

**PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH ALABAMA  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.  
MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH STATED MEETING  
ELECTRONIC MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2020**

**TEACHING ELDERS, COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS AND CERTIFIED  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS PRESENT:**

Blair Beaver	Chris Bullock	Keith Cardwell	Mary Montei Clark
Anna Fulmer Duke	Sarah Erickson	Joseph Johnson	Rebekah Lamar
Robert Madsen	Matt McCollum	William H. McLean	Chris Peters
Ross Reddick	Cary Speaker	Al Thompson	Kim Vanbrimmer
Jonathan Wallace	Julian Walthall	Buz Wilcoxon	Marcia Willett

**EXCUSED TEACHING ELDERS, COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS AND  
CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:**

Jerry Blacklaw	Chris Bullock	Karen Bullock	Stuart Clark
Van Edington	Bert Eyster	Timothy Ferrell	Eugenia Gamble
Armando Guevara	Phillip E. Gwaltney	G. Jan Hinnen	Vernon R. Hunter
David Jamison	William F. Jorgensen	John E. Kimbirl	Rachael B. Knoll
Dee Koza	Sid Leak	Michael Mann	Barbara McDonald
George McDonald	Jody Beth Melton	George Peelen	Lauren Peters
Jim Pitts	Dale Sallans	Julia Simmons	George Sinclair
Robert A. Stauffacher	Ron Stone	Kathryn Threadgill	Bert Tuggle
Samford Turner	Rick Upchurch	James Warthen	Shuford White

**CHURCHES:**

ANDALUSIA  
BAY MINETTE  
CITRONELLE  
DOTHAN  
ENTERPRISE  
FAIRHOPE  
  
FOLEY  
  
SWIFT  
GENEVA  
GRAND BAY

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Kim Brantley  
  
Carol Smith  
Cindy Wilson  
Tom Giles  
Bill Swanson  
  
Nick Olson

**VISITORS:**

**CHURCHES:**

GULF SHORES  
JACKSON  
CENTRAL  
COTTAGE HILL  
GOVERNMENT ST.

GRACE  
MEMORIAL  
PROVIDENCE

SPRING HILL

ORANGE BEACH  
SPANISH FORT

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Pam Winstead  
Renee Smith  
  
Dan Dealy  
Dorothy Morrison

Becky Baker  
Barry South  
Lawrence Hughey  
Dale Hair

Jim Legge  
Vicki Nobles

**VISITORS:**

Taylor Morgan

Judy Persons

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**MODERATORS:**

Ginny Granade, Outgoing Moderator  
Jonathan Wallace, Incoming Moderator

**GUESTS:**

Casie Callaway, Forward Focus Committee  
Jenny Chapman, Presbytery of South Alabama  
Megan Clark-Brezina, Evergreen Presbyterian Church  
Julee Howard, Presbytery of South Alabama  
Gregory Goodwiller, Synod Executive  
Bligh Jones, Presbyterian Women Moderator

**WELCOME**

At 10:00 a.m. commissioners who had joined the meeting by Zoom were welcomed by Al Thompson, Stated Clerk and Gregory Goodwiller, Synod Executive gave guidance on participating in the Zoom meeting.

**PLENARY SESSION**

At 10:10 a.m. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by the Moderator, Ginny Granade.

**QUORUM AND APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET**

The Moderator declared that there was a quorum present and the modified docket was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF ELECTRONIC MEETING**

Al Thompson, Stated Clerk, made the following motions,

That the presbytery may meet by electronic means if all ministers of Word and Sacrament members and ruling elder commissioners have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God and vote on business items. The quorum for such a meeting is five (5) minister members and five (5) ruling elder commissioners from five (5) different congregations. **Motion Approved.**

That the Administrative Division study the adopted motion and make a recommendation to presbytery concerning this or a similar amendment becoming a part of the presbytery's Manual of Operations. **Motion Approved.**

**MOTION TO EXCUSE** A motion was made that those who were not able to participate in this meeting be automatically excused. **Motion Approved.**

### **INSTALLATION OF NEW MODERATOR**

TE Jonathan Wallace, First Presbyterian Church, Foley was declared the newly installed Moderator of the Presbytery.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

TE Anna Fulmer Duke, Moderator of COM reported that COM has met with the Rev. Eugenia Gamble, Honorable Retired from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara and has approved her transfer to the Presbytery of South Alabama.

Changes in terms of call will be presented at the August 18, 2020 presbytery meeting.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION**

TE Keith Cardwell, Moderator of the Administration Division made the following report:

That the Presbytery approve the 2020 Proposed Budget of the Presbytery. The 2020 budget will go into effect April 1, 2020 at the beginning of the new fiscal year. **Motion Approved.**

Keith shared the following items of information:

1. Camp and Conference Scholarships awarded:  
Evergreen PC for \$800, Spring Hill PC for \$800 and First PC, Bay Minette for \$800
2. Upcoming Scholarships

## **VISIONING DIVISION REPORT**

TE Buz Wilcoxon of the Visioning Division reported the following items for information:

1. The presbytery-wide pulpit exchange has been canceled for this year due to the Corona Virus. We anticipate another similar Presbytery Sunday in 2021 and hope to have 100% participation from our congregations.
2. **Church Officer and Leader Training (COLT) 2020** has been postponed and we are hoping to reschedule. Updates will be provided.

## **FUTURE FOCUS COMMITTEE**

Casi Callaway, Government Street Presbyterian Church reported on the work of the committee.

The Future Focus Committee has developed the following Mission Statement: That the Future Focus Committee will gather information from members of the Presbytery at large and the diverse representation of the 21-church family in order to enable the committee to identify, develop, and present a mission, operations plan, and three-year strategic plan for the Presbytery of South Alabama.

The committee has sent out a congregational members survey and leadership survey. They will be setting up face-to-face focus groups to interview key leaders of the presbytery including Presbyterian Women, Administration Division, Committee on Ministry and retired pastors.

## **COORDINATING DIVISION**

Blair Beaver, Moderator, made the following recommendations on behalf of the committee:

### **Nominations:**

<b>Presbytery Meeting Worship Committee</b>	TE Blair Beaver, First PC, Bay Minette
<b>Committee on Ministry</b>	TE Eugenia Gamble, Honorably Retired
<b>Administrative Division</b>	TE Matt McCollum, Moderator, Trinity PC, Fairhope
<b>Presbyterian Home for Children</b>	Ted Auttersen, Spring Hill PC, Mobile

The recommendations of the committee were **approved**.

**Attendance:** The Stated Clerk reported that there were:

**20 Ministers, 16 Commissioned Ruling Elders and 9 Visitors** for a total of 45 persons attending the Presbytery meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moderator Jonathan Wallace adjourned the meeting of the Presbytery of South Alabama with a prayer at 10:45 a.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF PRESBYTERY:**

**Thursday August 18, 2020  
AT ORANGE BEACH. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA**

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

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Jonathan Wallace, Moderator

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Albert Thompson, Stated Clerk