



DOCKET
PRESBYTERY OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Spring Stated Meeting

May 7, 2019

Moderator Diane Wilson

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.*

8:15 a.m. - WELCOMING TIME

Welcome to the 2019 Spring Stated Meeting! Registration opens at 8:15 a.m. Please enjoy the coffee reception and the display tables. New commissioner training will be hosted by Ed Kelly, our Assistant Stated Clerk. Please look for him at a table in the reception area.

9:00 a.m. - SPRING MEETING CONVENES

Moderator's Greeting and Prayer

Host Welcome

Quorum and Docket Approval

Welcome to First Time Commissioners and Guests

Welcome to Corresponding Members

Appointment of Tellers

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

CONSENT AGENDA

Stated Clerk

Alexandra (Sandra) Hedrick

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 attendance 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 minutes of the installations of Jo Anne Dyson as Pastor of the Fort King Presbyterian Church and Joy Lynn Laughridge as Pastor of the Lakewood Presbyterian Church. (Appendix A)
4. Receive a summary of our presbytery's 2018 statistics reported to the Office of the General Assembly. (Appendix B)
5. Appoint Chris Lieberman to serve as "Assistant Stated Clerk" during a period that the Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk Ed Kelly will not be as consistently available: May 23 through May 30, 2019.

Presbytery Coordinating Council

Mary Mickel, Chair

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

1. Receive the report that the 2020 Winter Stated Meeting will be held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in St. Augustine, Florida.
2. Receive the report that the Coordinating Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the 2019 Winter Stated Meeting (copies of the minutes will be available for review at the stated clerk's table).
2. Receive the approved minutes of Coordinating Council meetings. (Appendix C)
3. Receive the most recent approved financial statements of the Presbytery of St. Augustine and Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, along with summary cover sheets. (Appendix D)
4. Receive the following report of other Coordinating Council highlights (see full minutes for all actions):
 - In addition to the \$50,000 "bridge loan" already made by the presbytery to Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center (MPCC), approved an additional loan if absolutely necessary to pay liability, casualty, and health insurance benefits.

- Appointed a short term task force of Edd Norris, Suzi Lemen, Cynthia Montgomery and Chuck Atkins (and representatives to be appointed by Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center) to work together on next steps concerning the loan commitment letter received from the Presbyterian Loan and Investment Program.
- Approved (retroactively to January 1) the raises for Nancy Brown and Sandra Hedrick that were included in the 2019 Operating Budget. This action took place following the Personnel Teams' evaluations of these staff members.
- Held a roundtable discussion of how to improve our time together at presbytery meetings.
- Approved an endorsement of the "Digital Disciples" program for our congregations.
- Read and discussed the book: *Our Iceberg is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions* by Holger Rathgeber and John Kotter.
- Designated Diane Wilson as a Vice-Chair of the Coordinating Council for purposes of moderating a meeting if Mary Mickel (Chair) is not available.

Member Preparation and Call Commission

Craig Davies, Chair

The Member Preparation and Call Commission has met regularly since the Winter Stated Presbytery Meeting, and it reports the following actions taken on behalf of the presbytery:

1. Examined Carter Grant (Geneva) and received her as an Inquirer for Ministry under our care as of February 19, 2019.
2. Examined Justin Forbes (Memorial) and approved receiving him as a Candidate for Ministry under our care as of February 19, 2019.
3. Examined Dana Riley (Riverside) and approved receiving her as a Candidate for Ministry under our care as of March 19, 2019.
4. Examined Carl James (CJ) Dates and approved his Final Assessment as of April 16, 2019, including approval of readiness to circulate his Personal Information Form.
5. Examined and approved Marc Jones (honorably retired) for membership in our presbytery and to serve as the Stated Supply Pastor at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church effective February 24, 2019. Marc Jones comes to us from the Presbytery of Wyoming. See "New Minister Information" in Appendix E.

6. Examined and approved receiving John Harland (honorably retired) as a member of our presbytery effective March 19, 2019. John Harland comes to us from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. See "New Minister Information" in Appendix E.
7. Examined and approved Don Johnson for membership and to serve as the Pastor of the Woodlawn Presbyterian Church effective April 7, 2019. Don Johnson comes to us from the Presbytery of Savannah. See "New Minister Information" in Appendix E.
8. Approved the following temporary pastor relationships (dates will be recorded in the minutes):
 - Marc Jones and St. Andrews (new stated supply contract)
 - Jessi Higginbotham and Community (renewal)
 - Steve Hulseley and Lake Shore (renewal)
 - Rhonda Link-Cummings and Kanapaha (renewal)
 - Earl Sickels and Calvin (renewal)
 - Bruce Seaman and Fairfield (renewal)
 - Robert Mills and San Mateo (renewal)
 - Jeff Beebe and Trinity (renewal)
 - Josh Braley and Bethlehem (renewal)
9. Approved the following dissolutions of pastor relationships:
 - John Helgeson and First Perry as of April 1, 2019 (last day March 31)
 - Cindy Benz and Hodges as of April 8, 2019 (last day April 7)
 - Larry Green and Westminster as of a date to be supplied (last day actively working August 31)
 - Tom Walker and Palms as of September 9 (last day September 8)
10. Approved the following membership transfers (dates will be confirmed with the receiving presbyteries and recorded in these minutes):
 - Jennie Thomas to the Presbytery of Peace River
 - Cynthia Benz to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina
11. Approved the retirement of Tom Walker as of September 9.
12. Examined and approved George Barnett as certified to be commissioned for pastoral service as a ruling elder.

13. Approved the request of the Weirsdale church to close its installed pastor position.
14. Approved the request of the session of the Westminster church to waive our presbytery's policy of requiring an interim pastor and to have permission to elect a pastor nominating committee as provided by the commission.
15. Received and acted on reports on the inquirers and candidates under our presbytery's care, including plans for completion of requirements toward ordination.
16. Approved the election of pastor nominating committees at the Trinity and First Palatka churches.
17. Appointed temporary moderators to congregations that do not have installed or stated supply pastors at this time. (Appendix F)

The Member Preparation and Call Commission also recommends that the presbytery approve the "2019 Terms of Call" which have been reviewed by the Member Preparation and Call Commission and are contained in Appendix G (note: please send any noted corrections to the stated clerk who will ensure that they are recorded and presented to the commission).

St. Augustine Presbytery Disaster Assistance Commission

Jim Pellot, Chair

The St. Augustine Presbytery Disaster Assistance Commission (SAPDAC) has provided a written report. (Appendix H)

Administrative Commissions

The reports of our administrative commissions will be contained in Appendix I. They are: Administrative Commission for the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Administrative Commission for the Nueva Esperanza Presbyterian Church, and the Administrative Commission for the St. Johns Presbyterian Church.

9:15 a.m. - PRESBYTERY WORSHIP

Preaching - Don McGarity
Celebrants - John Diller and Debra Henning
Musician - Hyun Jeong Lee
Offering - Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

10:15 a.m. - ACTION AGENDA

Ministry Highlights
Area Relationship Coordinators (Areas One and Two)
Don McGarity and Rhonda Link-Cummings

The Area Relationship Coordinators for Areas One and Two will be inviting congregational leaders to share ministry highlights and joys from around the presbytery.

10:25 a.m. - FELLOWSHIP TIME

10:45 a.m. - ACTION AGENDA CONTINUES

Member Preparation and Call Commission
Craig Davies, Chair
Mark Hults, Commission Member, Presenting

The Member Preparation and Call Commission recommends that the presbytery take the following actions:

1. Welcome Don Johnson, a new member of our presbytery, who is serving as the Pastor of the Woodlawn Presbyterian Church.
2. Welcome Marc Jones, a new member of our presbytery, who is serving as the Pastor of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Note: New Member John Harland (honorably retired) is not available for this meeting and will be introduced at a future meeting. Our newest candidates will also be introduced at a future meeting when they can be present.

Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

Lexi Green, Director and Maurie Dugger, Development Director

Tommy Lane and Jason Salvagni, Board Members

The Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center will make a presentation and provide a written report. (Appendix J)

Coordinating Council

Mary Mickel, Chair of the Coordinating Council

The Coordinating Council recommends that the presbytery:

1. Amend the Manual of Operations to create a Youth Ministry Team that will be a part of our presbytery's Relationship Coordination Committee. The specific language inserted would read as follows:

(1) The words *Youth Ministry Team (eleven members)* would be added in Section 4.12 to the list of groups and teams that make up the Relationship Coordination Committee (which would then be ten instead of nine).

(2) This language would be added to Section 4.12:

St. Augustine Youth Ministry Team. This Team's purpose is to seek out and connect with young people in all aspects of our ministries by:

- a. Exploring the question, "How do we invite and affirm young people in our faith community?";*
- b. Developing a comprehensive plan to engage and integrate young people in the life and mission of the presbytery;*
- c. Supporting and cultivating youth ministry leaders, providing opportunities for collaboration, fun, support, and dreaming;*
- d. Facilitating connections between youth of different churches;*
- e. Planning and organizing youth retreats, events and presbytery-wide opportunities for mission trips;*
- f. Working through the Relationship Coordination Committee to involve youth in leadership positions. And, helping the presbytery engage young people with energy, intelligence, imagination and love.*

The Youth Ministry Team shall consist of three youth ministry leaders (teaching elders, ruling elders, or Presbyterian church members) and eight youth Presbyterian church members (preferably two from each area of our presbytery). The Team will appoint a chairperson. Through the presbytery process a budget will be established for this committee, which has authority to plan events and implement ministries using the budgeted funds. The Relationship Coordination Director shall serve ex-officio but without vote.

If this change is approved, nominations for team members will be made at the Fall Stated Meeting, with the nominating process following our commitment to diversity and inclusion. Between this meeting and the Fall Stated Meeting, a working team of the Coordinating Council will continue to prepare for the full functioning and funding of the team. This may include Coordinating Council-sponsored events prior to the Fall Stated Meeting.

2. Amend the Manual of Operations to give the Member Preparation and Call Commission the responsibility and authority to take the actions contemplated by the recently approved amendments to the Book of Order in G-3.0306. This proposed amendment originally came from the commission and is endorsed by the Coordinating Council. The specific language inserted would read as follows:

4.06 Member Preparation and Call Commission. The Member Preparation and Call Commission is empowered to:

[added provision] *Take all actions contemplated in G-3.0306 of the Book of Order, including granting a minister member permission to engage in ministry that is outside of our geographic bounds or which is not under our jurisdiction, requesting the consent of the other presbytery, and considering and acting on requests for members of other presbyteries to engage in work within our bounds.*

Ministry Highlights

Area Relationship Coordinators (Areas Three and Four)

Craig Davies and Joe Rigsby

The Area Relationship Coordinators for Areas Three and Four will be inviting congregational leaders to share ministry highlights and joys from around the presbytery.

Mutual Mission Team

Diane Watkins and Bob Bell, Co-Chairs

The Mutual Mission Team will make a presentation.

Presbyterian Women

Gayle Bone, Moderator

The Moderator of our Presbyterian Women will make a presentation and provides the written report in Appendix K.

Volunteer Management Committee

Joe Rigsby, Chair of Volunteer Management Committee

Patti Phillips, Chair of Nominating Team

Howard Taylor, Chair of Representation Team

In addition to a brief presentation, the Nominating Team will offer a slate of individuals to be nominated for election. (Appendix L)

Other Introductions and Presentations

Other introductions and presentations, if any, will be made at this time.

Speak-out Time

Speak-out Time is open to ministers and commissioners who would like to share about glimpses of grace or expressions of gratitude in the community of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Speak-out time is limited to one-minute per person.

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 1, 2019, at Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

LUNCH – 12:30 P.M.