprove amendment.

Youth Advisory Delegates voted: 20 yes, 5 no.

Young Adult Delegate Advisors voted: one yes.

Presbytery vote: Yes 120, No 42. AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

MWS Marci Ward prayed.

10-B. Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session on Amending G-9.0203b

Elder Madeleine Middleton moved proposed Amendment 10-B which was seconded. She explained the oversight that this amendment addresses and the outcome if it is approved.

AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

10-C. Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy on Amending G-90404

MWS Fern Davis moved this amendment and it was seconded. MWS Robert Lowry spoke against having a sexual misconduct policy because of the vagueness of the mandate.

Youth Advisory Delegates voted: 2 yes, 22 no.

Young Adult Delegate Advisors voted: 1 no

Presbytery vote by show of hands was: 72 yes, 86 no. AMENDMENT WAS DISAPPROVED.

10-D Nominating Committees on Amending G-9.0801a

MWS Davis moved this amendment supporting elders serving, and it was seconded.

AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

10-E Presbytery Rolls and Registers on Amending G-11.0407

Elder Robert Murphy moved this amendment to list CLPS and Certified Christian Educators on registers rather than on rolls. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-F Certified Christian Educators on Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730

Elder Murphy moved this amendment to clarify the voice and vote of Certified Educators. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-G Synod Function on Amending G-12.0100

Elder Middleton moved this amendment on synod's ability to reduce its function.

Young adult advisor voted: yes 1.

AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

10-H Nominations Process on Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a and G-13.0202b

MWS Richard Miller moved this amendment on elders and genders represented on Nominations Committee. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-I Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services on Amending W-4.4003h, W-4.4004a(2) and W-4.4006(b)2

MWS Davis moved this amendment on adding prayer to these services. MWS Jim Freeman spoke against the amendment saying this is not necessary because prayer is a foregone conclusion and not necessary to add to the *Book of Order*. MWS Ruskin Falls spoke against amendment, asking what else should be added and questioned the language. MWS Marci Ward spoke against, questioning more paperwork and noting the redundancy. MWS Ben Bateman spoke for the amendment, appreciating the reminder to pray for those being ordained/installed. MWS Gordon Garlington spoke for the amendment, being more of a Martha than a Mary.

Presbytery voted by show of hands: 83 yes, 64 no. AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

10-J Stay of Enforcement on Amending D-6.0103

Elder Murphy moved this amendment on the power of the stated clerk.

AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.

10-K Preliminary Questions on Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302 and D-13.0302

MWS Miller moved this amendment which adds the phrase on Stated Clerk finding no disagreement. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-L Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee on Amending D-10.0202

MWS Davis moved this amendment to restrict allegations to new problems. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-M. Time Limit on Amending D-10.0401

Elder Middleton moved this amendment to lengthen the time frame of allegations.

MWS Lowry opposed the amendment, noting that it was universally opposed and suggested that when more time is allowed, evidence disappears and memories fade.

Middleton responded to the statement. **Presbytery voted by show of hands: 79 yes, 63 no. AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-N. Appeal of "Not Guilty" Verdict on amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106

Elder Middleton moved this amendment to correct previous language which deals with person judged not guilty. Youth Advisory Delegates vote: 20 yes, 1 no. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

10-O. Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission on Amending D-13.0404

Elder Middleton moved this amendment. **AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED.**

Moderator Highsmith prayed.

PRESENTATION ON THE PROPOSED NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

MWSs Robert Lowry and David Dyer presented a dialogue on the proposed new Form of Government section of the *Book of Order*, which presbytery will vote on at the June presbytery meeting.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Committee moderator MWS Tracy Julian reported.

Motion #1. To continue the staffing plan approved by Presbytery at the 114th Stated Meeting which includes the following persons and assignments until such time as a need for change arises:

-NiAnn Thompson (elder), Resourcing Director, five additional hours per week and Board of Pensions benefits to staff Committee on Christian Education and Nurture

-Whitney Bordelon, Youth Council (staff support), three hours per week to coordinate work of Youth Council, including event publicity and registration, and 1-1/2 hours/month for staff meeting plus travel and continuing education.

-Cathy Ulrich (Minister of Word and Sacrament), eight additional hours per week to staff Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Clusters and Presbyterian Women and 1-1/2 hours/month for staff meeting plus travel, continuing education and Board of Pensions benefits.

-Michael Vinson (Minister of Word and Sacrament), five hours per week and 1-1/2 hours/month for staff meeting plus travel and continuing education to staff Committee on Congregational Care and Development.

The four staff members named above left during the discussion. In the discussion it was noted that there is no time frame and this functionally becomes the Presbytery's Staffing Plan. **MOTION WAS APPROVED.**

Motion #2. To approve the terms of call for 2011 for General Presbyter William F. Galbraith III. TERMS WERE APPROVED.

Salary	37,269.00
Housing	45,540.00
FICA	6,334.20
Pension/MM	26,082.00
Study Leave	1,500.00
Professional Expenses	21,000.00
Total	\$137,716.20
	\$115,216.20 Actual

Includes 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.

***Study Leave and Professional Expenses are included in the Presbytry Office Expenses. The proposed increase in professional expenses is tied to the 2010 actual experience of moving from a General Presbyter and an Associate General Presbyter leadership model to a General Presbyter model. In 2010 these combined budgeted line items totaled \$23,160.**

Motion #3. To approve the Presbytery budget proposed for 2011 which totals \$984,853.98 (attached in appendix).

This amount represents an increase of \$251 (check) and Julian expressed appreciation for the churches. There was no discussion. **BUDGET WAS APPROVED.** Galbraith returned.

LUNCH BREAK

Stated Clerk announced that Rick Young is available from Board of Pensions, Leaves committee should meet with Falls, and blessing for meal was given by Wendell Self. LUNCH BREAK from 11:40 until 1:00 featured soup and sandwiches served in the dining hall at Seay Student Center. Commissioners enjoyed sitting with people they did not know and answering table questions to encourage conversation. Christian Educators met together for a luncheon discussion.

CALL TO ORDER, BUSINESS SESSION #3

Moderator Highsmith called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS RESUMED COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

MWS Jeff Price, committee moderator, gave the report.

At its meeting on January 8, 2011, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

1. Assigned Rev. Carlos Lopez and Rev. Shauna Silmon to produce a packet of information for new inquirers. This packet will be brought to the May 21 CPM meeting for review by committee.
2. Assigned Rev. Jeff Cranton, Rev. Jeff Price and Dr. Annette Greenland to produce a simplified document detailing CPM's responsibilities in the ordination process. This document will be brought to the May 21 CPM meeting for review by committee.
3. Approved a process for candidates under care of another presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry and certified ready to receive a call by that presbytery, but who are being examined for ordination in this presbytery. In these cases, the CPM of the Presbytery of Arkansas will recognize the recommendation of the presbytery of care and will present these candidates to the Presbytery of Arkansas for examination for ordination. These candidates will be presented without recommendation from the CPM of the Presbytery of Arkansas.

4. Met with Joy Carrington who is a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and certified ready to receive a call by that presbytery. The purpose of the meeting was to guide her in the process of examination for ordination in this presbytery.
5. Voted to present her to Presbytery at the February 2011 meeting for examination where she will preach and answer questions in the areas of Bible, Worship and Sacrament, Polity, and Theology.
6. Received updates on current inquirers and candidates.

Price explained their new process under which the CPM will not bring a recommendation on a candidate under care of another presbytery even though the CPM has examined the candidate.

CPM moved to exam of Candidate Joy Carrington. She gave a brief statement of her faith journey. MWS Jeff Cranton asked the question in Reformed Theology on theories of atonement and Susie Wright asked the question on distinct characteristics of Reformed theology. Question from floor in area of theology from MWS Jim Freeman was on her sermon reference to people of God vs. all people. MWS Marci Ward asked the question in area of Bible (book of Bible relates to ordination) and Annette Greenland asked a question in Bible (is canon open or closed). MWS Darwin Wolfe asked questions in the area of polity: does congregation vote on everything and which groups participate in calling. MWS Shauna Silmon asked questions in worship and sacraments (rebaptism and private communion and unruly children at communion service). From the floor MWS Michael Vinson asked about how she chose the Bible translation. After her response Carrington was escorted out while Presbytery deliberated.

On behalf of CPM, Price **moved to sustain her printed faith statement. FAITH STATEMENT WAS APPROVED (appendix). CPM moved that preaching portion of exam be sustained. PREACHING PORTION WAS APPROVED. CPM moved that theology portion of the exam be sustained. THEOLOGY PORTION WAS APPROVED. CPM moved that Bible portion of the exam be sustained. BIBLE PORTION WAS APPROVED. CPM moved that polity portion of the exam be sustained. POLITY PORTION WAS APPROVED. CPM moved that exam as a whole be sustained. EXAM AS A WHOLE WAS APPROVED. CPM moved that Joy Carrington be approved for ordination by the Presbytery of Arkansas. ORDINATION WAS APPROVED.** Carrington returned to a standing ovation. Members from Hopewell and Allison churches were recognized.

COMMITTEE ON CARE AND NURTURE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS

Committee Moderator MWS Susan Gray gave the report (see appendix) and spoke on the Medical Support Network. Committee invites participation in a pilot program for one on one care network which pairs up professionals or members with cancer, Alzheimer's or loss of a spouse with professionals dealing with the same issues. This program will be submitted for a vote at the June presbytery meeting as part of the renewal of the covenant with Laurence Schmidt Counseling Center. Watch for publicity pieces in the June

presbytery meeting packet. She invited participation in this peer support and announced the upcoming Minister, Educators and CLPs retreat in May 8-10 with Dr. David Johnson leading on family systems theory and pointed out the publicity in the informational flyers.

MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Heather Kilpatrick reminded the group of youth June mission trip to New Orleans through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. MWS Debbie Freeman announced that she is willing to visit with congregations about Presbyterian Village in Little Rock and asked for prayers for the trip to Chiapas in Mexico. MWS Dan Festa announced the work of the Task Force on presbytery meeting models and the box in the hallway for feedback on questions related to Presbytery meetings. Jan Enke announced this year's Presbyterian revival in March 3-5 aka Small Church Retreat. Bill Galbraith announced upcoming solar school in March at Ferncliff. MWS Ruskin Falls showed the brochures from CC&D Small Church Retreat. PW Moderator Mary Beth Lysobey announced the April 16th Spring Gathering of PW at Central, Fort Smith and new women's retreat in mid-August at Ferncliff.

REPORT OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE COMMITTEE

Stated Clerk Ulrich gave the report of leaves of absence committee: 77 ministers, 71 elders, 12 at large elders, 15 church professionals, 21 youth advisory delegates, 2 YADAS, 49 visitors, 7 corresponding members were present for a total of 254, 169 of whom could vote. Seventy-seven ministers and 92 elders were voting commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Presbyterian Women Moderator Mary Beth Lysobey gave the report and moved nomination of the members of the board as follows: Mary Beth Lysobey, Judia Foreman, Cissy Rose, MWS Gordon Garlington, Claudia Stallings for the Carpathian Basin, Ukraine Water/solar projects. **ELECTION WAS APPROVED.**

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

MWS Bill Bailey returned with the rest of the Committee on Ministry report.

Information and Recommendations from the Feb. 18th COM Meeting include these items for information only:

- MWS David Schaller's request to labor outside the bounds was approved when he participates in a mission trip to the Dominican Republic March 21-28.
- MWS Al Henager's validated ministry as a chaplain at Diversicare Management Services was renewed for Jan. 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.
- MWS David Dyer will be added to the pulpit supply list following his honorable retirement July 31, 2011.
- MWS David King was approved as stated supply for Brinkley, First, effective January 1, 2011, through Dec. 31, 2011. Terms of Call are: \$150 per service plus mileage, four weeks of vacation, and two weeks study leave.

--CLP Ted Mealor's covenant was renewed with Marianna, First, effective January 1, 2011 through Dec. 31, 2011.

--Elders and Lay Academy graduates Hartley Jones and Carolyn Beane were approved as pulpit supplies for Barr Memorial, Norman with MWS Dr. Gary Jones HR serving as moderator and administering the sacraments.

Motions related to Joy Carrington:

1. Motion to enroll Joy Carrington as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas as part-time pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian, Morrilton effective February 19, 2011.

2. Motion to approve the following terms of call: effective salary/reimbursable expenses (by voucher)

Cash salary \$140.00 per service

Automobile expense \$27.00 per service

Total \$4,008.00

3. Motion to elect the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Joy Carrington as pastor of Hopewell Presbyterian, Morrilton on March 13, 2011 at 3 p.m. and to approve the following Administrative Commission:

Elder Sam Highsmith, Little Rock, Second, Moderator

MWS Marion Humphrey, Allison Memorial, LR

MWS Kennedy Upham, member-at-large

Elder Susan Morris, Morrilton, Hopewell

Elder Katy Bates, Little Rock, Pulaski Heights

The offering recipient will be Vera Lloyd Children's home.

MOTIONS WERE ALL APPROVED.

4. Motion to renew MWS Jim Miller's part-time interim covenant with Little Rock, First, effective January 1 through December 31, 2011 with the following terms of call: \$38,700 housing and salary, continuing education \$1,200, four weeks of vacation, two weeks study leave, and personal sick leave as needed WAS APPROVED.

CLOSING PRAYER

MWS Nancy Benson-Nicol gave the closing prayer, remembering the pastoral concerns of members and friends of the presbytery, and dedicating the staple foods for Ingathering to Interfaith Service Network Food Pantry of Johnson County.

ADJOURNMENT CAME AT 1:55.

Respectfully submitted,

NiAnn Thompson
Assistant Stated Clerk

Cathy Ulrich
Stated Clerk

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