

Presbytery of Southwest Florida

Minutes of the 86th Stated Meeting

Saturday, February 11, 2012

The Presbytery of Southwest Florida held its 86th Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Seminole Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL (5103 N. Central Avenue, Tampa, FL 33603).

Call to Order

The Moderator, RE Don Bennett, called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Constituting Prayer

RE Bennett read Psalm 103:1-14, and offered the constituting prayer.

Introduction of New Moderator

RE Bennett introduced the new Moderator, TE John Keen (Seminole Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL). TE Keen gave words of instruction regarding the Worship Service.

Morning Worship Service with the Lord's Supper

TE Danny Dalton of Seminole Presbyterian Church led the morning Worship Service. Dr. Paul Kooistra, Coordinator for Mission To the World, preached a sermon from Acts 1:1-9. This was followed by a service of the Lord's Supper.

Memorials Read

In accordance with our Presbytery's Standing Rules (8-2), a Memorial was read for RE Preston Kneeshaw (Seminole Presbyterian Church). [See Appendix A.] The morning Worship Service closed with the benediction at 9:39 a.m., which was followed by a short recess.

Seminar by Dr. Paul Kooistra

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Paul Kooistra, who led a seminar on the topic, "Where Is Missions Headed?" The seminar concluded at 10:58 a.m., which was followed by a short recess.

Welcome of Commissioners

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

TE John Keen (Seminole Presbyterian Church) welcomed the commissioners to the church facility and provided directions for comfort of the commissioners and others in attendance.

The following Teaching Elders were in attendance:

TEACHING ELDER ATTENDANCE

	TEACHING ELDER	CHURCH, MINISTRY, OR STATUS	Feb 11	May 11	Sep 11	Nov 11	Feb 12	May 12	Sep 12	Nov 12
1	Aldrich, Ken	Covenant Life PCA	*	*	*	P	P			
2	Arnold, Darrell	Covenant (Sebring) PCA	P	P	P	E	P			
3	Bennett, Drew	Church of the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
4	Bergman, Brent	Grace Community PCA	P	P	P	P	E			

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5	Brevick, Arnie	First PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
6	Brooks, Sammie	Grace (Lake Suzy) PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
7	Brubaker, Bob	Christ Community (Clear.) PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
8	Burridge, Bob	Grace (Pinellas) PCA	P	P	P	A	P			
9	Byrne, Bo	Cornerstone PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
10	Casselli, Steve	Holy Trinity PCA	P	P	P	P	E			
11	Caswell, Lyle	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
12	Clark, John	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR			
13	Culbertson, Rodney	Out of Bounds (with RTS)	E	E	A	A	P			
14	Dalton, Daniel	Seminole PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
15	Davis, Daryl	Stated Supply (2011)	P	A	A	A	A			
16	Dolby, Dwight	Auburn Road PCA	P	P	P	P	E			
17	Etienne, Esaie	MTW	A	A	A	A	P			
18	Eudaly, Dustyn	Holy Trinity PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
19	Fritz, Freddy	Tampa Bay PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
20	Gibson, Dax	Christ Community (Lake.) PCA	E	P	E	P	E			
21	Gillen, Richard	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR			
22	Grady, John	Faith (Sarasota) PCA	P	E	P	P	P			
23	Graham, Jack	Honorably Retired	HR	HR	HR	HR	HR			
24	Hamm, Ted	Cornerstone of L. Ranch PCA	P	A	P	P	E			
25	Hansen, Steven	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	E	P	P	P	A			
26	Harding, David	St. Petersburg PCA	E	P	E	P	P			
27	Holland, Wesley	Westminster PCA	E	P	P	P	P			
28	Jeantet, Steven	Covenant Life PCA	P	E	P	P	E			
29	Johnston, Quentin	Out of Bounds (CHA)	E	E	P	A	A			
30	Keen, John	Seminole PCA	P	P	P	P	P			
31	Kloth, Cory	Cypress Ridge PCA	E	P	P	E	P			
32	Lamb, Andrew	MTW	A	P	E	A	P			
33	Lambert, Ivan	Without Call	P	P	P	A	A			
34	LaPointe, Peter	Christ the King PCA	P	P	P	A	P			
35	Larrison, Brook	Faith (Wauchula) PCA	P	P	P	P	E			
36	Lee, Jeff	RUF at USF	P	E	P	P	P			
37	Light, Steven	Holy Trinity PCA	*	*	A	E	E			
38	Martin, David	Redeemer (Lakeland) PCA	P	P	P	E	P			
39	Matlack, Ken	MTW	A	E	E	A	E			
40	Mawhinney, Scott	Covenant Life PCA	P	P	E	P	A			
41	McDonald, Jeff	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	E	P	P	P	P			
42	McWilliams, David	Covenant (Lakeland) PCA	E	P	P	P	E			
43	Rice, Tim	Trinity PCA	P	P	P	P	E			
44	Roldan, William	Iglesia Berea PCA	E	P	P	P	P			
45	Sandhoff, Tom	Honorably Retired	P	P	P	P	P			
46	Sidebotham, Tom	Honorably Retired	P	HR	HR	P	HR			
47	Sinclair, Steven	Christ the King PCA	P	P	E	E	P			
48	Swartz, Craig	Redeemer (Riverview) PCA	E	A	P	P	P			
49	Taylor, Frank	Westtown PCA	A	P	P	P	A			
50	Winfree, Jonathan	Christ the Redeemer PCA	P	P	P	P	P			

P = Present; **E** = Excused; **A** = Absent Without Excuse; **HR** = Honorably Retired; * = Not a Presbytery Member

The following church Sessions had a commissioner/s in attendance:

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CHURCH SESSION ATTENDANCE

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1	Auburn Road / Venice	P	P	P	P	P			
2	Christ Community / Clearwater	A	A	A	P	A			
3	Christ Community / Lakeland	A	A	P	A	A			
4	Christ the King / Seminole	P	P	A	A	P			
5	Church of the Redeemer / Winter Haven	*	*	*	P	A			
6	Cornerstone / Lutz	P	P	P	P	P			
7	Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch / Bradenton	P	P	P	A	A			
8	Covenant Life / Sarasota	P	P	P	P	P			
9	Covenant / Lakeland	A	P	P	P	P			
10	Covenant / Sebring	P	A	A	A	A			
11	Cypress Ridge / Winter Haven	A	A	A	A	A			
12	Faith / Sarasota	P	A	P	A	P			
13	Faith / Wauchula	P	P	P	P	P			
14	First / North Port	A	A	A	P	A			
15	Grace Community / Palm Harbor	A	A	A	A	A			
16	Grace / Lake Suzy	A	A	A	A	P			
17	Grace / Pinellas	E	E	E	A	E			
18	Holy Trinity / Tampa	P	P	P	P	P			
19	Hope / Bradenton	P	P	A	A	A			
20	Iglesia Berea / Winter Haven	E	P	P	P	P			
21	Redeemer / Lakeland	A	P	P	P	P			
22	Redeemer / Riverview	A	A	P	A	A			
23	Seminole / Tampa	P	E	A	E	P			
24	St. Petersburg / St. Petersburg	E	A	A	A	A			
25	Tampa Bay / Tampa	P	E	P	P	P			
26	Trinity / Lakeland	A	P	P	P	P			
27	Westtown / Tampa	A	A	A	A	A			
28	Westminster / Brandon	A	P	A	P	P			

P = Present; E = Excused; A = Absent Without Excuse; * = Mission / Dissolved

The following Ruling Elders were in attendance: Rodney Edwards (Auburn Road), Richard Gordon (Auburn Road), Eric Roldan (Berea), Henry Vierling (Christ the King), Barth Smith (Christ the King), Chris Volf (Cornerstone), Gordon Shaw (Covenant Life), Bill Russel (Covenant Life), Bill Campbell (Covenant – Lakeland), Charles Clendinen (Covenant – Lakeland), Edward Tribe (Faith – Sarasota), Gray Vance (Faith – Wauchula), Robert Rhodes (Grace – Lake Suzy), Don Bennett (Holy Trinity), Hart Hogan (Redeemer – Lakeland), Ken Pothoven (Tampa Bay), Bert Barber (Tampa Bay), Randy Johnson (Seminole), Steve Strickland (Seminole), Stan McMahan (Trinity – Lakeland), and Larry Gillespie (Westminster).

Introduction of Visiting Brethren, Visitors, and Guests

The following visiting brethren, visitors, and guests were introduced: Mark Melendez (PCA RBI), Joe Kirkpatrick (Tampa Bay – Tampa), Ed McDougall (Florida Church Planting Network), Ben Lambers (Seminole – Tampa), Randy Coryell (Faith – Sarasota), Alan Polasky (Tampa Bay – Tampa), Stan Wildeboer (Seminole - Tampa), Matthew McKenzie (Seminole – Tampa), and Bill Cutler (Seminole – Tampa).

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The following Candidates, Licentiates, and Interns were in attendance:

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1	Brandi, Joe (LIC 2012)	*	*	*	*				
2	Carter, Michael (CAND)								
3	DeVictoria, Joel (CAND)			P					
4	Elswick, Tony (CAND)			P					
5	Glandon, Heath (CAND)								
6	Harcourt, Cameron (CAND)								
7	Knecht, Jason (CAND)								
8	Krause, Jeff (CAND)	P							
9	Light, Steven (INT)	P	*	*					
10	Loveall, Matt (CAND)								
11	March, Brian (CAND)			P		P			
12	McMahan (LIC)	*	*	*	*	P			
13	Nichols, James (CAND)					P			
14	Roldan, Ricky (CAND)				P				
15	Sanders, Mike (CAND)								
16	Syler, Marc (CAND)								
17	Turner, Ben (CAND)	P	P						

P = Present; * = Status Changed

Declaration of a Quorum

The Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

Adoption of the Docket and Orders of the Day

By common consent the docket was adopted. [See Appendix B.]

The Moderator set the Orders of the Day (RBI Presentation: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Lunch: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; Genevan Institute Presentation: 1:00 – 1:10 p.m.).

Appointment of Standing Committees: Bills and Overtures

No appointments.

Appointment of Standing Committees: Judicial Business

No appointments.

Stated Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave his report:

- MSC to approve as corrected the Minutes of the November 8, 2011 Presbytery meeting. [See Appendix C.]
- MSC to approve the requests for excused absences from Teaching Elders Steve Jeantet, Ted Hamm, Ken Matlack, Dax Gibson, Dwight Dolby, Brook Larrison, Brent Bergman,

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Steve Casselli, David McWilliams, Steve Light, Tim Rice, and for the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church in Pinellas Park, FL.

- The Clerk reported that various correspondences were sent and/or received. He invited Presbyters to view them if they wished to do so at the Clerk's desk.
- The Clerk reported, with thanks, that TE Steve Jeantet has designed a new website for our Presbytery. The website can be found at www.swfpresbytery.org. Presbyters are encouraged to visit the website for current information regarding the Presbytery.
- MSC to elect the following presbyters to serve on a Committee of Commissioners at the 40th General Assembly at Louisville, KY in June 2012: TE Danny Dalton (Administration), TE Dwight Dolby (Covenant Seminary), TE Jonathan Winfree (Interchurch Relations), TE Drew Bennett (Mission to North America), and TE Dustyn Eudaly (Overtures). [See Appendix D.]
- MSC to give the Stated Clerk authority to appoint a Presbyter to serve on an appropriate Committee of Commissioners at the 40th General Assembly at Louisville, KY in June 2012, providing the position is uncontested.
- The Clerk noted that TE Dwight Dolby is currently serving on the GA Nominating Committee. There is no nominee needed from our Presbytery until 2013. [See Appendix E.]
- The Clerk noted that TE Freddy Fritz is currently serving on the GA Committee on Review of Presbytery Records. There is no nominee needed from our Presbytery until 2013. [See Appendix F.]
- MSC to elect TE Cory Kloth to represent the Presbytery of Southwest Florida as a Floor Clerk at the 40th General Assembly at Louisville, KY in June 2012. [See Appendix G.]
- MSC to nominate the following presbyters to serve on the GA Permanent Committees and Agencies (noted in parentheses): RE Steve Sligh (Covenant College) and TE Steve Jeantet (Mission to North America). [See Appendix H.]

Permanent Committee Report: Candidates for Ministry

A member of the Candidates for Ministry Committee, TE Arnie Brevick, opened with prayer. He read the report of the Candidates for Ministry Committee. [See Appendix I.]

Mr. Rick Bennett came to be examined as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. Mr. Bennett is a member in good standing of Westtown Presbyterian Church in Tampa, FL for more than six months. The Session of this church has recommended him for candidacy. In accordance with BCO 18-3, he gave testimony to his Christian experience and call to the ministry and was then excused from the meeting.

Recommendation: To receive Mr. Rick Bennett as a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. *Adopted.*

Upon the return of Mr. Rick Bennett to the meeting, the Moderator posed the questions of BCO 18-3 to him, which he answered affirmatively. A brief charge from Malachi was given to him by TE John Keen, who closed the report by praying for Mr. Rick Bennett.

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Mr. Cameron Harcourt, a candidate under care, requested being removed from being under the care of Presbytery as he is pursuing a different vocation.

Recommendation: To remove Mr. Cameron Harcourt as a candidate under care of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida. *Adopted.*

TE Arnie Brevick closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding (Partial)

The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Dustyn Eudaly, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the Shepherding Committee with regard to churches and Teaching Elders. [See Appendix J.]

TE Tom Schneider requested a transfer of his membership to the Florida Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in order to plant a church. The Shepherding Committee acted as a Commission in accordance with *BCO* 32-1 and our Presbytery's Standing Rules (Article 4-3-C-iv) on January 9 to dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Tom Schneider and Covenant Life Presbyterian Church.

- MSC that the Presbytery approve the Commission Report of the Shepherding Committee to dissolve the pastoral relation between TE Tom Schneider and Covenant Life Presbyterian Church, and to transfer TE Schneider's membership to the Florida Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. *Adopted.*

Orders of the Day: RBI Presentation (11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

The Orders of the Day arrived at 11:45 a.m. Mr. Mark Melendez, Client Services Manager of RBI, shared a presentation regarding the retirement readiness of Teaching Elders. Mr. Melendez also indicated that he was available for one-on-one meetings following the presentation.

Orders of the Day: Lunch (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

The Moderator ordered a recess for lunch, having arrived at the Orders of the Day at 12:00 p.m. TE John Keen dismissed the Presbytery with prayer. Lunch was served from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Seminole Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., and opened the afternoon session with prayer.

Orders of the Day: Genevan Institute Presentation (1:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

The Orders of the Day arrived at 1:00 p.m. Since TE Bob Burrige was scheduled to report during the Shepherding Committee report, he requested to postpone his report to give it during the Shepherding Committee report.

Permanent Committee Report: Shepherding (Continued)

The Shepherding Committee Chairman, TE Dustyn Eudaly, opened with prayer. He reported on

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the work of the Shepherding Committee with regard to churches and Teaching Elders.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery recognize the transfer of TE Richard Gillen (HR) to Central Florida Presbytery. *Adopted.*

Grace Presbyterian Church of Pinellas Park, FL is no longer meeting for worship. They have requested to be dissolved as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the initiation of the dissolution of Grace Presbyterian Church of Pinellas Park, FL in accordance with *BCO* 13-10. *Adopted.*

TE Bob Burrige updated the Presbytery on his present and future ministerial endeavors in anticipation of the alteration in his call at the completion of the dissolution process, and in a desire for the Presbytery to be more broadly educated about his work and the resources he seeks to provide. TE Bob Burrige, Executive Director of the Genevan Institute of Reformed Studies, shared about the ministry of GIRS. TE Pete LaPointe stressed the importance and value of the Genevan Institute, and then prayed for TE Burrige and the ministry of the Genevan Institute of Reformed Studies.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the extension of TE Daryl Davis to serve as Stated Supply for Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch Presbyterian Church for another year (in accordance with *BCO* 22-6), as requested by the Session of Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch Presbyterian Church. *Adopted.*

TE Rod Culbertson, who serves out of bounds with Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC, gave a brief report regarding his labors. RE Charles Clendinen prayed for the ministry of TE Culbertson.

TE Ivan Lambert, who is without call, sent a written report regarding his ministerial labors and his pursuit of a call. TE Drew Bennett prayed for the ministry of TE Lambert.

TE Daryl Davis, who is without call and serving as Stated Supply at Cornerstone of Lakewood Ranch Presbyterian Church, sent a written report regarding his ministerial labors and his pursuit of a call. TE Bob Brubaker prayed for the ministry of TE Davis.

The following churches in our Presbytery do not have a Teaching Elder as a pastor: Hope Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, FL, and Cornerstone Church of Lakewood Ranch in Lakewood Ranch, FL.

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve *without* exception the 2010 Session Minutes of the following churches: Redeemer (Riverview), Trinity (Lakeland), and Westminster (Brandon). *Adopted.*

The following Sessions were reminded to send their 2010 Session Minutes to the Shepherding

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Committee: Christ Community (Lakeland), Covenant (Sebring), and Westtown (Tampa).

All Sessions are asked to give their 2011 Session Minutes to the Stated Clerk as soon as possible.

TE Dustyn Eudaly closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Administration

The Chairman of the Administration Committee, RE Don Bennett, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the Administration Committee [See Appendix K.] The Presbytery Treasurer, Deacon Randy Coryell, gave a report of the Presbytery finances. In 2011 the Presbytery Income was \$46,599, the Expenses were \$44,328, leaving a Net Income of \$2,271 as of December 31, 2011. [See Appendix L.] Deacon Randy Coryell prayed for the finances of the Presbytery.

Recommendation: That an offering be received at each Presbytery meeting during the Worship Service. These funds will go to the General Fund of the Presbytery. *Adopted.*

The Presbytery was informed that it carries no liability insurance coverage. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly recommends that each Presbytery carry its own liability insurance coverage. The recommended coverage is issued through Affiliated Insurance Programs under the following terms:

Coverage: \$1,000,000. Limits on the following: Directors & Officers Liability, General Liability, Professional Liability, Personal & Advertising Injury, Sexual/Physical Abuse, Hired & Non-Owned Auto.

Additional Coverage Included: Rented to You, Business Personal Property, Crime Coverage, Medical Expense.

Cost: Subject to Underwriting, \$100 per month (paid as \$1,200.00 annualized premium).

Recommendation: That the Presbytery purchase liability insurance coverage as recommended by the General Assembly Stated Clerk's Office through Affiliated Insurance companies. The funds will come from 2011 surplus income. *Adopted.*

Recommendation: That the Presbytery approve the following Presbyter to serve on one of the Presbytery Committees and Liaisons [See Appendix M.]:

- Mission to North America Committee: RE Ron Avery (2012). *Adopted.*

All churches are reminded that Church Statistical Forms are due to the Stated Clerk's of the General Assembly and the Presbytery by February 13, 2012.

RE Don Bennett closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Mission to North America

The Mission to North America Committee Chairman, TE Lyle Caswell, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of the MNA Committee.

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TE Lyle Caswell closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Examining

No report.

Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Christian Education

The Liaison for Christian Education, TE Danny Dalton, opened with prayer. He reported on the work of Christian Education. [See Appendix N.]

TE Danny Dalton closed the report with prayer.

Permanent Committee Report: Liaison for Mission to the World

The Liaison for Mission to the World, TE Bob Brubaker, opened the report with prayer. He gave a report on the work of Mission to the World.

TE Andrew Lamb, serving with Mission To the World, gave an update on his ministry. TE Bo Byrne prayed for the ministry of TE Lamb.

TE Esaie Etienne, serving with Mission To the World, gave an update on his ministry. TE John Grady prayed for the ministry of TE Etienne.

Ms. Carla Stevens, serving with Mission To the World, gave an update on her ministry. TE Sammie Brooks prayed for the ministry of Ms. Stevens.

TE Drew Bennett shared briefly about an upcoming missions trip to India.

TE Bob Brubaker closed the report with prayer.

TE Freddy Fritz requested, and was granted, a point of personal privilege. He reported that MTW's Northern Mexico Missions Leaders were planning a meeting at Ponte Vedra Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL on Saturday, March 3. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude by mid-afternoon. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information and support to all present regarding MTWs work in Northern Mexico.

Permanent Committee Report: Reformed University Ministries

TE Jeff Lee, Campus Minister of Reformed University Ministries, opened with prayer. TE Jeff Lee reported on his work at the University of South Florida.

TE Rod Culbertson prayed for the ministry of TE Jeff Lee.

Report of the Standing Committees

None.

Miscellaneous Non-Docketed Business

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TE Sammie Brooks asked for prayer for an upcoming surgery for a hernia on February 22. TE Pete LaPointe prayed for TE Brooks.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

- MSC to adjourn. The 86th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida adjourned with prayer offered by RE Matthew McKenzie at 2:38 p.m.

The 87th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southwest Florida will take place on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at St. Petersburg Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, FL at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



TE Freddy Fritz
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Southwest Florida

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