

REVISED MEETING DOCKET

PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Spring Stated Meeting

May 2, 2017

Moderator Jeff Welch

Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

Starke, FL

The mission of the Presbytery of St. Augustine is to support our faith community, so that together we may witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.¹

OPENING AGENDA

Welcome of Host	Terry Patterson, Executive Director, MPCC
Opening Prayer	Jeff Welch, Moderator
Declaration of Quorum	Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick, Stated Clerk
Approval of Docket	Stated Clerk
Welcome to First Time Commissioners/Guests	Moderator
Enrollment of Corresponding Members	Stated Clerk
Appointment of Tellers	Moderator

CONSENT AGENDA

STATED CLERK COMMUNICATIONS

Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick, Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Excuse from attendance persons who submitted requests to be excused as recorded in the roll of this meeting.
2. Record this meeting as a corporate meeting for both the Presbytery of St. Augustine, Inc. and Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, Inc.
3. Receive and record the following minutes of the commission to ordain Rachel Gallagher Pence (on behalf of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee). Rev. Pence has been called to

¹ From "Executive Summary" for presbytery transition planning that was approved on February 4, 2017.

serve as Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Young Families at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Nashville, Tennessee.

A commission elected by the Presbytery of St. Augustine met on February 26, 2017, before the service at Riverside Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tennessee, to ordain Rachel Gallagher Pence to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Commission Moderator Mary Mickel called the meeting to order with prayer.

The members of the commission present (constituting a quorum): Steve Goyer (TE - Riverside), Randi Hamner (RE - Lake Shore), Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick (TE - Stated Clerk and Kirkwood), Jim Langer (RE - Riverside), Jerie Lukefahr (RE - First Fernandina Beach), Mary Mickel (RE - Moderator-in-Nomination and Woodlawn), and John Ragsdale (TE - Honorably Retired). Jeff Welch (TE - Moderator of the Presbytery and Dunnellon) was excused.

Guests of the commission included: Marissa Danney (TE - Chaplain Supervisory Candidate, San Francisco, CA), Rebecca Langer (TE - Honorably Retired and Riverside, Jacksonville, FL), and Courtney Stevens (TE - Highlands Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, NC).

Sandra Hedrick served as clerk of the commission, and Rebecca Langer preached the sermon. The commission proceeded to conduct the ordination. The candidate responded positively to the constitutional questions with affirmative answers and was charged by Courtney Stevens. The commission welcomed Rev. Pence into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Pence pronounced the benediction, which served as the closing prayer of the commission.

4. Receive and record the minutes of the commission to install Heong Seok Cho as the Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville:

A commission elected by the Presbytery of St. Augustine met on April 23, 2017, before the service at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville, to install Heong Seok Cho as the Pastor of the church. Laurie Furr-Vancini opened the meeting with prayer.

The members of the commission present (constituting a quorum) were: Laurie Furr-Vancini (TE - Palms), Choong Ho Huh (TE - Honorably Retired), Ralph Moulder (RE - First Starke - Presbytery Council Moderator), Yu Tok Roberson (RE - Korean Jacksonville), and Billy Song (RE - Korean Jacksonville). Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick (Presbytery Stated Clerk and Kirkwood) was unable to be present and was excused.

Laurie Furr-Vancini served as clerk of the commission, and John Inki Kim (Korean Presbyterian Church of Orlando) preached the sermon. The commission proceeded to conduct the ordination. The candidate responded positively to the constitutional questions with affirmative answers and was charged by Laurie Furr-Vancini. The

congregation was charged by Jongsik Park (Open Presbyterian Church of Hinesville). The commission welcomed Rev. Cho as the installed Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville. Choong Ho Huh pronounced the benediction, which served as the closing prayer of the commission.

5. Receive an updated list of session minute reading for 2017, 2016 and prior minutes (to be provided at the meeting or by email/online soon thereafter).
6. Receive the report that the December 31, 2016, Roll of Ministers published in the 2017 Winter Stated Meeting docket will be corrected with the addition of these names: Ken Goodrich (TE - Lake City First) and Jack Swann (TE - Honorably Retired).

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Ralph Moulder, Moderator

The Presbytery Council recommends that the presbytery receive the report that the Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the the 2017 Winter Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine (a copy of the minutes will be available for review at the stated clerk's table).

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jodi Dodge, Moderator

The Administration and Finance Committee recommends that the presbytery receive and record financial statements of the Presbytery of St. Augustine and Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center as of March 31, 2017, along with summary cover sheets (*Appendix A*).

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Kristie Hall, Moderator, and Milton Fulton, Vice-Moderator

The Committee on Ministry (COM) recommends that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Approve the following temporary pastor relationships (note: temporary pastor relationships are limited to one year and can be renewed):
 - a. Bruce Seaman and Fairfield (renewal - stated supply) (January 1 - July 1)
 - b. John Harris and Faith (stated supply) (January 1 - four months)
 - c. Earle Sickels and Calvin (renewal - stated supply) (January 1 - one year)
 - d. Jesse Perry and Woodlawn (temporary pastor) (February 1 - March 31)
 - e. Carol DiGiusto and Riverside (parish associate) (March 1, 2017 - continuing)
 - f. Tom Borland and Lakewood (interim pastor) (April 16 - one year)
 - g. Eric Chavis and Woodlawn (interim pastor) (April 16 - one year)
 - h. Deb Denning and Crescent City First (stated supply) (April 1 - six months)

2. Approve the renewed commission of ruling elder Bea Newhart to the First Presbyterian Church of Reddick, FL beginning March 30, 2017, and authorize the Moderator of the Presbytery to appoint a commission to celebrate that renewal at an appropriate date and time.
3. Approve the validated ministry of Amy Hunt as a Staff Chaplain recruiting with the Air Force Reserve Command.
4. Receive as information the following dissolutions of pastoral relationships:
 - a. Andy Gans and Fort King as of March 20
 - b. Ruth Elswood and Jasper First as of April 30
5. Receive as information the report that the COM approved the transfer of the following members to the presbyteries noted. Note: COM has the authority as a commission to transfer members between presbytery meetings:
 - a. Andy Gans to the Presbytery of New Covenant as of March 20, 2017
 - b. M.B. Choi to the Presbytery of San Francisco as of February 8, 2017
 - c. Troy Lewis to the Presbytery of New Hope as of February 7, 2017
 - d. Dudley Weaver to Trinity Presbytery as of June 11, 2016 (recent request from Trinity clerk)
6. Approve the 2017 terms of call reported by our congregations, teaching elders, and commissioned ruling elders (*Appendix B*).
7. Receive the report that the first meeting of the Administrative Commission for the Nueva Esperanza Presbyterian Church was postponed but will be held soon after the 2017 Spring Stated Meeting. The current commission members are: Mary Brown (RE - Woodlawn), Larry Green (TE - Westminster), David Pierce (TE - Hodges), and Cathy Sanders (RE - Orange Park).

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Charles Freeman, Moderator, and Edd Norris, Vice-Moderator

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the presbytery receive the report that it allocated the \$3,300.00 received by presbytery action from the sale of the Northside church property to the scholarship fund known as the “2410 Account” or “the Corbin Fund.” The account is used by action of the committee to support individuals under its care who are seminary students.

TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE AND MONTGOMERY PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

Kimberly Hyatt, President of the Corporations

The Trustees recommend that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Receive the report that the following actions have been taken since the last presbytery meeting: (1) the presbytery has a fully executed letter of intent to sell the Fleming Island Church property; (2) the presbytery has entered into a new contract to sell the Normandy Boulevard property previously occupied by the Nueva Esperanza Presbyterian Church; (3) the Trustees have appraised and are working on the sale of the Highlands Presbyterian Church property in Gainesville; and (4) the request of the Fort Caroline Presbyterian Church to approve a proposed sale contract on a part of its church property was granted; (5) the Trustees have appointed Glenn Dickson (TE - Honorably Retired) and Marcia Graham (TE - Honorably Retired) to the Executive Operating Board (Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center).
2. Receive the report that Trustees and the Presbytery Council have appointed the committee that will be making recommendations about the future of Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center. The committee had its first meeting on April 20, 2017, and appointed the Rev. Bill Hoff as moderator. It is currently in the process of information gathering. The Presbytery Council has extended the date for reporting back recommendations; the committee hopes to complete its work by this fall. The members are: Bill Hoff (TE - Riverside), Kimberly Hyatt (TE - Validated Ministry - Cathedral Arts Project), Al Tidball (RE - St. Giles), Glenn Dickson (TE - Honorably Retired), Karen Hardesty (RE - First Alachua), and Bill Scheu (RE - Riverside).

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORTS

There are no new reports from our administrative commissions.

ST. AUGUSTINE DISASTER ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Moderator: Vacant

The St. Augustine Presbytery Disaster Assistance Commission reports that it has approved a national recovery grant request in the amount of \$40,000 to be made to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These funds will be used to serve the vulnerable populations in St. Johns and Putnam Counties who were severely impacted by the damage from Hurricane Matthew (October 2016). The presbytery and its congregations are supporting the work of the newly formed St. Johns/ Putnam Long Term Recovery Organization, which will administer this funding. Funds are not given directly to survivors but are used for rebuilding materials and other needs determined through a case management process. Other faith-based and non-profit organizations are also

providing funding, volunteers and services in connection with long term recovery from Hurricane Matthew.

ORDER OF THE DAY: MORNING WORSHIP
9:15 a.m.

Offering: Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

PRESBYTERY IN FELLOWSHIP
10:15 a.m.

ACTION AGENDA

EXAMINATIONS COMMISSION

Shirley Mergan, Moderator, and Craig Davies, Vice-Moderator

Examinations Commission will introduce new members Tom Borland, Eric Chavis, Steve Hulsey, Cliff Lyda, and Dick Mentzel at this presbytery meeting.

The Examinations Commission reports the following actions taken on behalf of the presbytery (new minister member information is found in *Appendix C*):

1. Concerning the request of Eric Chavis to be received as an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, the Examinations Commission took the following actions following its examination on April 13, 2017:
 - a. Approved the Statement of Faith and Journey of Faith Statement.
 - b. Sustained the examination.
 - c. Upon receipt of the Ex Animo Declaration, received him as an active member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine.
 - d. Recommended that he be permitted to address the presbytery at our next stated meeting.
 - e. Empowered the moderator to appoint a mentor.

2. Concerning Hunter Camp, the Associate Pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, for whom the Committee on Ministry recommends granting an exception as specified in the Book of Order G-2.0504c to allow him to be considered as the next Pastor of that church, the Examinations Commission:

- a. Approved the Statement of Faith and Journey of Faith Statement.
- b. Sustained the examination, subject to the presbytery's affirmative vote under G-2.0504(c) of the Book of Order.
- c. Approved the terms of call presented by the Memorial church.
- d. Empowered the presbytery moderator to appoint a commission to install Hunter Camp on an appropriate date and time, if: (a) the presbytery votes by a three-quarters vote to permit him to receive the call and (b) the congregation votes to elect him to the call.
- e. Recommends that he and the PNC be permitted to address the presbytery at the 2017 Fall Stated Meeting.
- f. Empowered the moderator to appoint a mentor.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joe Rigsby, Moderator, and Darren Bess, Vice-Moderator

A presentation will be made concerning the application process for the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) which will be held from June 16 to 23, 2018, in St. Louis Missouri. Information will also be shared about the process for applying to serve as a commissioner to the Synod of the South Atlantic.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Kristie Hall, Moderator, and Milton Fulton, Vice-Moderator

The Committee on Ministry (COM) recommends that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Approve and receive a presentation of a memorial resolution for Herbert Meza who died on February 9, 2017 (*Appendix D*).
2. Grant (by three-quarters vote of the presbytery) an exception as specified in the Book of Order (G-2.0504c) to permit Hunter Camp, currently Associate Pastor at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, to be considered as the next installed Pastor of the church.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

Ralph Moulder, Moderator

The Presbytery Council recommends that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Approve the Revised 2017 Budget (*Appendix E*).
2. Approve proposed revisions to the Manual of Operations (*Appendix F*). These revisions were prepared pursuant to the following presbytery action taken at the Winter Stated

Meeting: “Approved the Executive Summary and the Proposed New Structure for the Presbytery and instructed the Presbytery Council to revise the Manual of Operations and the Presbytery/ Montgomery Trustees to revise the corporate articles/by-laws and to present those revisions to the presbytery for its approval at the Spring Stated Meeting.” The Executive Summary and Proposed New Structure (as approved at the 2017 Winter Stated Meeting) are included in this docket as *Appendix G* and *Appendix H*, respectively.

3. Receive a report from the Presbytery Council and Trustees that the plan to present proposed revised corporate articles/by-laws at the Spring Stated Meeting was not workable or cost-effective until the Manual of Operations revisions were considered and acted on, and approve the presentation of appropriate revisions to corporate documents following that consideration and action rather than at the same time.
4. Receive a report that the Presbytery Council has approved four individuals to serve as Area Relationship Coordinators during the “Bridge Period”: Gary Hardesty (WM) (First Alachua/ Honorably Retired), Joe Rigsby (BM) (Honorably Retired), Earle Sickels (WM) (Calvin/ Honorably Retired), and Sheryl Sumlin-Walker (BF) (Halifax Health and Hospice Parish Associate – Trinity).
5. Receive a report from the administrative investigating committee that was formed to determine the source of an anonymous letter mailed to session clerks in our presbytery, to take appropriate action, and to inform the presbytery of the results at the May, 2017 presbytery meeting.

MONTGOMERY PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

Glenn Dickson, Moderator Executive Operating Board, and Terry Patterson, Executive Director

The report of the Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center is provided as *Appendix I*.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Carol Graff, Moderator

An report will be provided at the meeting.

MUTUAL MISSION COMMITTEE

Diane Watkins, Co-Chair/Council Member, and Bob Bell, Co-Chair

Mutual Mission is very excited to announce two new pieces of our Hearts and Hands program. First is the beginning of a program of congregation to congregation partnerships. Diane Watkins and Dianna Sandonato from First Perry, traveled to Kingston in February, and met with our partners to determine how we can best develop these relationships. First Perry has agreed to be a "test" and will be selecting a partner church from Jamaica. Meetings were held with several congregations in Jamaica that are interested in partnering. The focus of these partnerships will

be on sharing and building relationships over a long term, such as five years. Money will not be a basis, but mutual prayer, study and fellowship will be emphasized. The discussions were very meaningful, as we discussed how to best move forward as brothers and sisters in Christ. If your congregation is interested in such a partnership, please contact the SAMM committee at info@mutualmission.org.

Second, the initial vision for Mutual Mission was a three-way partnership to include SAMM, JEMM, and the Presbyterian Reformed Church in Cuba (IPRC). In order to begin discussions of how to incorporate Cuba into our program, Rev. Edelberto Valdes, the General Secretary of the National Synod of the IPRC is visiting the St. Augustine Presbytery April 24-28, 2017. A verbal update will be presented.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Dawn Conti, Moderator-in-Nomination

Following a presentation from the Bills and Overtures Committee of the Presbytery Council, the presbytery will be asked to vote on each of the proposed amendments to the Book of Order approved by the 222nd General Assembly and recommended to presbyteries. The proposed amendments are contained in *Appendix J*. Comments from the Association of Stated Clerks are provided in *Appendix K*. Recommendations from the Bills and Overtures Committee are provided in *Appendix L*.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

This Child Here Ministry (Ukraine) - Robert Gamble
Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) - Claire Lewis
Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF) - Jake Wilson
Westminster Communities of Florida - Walk Jones

CLOSING AGENDA

CALL FOR THE FALL STATED MEETING

The Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of St. Augustine will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

LUNCH ON THE GROUNDS
