

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.**

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTIETH STATED MEETING
EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DOTHAN, ALABAMA**

FEBRUARY 9 AND 10, 2018

At 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2018, Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz welcomed the Commissioners and visitors to the Evergreen Presbyterian Church and began the meeting with a prayer and blessing. A wonderful supper was served by the staff and members of Evergreen Church.

MINISTERS, COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS AND CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS PRESENT:

Blair Beaver	Keith Cardwell	Mary Montei Clark	Stuart Clark
Sarah Erickson	David Jamison	Joseph Johnson	Dee Koza
Rachael B. Knoll	Steven Kurtz	Robert Madsen	Matt McCollum
Jody Beth Melton	Ashley Drake Mertz	Timothy Oleksy	Chris Peters
Lauren Peters	Ross Reddick	Jonathan Wallace	Julian Walthall
Buz Wilcoxon	Marcia Willett		

EXCUSED MINISTERS, COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS AND CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

Jerry Blacklaw	Chris Bullock	Karen Bullock	Bert Eyster
Robert Farrow	Carl Geider	Armando Guevara	Phillip Gwaltney
Vernon Hunter	David Jamison	William Jorgensen	Greg Kennedy
John Kimbirl	Sid Leak	Michael Mann	George Peelen
Jim Pitts	Dale Sallans	William Seybert	Bob Stauffacher
Ron Stone	Ed Thomas	Kathryn Threadgill	Bert Tuggle
Samford Turner	Rick Upchurch	Jay Warthen	Don Winborne

CHURCHES: COMMISSIONERS: VISITORS:

ANDALUSIA	Roger Powell	
BAY MINETTE	Excused	
CITRONELLE	Excused	
DOTHAN	Jane Belsches,	Lance Mertz
	Sandi Buntin	
ENTERPRISE	Denise Aylesworth	Diana Lawrence

FAIRHOPE	Rita Vaughn	
	Cindy Wilson	
FOLEY	Kim Wallace	
SWIFT	Philip Melton	
GENEVA	Richard Sanders	
GRAND BAY	Nick Olson	
GULF SHORES	Excused	
JACKSON	Cheryl Fredere	Renee Smith
CENTRAL	Excused	
COTTAGE HILL	Excused	
GOVERNMENT ST.	Bligh Jones	Paul Phillips, Kathy Saxbury
GRACE	Excused	
HILLSDALE	Excused	
MEMORIAL	Excused	
PROVIDENCE	Bill Berry	
	Dodi Berry	
SPRING HILL	Margaret Jordan	
	Kim Peterson	
ORANGE BEACH	Excused	Cissi Thompson
SPANISH FORT	Diane Edkins	

OTHERS PRESENT:

GUESTS:

Dr. Anna Carter Florence, Columbia Theological Seminary
 Doug Marshall, Presbyterian Home for Children

MODERATOR:

Incoming: Ashley Drake Mertz
 Outgoing: Walter J. Lawrence, MD

PRESBYTERY OFFICE:

Jenny Chapman
 Tammy Ladnier

PW MODERATOR:

Judy Persons

WORSHIP

Following supper, the commissioners convened in the sanctuary for worship. Dr. Anna Carter Florence of Columbia Theological Seminary preached an inspiring sermon titled, "Midwives and Ministry" (Exodus 1:8-22; Romans 12:1-2).

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Following worship, Dr. Anna Carter Florence gave the keynote address and following the keynote address, the commissioners took a brief break.

PLENARY SESSION

Following the break, the commissioners convened in the sanctuary for the plenary session.

QUORUM AND ADOPTION OF DOCKET

At 8:00 p.m. the Moderator, Dr. Walter Lawrence, declared that there was a quorum present, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Host pastor, Joseph Johnson welcomed the commissioners and visitors to Evergreen Church.

The docket was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery unanimously approved the minutes of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery of August 15, 2017.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW MODERATOR

Outgoing Moderator, Dr. Walter Lawrence and Stated Clerk, Albert Thompson led the presbytery in the installation of Moderator-elect Rev. Ashley Drake Mertz, Associate Pastor, Evergreen Presbyterian Church, Dothan, Alabama.

INTRODUCTIONS

Elders attending for the first time and the following visitors were introduced: Rev. Dr. Anna Carter Florence, Columbia Theological Seminary and Doug Marshall, Presbyterian Children's Home.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees of the Presbytery:

Bills and Overtures

There were no bills or overtures.

Hospitality

Bligh Jones, RE and Lauren Peters, TE

Attendance

Albert Thompson, Stated Clerk

VISIONING DIVISION

Buz Wilcoxon, Moderator of Visioning and Rachael Knoll reported that Visioning Division is spearheading a fund-raising effort on behalf of UKirk South Alabama. Packets of materials to support the effort were provided for each of the churches.

UKIRK (CAMPUS MINISTRY)

Lauren Peters gave a report on the UKirk ministry. A UKirk Campus Ministry Board has been established and is working on a plan to increase financial support for this ministry. Lauren has been visiting congregations and sessions to ask churches to include support for this ministry in their annual budget.

PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

Doug Marshall, the new President of the Home for Children, told of his sense of call to serve as President of the home and expressed gratitude to the Presbytery for its long-time support of the home. He reported that the Board of Trustees of the Home have decided to use a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Ozark Union Presbyterian Church to establish a new Day Shelter in Sheffield.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Joseph Johnson reported that we currently have three inquirers, Sarah Jordan who is a senior at Vanderbilt University, Heather Jones who is a senior at Union Seminary, Richmond and Madison Vaughn who is a second-year student at Columbia Seminary. CPM met with our inquirers over the Christmas holidays. All are doing well in their studies. Sarah and Heather are currently seeking a call following graduation.

Joe reported that Heather Jones has taken the alternative Bible Content Exam and she passed. Madison is preparing for Candidacy. Commissioners were encouraged to send a note or card to Madison, or in some way communicate our care and support for her in as she continues her studies. Madison's mailing address is: 614 Kirk Rd. Apt 11, Decatur GA 30030.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – COLUMBIA SEMINARY

Sarah Erickson gave an update on continuing education opportunities available through the Center for Life Long Learning at Columbia Seminary Guthrie Scholars Program. They have received a Lily Grant. The Healthy Transitions Wellness Retreat for ministers and spouses will be held October 8-11, 2018. This event is offered in partnership with the Ministering to Ministers Foundation.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Stated Clerk, Al Thompson, read the Necrology Report and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for those Ruling Elders who died in 2017 and for their families and churches.

NECROLOGY REPORT
January 1 – December 31, 2017

ELDERS:

<u>Evergreen, Dothan</u>	Elder, John (Jack) Persch	May 12, 2017
<u>Foley, First</u>	Elder, Paxton Jordan Elder, Phyllis Montgomery	May 4, 2017 May 10, 2017
<u>First PC, Jackson</u>	Elder, Jean McCrary Payne	June 27, 2017
<u>Mobile, Cottage Hill</u>	Elder, Jackie Audelette Elder, Kenneth Damp Elder, Frank Phillips, Sr.	March 22, 2017 May 19, 2017 July 8, 2017
<u>Mobile, Government St.</u>	Elder, Stova McFadden	May 31, 2017
<u>Mobile, Providence</u>	Elder, Linda Payne	June 20, 2017
<u>Mobile, Spring Hill</u>	Elder, Mary Beth Culp Elder, Mr. Joe Croom Elder, Joe Dan Dunnam Elder, Judge Robert L. Byrd, Jr.	January 8, 2017 June 23, 2017 October 3, 2017 October 29, 2017
<u>Orange Beach PC</u>	Elder, C. Sessions Brown	July 8, 2017
<u>Spanish Fort</u>	Elder, William H. Burdick	July 21, 2017

MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT:

Rev. William Seybert
August 22, 2017

The Stated Clerk reported that the commissioners to the January 29, 2017 Synod meeting were Mary Clark and Bob Madsen and their commissioner's report was included in the addendum.

The minutes of the commission that installed Rev. Tim Oleksy as Pastor of the Green Hill PC, on Sunday, October 29, 2017 have been received.

AI reported that the 2016 Minutes of the presbytery have been reviewed by Synod and approved without exception.

Report of the meeting of the Synod of Living Waters

January 29, 2018

The Synod of Living Waters met on January 29 at the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin, TN.

The meeting was convened with worship, led by outgoing Moderator Ralph Young. The preacher for the service was Warner Durnell, executive for the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, scheduled to retire this summer.

Following the worship, the meeting continued in the Fellowship Hall with the election of the New Moderator and Vice Moderator. New Moderator, Leonard Jordan continued to moderate the meeting.

The Stated Clerk and the Synod Executive, Terry Newland announced that he hopes to retire in July of 2019 and suggested that the transition would be a good time for the Synod to examine its ministry.

Institutions in covenant relationship with the Synod presented reports. They included: the Rev. Julie Bailey (Columbia Theology Seminary), Dr. Warrick (Stillman College), Kathleen Farnham (Maryville College) and Dr. Brian Alderman (King University).

Steve Young, executive director of Living Waters for the World reported on that ministry in light of its reorganization as a 501(c)(3) entity, independent of the Synod. That change enables the agency to solicit funds from other sources that do not make grants to religious institutions. LWW remains in partnership with the Synod.

The Synod increased its per capita apportionment this year for the first time in many years (from \$3.62 to \$3.98).

Commissioners to the meeting were: Mary Clark (CRE, Providence), Bob Madsen (pastor, Andalusia)

MEETING RECESSED

At 9:00 p.m. the Moderator, Ashley Drake Mertz, recessed the meeting until 8:00 a.m., Saturday. The Plenary Session was closed with the singing of the hymn, "Go to the World," led by Sarah Erickson.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2018 – MEETING RECONVENES

Moderator Ashley Drake Mertz reconvened the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday, February 10, 2018 and opened with prayer. A wonderful breakfast was served by the staff and members of the Evergreen Church.

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

Following breakfast, the commissioners gathered in the sanctuary for worship. Dr. Anna Carter Florence led worship and the celebration of Holy Communion. Anna preached an inspiring sermon titled, “Moses in Midian”.

BREAKOUT SESSION

Following worship, commissioners were given the option to attend one of the following offerings:

- Small Group Bible Study led by Buz Wilcoxon and Dee Koza
- Lenten Lectionary Discussion with Anna Carter Florence and Joe Johnson
- Best Practices on Mission with Ashley Drake Mertz and Rachael Knoll
- Coffee and Fellowship with other Presbyterians provided by Lauren Peters/UKirk Campus Ministries.

PLENARY SESSION

The commissioners gathered in the sanctuary for the plenary session at 10:45 a.m. which was opened with prayer by Ashley Drake Mertz.

COORDINATING DIVISION REPORT

Regional Presbyter, Rachael Knoll made the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

Administrative Division: Skip Becker, Government Street PC, Mobile

Presbyterian Home for Children: Board Member, Janice “Missy” Jones, Government Street PC, Mobile.

Visioning Division: Kim Vanbrimmer, Orange Beach PC
Lauren Peters, UKirk South Alabama

Permanent Judicial Commission: Karen Davies, Trinity PC, Fairhope

The Recommendations of the Committee were **Approved**.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

Keith Cardwell, moderator of the Administrative Division made the following recommendations:

1. Approve the December 31, 2017 Financial Report. **Approved**.

2. Reset the fiscal year of the Presbytery from January 1- December 31 each year to April 1- March 31 each year. This will allow the Administrative Division to more accurately plan a budget. The beginning date for the new fiscal year would be April 1, 2018. After a period of discussion, the motion was **Approved**.

3. Approve the 2018 budget as presented. Motion **Approved**.

4. Approve Spring Hill PC, Mobile to host the February 8-9, 2019 presbytery meeting. This will be a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Mississippi. Motion **Approved**.

Cottage Hill PC, Mobile has previously been approved to host the August 21, 2018 presbytery meeting.

Information:

The Administration Division is working with Robert Hay from the Presbyterian Foundation to consolidate Presbytery funds into a better growth product for the presbytery. Administration is also working to clear accounts that are inactive but show up on financial reports with a \$0 balance.

Remnant accounts will be merged with similar active accounts. (Example: Since we are no longer in partnership with Merida, Mexico, the remnant of the Merida funds will be moved to Guatemala funding.)

2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR BUDGET IS ONLY 90% OF THE UNRESTRICTED PLEDGES.
 HIGHER COURTS ACCOUNT FOR THE REMAINING 10% DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY 6.5%, SYNOD 2.5%, UKIRK 1%.

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	2017 BUDGET	12/31/2017 ACTUAL	2018 PROPOSED
5411 Compensation - Regional Presbyter	\$68,060	\$76,524	\$85,000
5412 S.S. Supplement - Regional Presbyter	\$4,946	\$5,002	\$6,502
5413 Board of Pension Dues - Regional Pres.	\$25,472	\$28,558	\$31,450
5414 Continuing Ed. - Regional Pres.	\$500	\$160	\$0
5415 Travel - Regional Presbyter	\$12,000	\$9,430	\$0
5415 Professional Expenses - Regional Pres.			\$12,500
Total	\$110,978	\$119,674	\$135,452
5420 Salary - Stated Clerk	\$5,000	\$3,792	\$5,000
5421 Salary - Adm. Assistant	\$29,252	\$29,529	\$29,252
5422 Board of Pension Dues - Adm. Ass't.	\$18,695	\$18,694	\$21,262
5423 Bookkeeper	\$3,300	\$2,740	\$3,300
2445 Bookkeeper Travel Expenses	\$800	\$783	\$800
5425 Salary - Resource Center Dir.	\$27,078	\$27,306	\$27,078
5426 Resource Center/Office Clerk	\$2,000	\$2,180	\$2,000
Total	\$86,125	\$85,024	\$88,692
5428 Part-Time Help	\$0	\$0	\$0
5429 Employer's FICA Tax	\$4,300	\$4,453	\$4,300
5432 Telephone	\$6,300	\$5,269	\$6,300
5433 Supplies	\$4,000	\$3,913	\$4,000
5434 Postage	\$1,200	\$1,602	\$900
5435 Equipment Maintenance/Copier Lease	\$2,500	\$3,138	\$6,500
5436 Printing	\$200	\$0	\$200
5437 Workmen's Compensation	\$1,600	\$1,259	\$1,600
5439 Gen. Ass'y. Mtgs.-Exec. Pres.	\$1,500	\$0	\$0
5440 Computer - Software & Supplies	\$3,000	\$3,107	\$3,000
5441 Travel/Synod	\$2,500	\$1,267	\$0
5442 Maint. & Equip. Replacement	\$2,000	\$1,958	\$2,000
5443 Computer Backup	\$600	\$507	\$600
Administrative Assistant Cont. Ed.			\$1,000
5495 Committee Operations	\$50	\$3	\$50
Total	\$29,750	\$26,476	\$30,450
Total Administrative Division	\$226,853	\$231,174	\$254,594
PROPERTY			
5513 Audit/Review	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$3,500
5520 Utilities	\$3,500	\$3,698	\$3,500
5525 Security Monitoring	\$300	\$300	\$300
5526 Termite & Pest Control	\$420	\$425	\$420
5530 Janitor - Office	\$2,000	\$2,424	\$2,600
5531 Yardwork - Office	\$1,700	\$1,950	\$1,700
5535 Insurance - Office	\$3,600	\$3,660	\$3,600
5540 Building Maintenance	\$2,500	\$3,926	\$2,500
TOTAL	\$17,520	\$21,383	\$18,120
Total Administrative Division	\$244,373	\$252,557	\$272,714
VISIONING DIVISION	2017 BUDGET	12/31/2017 ACTUAL	2018 PROPOSED

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5630 COLT/Training Events	\$1,500	\$1,783	\$1,500
5635 Presbytery Meetings	\$300	\$1,668	\$300
5640 Equipping the Saints	\$3,500	\$3,807	\$3,500
5690 Committee Operations	\$100	\$90	\$100
TOTAL	\$5,400	\$7,348	\$5,400
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY			
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5710 Counseling and Supply	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
5750 Pastoral Care of Ministers	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
5795 Committee Operations	\$50	\$145	\$50
TOTAL	\$3,550	\$2,145	\$3,550
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY			
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5810 Scholarship Aid	\$1,000	\$500	\$1,000
5820 Psych. Eval. for Min. Candidates	\$750	\$768	\$750
5890 Travel/Exams	\$0	\$65	\$0
5895 Committee Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,750	\$1,333	\$1,750
COORDINATING DIVISION			
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5920 Web Page	\$1,000	\$416	\$1,000
5925 Synod Communications Seminar	\$0	\$0	\$0
5930 Committee Operations	\$50	\$0	\$50
TOTAL	\$1,050	\$416	\$1,050
CAMPING & CONFERENCING COMMITTEE			
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6381 Funds for Camping & Conferencing	\$5,000	\$4,201	\$0
6381 UKirk			\$5,000
TOTAL	\$5,000	\$4,201	\$5,000
YOUTH MINISTRY			
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6410 Youth Triennium	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
6420 Presbytery Youth Ministry	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
6425 Teens 4 Christ	\$1,500	\$71	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$3,500	\$71	\$3,500
RESOURCE and EDUCATION CENTER			
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6720 Educator Expenses/Operations	\$500	\$75	\$0
6720 Professional Expenses			\$1,200
6730 Resource Center - Resources	\$2,800	\$2,364	\$0
6730 Resources and Equipment			\$3,265
6731 MSARC/MSAPCE Fees	\$65	\$286	\$0
6731 APCE Annual Fees			\$100
6732 Resource Ctr. Subscriptions	\$700	\$600	\$0
6732 Subscriptions			\$600
6733 Resource Ctr. Cont. Ed.	\$0	\$0	\$0
6795 Travel & Committee Operations	\$300	\$258	\$0
6795 Resource and Education Expenses			\$300
TOTAL	\$4,365	\$3,583	\$5,465
MISCELLANEOUS			
7520 Contingencies	\$3,500	\$3,872	\$3,500
TOTAL	\$3,500	\$3,872	\$3,500
TOTAL PRESBYTERY OPER. EXPENSE	\$272,488	\$275,526	\$301,929

TOTAL PRESBYTERY OPER. EXPENSE	\$272,488	\$271,692	\$319,414
	2017 BUDGET	12/31/2017 ACTUAL	2018 PROPOSED
BENEVOLENCE EXPENSES			
General Assembly (6.5%)	\$15,997	\$12,850	
Synod (2.5%)	\$6,153	\$4,942	
UKirk (1%)	\$2,461	\$612	
TOTAL	\$24,611	\$18,404	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$297,099	\$293,930	
REVENUE			
Unrestricted Pledged	\$246,111	\$197,558	
Unrestricted Non-Pledged	\$0	\$413	
Restricted for Presbytery Use	\$17,725	\$16,238	
Unrestricted, Prior Year Pledges	\$3,617	\$0	
Restricted, Prior Year Pledges	\$2,500	\$0	
Interest - General Fund Share	\$1,137	\$454	
Part of Surplus from Previous Year	\$4,103	\$0	
Trf. Camp Pinetreat Funds	\$363	\$0	
INCOME FROM MS PRESBYTERY			
MS Pby - Reimburse Regional Presbyter		\$23,750	\$30,000
FSA IRS Reimbursement	\$5,265	\$0	
Christ PC Mortgage Payments		\$0	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$280,821	\$238,413	
SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)	-\$16,278	-\$55,517	

GUATEMALA MISSION PARTNERSHIP

Ashley Drake Mertz and Chris Peters reported on the most recent mission trips to Guatemala. Conversations have been held with our mission partners to revise the Mission Partnership Covenant.

A recommendation was made to approve the revised Mission Partnership Covenant (see below). Motion **Approved**.

Jane Belsches (Evergreen PC, Dothan) provided information about future Guatemala Mission trips.

Covenant of Partnership Presbytery of South Alabama, PCUSA - Presbiterio Q'eqchi' Chisec, ENPG

Preamble: We believe that God has called our presbyteries to serve together in mission that crosses boundaries of culture, language, and nationality. We are one body and one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism (Ephesians 4:4-5). We value our common faith in Jesus Christ as well as our common roots in the Reformed tradition. Through this international mission partnership, we seek to glorify Jesus Christ and to further Christ's Kingdom in our different parts of the world.

Therefore, as partners in mission, we all agree to the following:

1. Prayer. We commit to pray for one another regularly, for the well-being of our churches and our communities, including intercession for specific needs and situations.
2. Communication. We will be diligent in maintaining regular contact between our presbyteries, and will each designate *contact persons* to facilitate this communication.
3. Respect. We will respect one another, working honestly and openly within the structures of our respective churches, and will reach decisions through mutual consultation.
4. Accountability. We will uphold transparency and accountability in financial matters, and will ensure that requests for resources are approved by the designated authorities of our churches and presbyteries.

For its part, the Presbytery of South Alabama agrees to the following:

5. Church Growth. We will work with the Presbiterio Q'eqchi' Chisec in its various ministries, including those with children, youth and women, leadership training, and construction projects that will advance God's work.
6. Community Projects. We will endeavor to collaborate in addressing needs in the communities where our partners work, such as access to clean water, *public education*, public health, and care for the environment.

7. Support for Education. *We will seek ways to support the plans of the Presbiterio Q'eqchi' Chisec for theological education in Coban and at the Colegio La Patria Norte (La Patria Norte School).*
8. Visit to South Alabama. *We will explore the possibilities of arranging for a visit by a representative or representatives of our Guatemalan partners to our presbytery in South Alabama.*

For its part, the Presbiterio Q'eqchi' Chisec (Q'eqchi' Chisec Presbytery) agrees to the following:

9. Hospitality. We will prepare for visits with our partners, offering warm hospitality and occasions for us to grow in our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ.
10. Worship. We will arrange for opportunities to share in the divine worship of our Almighty God.
11. Work Projects. We will support work projects that are undertaken through our partnership, including volunteer labor, preparation, and follow-through as needed.
12. Sharing of Culture. We will provide the context for cultural exchange, sharing the beauty of our natural setting, our people, and our customs.

This covenant will last for five years. During the fifth year, there will be a joint evaluation, and the possibility of extending the partnership will be considered.

January 31, 2018

(To be approved by both presbyteries and signed in Summer 2018)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Bob Madsen, Moderator of COM made the following recommendations from COM:

1. That the Presbytery approve the request from the First PC, Jackson that they be granted a waiver of G-2.0404 (limitation of terms) for ruling elders Ms. Renee Smith and Mr. Jim Bailey to allow them to be re-elected to the session. The request is because of the limited size of the congregation. **Motion Approved**
2. That the Presbytery approve the Changes in the Terms of Call of Pastors as per the following listing. **Motion Approved.**

Information:

COM is working with the Hillsdale PC, Mobile to assist them in a process to discern their future.

**Report of the COM
To the Presbytery of South Alabama
2018 Changes in Terms of Call**

G – 2.0804 ... The call extended to a pastor or associate pastor shall be approved by the presbytery and cannot be changed except by consent of the presbytery, at the request of the pastor or associate pastor, or at the request of the church by action of the congregation.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Terms</u>
<i>Andalusia, First</i>	<i>Bob Madsen</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$69,044.70 to \$80,094 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$6,389 to \$5,000</i>
<i>Bay Minette, First</i>	<i>Blair Beaver</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$76,560 to Same Tot. Prof. Allow. \$4,900 to Same</i>
<i>Citronelle, First</i>	<i>Ron Stone, Supply</i>	<i>No Report</i>
<i>Dothan, Evergreen</i>	<i>Joe Johnson</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$114,512 to \$128,195 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$6,223 to \$6,400</i>
	<i>Ashley Drake Mertz</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$66,672 to \$69,516 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$1,200 to Same</i>
<i>Enterprise, Green Hill</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Fairhope, Trinity</i>	<i>Matt McCollum</i>	<i>Tot Sal. & Ben. \$126,004.34 to \$128,656.84 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$5,378 to Same</i>
	<i>Christopher Peters</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$86,552.36 to \$87,671.58 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$5,000 to Same</i>
<i>Foley, First</i>	<i>Jonathan Wallace</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$105,257 to No Report Tot. Prof. Allow. \$7,000 to No Report</i>
<i>Foley, Swift</i>	<i>Keith Cardwell</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$89,425 to Same Tot. Prof. Allow. \$3,800 to Same</i>
<i>Geneva, Geneva</i>	<i>David Jamison, Supply</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$18,000 to Same</i>
	<i>Dee Koza, CRE</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$18,000 to Same</i>
<i>Grand Bay, First</i>	<i>Marcia Willett, CRE</i>	<i>No Report</i>
<i>Gulf Shores, First</i>	<i>Steven Kurtz</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$83,423 to No Report Tot. Prof. Allow. \$5,275 to No Report</i>
<i>Jackson, First</i>	<i>Taylor Morgan, Supply</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$12,000 Tot. Prof. Allow. IRS allowed mileage rate</i>

<i>Mobile, Central</i>	<i>Chris Bullock</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$41,200 to No Report Tot. Prof. Allow. \$9,000 to No Report</i>
	<i>Karen Bullock</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$15,830 to No Report Tot. Prof. Allow. \$2,000 to No Report</i>
<i>Mobile, Cottage Hill</i>	<i>Stuart Clark</i>	<i>No Report</i>
<i>Mobile, Government Street</i>	<i>George Sinclair</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$168,190 to No Report Tot. Prof. Allow. \$7,566 to No Report</i>
<i>Mobile, Grace</i>	<i>Julia Simmons, Supply</i>	<i>No Report</i>
<i>Mobile, Hillsdale</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Mobile, Memorial</i>	<i>Vacant</i>	
<i>Mobile, Providence</i>	<i>Mary Clark, CRE</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$57,889 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$2,425</i>
<i>Mobile, Spring Hill</i>	<i>Buz Wilcoxon</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$130,687 to \$136,720 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$10,500 to Same</i>
	<i>Anna Fulmer</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$68,296.09 to Same Tot. Prof. Allow. \$5,000 to Same</i>
<i>Orange Beach</i>	<i>Kim Vanbrimmer</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$45,240 to Same Tot. Prof. Allow. \$760 to Same</i>
<i>Spanish Fort</i>	<i>Ross Reddick</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$77,508 to \$104,868 Tot. Prof. Allow. \$7,300 to Same</i>

Others

<i>Columbia Seminary</i>	<i>Sarah Erickson</i>	<i>Tot. Sal. & Ben. \$87,215.40 to \$87,538.</i>
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MISSION GRANT COMMITTEE

Mary Clark reported that there are mission grant funds available and the committee is soliciting grant proposals to assist in funding mission and outreach opportunities for congregations.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Joe gave an update on the ministries that receive funding from the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering that is received at Easter. Those three ministries are: Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Joe gave examples of how those funds are being used to make a real difference in people's lives and encouraged commissioners to make a special effort to support this important offering.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Judy Persons, Moderator of Presbyterian Women reported that the spring gathering of PW would be held on April 14, 2018 at Evergreen PC. The theme of the meeting is to be “Seeking God’s Presence”. The fall gathering will be a mission fair. More information will follow.

ALABAMA PRESBYTERIAN CURSILLO

The handout below was provided about Cursillo. Next event scheduled for September 20-23, 2018 at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope.

What is Cursillo?

It is a three-day weekend away from the world and into a time of learning, reflection, joy, fellowship, worship, prayer, and more. It is the first step of a faith journey – a pilgrimage that begins with these three days.

Upcoming Event: Ultra-Ultreya!

We are having a full day of Ultreya in March, complete with talks, discussion, singing, and even a special guest - a doctor we all know and love! If you are not getting the APC emails, please email Kim Vanbrimmer to update your email address (kvanbrimmer@gmail.com) so you’ll be kept apprised of the date and location!

Why should I go to Cursillo?

Attending a Cursillo weekend is a gift to you from the people in the Fourth Day – that time beyond the three-day weekend. There is no cost to attend and the benefits last far beyond the short time you are there. This weekend is an opportunity to grow – God works in all of us in so many different ways during the weekend, and the opportunity to continue that growth is found in the Fourth Day community all throughout our presbytery. The weekend is held at beautiful Camp Beckwith on Weeks Bay in Fairhope.

Who should go?

Pastors, elders, deacons, church leaders, church members – well, everyone! Anyone and everyone who serves their church pours out a little bit of themselves as they serve and glorify God. The need to refill, refuel, and rejuvenate is imperative. Cursillo is one way to fill back up, to grow into a deeper relationship with Christ, and to expand your community of Christian brothers and sisters who will support, encourage, and pray for you.

When is it?

APC #37 – September 20-23, 2018 at Camp Beckwith in Fairhope.

How do I apply?

Pilgrim applications are on the website: www.alpresbyteriancursillo.com. Please encourage anyone who is interested to get their application in as quickly as possible – once the maximum number of pilgrims is reached for a weekend, registration closes. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask! Alabama Presbyterian Cursillo Council’s Liaison to Churches is Kim Vanbrimmer: 251-370-5272; kvanbrimmer@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERY YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Lauren Peters and Ashley Drake Mertz provided the following information on the Teens 4 Christ events.

The third class of Teens 4 Christ participants convened in August 2017 and again in January 2018 at Baytreat in Fairhope, AL. There are six (6) participants: two from Evergreen PC, Dothan; one from Trinity PC, Fairhope; one from Government Street PC, Mobile, one from Pineville PC, Pass Christian, MS, and one from First PC, Natchez, MS.

During the first retreat Regional Presbyter, Rachael Knoll, spoke on Reformed Theology and spiritual gifts as the students started to learn about leadership in the Presbyterian Church. At the second retreat Chad Wright Pittman, Director of DOOR Atlanta, and Lauren Wright Pittman, Creative Collaborator and Graphic Designer, Sanctified Art, explored with the Teens the idea, “How to be a leader.”

There will be one final retreat in April and a mission trip to Guatemala in July.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Bills and Overtures: There were no bills and overtures

Hospitality: The report of the Hospitality Committee was given by Bligh Jones and Lauren Peters expressing appreciation for the gracious hospitality and marvelous food provided by Evergreen Presbyterian Church.

Attendance: The Stated Clerk reported that there were 22 ministers, 18 elders and 11 visitors, for a total of 51 persons attending Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned and the commissioners were dismissed for lunch with a prayer and blessing by the Moderator, Ashley Drake Mertz.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF PRESBYTERY:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018
AT COTTAGE HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MOBILE, ALABAMA**

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN READ AND APPROVED IN ACCORD WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF PRESBYTERY AND REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Albert R. Thompson, Stated Clerk