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STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi
June 5, 1990

18.1001 **CALL TO ORDER**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the previous Moderator, TE Robert Hays, who then led the Presbytery in opening prayer.

18.1002 **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the Interim Stated Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton Phillips	Jerry L. Merrell
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	W.H. Allen
Brandon, Brandon	Robert C. Duhs	Dave Craig
Brandon, Faith		A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		James Sowell
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist, IV	Henry Blocker
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	James Kenneth Johnston
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Dale Kilbourn
DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jason Shelton	Knox Askew
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	M.E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	Benny Hill
		John High
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	Leland Hume
	Brister H. Ware	John W. Long
	Jan Werson	Frank S. York, Jr.

Jackson, Grace	Bill Whitwer	H.L. Mackie
Jackson, Lakeland	Roger Collins	Ken Sheppard

Church

Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity
 Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Porterville, Enondale
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Utica, Utica
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Jim Shull

David M. Gordon
 Jim Barnes

Robert Jackson
 Bob Schwanebeck

Jeff Lowman
 Philip R. Blevins
 Robert West

Dale McCord
 Dale McCord
 Robert E. Hays
 Joe Easterling

Chuck Frost

Tim Bonds

John Allen

Michael Howell

Ruling Elder

Lewis Luke
 A
 W.C. Downing
 Johnny Boswell
 A
A
 Jack Liddell
 A
 A
 John Sharp
 A
 E.G. Flora, Jr.
 Larry McMillan
 A
 C.E. Davis
 A
 A
 George Powe
 Joe Turner
 David C. Fugate
 Billy Courts
 E.A. Simpson
 A
 Roland B. Jacobs
 Jack Laws
 Ray Reinhardt
 A
 A
 A
 Billy Johnson
 Clyde W. Reeves
 J.M. Cole
 A
 Clyde R. Donnell
 A
 Frederick Clark
 Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Howard S. Allen; Dana W. Casey; Billy Dempsey; Douglas Kelly; Erskine L. Jackson; Ron Lively; Mark L. Lowrey, Jr.; Fred Marsh; Doug McCullough; Willem A. VanGemerem; Paul Zetterholm.

- c. **The following visitors were registered:** Maurice Wray; Steve Hill; Charlie Rodriguez; Sam Maves; Larry Daughan; Connie Daughan; Shane Sunn; Bebo Elkin; Gus Schill; John Kelley; Steve Chastain; Billy T. Davies; Julian Stennis; Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Kyung Lee; Yang Woo Lee; Jeffrey Lancaster; Michael Ganucheau; James C. White; Steve Burton; Gus Kinchen; John Campbell; Rennie Keller.
- d. **The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** B.I. Anderson; J. McDonald Bell; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Mark Lowrey; Tom Penning; J. Paul Poynor, III; Richard Pratt; Clayton E. Quarterman; Jakub Susabeda; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Michael Alberg; Gary Crampton; Warren Foster; Ed Hurley; Paul Long; Mark Lowrey; Ed Norton; Mickey Raia; Jack Scott; H. Cobb Ware.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** RE Jack Liddell; TE Alton Phillips; RE Jerry Merrell; TE Doug McCullough; RE Jack Laws; RE Ray Reinhardt; TE Chuck Frost.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Mike Sartelle.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** St. Paul's PCA.
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 18.1002.a above.

18.1003

ELECTION OF A Moderator

RE Richard Nelson, Bethesda PCA, Edwards, was nominated and elected as Moderator.

18.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Interim Stated Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

18.1005

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Michael Howell welcomed the Presbytery.

18.1006

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the Thanks Committee: TE Jason Shelton, Chairman; RE Knox Askew;

and TE Jan Werson.

18.1007

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders and churches listed in 18.1002.e. and h. above.

18.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Interim Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Gary Crampton as pastor of Covenant PCA, Forest (**Appendix B**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to organize the Lakeland Presbyterian Church as a congregation of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery (**Appendix C**).

M/P to receive as information reports from the following persons laboring out of bounds: Chaplain James Carter, Dr. Paul Long, and Missionaries Tom Penning, Clayton Quarterman, Pam Jones, Lynn Klamer, Don Patterson, John Kyle and Jayson Kyle. (**Appendices D-K**).

M/P to receive as information the reports of the following deposed ministers: James Serio (Palmetto Presbytery) and Dewitt Watson (South Texas Presbytery). TE Chuck Frost then led in prayer for our ministers and elders.

18.1009

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Jan Werson presented the MNA Committee Report (**Appendix L**).

M/P that the Presbytery approve the "Revised Affiliation Agreement" with RUF ministries, as requested by the General Assembly's MNA Committee and that Presbytery approve the 1990 "Tri-Presbytery" budget for RUF of \$337,808.04, which includes a raise in the call of TE Billy Dempsey.

TE Bill Whitwer led the Presbytery in prayer for our chaplains.

18.1010

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Jim Barnes presented the MTW Committee Report (**Appendix M**).

M/P that the Presbytery encourage all churches within its bounds to avail themselves of the opportunities and challenges to promote the world mission of our Lord Jesus Christ in their churches and communities. Contact Dr. Paul Long if you desire a presentation of the challenge to mission work in your church.

M/P that all churches in the Presbytery make every effort within this next year to establish a world mission committee within the local church and that they send the name of the chairman of the committee to the chairman of the Presbytery's MTW Committee.

M/P that all churches be encouraged to cooperate with the MTW Committee of Presbytery in sending out both teaching and ruling elders from their church to be involved in a missionary experience for a brief time. The object of such an experience is to stimulate increasing interest in the work the Lord called us all to be involved in of reaching the world for Christ. This cooperation should include the willingness of the churches to help defray the costs of those participating. Such costs for each individual would be between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

18.1011

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Bob Duhs presented the Advisory Committee Report.

M/P that, after careful counsel with TE Fred Marsh for over two years, Mississippi Valley Presbytery finds that there is no Biblical ground for censure regarding his divorce. Further that, regardless of circumstances, the Biblical sanctity of marriage is always to be held in high esteem. Finally that, while Dr. Fred Marsh remains a member in good standing of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, that he fill no pulpit until the October meeting of Presbytery and that he remain under special care of the Advisory Committee for a period of one year for the purpose of counsel and encouragement with a final report to be given to the June 1991 meeting of Presbytery."

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, to approve the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between St. Paul's Presbyterian Church and TE Rod Mays, effective May 20, and to approve Mr. Mays' transfer to Calvary Presbytery, pending their receipt of him.

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, that TE Jan Werson's request for dissolution of his pastoral relationship with First PCA Jackson be approved and that his request to labor out of bounds in the U.S. Navy chaplaincy be approved.

M/P that TE Michael Raia be granted permission to labor out of bounds in Central Georgia Presbytery as Stated Supply of Vineville Presbyterian Church, Macon, Georgia.

M/P that, after careful counsel with TE Dana Casey for almost two years, Mississippi Valley Presbytery finds that there is no Biblical ground for censure regarding his divorce. Further that, regardless of circumstances, the Biblical sanctity of marriage is always to be held in high esteem. Finally that, while Dr. Dana Casey remains a member in good standing of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, that he fill no pulpit until the October meeting of Presbytery and that he remain under special care of the Advisory Committee for a period of one year for the purpose of counsel and encouragement with a final report to be given to the June 1991 meeting of Presbytery."

M/P that the Moderator appoint representatives to General Assembly (including the Chairman of the Advisory Committee) to defend the actions of Mississippi Valley Presbytery (if called to do so) with regard to the excommunication of Mr. Randy Stringer at the February 20, 1990 meeting of Presbytery. The Moderator appointed TE Robert Duhs (Chairman of the Advisory Committee) and TE Paul Zetterholm (Interim Stated Clerk).

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, that Presbytery approve the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Dale McCord and the Newton and Mt. Moriah Presbyterian Churches, and that Mr. McCord's request for honorable retirement be granted, effective June 30, 1990.

M/P that Presbytery not receive the complaint of Mr. Carl Fox dated March 14, 1990 against the action of Mississippi Valley Presbytery relating to Mr. Fox's request for Review and Control, on the grounds that Mr. Fox is not a member of the PCA, and therefore has no standing before the court.

M/P that Presbytery pay the expenses of the Interim Stated Clerk to General Assembly in accordance with Standing Rules Article VI.C.2.a.

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, that Presbytery approve the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Lebanon Presbyterian Church and TE Tom Penning, effective June 5, 1990, and that Mr. Penning be approved as laboring out of bounds of Presbytery as a missionary in Maryborough, Australia.

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, that Presbytery approve the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE H. Cobb Ware and Trinity Presbyterian Church, and that Mr. Ware remain on the rolls without call.

M/P, the requirements of BCO 23-1 having been met, that Presbytery approve the request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Joe Easterling and First PCA, Philadelphia, and that Mr. Easterling be transferred to Central Georgia Presbytery pending their receipt of him.

M/P that we approve as information the request from Westminster PCA, Jackson to change their name to Providence Presbyterian Church.

M/P that Presbytery approve the following additional requests of men to labor out of bounds for one year:

B.I. Anderson in Gulf Coast Presbytery as interim pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Panama City, Florida;

John Kyle as Coordinator of the PCA Mission to the World Committee;

Jayson Kyle as missionary to Mexico City;

Paul Long as Professor of Missions at Reformed Theological Seminary.

The Chairman gave a brief oral report on our retired ministers and ministers laboring out of bounds.

M/P approve report as a whole.

18.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:20 a.m. with prayer by TE Bill Whitwer.

18.1013

MEMORIAL SERVICE

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Presbytery reconvened at 10:45 a.m. with prayer by TE John Reeves.

The Ruling Elders who died during the past year were memorialized with a special time of prayer by the Moderator.

M/S/P to receive these memorials as information and to spread them on the minutes **(Appendices N - Y)**.

18.1014

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, TE Robert Hays, led the Presbytery in worship. After opening prayer and the singing of a hymn, Rev. Hays preached from Exodus 32:1-8 the topic of "Worship." TE Michael Howell then led the presbytery in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

18.1015

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Basil Albert gave a brief report on the work of Kaz Yaegashi **(Appendix Z)**.

M/S/P to refer to the Stewardship and Finance Committee for a report at the October meeting Mr. Yaegashi's family's request for transportation to visit the United States

18.1016

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Mike Howell, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

18.1017

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Jason Shelton expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the Second Presbyterian Church in general and to the ladies in particular for their gracious hospitality.

18.1018

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by TE Roger Collins.

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee **(Appendix AA)**.

Examination:

Mr. Hays certified to the Presbytery that all administrative and educational requirements had been satisfied by all applicants and that all required papers, sermons and written examinations were approved by the Credentials Committee as satisfactory.

TE Billy Davies was examined as a transferring minister from North Georgia Presbytery. He was examined in his Christian experience and on his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory, and his examination as a whole was then sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to receive Mr. Davies as a transferring minister pending his release from North Georgia Presbytery. Mr. Davies was then instructed to sign the Presbytery Covenant Book. The call from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was placed in his hands and he accepted the call.

Administrative Recommendations:

M/P that Presbytery receive as information Candidate Larry Efird's withdrawal from pursuing ordination in our presbytery.

M/P that Presbytery approve Mr. Andrew Fortier's experiential religion part of his previously approved licensure examination as sufficient for transfer of candidacy from Evangel Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Paul Hahn's candidacy be transferred to Southeast Alabama Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate James Cavanah's candidacy be transferred to Gulf Coast Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Vic Muecke's candidacy be transferred to Northeast Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Fred Harrel's candidacy be transferred to Tennessee Valley Presbytery.

TE Roger Collins, Chairman of the Internship Sub-Committee gave a report on the Presbytery's interns

(Appendix AB).

Intern Rennie Keller gave an oral report to the presbytery.

M/P that Presbytery approve Candidate Gordon Lewis' completed internship program.

M/P that a waiver of internship be granted Mr. Jeffrey Lancaster (passed by the necessary 3/4 vote).

M/P that Steve Hill's completed internship program from Western Carolina Presbytery be accepted as meeting Mississippi Valley Presbytery's internship requirements.

M/P that a waiver of internship be granted Candidate Jim White (passed by the necessary 3/4 vote).

M/P that Trinity PCA's request for TE Gordon Reed as Stated Supply be approved.

M/P that a one-year extension of TE Gerald Morgan's supply relationship with the West PCA church until June 30, 1991 be approved.

In view of Presbytery's previous action (see Para. 18.1011 above), the recommendation for the

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Pleasant Springs Church was withdrawn.

M/P that the request from Westminster PCA, Meridian, for Mr. Jeffrey Lancaster to serve as student supply be approved pending his satisfactory examination.

M/P that the request of the Korean Mission PCA for the Rev. Yang Woo Lee to serve as stated supply be approved pending his satisfactory examination.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery deny Mt. Carmel church's request to have Charles Rodriguez serve as stated supply until he is given permission to labor outside the bounds of Louisiana Presbytery and is approved by Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery express its serious concern regarding Charles Rodriguez's carelessness in laboring out of bounds of his presbytery and his serving regularly in one of our churches without permission.

M/P that Intern Sam Maves be approved as student supply at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, effective July 15, for one year.

M/S/P that TE Bill Whitwer be appointed Stated Supply at the Lakeland PCA for one year.

M/P that the calls of Tchula PCA for TE Paul Zetterholm; Brandon PCA for Mr. Steve Hill; First PCA, Kosciusko for Mr. Jim White; First PCA, Louisville for Mr. Larry Daughan; and Pear Orchard PCA for TE Billy Davies be approved.

Examinations:

Messrs. Michael Ganucheau and Jeffrey Lancaster were examined for candidacy in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then gave a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The Presbytery was divided into five Commissions to hear the sermons of the licensure and ordination applicants. Each Commission was appointed with a chairman and a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. After returning, the Commission chairmen all reported satisfactory sermons and the court approved the Commissions' reports and sustained all sermons as satisfactory.

M/S/P that the definition of "preaching... on a regular basis" (BCO 19-1) be referred to the Standing Rules Committee for possible inclusion in the Standing Rules and that in the meantime the following statement constitute the policy of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in this regard:

"No church which is a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery is to have anyone fill its pulpit more than once per calendar month until he has been approved by Mississippi Valley Presbytery to do so."

Mr. Yang Woo Lee, applicant for licensure, was examined in his Christian experience.

M/S/P to waive the examination in views of Mr. Lee on the grounds of language difficulty, the fact that he had already passed two written and one oral examination from the Committee and that it is the Committee's policy only to ask representative questions on the floor. (Motion passed by 2/3 vote).

Mr. Jeffrey Lancaster was examined concerning his views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. Mr. Lee's and Mr. Lancaster's examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P to waive ordination candidates' examination in Hebrew and Greek, based on their successful completion of a seminary education.

Mr. Steve Hill and Candidates Larry Daughan and Jim White were examined for ordination. Mr. Hill was examined in their Christian experience. All candidates were examined in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government, Bible content, Church History and the history of the PCA. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. Their examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory. The men were then instructed to sign the Presbytery Covenant Book.

Ordination and Installation Commissions were appointed as follows, with each Commission having a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Zetterholm: TE's Michael Howell, Steve Jussely (Chairman), James Shull; RE's Jim Hutton and Billy Johnson (Tchula PCA) and Sonny Peaster (2nd Yazoo City PCA). Sunday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m. at Tchula PCA.

Davies: TE's Chuck Frost (Chairman), Cobby Ware, Bill Hughes; RE's Jack Laws, Rod Russ, Ray Reinhardt (all from Pear Orchard PCA). Sunday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Pear Orchard PCA.

Daughan: TE's Robert Schwanebeck (Chairman), Chuck Frost, Willem VanGemerren; RE's Niles McNeel, Henry Fair, Mike Triplett, Moses Triplett, John Sharp, Steve Morris, Bobby Smyth, Ben Kirk (all from First PCA, Louisville). Sunday, July 1, at 5:00 p.m. at First PCA, Louisville.

Hill: TE's Robert Duhs (Chairman), Mike Howell; Guest TE's Ford Williams (Covenant Presbytery) and Rod Clay (Western Carolina Presbytery) as preacher. RE's Robert Cato (2nd PCA, Yazoo City), John Sherrod (St. Paul's PCA), and Jackie Thompson (Brandon PCA). Sunday, July 22, at 6:00 p.m. at Brandon PCA.

White: TE's Jim Barnes (Chairman), Erskine Jackson, Willem VanGemerren. RE's Johnny Boswell, John Burge and Al Chaddick (all of First PCA, Kosciusko) and Vernon Cotten (Carthage PCA).

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

18.1019

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Jackson presented the report of the Sessional Records Committee. The following churches submitted Sessional records for 1989 and were approved without exception: Old Madison PCA, Canton; Second PCA, Yazoo City.

The following Sessional minutes were approved with exception: Raymond PCA; Covenant PCA, Louisville; St. Paul's PCA; Mt. Salus PCA; Concord PCA.

18.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for the Nominating Committee were made from the floor. The following men were nominated and elected by acclamation:

Class of 1991: RE John High

Class of 1992: RE John Long; TE John Allen

M/S/P that the commissioners listed in 18.1002.f above be excused for part of the afternoon session due to previous engagements.

18.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Bill Whitwer was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, to host the Stated Meeting of Presbytery at the Twin Lakes Conference Grounds on October 16, 1990.

18.1022

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to appoint a Commission to read, correct, and approve the minutes. The Commission consists of TE's Paul Zetterholm, Robert Hays, Dan Gilchrist and RE's Richard O. Nelson, David Craig, and Bob Cato. The quorum was established as two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

18.1023

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m. with prayer by TE Mike Howell.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Zetterholm
Interim Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS
June 5, 1990

DOCKET

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:10 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (RE Richard Nelson, First Nominee)
4. 9:15 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:20 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:25 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH (TE Michael Howell)
7. 9:30 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:35 A.M. STATED CLERK
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Information
 - (1) Letter from Chaplain Jim Carter
 - (2) Missionary Letters
 - (1) Pam Jones/Lynn Klamer
 - (2) Clayton Quarterman
 - iii. Communications
 - (1) Requests for transfer (Advisory)
 1. TE Rod Mays
 2. TE Joe Easterling
 3. TE H. Cobb Ware
 - (2) Requests to labor out of bounds (Advisory)
 1. TE Jan Werson
 2. TE B.I. Anderson
 3. TE John Kyle
 4. TE Jayson Kyle
 5. TE Paul Long
 - (3) Request for honorable retirement (Advisory)
 1. TE Dale McCord
 - (4) Requests for dissolution of pastoral relationships (Advisory)
 1. TE Rod Mays - St. Paul's PCA
 2. TE Dale McCord - Newton PCA and Mt. Moriah PCA
 3. TE Joe Easterling - First PCA, Philadelphia
 4. TE H. Cobb Ware - Trinity PCA, Jackson
 - (5) Request to come into presbytery (Credentials).
 1. TE Charles Q. Rodriguez, Jr
 - (6) Calls to a Particular Ministry (Credentials)
 1. TE Paul Zetterholm from Tchula PCA
 2. TE Billy Davis from Pear Orchard PCA
 3. Mr. Steve Hill from Brandon PCA

4. Mr. James White from First PCA, Kosciusko
5. Mr. Larry Daughan from First PCA, Louisville
- (7) Requests for Stated Supply (Credentials)
 1. TE Charles Rodriguez from Mt. Carmel PCA
 2. TE Gerald Morgan from West PCA
 3. TE Dana Casey from Pleasant Springs PCA
 4. TE Gordon Reed from Trinity PCA
 5. Mr. Jeffrey Lancaster (Student Supply) from Westminster PCA, Meridian
 6. Mr. Sam Maves (Student Supply) from First PCA, Philadelphia
- (8) Letter from Mr. Randy Stringer (Advisory)
- (9) Complaint from Mr. Carl Fox (Advisory)

iv. Reports

- (1) Report of Commission to Install TE Gary Crampton
- (2) Report of Commission to Organize Lakeland PCA
- (3) Treasurer's Report
- (4) Report of MTW Committee
- (5) Report of MNA Committee
- (6) Report of Credentials Committee
- (7) Report of Advisory Committee

v. Memorials

- (1) RE James Rector Turner - First PCA, Louisville
- (2) RE Woodrow Benton - Brandon PCA
- (3) RE George Gillespie - First PCA, Jackson
- (4) RE Claude Thompson - Westminster PCA, Vicksburg

9. 10:00 A.M. Sessional Records - TE Robert Jackson, Chairman
- 9a. 10:05 A.M. Partial Report of Credentials Committee
10. 10:10 A.M. Mission to North America - TE Jan Werson, Chairman
11. 10:20 A.M. Mission to World - TE James Barnes, Chairman
12. 10:35 A.M. Recess
13. 10:50 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
14. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Robert Hays)
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Robert Duhs, Chairman
18. 3:45 P.M. Report of Sessional Records Committee - TE Robert Jackson,
Chairman
19. 3:50 P.M. Old and New Business
20. 4:05 P.M. Election of First Nominee
21. 4:10 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting
22. 4:15 P.M. Reading and Approval of Minutes
23. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Twin Lakes Conference Grounds, Florence, Mississippi
October 16, 1990

18.1024

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, RE Richard Nelson, who then led the Presbytery in opening prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

18.1025

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Interim Stated Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church

Bailey, Bailey
Bailey, Mt. Carmel
Belzoni, First
Brandon, Brandon

Brandon, Faith
Camden, McBride Memorial
Canton, Old Madison
Carthage, Carthage
Carthage, Forest Grove
Clinton, Mt. Salus
Clinton, Providence
DeKalb, DeKalb
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs
Edwards, Bethesda
Edwards, Edwards
Forest, Covenant
Forest, Forest
Goodman, Goodman
Jackson, Alta Woods

Jackson, First

Jackson, Grace
Jackson, Lakeland
Jackson, North Park

Teaching Elder

Alton M. Phillips

Richard Wiman
Robert Duhs
Steve Hill

Dan Gilchrist

Basil Albert
John Reeves

Jason Shelton
W.G. Crampton
Jim Wagner

Steve Jussely

Jim Baird
William C. Hughes
Ed Norton
Brister Ware
Bill Whitwer
Roger Collins

James L. Shull

Ruling Elder

Jerry L. Merrell
Murry Rogers
A
James H. McBrayer

Kirk B. McDaniel
A
A
Billie Sudduth
A
Walter Gwin
Oliver Anderson
Clyde Herron, Jr.
A
Richard O. Nelson
Lewis Montgomery
A
W.H. Stevens
A
Benny Hill
W. Ray Smith
Robert F. Cooper
John W. Long
Frank S. York, Jr.

John Kelley
Tom Milam
Roy W. Lawrence

Church

Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Westminster

Newton, Mt. Moriah

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord

Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Porterville, Enondale

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale

Union, First
Utica, Utica

Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Jim Barnes
James C. White

Robert Jackson
Bob Schwanebeck
Larry Doughan

Robert J. West

Robert E. Hays

Billy T. Davies
Chuck Frost

Ed Hurley

Paul E. Zetterholm

Tim Bonds
Mike Ahlberg

Mike Sartelle
Michael Howell

Ruling Elder

John Sherrod
William A. Hays
Edwin Batte
Hugh S. Potts

A
A
E.G. Morrison

A
Charles E. McCool
Mike Triplett

A
Ernest T. George, Jr.

A
A
A
A

E.C. Holladay
George Powe
Otho D. Jackson

A
A
A
A
A

Preston Jackson
Ray Reinhardt

A
A
A
A

Robert Smathers
Troy White

A
Jackson H. Ables, Jr.
A

William Barbour, Jr.
Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Billy Dempsey; Warren Foster; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Fred Marsh; Doug McCullough; J. Paul Poynor; Clayton Quarterman; Jack B. Scott; H. Cobb Ware.

c. The following visitors were registered: Americo Bonito; Bob Blaylock; Wally Bumpas; Carl Chaplin; Steven B. Chastain; James T. Culberson; Charles Douglas; Lon Downs; Bebo Elkin; Jeff Elliott; Durant Fleming; Steve Froehlich; Frank Hitchings; H.L. Mackie; Steve Moore;

William L. 'Buck' Mosal; Peg Nelson; Jonathan Richey; Ed Waldron.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Donald B. Patterson; Tom Penning; Richard Pratt; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** John Allen; Phil Blevins; Douglas Kelly; Mark Lowrey; Jack B. Scott (Morning Session); Willem A. VanGemeren.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders Billy Davies, Chuck Frost, Michael Howell and Alton Phillips; and Ruling Elders Robert Cato, Ernest George, Jr., Preston Jackson, Jerry Merrell and Ray Reinhardt.
- g. The following teaching elder was absent without excuse:** Dana Casey.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 18.1025.a above.

18.1026

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE William Whitwer, First PCA, Jackson, was nominated and elected as Moderator.

18.1027

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Interim Stated Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

18.1028

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors were introduced and two special visitors were given the privilege of the floor. Pastor Pavel Czerny from Prague, Czechoslovakia brought fraternal greetings and reported on the state of the church in Czechoslovakia. TE James Baird led in prayer for Czechoslovakia.

18.1029

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE James Baird welcomed the Presbytery.

18.1030

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE James Wagner, RE Ray Reinhardt and RE Robert Cooper, and a Standing Rules Committee comprised of TE Roger Collins, TE Bob Schwanebeck and RE John High.

18.1031

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 18.1025.e. above.

18.1032

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Interim Stated Clerk reported that TE B.I. Anderson had returned from laboring out of bounds and would resume the duties of Stated Clerk of Mississippi Valley Presbytery immediately today's Stated Meeting.

The Interim Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

Presbytery voted on the five proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 18th General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 50 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 52 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was defeated by a vote of 5 For, 61 Against, 5 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was approved by a vote of 61 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 5 was approved by a vote of 58 For, 6 Against, 1 Abstain.

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix C**).

M/P to receive, as information, reports from the following persons: Chaplains James Carter and Jan Werson, and Missionaries Paul Poynor and Clayton Quarterman (**Appendices D-J**).

M/P to receive, as information, a letter from Palmetto Presbytery correcting a previous communication concerning deposed minister James W. Serio (**Appendix K**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE's Billy Davies and Paul Zetterholm and the Commissions to ordain and install Messrs. Larry Daughan, Steven Hill and Jim White (**Appendices L-P**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to Read and Approve the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery of June 5, 1990 (**Appendix Q**).

M/P to receive, as information, the report of the Temporary Session of the Korean Mission Church **(Appendix R)**.

M/P to receive, as information, the report of TE Mark Lowrey, on his work out of bounds as the Coordinator of Campus Ministries for MNA **(Appendix S)**.

18.1033 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TE Jason Shelton, Chairman, presented the Christian Education Committee Report **(Appendix T)**.

The representative from Covenant College, Dr. Arthur Klem gave a brief report to Presbytery.

The representative from Lifeline Ministries, Dan Mittan, gave a brief report to Presbytery.

M/P to commend the WIC Officers of Mississippi Valley Presbytery for their pleasant spirit and productive year.

M/P to thank First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi, for the use of their facilities for our Adult CE Conference as well as the selfless provision of Twin Lakes for Summer Youth Camps. Special thanks to the Rev. Bill Hughes and DCE Miss Donna Dobbs.

M/P to recommend to all churches of Presbytery that they promote and send representatives to our CE/Leadership Conference April 6, 1991.

TE Shelton led the Presbytery in prayer for the work of Christian Education.

18.1034 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE James Shull, Chairman, presented the Stewardship and Finance (S & F) Committee Report **(Appendix U)**.

TE Shull yielded the floor to the Chairman of the MNA Committee for a Partial Report.

18.1035 MNA COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Bob West, Chairman, presented a partial report of the MNA Committee **(Appendix V)**.

M/P Recommendation #2 to amend budget presented by the Stewardship & Finance Committee by substituting the MNA Committee Report for the MNA Section of the proposed S & F Budget.

M/P Recommendation #3 that Presbytery find Recommendation #3 of the S & F Committee out of order, on the grounds that this recommendation is not within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities.

M/F Recommendation #4, concerning S & F's actions on line items in the budget.

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M/P Recommendation #5, concerning S & F's allocation of funds without committee request.

18.1036

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:02 a.m. with prayer.

Presbytery reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

18.1037

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, RE Richard Nelson, led the Presbytery in worship. After opening prayer and the singing of a hymn, Mr. Nelson gave testimony to the Lord's work in his life and in his church. He then led the Presbytery in the Lord's prayer. Moderator Bill Whitwer led the ministers in a reaffirmation of their ministerial covenant (**Appendix W**).

18.1038

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to remove Kaz Yaegashi from the MTW Section on all Presbytery financial reports and add him as a distinct line item.

M/S/P that the \$10,000.00 allocated for work at Jackson State University be removed from the RUM section of the budget.

18.1039

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

18.1040

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Doug McCullough, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with prayer by TE Chuck Frost.

18.1041

THANKS COMMITTEE

Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE James Wagner expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church and the Twin Lakes staff in general and to the ladies in particular for their gracious hospitality.

18.1042 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to suspend the rules and continue the report of the Stewardship & Finance Committee (passed by the required 2/3 vote).

M/P to approve the budget as amended (**Appendix X**).

M/P that \$7,500 of the \$10,000 Assistance Fund for General Assembly expenses be designated as travel funds for Kaz Yaegashi's furlough.

Moved to approve the report as a whole.

M/S/P to amend the report as a whole by adding the following recommendation:

"That the Standing Rules Committee and/or the Permanent Committee on Standing Rules be instructed to examine Article VII, Sec. C, #1, and to propose appropriate amendments to clarify the preparation of Committee budgets, especially regarding the Stewardship and Finance Committee's consideration of specific line items in the proposed budgets of the permanent committees. Further, that such Committee(s) included a recommendation to shift the annual Budget submission to the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery."

M/S/P to approve the report as a whole as amended.

M/S/P to restrict Presbytery giving to Kaz Yaegashi for his furlough to \$7,500.00.

18.1043 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix Y**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that the Committee's budget for the next year be \$1500.00.

M/P that Candidate Rennie Keller's candidacy be transferred to Louisiana Presbytery, since they have received him as a licentiate and intern.

M/P that a certificate of dismissal for Jeffrey Lancaster from Grace Presbytery be received as information.

M/P that Candidate Andrew Fortier's request for transfer to Grace Presbytery be approved.

TE Roger Collins, Chairman of the Internship Sub-Committee gave a report on the Presbytery's interns.

(Included as part of Appendix Y). Interns Bob Wolf and Steve Chastain gave oral reports on their internships to the Presbytery.

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M/P that Intern Bob Wolf's internship program be approved as complete.

M/P that Intern Steve Chastain's internship program be approved as complete.

M/P that Intern Sam Maves' internship report be received as information.

M/P that Intern Charles Parks' internship report be received as information.

No reports were received from Jeffrey Moes or Steven Froehlich.

M/P that the request from Smyrna PCA, Kosciusko, for Mr. Dale VanNess to serve as student supply be granted upon licensure.

M/P that the request of Raymond PCA for the Rev. Buck Mosal to serve as stated supply be granted, upon successful completion of his examination.

M/P that the request of Mt. Carmel PCA, Bailey, to have Charles Rodriguez serve as stated supply be granted, upon successful completion of his examination.

M/P that the request of Concord PCA, Pickens, to have Bruce Farrant serve as student supply be granted upon licensure.

M/P that the calls of Trinity PCA, Jackson, for Mr. Steve Chastain; Lakeland PCA, Jackson, for Mr. Bob Wolf; Fellowship of Christian Athletes for TE H.Cobb Ware (and his request to labor out of bounds); and Newton PCA for TE Charles Douglas be approved.

M/P that the request of Mt. Moriah PCA, Newton, to have TE Charles Douglas serve as stated supply be granted.

M/P that the churches of Mississippi Valley Presbytery avail themselves of competent legal and tax help in determining the details of calls for ministers they wish to have serve them.

Examinations

Messrs. Frank Hitchings, Wally Bumpas, and Joey Stewart were examined for candidacy in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Steve Jussely then gave a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The Presbytery was divided into three Commissions to hear the sermons of the licensure and ordination applicants. Each Commission was appointed with a chairman and a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

Messrs. Bruce Farrant, Jon Richey, and Dale Van Ness were then examined for licensure. Their examinations in Christian experience were sustained as satisfactory. The Commission chairmen all reported satisfactory sermons and the court approved the Commissions' reports and sustained all sermons as satisfactory. Messrs. Farrant, Richey and VanNess were then examined concerning

their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. All three examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Messrs. Steve Chastain and Bob Wolf were examined for ordination.

M/P to approve ordination candidates' exegesis and theology papers and written sermons.

M/P to waive their examination in Hebrew and Greek, based on their successful completion of a seminary education.

M/P to omit examination in Christian experience, because both had been examined and sustained in this area in their previous licensure examinations.

Both candidates were examined in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that the satisfactory written examinations in Church History and the History of the PCA be accepted in lieu of a floor examination. (Passed by 3/4 vote). Their examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory. The calls to these two men were then placed in their hands and accepted.

M/P to appoint the following ordination commissions with each commission having a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

Chastain: Teaching Elders Willem VanGemeren (Chairman), H. Cobb Ware and James C. White. Ruling Elders John Holt (Trinity PCA), William K. Harper (First PCA, Jackson), and C. Eddie Harper (Trinity PCA). Guest of the Commission RE Balus S. Chastain (Arden NC PCA, Western Carolina Presbytery) was approved. The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Trinity PCA on October 28, 1990.

Wolf: Teaching Elders Roger Collins (Chairman), Robert Hays and Michael Timothy Bonds. Ruling Elders J.C. Herring (Brandon PCA), John High (Alta Woods PCA), and Kirk McDaniel (Lakeland PCA). The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Lakeland PCA on October 28, 1990.

M/P, that upon ordination and upon signing the Covenant Book, these men be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. The men then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

TE Charles Douglas was examined as a transferring minister and TE's Buck Mosal and Charles Rodriguez (members of Grace and Louisiana Presbyteries, respectively) were examined for Stated Supply relationships. All three men were examined on their Christian experience and touching their views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

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M/P to sustain all examinations as a whole. The call to TE Douglas was then placed in his hands and accepted.

M/P, that upon signing the Covenant Book, TE Douglas be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. TE then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Douglas: Teaching Elders Michael Ahlberg (Chairman), James R. Wagner and Jack S. Scott; Ruling Elders E.C. Holladay, Ray Gibson, Wilmer Whittle, Tom Wilson, Roy O'Neal and H.M. Dent (all of Newton PCA). The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Newton PCA on October 28, 1990.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

18.1044

PALMER HOME

TE Ed Waldron, Administrator for the Palmer Home addressed the Presbytery for five minutes, giving an update of their work with the children in that home. TE Buck Mosal led the Presbytery in prayer for the ministry of Palmer Home.

18.1045

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Robert C. Duhs, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix Z**).

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE David Gordon and Trinity PCA, Jackson be dissolved effective June 30, 1990, and that TE Gordon be dismissed to Central Florida Presbytery.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Jeff Lowman and Macon PCA be dissolved effective October 16, 1990, and that TE Lowman be dismissed to Evangel Presbytery.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Robert C. Duhs and Brandon PCA be dissolved effective December 31, 1990, and that TE Duhs be granted honorable retirement.

M/P that the request of TE H. Cobb Ware to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as the Assistant State Director of the Mississippi Fellowship of Christian Athletes be granted.

M/P that, at his request, TE Richard L. Pratt, Jr., Dean of Students at the Orlando Campus of Reformed Theological Seminary, be dismissed to Central Florida Presbytery, effective October 16, 1990, pending their receipt of him.

M/P that, at his request, TE John Jamison, be dismissed to Evangel Presbytery, effective October 16, 1990, pending their receipt of him.

M/P that the request of TE Mark Lowrey to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as Director of

Campus Ministries, MNA, be granted.

M/P that Teaching Elders Dana Casey and Fred Marsh be permitted to return to the pulpits effective immediately, but that they still remain under the supervision of the Advisory Committee until the June, 1991, meeting.

M/S/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery express proper appreciation for TE Dale McCord and TE Robert Duhs and that this expression be communicated to these men and spread upon the minutes. The Moderator appointed TE John Reeves to prepare these memorials (**Appendices AA and AB**).

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

18.1046 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Mike Sartelle Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee (**Appendix AC**).

M/P that the slate of nominees as presented in the Nominating Committee Report be approved as a whole.

M/P to allow the Nominating Committee to act as a Commission (quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders) to nominate a replacement should one of the nominees be unable to serve.

M/P to appoint TE Jason Shelton to replace TE Paul Zetterholm who has resigned as a member of the Temporary Session of the Korean Mission Church.

18.1047 MNA COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Bob West continued with the remainder of the MNA Committee Report (**Appendix AD**).

M/P to approve the merger of Faith Presbyterian Church, Brandon, and Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Jackson into one church to be known as Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

TE Bebo Elkin introduced the following Campus Ministers, who each gave a brief report of their ministry: Steve Malone (Delta State), Sam Downing (Mississippi State), Mike Biggs (U. of Arkansas), Durant Fleming (U. of Mississippi) and Billy Dempsey (Belhaven). TE Fred Marsh led in prayer for the ministry of RUM.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

18.1048 STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

M/P to amend the Standing Rules by adding the following sentence to Article VII, Paragraph

E.3.b.5): "No church which is a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery is to have anyone fill its pulpit more than once per calendar month until he has been approved by Mississippi Valley Presbytery to do so." (First Reading)

Moved to suspend the rules and make the following changes to the Standing Rules effective immediately with only one reading:

- a. Article VII, Paragraph D.1.a. be amended by adding "Standing Rules," between "Sessional Records," and "Stewardship and Finance."
- b. Article VII, Paragraph D.1.g be amended by inserting the line "Standing Rules As needed" between Sessional Records and Stewardship and Finance.
- c. Article VII, Paragraph D.2.a.3 be deleted and D.2.a.4 renumbered as D.2.a.3.
- d. Article VII, new Paragraph E.7 be added as follows (and current paragraphs 7 and 8 be renumbered as E.8 and E.9):
 - "7. Standing Rules Committee
 - a. Number: This committee shall consist of six members.
 - b. Business:
 - 1) It is the responsibility of this committee to review all recommended changes to the Standing Rules and make recommendations to presbytery. This review should, if changes are submitted in advance, be given at the first reading, but must be completed before the second reading and final vote of the presbytery.
 - 2) In reviewing recommended changes, this committee is to consider the logical relationship of the recommended changes to the overall Standing Rules, consider the alternatives that would accomplish the intended purposes of the recommendations, and submit opinions as to the advisability of the recommended changes.
 - 3) When the General Assembly approves changes to the Book of Church Order, this committee is to submit at the October stated meeting an updated copy of the Standing Rules with corrected BCO references.

(CLERK'S NOTE:) The Clerk did not have an accurate count of the registration at the time of this vote and consequently reported in error that this motion had passed. The total registration was 80 members. An affirmative vote of 54 is required to pass and only 52 voted affirmatively. This matter (and the subsequent election of the referenced Standing Rules Committee) must be resolved at the next meeting of Presbytery. The Clerk has instructed the Standing Rules Committee that was elected by Presbytery to meet, conduct its assigned business and be prepared to report at the February meeting. The actual disposition of this matter will rest in the hands of Presbytery.

M/P to amend the Standing Rules as follows: (First Reading)

- a. Article VII, Paragraph E.1.b.3.a), amend by adding the following sentence: "The Advisory Committee is clothed with the powers of a Commission for such transfers."
- b. Article VII, Paragraph E.3.b.6, amend by adding the following sentence: "The Credentials Committee is clothed with the powers of a Commission for such transfers."

18.1049

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the commissioners listed in 18.1025.f above be excused for part of the afternoon session due to previous engagements.

18.1050

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Hugh Potts was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, to host the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on February 19, 1991.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from Belhaven College to host the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on June 4, 1991.

18.1051

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

18.1052

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. with prayer by TE Paul Long.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul E. Zetterholm
Interim Stated Clerk

Appendix W

MINISTERIAL OBLIGATION

Believing the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and

Sincerely receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and further promising that if at any time I find myself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, I will on my own initiative, make known to my Presbytery the change which has taken place in my views since the assumption of my ordination vows; and

Approving of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, as being that which conforms to the general principles of Biblical polity; and

Promising subjection to my brethren in the Lord; and

Having been induced, as far as I know my own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son; and

Promising to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church; whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto me on that account; and

Engaging to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all my duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in my manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make me overseer;

Therefore, I, _____ do sincerely receive and submit to the above obligation as a just and true exhibition of my faith and principles, and do resolve and promise to exercise my ministry in conformity and duty.

Signed: _____

Date Reaffirmed: _____

Work: _____

Appendix Q

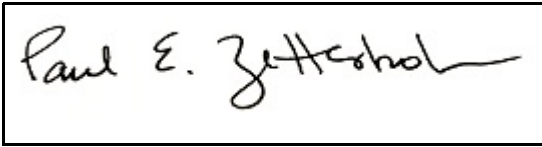
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

FOR THE STATED MEETING OF JUNE 5, 1990

1. Mississippi Valley Presbytery appointed a Commission on June 5, 1990 to review and approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting held on that date. The Commission consisted of Teaching Elders Daniel Gilchrist, Robert Hays and Paul Zetterholm, and Ruling Elders Richard Nelson, Dave Craig, and Robert Cato.
2. The Commission conducted its business by mail. The Recording Clerk typed the minutes and sent a copy (with Appendices) to each member of the Commission for review, noting that Appendix Y was still missing and would be distributed at the October meeting. Five of the six members of the Commission returned a signed form stating that no corrections to the minutes were necessary. No response was received from the sixth member. The minutes, as submitted with the White Book for the October Stated Meeting, have thus been approved by a majority vote of the Commission.

Paul E. Zetterholm

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Zetterholm".

Recording Clerk
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Appendix Z

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Report of the Advisory Committee

October 16, 1990

Twin Lakes, MS

I. The BCO 23:1 having been met, we move that the request for the dissolution of the Associate Pastoral Relationship between TE David Gordon and the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, be granted effective June 30, 1990.

The church concurs with this request.

It should be noted that in accordance with our Standing Rules, Advisory Committee 1:3a his certificate of dismissal was sent to Central Florida.

II. The BCO 23:1 having been met, we move that the request for the dissolution of the Pastoral relationship between TE Jeff Lowman and the Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon, MS, be granted effective October 16, 1990.

The church concurs with this request.

It should be noted that in accordance with our Standing Rules, Advisory Committee 1:3a his certificate of dismissal was sent to Evangel Presbytery.

III. The BCO 23:1 having been met, we move that the request for the dissolution of the Pastoral relationship between TE Robert C. Duhs and the Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS, be granted effective December 31, 1990, and that he be granted honorable retirement.

The church concurs with this request.

/s/ Robert C. Duhs
ROBERT C. DUHS

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Appendix AC

October 10, 1990

Rev. Mike Sartelle, Chairman
Nominating Committee
Mississippi Valley Presbytery

Dear Mike:


At the February 1989 meeting of Presbytery I was appointed by Presbytery to the Temporary Session of the Korean Mission Church. This Session was to be composed of the ministers of the three Clinton area churches and three of their ruling elders.

Since that time I have moved from Clinton to Tchula and find it difficult to function effectively on this Session. Consequently, I wish to resign from this temporary Session.

I would recommend, that as my replacement, you might consider Steve Jussely (Alta Woods), Roger Collins (Grace) or Jason Shelton (Edwards), all of whom are close enough to Clinton to make a meaningful contribution to this Session.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Your fellow-servant in Christ,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul E. Zetterholm".

Paul E. Zetterholm

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi

February 19, 1991

18.1053

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Bill Whitwer, who then led the Presbytery the singing of "Crown Him With Many Crowns." TE Chuck Frost led in the opening prayer.

18.1054

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Perry W. Davis
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murray Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	W.H. Allen
Brandon, Brandon	Steve Hill	Clint McInnis
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		Eddie L. Johnson
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	Joseph H. Sasser
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Paul H. Jones
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	W.J. Pleasant, Jr.
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jason Shelton	Keith McKey
Forest, Covenant	W.G. Crampton	A
Forest, Forest		Ellis T. Sparks
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	T.W. Sanford
		James Rimmer
Jackson, First	William C. Hughes	Otho Johnson
	Brister Ware	John W. Long
	Bill Whitwer	Chess B. Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jack W. Hamil
Jackson, Lakeland	Robert Wolf	Kirk McDaniel
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Freeman L. Evans
Jackson, St. Paul		Jimmy R. Mardis
Jackson, Trinity	Steve Chastain	Phillip L. McDade

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Kosciusko, First

Jim Barnes
James C. White

William A. Hays
Hugh Potts, Jr.

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Robert Jackson
Bob Schwanebeck
Larry Doughan

A
A
A
A
A
Henry J. Fair

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First

Philip R. Blevins
Robert J. West

Charles Douglas
Robert E. Hays

A
John Barrett
A
A
C.E. Davis
A
A
George Powe

Otha D. Jackson

Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Porterville, Enondale
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Billy T. Davies
Chuck Frost

A
Henry B. McNeese
E.A. Simpson
A
M.R. Swofford
A

Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork
Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Ed Hurley

Paul E. Zetterholm
Tim Bonds
Mike Ahlberg

John T. Allen

Mike Sartelle
Michael Howell

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J.B. Hutton, III
James W. Woodard
J. Gilbert Alexander
A
H. Shannon Williford, Jr.
A
Gerald L. Tucker
Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Robert Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; Douglas Kelly; Thomas Lacey; Mark Lowrey, Jr.; Fred Marsh; Doug McCullough; Donald Patterson; W.A. VanGemeran.

c. The following visitors were registered: Americo Bonito; Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Samuel Maves; Bruce Farrant; Gerald Morgan; James Gary Chizek; Ed Waldron; Steven D. Froehlich; Charles L. Caton.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** James Baird; Billy Dempsey; Warren Foster; Paul Long; Edward Norton; Paul Poynor; James Wagner.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders W.G. Crampton, Douglas Kelly, Douglas McCullough and Alton Phillips; and Ruling Elders Perry Davis, Ellis J. Sparks, and C.E. Davis.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dana Casey; Ron Lively; Jack B. Scott; H. Cobb Ware.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 18.1054.a above.

18.1055 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Hugh Potts, Jr., First PCA, Kosciusko, was nominated and elected as Moderator.

18.1056 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

18.1057 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Mike Sartelle welcomed the Presbytery.

18.1058 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Jim White, RE Murry Rogers and RE Otho Johnson.

18.1059 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 18.1054.e. above.

18.1060 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

Presbytery voted on a proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 18th General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 6 was approved by a vote of 68 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

The Recording Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm, reported on the status of the Standing Rules Committee. **M/S/P** to suspend the rules and make the following changes to the Standing Rules effective immediately with only one reading:

- a. Article VII, Paragraph D.1.a. be amended by adding "Standing Rules," between "Sessional Records," and "Stewardship and Finance."
- b. Article VII, Paragraph D.1.g be amended by inserting the line "Standing Rules As needed" between Sessional Records and Stewardship and Finance.
- c. Article VII, Paragraph D.2.a.3 be deleted and D.2.a.4 renumbered as D.2.a.3.
- d. Article VII, new Paragraph E.7 be added as follows (and current paragraphs 7 and 8 be renumbered as E.8 and E.9):
 - "7. Standing Rules Committee
 - a. Number: This committee shall consist of six members, and the Stated Clerk as an ex officio member.
 - b. Business:
 - 1) It is the responsibility of this committee to review all recommended changes to the Standing Rules and make recommendations to presbytery. This review should, if changes are submitted in advance, be given at the first reading, but must be completed before the second reading and final vote of the presbytery.
 - 2) In reviewing recommended changes, this committee is to consider the logical relationship of the recommended changes to the overall Standing Rules, consider the alternatives that would accomplish the intended purposes of the recommendations, and submit opinions as to the advisability of the recommended changes.
 - 3) When the General Assembly approves changes to the Book of Church Order, this committee is to submit at the October stated meeting an updated copy of the Standing Rules with corrected BCO references.

**(This vote passed by the required 2/3 vote of registered commissioners:
68 ayes -- 63 registered commissioners)**

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix C**).

M/P to receive, as information, reports from the following members of Presbytery: Chaplains James Carter and Jan Werson, and Missionary Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendices D-F**).

M/P to receive, as information, the memorial of the former treasurer, RE Tom Clark (**Appendix G**).

M/P to receive, as information, letters from Woodland Heights PCA, Selma, Alabama, and the denomination's MNA Committee (**Appendices H-I**).

M/P to approve the request of Lexington PCA for the continued Stated Supply services of TE Howard Allen for another year (**Appendix J**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commission to install TE Charles Douglas and the Commissions to ordain and install Messrs. Steven Chastain and Robert Wolf (**Appendices K-M**).

18.1061

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Donald Patterson brought special greetings to the Presbytery. TE Moises Zapata brought greetings and a brief report on the work in Mexico.

18.1062

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Mike Sartelle, Chairman, presented the Nominating Committee Report (**Appendix N**).

M/S/P to adopt the slate of nominees presented by the Nominating Committee except as amended below:

Presbytery Committees:

MTW, Class of 1993: Rev. Robert Wolf replaces Rev. Brister Ware
Advisory, Class of 1993: Mr. Harry Sasser replaces Mr. Frank York
Stewardship & Finance, Class of 1993: Rev. Charles Douglas replaces Rev. Bill Hughes
Credentials, Class of 1993: Rev. Steve Chastain replaces Rev. Jason Shelton and Rev. James Wagner replaces Dr. Doug Kelly.
Session Records, Class of 1992: Rev. Kenneth Elliott replaces Rev. David Gordon

G.A. Committees of Commissioners

Interchurch Relations: TE Paul Zetterholm replaces TE Jim Shull
Covenant College: TE Robert Jackson replaces TE Fred Marsh
Insurance and Annuities: RE Lee McCarty was elected
Floor Clerk: TE Billy Dempsey replaces TE Paul Zetterholm

The following persons were elected to the Nominating Committee, Class of 1993: TE Robert Duhs and RE Robert Cato.

M/S/P to give the Nominating Committee the status of a Commission (Quorum: 2 TE, 2 RE) to appoint members to fill any vacancies to the slate of 1991 General Assembly Committees of Commissioners.

18.1063

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix O**).

M/S/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery assign Mr. Randy Stringer to the membership of the Pearl Presbyterian Church (PCA), Pearl, Mississippi. TE Robert Hays reported to the Presbytery that the Session of the Pearl Presbyterian Church had previously voted to receive Mr. Stringer if he were assigned to them by the Presbytery.

M/S/P to grant permission to the following members to labor outside the bounds of Mississippi Valley Presbytery for one year: TE Willem Van Gemenen, TE Paul Long and TE Doug Kelly, professors at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS; TE Donald Patterson, Mission to the World; and TE Paul Poynor, Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

M/S/P, that the provisions of BCO 23-1 having been met, the pastoral relationship between the Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry, and TE Michael T. Bonds be dissolved effective March 24, 1991, and the TE Bonds be transferred to Warrior Presbytery, pending their reception of him.

M/S/P to approve the request of TE Kenneth Howell, a member of Great Lakes Presbytery to labor within the bounds of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, as a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary.

18.1064

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix P**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that Pedro Tarquino's request to transfer his candidacy to the Presbyterian Church in Colombia, SA, be granted.

M/P that Richard Thomas' request to transfer his candidacy to New River Presbytery be granted.

M/P that Larry Efird's request to be removed from the roll of Presbytery's candidates be granted.

M/P that Jeff Elliott's completed internship program from Potomac Presbytery be accepted.

M/P that Bruce Farrant's internship proposal be accepted with notation of its limited scope.

M/P that reports from Interns Sam Maves and Steve Froehlich be received as information.

No reports were received from Jeffrey Moes or Charles Parks.

M/P that the request from Forest Grove Church, Carthage for Mr. Larry Rountree to serve as student supply be approved pending his satisfactory examination.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with prayer by TE Steve Chastain.

18.1069 THANKS COMMITTEE

During the Lunch Hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Jim White, expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko in general and to the ladies in particular for their gracious hospitality and delicious meal.

18.1070 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

18.1071 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **18.1072**).

18.1072 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, continued the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix P**).

Examinations

M/P to examine Mr. Jeff Elliott for ordination.

M/P to approve Mr. Elliott's exegesis and theology papers and written sermons.

M/P to waive his examination in Hebrew and Greek, based on his successful completion of a seminary education. He was then examined in Christian Experience and Call to the Ministry, Theology, Sacraments and Church Government, and Bible content. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Mr. Elliott's satisfactory written examinations in Church History and the History of the PCA be accepted in lieu of a floor examination. (Passed by 3/4 vote).

The Presbytery was divided into three Commissions to hear the sermons of Mr. Elliott and licensure applicants Wally Bumpas and Larry Rountree. Each Commission was appointed with a chairman and a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. Upon return, the Commission chairmen all reported satisfactory sermons and the court approved the Commissions' reports and sustained the sermons as satisfactory.

Mr. Elliott's examination as a whole was then sustained as satisfactory. The call from First PCA, Jackson was then placed in his hands and accepted. The following ordination commission was

appointed for Mr. Elliott with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

Teaching Elders: William Hughes, Convener; James Baird; Billy Davies
Ruling Elders: Lee Owen; Ray Reinhardt; Richard Johnson

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson on March 10, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P, that upon ordination and upon signing the Covenant Book, Mr. Elliott be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. Mr. Elliott then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

Messrs. Wally Bumpas and Larry Rountree were then examined for licensure. Their examinations in Christian experience were sustained as satisfactory. Messrs. Bumpas and Rountree were then examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. Both examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Messrs. James Chizek, Martin Marshall, and Bruce Farrant were examined for candidacy. Messrs. Chizek and Marshall were examined in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to waive Bruce Farrant's examination since had been examined in Christian Experience and Call to the Ministry at the previous meeting when he had been examined for licensure (passed by 2/3 vote).

The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

18.1073 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Robert Jackson, Chairman of the Sessional Records Committee and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole (see **18.1070**) gave the following report of the Committees:

The Sessional Records from the following churches were approved **without exception**: North Park PCA, Jackson; Edwards PCA; Pearl PCA; First PCA, Jackson; First PCA, Union; Providence PCA, Clinton; Brandon PCA; Pear Orchard PCA, Ridgeland; Bethesda PCA, Edwards; Trinity PCA, Jackson; St. Paul PCA, Jackson; Mt. Salus PCA, Clinton; Carthage PCA; Lakeland PCA, Jackson; Bailey PCA; Forest PCA; First PCA, Belzoni; First PCA, Louisville.

The Sessional Records from the following churches were approved **with exception**: Covenant PCA, Louisville; Scooba PCA; First PCA, Yazoo City; Lebanon PCA, Learned; Raymond PCA; Newton PCA; Old Madison PCA, Canton; Tchula PCA; Mt. Carmel PCA, Bailey; Westminster

PCA, Vicksburg; Macon PCA; First PCA, Madison; Second PCA, Yazoo City; Wynndale PCA, Terry.

The Sessional Records from the following churches were **not submitted**: Alta Woods PCA, Jackson; Carolina PCA, Philadelphia; Concord PCA, Pickens; DeKalb PCA; First PCA, Lexington; First PCA, Kosciusko; First PCA, Philadelphia; Forest Grove PCA, Carthage; Goodman PCA; Korean Mission PCA, Clinton; Lauderdale PCA; McBride Memorial PCA, Camden; Mt. Moriah PCA, Newton; Pickens PCA; Pleasant Springs PCA, DeKalb; Rolling Fork PCA; Shuqualak PCA; West PCA; Westminster PCA, Meridian.

18.1074 STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

M/S/P postpone the entire report until the next meeting of Presbytery.

18.1075 MNA COMMITTEE

TE Robert West, Chairman, gave a brief report of the MNA Committee.

M/S/P to approve the 1991 Budget of Reformed University Ministries, including an increase in the call of TE Billy Dempsey, Campus Minister at Belhaven College (**Appendices Q-R**).

18.1076 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that \$25,000.00 of surplus funds from 1990 be release for distribution within the Presbytery and that the Stewardship and Finance Committee be authorized to recommend allocations at the June 4 Presbytery meeting.

M/S/P that the commissioners listed in 18.1054.f above be excused for part of the afternoon session due to previous engagements.

18.1077 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Bob Schwanebeck was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery had previously voted to accept the invitation from Belhaven College to host the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery on June 4, 1991.

18.1078 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and

amended.

18.1079

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. with prayer by TE Robert West.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson, Stated Clerk

Appendix A

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi
February 19, 1991**

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: RE Hugh Potts, First PCA, Kosciusko)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 - iii. Recommendation re: Standing Rules Committee (see Minutes 18.1048: Clerk's Note)
 - iv. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
 - (2) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Chaplain Jim Carter
 - (b) Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (c) Kaz Yaegashi
 - (d) Memorial for Tom Clark
 - (3) Letter from Woodland Heights PCA, Selma, Alabama
 - (4) Letter from Mission to North America
 - v. Communications to be Referred
 - (1) Requests to labor out of bounds (Advisory)
 - (a) TE Donald B. Patterson
 - (b) TE Kenneth J. Howell
 - vi. Reports
 - (1) Report of Commission to Install TE Charles Douglas
 - (2) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Steven Chastain
 - (3) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Robert Wolf
9. 9:50 A.M. Special greetings from TE Donald Patterson and Moises Zapata
10. 10:00 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - Mike Sartelle, Chairman
11. 10:30 A.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - Bob Duhs, Chairman
12. 10:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - Robert Jackson, Chairman
13. 11:00 A.M. Recess
14. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE William Whitwer)
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$3.00**)
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Robert Jackson, Chairman
18. 1:10 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
19. 3:15 P.M. Report of the Standing Rules Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
20. 3:30 P.M. Report of MNA Committee
21. 3:35 P.M. Old and New Business

22. 3:45 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting at Belhaven College, June 4, 1991
23. 3:50 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:00 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi
June 4, 1991**

19.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, RE Hugh Potts, Jr., who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

19.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Chester D. Chatham
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Lazar Shorter
	Steve C. Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	Joseph H. Sasser, Jr.
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Ken Johnston
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DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	J.R. Wagner	Charles L. Caton
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	John High
		Robert R. Patterson
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	J.E. Johnston, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	John W. Long
	William C. Hughes	Chess B. Wymond
	Brister Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Bill Whitwer	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jack W. Hamil
Jackson, Lakeland	Bob Wolf	James S. Armstrong
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Joe Bowden
		Harold A. McDiarmid

Church

Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Porterville, Enondale
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
 Barnes

Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Utica, Utica
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

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 Paul E. Zetterholm

Mike Ahlberg

Mike Sartelle
 Michael Howell

Ruling Elder

Lonn Oswalt
 Edwin A. Batte
 William A. Hays
 Hugh S. Potts, Jr.
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 John M. Kimbrough
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 Niles McNeel

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 E.G. Flora, Jr.
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 C.E. Davis
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 A
 George Powe
 Joe Turner
 David C. Fugate
 Henry B. McNeese
 A
 A
 M.R. Swofford
 Cornelius W. "Neil"

Preston Jackson, Sr.
 Lee McCarty
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 J.W. Woodard
 J.M. Cole
 A
 Robert Turner
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 Jimmy Sullivan
 Charles Clayton

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Billy Dempsey; Robert C. Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Erskine L. Jackson; Douglas Kelly; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Fred Marsh; Douglas McCullough; H. Cobb Ware.

c. The following visitors were registered: Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Gene Austin; Roger W. Baner; Carl Chaplin; Bruce Farrant; John L. Ford; Steven D. Froehlich; Frank Hitchings;

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Charles C. Jones; Gerald Morgan; Joe R. Morris; Hugh S. Potts, Sr.; Mark Spellman; and Kevin Teasley.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
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- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dana Casey.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 19.1002.a above.

19.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Bob Schwanebeck was nominated and elected as Moderator.

19.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

19.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, Dr. Newton Wilson, President of Belhaven College and TE Billy Dempsey, RUF Minister at Belhaven welcomed the Presbytery.

19.1006 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of RE James Armstrong, TE Joel Beezley, and TE Larry Doughan, Chairman.

19.1007 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 19.1002e. above.

19.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from the following members of Presbytery: Chaplain James Carter and Missionaries Don Caviness, Clay Quarterman and Tom Penning (**Appendices B-E**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commission to install TE Joel Beezley and the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Jeffrey Elliott (**Appendices F-G**).

19.1009 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Partial Report)

TE Bob West, Chairman, presented the MNA Report (**Appendix H**).

M/S/P the Committee's Recommendation with the following amendments: (1) that paragraphs a. and b. be postponed until later in this meeting, or if the treasurer is not available to answer questions, that they be postponed until the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery (**See para. 19.1019 below**); and (2) that paragraph c. be amended by adding at the end of the sentence, the words, "...if funds are available."

RE Bebo Elkin gave a brief report of Reformed University Ministries, and TE James Baird led the Presbytery in prayer for RUM.

19.1010 MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Dan Gilchrist presented the MTW Report (**Appendix I**).

M/S/P all recommendations in the printed report.

TE Carl Chaplin, MTW Representative gave a brief report to the Presbytery. TE Robert Hayes gave a brief presentation concerning Correspondence Courses with Caribbean Christian Ministries.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1011 KAZ YAEGASHI

TE Basil Albert gave a brief report on the work of Missionary Kaz Yaegashi.

19.1012 STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee (**Appendix J**).

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M/P Recommendation #1 (Rules Suspended) by requisite 2/3 vote of registered commissioners. Number of registered commissioners was 75. Aye votes were 75.

M/P Recommendation #2 as first reading.

M/P Recommendation #3 as second reading and adopted.

M/P Recommendation #4.

M/P Recommendation #5 as first reading.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:52 a.m. with prayer by TE Brister Ware and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

19.1014

RULING ELDER MEMORIALS

There were no memorials submitted for Ruling Elders who died during the previous year.

19.1015

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, RE Hugh Potts, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "O Worship the King," RE Potts led in prayer. Mr. Potts then taught from 2 Samuel 23:13-17 on the topic of "David's Mighty Men." After singing the Hymn "Take Time To Be Holy," the Presbytery was led in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by TE James White. Worship was concluded with prayer by Mr. White.

19.1016

TREASURER'S REPORT

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix K**).

19.1017

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

19.1018

LUNCH

Following prayer by RE Lonn Oswalt, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:12 p.m. with prayer by TE Dan Gilchrist.

19.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

The treasurer gave a report on the current finances.

M/P by Chairman Bob West that paragraphs a. and b. (postponed during the morning session, see **para. 19.1009** above) be adopted. They were passed with an amendment that a new paragraph be added to read as follows: That the monies in paragraphs a. and b. are to be paid only at the end of the year if excess funds are available.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1020 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/Failed that Presbytery inform licentiate Steve Froehlich, who is to become Director of Admissions at Reformed Theological Seminary, that it does not intend to move toward his ordination to that position.

M/P that Steve Burton's internship application for service at Pearl PCA be approved.

M/P that Mike Ganucheau's internship application for service at Pickens PCA be approved.

M/P that Samuel Maves' Internship Program be approved as having been satisfactorily completed.

M/P that Jeff Moes' request to have his name deleted from the roll of interns be approved.

M/Failed that Presbytery not approve the grandfather clause's application (Minutes, 11th GA, p.181, rec. 19) in the case of Don Malin, thus not allowing him to proceed toward ordination with internship waived. (**Clerk's Note: Note the change in wording of the motion from that of the written report. The effect of the motion is that Mr. Malin will not be required to fulfill an internship, since the grandfather clause does apply to him.**)

The Chairman reported that since the written report was submitted that a report had been received from Charles Parks.

M/P that the request from Old Madison PCA in Canton and Concord PCA in Pickens for Mr. Bruce Farrant to serve as Student Supply during his internship be approved.

M/P that the request of Pickens PCA to have Mr. Mike Ganucheau serve as Student Supply during his internship be approved pending his satisfactory licensure examination.

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M/S/P that Steve Froehlich be approved as Stated Supply of Edwards PCA, pending receipt of the written request from Edwards PCA.

M/S/P that the call from Brandon PCA to TE Jason Shelton be approved. An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Basil Albert, Chairman; James Shull, and Douglas Kelly.

Ruling Elders: Jim McBrayer and David Craig from Brandon PCA and Keith McKey from Edwards PCA.

The Installation Service will be held at Brandon PCA on June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

M/S/P that the request of Westminster PCA, Meridian for Mr. Dean Rydbeck to serve as Stated Supply be approved pending the successful completion of his licensure examination.

M/S/P that the request of Trinity PCA, Jackson for TE Gordon Reed for Stated Supply be approved for one year.

M/S/P that the call from Lakeland PCA to TE Bill Whitwer be approved (**Appendix M**). An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: James M. Baird, Brister Ware, and Robert Duhs.

Ruling Elders: Ray Reinhardt, Sr., Stephen Rosenblatt and R.S. McAllister.

The Installation Service will be held at Lakeland PCA on June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Messrs. Bill Moore, Thomas McKeon and Mark Spellman were examined for candidacy. All were examined in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Erskine Jackson then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into two commissions to hear the licensure sermons with TE's Michael Howell and Richard Wiman as chairmen. After the sermons, TE Wiman reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Dean Rydbeck and moved its approval. Passed. TE Howell reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mike Ganuchau and moved its approval. Passed.

Messrs. Mike Ganuchau and Dean Rydbeck were then examined for licensure. The examination in Christian Experience was waived for Mr. Ganuchau who had previously been examined for licensure. Mr. Rydbeck's examination in Christian experience was sustained as satisfactory. Messrs. Ganuchau and Rydbeck were then examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. Both examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P to approved the report as a whole.

19.1021

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

M/P that the special care for TE Fred Marsh be concluded with this presbytery meeting.

M/P that the special care for Dana Casey continue until the Fall 1991 Meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery and that Mississippi Valley Presbytery ask the Advisory Committee to consult with the Credentials Committee in bringing a report to the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Ed Hurley and Scooba PCA be dissolved in accordance with his request and the congregation's concurrence, effective June 30, 1991.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery grant permission for one year for TE Hurley to labor outside the bounds of presbytery as a marriage and family counsellor at Meridian Naval Air Station.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Jason Shelton and the Edwards PCA be dissolved in accordance with his request and their concurrence effective May 31, 1991.

M/P following lengthy discussion, to postpone an Advisory Committee motion relating to Mr. Randy Stringer until the Fall Meeting of Presbytery and that the proposed recommendation (**Appendix N**) be referred to the 19th General Assembly for advice in accordance with BCO, Chapter 41.

M/S/P to rescind the Presbytery's previous action in assigning Mr. Randy Stringer to the Pearl PCA.

M/S/P to communicate to the General Assembly the desire of Mississippi Valley Presbytery to host the 25th Silver Anniversary meeting of the General Assembly in 1998.

19.1022

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

RE Richard Nelson gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**
DeKalb PCA; First PCA at Kosciusko; and West PCA.

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **with exception:**
First PCA at Lexington; Concord PCA at Pickens; Alta Woods PCA at Jackson.

M/P that the following change be approved to the report made at the February meeting:
Trinity PCA, Jackson, and Westminster PCA, Meridian, should both have been recorded as having their minutes approved **without exception.**

19.1023

THANKS COMMITTEE

M/P to approve the report of the Thanks Committee and send a copy of the written report to Dr. Newton Wilson (**Appendix O**).

19.1024

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the Stewardship and Finance Committee be instructed to mail every church a copy of the 1991 Askings and also the Budget which shows how the money will be spent.

19.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Jackson Ables, Jr. was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA - Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting and the invitation from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church for the February Stated Meeting.

19.1026

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

19.1027

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with prayer by T.E. Billy Davies.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi June 4, 1991

Proposed Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: TE Bob Schwanebeck, First PCA, Louisville)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
 - (2) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Chaplain Jim Carter
 - (b) Don Caviness
 - (c) Tom Penning
 - iii. Communications to be Referred
 - (1) Requests for dissolution of pastoral relationship (Advisory)
 - (a) TE Jason Shelton
 - (2) Calls (Credentials)
 - (a) TE Jason Shelton
 - iv. Reports
 - (1) Report of Commission to Install TE Joel Beezley
 - (2) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Jeffrey Elliott
9. 10:00 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - Bob West, Chairman
10. 10:30 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - Jim Barnes, Chairman
11. 11:00 A.M. Recess
12. 11:15 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Hugh Potts, Jr.)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
17. 2:00 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
18. 2:30 P.M. Report of the Standing Rules Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Robert Jackson, Chairman
20. 3:15 P.M. Old and New Business

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21. 3:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting (Standing invitation from Twin Lakes and invitation from St. Paul's)
22. 3:35 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
23. 3:45 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 15, 1991

19.1028

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Bob Schwanebeck, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

19.1029

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Jackie Caldwell
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Leo Jarvis
	Steve C. Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	Vernon R. Cotten
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Oliver Anderson
DeKalb, DeKalb		James D. Spinks
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		Keith McKey
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	J.R. Wagner	Marion E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	T.W. Sanford
		James A. Rimmer
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	John W. Long
	William C. Hughes	Chess B. Wymond
	Ed Norton	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Henry Mackie
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	A
	Bob Wolf	
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	M.S. Bennett
Jackson, St. Paul		John Sherrod

Church

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Porterville, Enondale
Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork
Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Steve Chastain

Jim Barnes
James C. White

Robert A. Jackson
Bob Schwanebeck
Larry Doughan

Michael Howell
Philip R. Blevins
Bob West

Charles Douglas
Charles Douglas
Robert Hays
Joel Beezley

Billy T. Davies
Chuck Frost

Ed Hurley
Paul E. Zetterholm

Mike Ahlberg

John T. Allen

Mike Sartelle

Ruling Elder

Eddie Batte
Ron McAnally
Al Chadick
A
A
A
John M. Kimbrough

A
Ben Kirk

Ernest George

A
A
A
A
A
George Powe
Otha D. Jackson
Jon Gatlin
Louis Lipsey

A
A
M.R. Swofford
Roland B. Jacobs

Tom Day
Ray Reinhardt

A
A
A
William P. Johnson

J.W. Krichbaum
J. Gilbert Alexander
A

Jackson H. Ables, Jr.
A

Philip R. Ferriss
Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Dana W. Casey; Billy Dempsey; Robert Duhs; Ron Lively; Mark Lowrey; Fred Marsh; Douglas McCullough; J. Paul Poynor; H. Cobb Ware.

c. The following visitors were registered: Frank and Dottie Brock; Carl Chaplin; David Ehle; Bebo Elkin; Bruce Farrant; E.G. Flora, Jr.; Steve Froehlich; Michael Ganuchau; Dale VanNess.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring

outside of the bounds of Presbytery: J. McDonald Bell; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Gary Crampton; Kenneth Elliott; Paul B. Long; Jack Scott.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders Billy Dempsey, William C. Hughes; Ron Lively; Robert Wolf.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Warren Foster; Douglas Kelly; W.A. VanGemeran.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 19.1029.a above.

19.1030

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Jackson Ables, Jr., was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

19.1031

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

19.1032 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE James Baird, pastor of First PCA, Jackson and Mr. Mark McGee, director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility welcomed the Presbytery.

19.1033

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Basil Albert, Chairman; RE John Kimbrough; and TE James Wagner.

19.1034

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 19.1029e. above.

19.1035 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/S/P that the following Teaching Elders be granted permission to labor out of bounds for one year: Paul Long as professor at Reformed Theological Seminary; Mark Lowrey as Director of Campus Ministries for MNA; Jack Scott as professor at Belhaven College and Cobby Ware as Mississippi Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Presbytery voted on the five proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 18th General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 69 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was defeated by a vote of 21 For, 44 Against, 4 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 5 was approved by a vote of 69 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

M/P to receive, as information, a communication from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly reporting on the status of the Carl Fox case (**Appendix C**).

The Moderator appointed a Study Committee to study the Ad Interim Report on Divorce and Remarriage and report back to the February meeting of Presbytery. The Committee consisted of RE Frank York, Jr., Chairman; TE John Reeves, and TE Robert West.

M/P to receive, as information, letters from the following: Chaplain James R. Carter; foreign missionaries Bert Gibson and Clayton Quarterman; and R.U.M. (**Appendices D-G**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix H**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Bill Whitwer and TE Jason Shelton (**Appendices I-J**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

19.1036 KAZ YAEGASHI

TE Basil Albert gave a brief report on the recent visit of Missionary Kaz Yaegashi and his family to the United States and presented a written report on his work from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church Japan Mission (**Appendix K**).

19.1037

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Doug McCullough, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix L**).

M/P Recommendations 1-3, 5.

M/S/P Recommendation 4 as amended by changing the final word "Board" to "Committee."

Recommendation 6 was withdrawn in favor of the Stewardship and Finance Committee Budget Recommendations to be presented later (**See paragraph 19.1044 below**).

M/S/P a new Recommendation 6: "That the CE & P Committee be requested to work with the Tri-Presbytery Youth Camp Committee in drawing up a structure for the Youth Camp Committee and that the CE & P Committee communicate this Recommendation to Covenant and Grace Presbyteries."

M/S/P a new Recommendation 7: "Whereas the Tri-Presbytery Summer Youth Camp (SYC) continues to experience increased participation on the part of students from Louisiana Presbytery, and whereas Louisiana Presbytery has begun and plans to increase financial support of the Tri-Presbytery SYC, therefore, be it resolved that: the Tri-Presbytery SYC be changed to the Quad-Presbytery SYC beginning in the summer of 1992, and be it resolved that: once similar resolutions be passed in Covenant and Grace Presbyteries, Mississippi Valley Presbytery or its representative approach Louisiana Presbytery or its representative to extend this invitation to Louisiana Presbytery.

Dr. Frank Brock, President of Covenant College, gave a report on the work of the College.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1038

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:35 a.m. with prayer and reconvened at 10:50 a.m. The change in the docket approved by the Presbytery.

19.1039

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Missionaries Paul Poynor and Carl Chaplin gave brief oral reports on their work to the Presbytery. TE James Barnes, Chairman of the MTW Committee gave a brief status report on the missions giving of the churches in Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

19.1040

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, TE Bob Schwanebeck, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing a service of praise and prayer, TE Schwanebeck then preached from Ecclesiastes 1.

19.1041

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

19.1042

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Roger Collins, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m. During the lunch hour, TE Basil Albert, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, gave the following report:

"On behalf of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, we express our sincere appreciation to the Session and WIC of First Presbyterian Church and to the Staff of the Twin Lakes Conference Center for their gracious hospitality in hosting the October meeting of Presbytery. We especially express our appreciation to the kitchen staff and the WIC for the delicious lunch and snacks. To express our appreciation to the kitchen staff, we recommend that they be asked to come before the Presbytery and that they be given an ovation as was done earlier to the WIC."

Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with prayer by TE Mike Ahlberg.

19.1043

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/S/P Recommendation 1.a. as amended by adding the following: "...and that he be allowed to labor out of bounds in this work in the interim."

M/S/P new Recommendation 1.b.: "That TE Michael Howell's request to transfer from Second PCA, Yazoo City, to Macon Presbyterian Church be approved."

M/P Recommendations 2.a-b. and 3.a.-e.

M/S/P new Recommendation 3.f.: "That Mike Ganucheau's internship experience in Grace Presbytery be credited toward his requirements in Mississippi Valley Presbytery."

M/S/P Recommendation 4.a. as amended by adding the following: "...until the next meeting of Presbytery without examination." (**Passed by the necessary 2/3 vote of registered commissioners**).

M/P Recommendations 4.b.-f.

M/S/P new Recommendation 4.g.: "That the request from Edwards PCA for Ed Hartman as Stated

Supply for one year be approved, pending his successful licensure examination."

M/P Recommendation 5.a. that the call from Macon PCA to TE Michael Howell be approved. An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Ed Hurley and Robert Jackson

Ruling Elders: Ernest George, Ernest Flora, Lynn Sprecher, John Barrett and Frank Horton.

Guest: Teaching Elder William Stanway from Grace Presbytery.

The Installation Service will be held at Macon PCA on November 17 at 6:00 p.m.

M/S/P new Recommendation 5.b.: "That the call from Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey to TE Charlie Rodriguez (**Appendix N**) be approved, that his examination for Stated Supply at the October 1990 meeting satisfy the requirement for examination as a transferring minister (**see Minutes 18.1043**) and that he be received as a transferring minister from Louisiana Presbytery." (**He had already been transferred by Louisiana Presbytery, pending our receipt of him**). Mr. Rodriguez then signed the covenant book. An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Jason Shelton, Alton Phillips, Joel Beezley

Ruling Elders: Murry Rogers, Mike Bonito, Jerry Daniels, Woodrow Covington and John Limerick

The Installation Service will be held at Mt. Carmel PCA on October 27 at 9:00 a.m.

M/P that the call as a National Guard Chaplain to Mr. Don Malin (**Appendix O**) be approved, pending his successful ordination examination. An Ordination and Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: John Reeves, Dough McCullough, Ken Elliott

Ruling Elders: Oliver Anderson, Bishop Prince, Bill Pleasant

The Installation Service will be held at Providence PCA on October 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Examinations

Mr. Don Malin was examined for ordination. The Committee has certified that all required paperwork and prerequisites have been completed. **M/P** that his theology paper and exegesis paper be approved and that his Reformed Theological Seminary degree be accepted in lieu of an examination in the original languages, and that his written examination in Church History be accepted as fulfilling the BCO requirements. Mr. Malin was examined in Christian Experience, Bible Content, Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All floor examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Messrs. Martin Marshall, Roger Banes, Mark Scholten, Marcus Rench, Mark Spellman, and Edward

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Hartman were then examined for licensure. All candidates were examined in Christian Experience (except Messrs. Marshall and Spellman, whose CE exams were waived because they had previously been examined in this area) and concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into four commissions to hear the ordination and licensure sermons with Teaching Elders Bob West, Richard Wiman, John Allen and Steve Jussely as chairmen and a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each.

TE Bob West reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Roger Banes and Ed Hartman and moved their approval. Passed.

TE Richard Wiman reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Martin Marshall and Marcus Rensch and moved their approval. Passed.

TE John Allen reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Mark Scholten and Mark Spellman and moved their approval. Passed.

TE Steve Jussely reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Don Malin and recommended its approval. Passed.

M/P to sustain Mr. Malin's examination as a whole as satisfactory and to receive him as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon his ordination. Mr. Malin then signed the covenant book.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Messrs. Edward Hartman, Mark Scholten, Dean Rydbeck, Larry Rountree and Dale VanNess were examined for candidacy. **M/P** that the previous exams of all these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be approved in lieu of examinations in these areas. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P to approved the report as a whole.

19.1044 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Partial Report)

TE James Shull, Chairman presented the Report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee (**Appendix P**).

M/P Recommendations 1-3.

M/S/P to defer action on Recommendation 4 until the presentation of the Report of the Standing Rules Committee.

19.1045

STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

M/P that the Stewardship and Finance Committee's report be moved to the June Stated Meeting and that Article VII,D.1.g. and Article VIII,C.1 be amended accordingly (Second Reading - Adopted).

M/P that the Proposed Budget Policy Manual developed by the Stewardship and Finance Committee (**Appendix Q**) be approved as first reading with the following amendments: that the word "should" be changed to "shall" in Paragraphs 2 and 5, and that Paragraph 7 be stricken and Paragraph 8 renumbered as Paragraph 7.

M/P that the following new paragraph IV.C. be added to the Standing Rules (Second Reading - Adopted):

"C. PROCEDURES FOR SECURING A STATED OR STUDENT SUPPLY

Sessions desiring to have a minister, a student preparing for the ministry, or a ruling elder fill their pulpit more than once a month on a regular basis must request approval for a supply relationship from the presbytery. Preliminary approval may be granted by the Credentials Committee for members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery or for other men who have been examined by the committee. No man may fill a pulpit more than once a month on a regular basis in any church in the presbytery without meeting with the Credentials Committee."

M/S/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1046

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE (Conclusion)

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1047

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

M/P to grant permission to TE Dana Casey to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for one year (to be reviewed not later than October 1992) in order to accept a call to serve as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, La. pending the concurrence of Louisiana Presbytery (BCO 13-2)

M/P that the call to Dr. Casey (**Appendix R**) be found in order and approved in connection with the immediately preceding motion.

M/P that Presbytery follow the advice given by the Constitutional Business Committee to

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Mississippi Valley Presbytery at the 19th General Assembly -- asking if any session of Mississippi Valley Presbytery will receive Mr. Stringer as a member under censure. A positive response should be given to the Stated Clerk not later than the February 1992 meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1048

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

The following persons were nominated for the positions indicated:

General Assembly Permanent Committees:

Nominating Committee: TE Billy Dempsey
Committee on Review of Presbytery Records: TE John K. Reeves
CE & P: TE Jim Shull and RE Bob Cato
MNA: TE Bob Schwanebeck and RE Frank S. York, Jr.
MTW: TE Ed Norton and RE Philip R. Ferriss
Interchurch Relations: TE Dan Gilchrist and RE Tom W. Sanford
Constitutional Business Committee: TE Paul Zetterholm and RE Vernon Cotten
Theological Examining Committee: TE Roger Collins and RE John Sherrod
Trustee of IAR: TE Steve Hill
Director of Ridge Haven: TE Jason Shelton
Trustee of Covenant College: RE John Kelly
Trustee of Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Robert Hays
Trustee of PCA Foundation: RE Billie Suddeth
Trustee of Investor's Fund: RE Harold Hodges
Standing Judicial Commission: TE Chuck Frost

The following person was nominated and elected to the position indicated:

Presbytery Committees:

MTW: TE Ed Norton to replace TE Robert Wolf in Class of 1993.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1049

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Jim Baird and TE Robert Hays announced a meeting to be held at Twin Lakes on Tuesday, November 12, to discuss current affairs in the PCA and urged as many commissioners as able to come. TE Baird also announced that the dates of the next Men's Rally will be Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, 1992.

M/P to appoint a Commission consisting of the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk and RE

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 15, 1991

Proposed Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (RE Jackson Ables, Jr., First Nominee)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
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 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 - iii. Communications
 - (1) Letter from G.A. Stated Clerk re: Carl Fox
 - (2) Letter from G.A. Stated Clerk re: Randy Stringer
 - (3) Letter forwarding report from Study Committee on Divorce
 - (4) Letter from Chaplain James R. Carter
 - (5) Missionary Letters
 - (1) Bert Gibson
 - (2) Clayton Quarterman
 - (3) R.U.M.
 - (6) Treasurer's Report
 - iv. Reports
 - (1) Report of Commission to Install TE Bill Whitwer
 - (2) Report of Commission to Install TE Jason Shelton
9. 10:00 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Doug McCullough,
Chairman
10. 10:30 P.M. Oral reports from missionaries present today
11. 10:40 A.M. Report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee - TE James Shull,
Chairman
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Bob Schwanebeck)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 - i. Report of Thanks Committee
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
18. 3:25 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee - TE Bob Duhs, Chairman
19. 3:45 P.M. Report of Standing Rules Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
20. 4:05 P.M. Old and New Business

21. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee
22. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 19, 1991. (Approved by June
Presbytery for St. Paul's Presbyterian Church).
23. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi
February 18, 1992

19.1053

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE Bob Schwanebeck. TE Robert Hays led in the opening prayer.

19.1054

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Brian Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Stephen Watsula
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	James H. McBrayer
	Steve Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		Eddie L. Johnson
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	Henry Blocker
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Perry T. Egger
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	W.J. Pleasant, Jr.
DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant	W.G. Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Ellis T. Sparks
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	G.L. Ford
		James C. Rimmer
Jackson, First	James Baird	Leland Hume
	Jeff Elliott	John W. Long
	William C. Hughes	Chess B. Wymond
	Ed Norton	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Maurice Wray
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Kirk McDaniel
		Ken Sheppard
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Freeman L. Evans
Jackson, St. Paul		John Sherrod
Jackson, Trinity	Steve Chastain	Edwin A. Batte

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Jim Barnes James C. White	Ron McAnally Edward G. Woodard
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Nick Smith
Lexington, First		John M. Kimbrough, III
Louisville, Covenant	Robert Jackson	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck Larry Doughan	Ben Kirk
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Michael Howell	John L. Barrett
Madden, Carolina	Philip R. Blevins	A
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Westminster		
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	Joe Turner
Pickens, Concord		David C. Fugate
Pickens, Pickens		Bill Courts
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	Lester Parker
Porterville, Enondale		A
Raymond, Raymond		Roland B. Jacobs
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Billy T. Davies	M.R. Swofford
Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork		Thomas Day
Scooba, Scooba		Preston Jackson, Sr.
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Ed Hurley	A
Terry, Wynndale	Paul E. Zetterholm	A
Union, First		Billy Johnson
Utica, Utica	Mike Ahlberg	Clyde W. Reeves, Sr.
Vicksburg, Westminster		Troy D. White
West, West	John T. Allen	A
Yazoo City, First		James T. (Jim) Liddell
Yazoo City, Second		John Thompson
		Robert J. Bailey
		William Barbour, Jr.
		Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Billy Dempsey; Robert Duhs; Warren Foster; Erskine L. Jackson; Douglas Kelly; Ron Lively; Paul Long; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Cobby Ware; Robert Wolf.

c. The following visitors were registered: Carl Chaplin; Lon Downs; Joe Elliott; Bruce Farrant; Steve Froehlich; Michael Ganucheau; Ian Hamilton; Ed Hartman; Jerrard C. Heard; Lonnie Smith; Dale T. VanNess.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas Lacey; Paul Poynor; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Howard Allen; Dana Casey; Chuck Frost; Mark Lowrey; Doug McCullough; Donald Patterson; Charlie Rodriguez; Jack Scott; Bob West.
- f. The following ruling elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Bob Bullock, Westminster PCA, Meridian; Jackson Ables, Jr., Westminster PCA, Vicksburg.
- g. The following member of Presbytery was excused for the afternoon session:** TE Robert Wolf.
- h. The following teaching elder was absent without excuse:** W.A. VanGemeran.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 19.1054.a above.

19.1055

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE James Barnes was nominated and elected as Moderator.

19.1056

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

19.1057 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, RE Lonn Oswalt and RE John Sherrod welcomed the Presbytery.

19.1058

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Dan Gilchrist, TE Mike Howell, and TE Jason Shelton.

19.1059

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 19.1054.e. above, and ruling elders listed in 19.1054.f. above.

19.1060

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from the following missionaries and chaplains: Kaz Yaegashi, Bert Gibson, Carl Chaplin, Andrew Lamb, Paul Poynor, Pam Jones, Clayton Quarterman, Chaplain James Carter, and Chaplain Jan Werson (**Appendices B-J**).

M/P to receive, as information, a letter from TE Dan Gilchrist (**Appendix K**).

M/P to receive, as information, a communication from the General Assembly which lists the 1992 Askings (**Appendix L**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Michael Howell, TE Dana Casey, and TE Charles Rodriguez, and the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Don Malin (**Appendices M-P**).

M/P to receive, as information, two resolutions from Bailey PCA (**Appendices Q-R**).

M/P to give permission to labor out of bounds for one year to TE Kelly and TE Long (Reformed Theological Seminary); TE Donald Patterson (MTW Staff, Atlanta); and TE Dana Casey (Grace Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA).

19.1061

MEMORIAL FOR MIKE SARTELLE

RE Robert J. Bailey, First PCA, Yazoo City, presented a memorial to our departed brother, TE Mike Sartelle (**Appendix S**). TE John Reeves prepared a formal memorial to be signed by members of presbytery and then presented to Diane (**Appendix T**).

After presenting the memorial, RE Bailey led in prayer and gave a brief report on the Sartelle family. After a further time of silent prayer, TE Erskine Jackson led the Presbytery in prayer for the Sartelle family and for the church family at First PCA, Yazoo City.

19.1062

STUDY COMMITTEE ON DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE

RE Frank York, First PCA, Jackson, Chairman, presented the report of the Study Committee on Divorce and Remarriage (**Appendix U**).

M/P to receive the report as information and to dismiss the Committee with thanks.

19.1063

TREASURER'S REPORT

TE James Shull, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending December 31, 1991 (**Appendix V**). The Treasurer, RE Harold Hodges, also gave a brief oral report.

M/S/P that the Treasurer's Report be received as information.

19.1064

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented the Nominating Committee Report.

M/S/P to approve the slate of nominees as listed in the Amended Report (**Appendix W**).

19.1065

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix X**).

Administrative Recommendations

Candidates

M/P that Thomas McKeon's candidacy be transferred to SW Texas Presbytery.

M/P that Samuel Maves' candidacy be transferred to Central Georgia Presbytery.

M/P that James Chizek's candidacy be transferred to N. Illinois Presbytery.

M/S/P that John Ford's report to Presbytery be received as information.

Internships

The motion relating to Steve Long was ruled out of order by the Moderator, since Mr. Long is not a candidate in the Presbytery.

M/P that Bruce Farrant's internship be approved as completed.

M/P that Mike Ganuchau's internship be approved as completed.

M/P that Steve Froehlich's internship be approved as completed.

M/P that Joey Stewart's internship program be approved to begin Jan. 1, 1992 at First PCA, Yazoo

City, and that RE Jerry Tucker be named his mentor.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from Interns Bruce Farrant, Michael Ganucheau, and Steve Froehlich.

M/S/P that, in response to the request of Mr. Myung C. Lee to serve his internship at the Korean Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Mr. Lee and his proposed mentor communicate with the Credentials Committee and present a proposed internship plan to the Committee. If this plan is found satisfactory by the Committee, this request is approved by Mississippi Valley Presbytery. The Credentials Committee is instructed to seek cooperation with Covenant Presbytery within whose geographical bounds this church lies.

Supply Requests

M/P that the request from West PCA for Dr. Norman Harper as Stated Supply be approved, pending his successful transfer examination.

M/P that the request from Second PCA, Yazoo City, for Rev. Ian Hamilton as Stated Supply be approved, pending his successful licensure examination.

M/P that the request from Lebanon PCA, Learned, for Mr. Mike Deschamps as Student Supply be approved, pending his successful licensure examination.

Calls:

M/P that the call from Pickens Presbyterian Church to Mr. Mike Ganucheau be approved. **(Printed in Report)**

M/P that the calls from Concord PCA, Pickens, and Old Madison PCA, Canton, to Mr. Bruce Farrant be approved **(Printed in Report)**.

M/P that the call from Wynndale PCA, Terry, to TE Ed Johnson be approved. **(Printed in Report)**.

M/P that the call from Edwards PCA to Mr. Ed Hartman, as amended to include four weeks vacation, be approved. **(Printed in Report)**.

M/P that the call from Trinity PCA to TE Michael F. Ross be approved **(Appendix Y)**.

M/P that the call from Reformed Theological Seminary to Mr. Steve Froehlich be approved **(Appendix Z)**.

Examination

M/P to examine TE Norman Harper as a transferring honorably retired minister from Grace Presbytery. His examination in Christian experience and touching his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government was sustained as satisfactory.

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M/P, that upon signing the Covenant Book, TE Harper be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. TE Harper then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

19.1066 TRANSFER OF MINISTER

M/S/P to transfer TE Howard Allen, at his request, as an honorably retired minister to Covenant Presbytery, pending their reception of him.

19.1067 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Kenneth Elliott as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Elliott then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

19.1068 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

19.1069 WORSHIP

TE John Allen led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art," the Presbytery read Psalm 34 responsively and TE Allen led in prayer. He then preached from Romans 8:16-18, 28-39 on the topic, "Heirs of God." Following the singing of the Doxology, TE Allen closed the worship service with a prayer of benediction.

19.1070 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

19.1071 LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Joel Beezley, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:15 p.m. with prayer by TE Robert Duhs.

19.1072 THANKS COMMITTEE

During the Lunch Hour the members of the Thanks Committee expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the St. Paul Presbyterian Church in general and to the ladies in particular for their gracious hospitality and delicious refreshments and meal.

19.1073 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **19.1075** below).

19.1074 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, continued the report of the Credentials Committee.

Examination:

M/P to examine TE Ed Johnson as a transferring minister from Southeast Alabama Presbytery. His examination in Christian experience and touching his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government was sustained as satisfactory. The call to TE Johnson was then placed in his hands and accepted.

M/P, that upon signing the Covenant Book, TE Johnson be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. TE Johnson then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Steve Jussely, Convener; Jim Wagner; B.I. Anderson
Ruling Elders: H. Potts, Jr.; James Woodard; Robert Smathers

The Installation Service will be held at Wynndale PCA on March 15, 1992 at 4:00 p.m.

Ordination:

M/P to examine TE Michael F. Ross as a transferring minister from Palmetto Presbytery and Messrs. Bruce Farrant, Steve Froehlich, Mike Ganucheau and Edward Hartman for ordination.

M/P to approve the ordination applicants' exegesis and theology papers.

M/P to waive the examinations in Hebrew and Greek, based on successful completion of a seminary education by all four ordination applicants.

M/P that the satisfactory written examinations of all ordination applicants in Church History and the History of the PCA be accepted in lieu of a floor examination. (Passed unanimously).

M/P that the sermons and the examinations in Christian Experience, Bible Content, Theology, and Church Government be waived, since all four men had previously been examined by this presbytery and their sermons and examinations in these areas had been sustained as satisfactory. (Passed unanimously).

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TE Ross was examined in Christian experience and touching his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

All five men were then examined in the Sacraments. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations of the whole for all five men were then sustained as satisfactory. The calls were placed in their hands and accepted.

M/P that, upon signing the Covenant Book, TE Ross be received as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery pending receipt of his credentials from Palmetto Presbytery. TE Ross then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

M/P that, upon ordination and upon signing the Covenant Book, Messrs. Farrant, Froehlich, Ganucheau and Hartman be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. All four men then signed the Presbytery Covenant Book.

Ordination and Installation Commissions were appointed as follows, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Ross: Teaching Elders: Jim Barnes, Convener; Dan Gilchrist
Ruling Elders: Joe Goodwin; John Holt; Roland Garretson
Guests Of the Commission: TE Luder Whitlock; TE Barnwell Heyward

The Installation Service will be held at Trinity PCA on June 14, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

Farrant: Teaching Elders: Paul Long, Convener; Willem VanGemeran; Michael Ganucheau
Ruling Elders: John Gatlin; James Sowell; Jackson Ables

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Old Madison PCA on March 15, 1992 at 5:00 p.m.

Froehlich: Teaching Elders: Jim Baird, Convener; Chuck Frost; Bill Whitwer; Ed Norton
Ruling Elders: Robert Cannada; Stephen Rosenblatt; Kenneth Smith
Guest Preacher: TE William Hogan

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson, on March 8, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

Ganucheau: Teaching Elders: Willem VanGemeran, Convener; Mike Ahlberg; Kenneth Elliott
Ruling Elders: Henry McNeese; Bobby Courts, Kim Kimbrough
Guest Preacher: TE Robert Oates

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Pickens PCA on March 1, 1992 at 5:00 p.m.

Hartman: Teaching Elders: Bill Whitwer; Jason Shelton
Ruling Elders: Keith McKey; Dr. H. Davis Dear, Convener; Lewis Montgomery; Ronald Noble
Guest Preacher: TE William Hogan

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Edwards PCA on February 23, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

Licensure

M/P to examine Rev. Ian Hamilton and Mr. Mike Deschamps for licensure.

The Presbytery was divided into two Commissions to hear the sermons of the licensure applicants. Each Commission was appointed with a chairman and a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. Upon return, the Commission chairmen reported satisfactory sermons and the court approved the Commissions' reports and sustained the sermons as satisfactory.

The licensure applicants were then examined in Christian experience and concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The examinations as a whole were then sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. The Moderator then led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Candidacy

M/P that Mr. Myung C. Lee be examined for candidacy. Mr. Lee was examined in his Christian experience and his motives for seeking the ministry. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and Mr. Lee answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then gave a charge to Mr. Lee and led in prayer for the new candidate.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

The Moderator commended the outgoing chairman, TE Robert Hays, for his diligence and hard work in leading the Committee.

19.1075 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Kenneth Elliott, Convener of the Sessional Records Committee and Chairman of the Committee of the Whole (see **19.1067** and **19.1073** above) gave the following report of the Committees:

The Sessional Records from the following churches were approved **without exception:**

Bailey PCA; First PCA, Louisville; West PCA; Raymond PCA; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg; Pearl PCA; Edwards PCA; First PCA, Yazoo City; First PCA, Lexington; Providence PCA; Trinity PCA; Lakeland PCA; North Park PCA; Macon PCA; First PCA, Belzoni; Brandon PCA; Second PCA, Yazoo City; First PCA, Jackson; Wynndale PCA; Lebanon PCA; First PCA, Kosciusko.

The Sessional Records from the following churches were approved **with exception:**

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Old Madison PCA; Forest PCA; Mt. Salus PCA; Pickens PCA; Bethesda PCA; Mount Carmel PCA; Tchula PCA; Newton PCA; St. Paul PCA; Carthage PCA; Alta Woods PCA; First PCA, Philadelphia.

The total number of churches reporting were 33.

19.1076

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix AA**).

M/P to rescind the previous action of Presbytery excommunicating Mr. Randy Stringer.

M/P to refer the matter of Mr. Stringer's current status to General Assembly in accordance with BCO 41-3 and ask the Assembly to make 'final disposition' in this matter.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

19.1077

MTW COMMITTEE

TE Ed Norton, Chairman, gave a brief report of the MTW Committee. Missionary Tito Padilla gave a brief report on his proposed work in Spain.

TE Robert Hays gave a brief report and challenge on the Correspondence Course Ministry.

19.1078

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Larry Doughan, Chairman, gave a brief report of the CE & P Committee.

M/P to change the name of the Tri-Presbytery Summer Youth Camp to the Mid-South Summer Youth Camp.

19.1079

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the commissioner listed in 19.1054.g above be excused for the afternoon session.

M/S/P to approve the 1992 Budget for Reformed University Ministries (**Appendix AB**).

M/S/P to approve a change in the terms of the call of TE Billy Dempsey (**Appendix AC**).

19.1080

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Bob Cato from Second PCA, Yazoo City, was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

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11. 10:20 A.M. Treasurer's Report - RE Harold Hodges
12. 10:25 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Bob Duhs, Chairman
13. 10:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee
14. 11:00 A.M. Recess
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16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$3.00**)
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20. 3:30 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
21. 3:45 P.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
22. 3:55 P.M. Report of CE & P Committee - TE Larry Doughan, Chairman
23. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business
24. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting at Lakeland Presbyterian Church, June 2, 1992.
25. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
26. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

CALLED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl, Mississippi
April 28, 1992

20.1001

CALL TO ORDER

A Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by the Moderator, TE James Barnes, who led in opening prayer.

20.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton Phillips	Tommy L. McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	J.R. Wagner	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods		A
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	Chess Wymond
	Ed Norton	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Roger Collins	A
Jackson, Grace		A
Jackson, Lakeland		A
Jackson, North Park		Joe Bowden
Jackson, St. Paul		John Sherrod
Jackson, Trinity	Steve Chastain	Edwin A. Batte
Kosciusko, First	James White	Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		John M. Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck Larry Doughan	Mike Triplett
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Philip Blevins	A
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	A
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Porterville, Enondale		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Chuck Frost	A
Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Paul Zetterholm	A
Terry, Wynndale	Ed Johnson	Guerrant Smathers
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	A
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster		Jim Liddell
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second		A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Robert Duhs; Steve Froehlich; Douglas McCullough.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Lonon Oswalt; Wayne Rogers; Dale T. Van Ness.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Mark Lowrey; Fred Marsh; Donald Patterson; Paul Poynor; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Basil Albert; John Allen; Jim Baird.
- f. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Gary Crampton; Billy Davies; Billy Dempsey; Charlie Douglas; Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Dan Gilchrist; Ed Hartman; Steve Hill; Michael Howell; Ed Hurley; Robert Jackson; Doug Kelly; Paul Long; Charlie Rodriguez; Jack Scott; James Shull; W.A. VanGemeran; Brister Ware; H. Cobb Ware; Robert West; Bill Whitwer; Richard Wiman.
- g. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 20.1002.a above.

20.1003 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket (**Appendix A**).

20.1004 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Robert Hays welcomed the Presbytery.

20.1005 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Stated Clerk reported on requests for excused absences.

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 20.1002.e. above.

20.1006 PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The Clerk read the Call for the Meeting (**Appendices B and C**).

20.1007 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Steve Jussely, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix D**).

TE Wayne Rogers, a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, U.S., was examined as a transferring minister, with a call as pastor to St. Paul Presbyterian Church. TE Rogers was examined on his Christian experience and touching his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain the examination as a whole.

In accordance with BCO 13-6, the Moderator asked TE Rogers the questions from BCO 21-5, who answered all questions in the affirmative.

M/P to approve the terms of the call from St. Paul PCA to TE Rogers (**Appendix E**).

The call to TE Rogers was then placed in his hands and accepted.

M/P that TE Rogers be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Robert Hays, Convener; Michael Howell; Doug Kelly
Ruling Elders: Bob Cato; Bebo Elkin; John Sherrod

The Installation Service will be held at St. Paul PCA on June 21, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

Appendix A

**CALLED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl, Mississippi
April 28, 1992**

Docket

1. 1:30 P.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 1:35 P.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 1:35 P.M. PAST MODERATOR TO PRESIDE - TE James Barnes
4. 1:35 P.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 1:40 P.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 1:45 P.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH - TE Robert Hays
7. 1:50 P.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
8. 1:55 P.M. MODERATOR SHALL STATE THE REASON FOR THE CALLED MEETING
(See letter issued by the Stated Clerk dated April 13, 1992)
(See BOCO 13:11)
9. 2:00 P.M. REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - TE Steve Jussely, Chairman
10. 2:10 P.M. EXAMINATION OF TE WAYNE ROGERS
11. 3:00 P.M. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
12. 3:05 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

BOCO 13:11: In the notice the purpose of the meeting shall be stated, and no business other than that named in the notice is to be transacted.

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Appendix B

April 13, 1992

Dear Member,

The Session of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Ms. has requested a special called meeting of the Ms. Valley Presbytery.

The purpose is to examine and receive Rev. Wayne Rogers as the pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

The time of the meeting has been called for April 28, 1992 at 1:30 P.M. The place is the Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl, Ms. Address is: 2933 Old Brandon Road in Pearl.

This is for your information.

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

The persons requesting the called meeting are: T.E. John Reeves, T.E. Paul Zetterholm, R.E. Lonn Oswald, and R.E. J.E. Sherrod.

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, Mississippi
June 2, 1992

20.1010

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, TE James Barnes, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

20.1011

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Chester Chatham
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry E. Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Leo Jarvis
	Steve C. Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	Billy Sudduth
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	James Kenneth Johnston
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Bill Pleasant, III
DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	James S. Armstrong
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	J.R. Wagner	W.H. Stevens
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	A
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	J. Cooper Campbell
	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	William C. Hughes	Leland Hume
		John W. Long
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Maurice Wray
Jackson, North Park	Jim Shull	Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul		Lonn Oswalt
Jackson, Trinity	Steven B. Chastain	Edwin Batte
Kosciusko, First	Jim Barnes	Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		A

Church

Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Porterville, Enondale
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Rolling Fork, Rolling Fork
Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Bob Schwanebeck
Larry Doughan

Michael Howell
Philip Blevins
Robert West

Charles Douglas
Charles Douglas
Robert Hays
Joel Beezley
Bruce Farrant
Michael J. Ganucheau

Chuck Frost
Billy Davies

Paul E. Zetterholm
Ed Johnson
Mike Ahlberg

John T. Allen

Ruling Elder

A
Bobby Smyth

A
Ernest T. George, Jr.
A
A
C.E. Davis
A
A
George Powe
Otho D. Jackson
A
A
A
Roland B. Jacobs
A

A
A
A
Billy Johnson
Robt. R. Smathers
J. Gilbert Alexander
A
W.M. Abney
John H. Thompson
James S. Sullivan
Henry N. Russell
A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Warren Foster; Steve Froehlich; Douglas Kelly; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Fred Marsh; Cobby Ware.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Steve Burton; Allen Curry; J.C. Heard; Steve Long; Billy Perry, Jr.; Alec Ream; Rev. James Stewart; Dale VanNess.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Jayson Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Mark Lowrey; Paul Poynor; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Bob Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; John Kyle; Don Malin; Doug McCullough; J. Edward Norton; Donald Patterson; Charles Rodriguez; W.A. VanGemeran;
- f. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Gary Crampton; Billy Dempsey; Ed Hurley; Robert Jackson.
- g. The Ruling elder representative from the following church requested and was granted an**

excused absence by the Presbytery: Richard O. Nelson, Bethesda PCA, Edwards.

- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:**
Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 20.1011.a above.
- i. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Chester Chatham; Billy Davies; Charles Douglas; Chuck Frost; Alton Phillips; Brister Ware.

20.1012 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Bob Cato was nominated and elected as Moderator.

20.1013 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson. **M/S/P** to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

20.1014 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Bill Whitwer, pastor of Lakeland PCA, welcomed the Presbytery.

20.1015 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of RE Jimmy Sullivan, TE Basil Albert, and TE Robert Hays.

20.1016 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 20.1011e. above.

20.1017 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve TE VanGemenen's request to labor out of bounds of presbytery as a professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from the following members of Presbytery: Chaplain Jan Werson and Missionaries Pam Jones, Lynn Klamer, Andrew Lamb, Paul Poynor, Clayton Quarterman, Van Rusling, Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendices B-I**).

M/P to receive, as information, a letter from Business Administrator Ross Cook (**Appendix J**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commission to install TE Edward Johnson and the Commissions to ordain and install Messrs. Bruce Farrant, Steve Froehlich, Michael Ganucheau, Edward A. Hartman

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(Appendices K-O).
20.1018

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman, presented the MNA Report **(Appendix P)**.

TE Bob West gave a report on the work in Madison.

M/P that MVP concur with Rolling Fork Presbyterian Church in its request for dissolution. The details of the dissolution are committed to the MNA Committee.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1019

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE James Barnes presented the MTW Report **(Appendix Q)**.

TE James Barnes, TE James Baird, RE Phil McDade, and TE Richard Wiman gave brief reports on Missions opportunities, trips, budgets and funding.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1020

TREASURER'S REPORT

TE James Shull presented the Treasurer's Report **(Appendix R)**.

M/S/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information.

20.1021

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee **(Appendix S)**.

M/S/P to go into Executive Session.

M/P to retain TE Warren Foster on the rolls of Mississippi Valley Presbytery without call and recommend a relationship for him with Alta Woods PCA.

M/P to ratify the action of the Advisory Committee (Standing Rule VII,E,1,B,3,a)), transferring TE Billy Dempsey to Missouri Presbytery, pending his reception by that Presbytery.

M/P that TE James C. White's request for transfer to Northeast Presbytery by approved pending his reception by that Presbytery.

M/P to transfer Mr. Mark Spellman's candidacy to Grace Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

Prayer was offered for TE Foster.

M/S/P to rise from Executive Session.

20.1022

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:47 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with prayer by TE Michael Howell.

20.1023

RULING ELDER MEMORIALS

Memorials were presented for the ruling elders who have died during the past year and a memorial of appreciation was presented for RE Walter K. Gwin. TE B.I. Anderson led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for the faithful service of these men (**Appendices W - AF**).

20.1024

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, TE James Barnes, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "Near the Cross," TE Barnes led in prayer. He then preached from Rev. 2:1-7 on the topic of "Our First Love." After singing the Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," the Presbytery was led in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by TE Barnes. Worship was concluded with the singing of the Hymn, "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and prayer by TE Barnes.

20.1025

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1026

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Cobby Ware, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with the singing of the Hymn, "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" and prayer by the Moderator. TE Bill Whitwer gave a brief report on the history of Lakeland PCA under God's hand.

20.1027

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Robert Hays, gave the report of the Committee, thanking Lakeland Presbyterian Church, and the ladies in particular for the generous hospitality and the delicious refreshments and lunch (**Appendix T**).

20.1028

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Steve Jussely, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix U**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that Joey Stewart's Internship be approved as satisfactorily completed.

M/P that Charles Park's Internship be suspended per his request.

M/P that John Ford be encouraged to bring a proposed Internship Plan to the Committee for approval in

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line with his Missions goals.

Candidacy Examinations: Messrs. Rich Miller, James Allen Blaha, David Ehle and Steve Long were examined for candidacy. All were examined in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Chairman asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

Licensure and Ordination Examinations: Messrs. Allen Curry, Don Elliot, and Billy Johnson were then examined for licensure and Mr. Joey Stewart was examined for ordination.

M/P to approve Mr. Stewart's exegesis paper.

M/P to waive the examinations in Hebrew and Greek for Mr. Stewart, based upon his successful completion of a seminary education.

M/P that Mr. Stewart's written examination in Church History and the History of the PCA be accepted in lieu of a floor examination. (Passed unanimously).

All the applicants were then examined in Christian Experience and their call to the ministry. All exams were sustained as satisfactory. All were then examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. Mr. Stewart was also examined in his views of the Sacraments. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into four commissions to hear the licensure sermons, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. TE's Michael Howell, Richard Wiman, Bob West, and Robert Hays were elected respectively as chairmen of their commissions. After the sermons, TE Howell reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Allen Curry and moved its approval. Passed. TE Wiman reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Don Elliot and moved its approval. Passed. TE West reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Joey Stewart and moved its approval. Passed. TE Hays reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Billy Johnson and moved its approval. Passed.

All examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to approve the (oral) call from First PCA, Yazoo City, to Mr. Joey Stewart, as Assistant Pastor with a salary package of \$25,000 and two weeks annual vacation. The call was approved pending receipt of proper written confirmation of the call and with the encouragement to the Session to increase the vacation time to four weeks.

The Moderator then asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all three licensure applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P that, upon ordination and upon signing the Covenant Book, Mr. Stewart be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. Mr. Stewart then signed the Covenant Book.

M/P to establish the following Ordination and Installation Commission for Mr. Joey Stewart, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Michael Howell, Douglas Kelly

Ruling Elders: (all from First PCA, Yazoo City) William Carrol, Billy Perry, Jimmy Sullivan, Henry Russell, William Barbour, Jerry Tucker, Phil Ferris, Frederick Clark, and Henry Watson (Emeritus).

Guest: Dr. William Hogan, Professor of Homiletics at RTS, as preacher.

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Yazoo City on July 5, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P to establish the following Installation Commission for TE Michael F. Ross as Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. TE Ross was previously examined and approved at the February Stated Meeting.

Teaching Elders: James Barnes, Convener; Steve Chastain
Ruling Elders: Ruling elders of Trinity PCA
Guests: TE Ligon Duncan as preacher, TE Barnwell Heyward

The Installation Service will be held at Trinity PCA on June 21, 1992 at 5:00 p.m.

M/P to approve the following three supply requests pending the receipt of written confirmation of these requests:

Westminster PCA, Meridian for Mr. Dean Rydbeck as Student Supply
Second PCA, Yazoo City for TE Allen Curry as Stated Supply
Utica PCA for Mr. Don Elliott as Student Supply

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1029 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TE James Shull, Chairman, gave the report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee (**Appendix V**).

M/P to approve the 1993 Budget, amended by increasing the line item, "MISSION TO WORLD Conf. & Seminars" by \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00. This increases the total for MISSION TO WORLD to \$29,800.00 and the total 1993 Budget to \$157,150.00

TE Shull encouraged the churches to be faithful in support of the ministries just approved.

A letter was read from TE Jakub Susabda requesting Reformed literature for the Reformed Seminary in Indonesia.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1030 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE John Allen presented the following personal recommendations in lieu of a formal Nominating Committee Report.

M/S/P that TE James White be replaced by RE Tom Hitt on the Christian Education Committee, Class of 1994.

M/S/P that the following Class changes be made on the Mission to the World Committee:

RE Tom Milam from Class of 1992 to Class of 1993

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RE Al Chadick from Class of 1992 to Class of 1994
TE Paul Long from Class of 1993 to Class of 1992

20.1031 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Alton Phillips gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**

First PCA, Union; Westminster PCA, Meridian

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **with exception:**

Pear Orchard PCA, Ridgeland; DeKalb PCA

20.1032 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Bob Cato reported for the MNA Committee that those churches interested in responding to Levi Strauss Co. about their action regarding their support of the Boy Scouts of America can contact First PCA, Yazoo City, for details.

M/S/P to refer to the Advisory Committee an inquiry into the status of Smyrna PCA, Kosciusko.

M/S/P to excuse the absences from portions of the afternoon session for those commissioners listed in paragraph 2011.i above.

20.1033 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE John Reeves was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting and the invitation from First PCA, Kosciusko for the February Stated Meeting.

20.1034 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1035 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, Mississippi
June 2, 1992**

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
 2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
 3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: RE Bob Cato, Second PCA, Yazoo City)
 4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
 5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
 6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
 7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
 8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (b) Pam Jones
 - (c) Lynn Klamer
 - (d) Andrew Lamb
 - (e) Paul Poynor
 - (f) Clayton Quarterman
 - (g) Van Rusling
 - (h) Kaz Yaegashi
 - (2) Letter from Ross Cook
 - (3) 1992 Askings
 - iii. Reports
 - (1) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Bruce Farrant
 - (2) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Steven Froehlich
 - (3) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Michael Ganuchau
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23. 4:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting (Standing invitation from Twin Lakes and invitation from First PCA, Kosciusko).
24. 4:35 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
25. 4:45 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 20, 1992

20.1036

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, RE Jackson H. Ables, Jr., who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

20.1037

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church

Bailey, Bailey
Bailey, Mt. Carmel
Belzoni, First
Brandon, Brandon

Brandon, Lakeland
Camden, McBride Memorial
Canton, Old Madison
Carthage, Carthage
Carthage, Forest Grove
Clinton, Mt. Salus
Clinton, Providence
DeKalb, DeKalb
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs
Edwards, Bethesda
Edwards, Edwards
Forest, Covenant
Forest, Forest
Goodman, Goodman
Jackson, Alta Woods

Jackson, First

Jackson, Grace
Jackson, North Park
Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Teaching Elder

Alton M. Phillips
Charlie Rodriguez
Richard Wiman
Jason Shelton
Steve Hill
Bill Whitwer

Dan Gilchrist

John K. Reeves

J.R. Wagner

Steve Jussely

Jim Baird
Jeff Elliott
William C. Hughes
Ed Norton
Brister Ware
Roger Collins
James Shull
Wayne Rogers
Michael F. Ross

Ruling Elder

Chester Chatham
Murry Rogers
Stephen Watsula
Charles E. Moak

James Armstrong
A
A
Billy Sudduth
A
A.D. Owings
Milton F. Braswell
F.D. Harbour
A
Richard O. Nelson
A
A
Marion E. McCrory
A
Thomas O. Brown
James C. Rimmer
John G. Caden
Leland Hume, Jr.
John W. Long
Frank S. York, Jr.

Jim Hallum
Harold A. McDiarmid
Lonn Oswalt
Edwin A. Batte

Church

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Porterville, Enondale
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Steve Chastain
Jim Barnes

Robert Jackson
Bob Schwanebeck
Larry Doughan

Michael Howell
Phil Blevins
Bob West

Charlie Douglas
Robert E. Hays
Joel Beezley

Michael J. Ganucheau

Billy Davies

Ed Hurley
Paul E. Zetterholm
Ed Johnson

John T. Allen
Norman E. Harper
Joey Stewart

Ruling Elder

Charles Ed Harper
Al Chadick
A

E.G. Morrison

Gene Austin
A
Steve Morris

A
A
A
A
Henry Bullock

A
A
George Powe
Otha D. Jackson

A
Billy Courts
A

A
Roland B. Jacobs
Rod Russ

A
A
Billy Johnson
Guerrant Smathers
J. Gilbert Alexander
A

Victory H. Torrey, III
A
Billy Perry, Jr.
Will P. Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Robert Duhs; Douglas Kelly; Ron Lively; Paul Long; Mark Lowrey; Douglas McCullough; Jack Scott; H. Cobb Ware.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; James T. Culbertson; Clyde Herron, Jr.; Harold Hodges; N.R. Smith; James D. Spinks; Dale VanNess.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Donald K. Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Tom Penning; J. Paul Poynor; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Mike Ahlberg; Basil Albert; Dana Casey; Gary Crampton; Kenneth Elliott; Bruce Farrant; Warren Foster; Steve Froehlich; Chuck Frost; Ed Hartman; Fred Marsh; Don Patterson.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders Steve Chastain, Michael Ganucheau, Doug McCullough, Alton Phillips, Michael Ross, Cobby Ware, and Bob West. Ruling Elders James Armstrong, Henry Bullock, Chester Chatham, Billy Courts, Charles Ed Harper.
- g. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 20.1037.a. above.

20.1038 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE John Reeves was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

20.1039 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

20.1040 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE James Baird, pastor of First PCA, Jackson and Mr. Mark Magee, director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility welcomed the Presbytery.

20.1041 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Steve Hill, TE Billy Davies, and RE Richard Nelson.

20.1042 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 20.1037.e. above.

20.1043 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to continue permission to labor out-of-bounds for one year to the following members of Presbytery: Douglas Kelly (Professor at RTS), Jayson Kyle (Foreign Missionary), John Kyle (Coordinator of MTW), Ron Lively (Christian Medical Society), Paul Long (Professor at RTS), Donald Patterson (MTW Staff), and Cobby Ware (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

Presbytery voted on the four proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1992 General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 71 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was approved by a vote of 74 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was defeated by a vote of 1 For, 69 Against, 8 Abstain.

M/P to grant the request of TE Jack Scott for honorable retirement (**Appendix C**), effective January 2, 1993. The Moderator asked the Thanks Committee to prepare a suitable memorial for inclusion in the minutes.

M/P to receive, as information, the following: communications from the General Assembly and from our Stated Clerk to the General Assembly, the written call from First PCA, Yazoo City, for TE Joey Stewart, and letters from Chaplain James R. Carter and the foreign missionaries (**Appendices D-U**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix V**). The Treasurer, RE Harold Hodges, presented the report and noted that the 1993 Askings are \$18.71 per communicant member.

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Wayne Rogers and TE Michael Ross and to ordain and install Mr. Joey Stewart (**Appendices W-Y**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

20.1044 BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

RE Will Thompson gave a brief report on the status of Bethany Christian Services, thanking the Presbytery for its support and presenting the need for Shepherding Homes.

20.1045 FAITH PRISON MINISTRIES

TE James Shull, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, introduced Mr. George Soltau, Director of Faith Prison Ministries, who gave a brief report on that Ministry.

20.1046

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Doug McCullough, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix Z**).

M/P to commend the MVP Pres-WIC officers, under the direction of Mrs. McKey, for their work during the previous year.

M/P that Presbytery ask the MNA Committee to give consideration to organizing a Disaster Relief Program as requested by the WIC.

M/P to thank First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for the use of their facilities for our Adult CE Conference, especially Miss Donna Dobbs and Mrs. Evelyn Polk for their assistance.

M/P that Presbytery encourage all churches to take advantage of the 1993 Christian Education Conference as an effective means to enhance biblical education in the local churches.

M/P to commend the Rev. Larry Doughan for his work as the MVP representative on the Mid-South Summer Youth Camp Committee.

M/P that Presbytery receive the Guidelines For Presbytery Youth Camp Committee as the structure under which this committee will operate.

M/P that the appropriate women of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, be thanked for the transportation arrangements to the Atlanta WIC Conference.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1047

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1048

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:55 a.m. with prayer by TE James Shull and reconvened with prayer by the Moderator at 11:20 a.m. (the change in the docket approved by the Presbytery).

20.1049

WORSHIP

RE Will Thompson led the Presbytery in worship. After opening with prayer, Mr. Thompson exhorted the Presbytery on the topic of "Reconciliation" from 1 Corinthians 5:12-21.

20.1050

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Ed Johnson, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. During the lunch hour, TE Steve Hill, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, gave the following report:

"We, the Thanks Committee, in behalf of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, wish to express our sincere thanks to First Presbyterian Church for the use of the Twin Lakes Conference Center. The freshness and beauty of God's creation here lends itself to a relaxing and refreshing meeting of the brethren of Presbytery. We thank specifically Mark Magee, the Camp Director, and his staff, including four special ladies who cooked this delicious meal as a labor of love. These ladies are: Bobby Godby, Gwen Parker, Annette Norwood, and Emma Williams. Thank you, ladies."

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by TE Wayne Rogers.

20.1051

RESOLUTION HONORING DR. JACK B. SCOTT

M/S/P to approve the Resolution brought by the Thanks Committee to honor Dr. Scott on his retirement (**Appendix AA**).

20.1052

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Steve Jussely, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix AB**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that the transfer of the Rev. Bill Bratley from Gulf Coast Presbytery be approved, pending his successful examination.

M/P that the Candidacy and Internship of Mung C. Lee be transferred to the Korean Central Presbytery.

M/P that the Candidacy of Mr. Walley Bumpus be transferred to Calvary Presbytery.

M/P that the Candidacy of Mr. James Chizick be transferred to the care of Northern Illinois Presbytery.

The recommendation pertaining to Lawrence Roundtree was withdrawn by the Committee.

Examinations

Messrs. John Hartung, Doug Owen and Chris Shelt were examined for candidacy. **M/P** that the exams of all these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Steve Jussely then gave them a charge from 1 Timothy 4:11-16

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and TE James Baird led in prayer for the new candidates.

TE Bill Bratley was examined as a transferring minister from Gulf Coast Presbytery. Since Mr. Bratley had been ordained in this Presbytery, his examinations in Christian Experience and touching his views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government consisted of reaffirming his answers during that previous examination and his continuing commitment to the Constitution of the PCA and were sustained as satisfactory. TE Shull led in prayer.

Mr. Dale VanNess was examined for ordination. The Committee has certified that all required paperwork and prerequisites have been completed. **M/P** that his theology paper and exegesis paper be approved and that his Reformed Theological Seminary degree be accepted in lieu of an examination in the original languages, and that his written examination in Church History be accepted as fulfilling the BCO requirements. Mr. VanNess was examined in Christian Experience, Bible Content, Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All floor examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Messrs. David Ehle and Mark Calhoun were examined for licensure. Both candidates were examined in Christian Experience and concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. Both examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to divide the Presbytery into two commissions to hear the licensure sermons with a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each.

TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. David Ehle and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE James Shull, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Mark Calhoun and moved its approval. **Passed.**

M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole of Messrs. VanNess, Ehle, and Calhoun, as satisfactory.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both applicants. He led the Presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that the call from First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, to Mr. Dale VanNess (**Appendix AC**) be approved. An Ordination and Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: James Barnes, Convener; Bruce Farrant; Michael Ganucheau.

Ruling Elders: Jack Yates and Kim Kimbrough (First PCA, Lexington) and Billy Johnson (Tchula PCA).

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Lexington, on Nov. 1, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the call from Alta Woods Presbyterian Church to TE Bill Bratley (**Appendix AD**) be approved. An Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Steve Jussely, Convener; B.I. Anderson; Ed Norton.

Ruling Elders: Hal Martin (Providence PCA); Buddy Ford, F.G. Bratley, and Rob Patterson (all of Alta Woods PCA).

The Installation Service will be held at Alta Woods PCA on Nov. 15, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

TE Bratley and Mr. VanNess accepted their calls. TE Bratley then signed the covenant book.

M/P to receive Mr. VanNess as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon his ordination. Mr. VanNess then signed the covenant book.

M/P that the supply request from Forest Grove PCA in Carthage for Mr. Mark Calhoun be approved for one year.

M/P that the supply request from Westminster PCA in Meridian for Mr. David Ehle be approved for one year.

M/P that the supply request from Scooba PCA for Mr. Martin Marshall be approved for one year.

M/P that the supply request from Bethesda PCA in Edwards for Mr. Marcus Rench be approved for one year.

M/P that Rich Miller's name be removed from the Roll of Candidates at his own request.

M/P that the supply request from DeKalb PCA and Pleasant Springs PCA for TE B.I. Anderson be continued for another year.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1053

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix AE**).

M/P that the Stated Clerk appoint individuals from Presbytery to visit with the Stated Clerk or members of the Session of the Smyrna Church to express the interest of Presbytery in the life of that church, and to report back to the February meeting of Presbytery.

M/P that the report from TE Dana Casey printed in the White Book (**Appendix AF**) be accepted as the report required after the first year of his labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

M/P that TE Dana Casey be given permission to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, Louisiana, for an additional year, pending concurrence of Louisiana Presbytery.

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M/P that TE Warren Foster be continued on the roll of Presbytery without call, with a report to be given at the Summer meeting as required by our Standing Rules.

M/P that Presbytery receive TE Doug McCullough's report (**Appendix AG**) as information and that he be continued on the roll of Presbytery without call.

M/P that the Credentials Committee consult with TE Doug McCullough to consider whether he is, in fact, without call, and that the Credentials Committee report concerning this matter at the February meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1054 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

The following persons were nominated for the positions indicated:

General Assembly Committees of Commissioners:

Bills and Overtures:	RE Robert Cannada, First PCA, Jackson
Mission to the World:	RE Kirk McDaniel, Lakeland PCA
Insurance and Annuities:	RE John Sherrod, St. Paul's PCA
Ridge Haven:	RE Robert Cato, Second PCA, Yazoo City
Covenant College:	RE George Powe, Pearl PCA
Investor's Fund:	RE Joe Turner, First PCA, Philadelphia

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1055 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the annual report of Reformed University Ministries be spread on the minutes (**Appendix AH**).

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of those members listed in Paragraph 20.1037.f. above.

20.1056 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Mike Triplett (First PCA, Louisville) was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to accept the invitation of First PCA, Kosciusko to host the February 16, 1993 meeting of Presbytery.

20.1057

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1058

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 20, 1992

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (TE John Reeves, First Nominee)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 P.M. Oral reports from missionaries present today
8. 9:35 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
9. 9:40 A.M. Stated Clerk's Report
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes, pp. 5-6
 - iii. Communications
 - (1) General Assembly materials, pp. 7-10
 - (2) Calls
 - (a) Joseph E. Stewart (from previous meeting, Paragraph 20.1020), p. 11
 - (b) Dale Thomas VanNess, p. 12
 - (3) Request from Dr. Jack Scott for Honorable Retirement, p. 13
 - (4) Letter from Stated Clerk to General Assembly re: Randy Stringer with Minute extracts, pp. 14-17
 - (5) Missionary Letters, pp. 18-36
 - iv. Reports
 - (1) Treasurer's Report, pp. 37-39
 - (2) Report from TE Dana Casey, pp. 40-41
 - (3) Quarterly Report from Chaplain James R. Carter, p. 42-43
 - (4) Report of Commission to Install TE Michael Frederick Ross, p. 44
 - (5) Report of Commission to Install TE Wayne Rogers, p. 45
 - (6) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Joseph Edward Stewart, p. 46
10. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Doug McCullough,
Chairman
11. 10:45 A.M. Report from Bethany Services - RE Will Thompson
12. 10:50 A.M. Report from Faith Prison Ministry
13. 11:00 A.M. Recess
14. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Bob Cato)
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 - i. Report of Thanks Committee
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Steve Jussely, Chairman
18. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman

19. 3:25 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee - TE Bob Duhs, Chairman
20. 4:05 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee
22. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 16, 1993.
23. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:30 P.M. Adjournment: prayer

Appendix AA

RESOLUTION

- Whereas Dr. Jack B. Scott has, by God's grace and providence, reached the point of asking for honorable retirement;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has served the Lord as a missionary, pastor, professor and prolific author of Christian Education materials;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has exercised a great influence over the church at large as well as over the PCA;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has performed all of his ministerial duties with dignity, grace, humility, and faithfulness;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has been used of God to influence many young men now in the gospel ministry through his years of teaching at Belhaven College and Reformed Theological Seminary;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has set before the church a godly example of faithful obedience to God's word and submission to God's will;
- Whereas Dr. Scott has served as a faithful presbyter, both in the PCUS and in the PCA; and
- Whereas Dr. Scott has been led of God to make the request for honorable retirement and has been granted that status by Mississippi Valley Presbytery effective January 2, 1993;
- Therefore, be it resolved that Mississippi Valley Presbytery express its thanks to God for the gift of Jack B. Scott to this portion of His church;
- that Dr. Scott be commended for his faithful service to Christ and His church;
- that the life and ministry of Dr. Scott be held before the church as a worthy example to follow;
- that gratitude be expressed to Dr. Scott for his sacrificial spirit, his humble walk with Christ, his faithful service, and godly example;
- and, that Mississippi Valley Presbytery spread this resolution upon its minutes, and that a copy of this resolution be given to Dr. Scott and a copy sent to the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in America.

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS
February 16, 1993

20.1059

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE John Reeves, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

20.1060

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Jackie Caldwell
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Steve C. Hill	James McBrayer
	Jason B. Shelton	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	Joseph H. Sasser, Jr.
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Joseph Ernie Webb
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Dale Kilbourn
DeKalb, DeKalb		James T. Culbertson
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant	Gary Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Ellis J. Sparks
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Bill Bratley	Thomas O. Brown
	Steve Jussely	H.I. Woodard
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	John W. Long
	Ed Norton	Chess Wymond
	Brister H. Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Cecil Ferguson
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Freeman L. Evans
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	
Jackson, Trinity	Steve Chastain	Edwin A. Batte
	Michael Ross	Charles Ed Harper

Church

Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First

 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Porterville, Enondale
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Utica, Utica
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Jim Barnes

 Dale VanNess
 Robert Jackson
 Larry Doughan
 Bob Schwanebeck

 Michael Howell
 Philip R. Blevins

 Charlie Douglas
 Robert Hays
 Joel Beezley

 Michael J. Ganucheau

 Billy T. Davies
 Chuck Frost

 Paul E. Zetterholm
 Edward Johnson
 Mike Ahlberg

 Norman E. Harper

Ruling Elder

Johnny Boswell
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 A
 Charles Campbell
 Ed Prisock
 Michael W. Triplett

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 A
 C.E. Davis
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 George Powe
 Charles McClain
 A
 John H. Davis, Jr.
 E.A. Simpson
 A
 Roland B. Jacobs
 A

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 J.B. Hutton, III
 J.W. Woodard, Jr.

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 Robert Turner
 R.C. Thompson, Jr.
 William Carroll
 Robert H. Cato

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Steve Froehlich; Erskine L. Jackson; Douglas McCullough.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** James R. Bowie; Steve Burton; Lon Downs; Ligon Duncan; Glenn Durham; David Ehle; John L. Ford; Clyde Herron, Jr.; Billy Johnson; Martin Marshall; A.D. McBeath; Ken Roth; Christopher A. Shelt; Alonzo G. Smith.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemerem; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** John Allen; James Baird; Robert Duhs; Ed Hartman; Doug Kelly; Ron Lively; Mark Lowrey; Fred Marsh; Donald Patterson; J. Paul Poynor; H. Cobb Ware; Bob West
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders Bill Bratley, Billy Davies, and Chuck Frost.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Ed Hurley; Paul Long; Don Malin; Charles Rodriguez; Richard Wiman.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 20.1060.a. above.

20.1061 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Mike Triplett, First PCA, Louisville, was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

20.1062 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

20.1063 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE James Barnes, pastor of First PCA, Kosciusko, welcomed the Presbytery.

20.1064 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Charles Douglas, Chairman; TE Michael Ganucheau; and RE Dale Kilbourn.

20.1065 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 20.1060.e. and f. above.

20.1066 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

M/S/P to dismiss the Credentials Committee to meet at this time.

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The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve the change in call for TE Michael Ross from an annual total of \$60,000.00 to \$67,200.00.

M/P to receive, as information, the following: the information from the G.A. on dividing into parts to hear ordination sermons; the 1993 Budget from RUM; reports from Chaplains Don Malin and Jan Werson and letters from several foreign missionaries (**Appendices B-H**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Bill Bratley and to ordain and install Mr. Dale VanNess (**Appendices I-J**).

M/S/P to change TE Chuck Frost's attendance for the October 1992 Stated Meeting from unexcused to excused.

TE Basil Albert gave a brief report on the work of the Korean Mission Church.

M/S/P that TE Roger Collins and a ruling elder from Grace PCA, Jackson, be added to the Borrowed Session for the Korean Mission Church to replace TE Paul Zetterholm and RE Hal Martin.

TE Jason Shelton gave a brief report on the new Rankin County Church Aid Society.

TE Doug McCullough gave a brief report on the upcoming Christian Education Conference on March 5.

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix K**).

20.1067

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Brister Ware presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

The following persons were nominated and elected for the positions indicated:

G.A. Nominating Committee:	RE James Moore
G.A. Committee on Review of Pres. Records:	TE Paul E. Zetterholm
G.A. Permanent Committees:	
Administration	TE Joel Beezley; RE Ralph Lord
CE & P	TE Steve Jussely; RE Lonon Oswalt
MNA	TE Ed Norton; RE Edmund Johnston
MTW	TE Richard Wiman; RE James Armstrong
Interchurch Relations	TE Dan Gilchrist; RE Edwin Batte
Constitutional Business	TE Bruce Farrant; RE Tom Sanford
Theological Examining	TE Douglas Kelly; RE Bob Cato
G.A. Committees of Commissioners:	
Administration	TE Robert Hays
CE & P	TE Michael Ross

Covenant Seminary	TE Bob Schwanebeck
Interchurch Relations	TE Wayne Rogers
MNA	TE James Barnes
PCA Foundation	TE Phil Blevins
Floor Clerk	TE Michael Howell
Serve Communion	RE Edmund Johnston

Presbytery Permanent Committees (all Class of 1995 unless otherwise noted; * designates Convener)

MTW	TE Steve Froehlich; RE Richard Nelson; TE Jack Scott
MNA	RE Roland Jacobs (1993); TE Alton Phillips; RE Ray Reinhardt; TE Michael Ross
CE & P	1993: TE Larry Doughan; RE Otho Johnson 1994: RE Tom Hitt; TE Don Malin 1995: TE Michael Ahlberg; TE Michael Howell; *TE Doug

McCullough

Advisory	TE Michael Ahlberg; RE Leland Hume, Jr.
Stewardship & Finance	TE Ed Hartman; RE Harold Hodges
Credentials	RE Joe Bowden; *TE Robert Hays; TE Ed Johnson; RE Billy Perry
Sessional Records	RE Harold McDiarmid; TE Charles Rodriguez
Standing Rules	TE Kenneth Elliott (1994); RE Benny Hill; TE Robert West
Nominations	RE Jim Hutton; TE Michael Ross

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1068

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

M/S to confirm the invitation from Mississippi Valley Presbytery to host the 1998 General Assembly.

M/S/P to defer consideration of this item until the June Stated Meeting.

20.1069

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Ed Norton, Chairman, briefed the Presbytery on various missions initiatives.

TE Mike Ganuchau gave a brief report on the Faith-Promise Missions Program in the Pickens PCA.

Mr. Richard Sechler gave a brief report on his planned work in Vienna, Austria.

20.1070 STATED CLERK'S REPORT (Continued)

M/S/P to grant TE Robert Jackson's request to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Covenant PCA, Louisville and transfer him to North Georgia Presbytery. RE Ed Prisock of Covenant PCA confirmed the church's concurrence with TE Jackson's request.

M/S/P to open the floor for discussion of the communication from the G.A. regarding dividing into parts to hear ordination sermons.

M/S/P that a petition opposing the Freedom of Choice Act be made available for the members of Presbytery to sign.

20.1071 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1072 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by TE Ed Norton and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

20.1073 WORSHIP

TE John Reeves, Past Moderator, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," TE Reeves led in prayer. He then preached on the topic of "Christian Humility" from Ephesians 4:1-3; Philippians 2:1-5; and 1 Peter 5:5. Worship concluded with the singing of the hymn, "May the Mind of Christ My Savior."

20.1074 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Alton Phillips as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Phillips then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

20.1075 LUNCH

After prayer by TE James Barnes, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 11:50 a.m. Presbytery reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

20.1076 THANKS COMMITTEE

During the Lunch Hour, TE Charlie Douglas, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the First Presbyterian Church in general and to the ladies in particular for

their gracious hospitality and delicious refreshments and meal.

20.1077 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **20.1081** below).

20.1078 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Steve Jussely, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P that Dean Rydbeck's Candidacy and Internship be transferred to Warrior Presbytery.

M/P that TE Joseph Stewart be transferred to Tennessee Valley Presbytery. RE William Carroll, First PCA, Yazoo City, confirmed that the Session had concurred in TE Stewart's request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

Examinations

M/S/P to examine TE Ligon Duncan, a member of Calvary Presbytery, to be Stated Supply for First PCA, Yazoo City. TE Duncan was examined in Christian Experience and touching his views in Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/S/P to examine Mr. Steve Burton for ordination. The Committee certified that all required paperwork and prerequisites have been completed. Mr. Burton was examined in Christian Experience, Theology, Bible Content, Sacraments and Church Government. All floor examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that his theology paper and exegesis paper be approved and that his Reformed Theological Seminary degree be accepted in lieu of an examination in the original languages, and that his written examination in Church History be accepted as fulfilling the BCO requirements. (Passed unanimously)

M/P that Mr. Burton's licensure sermon (previously preached before Presbytery) be accepted as fulfilling the requirement to preach before Presbytery. (Passed unanimously)

M/P to sustain Mr. Burton's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

M/P to examine Messrs. Glenn Durham, Ricky Jones, Brad Mercer, Philip Palmertree, and Ken Roth for candidacy. The exams of all these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3

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and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Phil Blevins then gave them a charge from 1 Timothy 4:1-6 and then led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P to approve Messrs. Glenn Durham, Martin Marshall, and David Ehle for internship, each man having been previously examined concerning his inward call to the ministry of the Word. The Moderator then declared these men to be interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, in accordance with BCO 19-10.

Administrative Recommendations

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman of the MNA Committee, gave a brief report to the Presbytery on the new work in South Madison County.

M/P that the call from First PCA, Jackson, to TE James Edward Norton, as church planter in South Madison County, be approved, effective January 18, 1993 (**Appendix M**).

M/P that the call from Pearl Presbyterian Church to Mr. Steve Burton (**Appendix N**) be approved. An Ordination and Installation Commission was appointed as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Robert Hays, Chairman; Michael Ganucheau; Bruce Farrant.

Ruling Elders: George Powe; Henry Conn; Donald Dennis; William Johnson

Guest: TE Gary Clowers

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Pearl PCA, on February 28, 1993 at 7:00 p.m.

M/P to receive Mr. Burton as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon his ordination. Mr. Burton then signed the covenant book.

M/P that Presbytery approve the request of First PCA, Yazoo City for TE Ligon Duncan as Stated Supply for one year.

M/P that Presbytery approve the request of Lebanon PCA, Learned, for Mr. Michael Deschamps to continue as Student Supply for another year.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

20.1079

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P to appoint TE Michael Ross to the Board of Bethany Christian Services.

20.1080

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Chuck Frost was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the June 1, 1993 meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to accept the invitation of Providence PCA, Clinton, to host the June 1, 1993 meeting of Presbytery.

20.1081 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

M/S/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved without exception.

DeKalb PCA; Tchula PCA; Pearl PCA; Westminster PCA, Meridian; North Park PCA; Pickens PCA; First PCA, Louisville; Mt. Salus PCA; Pear Orchard PCA; Trinity PCA; Providence PCA; Wynndale PCA; Second PCA, Yazoo City; Bailey PCA; Carthage PCA; First PCA, Jackson; Alta Woods PCA; Brandon PCA; Lakeland PCA.

M/S/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved with exceptions (noted in the appropriate Minute Books).

First PCA, Yazoo City; First PCA, Kosciusko; Bethesda PCA; West PCA; First PCA, Union; St. Paul PCA; Forest PCA; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg; Raymond PCA; Newton PCA; Grace PCA.

20.1082 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

20.1083 ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m. with prayer by TE Robert Hays.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi February 16, 1993

Amended Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: RE Mike Triplett)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) G.A. Communication regarding practice of dividing Presbytery to hear sermons
 - (2) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Kaz Yaegashi
 - (b) Carl Chaplin
 - (c) John Kyle
 - (d) Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (e) Chaplain Don Malin
 - (3) Reports
 - (a) Report of Commission to Install TE Bill Bratley
 - (b) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Dale VanNess
 - iii. Oral Reports
 - (1) TE Basil Albert - Korean Mission Church
 - (2) TE Doug McCullough - CE Conference
 - (3) TE Jason Shelton - Rankin County Aid Society
9. 10:20 A.M. Treasurer's Report - TE James Shull
10. 10:25 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Brister Ware
11. 10:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE John Reeves)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$3.00**)
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee
17. 1:10 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Steve Jussely, Chairman
18. 3:30 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
19. 3:45 P.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
20. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting

- i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Invitation from Providence PCA for the June Meeting
22. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
23. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi
June 1, 1993

21.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, RE Mike Triplett, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

21.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Len Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First		Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Leo Jarvis
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	James Kenneth Johnston
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Dale Kilbourn
DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Forest, Covenant	W. Gary Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Marion E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	James C. Rimmer
	William M. Bratley	
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	John W. Long
	Ed Norton	Chess B. Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Maurice B. Wray
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Julius Murray
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	Lonn Oswalt
Jackson, Trinity	Michael F. Ross	Charles Ed Harper
	Steven B. Chastain	
Kosciusko, First	Jim Barnes	Al Chadick

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	Dale T. VanNess	John M. Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant		A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Mike Triplett
	Larry Doughan	
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Michael Howell	A
Madden, Carolina	Philip Blevins	A
Madison, First	Robert West	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	George Powe
	Steve Burton	
	Joel E. Beezley	
Philadelphia, First		David C. Fugate
Pickens, Concord		John H. Davis, Jr.
Pickens, Pickens	Michael J. Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Porterville, Enondale		Roland B. Jacobs
Raymond, Raymond		Rod Russ
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Chuck Frost	Neil Barnes
	Billy Davies	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula	Paul E. Zetterholm	
Terry, Wynndale		Romie Burkett
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	Jackson H. Ables, Jr.
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		Robert T. Bailey
Yazoo City, Second		A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Robert Duhs; Steve Froehlich; Paul B. Long; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Cobby Ware.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Wally Bumpas; McKay Caston; Glenn Durham; David Ehle; Bebo Elkin; Harold Hodges; Jessie Jacobs; Barry Kelly; Martin Marshall; Harold A. McDiarmid; W.L. 'Buck' Mosal; Phillip J. Palmertree; Dick Sechler; Chris Shelt; John Stone, IV; Donald Wahlmon; Adam Williams.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Paul Poynor; Tom Penning; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** James Baird; Steve Hill; Edward Johnson; Ron Lively; Mark Lowrey; Doug McCullough; Don Patterson; Brister Ware; Richard Wiman.
- f. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth Elliott; Douglas Kelly; Charles Rodriguez.
- g. **The ruling elder representatives from the following churches requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Jim Hutton, Tchula PCA; Charles McClain, First PCA, Philadelphia; Gilbert Alexander, First PCA, Union.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 21.1002.a above.
- i. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE Paul Long; TE Alton Phillips; RE Ken Covington; TE Gary Crampton; TE Bill Bratley; TE Michael Ganucheau; TE Fred Marsh; TE Dan Gilchrist; TE Phil Blevins; RE Clyde L. Herron, Jr.

21.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Chuck Frost was nominated and elected as Moderator.

21.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson. **M/S/P** to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

21.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE John Reeves, pastor of Providence PCA, welcomed the Presbytery.

21.1006 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman; RE Clyde Herron, Jr. and RE Roland Jacobs.

21.1007 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 21.1002e and ruling elders listed in 21.1002g above.

21.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from missionaries and chaplains (**Appendices B-J**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Steve Burton (**Appendix K**).

M/S/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery affirm that the sermons preached as part of Licensure Examinations before this Presbytery may be accepted as fulfilling the requirement for preaching a sermon before Presbytery during ordination trials (unanimous).

TE Steve Chastain gave a brief report on his new work in New Orleans.

21.1009 MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Ed Norton, Chairman, presented the MTW Report.

Missionaries Earl Adams (Peru) and Richard Sechler (Czech Republic) gave reports on their works.

TE's Mike Ganucheau and Dale VanNess gave brief reports on their trip to Eastern Europe (**Appendices L-M**).

TE Jim Barnes gave a report on MTW's CoMission Program.

M/P that the churches of Mississippi Valley Presbytery be asked to take a special offering during September to help defray the costs of the deficits of MVP missionaries.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1010 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman, presented the MNA Report (**Appendix N**).

TE Ed Norton gave a brief report on the new mission work in South Madison County (Highlands PCA).

M/P that M.B. Cooper, Jr., be approved as Mississippi Valley Presbytery's Disaster Relief Coordinator.

M/P that Terry Gyger, Coordinator for MNA, be given permission and privilege of the floor to address the Presbytery today as part of our report.

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TE Terry Gyger then addressed the Presbytery on the necessity for a vision in starting new churches.

There was a brief discussion on the current status of many of the smaller churches in the Presbytery with vacant pulpits.

M/S/P to refer to the Advisory Committee the task of investigating those churches and bringing recommendations to the next meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1011

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

M/S/P to replace TE Steve Chastain with TE Ganucheau on the Credentials Committee, Class of 1993 (See also para 21.1012 below).

M/S/P to replace RE Robert Cannada with RE Edmund Johnston on the Committee of Commissioners for Bills and Overtures for the 1993 General Assembly.

21.1012

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix O**).

Administrative Recommendations

1. General

M/P the Presbytery consider TE Doug McCullough to be in possession of a valid call, and remove him from the status of being without call.

M/P that Presbytery appoint the Advisory Committee to encourage Mr. McCullough in ministries in addition to his Chaplaincy.

M/P that the request of Arnold Brevick to have Presbytery waive the time requirement of BCO 18-2 (para 2), that he might come under care at the June meeting, be approved (unanimous).

M/P that the calls of James Stewart, Chris Shelt, Wally Bumpas, Martin Marshall, and John Stone be approved.

M/P that Wally Bumpas be allowed to move onto the field before Presbytery meets.

M/P that Phillip Palmertree's request to become an intern be approved.

M/P that TE Fred Marsh's request to accept the call offered by MNA be approved.

M/P that TE Steve Chastain's request for dissolution of his pastoral relationship with Trinity PCA be

approved (representative from Trinity PCA was present and reported the congregation's concurrence), and that he be transferred to Southeast Louisiana Presbytery, pending their reception of him, and that his resignation from the Credentials Committee be effective at the end of this meeting. (See also para 21.1011 above).

M/P that TE Bill Wymond be allowed to move onto the field at First PCA, Jackson, prior to his examination, since he is a previous member of this Presbytery (unanimous).

21.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by the Moderator and reconvened at 11:15 a.m. with prayer.

21.1014

WORSHIP

After memorials were presented by the Moderator for the ruling elders who have died during the past year (**Appendices P-S**), Past Moderator, RE Mike Triplett, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "For all the saints who from their labors rest" Mr. Triplett led in prayer. Candidate for Ordination, Mr. John Stone then preached from Genesis 3:1-7, 21. After singing the Hymn "Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts," the Presbytery was led in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper by TE John Reeves.. Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer by Mr. Reeves.

21.1015

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

21.1016

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Steve Jussely, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. Presbytery reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with prayer by TE Basil Albert.

21.1017

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Bob Schwanebeck, gave the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix T**).

21.1018

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the remainder of the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix O**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/S/P to approve the request by TE Chuck Frost for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between himself and Pear Orchard PCA, and that he continue on the rolls of Mississippi Valley Presbytery without call. Representative of Pear Orchard PCA was present and reported the concurrence of the congregation with this request (**Appendix U**).

2. Internships

Mr. Phillip Palmertree was installed as an intern in accordance with BCO, Chapter 19.

M/P that the internship of Martin Marshall be approved as meeting all the requirements of Presbytery.

M/P that the approval of Wally Bumpas' internship by Calvary Presbytery and John Stone's by Illiana Presbytery be accepted by Mississippi Valley Presbytery as completing the requirements (unanimous).

M/P that the request for waiver of internship from Chris Shelt and Jim Blaha be approved (unanimous).

3. Supply Requests

M/P that TE Julian Stennis' supply relationship with Lauderdale PCA be extended one year at the request of the church.

Examinations

1. Transferring Minister

TE James Stewart was examined in Christian Experience and touching his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The examination as a whole was sustained as satisfactory. The call from First PCA, Jackson, was placed in his hands and he accepted the call.

M/P that, upon signing the Covenant Book, Mr. Stewart be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery pending receipt of his credentials from Central Georgia Presbytery. Mr. Stewart then signed the Covenant Book.

M/P to establish the following Installation Commission for TE James Stewart, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: William Hughes, Conv.; Jim Baird; Chuck Frost; Bill Whitwer; Paul Long
Ruling Elders: Jack C. Treloar; Edmund Johnston; George Fair; Rod Russ

The Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson, on July 11, 1993, during the evening service.

2. Ordination

Messrs. Wally Bumpas, Martin Marshall, Chris Shelt, and John Stone were examined for ordination.

M/P to approve, for all ordination applicants, the required papers, take-home church history examination and seminary transcripts in lieu of examination in the original languages. (unanimous)

M/P to accept the previous sermons and examinations for licensure by this Presbytery of Messrs. Bumpas and Marshall in Experiential Religion, English Bible, Theology and Church Government, as satisfying these parts of their ordination trials. (unanimous).

All candidates were examined in the area of sacraments, and Messrs. Shelt and Stone were examined in Experiential Religion, English Bible, Theology and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Shelt then preached before the Presbytery from Judges 11.

M/S/P to sustain Mr. Shelt's sermon and Mr. Stone's sermon (preached during the worship service) as satisfactory.

All examinations as a whole were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that, upon ordination and upon signing the Covenant Book, Messrs. Bumpas, Marshall, Shelt, and Stone be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery. Each of the four men then signed the Covenant Book.

M/P to establish the following Ordination and Installation Commission for Mr. Wally Bumpas, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Robert Hays, Conv.; Jason Shelton; B.I. Anderson
Ruling Elders: Clyde Herron, Freddie Harbour, Jimmy Culverson, Marion Breckenridge, Roy Burch, John McArthur.
Guests: TE's Ligon Duncan, preacher; and Jeffrey Lancaster.

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at DeKalb PCA on June 27, 1993, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P to establish the following Ordination and Installation Commission for Mr. Martin Marshall, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Jason Shelton, Conv.; James Baird, preacher; Robert Hays; Wally Bumpas
Ruling Elders: Frank Horton; Henry Conn; Cliff Fleming; George Powe

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Scooba PCA on July 7, 1993, at 7:00 p.m.

M/P to establish the following Ordination and Installation Commission for Mr. Christopher A. Shelt,

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with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Michael F. Ross, Conv.; Don Malin; Jim Stewart
Ruling Elders: Joe Goodwin; Roland Garretson; Rod Russ
Guests: TE Ligon Duncan

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Trinity PCA on June 20, 1993, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P to establish the following Ordination and Installation Commission for Mr. John Simpson Stone IV, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Steve Burton, Conv.; Michael Ross; Steve Chastain
Ruling Elders: Bebo Elkin; John Holt; Rod Russ

The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Trinity PCA on July 18, 1993, at 6:00 p.m.

3. Licensure and Internship

Messrs. Jim Blaha, Arnold Brevick, Robert Dekker, Glenn Durham and John Ford were then examined for licensure. **M/P** that examinations in Experiential Religion be waived for all applicants as being satisfied by their previous examinations for Candidacy. All were then examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory with the exception of the theology examination of Mr. Blaha. **M/S/Failed** to sustain Mr. Blaha's theology examination as satisfactory, following lengthy discussion and questions from the floor concerning Mr. Blaha's views on spiritual gifts.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into five commissions to hear the licensure sermons, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. TE's John Allen, Michael Ross, Bob Schwanebeck, Basil Albert, and Jim Wagner were elected respectively as chairmen of their commissions. After the sermons, TE Allen reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Jim Blaha from Romans 10:1-4 and moved its approval. Passed. TE Ross reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Arnold Brevick from James 3:1-12 and moved its approval. Passed. TE Schwanebeck reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Robert Dekker from Judges 6:1-24 and moved its approval. Passed. TE Albert reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Glenn Durham from 2 Corinthians 1:1-9 and moved its approval. Passed. TE Wagner reported for the commission hearing the sermon of John Ford from Romans 3:9-18 and moved its approval. Passed.

M/P that all examinations as a whole be sustained as satisfactory, with the exception of Mr. Blaha's.

M/P that all examinations of Mr. Blaha be sustained as satisfactory, except for his views in Theology.

M/P that TE John Reeves and TE Wayne Rogers be appointed to meet with Mr. Blaha and encourage him in his studies on the subject of spiritual gifts and that they report back to the next

stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Moderator then asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all four approved licensure applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

4. Candidacy

Messrs. Robert Dekker, McKay Caston, James Williams, and Arnold Brevick were examined for candidacy. All were examined in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The Chairman asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Michael Ross then gave them a charge from 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1019 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**

First PCA, Philadelphia.

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **with exception:**

Concord PCA; Old Madison PCA; First PCA, Belzoni; Carolina PCA; Mt. Carmel PCA.

21.1020 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

M/P that, in view of the lack of adequate facilities, Mississippi Valley Presbytery withdraw its invitation to host the 1998 General Assembly.

21.1021 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE John Sherrod, Chairman, gave the report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

The Chairman gave a report on the current state of the 1993 Budget, noting the \$7,000 deficit at the end of the First Quarter, and asked all Committee Chairman to curtail discretionary spending as much as possible.

The Treasurer, RE Harold Hodges, gave a brief report on the 1993 contributions and expenditures thru March (**Appendix V**). He encouraged all churches to reconsider their level of giving to the

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Presbytery.

M/P to approve the 1994 Budget (**Appendix W**).

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Frank York was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting and the invitation from Alta Woods PCA for the February Stated Meeting.

21.1023 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

21.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with prayer by RE Rod Russ.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING
 Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
 Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi
 June 1, 1993

Amended Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: TE Chuck Frost, Pear Orchard
PCA)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
 - (2) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (b) Chaplain Don Malin
 - (c) Bill and Jean Jackson
 - (d) Pam Jones and Lynn Klamer
 - (e) Carl and Becky Chaplin
 - (f) Clayton Quarterman
 - (g) Palmer Robertson
 - iii. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Steven Burton
9. 10:00 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman
10. 10:30 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
11. 10:55 A.M. Report from TE Chastain
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Robert C. Duhs, Chairman
14. 11:20 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
15. 11:30 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Mike Triplett)
16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: \$5.00)
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
20. 3:15 P.M. Treasurer's Report
21. 3:30 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - RE John Sherrod, Chairman
22. 4:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Alton Phillips, Chairman
23. 4:15 P.M. Old and New Business
24. 4:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting

- (1) Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
 - (2) Invitation from Alta Woods PCA, Jackson.
25. 4:35 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
26. 4:45 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

Appendix T

Report of the Thanks Committee

Whereas God, in His good providence, has established and blessed the Providence Presbyterian Church of the PCA; and

Whereas God has enabled the Providence Presbyterian Church to build a new and beautiful church facility; and

Whereas the Session and members of the Providence Presbyterian Church did graciously invited the Mississippi Valley Presbytery to use its facilities for the June 1, 1993 meeting; and

Whereas the church proved to be gracious hosts, providing warm hospitality and everything necessary to meet our needs; and

Whereas the women of the church provided delicious refreshments and an outstanding meal for lunch; and

Whereas we are mindful of the Lord's rich blessings upon this church and us as a Presbytery

Therefore Be It Resolved that the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley express its gratitude to God for His provision for all needs, and for His blessings upon the Providence Presbyterian Church; and that we express our heartfelt gratitude to the Session, the members, and especially the women of the Providence Presbyterian Church for making this meeting of the Presbytery comfortable, enjoyable, and successful.

TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman
RE Clyde Herron
RE Roland Jacobs

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 19, 1993

21.1025

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE John Reeves. TE Steve Hill led the Presbytery in prayer.

21.1026

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen, Jr.
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Leo Jarvis
	Steve Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	A.D. Owings
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James D. Spinks
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Forest, Covenant	Gary Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Ellis J. Sparks
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	T.W. Sanford
		Harold W. Hodges
		H.I. Woodard
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	John G. Caden
	Jeff Elliott	Otho S. Johnson, Jr.
	William Hughes	John W. Long
	James H. Stewart	Chess B. Wymond
	Brister Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Harold McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul		Lonn Oswalt

Church

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Highlands
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Michael F. Ross
Chris Shelt
Jim Barnes

Bob Schwanebeck

Michael Howell
Philip R. Blevins

Ed Norton

Charles Douglas
Robert Hays
Steve Burton

Michael Ganucheau

Billy T. Davies
Martin Marshall
Ed Hurley
Paul E. Zetterholm

Mike Ahlberg

John T. Allen

Ruling Elder

Phillip L. McDade
Wynn Kenyon
Mickey Fowler
A
A
Jack Liddell
John M. Kimbrough, III
Roland Byrd
John B. Sharp, Jr.
A
Ernest T. George, Jr.
Richard W. Metz
A

C.E. Davis
A
A
George Powe

A
A
A
Roland B. Jacobs

A
A
Billy Johnson
Guerrant Smathers
A
A
Alan Formby
A
William C. Carroll
Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Dana Casey; Don Caviness; Robert Duhs; Kenneth R. Elliott; Warren Foster; Steve Froehlich; Ron Lively; Paul Long; Mark Lowrey; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Douglas McCullough; Donald B. Patterson; Jack Scott; John Stone

c. The following visitors were registered: Mike Bakarich; James Culberson; David Ehle; Clyde L. Herron, Jr.; James L. Hughes; Alan Kolodny; Jim Landrum; Evan J. Llewelyn; Doug Owen; Billy Perry, Jr.; Marcus Rench; Meredith Spencer; Donald Wahlman; Bob Wojohn; W.K. Wymond; Yang Woo Lee; Yun Jim Kim.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Jayson Kyle; Tom Penning; J. Paul Poynor; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem Van Gemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Joel Beezley; Chuck Frost; Ed Johnson; Doug Kelly; John Kyle; Alton Phillips; Clayton Quarterman; Wayne Rogers; Dale VanNess; Cobby Ware.
- f. The following ruling elder requested and was granted an excused absence by the Presbytery:** Commissioner from Pear Orchard PCA.
- g. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Teaching Elders Roger Collins, Ed Hartman and Jim Shull. Ruling Elders Harold McDiarmid and Jim Hallum.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dan Gilchrist; Bob West.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 21.1026.a. above.

21.1027

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Frank York, First PCA, Jackson, was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

21.1028

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to examine Mr. Steve Long (candidate for ordination) in the area of Spiritual Gifts at the same time as Mr. Jim Blaha at the beginning of the Credentials Committee Report.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

21.1029 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, Mr. Mark Magee, director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility welcomed the Presbytery.

21.1030

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Jason Shelton, Chairman; RE Chess Wymond and RE H.I. Woodard.

21.1031

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 21.1026.e. above and those ruling elders listed in 21.1026.f. above.

21.1032

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve the requests to labor out of bounds for another year from TE John Kyle (Coordinator of MTW, Atlanta); TE Paul Long (Professor, RTS), and TE Cobby Ware (Mississippi Director, Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

M/P to approve the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix B**). The Treasurer, RE Harold Hodges, presented the report and noted that the 1994 Askings are \$25.00 per communicant member.

Presbytery voted on the seven proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1993 General Assembly (**Appendix C**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 52 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 51 For, 4 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was approved by a vote of 52 For, 4 Against, 2 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was approved by a vote of 62 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 5 was approved by a vote of 63 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 6 was approved by a vote of 64 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 7 was approved by a vote of 67 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

M/P to receive, as information, various communications from the General Assembly, the quarterly report from Chaplain Jan Werson, and letters from several foreign missionaries (**Appendices D - N**).

TE Bob Duhs gave a brief report on the work in the Czech Republic and TE John Reeves read a letter from Katie Yaegashi requesting aid for scholarship help.

M/P to approve the reports of the Commission to install TE James H. Stewart and the Commissions to ordain and install Messrs. Wally Bumpas, Martin Marshall, Christopher Shelt, and John Simpson Stone, IV. (**Appendices O - S**).

M/P to approve the requests to labor out of bounds for another year from TE Dana Casey (Grace

Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA) and TE Mark Lowrey (Reformed University Ministries, MNA, Atlanta).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

21.1033 INSURANCE, ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

RE James Hughes, Director of Insurance, Annuities and Relief, gave a brief report on health care and the PCA Health Insurance Program, and reviewed the other programs of IAR.

21.1034 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Doug McCullough, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix T**).

Dr. Arthur Klem, Assistant to the President of Covenant College, gave a brief report on the activities of the college.

M/P to commend the MVP Pres-WIC officers, under the direction of Mrs. McKey, for their work during the previous year.

M/P to thank First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for the use of their facilities for our Adult CE Conference, especially Miss Donna Dobbs for her assistance.

M/P that Presbytery encourage all churches to take advantage of the 1994 "Your Work Matters to God" Conference.

M/P to commend the Rev. Larry Doughan for his work as the MVP representative on the Mid-South Summer Youth Camp Committee.

M/P that the Rev. Steve Hill be appointed as the Rev. Doughan's replacement in the Class of 1993 and represent the presbytery on the Mid-South Youth Camp Committee.

M/S/P that the Committee's budget request be referred to the Stewardship and Finance Committee and reported back to the next meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1035 KOREAN MISSION CHURCH

TE Basil Albert, Chairman of the Commission to oversee the Korean Mission Church, gave a report on the status of that church. At their Congregational Meeting of August 29, the church requested, by a vote of 15-5, that they be dismissed to the Korean Southeast Presbytery (**Appendix U**). The Korean Southeast Presbytery voted at their October Stated Meeting to receive this church, pending their dismissal by Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

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M/P that we concur with the Korean Mission Church's request to be transferred to the Korean Southeast Presbytery and that the oversight commission be dismissed with thanks.

21.1036

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman of the MNA Committee, gave a report from the MNA Committee.

M/P that Presbytery start a new work in North Meridian under the direction of the MNA Committee.

M/P that Presbytery approve the proposal for a weekly Bible Study for three months in Edwards with Mr. Jesse Jacobs as the leader.

M/P that the Moderator appoint a commission to examine prospective officers at the Highlands Presbyterian Church in preparation for their becoming a particular church. The Moderator appointed a commission with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders and consisting of the following members: Teaching Elders Jim Baird, Don Patterson, Bob Duhs, and Steve Froehlich; Ruling Elders Erskine Wells, Edwin Batte, Otho Johnson, Bebo Elkin.

M/P that the Enondale Church be removed from the Presbytery's roll because it has been closed for eight years and is reorganized as a non-denominational church.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1037

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:02 a.m. with prayer by TE Brister Ware and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

21.1038

WORSHIP

TE Steve Jussely led the Presbytery in worship. After the presbytery sang the hymn, "To God Be the Glory," Mr. Jussely preached on the topic of "Christian Unity" from Philippians 2:1-5. Worship concluded with the singing of the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

21.1039

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

21.1040

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE James Baird, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. During the lunch hour, TE Jason Shelton, Chairman, gave the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix V**).

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by TE James Shull.

21.1041

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix W**).

Administrative Recommendations

Calls

M/P that the calls to the following men be approved, pending their successful examinations:

TE Bill Wymond from First PCA, Jackson
TE Bob Wojohn from First PCA, Yazoo City
Mr. Steve Long from Mission to the World

M/P that Presbytery approve TE Ron Lively's call to the Navigators as the Director of the Physician's Affinity Network in the Business and Professional Ministries (**Appendix X**).

Installation Commissions

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Bill Wymond, pending his successful examination:

Teaching Elders: James Baird, William Hughes, Brister Ware.
Ruling Elders: Denny Terry, Joseph Wadsworth, James Elkin.

The Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson, on December 5, 1993, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Bob Wojohn, pending his successful examination:

Teaching Elders: Jim Barnes, Steve Froehlich
Ruling Elders: Robert J. Bailey, William H. Barbour, Jr., William C. Carroll
Guest: TE Knox Chamblin

The Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Yazoo City, on October 24, 1993, at 6 p.m.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Steve Long, pending his successful examination:

Teaching Elders: Jim Baird, Steve Jussely, Mike Ross, Billy Davies, Paul Long
Ruling Elders: John G. Caden, Gabe Green, Phil McDade, Rod Russ.

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The Ordination and Installation Service will be held at Pear Orchard PCA on February 6, 1994 at 6:00 p.m.

Transfers

M/P to transfer Mr. John Ford's candidacy to Covenant Presbytery, pending their reception of him.

M/P to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pearl PCA and TE Steve Burton and that he be transferred to Covenant Presbytery to assume the pastorate of the Indianola Church.

M/P to transfer Mr. James Williams' candidacy to Missouri Presbytery, pending their reception of him.

Miscellaneous

M/P that Presbytery approve the Committee's action in permitting TE Wojohn to move onto the field prior to the meeting of Presbytery.

M/P that TE Jim Wagner's resignation from the Credentials Committee be accepted with regrets.

M/P that Presbytery change its policy to allow 30 minutes for Ordination/Licensure sermons instead of 15 minutes.

Internships

M/P that internship reports be received as information from Glen Durham, Dave Ehle, Philip Palmertree and Marcus Rench.

M/P that Mr. Steve Long's internship be accepted as fulfilling our requirements.

M/P to enroll Mr. Craig Sheppard as an intern of Presbytery, pending his successful licensure examination.

Supply Requests

M/P to approve the following requests for renewal of Supply relationships:

Raymond PCA for TE Buck Mosal as Stated Supply
Mt. Moriah PCA, Newton, for TE Charles Douglas as Stated Supply
Westminster PCA, Meridian, for Mr. Dave Ehle as Student Supply
Bethesda PCA, Edwards, for Mr. Marcus Rench as Student Supply
Utica PCA for Mr. Don Elliott as Student Supply
Second PCA, Yazoo City, for TE Allen Curry as Stated Supply
Forest Grove PCA for Mr. Mark Calhoun as Student Supply
Shiloh PCA for TE Ken Elliott as Stated Supply

Examinations

Special Order

Presbytery continued the Theology portion of the Licensure Examination of Mr. James Blaha (in the area of Spiritual Gifts), which had been suspended at the last meeting. In accordance with Presbytery's earlier action (see para. 21.1028 above), Mr. Steve Long was also examined at this time on this issue.

Following lengthy debate, **M/S/P** that Mr. Blaha's Theology Examination be sustained as satisfactory and that his licensure examination as a whole be sustained as satisfactory.

M/S/P that the portion of Mr. Long's Theology Examination pertaining to Spiritual Gifts be sustained as satisfactory, with the remainder of his examinations to be continued momentarily.

The Moderator asked Mr. Blaha the questions from BCO 19-3 which he answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then led the Presbytery in prayer and declared Mr. Blaha a licentiate in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Candidacy

Messrs. Bryan Austin, Mike Bakarich, Craig Sheppard, Ron Smith, Phil Strong, and Ken Thurman were examined for candidacy.

M/P that the exams of all these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

Transferring Ministers

Teaching Elders Bill Wymond and Bob Wojohn were examined as transferring ministers from Central Georgia Presbytery. Since Mr. Wymond had been ordained in this Presbytery, his examinations in Christian Experience and touching his views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government consisted of reaffirming his answers during that previous examination and his continuing commitment to the Constitution of the PCA and were sustained as satisfactory. Mr. Wojohn was examined in his Christian Experience and touching his views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to receive Mr. Wymond and Mr. Wojohn as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon their signing the Covenant Book. Both men then signed the Covenant Book.

Ordination

Mr. Steve Long was examined for ordination. The Committee has certified that all required paperwork and prerequisites have been completed. **M/P** that his theology paper and exegesis paper be approved and that his Reformed Theological Seminary degree be accepted in lieu of an examination in the original languages, and that his written examination in Church History be

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accepted as fulfilling the BCO requirements. **M/S/P** to accept his previous examination in Christian Experience as a candidate as satisfying this ordination trial. Mr. Long was examined in Bible Content, Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. All floor examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

Sermons

M/P to divide the Presbytery into five commissions to hear the ordination and licensure sermons with a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each.

TE James Stewart, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Craig Sheppard and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Bill Hughes, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Doug Owen and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Doug McCullough, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Mark Kreitzer and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Mike Howell, Secretary, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Ron Smith and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Phil Blevins, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Mr. Steve Long and moved its approval. **Passed.**

M/P to sustain the examination as a whole of Mr. Long as satisfactory.

M/P to receive Mr. Steve Long as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon his ordination and the signing of the Covenant Book. Mr. Long then signed the Covenant Book.

Licensure

Messrs. Mark Kreitzer, Doug Owen, Craig Sheppard and Ron Smith were examined for licensure. The previous Christian Experience examinations of Messrs. Owen, Sheppard and Smith were accepted as satisfying the Christian Experience requirement of the licensure exam. Mr. Kreitzer was examined in Christian Experience and all applicants were examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole of Messrs. Kreitzer, Owen, Sheppard and Smith as satisfactory.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all applicants. He led the Presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

The Moderator then prayed for Mr. Sheppard and declared him an Intern of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1042

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

TE Warren Foster (on the rolls without call) gave an oral report on his current situation.

M/S/P to allow Mr. Foster to remain on the rolls without call for an additional year.

M/S/P that Mr. Foster report regularly to the Advisory Committee and be under their authority relating to the ministry during this year.

TE Paul Long then led in prayer for Warren.

21.1043

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

M/S/P to approve the Committee recommendation that TE Dale VanNess replace TE Jim Wagner on the Credentials Committee, Class of 1993.

M/S/P to elect TE Bob West to replace TE Brister Ware on the Nominating Committee, Class of 1994.

M/S/P to approve the Committee recommendations for the General Assembly nominations **(Appendix Y)**.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1044

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The request that prompted the docketing of the Standing Rules Committee was withdrawn and the Committee did not report.

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of those members listed in Paragraph 21.1026.g. above.

21.1045

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Jim Wagner was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

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The Presbytery was reminded that they had previously (at the June meeting) accepted the invitation of Alta Woods Presbyterian Church to host the February, 1994 meeting of Presbytery.

21.1046

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

21.1047

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. with prayer by TE Bill Wymond.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 19, 1993

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (RE Frank York, First Nominee)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 P.M. ORAL REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES PRESENT TODAY
8. 9:35 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
9. 9:40 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Treasurer's Report - RE Harold Hodges, Treasurer
 - iii. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 - iv. Communications
 - (1) General Assembly due dates
 - (2) Letter from Kennedy Smartt
 - (3) 1994 Askings
 - (4) Declaration of Conscience from 21st G.A.
 - (5) Letter concerning status of TE Ron Lively
 - (6) Missionary Letters
 - (a) TE Bob Duhs to report on trip to the Czech Republic
 - (b) TE John Reeves to read letter from Katie Yaegashi
 - v. Reports
 - (1) Quarterly Report from Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (2) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Wally Bumpas, Jr.
 - (3) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Martin Marshall, Sr.
 - (4) Report of Commission to Install Mr. James H. Stewart
 - (5) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. John Simpson Stone, IV
 - (6) Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Christopher Shelt
10. 10:00 A.M. Report from Mr. Jim Hughes, Chairman, G.A. IAR Committee
11. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Doug McCullough, Chairman
12. 10:40 A.M. Report of Commission on Korean Mission Church - TE Basil Albert, Chairman
13. 10:50 A.M. Report of MNA Committee - TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman
14. 11:00 A.M. Recess
15. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Previous Moderator in Charge - TE Steve Jussely)
16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 - i. Report of Thanks Committee
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE John Reeves, Chairman
20. 3:25 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee - TE Bob Duhs, Chairman
21. 3:50 P.M. Standing Rules Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
22. 4:05 P.M. Old and New Business
23. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee
24. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 15, 1994 (Presbytery previously accepted the invitation of Alta Woods PCA for this meeting)
25. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
26. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
February 15, 1994

21.1048

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, RE Frank York, Jr., who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

21.1049

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	James McBrayer
	Steve C. Hill	
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	Joseph H. Sasser, Jr.
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Perry T. Egger
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James D. Spinks
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Forest, Covenant	W. Gary Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	Harold Hodges, Jr.
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	J. Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	James H. Stewart	John W. Long
	Brister Ware	Chess Wymond
	William Wymond	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Kenneth L. Kammer
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	Lonn Oswalt
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	Charles Ed Harper
	Christopher Shelt	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Jim Barnes	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		E. Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	Gene Austin
Louisville, Covenant		Ed Prisock
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Niles McNeel
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Michael Howell	Ernest T. George, Jr.
Madden, Carolina	Philip R. Blevins	A
Madison, First	Robert West	A
Madison, Highlands	J. Edward Norton	
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	Paul McCormick
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael J. Ganucheau	Henry B. McNeese
Pickens, Shiloh		Lester Parker
Raymond, Raymond		M.R. Swofford
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Billy T. Davies	Ken Smith
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Paul E. Zetterholm	J.B. Hutton, III
Terry, Wynndale	Edward Johnson	Robert R. Smathers
Union, First		A
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster		Charles H. Lutz
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	Billy Perry, Jr.
Yazoo City, Second		Robert H. Cato

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Don Caviness; Robert Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; Steve Froehlich; Chuck Frost; Norman E. Harper; Douglas Kelly; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Doug McCullough; Donald B. Patterson; John Stone.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** James Culberson; David Ehle; Jessie Jacobs; Jim Landrum; Doug Owen; Craig Sheppard.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Tom Penning; J. Paul Poynor; Clayton Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemerem; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** John Allen; James Baird; Warren Foster; Ed Hurley; Mark Lowrey; Don Malin;

Fred Marsh; H. Cobb Ware; Richard Wiman.

- f. The ruling elder commissioner from the following church was granted an excused absence by the Presbytery:** Philadelphia PCA.
- g. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various parts of the meeting:** Teaching Elders Kenneth Elliott; Robert Hays; Edward Johnson; William C. Hughes; Wayne Rogers; Mike Ross; Bob West.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Ahlberg; Martin Marshall.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 21.1049.a. above.

21.1050

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE James Wagner was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

21.1051

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

21.1052 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Steve Jussely, pastor of Alta Woods PCA, welcomed the Presbytery.

21.1053

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Billy Davies, Chairman; TE Joel Beezley; and RE Frank York, Jr.

21.1054

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those members of the court listed in 21.1049.e. and f. above.

21.1055 Stated Clerk'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees. Time was granted for a variety of brief announcements from members of the court.

M/P to receive, as information, the letter appointing TE B.I. Anderson as Minister Emeritus of Alta Woods PCA and letters from two foreign missionaries (**Appendices B-D**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Robert Wojohn and TE William K. Wymond (**Appendices E-F**).

Mr. Doug Owen, Young Business Leaders, gave a brief report on his organization.

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

21.1056 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE John Reeves, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Advisory Committee.

M/P to dismiss TE Chuck Frost to Central Florida Presbytery to serve as a church planter in Jacksonville, Florida.

21.1057 TREASURER'S REPORT

RE Harold Hodges, Treasurer, presented the annual report for 1993 (**Appendix G**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's report as information.

21.1058 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Robert Duhs, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The following persons were nominated and elected for the positions indicated:

- G.A. Committees of Commissioners:
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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Bills and Overtures | TE Christopher Shelt |
| Covenant College | TE Mike Howell |
| Insurance and Annuities | TE Jim Barnes |
| Investor's Fund | TE Ed Norton |
| MTW | TE John Reeves |
| Ridge Haven | TE Dale VanNess |
| Administration | RE Tommy Peaster |
| CE & P | RE Bebo Elkin |
| Covenant Seminary | RE Wynn Kenyon |
| Interchurch Relations | RE Jack Yates |

MNA	RE George Powe
PCA Foundation	RE Hugh Potts, Jr.
Floor Clerk	TE Wally Bumpas
Serve Communion	RE Edmund Johnston

Presbytery Permanent Committees (all Class of 1996 unless otherwise noted; * designates Convener)

MTW	TE Charles Douglas, replacing TE Jack Scott (1995); *RE Phil McDade; TE Jim Stewart; RE Tom Milam
MNA	TE Ed Norton; RE Steve Rosenblatt; RE Frank York, Jr.
CE & P	TE Jim Wagner, replacing RE Edmund Johnston (1994); TE Chris Shelt; TE John Stone; RE Ken Covington
Advisory	TE Jim Shull; RE Bob Cato; (*TE Robert Duhs)
Stewardship & Finance	TE Dan Gilchrist; RE Jack Ables; (*RE Harold Hodges)
Credentials	RE Kirk McDaniel; TE Dale VanNess; TE Mike Ganucheau; RE Wynn Kenyon
Sessional Records	TE Wally Bumpas; RE Troy White
Standing Rules	TE Dale VanNess; RE Ron McAnally; (*TE Bob West)
Nominations	RE Gil Ford, replacing RE Vernon Cotten (1994); TE Roger Collins; RE John High; (*TE Mike Ross)

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1059 MNA Committee

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman, presented the report of the MNA Committee.

M/P to approve the amended call for TE John Stone, Campus Minister at Belhaven College (**Appendix H**).

M/P to approve the 1994 RUM Budget (**Appendix I**).

M/P to continue support for the ministry of Mr. Jessie Jacobs in Edwards for an additional six months at \$350.00 per month.

M/P to provide financial support for the work of Mr. Herron Wilson in a ministry in the black community in Indianola for 12 months at \$500.00 per month. This support will begin the month that Mr. Wilson moves on the field following his ordination by Covenant Presbytery.

M/P to organize the Highlands PCA Mission Church as a particular church. The petition is listed in **Appendix J**.

M/P to approve the call of the Highlands PCA Mission Church to TE Ed Norton as pastor (**Appendix K**).

M/P to approve the following commission, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling

elders, to organize the Highlands PCA Church, to ordain and install the ruling elders and deacons, and to ordain and install TE Ed Norton as pastor:

Teaching Elders: Jim Baird (Convener); Steve Froehlich; Norman Harper
Ruling Elders: Leon Lewis; Steve Rosenblatt; Bill Harper; Robert Mims
Guest: TE Claude McRoberts

The Organizing and Installation Service will be held at Highlands PCA at 9:30 a.m., May 1, 1994.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1060 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L**).

Administrative Recommendations

M/P to approve the call of Mr. James Landrum as pastor of Covenant PCA, Louisville (**Appendix M replaces the call in the Committee report.**).

M/P to approve the Committee's action in permitting Mr. Landrum to preach regularly at Covenant PCA, Louisville, pending Presbytery approval.

M/P that James Landrum's ordination commission, place and date be approved, as follows, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders (pending the successful completion of his ordination examination):

Teaching Elders: Wayne Rogers; Bob Schwanebeck; Dale VanNess (Convener).
Ruling Elders: Jimmy Mardis; Ed Prisock; Sam Suttle; Mike Boyles; Roger Wiggins; Roland Byrd.
Guest: TE David Jussely.

The ordination service will be held at Covenant PCA, Louisville, at 5:00 p.m., February 27, 1994.

M/P that TE Christopher Shelt's amended call be approved (**Appendix N replaces the call in the Committee report.**).

M/P that internship reports be received as information from David Ehle, Philip Palmertree, Marcus Rench, and Craig Sheppard.

M/P that James Landrum's several years of experience as a Southern Baptist pastor, documented by his resume and letters of commendation, be accepted in lieu of our internship requirement (Passed unanimously).

M/P to approve the request from Trinity PCA to amend their use of the Internship Program to provide for two three- month periods of service in lieu of one six-month period of service.

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M/P to approve the request from West PCA for TE Robert Duhs as Stated Supply on the second and fourth Sundays of each month.

M/P to approve the request from Lebanon PCA for Mr. Wesley Baker as Student Supply, pending his successful licensure exam.

M/P to approve the following commission for the installation of TE Christopher Shelt as Associate Pastor of Trinity PCA, with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders:

Teaching Elders: Mike Ross (Convener); John Stone
Ruling Elders: Wynn Kenyon; Joe Goodwin; Ed Harper
Guest: TE Ligon Duncan

The installation service will be held at Trinity PCA at 6:00 p.m., February 27, 1994.

21.1061

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:17 a.m.

21.1062

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, RE Frank York, Jr., led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," TE Donald Patterson led in prayer and then preached on the topic of "The Gospel of Jesus as a Cure for a Bankrupt World" from Romans 1:18-32. Worship concluded with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

21.1063

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Alton Phillips as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Phillips then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

21.1064

LUNCH

After prayer, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon. Presbytery reconvened at 1:10 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

21.1065

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the Lunch Hour, TE Billy Davies, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, expressed the Presbytery's gratitude to the Alta Woods Presbyterian Church in general and to the ladies in particular for their gracious hospitality and delicious refreshments and meal (**Appendix O**).

21.1066 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **21.1070** below).

21.1067 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk.

21.1068 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, continued the report of the Credentials Committee.

Administrative Recommendations

M/P to dismiss TE Steve Hill to Grace Presbytery, pending their reception of him, to serve Thomson Memorial PCA in Centreville.

M/P to approve Candidate Phil Strong as an intern in Mississippi Valley Presbytery. The Moderator prayed for Mr. Strong and declared him to be an intern in accordance with BCO 19-10.

Examinations

M/P to examine Mr. James Landrum for ordination. The Committee certifies a seminary transcript in lieu of an examination in original languages and the successful completion of the take-home Church History exam.

M/P to waive the exegesis and theology papers, in light of his previous ordination. (Passed unanimously).

M/P to examine Mr. Landrum only in his views, in light of his previous ordination. (Passed unanimously).

The following men were then examined in Christian Experience: Mr. Landrum; licensure applicants, Messrs. Toby Yelverton, Meredith Spencer, and Wesley Baker; and candidacy applicants, Messrs. Charles Jackson, Pat Davey, Jessie Jacobs, and Jed Johnston. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. The examination in Christian Experience was waived for licensure applicant Ken Roth, in light of his previous examination for candidacy by this presbytery.

The Moderator then asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all candidacy applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Steve Jussely gave them a charge from 1 Timothy 4:16 and then led in prayer for the new candidates.

Mr. Landrum and the licensure applicants were then examined touching their views on Theology and Church Government. The licensure applicants were examined touching their views in Bible content. All of these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to divide the Presbytery into five commissions to hear the ordination and licensure sermons with a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each.

TE William Wymond, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Ken Roth from Micah 6 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Ed Hartman, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Meredith Spencer from Hebrews 10:19ff and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Joel Beezley, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Wesley Baker from Luke 10:17-20 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Billy Davies, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Toby Yelverton from Romans 11:33-36 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Dan Gilchrist, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of James Landrum from 1 Timothy 1:18-19 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole of all licensure applicants as satisfactory.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all applicants. He led the Presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Mr. Landrum was examined touching his views on the Sacraments. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain Mr. Landrum's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

M/P to receive Mr. James Landrum as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon his ordination and the signing of the Covenant Book. Mr. Landrum then signed the Covenant Book.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1069 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE John Reeves continued with the Advisory Committee Report.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery approve the request from Concord PCA for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with TE Bruce Farrant. TE Farrant continues as the pastor of the Old Madison PCA in Canton.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1070 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, presented the conclusion of the Sessional Records Committee Report.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved without exception: Tchula PCA; Mt. Carmel PCA; Wynndale PCA; Second PCA, Yazoo City; Grace PCA; Mt. Salus PCA; Pearl PCA; Brandon PCA; Trinity PCA; First PCA, Louisville; Lakeland PCA; St. Paul PCA; West PCA; Carolina PCA; Bailey PCA; First PCA, Philadelphia; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg; Forest PCA; Providence PCA; First PCA of Madison; First PCA, Lexington.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved with exceptions (noted in the appropriate Minute Books): DeKalb PCA; North Park PCA; First PCA, Kosciusko; Newton PCA; Lebanon PCA; Alta Woods PCA; Pleasant Springs PCA; Pear Orchard PCA; Carthage PCA; Pickens PCA; First PCA, Jackson.

The Chairman reminded the Presbytery of the provision of BCO, Chapter 24-1, which assigns the right to the congregation to determine the number of elders and deacons to be elected, after hearing the recommendation of the Session. This provision is occasionally being violated.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

21.1071 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/P to excuse, for various portions of the day, those members listed in 21.1049g above.

21.1072 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Ed Harper, Trinity PCA, was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the June meeting of Presbytery (**which will be held on Tuesday, May 31, due to the schedule of General Assembly**).

There was no invitation from a church to host the May 31 meeting. The Moderator and Stated Clerk will endeavor to secure such an invitation in accordance with Standing Rule III.H.

21.1073 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk.

21.1074 ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m. with prayer by TE James Shull.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi
February 15, 1994

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: TE Jim Wagner)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. MTW Questionnaire
 - iii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Emeritus Status for TE B.I. Anderson
 - (2) G.A. Askings for 1994
 - (3) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Kaz Yaegashi
 - (b) The Lambs,
 - (4) Reports
 - (a) Report of Commission to Install TE Robert Wojohn
 - (b) Report of Commission to Install TE William K. Wymond
 - (c) Oral report from Mr. Doug Owen, Young Business Leaders,
 - (d) Treasurer's Report
9. 10:00 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Bob Duhs, Chairman
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19. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business
20. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Place for the June Meeting
21. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
22. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

Appendix O

Report of the Thanks Committee

Mississippi Valley Presbytery, having come together for its regular stated meeting on February 15, 1994, do express our appreciation and thanks to the Session and Congregation of Alta Woods Presbyterian Church for their sincere invitation and gracious hospitality throughout our day of business. By making your facilities available to us, you have helped provide an excellent atmosphere for the carrying out of the Lord's business by His chosen representatives.

Special thanks go out to those who prepared and served the noon meal. You have blessed the presbytery with your commitment and diligence in providing such delicious food.

May God continue to bless the ministry of Alta Woods Presbyterian Church as you carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

/s/ Billy Davies

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bailey, Mississippi
May 31, 1994

22.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Moderator, TE James Wagner, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

22.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

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Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Jackie Thompson
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Bruce Farrant	A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		James Kenneth Johnston
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James Culbertson
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		
Forest, Covenant	W.G. Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Joseph C. Baker
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	D.G. Ford, Jr.
		John High
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	John W. Long
	William C. Hughes	Chess Wymond
	Brister H. Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	Jim Shull	Freeman L. Evans
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	Lonn Oswalt
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	Charles Ed Harper
	Christopher A. Shelt	Eddie Batte
Kosciusko, First	Jim Barnes	Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	Jack B. Yates
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Ben Kirk
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Michael Howell	E.G. Flora, Jr.
Madden, Carolina	Philip R. Blevins	A
Madison, First	Robert West	A
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	A
Meridian, Westminster		C.E. Davis
Meridian, North Point (Mission)		
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl		George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	Otha D. Jackson
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael J. Ganucheau	John H. Davis, Jr.
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Porterville, Enondale		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Billy T. Davies	
Scooba, Scooba	Martin Marshall	A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Paul E. Zetterholm	
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	J.M. Cole
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	James T. (Jim) Liddell
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second		A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Robert Duhs; Ron Lively; Donald B. Patterson; Clay Quarterman; John Stone.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Jim Blaha; Ken Covington; Robert Dekker; Tommy McDonald; Timothy Meyer; Edward O. Nalley; Ken Roth; Brian Sleeth; Ron Smith; Philip B. Strong.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Don Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Paul Poynor; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Basil Albert; Ed Hartman; Robert Hays; Ed Johnson; Doug Kelly; Paul Long; Jim

Stewart; Cobby Ware; Bob Wojohn.

- f. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Steve Froehlich; Ed Hurley; Don Malin; Doug McCullough; Charlie Rodriguez; Bill Wymond.
- g. **The ruling elder representatives from the following churches requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Edwards PCA; Pear Orchard PCA; Tchula PCA.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 22.1002.a above.
- i. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE Wayne Rogers; TE Christopher Shelt; TE Robert West; RE Lonn Oswalt.

22.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Ed Harper, Trinity PCA, was nominated and elected as Moderator.

22.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket (**Appendix A**).

22.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Alton Phillips, pastor of Bailey PCA, welcomed the Presbytery.

22.1006

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Jim Baird, RE Leland Hume, Jr., and RE Frank York, Jr.

22.1007

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 22.1002e above and those ruling elders listed in 22.1002g above.

22.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from missionaries and chaplains (**Appendices B - I**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Steve Long (**Appendix J**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Chris Shelt (**Appendix K**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. James Landrum (**Appendix L**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to examine the Ruling Elder Candidates for Highlands PCA (**Appendix M**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information (**Appendix N**).

22.1009 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman, presented a partial report of the MNA Committee.

M/P to support the North Point Mission Church in Meridian for \$6,000.00 yearly.

22.1010 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix O**).

M/P to instruct the Advisory Committee to contact the following churches to determine if they remain active.

McBride PCA, Camden

Center Point PCA, Prairie Point

Enondale PCA, Portersville (See minutes above.)

M/P that Presbytery concur in the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Bruce Farrant and the Old Madison PCA in Canton, effective immediately.

M/P that Presbytery concur in the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE James Barnes and First PCA, Kosciusko, effective July 31, 1994, to enable TE Barnes to accept a call to Tennessee Valley Presbytery as a church planter in Knoxville.

22.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

Mr. Frank York, III, gave a brief report on the progress of the North Point Mission Church in Meridian.

TE James Baird gave a brief report on the establishment of Highlands PCA as a particular church.

22.1012 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TE Dan Gilchrist gave the report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

M/P to approve the 1995 Budget (**Appendix P**).

22.1013 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Gancheau presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix Q**).

Administrative Recommendations

1. General:

M/P that David Ehle's candidacy and internship status be dismissed to Northeast Presbytery to enable him to pursue the call to be a church planter in Lenox, Mass.

M/P that Glenn Durham's candidacy and internship status be transferred to Heartland Presbytery upon receipt of their request.

M/P that Philip Palmertree's candidacy and internship status be transferred to Southeast Alabama Presbytery upon receipt of their request.

M/P that Marcus Rench's candidacy and internship status be transferred to Louisiana Presbytery upon receipt of their request.

M/P that Brad Mercer's candidacy status be transferred to the Southwest Presbytery of the OPC.

M/P to concur with Phil Blevins' request to resign from the Credentials Committee.

M/P that the amended call from Trinity PCA to TE Mike Ross be approved.

2. Supply Requests

M/P that the request from Westminster PCA, Meridian, for Mr. Bill Radford as Student Supply be approved pending his successful licensure examination.

M/P that the request from Concord PCA for Mr. Ken Roth as Student Supply be approved.

3. Internships

M/P that the report of the subcommittee on Interns (contained in the Credentials Committee Report) be received as information.

M/P that Messrs. Ricky Jones and Doug Owen be enrolled as Interns.

M/P that Mr. Robert Dekker be enrolled as an Intern.

22.1014

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:25 a.m. and reconvened at 10:47 a.m.

22.1015

WORSHIP

After memorials were presented by TE John Allen and TE Mike Ganuchau for the ruling elders who have died during the past year (**Appendices R - U**), Past Moderator, TE Jim Wagner, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "Rise Up, O Men of God." TE Wagner led in prayer and then preached from Ephesians 3:1-13. After singing the Hymn "Jesus Paid It All," the Presbytery observed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with prayer.

22.1016

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Jim Barnes presented the report of the MTW Committee. He gave a brief overview of the work of the Committee in helping churches with the involvement with missions. The Committee is helping to arrange short term missions trips for members of Presbytery, arranging for missions speakers in the Presbytery's churches, and preparing a short course and/or seminar on missions.

22.1017

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1018

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE B.I. Anderson, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Presbytery reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

22.1019

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE James Baird, gave the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix V**).

22.1020

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Michael Ganucheau continued with the report of the Credentials Committee:

Examinations

1. Candidacy

Messrs. Jamey Germany, Jerrard Heard, Tim Meyer, Brian Sleeth, and Rich Sutton were examined for candidacy. All were examined in their Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Messrs. Heard and Sutton be enrolled as Candidates.

M/P that Mr. Sleeth be enrolled as a Candidate pending the receipt of his Session endorsement.

M/P that Messrs. Germany and Meyer be enrolled as Candidates pending the transfer of their Candidacy from Grace Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Potomac, respectively.

The Chairman asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

2. Internship

M/P that Messrs. Heard and Sutton be enrolled as Interns.

M/P that Messrs. Germany, Meyer and Sleeth be enrolled as Interns, pending the proper completion of their Candidacy.

Messrs. Dekker, Germany, Jones, Meyer, Owens, Heard, Sleeth, and Sutton were then declared to be interns in Mississippi Valley Presbytery by the Moderator in accord with BCO 19-10.

3. Licensure

Messrs. Jamey Germany and Bill Radford were then examined for licensure. Both men were examined in Experiential Religion and concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into two commissions to hear the licensure sermons, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. After the sermons, TE Bruce Farrant reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Bill Radford from Romans 12:1-2 and moved its approval. Passed. TE John Allen reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Jamey Germany from John 6:47-51 and moved its approval. Passed.

M/P that the examination as a whole of Mr. Bill Radford be sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that the examination as a whole of Mr. Jamey Germany be sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator then asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by both licensure applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

Administrative Recommendations

M/P to approve the request of Old Madison PCA for TE Bruce Farrant as Stated Supply.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1021 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

TE Bill Whitwer continued the report of the MNA Committee:

M/P that Presbytery support TE Bruce Farrant at \$200.00 weekly for three months, or until he receives a new call, whichever occurs first.

TE Whitwer then passed out bulletin inserts with information on our MNA work for use in local churches.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1022 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**

Union PCA; Westminster PCA, Meridian.

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **with exception:**

Scooba PCA; First PCA, Belzoni.

22.1023 OLD / NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P to excuse the members listed in paragraph 22.1002i above for various portions of the afternoon session.

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22.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Richard Wiman was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting.

22.1025

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with prayer by TE Paul Zetterholm.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bailey, Mississippi May 31, 1994

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: RE Ed Harper, Trinity PCA)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 - i. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 - i. Requests for Excused Absence
 - ii. Communications to be Received as Information
 - (1) Missionary Letters
 - (a) Chaplain Jan Werson
 - (b) Chaplain James Carter
 - (c) Carl and Becky Chaplin
 - (d) Dick and Sharon Sechler
 - (e) Paul and Alice Poynor
 - (f) Clay and Darlene Quarterman
 - (g) Jayson Kyle
 - (h) Kaz Yaegashi
 - (2) Letter from African Bible College
 - (3) Letter from Brandon PCA
 - iii. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Steve Long
 - iv. Report of Commission to Install TE Chris Shelt
 - v. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. James M. Landrum
 - vi. Report of Commission to Examine RE Candidates for Highlands PCA
 - vii. Memorial Resolution for RE Jesse Edwin Maxwell
9. 9:50 A.M. Treasurer's Report — R.E. Harold Hodges, Treasurer
10. 10:00 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Bill Whitwer, Chairman
11. 10:30 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - RE Phil McDade, Chairman
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
14. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE James Wagner)
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman,
18. 2:30 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - TE Ed Hartman, Chairman
20. 3:30 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Alton Phillips, Chairman
21. 3:45 P.M. Old and New Business
22. 4:00 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting

- i. Election of First Nominee
 - ii. Next Meeting — Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
23. 4:05 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:15 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 18, 1994**

22.1027

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, RE Ed Harper, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

22.1028

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Chester Chatham
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock, III
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Leo Jarvis
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Dale Kilbourn
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James D. Spinks
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Marion E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	R.C. Roberts, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	Bebo Elkin
	James H. Stewart	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Brister Ware	John W. Long
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Jim Halhen
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	Lonn Oswalt
	Chris Shelt	Charles Ed Harper
Kosciusko, First		Eddie Woodard

Church

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Highlands
Meridian, Westminster
Meridian, North Point (Mission)
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Utica, Utica
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dale VanNess
James M. Landrum
Bob Schwanebeck

Michael Howell
Philip R. Blevins

Robert Hays
Joel Beezley

Michael Ganucheau

Billy T. Davies

Martin Marshall
Ed Hurley
Paul E. Zetterholm
Ed Johnson
Mike Ahlberg

John T. Allen

Bob Wojohn

Ruling Elder

A
A
E. Gene Morrison
John M. Kimbrough, III
Samuel K. Suttle
Steve Morris
A
E.G. Flora, Jr.
A
A
A
A
A
George Powe
Charles McClain
A
A
A
Elmer Adams
Cornelius W. "Neil" Barnes
Rod Russ
A
A
Billy Johnson
William M. Weathersby
J. Gilbert Alexander
A
Alan Formby
A
Henry N. Russell
Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Dana Casey; Robert Duhs; Steve Froehlich; Fred Marsh; Douglas McCullough; Cobby Ware.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Wesley Baker; Jim Blaha; R.H. Cato; Walt Coppersmith; Barry Darnell; Bradford C. Freeman; Carl Kalberkamp; Carter Mills; William L. "Buck" Mosal; Philip B. Strong; Robert D. Thacker; Iain Wright.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Basil Albert; Jim Baird; Gary Crampton; Paul Long; Mark Lowery; Don Patterson; Paul Poynor; John Stone; Bill Wymond.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Dana Casey, Fred Marsh, Chris Shelt, and Jim Wagner, and RE Marion McCrory.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Douglas; Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Dan Gilchrist; Doug Kelly; Don Malin; Ed Norton.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 22.1028.a. above.

22.1029 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Richard Wiman was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

22.1030 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

22.1031 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE William Hughes and Mr. Mark Magee, Executive Director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility, welcomed the Presbytery.

22.1032 TREASURER'S REPORT

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix B**), with the note that the Askings for the 1995 Budget are \$25.00 per communicant member.

M/P to receive, with regret, the resignation of the Treasurer, RE Harold Hodges, (**Appendix C**) and to express our appreciation for his years of faithful service.

22.1033 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE John Allen, Chairman; RE Rod Russ; and TE Mike Ahlberg.

22.1034

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 22.1028.e. above.

M/S/P to disallow those requests for absence for the reason of vacation, and that the Stated Clerk be instructed to communicate Presbytery's action to those teaching elders.

22.1035

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve the requests to labor out of bounds for another year from Teaching Elders Paul Long, Willem VanGemeran, and Cobby Ware.

Presbytery voted on the three proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1994 General Assembly (**Appendix D**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 72 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was approved by a vote of 72 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

M/P to receive, as information, the quarterly report of TE Kaz Yaegashi, the annual reports from Teaching Elders Paul Long, Willem VanGemeran, and Cobby Ware, and letters from several foreign missionaries (**Appendices E-L**).

M/S/P that the financial strain noted in the quarterly report of TE Kaz Yaegashi be referred to the MTW Committee for review and that the Committee report back to the next meeting of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

22.1036

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to excuse the Credentials Committee from the floor in order to examine TE Iain Wright.

22.1037

MTW COMMITTEE

TE Steve Froehlich, Chairman, gave a brief report on the activities and opportunities for missions involvement.

22.1038

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Chris Shelt, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix M**).

Recommendation #1 was deferred until the report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

M/P Committee Recommendations # 2 - 7.

22.1039

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross, Convener, gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

Since a quorum was not present at the Nominating Committee meeting, all Committee recommendations are presented as personal motions.

M/S/P to elect TE Roger Collins as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

M/S/P to present the following persons to the General Assembly Nominating Committee in nomination for the respective permanent committees (alternates are listed in case the primary nominee is either unable or unwilling to serve):

Teaching Elders

Administration	Jason Shelton; Dan Gilchrist (Alternate)
Christian Education	Jim Shull; Mike Howell (Alternate)
Covenant Seminary	Steve Jussely; Steve Froehlich (Alternate)
Interchurch Relations	Jim Baird; B.I. Anderson (Alternate)
Mission to North America	Ed Norton; Mike Ganucheau (Alternate)
PCA Foundation	Ed Johnson

Ruling Elders

Bills and Overtures	William Barbour
Covenant College	Wynn Kenyon
Insurance, Annuities & Relief	Joe Goodwin
Mission to the World	Phil McDade
Ridge Haven	Gabe Green; Ed Nalley (Alternate)

Floor Clerk

Wally Bumpas

Serve Communion

Wynn Kenyon

M/S/P to elect TE Wally Bumpas to fill the vacancy on the MVP Credentials Committee, Class of 1994.

M/S/P to elect RE Rod Russ to fill the unexpired term of MVP Treasurer.

M/S/P to accept TE Mike Ahlberg's resignation from the MVP CE & P Committee and to elect TE Wayne Rogers to replace him in the Class of 1995.

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M/S/P (after amendment) to approve, as first reading, the following addition to the Standing Rules of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, Article VII.E.6.c (new paragraph): "This committee shall ensure that, as much as possible, all teaching elders shall serve on at least one committee in the Presbytery."

22.1040 STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

TE Ed Hartman, Chairman, presented a report from the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

M/S/P to reconsider the 1995 Budget as approved in the June meeting (passed unanimously).

M/S/P to change the 1995 Budget to increase the budget of Women in the Church from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. This will increase the total for CE & P to \$8,750 and the total Disbursements (and Estimated Contributions) to \$155,500 (**Appendix N**).

22.1041 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave a partial report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix O**).

M/P Recommendations # 1 - 3.

M/P Recommendation # 4 as amended to add the words "the Stated Clerk," immediately preceding the words "TE B.I. Anderson"

M/P that Presbytery ratify the Committee's action in its role as a Commission to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Bob West and the First Presbyterian Church of Madison.

TE Dana Casey reported on his work in Louisiana Presbytery.

TE Ahlberg reported on the TE Foster's current family situation.

M/P to approve keeping TE Foster on the rolls of MVP without call for another year. TE Chris Shelt led the presbytery in prayer for TE Foster and his family.

22.1042 REFORMED UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES

RE Bebo Elkin presented the annual report of the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work of RUM.

M/S/P to receive this report as information (**Appendix P**).

22.1043

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:05 a.m. with prayer by TE Billy Davies and reconvened at 11:25 a.m. with prayer by TE Bill Whitwer.

22.1044

WORSHIP

TE Mike Ross led the Presbytery in worship, preaching from 1 Chronicles 12:32, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 2. Worship concluded with prayer.

22.1045

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Mike Howell, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:02 p.m. During the lunch hour, TE John Allen, Chairman, gave the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix Q**).

Presbytery reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with prayer by TE Bill Hughes.

M/S/P to suspend the Rules and postpone the Order of the Day in order to hear the reading of the morning minutes and the remainder of the Advisory Committee Report. (Passed unanimously).

22.1046

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1047

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

M/P to ratify the Committee's action in its role as a Commission in dissolving the pastoral relationship between TE Martin Marshall and Scooba PCA.

M/P to keep TE Marshall on the rolls of MVP without call for one year.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1048

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

TE Robert Hays continued the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix R**).

Administrative Recommendations

General

M/P that the Presbytery ratify the Committee's action in its role as a commission of allowing Brad

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Freeman to assume the student pastorate of Bethesda Church, Edwards, pending successful completion of his exam on the floor.

M/P that the Presbytery ratify the Committee's action in its role as a commission of allowing Carl Kalberkamp to move on the field at Pear Orchard church, pending successful completion of his exam on the floor.

M/P that Carl Kalberkamp's call to the Pear Orchard Church be found in order, and placed in his hands at the appropriate time.

M/P that Iain Wright's call to the Second church of Yazoo City be found in order, and placed in his hands at the appropriate time.

Supply Relationships

M/P that the following supply relationships be established or renewed for another year:

Buck Mosal - Raymond PCA
Bill Radford - Westminster PCA, Meridian
Barry Darnell - First Pres. of Madison
Ron Smith - Old Madison PCA, Canton
Jim Blaha - Scooba PCA
Wesley Baker - Lebanon PCA, Learned
Alan Curry - Second PCA, Yazoo City
Bob Duhs - West PCA
Mark Calhoun - Forest Grove PCA

Internships

M/P that the internship subcommittee report of TE Mike Ganuchau (attached) be received as information.

No reports were received from Interns Durham or Sheppard.

M/P that Messrs. Barry Darnell, John Duke, Carter Mills, William Radford, Robert Thacker, and Jason Strong be accepted as interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley pending successful completion of their candidacy examinations.

M/P that Messrs. Bryan Austin and Ronald Smith be accepted as interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

M/P that the request from First PCA, Madison, and Mr. Barry Darnell (Attachment G) that his internship be considered "full-time" be approved.

Examinations

Transferring Ministers

Teaching Elders Carl Kalberkamp and Iain Wright were examined as transferring ministers from

Palmetto Presbytery and from the Presbytery of Europe of the Church of Scotland, respectively. Both were examined in their Christian Experience and touching their views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to receive Mr. Kalberkamp and Mr. Wright as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Both men then signed the Covenant Book and were welcomed into the presbytery.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Carl Kalberkamp:

Teaching Elders: Bill Whitwer, Cobby Ware, Jeff Elliott
Ruling Elders: Ken Smith, Jack Treloar, W.E. Caldwell

The Installation Service will be held at Pear Orchard PCA on Nov. 13, 1994 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Iain Wright:

Teaching Elders: Doug Kelly, Bob Wojohn
Ruling Elders: Bebo Elkin, Lee Tyner, Will Thompson
Guests: Ligon Duncan, David Jussely, Brad Stuart, Alan Curry

The Installation Service will be held at Second PCA, Yazoo City, on January 22, 1995, at 6:00 p.m.

Candidacy

Messrs. Carter Mills, Bill Radford, David Eades, Jason Strong, Barry Darnell, John Duke, and Rob Thacker were examined for candidacy.

M/P that the examination of Mr. Radford in Christian Experience during his previous licensure examination be accepted as satisfying the Candidacy requirement for this exam.

M/P that the exams of the other men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The Moderator then prayed for Messrs. Carter Mills, Bryan Austin, Barry Darnell, Bill Radford, Robert Thacker, Jason Strong, Ron Smith (in absentia) and John Duke and declared them Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10. Messrs. Austin and Smith had previously been enrolled as candidates.

Licensure

Messrs. David Eades, Jason Strong, Philip Strong, Charles Jackson, Brad Freeman, Donald

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Wahlman, Jesse Jacobs, Barry Darnell, John Duke, and Carter Mills were examined for licensure.

M/P that the examinations of Messrs. David Eades, Jason Strong, Philip Strong, Charles Jackson, Donald Wahlman, Jesse Jacobs, John Duke, and Carter Mills in Christian Experience during their previous candidacy examinations be accepted as satisfying the Licensure requirement for this exam.

M/P that the examination in Christian Experience of Messrs. Darnell and Freeman be sustained as satisfactory.

All applicants were examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to divide the Presbytery into five commissions to hear the licensure sermons with a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each.

TE John Reeves, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Charles Jackson (Matthew 5:8) and Philip Strong (1 Timothy 3:1-7) and moved their approval. **Passed.**

TE Cobby Ware, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Jesse Jacobs (Matthew 9:35-38) and Donald Wahlman (Matthew 11:28-30) and moved their approval. **Passed.**

TE Joel Beezley, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermons of David Eades (Ephesians 2:1-10) and Brad Freeman (Ephesians 2:1-10) and moved their approval. **Passed.**

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermons of John Duke (Matthew 5:13-16) and Carter Mills (James 3:1-14) and moved their approval. **Passed.**

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermons of Jason Strong (Micah 7:18-19) and Barry Darnell (John 3:1-15) and moved their approval. **Passed.**

M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole of Messrs. Eades, Jason Strong, Philip Strong, Jackson, Freeman, Wahlman, Jacobs, Darnell, Duke, and Mills.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all applicants. He led the Presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1049

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of those members listed in Paragraph 22.1028.f above.

22.1050 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the minutes of the Raymond PCA be approved with exception.

22.1051 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Jimmy Spinks, DeKalb PCA, was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the February Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

There is no invitation at this time to host the February meeting of Presbytery.

22.1052 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1053 ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 18, 1994

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery Opened with Prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a Quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (TE Richard Wiman, First Nominee)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of Docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of Visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from Host Church
7. 9:25 A.M. Oral reports from missionaries present today
8. 9:30 A.M. Treasurer's Report - RE Harold Hodges, Treasurer
9. 9:35 A.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE Steve Froehlich, Chairman
10. 9:40 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - a. Thanks (3 members)
11. 9:45 A.M. Stated Clerk's Report
 - a. Requests for Excused Absence
 - b. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 - c. Communications
 1. 1995 Askings
 2. Missionary Letters
 - d. Reports
 1. Quarterly Report from TE Kaz Yaegashi
 2. Annual Report from TE Paul Long
12. 10:05 A.M. Partial Report of the Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
13. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Chris Shelt, Chairman
14. 11:00 A.M. Recess
15. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Ed Harper)
16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. Lunch -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 - a. Report of Thanks Committee
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
20. 3:25 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee - TE Mike Ross, Convener
21. 4:05 P.M. Old and New Business
22. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee
23. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 21, 1995
24. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
25. 4:30 P.M. Adjournment with Prayer

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Union, Mississippi
February 21, 1995

22.1054

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE Richard Wiman, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

22.1055

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton Phillips	Chester Chatham
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock, III
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	James H. McBrayer
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		James Sowell
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Basil Albert	Ernie Webb
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Dale Kilbourn
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	Fred Harbour
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Ed Hartman	A
Forest, Covenant	W.G. Crampton	A
Forest, Forest	James R. Wagner	Oliver Beaman Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	A
Jackson, First	Jim Baird	Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	William C. Hughes	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Brister H. Ware	Palmer L. Quarterman
	Bill Wymond	Chess Wymond
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	James Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	A
Jackson, Trinity	Chris Shelt	Charles Ed Harper
		William A. Hays
Kosciusko, First		Eddie Woodard
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A

Church

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Madison, Highlands
 Meridian, Westminster
 Meridian, North Point (Mission)
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Utica, Utica
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

James M. Landrum
 Bob Schwanebeck

 Philip R. Blevins

 Charles Douglas
 Robert E. Hays
 Joel Beezley

 Michael J. Ganucheau

 Carl Kalberkamp

 Ed Hurley

 Ed Johnson
 Mike Ahlberg

 Bob Wojohn
 Iain Wright

Ruling Elder

A
 Nick Smith
 A
 Edward Prisock
 A
 A
 John Barrett
 James M. Peoples
 A
 A
 C.E. Davis
 A
 A
 A
 George Powe
 Otha D. Jackson
 A
 Henry B. McNeese
 A
 Elmer Adams
 Rod Russ
 Mose Fleming
 A
 Billy Johnson
 Jim Krichbaum
 Jim Moore
 A
 Gordon Sluis
 A
 A
 Bob Cato

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** Robert Duhs; Steve Froehlich; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall; J. Paul Poynor; John Stone; Paul Zetterholm.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Bryan W. Austin; Jim Blaha; David Eades; Brad Freeman; Jamey Germany; Charlie King; Ric McArthur; Carter H. Mills; Gene Morrison; Doug Owen; Keith Powell; Ken Roth; Dennis Shackelford; Brian Sleeth; Ron Smith; Jason Streng; Philip B. Strong; O.G. Taff; Bob Thacker; Robert E. Thacker; Mo Up De Graff.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Don Caviness; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Thomas E. Lacey; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Mark Lowrey; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the**

Presbytery: John Allen; B.I. Anderson; Kenneth Elliott; Michael Howell; Paul Long; Don Patterson; Doug McCullough; Ed Norton; Charlie Rodriguez; Mike Ross; Jim Stewart; Dale VanNess; Cobby Ware.

- f. The following ruling elder representative requested and was granted an excused absence by the Presbytery:** First PCA, Louisville.
- g. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Gary Crampton, Dan Gilchrist, Jim Wagner, Richard Wiman, and Bill Wymond, and RE's Charles Chatham, George Stock and Oliver Triplett.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Warren Foster; Doug Kelly; Don Malin.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 22.1055.a. above.

22.1056 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Jimmy Spinks, DeKalb PCA, was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

M/S/P to appoint TE Robert Duhs as Acting Stated Clerk in the absence of TE Anderson.

22.1057 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Acting Stated Clerk, TE Robert Duhs.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

22.1058 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Michael Ahlberg, pastor of First PCA, Union, welcomed the Presbytery.

TE Morse Up De Graff, Director of Ridge Haven, gave a brief report to the Presbytery.

TE Wally Bumpas led in prayer for Ridge Haven, and for TE B.I. Anderson, who is ill with double pneumonia.

22.1059 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Ed Hurley, TE Ed Hartman, and RE Fred Harbour.

22.1060

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching and ruling elders listed in 22.1055.e. and f. above.

22.1061

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report.

M/S/P to receive this report as information **(Appendix B)**.

22.1062

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, letters from TE Christopher Shelt and Missionaries Ellen Barnett and Clay Quarterman **(Appendices C - E)**.

M/P to refer the letter from Old Madison PCA, Canton, to the Advisory Committee **(Appendix F)**.

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE's Kalberkamp and Wright **(Appendices G and H)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

22.1063

MNA COMMITTEE

TE Bill Whitwer gave a brief report from MNA.

M/P to approve the 1995 Budget for Reformed University Ministries//Mississippi **(Appendix I)**.

Mrs. Frank Horton gave a report on prison ministries in Central Mississippi and presented a list of prayer needs.

22.1064

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee **(Appendix J)**.

The slate of recommendations from the Nominating Committee was approved seriatim, with the following changes.

MTW RE Al Chaddick replaces RE Tom Milan in Class of 1996. TE Iain Wright replaces TE Basil Albert in Class of 1997.

CE/P TE Jim Landrum and RE Bebo Elkin replace TE's Ahlberg and Howell in Class of 1995.
TE Wayne Rogers replaces RE Ken Covington in Class of 1996.

Advisory RE Jimmy Spinks replaces RE Al Chaddick in Class of 1997.

Sessional Records TE Wally Bumpas, replaces TE Alton Phillips as Chairman.

Standing Rules RE Ed Prisock fills vacancy in Class of 1995.

Nominating TE Brister Ware fills vacancy in Class of 1995 and TE John Reeves and RE Chess Wymond fill vacancies in Class of 1997.

M/P to nominate RE James L. Moore to the Standing Judicial Commission.

The following men were nominated to the respective Committees of Commissioners for the 1995 General Assembly:

Bills and Overtures	RE Clyde Herron, DeKalb PCA
Ridge Haven	RE George Powe, Pearl PCA
Covenant College	RE Elmer Adams, Raymond PCA
MTW	RE Jerry Sheldon, First PCA, Jackson
IAR	RE Joe Goodwin selected by a Commission appointed by MVP (Quorum: 2 TE / 2 RE) (see paragraph 22.1077 below).
Administration	TE Mike Ahlberg
CE/P	TE Chris Shelt
Covenant Seminary	TE Alton Phillips
Interchurch Relations	TE Robert Hays
MNA	TE Mike Ganucheau
PCA Foundation	TE Jason Shelton
Floor Clerk	Phil Strong, pending successful ordination trials (Clerk's note: Mr. Strong was approved later in the day)
Communion	RE Wynn Kenyon

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1065

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix K**).

M/P to grant TE Basil Albert's request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Mt. Salus PCA, the congregation having concurred.

M/P to grant TE Basil Albert's request for honorable retirement not later than June 1, 1995, and as soon as his house is sold, if earlier than June 1.

M/P that Utica Presbyterian Church be dissolved, and that the Advisory Committee continue to monitor the disposition of the property, advise the church of its BCO responsibilities in this regard,

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and report back to the next meeting of presbytery.

TE Ahlberg gave a report on the situation of the old Bloomfield PCA church in the DeKalb area.

M/S that Mississippi Valley Presbytery disavow all interest in the property of the Bloomfield church. This motion was challenged as out of order, in light of BCO 25-12. The Moderator ruled the motion in order. The Moderator was challenged, the ruling was overturned, and the motion declared out of order.

M/S that the Advisory Committee be appointed as a Commission to convey the title of the Bloomfield Church back to Mrs. Joe Myatt.

M/S to amend the above motion to add the following wording: "and that records incorporate the divesting of Presbytery's interest in this property. **Amendment failed.**

M/S/P the following substitute motion: "That Presbytery refer the matter of the property of the Bloomfield Church to the Advisory Committee for a full investigation and that the Advisory Committee bring a full report at the next meeting of presbytery to include recommendations in accordance with the Book of Church Order. **Motion to substitute passed. Motion as the main motion passed.**

M/P that the Associate Pastor relationship between TE Billy Davies and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church be dissolved, and that he be granted an honorable retirement effective February 1, 1995, the congregation having concurred.

M/P that the Pastoral relationship between TE Paul Zetterholm and Tchula Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective December 31, 1994, the congregation having concurred.

M/P that TE Zetterholm be permitted to remain on the rolls of Mississippi Valley Presbytery without call, subject to yearly review.

M/S/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery recognize the faithful service of TE's Billy Davies and Basil Albert and offer prayers for God's continued blessings on them. TE Collins then led prayer for these men.

M/S/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1066

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:17 a.m. and reconvened at 11:25 a.m.

22.1067

WORSHIP

Past Moderator, TE Richard Wiman, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "I Am So Glad that Jesus Loves Me," TE Wiman led in prayer and then preached from John 21, 15-19. Worship was concluded with prayer.

22.1068

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1069

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Alton Phillips as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Phillips then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

22.1070

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Jim Baird, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:08 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

22.1071

THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Ed Hurley, Chairman, expressed the thanks of the Presbytery to our hosts for their service to us and especially to the ladies for the delicious meal.

21.1072

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **22.1076** below).

22.1073

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L**).

Administrative Recommendations

General

M/P that Candidate Robert Dekker be dismissed to Calvary Presbytery.

M/P that Phil Strong's call to Trinity Presbyterian Church be approved and placed in his hands at the proper time, with the added provision of three weeks annual vacation (**Appendix M**).

M/S/P to approve TE James (Sonny) Peaster as RE Supply for Tchula PCA, pending his examination for licensure at the June meeting of Presbytery.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Phil Strong, pending Mr. Strong's successful ordination trials.

Teaching Elders: Michael Ganucheau, Chairman; Michael Ross; Chris Shelt
Ruling Elders: Bebo Elkin; Wynn Kenyon; John Holt

The Ordination Service is scheduled at Trinity PCA on March 12, 1995, at 6:00 p.m.

M/S/P to approve changes in the calls of TE's Michael Ross and Chris Shelt (**Appendices N - O**).

Administrative Recommendations: Internships

M/P that the internship subcommittee report of TE Mike Ganucheau (attached) be received as information. No reports were received from Interns Durham or Sheppard.

M/P that Messrs. Brad Freeman and Dennis Shackelford be accepted as interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley pending successful completion of their candidacy examinations.

M/P that Mr. Phil Strong's completed internship be approved.

Examinations_

Ordination

Mr. Phil Strong was examined for ordination. He is a candidate of Mississippi Valley Presbytery and has successfully completed the required internship program.

M/S/P to waive Mr. Strong's examination in experiential religion, theology, church government, and Bible content, based on his previous successful examination for licensure in these areas by this presbytery.

M/S/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages.

M/S/P that Mr. Strong's written examination in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements.

M/S/P that Mr. Strong's theology and exegesis papers and written sermon be approved.

M/S/P that his licensure sermon be accepted in lieu of preaching an oral sermon.

All of the above motions were passed unanimously.

Mr. Strong was examined in his views on the sacraments. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain Mr. Strong's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from Trinity PCA was then placed in Mr. Strong's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Strong as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Mr. Strong then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

Candidacy

Messrs. Howard Haines, Bill Lamkin, Dennis Shackelford, Kenneth Pierce, Robert Bailey, Brad Freeman and Michael Gant were examined for candidacy. The Committee certifies that the appropriate endorsements were received from each man's Session.

M/P that the examination of Brad Freeman in Christian Experience during his previous licensure examination be accepted as satisfying the Candidacy requirement for this exam.

M/P that the exams of the remaining men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Robert Hays then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

Licensure

Messrs. Rob Thacker, Jerrard Heard, Bill Lamkin, Brian Sleeth, and Tim Meyer were examined for licensure.

M/P that the examinations of all applicants in Christian Experience during their previous candidacy examinations be accepted as satisfying the Licensure requirement for this exam.

All applicants were examined concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to divide the Presbytery into five commissions to hear the licensure sermons with a quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders each. **(Passed unanimously).**

RE Billy Johnson, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Rob Thacker from Joshua 24 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Ed Hartman, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Jerrard Heard from Matthew 9:35-35 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Ed Hurley, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Bill Lamkin from Galatians 5:22-26 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

RE Ed Prisock, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Brian Sleeth from Ephesians 2:1-10 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

TE Chris Shelt, Chairman, reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Tim Meyer from Matthew 4:1-11 and moved its approval. **Passed.**

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M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole of Messrs. Thacker, Heard, Lamkin, Sleeth and Meyer.

The Moderator asked the applicants for licensure the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all applicants. He led the Presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

The Moderator then prayed for Messrs. Brad Freeman and Dennis Shackelford and declared them Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

22.1074 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of those members listed in Paragraph 22.1055.g above.

22.1075 MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Steve Froehlich, gave a report from the MTW Committee.

M/S that the \$8500.00 in undesignated surplus funds from the 1994 Budget be given to MTW to help draw down the General Assembly MTW Administrative deficit.

M/S/P to table this item until MTW's second recommendation relating to TE Kaz Yaegashi.

M/S to withdraw Mississippi Valley Presbytery's support of Missionary TE Kaz Yaegashi, effective January 1, 1995.

M/S/P to postpone this motion until the June meeting of presbytery.

M/S/P to take the first motion from the table.

M/S/F to postpone this motion until the June meeting of presbytery, by a vote of 29-16.

M/S/P that the \$8500.00 in undesignated surplus funds from the 1994 Budget be given to MTW to help draw down the General Assembly MTW Administrative deficit.

22.1076 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Alton Phillips, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **without** exception.

Bailey PCA; First PCA, Jackson; Pickens PCA; Pearl PCA; First PCA, Louisville; First PCA, Yazoo City; Bethesda PCA; Carthage PCA; Pear Orchard PCA; Newton PCA; Second PCA, Yazoo City; Lakeland PCA; West PCA; Carolina PCA; Union PCA; Lebanon PCA; Mt. Carmel PCA;

Westminster PCA, Meridian; First PCA, Philadelphia; DeKalb PCA; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **with** exception.

First PCA, Belzoni; Forest PCA; Providence PCA; Macon PCA; Raymond PCA; St. Paul PCA; Old Madison PCA; Edwards PCA; Grace PCA; Wynndale PCA; Mt. Salus PCA; First PCA, Kosciusko; Scooba PCA; Tchula PCA; Brandon PCA; Covenant PCA, Louisville.

The Chairman noted that at least two churches had failed to submit their minutes for over two years.

22.1077 NOMINATING COMMISSION

M/S/P to approve the report of the Commission appointed earlier in the day to select a commissioner for the IAR Committee of Commissioners, their selection being RE Joe Goodwin.

22.1078 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave a further report of the Advisory Committee.

M/P to appoint the following members of Presbytery as a Temporary Session for the Old Madison Church, at the church's request: RE James Sowell, Old Madison PCA, RE Curtis Lynch, Madison PCA, and all of the members of the Advisory Committee, with TE Mike Ahlberg as Convener.

22.1079 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Roger Collins was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation of First PCA, Belzoni, to host the June meeting of Presbytery.

22.1080 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

22.1081 ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. with prayer by TE James Landrum.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Duhs
Acting Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) First Presbyterian Church, Union, Mississippi February 21, 1995

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: RE Jimmy Spinks)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
 1. Administrator of Ridge Haven, Morse Up De Graff
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 1. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Treasurer's Report
 3. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Letter from TE Chris Shelt
 - b. Letter from Old Madison PCA
 - c. Missionary Letter from TE Clay Quarterman
 - d. Reports
 4. Report of Commission to Install TE Carl Kalberkamp
 5. Report of Commission to Install TE Iain Wright
9. 9:40 A.M. Report from MNA Committee
10. 9:45 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
11. 10:15 A.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Richard Wiman)
14. 10:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Alton Phillips, Chairman
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
18. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee (Continued)
19. 3:10 P.M. Old and New Business
 1. Report from the MTW Committee
20. 3:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee
 2. Place for the June Meeting
21. 3:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
22. 3:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

CALLED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, Mississippi
June 6, 1995

23.1001

CALL TO ORDER

A Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by the Moderator, RE Jimmy Spinks, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

23.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon		A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	Jimmy D. Spinks
		Clyde L. Herron
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	Thomas O. Brown
		John High
Jackson, First	Bill Hughes	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	Palmer Quarterman
		Chess Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland		A
Jackson, North Park	James Shull	A
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity		A
Kosciusko, First	Ed Hartman	Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Jack Liddell
Lexington, First	Dale T. VanNess	A
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		Joe Davis
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Meridian, North Point (Mission)		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		A
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	Joe Turner
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Porterville, Enondale		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	A
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster		A
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second		A

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Paul Long; Paul Zetterholm.

c. The following visitors were registered: Jamey Germany; Tim Meyer; Brian Sleeth; Carter H. Mills.

d. All other members of Presbytery were granted excused absences because of the confusion concerning the time and place of meeting. (See 23.1005 below).

23.1003

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Moderator then read the request for the Called Meeting (**Appendix A**).

M/S/P to change the nature of the meeting from a Called Meeting to the regularly scheduled Stated Meeting (originally scheduled for this date); that the only business to be conducted today would be the examination for ordination of Messrs. Carter Mills, Barry Darnell, Jamey Germany and Tim Meyer and the examination for candidacy and internship of Mr. Kevin Teasley; and that the meeting then be adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, 1995, when the remainder of the scheduled Stated Meeting will be considered. **Passed unanimously.**

22.1004

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Michael Ganucheau gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix B**).

The Committee certifies that it has on record the Sessional Recommendation for Mr. Teasley. Mr. Teasley was then examined in his Christian Experience and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was sustained as satisfactory.

M/P Mr. Teasley be enrolled as a Candidate. The Committee certifies that it has on record the Sessional Recommendation for Mr. Teasley. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and Mr. Teasley answered in the affirmative. TE Ganucheau then gave him a charge and led in prayer.

M/P that Mr. Teasley be enrolled as an Intern. The Moderator then prayed for Mr. Teasley and declared him to be an intern in Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accord with BCO 19-10.

M/P that the Ordination Commissions (each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders) be approved for Messrs. Carter Mills, Timothy Meyer, Barry Darnell and Jamey Germany, pending the successful completion of their ordination trials (Commissions for Mills, Meyer and Darnell are in the report and the Commission for Germany is as well (**Appendix C**)).

M/P that Mr. Mills' father, an honorably retired PCUSA minister, be invited to preach at his ordination.

M/P that Mr. Meyer's father-in-law, a minister in the Bible Church, be invited to preach at his ordination.

M/P that TE Tommy Shields from Grace Presbytery be invited to preach at Mr. Germany's ordination.

M/P that Presbytery waive the time requirements for internship for Mr. Carter Mills, who has met the requirements of BCO 19-16 (**Passed unanimously**).

M/P to approve the completed internships of Messrs. Darnell, Germany, Meyer and Mills.

M/P to examine Messrs. Darnell, Germany, Meyer and Mills for ordination.

M/P to waive the examination in Christian Experience as already fulfilled when each of these men was previously examined by this presbytery for licensure.

All ordination candidates were examined in the areas of Theology, Bible Content, Sacraments, and

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Church Government. Each examination for each of the four candidates was sustained as satisfactory.

During the course of the examination, TE Jimmy Shull relieved Mr. Spinks as Moderator.

M/S/P that the candidates' seminary degrees be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages.

M/S/P that the candidates' written examinations in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements.

M/S/P that the candidates' theology and exegesis papers and written sermons be approved.

M/S/P that the candidates' licensure sermons be accepted in lieu of preaching an oral sermon.

All of the above four motions were passed unanimously.

M/P to sustain all examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from First PCA, Kosciusko, was then placed in Mr. Mills' hands and accepted. The call from Alta Woods PCA was then placed in Mr. Meyer's hands and accepted. The call from First PCA, Madison, was then placed in Mr. Darnell's hands and accepted. The call from Bailey PCA was then placed in Mr. Germany's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Messrs. Mills, Meyer, Darnell and Germany as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Each man then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

23.1005

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that, given the confusion over the time and place of the June meeting of Presbytery, all absences for today's meeting be considered excused.

23.1006

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1007

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P to adjourn this meeting of Presbytery until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 13, 1995.

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with prayer by TE James Shull.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

ADJOURNED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi
June 13, 1995

23.1008

CALL TO ORDER

An Adjourned Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by the Moderator, RE Jimmy Spinks, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

23.1009

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Sam J. Bridgers
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	James H. McBrayer
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	O.B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	John W. Long
	James H. Stewart	Palmer L. Quarterman
	Brister H. Ware	Chess Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Kenneth Kammer
Jackson, Lakeland	Bill Whitwer	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	W.E. Turner
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity	Philip B. Strong	Charles Ed Harper
Kosciusko, First	Ed Hartman	Al Chadick
	Carter H. Mills	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Learned, Lebanon		N.R. (Nick) Smith
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	Charles Campbell
Louisville, Covenant		
Louisville, First		A
Macon, Macon		John L. Barrett
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	A
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Meridian, North Point (Mission)		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl		George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		Billy Johnson
Terry, Wynndale	Edward Johnson	J.W. Woodard, Jr.
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	J. Gilbert Alexander
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	Charlie Lutz
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	William C. Carroll
Yazoo City, Second	Iain Wright	Robert H. Cato

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Douglas McCullough; Donald B. Patterson; Paul Zetterholm.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Wesley Baker; Henry Beaulieu; Jim Blaha; Jamey Germany; Brent Holladay; Jessie Jacobs; Charlie King; Tim Meyer; Doug Owen; Brian Sleeth; Dennis Shackelford; Michael Shotwell; Ron Smith; James D. Spinks; Will Thompson; David A. Young.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Dana Casey; Don Caviness; Douglas Kelly; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Paul Poynor; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Phil Blevins; Ken Elliott; Steve Froehlich; Dan Gilchrist; Robert Hays; Michael Howell; Bill Hughes; Paul Long; Don Malin; Martin Marshall; Charlie Rodriguez; Michael Ross; Chris Shelt; Robert Schwanebeck; Cobby Ware.

23.1010 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Roger Collins was nominated and elected as Moderator.

23.1011 READING OF THE MINUTES

The Recording Clerk read the minutes of the previous session.

23.1012 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket, as amended (**Appendix A**).

M/S/P to excuse the Credentials Committee from the floor for a brief meeting, following the introduction of visitors.

23.1013 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Richard Wiman, pastor of First PCA, Belzoni, welcomed the Presbytery.

23.1014 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Ed Hurley, Chairman; RE Benny Hill, and TE John Allen.

23.1015 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 23.1009e above.

23.1016 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

The Stated Clerk read the exceptions taken by the 22nd General Assembly to the 1993-1994 minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

M/S/P (seriatim) that Mississippi Valley Presbytery respond to the exceptions taken by the 22nd General Assembly as follows:

1. Annual reports have not been routinely received from Candidates. Beginning with the Fall 1995 meeting of Presbytery, the Credentials Committee will require an annual written report from each candidate and present these reports in the Committee's report to Presbytery. Mississippi Valley Presbytery regrets the oversight, and will be more diligent in obtaining these reports and annual reports of ministers laboring out of bounds.

2. Regarding Sessional endorsement of Candidates, this is a matter of reporting. Mississippi Valley Presbytery hereby certifies that all applicants have had Sessional endorsement prior to examination. The Presbytery will be more careful in the future to report this in the minutes.

3. Since these exceptions were not taken up until the Summer 1995 meeting of Presbytery, these same errors will be noted in our 1994-1995 minutes. Mississippi Valley again regrets these errors and asks that this response be accepted by the Review Committee of the 23rd General Assembly for the 1994-1995 minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, as well.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from missionaries and chaplains (**Appendices B - F**).

Missionary Dick Sechler spoke briefly about his work in the Czech Republic. TE John Reeves then led in prayer for the Sechlers and their work.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Philip Strong (**Appendix G**).

TE Brister Ware gave a brief report on a seminar on retirement to be held at First PCA, Jackson.

23.1017 ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Partial)

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave a partial report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix H**).

M/P Recommendation #1: That necessary steps be taken to transfer any right, title, or interest in the property of Bloomfield Presbytery Church to the surviving former members (see Minutes, 22.1065, paragraph 9, p. 129).

23.1018 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix I**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information.

23.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Ed Norton, Chairman, presented the report of the MNA Committee.

Mr. Jesse Jacobs gave a brief report on the Black Bible Study in Edwards.

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TE Bill Whitwer has resigned from the Committee (See 23.1029 below).

Mr. Norton gave a brief report on the North Point Mission Church in Meridian, asking for prayer for a minister.

The MNA Committee is considering the possibility of a new mission work on the North Shore of the Reservoir.

TE Brister Ware and TE Norton then led in prayer for these ministries.

23.1020 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial)

TE Mike Ganuchau gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix J**).

(Clerk's Note: Several items of this report were handled during the previous session. See Minutes, 23.1004).

M/P that TE Edward Hartman be allowed to move from Edwards PCA to First PCA, Kosciusko, and that the terms of his call be approved.

M/P that the committee's approval of the installation commission for TE Hartman (including the invitation for Dr. William Hogan to preach) and its action in approving his installation at Kosciusko PCA be ratified. (**Passed unanimously**).

M/P that Presbytery waive the time requirements for internship for Messrs. Brian Austin and Rob Thacker, who have met the requirements of BCO 19-16 (**Passed unanimously**).

M/P to approve the completed internships of Messrs. Austin and Thacker.

M/P that the internship subcommittee report be received as information, with the note that the report from intern Rich Sutton was received after the Committee report had been printed.

M/P that David Eades be enrolled as an intern of Presbytery. The moderator then prayed for Mr. Eades and declared him to be an intern of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

M/P that Bill Radford's internship be transferred to Great Lakes Presbytery.

The following interns then gave oral reports to the Presbytery: Brian Sleeth, Rich Sutton, Doug Owen, Jerrod Heard.

Clerk's Note: Appendices R - Y (Intern Reports) were submitted timely but inadvertently omitted from the Credentials Committee Report. They were added to the minutes later at Presbytery's direction (See February 20, 1996 minutes, paragraph 23.1092)

23.1021 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TE Ed Hartman gave the report of the Stewardship and Finance Committee.

M/P to approve the 1995 Budget (**Appendix K**).

23.1022 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

23.1023 WORSHIP

TE Wally Bumpas, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "Jesus Saves," TE Bumpas led in prayer. Memorials were presented by TE Brister Ware and RE Al Chadick for elders who have died during the past year (**Appendices L - P**). TE Bumpas then preached from Romans 3:23-25. After singing the Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," TE Richard Wiman led the Presbytery in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with the singing of the hymn, "Jesus Paid It All" and prayer.

23.1024 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1025 LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer at 12:00 p.m. and reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

23.1026 THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Ed Hurley, expressed the gratefulness of Mississippi Valley Presbytery to the staff and congregation of First PCA, Belzoni. Special thanks were given for those preparing and serving the noon meal.

23.1027 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Michael Ganucheau continued the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix J**).

Examinations

1. Licensure

M/P to examine Mr. Henry Beaulieu, TE Terry Crahen, and RE James R. (Sonny) Peaster for licensure. TE Crahen is a member of Central Carolina Presbytery and is being examined to serve as Stated Supply at Westminster PCA, Meridian.

All three men were examined in Experiential Religion and concerning their views in Theology, Church Government, and Bible content. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator divided the Presbytery into two commissions to hear the licensure sermons, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders. After the sermons, TE Don Patterson reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Sonny Peaster from Matthew 5:6 and moved its approval. Passed. TE Ed Hurley reported for the commission hearing the sermon of Henry Beaulieu from Isaiah 53:10 and moved its approval. Passed.

M/P that the examinations as a whole of Messrs. Beaulieu, Crahen and Peaster be sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator then asked the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative by all licensure applicants. He led the presbytery in prayer and declared these men licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery approve the oral request of Westminster PCA, Meridian for TE Terry Crahen to serve as Stated Supply, pending receipt of their written request.

2. Candidacy

M/P to examine Messrs. Chris Bower and Billy Johnson for candidacy and Mr. Brent Holladay for transfer of candidacy.

M/P that Billy Johnson's previous examination for licensure by this Presbytery be accepted in lieu the examination in Christian experience.

Messrs. Bower and Holladay were then examined in their Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Messrs. Bower and Johnson be enrolled as Candidates.

M/P that Mr. Holladay be enrolled as a Candidate pending the transfer of his candidacy from Southeast Louisiana Presbytery.

The Chairman asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and the applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Jeff Elliott then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P that the report as a whole be approved.

23.1028

WIC LOVE GIFT

TE Don Patterson gave a brief report on this year's WIC Love Gift. Mrs. Richard Wiman spoke for the WIC and showed the WIC Love Gift video.

23.1029

ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Mike Ahlberg continued the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix H**).

M/P that TE Michael Howell be transferred to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARP) that he may receive the call as pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church, Rainbow City, Alabama. This transfer will take effect upon his admission into the ARP.

M/P that TE Dana Casey be dismissed to Louisiana Presbytery.

M/P to ratify the actions of the Committee acting as a Commission to dissolve the pastoral relationships between:

TE Ed Hartman and Edwards Presbyterian Church, effective April 23, 1995.

TE Mike Howell and Macon Presbyterian Church, effective May 28, 1995.

TE Bill Whitwer and Lakeland Presbyterian Church, pending receipt of documentation from the Session.

TE Ahlberg gave a brief report on the status of TE Gary Crampton and the congregation of Covenant PCA, Forest.

M/P that we approve TE Crampton's dismissal to the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Assembly (RPCGA), with the notation that he failed to request his dismissal from Presbytery until after the fact.

M/P that the Advisory Committee communicate to Dr. Crampton that his original call to the Covenant Presbyterian Church is no long valid.

M/P that the Advisory Committee take steps to communicate with Covenant PCA concerning their intentions regarding remaining in the PCA.

M/S/P that the first motion concerning TE Crampton be reconsidered (moved by a member voting on the prevailing side).

M/S/P a substitute motion that the relationship of TE Crampton with the PCA and with Covenant PCA, Forest, be referred back to the Advisory Committee for investigation and full report at the October Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P that the second motion concerning TE Crampton be reconsidered (moved by a member voting on the prevailing side).

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

23.1030

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**

Alta Woods PCA, Lexington PCA, North Park PCA, Trinity PCA

23.1031

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

M/P to elect TE Barry Darnell to replace TE Bill Whitwer on MNA Committee, Class of 1997.

M/P to elect RE Ken Kammer to replace RE Lonon Oswalt on Credentials Committee, Class of 1997.

M/P to elect TE Iain Wright as Floor Clerk for the 23rd General Assembly.

23.1032

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Charlie Douglas presented a report from the MTW Committee. The only item of business was a report concerning TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix Q**).

The Committee's recommendations (paragraphs A. - D.) were moved by TE Douglas.

M/S/P a substitute motion that Mississippi Valley Presbytery approve the expenditure of \$2000.00 to send two representatives from this presbytery to travel to Japan to meet with TE Yaegashi prior to any further presbytery action.

M/S/P to authorize the MTW Committee to select the two MVP representatives to visit TE Yaegashi.

23.1033

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

There was no first nominee for Moderator for the October Stated Meeting.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting.

23.1034

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1035

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

ADJOURNED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi June 13, 1995

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: TE Roger Collins)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 1. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Missionary Letters
 - b. Memorials
 - c. Oral report from Missionary Dick Sechler
 - d. Oral report from TE Brister Ware on upcoming seminar
 3. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Philip B. Strong
 4. Quarterly Report from Chaplain Jan Werson
 5. Quarterly Report from Missionary Kaz Yaegashi
9. 9:45 A.M. Partial Report of Advisory Committee
10. 9:50 A.M. Treasurer's Report — RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
11. 10:00 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
12. 10:30 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE Steve Froehlich, Chairman
13. 11:00 A.M. Recess
14. 11:15 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
15. 11:20 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Jimmy Spinks)
16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **!! NO CHARGE !!**)
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Michael Ganucheau
19. 3:15 P.M. Report on WIC Love Gift
20. 3:30 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
21. 3:50 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - TE Ed Hartman, Chairman
22. 4:10 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Wally Bumpas,
Chairman
23. 4:15 P.M. Old and New Business
24. 4:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee
 2. Next Meeting — Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
25. 4:35 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes

26. 4:45 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 17, 1995

23.1036

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Roger Collins, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

23.1037

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Jamey Germany	Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Allen McLain
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Elton E. Jay
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James D. Spinks
		Clyde Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		John R. McArthur
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		Keith McKey
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Oliver B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Steve Jussely	John High
	Tim Meyer	
Jackson, First	James Baird	Robert C. Cannada
	James H. Stewart	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Bill Wymond	John W. Long
		Longstreet Minor
		Palmer L. Quarterman
		Chess B. Wymond
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	James Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland		Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Robert D. Dieckman
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	William A. Hays

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Christopher D. Shelt Philip B. Strong Ed Hartman Carter H. Mills	Wynn Kenyon James Boyd
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	Dale T. VanNess	John M. Kimbrough, III
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Steve Morris
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	Joseph M. Davis
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	Craig Crosland
Meridian, Westminster		A
Meridian, North Point (Mission)		
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	Henry Conn
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		Billy Johnson
Terry, Wynndale	Ed Johnson	Guerrant Smathers
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	A
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	James W. Harrison
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	Billy Perry
Yazoo City, Second	Iain Wright	Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Robert Duhs; Kenneth R. Elliott; Steve Froehlich; Paul Long; Mark Lowrey; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; Donald B. Patterson; John S. Stone, IV; Cobby Ware; Paul E. Zetterholm.

c. The following visitors were registered: Jackson H. Ables, Jr.; Bob Bates; Ralph Davis; David Eades; Steven Hamilton; Bill Hogan; R.S. McAllister; Robert Mims; W.L. 'Buck' Mosal; Doug Owen; Curt Presley; Ken Roth; Ron Smith; Rob Thacker; Dennis Watts.

- d. **The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; Doug Kelly; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Jeff Elliott; Bill Hughes; Alton Phillips; Wayne Rogers; Brister Ware.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE Collins, Gilchrist, and Landrum and RE Hallum.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Phil Blevins; Warren Foster; Ed Hurley; Charlie Rodriguez; Richard Wiman.
- h. **The following ruling elder representative requested and was granted an excused absence:** Edwards PCA.
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 23.1037.a. above.

23.1038

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Rod Russ, Pear Orchard PCA, was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

23.1039

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/P to change the minutes of June 6, 1995 to reflect that the status of Eugene Lansdale be changed from RE representative to visitor and that TE Jim Landrum, Covenant PCA, Louisville, be recorded as present.

M/S/P to designate the morning worship sermon as fulfilling the BCO requirement for the Ordination Sermon for the Ordination Service to be held later in the assembly.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

23.1040 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, Mr. Mark Magee, Executive Director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility, welcomed the Presbytery.

TE Fred Marsh gave a brief report on the current ministry of the PCA's Mission to North America Committee. TE Bob Schwanebeck then led in prayer for the work of MNA, and for the family of RE Cooper Campbell, First PCA, Jackson, who passed away last night.

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TE Stewart gave a brief report on the upcoming 1997 Mid-South Men's Rally.

23.1041 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Barry Darnell, Chairman; RE Palmer Quarterman; and TE Jim Shull..

23.1042 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 23.1037.e. above and to the ruling elder listed in 23.1037.h. above..

23.1043 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to approve the requests to labor out of bounds for another year from Teaching Elders.

Presbytery voted on the three proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1995 General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 68 For, 2 Against, 2 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was approved by a vote of 73 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was approved by a vote of 68 For, 3 Against, 6 Abstain.

M/P to receive, as information, the report from TE (Chaplain) Jan Werson (**Appendix C**).

M/P to receive, as information, the report from TE Cobby Ware, operating out of bounds as State Director Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Chaplain for the Senior PGA Tour, (**Appendix D**) and to approve his request to labor out of bounds during the coming year as Chaplain of the Senior PGA Tour.

M/P to receive, as information, the report from TE Yakub Susabda, laboring out of bounds as a seminary professor in Indonesia (**Appendix E**).

M/P to receive, as information, the report by the 23rd General Assembly Committee on Review of Presbytery Minutes concerning MVP Minutes for 1994-1995 (**Appendix F**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to ordain and install TE's Jamie Germany, Barry Darnell and Tim Meyer (**Appendices G - I**).

M/P to receive, as information, the various communications from the General Assembly listed in the Docket (**Appendices J - M**) and various missionary letters (**Appendices N - S**).

M/P to take a group picture of MVP immediately following the lunch hour.

M/S that a Committee be appointed by the Moderator to Study the papers on removing church members from the rolls and report back at the next meeting.

Substitute: **M/S** to set a special order of the day to discuss this matter on the floor for 30 minutes at today's meeting.

Amendment: That the 30 minutes be scheduled at the next meeting **FAIL**

Substitute: That a Called Meeting be scheduled (at the call of the Moderator) to discuss this issue. **PASSED.**

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, Advisory Committee, read a resolution from the Session of First PCA, Jackson, announcing the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE James Baird and First PCA, Jackson, effective December 3, 1995 (**Appendix T**).

M/S/P to concur with TE Baird's request for pastoral dissolution, pending formal concurrence of the congregation of First PCA, Jackson, and that he be granted the status of Honorable Retirement, effective December 3, 1995. The Clerk of Session, First PCA, Jackson, confirmed the action of the Session.

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

23.1044 TREASURER'S REPORT

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix U**).

23.1045 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Chris Shelt, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix V**).

TE Don Malin gave a presentation on the danger of the cults to the church today.

M/P that the CE/P Report be adopted.

23.1046 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

M/S/P to present the following persons to the General Assembly Nominating Committee in nomination for the respective permanent committees (alternates are listed in case the primary nominee is either unable or unwilling to serve):

Constitutional Business:

TE Bob Hays

<u>Review of Presbytery Records:</u>	RE Jerry Sheldon
<u>Administration:</u>	TE Bill Hughes RE Harold McDiarmid
<u>Christian Education/Publications:</u>	TE Chris Shelt RE Benny Hill
<u>Mission to North America:</u>	TE Robert Schwanebeck
<u>Mission to the World:</u>	TE Jim Stewart RE Van Rusling
<u>Interchurch Relations:</u>	TE John Reeves
<u>Constitutional Business:</u>	RE Jimmy Spinks
<u>Trustee, IAR:</u>	Deacon Tom Rice
<u>Trustee, Covenant Seminary:</u>	TE Dale VanNess
<u>Trustee, Covenant College:</u>	TE Roger Collins
<u>Trustee, Ridge Haven:</u>	TE Wally Bumpas
<u>Theological Examining:</u>	RE James Elkins
<u>PCA Foundation:</u>	RE Hugh Potts, Jr. RE Bob Bailey RE John Marchatti
<u>Standing Judicial Commission:</u>	RE Jim Moore

23.1047

RECESS

Following prayer for Julia Robertson, wife of TE Palmer Robertson, and Amy Hartman, wife of TE Ed Hartman, the presbytery recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

23.1048

WORSHIP

TE Roger Collins led the Presbytery in worship. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," TE Collins preached from Hebrews 1. Worship concluded with prayer, and the singing of the Hymn, "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee."

23.1049

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1050

LUNCH

Following prayer by the Moderator, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. During the lunch hour, TE Barry Darnell, Chairman, gave an oral report from the Thanks Committee, expressing MVP's appreciation for the hospitality of First PCA, Jackson, Twin Lakes Conference Center, with special thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal.

Presbytery reconvened at 12:58 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

23.1051

MISCELLANEOUS

The Nominating Committee concluded its report (additional nominees listed in 23.1046 above).

M/S/P to receive, as information, the annual report of the Miss. Joint Committee on Campus Work (**Appendix W**).

The Moderator announced the special called meeting (see 23.1043 above) at Pear Orchard PCA on January 16, 1996.

23.1052

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Robert Hays, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix X**).

Administrative Recommendations

General

M/P that the Presbytery ratify the Committee's action, in its role as a commission, of transferring Ricky Jones' candidacy to Covenant Presbytery, Bryan Austin's to Calvary Presbytery and Ken Thurmond's to Louisiana Presbytery.

M/P that TE Bob Bates' call to Northpointe PCA, Meridian, be approved.

M/P that James Blaha's call to Edwards PCA be approved.

M/P that the letter from the RTS Registrar certifying the completion of the M.Div. program by Mr. James Blaha be accepted in lieu of a transcript (held pending completion of financial arrangements).

M/P that Ron Smith's call to MTW be approved.

M/P that TE Ralph Davis' call to RTS be approved.

M/P that the following supply relationships be established or renewed for another year:

Raymond PCA:	TE Buck Mosal as Stated Supply
Westminster PCA, Meridian:	Mr. Terry Crahen as Student Supply
Old Madison PCA:	Mr. Ron Smith as Stated Supply (pending successful ordination trials)
Lakeland PCA:	TE Bob Duhs as Stated Supply (two Sundays per month)
	Mr. Henry Beaulieu as Student Supply (two Sundays per month)
West PCA:	TE Bob Duhs as Stated Supply (two Sundays per month)
Concord PCA:	Mr. Ken Roth, Student Supply

M/S/P that the Stated Clerk notify all churches in the presbytery with supply relationships that did not renew them at this meeting, that they are no longer in accord with MVP Standing Rules in this regard.

M/P that TE James Turner's request to labor inside the geographical bounds of MS Valley Presbytery with the Christian Medical and Dental Society be approved. TE Turner remains on the rolls of Covenant Presbytery.

M/P to dismiss TE Paul Poynor to SE Alabama Presbytery, pending their receipt of him, that he may prosecute a call from Trinity PCA, Montgomery.

M/P that all papers submitted for ordination trials by Messrs. Blaha and Smith be found in order.

M/P that the licensure sermons, previously preached before MVP Presbytery, be accepted as completing the preaching requirements for ordination for Messrs. Blaha and Smith.

M/P that Presbytery schedule the Credentials Committee report as a standing order immediately following the Stated Clerk's Report at each meeting.

Internships

M/P that the internship subcommittee report of TE Mike Ganucheau (attached) be received as information (**Appendix Y**).

No reports were received from Interns Duke or Jones, as they have transferred to other Presbyteries. **M/P** that both men be removed from the roll of interns of MVP.

M/P that Messrs. Bill Bradford and Curtis Presley be accepted as interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley pending successful completion of their candidacy examinations.

Candidates

M/P that the annual reports from the candidates be received as information (**Appendices Z - AF**).

Examinations_

Transferring Ministers

Teaching Elders Bob Bates and Ralph Davis were examined as transferring ministers from Fellowship Presbytery and Potomac Presbytery, respectively. Both were examined in their Christian Experience and touching their views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to receive TE Bates and TE Davis as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon their release from their respective Presbyteries and signing the Covenant Book. Both men then signed the Covenant Book.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Bob Bates:

Teaching Elders: John Stone, Wally Bumpas, Jamie Germany
Ruling Elders: Tommy McDonald, Ken Covington, Chester Cheatham

The Installation Service will be held at the Jaycees Building, Meridian, on October 22, 1995 at 3:30 p.m.

Ordination

Messrs. James Blaha and Ron Smith were examined for ordination. Both men are candidates of Mississippi Valley Presbytery and have successfully completed the required internship program.

M/S/P to waive both men's examination in experiential religion based on their previous successful examination for licensure in these areas by this presbytery. Passed unanimously.

Both men were examined in their views on Theology.

M/P to approve the examination in theology for Mr. James Blaha.

M/S/P to take the above vote by secret ballot.

Mr. Blaha's theology examination was sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to approve the examination in theology for Mr. Ron Smith.

Both men were then examined in their views on the Sacraments. Their examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to waive the Bible Content examination based on their superior licensure examination in this area. Passed unanimously.

M/P to waive the Church Government, based on their previous licensure examinations in this area. Passed unanimously.

M/P that their seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages.

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Passed unanimously.

M/P that their written examination in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P to sustain Mr. Blaha's and Mr. Smith's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from Edwards PCA was then placed in Mr. Blaha's hands and accepted.

The call from MTW was then place in Mr. Smith's hands and accepted.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. James Blaha:

Teaching Elders: Jason Shelton, Dr. Paul Long, Robert Hays, Chairman
Ruling Elders: Calvin L. Wells, Lewis Montgomery, Ronnie Noble

M/P that TE Greg Anthony, a minister in the EPC, be invited to participate in the ordination service.

The Installation Service will be held at Edwards PCA on November 5, 1995 at 7:00 p.m.

M/P to receive Mr. Blaha and Mr. Smith as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Both men then signed the Covenant Book and were welcomed into the presbytery.

Candidacy

Messrs Robbie Hinton, Curtis Presley and Bill Bradford were examined for candidacy. The Committee certifies that Sessional recommendations have been received for all three men.

M/P that the exams of these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Robert Duhs then gave them a charge and the Moderator led in prayer for the new candidates.

TE B.I. Anderson then prayed for Messrs. Bill Bradford and Curtis Presley and the Moderator declared them to be Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

Licensure

Mr. Bill Bradford was examined for licensure.

Mr. Bradford was examined concerning his views in Bible Content, Theology and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The Moderator then appointed a committee to hear Mr. Bradford's oral sermon.

The remainder of the Credentials Committee report was postponed, pending the report of the committee hearing Mr. Bradford's sermon.

23.1053

MTW COMMITTEE

TE Steve Froehlich, Chairman, presented a report from the MTW Committee.

TE Jim Stewart gave a brief report on Vision Trips to the Mission Field.

M/P to approved the quarterly report of TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix AG**).

M/S/P to reconsider the action of last meeting (Paragraph 23.1032) which required MVP to send members to Japan, bringing the following motion back on the floor:

M/S/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery approve the expenditure of \$2000.00 to send two representatives from this presbytery to travel to Japan to meet with TE Yaegashi prior to any further presbytery actions.

Substitute (from the Committee): M/P: that the MTW Committee send a letter to Rev. Yaegashi requesting a detailed and comprehensive report of his work. This report would include a work schedule, a fiscal report, a program for the future, as well as a description of his relationship with other missionaries and with the local church. This letter to Rev. Yaegashi would also require continuing ongoing detailed reports as a regular part of the relationship between TE Yaegashi and MS Valley Presbytery. If Rev. Yaegashi produces such a report, he will be providing the Presbytery with an adequate understanding of the scope and quality of his work.

Amendment: M/S/P to remove language concerning financial contingency from motion.

Amendment: M/S/P to add language requiring ongoing detailed reports.

Substitute passes (as amended) becomes main motion, and passes.

M/S/P to instruct the MTW Committee to consult with TE's Don Patterson and Richard Wiman regarding the matters relating to Kaz Yaegashi.

23.1054

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix AH**).

M/P to approve the request of TE Phil Blevins to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Carolina PCA to pursue a Doctorate of Missiology. The congregation has concurred with this request.

M/P to allow TE Blevins to remain on the rolls of MVP Presbytery without call.

M/P that we acknowledge that the Trustees of the Utica PCA have rented the property of the

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church for one year, with the anticipation of the conveyance of the property to MVP one year after the inception of the rental agreement, unless the property is disposed of earlier.

M/P that TE Gary Crampton's name be erased from the rolls of MVP, in accordance with BCO 38-3, noting that he resigned without having sought the advice or permission of Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

23.1055 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Chris Shelt reported on the oral sermon of Mr. Bradford, which he preached from Exodus 3, recommending its approval.

M/P to sustain Mr. Bradford's examination as a whole.

The Moderator asked him the questions from BCO 19-3 which were answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then led the Presbytery in prayer and declared Mr. Bradford a licentiate in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, according to BCO 19-4.

M/P to approve the report of the Committee as a whole.

23.1056 SERVICE OF ORDINATION

TE Robert Hays presided at the service of ordination for Mr. Ron Smith, who has been called as an evangelist by MTW. The following commissioners were asked to participate in the laying on of hands: Teaching Elders: Robert Hays, Mike Ahlberg, Steve Froehlich, Barry Darnell; Ruling Elders: Wynn Kenyon, Joe Davis, John High.

TE Hays asked the questions from BCO 21-5 and 21-11, which Mr. Smith answered in the affirmative. As Ron kneeled, the commissioners laid their hands on him, and TE Hays led in prayer. TE Hays declared that Mr. Smith had been regularly ordained as an evangelist, according to BCO 21-7, and then gave him a charge from I Timothy 3:1-7. The service concluded with the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation"

23.1057 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of the following members: Teaching Elders Collins, Gilchrist, and Landrum and Ruling Elder Hallum.

23.1058 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Robert Hays was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the February Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from Forest PCA to host the February meeting of Presbytery.

23.1059

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1060

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson, Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 17, 1995

Proposed Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (There is no First Nominee)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:10 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
 1. TE Fred Marsh, G.A. MNA
6. 9:15 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:20 P.M. ORAL REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES PRESENT TODAY
8. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 1. Thanks (3 members)
9. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 3. Reports
 - a. Report of G.A. Review of MVP Minutes
 - b. Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. Jamie Germany
 - c. Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. Barry Darnell
 - d. Treasurer's Report
 4. Communications
 - a. 1995 Askings
 - b. Due Dates for 24th G.A. Reports
 - c. 23rd G.A. response to "Evangelicals and Catholics Together"
 - d. Items sent down to Presbyteries for discussion from 23rd G.A.
 - e. Request from West PCA for Stated Supply
 - f. Missionary Letters
10. 10:00 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Chris Shelt, Chairman
11. 10:30 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Roger Collins)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 1. Report of Thanks Committee
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Robert Hays, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Service of Ordination
18. 3:30 P.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE Steve Froehlich, Chairman
19. 4:00 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
20. 4:15 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:20 P.M. Election of First Nominee
22. 4:25 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 20, 1996

23. 4:30 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:35 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, Mississippi
February 20, 1996

23.1080

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Moderator, RE Rod Russ, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

23.1081

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Alton M. Phillips Jamie Germany	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock, III
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	James H. McBrayer
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Ron Smith	A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist, IV	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		Kenneth Johnston
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Steven Scott
DeKalb, DeKalb		Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jim Blaha	A
Forest, Covenant		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Marion E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Timothy C. Meyer	Wayne Miller
		Edward O. Nalley
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume
	William Hughes	Dick Liddell
	Brister H. Ware	John W. Long
		R.S. McAllister
		Chess B. Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland		Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Julius Murray
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael F. Ross	William A. Hays

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Kosciusko, First	Philip B. Strong	Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna	Carter H. Mills	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	John M. Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Bobby Smyth
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		John Barrett
Madden, Carolina		Richard Metz
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	A
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	A
Meridian, Northpointe (Mission)	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		C.E. Davis
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Joel Beezley	Charles McClain
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Elmer Adams
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Ed Johnson	W.M. Weathersby
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	Jim Moore
Utica, Utica		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	Mark Monroe
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	Cookie Clark
Yazoo City, Second	Iain Wright	Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Phillip R. Blevins; Ralph Davis; Robert C. Duhs; Paul B. Long; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; Donald B Patterson; John Stone; Paul Zetterholm.

c. The following visitors were registered: Os Barnes; William J. Beasley; Bassam Chedid; Yi Samuel Cheng; Dave Hebert; Roger Parrott; Allen Pelletier; Dennis Shackelford; Brian Sleeth; Rob Thacker.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Mark Lowrey; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Michael Raia; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemerem; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Jim Baird; Wally Bumpas; Steve Froehlich; Ed Hartman; Steve Jussely; Mark Lowrey; Charlie Rodriguez; Chris Shelt; Jim Stewart.
- f. **The following ruling elder representative requested and was granted an excused absence by the Presbytery:** Carthage PCA.
- g. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE Philip Blevins; TE Daniel Gilchrist, IV; TE John Allen.
- h. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; Doug Kelly; Don Malin; Wayne Rogers; Cobby Ware; William K. Wymond.
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 23.1081.a. above.

23.1082

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Robert Hays was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

23.1083

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

23.1084 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Dr. Roger Parrott, the new President of Belhaven College, spoke briefly to the Presbytery. The moderator then led in prayer for Belhaven College. Mr. Dave Hebert, a RE foreign missions candidate from South Florida, reported briefly to the Presbytery. After the introduction of visitors, TE James Wagner, pastor of Forest PCA, welcomed Presbytery.

23.1085

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Ron Smith, Chairman, and RE Frank S. York, Jr.

23.1086

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching and ruling elders listed in 23.1081.e. and f. above.

23.1087 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees. TE Jason Shelton from the Presbytery MTW Committee reviewed several items of missionary correspondence.

M/P to receive, as information, letters from First PCA, Jackson, TE Philip B. Strong, and several missionaries (**Appendices B - K**).

M/P to approve the report from Chaplain Jim Carter (**Appendix L**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE Bob Bates and the Commissions to ordain and install Messrs. James Blaha, James Germany and Carter Mills (**Appendices M - O**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

23.1088 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report.

M/S/P to receive this report as information (**Appendix P**).

23.1089 NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report of the Nominating Committee (**Appendix Q**).

The slate of recommendations from the Nominating Committee was approved seriatim, with the following additions and changes: (**Clerk's Note: includes elections made during afternoon session. See paragraph 23.1103**).

Committees of Commissioners to the 1996 G.A.

Administration	RE Elmer Adams
Covenant Seminary	RE Bill Long
Interchurch Relations	RE Wynn Kenyon
MTW	TE Jeff Elliott
MNA	RE George Powe
Review of Pres. Records:	TE Ron Smith

Mississippi Valley Presbytery:

Advisory Committee: RE Julius Murray replaces RE Joe Bowden in Class of 1998.

Nominating Committee: TE Philip B. Strong and RE Craig Crosland were elected to the Class of 1998.

23.1090

MTW COMMITTEE

TE Jason Shelton gave a report from the MTW Committee. Dr. Alan Pelletier gave a brief report to the Presbytery (**Appendix R**). Mr. Van Rusling presented the ministry of Project AERO in Albania.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery support Project AERO in Albania by encouraging and financially supporting presbytery church members (college age and older) who wish to participate. A coordinator for the Presbytery shall be designated as a point of contact to facilitate the individual's support and participation in the program. Financial support by the Mississippi Valley Presbytery shall be limited to \$900.00 per person when matched with a minimum of \$100.00 from their local church. Financial support shall be made on a first come, first serve basis.

Mr. Van Rusling was elected as Project AERO Coordinator.

23.1091

MNA COMMITTEE

TE Ed Norton gave a brief report from MNA.

A request for an overture was referred to the Bills and Overture Committee (TE's Bob Wojohn, Chairman, and Bob Schwanebeck and RE's Bob Cato and Ken Johnston) to report back to the presbytery later today.

M/P to approve a 6.25% increase in call for TE John Stone, RUM Minister at Belhaven College.

M/P to approve the 1996 Budget for Reformed University Ministries//Mississippi (**Appendix S**).

23.1092

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Michael Ganucheau, Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix T**).

M/P to receive the Internship Sub-Committee report as information.

M/P that the request of the Macon Presbyterian Church for Bill McCutchen to be named their Student Supply, pending successful completion of his Licensure trials, be approved.

M/P that the June, 1995 Minutes of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley be amended to include intern reports not previously included. (**Clerk's note: These were added to the bound version of the minutes - see pages 78-85**).

M/P that Jerrard Heard's name be removed from the rolls of Candidates and Interns due to Mr. Heard removing himself from the bounds of Presbytery and no communication from Pacific Presbytery.

M/P that the calls of Mt. Salus Presbyterian Church to TE Os Barnes and First PCA, Jackson, to TE Tim Horn be approved, pending successful completion of their examinations.

M/P that the call of First PCA, Belzoni, to Mr. Rob Thacker be approved pending successful completion of ordination trials.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Os Barnes, pending successful completion of his examination:

Teaching Elders: Bill Wymond, Richard Wiman, and Jason Shelton (convenor).
Ruling Elders: Ken Johnston, Perry Eggar, and Charlie Moak.
Guest: RE Rupert Green of First PCA, Florida, AL

The Installation Service is scheduled at Mt Salus PCA on March 3, 1996, at 4:00 p.m.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Rob Thacker, pending successful completion of his ordination trials:

Teaching Elders: Richard Wiman (convenor), Dale VanNess, and Ralph Davis
Ruling Elders: Huey Townsend, Allen McLain, Peter Hairston, Sam Bridgers, Bill Allen, and George Stock
Guests: TE Dr. Ligon Duncan and RE Bob Thacker (Rob's father and a ruling elder in Potomac Presbytery).

The Ordination Service is scheduled at First PCA Belzoni on April 14, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P the William Johnson's Candidacy be transferred to Covenant Presbytery.

M/P that Messrs. Sam Cheng and Philip Hardin be accepted as Interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley pending successful completion of their Candidacy trials.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Tim Horn, pending successful completion of his examination:

Teaching Elders: Brister Ware (preside), William Hughes, and Jeff Elliott
Ruling Elders: William Harper and Steve Rosenblatt
Guest: RE John Barnes (Covenant Presbytery)

The Ordination Service is scheduled at First PCA, Jackson, on March 17, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

23.1093

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:47 a.m. with prayer by TE Alton Phillips and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

23.1094

WORSHIP

TE Carl Kalberkamp led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "The Battle is the Lord's," TE Kalberkamp led in prayer and then preached from II Chronicles 14:11. After singing

the Hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," worship was concluded with prayer.

23.1095

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1096

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Doug McCullough as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Alton Phillips then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

23.1097

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Iain Wright, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with prayer by TE Paul Zetterholm.

23.1098

THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, TE Ron Smith, Chairman, expressed the thanks of the Presbytery to our hosts for their service to us and especially to the ladies for the delicious meal.

23.1099

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **23.1101** below).

23.1100

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Michael Ganucheau, continued the report of the Credentials Committee.

Interns Dennis Shackelford and Brad Freeman gave oral reports to the presbytery on the progress of their internships.

M/P to examine TE's Os Barnes and Tim Horn for transfer, Mr. Rob Thacker for ordination, Mr. Bill McCutchen for licensure, and Messrs. William Beasley, Yi Samuel Cheng, Philip Hardin, and Toby Yelverton for candidacy.

Examinations: Transferring Ministers

Teaching Elders Os Barnes and Tim Horn were examined as transferring ministers from Southeast Alabama and Covenant Presbyteries respectively.

M/P to receive them pending receipt of their credentials and successful completion of their examinations.

Both men were examined in Experiential Religion and touching their views in theology, the sacraments, and church government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory. Both exams as whole were sustained.

The calls were placed in their hands and accepted.

Both men then signed the Covenant Book and were welcomed into the Presbytery.

Examinations: Candidacy

Messrs. McCutchen, Beasley, Cheng, Hardin and Yelverton were examined Christian Experience. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee certified that Sessional endorsement had been received for all men coming for Candidacy. The moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE James Landrum gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The moderator declared Messrs. Cheng and Hardin as Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

M/P to transfer Mr. Yelverton's candidacy to Covenant Presbytery.

Examinations: Ordination & Licensure

Mr. Rob Thacker was examined for ordination and Mr. McCutchen for licensure. Both men were examined concerning their views in theology, Bible content, and church government. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to accept Mr. Thacker's previous examination in Christian Experience.

M/P to accept Mr. Thacker's previous sermon during his licensure trials as satisfying the requirement for his ordination sermon. Passed unanimously.

Mr. McCutchen preached before the Presbytery from Micah 7:18-20.

M/P to sustain Mr. McCutchen's sermon as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain Mr. McCutchen's examination as a whole.

The moderator then asked Mr. McCutchen the licensure questions from BCO 19-3, which were

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answered in the affirmative. He then prayed for Mr. McCutchen and declared him to be a licentiate in Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-4.

Mr. Thacker was examined in the area of sacraments. This examination was sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee certified that Mr. Thacker had obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Covenant College and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, that he was a candidate of this presbytery and that he had successfully completed his internship.

M/S/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages.

M/S/P that Mr. Thacker's written examination in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements.

M/S/P that Mr. Thacker's theology and exegesis papers and written sermon be approved.

M/P to sustain his examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from First PCA, Belzoni, was then placed in Mr. Thacker's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Thacker as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Mr. Thacker then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

23.1101 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Doug McCullough, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **without** exception.

North Park PCA; Bailey PCA; Second PCA, Yazoo City; Pear Orchard PCA; First PCA, Yazoo City; Newton PCA; Brandon PCA; Westminster PCA, Meridian; West PCA; DeKalb PCA; Carthage PCA; First PCA, Jackson (Cong. meetings and Vol. #2).

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **with** exception.

First PCA, Louisville; Raymond PCA; First PCA, Lexington; Forest PCA; Tchula PCA; Mt. Salus PCA; Carolina PCA; Covenant PCA, Louisville; Lakeland PCA; Pearl PCA; Alta Woods PCA; Grace PCA; Shuqualak PCA; Old Madison PCA; First PCA, Kosciusko; Macon PCA; Mt. Carmel PCA; First PCA, Philadelphia; First PCA, Madison; First PCA, Jackson (Vol #1); Union PCA; Providence PCA; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg.

M/S/P to instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate with those churches not submitting their minutes for review and instruct them to bring their minutes to the June meeting.

23.1102

BILLS AND OVERTURES

TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the report the of the Bills and Overture Committee.

M/P to overture the 24th General Assembly to establish Reformed University Ministries as a Permanent Committee of the General Assembly (**Appendix U**).

23.1103

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Roger Collins concluded the Nominating Committee Report. (**Clerk's Note: The elections are included in paragraph 23.1089 above**).

M/S/P to empower the Nominating Committee as a Commission to appoint persons to fill any vacant positions on the GA Committees of Commissioners and to report such actions to the June meeting of Presbytery.

23.1104

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk reported on the deposition of Dr. Stuart Merriam in Tennessee Valley Presbytery (**Appendix V**).

M/S/F to invite/ State Senator Mike Gunn to address the June meeting of Presbytery.

23.1105

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE James "Bebo" Elkin was elected as First Nominee for Moderator of the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

No invitation having been received from a church to host the June 4 meeting of Presbytery, the Stated Clerk will seek to secure such an invitation and report the location by letter to all members of Presbytery.

23.1106

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

23.1107

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. with prayer by TE James Shull.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson, Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, Mississippi February 20, 1996

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: TE Robert Hays)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
 1. Welcome to New President of Belhaven College, Dr. Roger Parrott (5 minutes)
 2. Greetings from RE Dave Hebert
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 1. Thanks
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Letter from First PCA, Jackson
 - b. Letter from TE Philip B. Strong
 3. Call from First PCA, Jackson, to TE Timothy Horn
 4. Missionary Letters
 5. Reports
 - a. Report from Chaplain Jim Carter
 - b. Report of Commission to Install TE Bob Bates
 - c. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. James Blaha
 - d. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Carter Mills
 - e. Treasurer's Report
9. 9:45 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
10. 10:15 A.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE Jason Shelton
11. 10:30 A.M. Report of MNA Committee - TE Ed Norton
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Rod Russ)
14. 10:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Mike Ganucheau, Chairman
18. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee (Continued)
19. 3:10 P.M. Old and New Business
20. 3:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee
 2. Place for the June Meeting
21. 3:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
22. 3:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Madison, Mississippi
June 4, 1996

24.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Robert Hays, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

24.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Jamie Germany	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen, Jr.
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Ron Smith	A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Os Barnes	Doyle Wooldridge
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jim Blaha	A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	Joseph C. Baker
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Timothy C. Meyer	Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	William Hughes	Leland Hume, Jr.
	James H. Stewart	John W. Long
	Brister Ware	Palmer L. Quarterman
	Bill Wymond	Chess B. Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Kenneth L. Kammer
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael F. Ross	Jeffrey F. Lamb
	Chris Shelt	
	Philip B. Strong	
Kosciusko, First	Ed Hartman	James Boyd

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		Hugh D. Null
Learned, Lebanon		Jack Liddell
Lexington, First	Dale T. VanNess	A
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Steve Morris
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		John McDonald
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	Joe Davis
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	John Neville
Meridian, Westminster		A
Meridian, North Point (Mission)	Bob Bates	
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Beezley	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	John H. Davis, Jr.
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
		Ray Reinhardt
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		J.B. Hutton, III
Terry, Wynndale	Ed Johnson	Bill Weathersby
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	J. Gilbert Alexander
Vicksburg, Westminster		Richard L. Stockstill
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	William Carroll
Yazoo City, Second	Iain Wright	Thomas G. Peaster

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Philip R. Blevins; Robert Duhs; Kenneth R. Elliott; Steve Froehlich; Paul B. Long; Fred Marsh; Donald B. Patterson; Paul Zetterholm.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Pierre J. Beaujon; Jimmy Davidson; David Eades; Shawn Keating; E. Gene Morrison; Doug Owen; Curt Presley; Dennis Shackelford.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Steve Long; Mark Lowrey; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** John Allen; Ralph Davis; Doug Kelly; Ron Lively; Doug McCullough; Don Malin; Carter Mills; John Stone; Robert Thacker; Cobby Ware.

- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE Ed Hartman; TE Paul Long.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Warren Foster; Tim Horn; Ed Hurley; Martin Marshall.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 24.1002.a. above.

24.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE James "Bebo" Elkin was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

24.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to dismiss the Credentials Committee from the floor for a short meeting.

TE Brister Ware gave a brief report on an upcoming Living Abundantly Seminar to be held at First PCA, Jackson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket, as amended (**Appendix A**).

24.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Barry Darnell, pastor of First PCA, Madison, welcomed the Presbytery.

24.1006 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Bob Bates, Chairman, TE Ed Johnson, and RE Chess Wymond.

24.1007 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 24.1002e above.

24.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees. He announced the availability of PCA identification cards which can be

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used during General Assembly to gain an exemption from the State sales tax that will be granted by some hotels and car rental agencies.

M/P to receive as information the Respondent's Brief as the action of Presbytery in the Complaint of Landrum, Rogers & Wright vs. Mississippi Valley Presbytery **(Appendix B)**.

M/P to receive, as information, reports from missionaries **(Appendices C- F)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Os Barnes **(Appendix G)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. James Wilson Germany **(Appendix H)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Robert Douglas Thacker **(Appendix I)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Timothy Horn **(Appendix J)**.

M/P to approve the report of the Chaplain Jan Werson **(Appendix K)**.

M/P to approve TE James Wagner's request for honorable retirement, effective Nov. 4, 1996, the Congregation having approved. **(Appendices L-M)**. TE John Reeves led in prayer for Jim and his family and for God's continued blessing on the work at Forest PCA.

24.1009

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report **(Appendix N)**.

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information.

24.1010

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE Rod Russ, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, presented the 1997 Budget.

M/P to adopt the 1997 Budget **(Appendix O)**.

TE Jim Stewart led in a prayer of thanksgiving for God's blessing in the presbytery's solid financial situation.

24.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

There was no report from the MNA Committee.

24.1012

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Jim Stewart, Chairman, presented a report from the MTW Committee. After TE Stewart gave a brief summary of the Vision Mission Trips, TE John Reeves gave a brief report on his recent Vision Trip to Japan and the Far East, and TE Bob Wojohn gave a brief report on his recent Vision Trip to Eastern Europe.

TE Stewart then gave a brief report on the work Kaz Yaegashi in Japan and MVP's oversight of it, expressing the Committee's confidence and appreciation for his work. A letter from the MTW Committee is included as **Appendix P**.

M/P to receive the report of the MTW Committee as information.

24.1013

MEMORIALS

Memorials were read for Ruling Elders John Limerick of Mt. Carmel PCA and Mariner Cole of First PCA, Union, who have died during the past year. TE Schwanebeck led in prayer for the families of these men and for the congregations they served, giving thanks to God for their faithful service (**Appendix Q**).

24.1014

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Partial)

TE Mike Ganucheau, Chairman, gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix R**).

M/P that the Internship Sub-Committee Report be received as information.

Interns Doug Owen, David Eades and Richard Sutton gave oral reports to the Presbytery concerning their internships.

M/P that Candidate Billy Johnson's request for transfer of his candidacy to Grace Presbytery be approved, pending his reception by Grace Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Kevin Teasley's request for transfer of his candidacy to Nashville Presbytery be approved and that his name be removed from the roll of interns, pending his reception by Nashville Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Brian Sleeth's request for transfer of his candidacy to Potomac Presbytery be approved and that his name be removed from the roll of interns, pending his reception by Potomac Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Jason Strong's request for transfer of his candidacy to Southwest Florida Presbytery be approved and that his name be removed from the roll of interns, pending his reception by Southwest Florida Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate hopeful Timothy Gibson's request for transfer of his candidacy (should it be approved) to Louisiana Presbytery be approved, pending successful completion of his candidacy

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examination and his reception by Louisiana Presbytery.

M/P that Mr. Wesley Baker be received as a candidate by way of transfer from South Texas Presbytery.

M/P that Mr. Wesley Baker's completed Internship from South Texas Presbytery be approved as sufficient for ordination.

M/P that Mr. Wesley Baker's call from Lebanon PCA be approved, pending his successful ordination trials (**Appendix S**).

M/S/P that the particulars of Mr. Baker's call be referred to the MNA Committee to see if it is possible to contribute toward an increase in Mr. Baker's call.

M/P that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Wesley Baker, pending his successful ordination trials.

Teaching Elders: Ralph Davis (Convenor and Preacher); Paul Long; Phil Strong
Ruling Elders: David Bradford; N.R. Smith; Jack Liddell; Gene Morrison
Guests: TE Ligon Duncan; TE Duncan Rankin

The Ordination Service will be held at Lebanon PCA on July 7, 1996, at 6:30 p.m.

M/P that the call from Lakeland PCA to TE Steve Jussely be approved (**Appendix T**).

M/P that the request from Lauderdale PCA for TE Julian Stennis (Warrior Presbytery) to continue as Stated Supply be approved. (**Clerk's note: The Credentials Committee met briefly during the morning session. One of their actions was to reverse their recommendation pertaining to this request.**)

M/P that the request to transfer Mr. Sam Cheng's candidacy to Pacific Presbytery be approved and that his name be removed from the roll of interns, pending Pacific Presbytery's reception of him.

M/P that Candidate Robbie Hinton's request for internship be approved and that he be added to the roll of Interns.

M/P that request of Alta Woods PCA for TE Paul Zetterholm to serve as Stated Supply be approved.

M/P that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Steve Jussely.

Teaching Elders: Robert Duhs; Ed Johnson
Ruling Elders: Thomas Sillers; Ken Shepherd; John E. Moran; Alonzo Smith
Guests: TE Bill Whitwer; TE David Jussely

The Installation Service will be held at Lakeland PCA on July 28, 1996, at 6:00 p.m.

24.1015 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**

First PCA, Belzoni; Trinity PCA; Pleasant Springs PCA; Lebanon PCA; Pickens PCA.

24.1016 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:44 a.m., with prayer by RE Tommy Peaster and reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

24.1017 WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE Robert Hays, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "Amazing Grace," TE Hays led in prayer and then preached from 1 Peter 5 on the importance of the Ruling Elder. After singing the Hymn, "The Church's One Foundation," TE Hays led the Presbytery in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with prayer.

24.1018 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Iain Wright was nominated as First Nominee for Moderator for the October Stated Meeting.

M/S/P to accept the standing invitation from First PCA to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting.

24.1019 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

24.1020 LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer at 12:00 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m, with prayer by TE Steve Jussely.

24.1021 THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour the Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Bob Bates, expressed the gratefulness of Mississippi Valley Presbytery to the pastor and Session of First PCA, Madison. Special thanks were given for those preparing and serving the noon meal.

24.1022 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Michael Ganucheau continued the report of the Credentials Committee.

M/S/P that Dennis Shackelford's Internship be approved as completed.

Examinations:

1. Candidacy

M/P to examine Messrs. Bassam Chedid, Timothy Gibson, Scott Pierce and Russell Whitener for candidacy. The Committee certifies that Sessional Recommendations have been received and are on file for all four men.

These four men were then examined in their Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Messrs. Chedid, Gibson, Pierce and Whitener be enrolled as Candidates.

The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and the applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

2. Internship

Mr. Robbie Hinton's application for Internship having been approved during the morning session (**see para. 24.1014 above**), the Moderator declared Robbie Hinton an Intern of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, in accordance with BCO 19-10, and then led in prayer for him.

3. Ordination

M/P to examine Mr. Wesley Baker for ordination. Mr. Baker was received from South Texas Presbytery as a Candidate and his internship approved during the morning session (**see para 24.1014 above**).

The Committee certified that Mr. Baker has obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Texas A & M and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary.

M/P that Mr. Baker's theology and exegesis papers be approved.

M/P to accept Mr. Baker's previous sermon (written and oral) during his licensure trials as satisfying the requirement for his ordination sermon. Passed unanimously.

M/P that Mr. Baker's written examination in church history and the history of the PCA be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements.

M/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages.

Mr. Baker was examined in Christian Experience and concerning his views in theology, Bible content, and church government and sacraments. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain his examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from Lebonon PCA was then placed in Mr. Baker's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Baker as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Mr. Baker then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery. TE James Shull led in prayer for Mr. Baker and for his ministry.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

24.1023

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix U**).

M/P that the name of Center Point Presbyterian Church be removed from the roll of Presbytery.

M/P that MVP acknowledge that Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest, MS, has withdrawn from and severed all ties with the Presbyterian Church in America, effective April 7, 1996, and that its name be deleted from the roll of Presbytery.

M/S/P that the moderator be instructed to write to Covenant PCA communicating Mississippi Valley Presbytery's sorrow and concern that they have left our denomination and praying God's blessing on their continued ministry.

M/P that the name of Mickey Raia be stricken from the roll of Presbytery. He has been a member of Southern Florida Presbytery ever since July 21, 1992.

M/P that the requested dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Alton Phillips and Bailey Presbyterian Church be approved effective May 25, 1996, the congregation having voted to concur. TE Phillips has received a call to be the pastor of Columbia Presbyterian Church, Columbia, MS.

M/P that the requested dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Steve Jussely and Alta Woods Presbyterian Church be approved effective May 31, 1996, the congregation having voted to concur. TE Jussely has received a call to be the pastor of Lakeland PCA.

M/P that the requested dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Carter Mills and First PCA, Kosciusko, be approved effective May 12, 1996. TE Mills has received a call as Asst. Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Little Rock, AR.

M/P that Mississippi Valley Presbytery transfer TE Alton Phillips to Grace Presbytery and TE Carter Mills to Covenant Presbytery, pending their reception by their respective presbyteries.

24.1024

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the following members of Presbytery be excused, at their request, for various portions of the meeting: Ed Hartman; Paul Long.

M/S/P to elect TE James Landrum to the Committee of Commissioners on Interchurch Relations at the 1996 General Assembly.

M/S/P that Presbytery commend the Moderator for his excellent service.

M/S/P that the Moderator write to TE Alton Phillips and TE Carter Mills expressing the Presbytery's appreciation for their years of service.

24.1025

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

24.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) First Presbyterian Church, Madison, Mississippi June 4, 1996

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: RE James "Bebo" Elkin)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 1. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Announcement from First PCA, Jackson
 - b. Letter from Covenant PCA, Forest
 - c. Invitation from RTS to host Presbytery meeting
 - d. Judicial Case 95-11 Respondents' Brief (re: TE Blaha)
 - e. Missionary Letters
 3. Report of Commission to Install TE Os Barnes
 4. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. James Wilson Germany
 1. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Robert Douglas Thacker
 5. Quarterly Report from Chaplain Jan Werson
 6. Treasurer's Report — RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
9. 9:50 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
10. 10:15 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - RE Phil McDade, Chairman
11. 10:40 A.M. Recess
12. 10:55 A.M. Memorial Service for Ruling Elders
13. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Robert Hays)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: \$5.00)
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Michael Ganucheau, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
18. 3:20 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - RE Rod Russ, Chairman
19. 3:40 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman
20. 3:45 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:00 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee
 2. Next Meeting — Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
22. 4:05 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
23. 4:10 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 15, 1996**

24.1027

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE Robert Hays, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

24.1028

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Robert D. Thacker	Peter Hairston
	Richard Wiman	
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison	Ron Smith	A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Os Barnes	Giles W. Crisler
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jim Wagner	O.B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Tim Meyer	Benny Hill
		Edward O. Nalley
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	John G. Caden
	Tim Horn	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William C. Hughes	R.S. McAllister
	James H. Stewart	Palmer L. Quarterman
		Chess B. Wymond
		Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	David M. Storment
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park	James L. Shull	Julius Murray
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael F. Ross	William A. Hays

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	Christopher A. Shelt	
	Philip B. Strong	
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Wesley Baker	Nick Smith
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	Jack B. Yates
Louisville, Covenant	James M. Landrum	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Ben Kirk
Macon, Macon	Joel E. Beezley	
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy R. Davidson
Madison, First		A
Madison, Highlands	Ed Norton	D. Ponsell
Meridian, Westminster		Chester Chatham
Meridian, North Point (Mission)	Bob Bates	A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Ganucheau	John H. Davis, Jr.
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Elmer Adams
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Newell Simrall
		Ray Reinhardt
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		James Peaster
Terry, Wynndale	Ed Johnson	Bill Weathersby
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	Troy D. White
Vicksburg, Westminster	John T. Allen	James W. Harrison
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Robert Wojohn	Robert J. Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	Iain Wright	Will P. Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Philip R. Blevins; Donald K. Caviness; Ralph Davis; Robert Duhs; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Mark Lowrey; Don Malin; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; Clay Quarterman; Paul E. Zetterholm.

c. The following visitors were registered: Bill Bradford; Charley L. Chase; Robert J. Dieckman; J. Ligon Duncan; David Eades; David Galbraith; Mike Hall; Phil Hardin; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas G. Kay; Shawn Keating; Merle A. Messer; Wm. L. 'Buck' Mosal; Doug Owen; Curt Presley; Derek Thomas; William Yount; Moises Zapata.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; Doug Kelly; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Fred Marsh; Donald B. Patterson; Tom

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Penning; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** James Blaha; Barry Darnell; Jamie Germany; Ed Hartman; Donald B. Patterson; Brister Ware; Cobby Ware.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Os Barnes, Bob Bates, Don Caviness, Paul Long, Dale VanNess, and RE's Chester Chatham and Giles Crisler.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth R. Elliott; Warren Foster; Steve Froehlich; Dan Gilchrist; Charlie Rodriguez John S. Stone, IV; Bill Wymond.
- h. **The following ruling elder representative requested and was granted an excused absence:** Macon PCA
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 24.1028.a. above.

24.1029

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Iain Wright was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

24.1030

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to designate the morning worship sermon to be preached by Mr. Shawn Keating as fulfilling the BCO requirement for the Ordination Sermon for Mr. Keating's ordination trials to be held later in the assembly.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

24.1031 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Mark Lowery gave a brief report on Great Commission Publications

Missionaries Clay Quarterman (Ukraine) and Moises Zapata (Mexican-US border ministries) and reported on their ministries. Susan Morgan gave a brief report on her Co-Mission trip to the Ukraine.

Mr. Mike Hall, Representative from IAR gave a brief report.

RE Will Thompson, representing Bethany Christian Services gave a brief report on that ministry.

Mr. John Lowe Smith gave a brief report on the upcoming 1997 Mid-South Men's Rally.

TE Paul Long led in prayer for the above ministries.

Dr. Ligon Duncan, incoming pastor of First PCA, Jackson, and Mr. Mark Magee, Executive Director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility, welcomed the Presbytery.

24.1032 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Os Barnes, Chairman, RE Sonny Peaster and TE Wesley Baker.

24.1033 EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 24.1028.e. above and to the ruling elder listed in 24.1028.h. above..

24.1034 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

Presbytery voted on the eight proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1996 General Assembly. **(Appendix B)**. The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 69 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 66 For, 9 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 3 was approved by a vote of 75 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 4 was approved by a vote of 81 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 5 was approved by a vote of 72 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain.

ITEM 6 was approved by a vote of 55 For, 6 Against, 9 Abstain.

ITEM 7 was approved by a vote of 70 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 8 was approved by a vote of 71 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstain.

The Clerk read the pastoral letter from the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and the Moderator led in prayer asking for God's grace on our country.

M/P to receive, as information, the report by the 24th General Assembly Committee on Review of

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Presbytery Minutes concerning MVP Minutes for 1995-1996 (**Appendix C**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Steve Jussely and the report of the Commission to ordain and install TE Wesley Baker (**Appendices D - E**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix F**).

M/P to receive, as information, the various communications from the General Assembly listed in the Docket (**Appendices G - H**), the complainant's brief in Judicial Case 95-11 (**Appendix I**), various missionary letters (**Appendices J - Q**), and the letter from previous Moderator, RE James Elkin to the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Forest (**Appendix R**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

24.1035 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & PUBLICATIONS

TE Chris Shelt, Chairman, presented the Report of the CE & P Committee (**Appendix S**).

TE Don Malin gave a brief report on his ministry in the area of the Cults.

M/P that the CE & P Report be adopted.

24.1036 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee (**Appendix T**).

M/S/P to present the following persons to the General Assembly Nominating Committee in nomination for the respective permanent committees:

<u>Nominating Committee</u>	RE Edmund Johnston
<u>Review of Presbytery Records:</u>	TE Paul Zetterholm
<u>Administration:</u>	TE Bill Hughes RE Hugh Potts, Jr.
<u>Christian Education/Publications:</u>	TE Chris Shelt RE Benny Hill
<u>Mission to North America:</u>	TE Robert Schwanebeck RE Jack Laws
<u>Mission to the World:</u>	TE Jim Stewart RE Wayne Husband
<u>Interchurch Relations:</u>	TE Wally Bumpas

RE Tom Sanford

Constitutional Business:

TE John Reeves
RE Jimmy Spinks

Theological Examining:

TE Iain Wright
RE James Elkin

Trustee, IAR:

RE Bob Bailey
Deacon Tom Rice

Director, Ridge Haven:

TE Jim Shull
TE Jason Shelton

Trustee, Covenant College:

TE Barry Darnell
RE Robert Cato

Trustee, Covenant Seminary:

TE Dale VanNess
TE Os Barnes

PCA Foundation:

RE Richard Nelson
RE Palmer Quarterman

24.1037

RECESS

The presbytery recessed at 11:00 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

24.1038

WORSHIP

TE Robert Hays led the Presbytery in worship. Following the singing of the Hymn, "Amazing Grace" and prayer by TE Hays, Ordination Candidate Shawn Keating preached from Ephesians 2:1-18 on God's grace. Worship concluded with prayer, and the singing of the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation."

24.1039

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk..

24.1040

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Jason Shelton, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. During the lunch hour, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Os Barnes, gave an oral report from the Thanks Committee, expressing MVP's appreciation for the hospitality of First PCA, Jackson, Twin Lakes Conference Center, with special thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal. Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

24.1041

MISSION MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Jarvis Ward, Chairman of Mission Mississippi, spoke briefly concerning this organization.

24.1042

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Michael Ganuchau, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix U**).

Administrative Recommendations: Internships

M/P that the internship subcommittee report of TE Jim Landrum (attached within the Full Committee Report) be received as information.

M/P that Messrs. Bill Bradford and Curtis Presley be accepted as interns of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley pending successful completion of their candidacy examinations.

Administrative Recommendations: General

M/P that the following supply relationships be established or renewed for another year:

Raymond PCA: TE Buck Mosal as Stated Supply
Westminster PCA, Meridian: TE Terry Crahen as Stated Supply
Concord, PCA: TE Phil Blevins as Stated Supply
Mt. Moriah, PCA: TE Charlie Douglas as Stated Supply
Tchula, PCA: RE Sonny Peaster as Ruling Elder Supply
West, PCA: TE Robert Duhs as Stated Supply

M/P that Candidate Brad Freeman's request for transfer of his candidacy to North Texas Presbytery be approved pending reception by North Texas Presbytery, and that his name be removed from the Roll of Interns pending that action.

M/P that Candidate Rob Bailey's request to transfer his Candidacy to Evangel Presbytery be approved pending reception by that Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Robbie Hinton's application for Internship be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that Gary Johnson's application for Internship be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns, pending successful completion of his candidacy trials.

M/P that Corey Pelton's application for Internship be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns, pending approval of his transfer of Candidacy from Tennessee Valley Presbytery.

M/P that Shawn Keating request to transfer his candidacy to MVP from Covenant Presbytery be approved.

M/P that Shawn Keating's completed Internship program from Covenant Presbytery under the mentorship of TE John Stodghill be approved as satisfactorily completing his ordination requirement.

M/P that the Call of Carolina PCA to Shawn Keating be approved.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Shawn Keating::

Teaching Elders: Ralph Davis, Brister Ware

Ruling Elders: Steve Cotten, Jimmy Davidson, James Peoples

The Ordination Service will be held at Carolina PCA, on October 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the call of Alta Woods PCA to TE Merle Messer be approved.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Messer:

Teaching Elders: Robert Hays, Jason Shelton, Paul Zetterholm

Ruling Elders: Don Dennis, Benny Hill (Convener), Wayne Miller, Gale Martin, Gabe Green, Buddy Ford

The Installation Service will be held at Alta Woods PCA, on November 3, 1996 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the Call of the Session of Highlands PCA to TE Charley Chase be approved (**Appendix V**).

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Charley Chase:

Teaching Elders: Ed Johnson (Chairman), Ed Norton, Bill Hughes

Ruling Elders: Sonny Peaster, Bob Cato, John Neville

The Installation Service will be held at Highlands PCA, on October 27, 1996 at 10:30 a.m.

M/P that the Call of Macon PCA to TE Joel Beezley be approved.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two

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ruling elders to install TE Beezley:

Teaching Elders: Mike Ahlberg, Phil Blevins, Dan Gilchrist
Ruling Elders: John L. Barrett, Walter Riddell, Richard Schimmel, Gray Flora
Elders Emeritus: Ernest Gray Flora, Lynn F. Sprecher, Ernest George

The Installation Service will be held at Macon PCA, on October 20, 1996 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the Call of Reformed Theological Seminary to TE Derek Thomas be approved.

M/P that the Call of First PCA, Jackson to TE Ligon Duncan be approved.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Duncan:

Teaching Elders: William C. Hughes (Chairman), Michael F. Ross, James M. Baird
Ruling Elders: Otho S. Johnson, Robert C. Cannada, Robert J. Bailey
Guests: TE's James A. Turner, Dr. Mark E. Ross, Paul Settle
Honorary Members (unable to be present): Dr. John Reed Miller, Dr. Donald B. Patterson, and Dr. Gordon K. Reed

The Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson, on October 27, 1996 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that Corey Pelton's request that his Candidacy be transferred from Tennessee Valley Presbytery be approved, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials and dismissal from that Presbytery.

M/P that the call of the Medical Marriage and Family Ministries to TE Ron Lively be approved **(Appendix W)**.

M/P that the call of Great Commission Publications to TE Mark Lowrey, Jr. be approved **(Appendix X)**.

Examinations: Transferring Ministers

Teaching Elders Charlie Chase, Ligon Duncan, Merle Messer and Derek Thomas were examined as transferring ministers from Central Georgia, Calvary, Southeast Louisiana Presbyteries and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ireland, , respectively. All were examined in their Christian Experience and touching their views on Theology, Sacraments, and Church Government. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

The calls from Highlands PCA, First PCA, Jackson, Alta Woods PCA and Reformed Theological Seminary were placed respectively in the hands of TE Chase, Duncan, Messer and Thomas and accepted.

In accordance with BCO 13-6, the Moderator then asked TE Derek Thomas (who is coming from another denomination) questions 1-7 from BCO 21-5. Question 8 was omitted as Mr. Thomas is being called to an educational ministry. Mr. Thomas answered all questions in the affirmative.

M/P to receive TE's Charlie Chase, Ligon Duncan, Merle Messer and Derek Thomas as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery pending receipt of their credentials from their respective Presbyteries. All four men then signed the Covenant Book and were welcomed into the Presbytery.

Examinations: Candidacy

Messrs. Randy Compton, Gary Johnson, Shawn Keating, Corey Pelton, and Mike Philliber were examined for candidacy.

M/P that the exams of these men in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry be sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

TE Shull then prayed for Messrs. Robbie Hinton, Gary Johnson, and Corey Pelton and declared them to be Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

Examinations: Ordination

Mr. Shawn Keating was examined for ordination. Mr. Keating's Candidacy and completed internship were approved earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Keating was examined touching his views in Theology, Bible Content, Church Government and the Sacraments. All these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Mr. Keating's theology and exegesis papers, as approved by the Credentials Committee be accepted.

M/P that his sermon preached during the worship service earlier in the day be approved.

M/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages. Passed unanimously.

M/P that his written examination in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P to sustain Mr. Keating's examination as a whole.

The call from Carolina PCA was then placed in Mr. Keating's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Keating as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. He then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

M/P to adopt the report as a whole.

24.1043

MTW COMMITTEE

TE James Stewart, presented a brief oral report from the MTW Committee.

TE Ron Smith reported to the Presbytery that their support has been fully raised and that they will be leaving for the field within the month.

TE Jason Shelton gave a report on how PCA churches are partnering with Mexican Presbyterian churches and how MVP churches can participate in this cooperative ministry.

M/P that, in order to promote the MTW Mexico Partnership Program, \$10,000-12,000 be allocated to support church planting in Mexico in the training of Mexican church planters on behalf of MVP. The money would come out of the unused missionary support of 1996.

24.1044

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix Y**).

M/S/P that the following Teaching Elders be allowed to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery for another year: Mark Lowrey, Don Patterson, Jayson Kyle, Paul Long, Willem VanGemeran and Cobby Ware.

M/P that TE Philip Blevins receive permission to remain on the rolls of Presbytery without a call for another year.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Joel Beezley and First PCA of Philadelphia be dissolved as requested that he may be free to receive the call issued by Macon PCA.

M/P that RE James Sowell of Old Madison PCA and the Session of First PCA of Madison shall compose the new borrowed Session of Old Madison PCA , at the request of the congregation of Old Madison PCA.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Jim Shull and North Park PCA be dissolved upon his request, effective October 31, 1996, pending the approval of the congregation. and that TE Shull receive permission to remain on the rolls of Presbytery without a call for another year.

M/S/P that the Presbytery encourage the Session of North Park PCA to reconsider the severance package for TE Shull.

TE Roger Collins led in prayer for TE Shull.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

24.1045

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved without exception:
St. Paul PCA, Wynndale PCA.

M/S/P to receive the September report of TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix Z**).

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of the following members: Teaching Elders Os Barnes, Bob Bates, Don Caviness, Roger Collins, and Paul Long and Ruling Elders Chester Chatham and Giles Crisler.

24.1046

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Ed Nalley was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the February Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from Reformed Theological Seminary to host the February meeting of Presbytery.

24.1047

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

24.1048

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 15, 1996

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: TE Iain Wright)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:10 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
 1. GA Representative from IAR
 2. Representative from Bethany Christian Services
6. 9:25 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:30 P.M. ORAL REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES PRESENT TODAY
8. 9:35 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 1. Thanks (3 members)
9. 9:35 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Voting on Proposed BCO Changes
 3. Reports
 - a. Report of G.A. Review of MVP Minutes
 - b. Report of Commission to install TE Steve Jussely
 - c. Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. Wesley Baker
 - d. Treasurer's Report
 4. Communications
 - a. 1996 Askings
 - b. Due Dates for 25th General Assembly Reports
 - c. Complainant's Brief in Judicial Case 95-11 (James M. Landrum et al vs. Mississippi Valley Presbytery.)
(Clerk's Note: The Respondent's Brief was published in the June 1996 Minutes of MVP).
 - d. Missionary Letters
 - e. Letter from Moderator, RE Elkin, to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest
10. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Chris Shelt, Chairman
11. 10:35 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
12. 11:00 A.M. Recess
13. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE James "Bebo" Elkin)
14. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$5.00**)
 1. Report of Thanks Committee
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Michael Ganucheau, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Report of MTW Committee - RE Phil McDade, Chairman
18. 3:30 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
19. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business

20. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee
21. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 18, 1997
22. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
23. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi
February 18, 1997

24.1049

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator, TE Iain Wright, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

24.1050

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	Tommy L. McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Charlie Moak
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist IV	Vernon Cotten
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jim Blaha	A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	Oliver B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Herman Piner
		Edward O. Nalley
Jackson, First	J. Ligon Duncan	John G. Caden
	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	Tim Horn	Leland Hume, Jr.
	William Hughes	John W. Long
	James H. Stewart	Chess B. Wymond
	Brister Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
	William Wymond	
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park		Robert W. Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael F. Ross	A

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon

Christopher A. Shelt
 Philip B. Strong
 Ed Hartman

A
 A
 A
 N.R. Smith
 E.G. Morrison

Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Madison, Highlands
 Meridian, Northpointe (Mission)
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Wesley Baker

 Jim Landrum
 Bob Schwanebeck

 Joel E. Beezley
 Shawn Keating
 Barry Darnell
 Ed Norton
 Bob Bates

A
 Roland Byrd
 Niles McNeel
 A
 A
 Richard Metz
 A
 Richard Dixon
 A
 C.E. Davis

Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Charlie Douglas
 Robert Hays

 Michael Ganucheau

 Carl Kalberkamp

 Ed Hurley

 Edward Johnson
 Mike Ahlberg
 John T. Allen

 Bob Wojohn
 Iain Wright

A
 A
 George Powe
 A
 A
 A
 Lester Parker
 M.R. Swofford
 Tom Day
 Newell Simrall
 A
 A
 J.B. Hutton III
 J.W. Woodard, Jr.

 Terry W. Warren
 A
 William H. Barbour, Jr.
 Robert H. Cato

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Phillip R. Blevins; Ralph Davis; Robert Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; Steven D. Froehlich; Ron Lively; Paul B. Long; Don Malin; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; James L. Shull; Derek W.H. Thomas; Paul Zetterholm.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Ken Covington; Robert J. Dieckman; Tobby Donalson; David Eades; Harold A. McDiarmid; Julius Murray; Doug Owen; Curt Presley. Joe York.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Steve Long; Mark Lowrey; Fred Marsh; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Jakub Susabda; Willem VanGemerren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Os Barnes, Charlie Chase, Don Patterson, Charlie Rodriguez; Dale VanNess.
- f. The following ruling elder representatives requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Union PCA, Mt. Salus PCA.
- g. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Ed Hartman, Ralph Davis, Wes Baker; RE Vernon Cotten.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Warren Foster; Doug Kelly; John Stone; Cobby Ware.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 24.1050.a. above.

24.1051

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Edward O. Nalley was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

24.1052

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

TE Jeff Elliott announced a time of prayer for revival during the lunch hour.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

24.1053

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Steve Froehlich, Executive Vice-President, Reformed Theological Seminary, welcomed the Presbytery.

24.1054

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Merle Messer, Chairman, TE Jason Shelton, RE Bob Swofford.

24.1055

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching and ruling elders listed in 24.1050.e. and f. above.

24.1056

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, letters from several missionaries and several other communications (**Appendices B - F**).

M/P to approve the reports of the Commissions to install TE's Charley Chase, Ligon Duncan and Merle Messer and the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Shawn Keating (**Appendices G - J**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

24.1057

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix K**).

M/S/P to receive this report as information.

24.1058

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial Report)

TE Michael Ganucheau, Chairman, gave partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L**).

M/P that the Internship Subcommittee report be received as information.

Intern Phil Hardin gave an oral report of his internship to the Presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations:

M/P that Candidates Rob Bailey, John Hartung, Charles Jackson, Ken Pierce, and Ken Roth be removed from the roll of candidates of the Presbytery due to their removing themselves from our oversight (authority, BCO 18-7).

M/P that the names of Henry Beaulieu, Donald Wahlman, Toby Yelverton, and Terry Crahan, be removed from the Roll of Licentiates, due to their moving from the bounds of this presbytery.

M/P that the yearly candidate reports of Messrs. William Beasley, Basaam Chedid, Mike Gant, Jessie Jacobs, Scott Pierce, and Russell Whitener, be received and copies of those reports be spread upon the Minutes (**Appendices M - S**).

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M/P that the internship program of David Eades be approved as complete.

M/P that the internship program of Curt Presley be approved as complete.

M/P that Bobby Donalson's application for Internship be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials.

M/P that TE Rob Thacker's Call the Bailey Presbyterian Church be approved.

M/S/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Rob Thacker:

Teaching Elders: Richard Wiman (Convener), Wally Bumpas, Ralph Davis
Ruling Elders: Bill Allen, Frederick Clark, Session of Bailey Presbyterian Church
Guests: TE Knox Chamblin (PCUSA), RE Robert Thacker (Potomac Presbytery)

The Installation Service is scheduled at Bailey PCA, on March 16, 1997, at 5:00 p.m.

M/P that Curt Presley's Call to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church be approved.

M/P that David Eades' Call to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church be approved.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Curt Presley, pending successful completion of his ordination trials:

Teaching Elders: Jack Scott, Barry Darnell, Carl Kalberkamp
Ruling Elders: Jack Treloar, Ken King, Newell Simrall, Lee Tyner

The Ordination Service is scheduled at Pear Orchard PCA on March 9, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. David Eades, pending successful completion of his ordination trials:

Teaching Elders: Carl Kalberkamp (Convener), Wes Baker, Ralph Davis
Ruling Elders: Ken King, Lee McCarty, Rod Russ
Guests: TE Billy Johnson (Grace Presbytery), RE Jim Eades (New River Presbytery)

The Ordination Service is scheduled at Pear Orchard PCA on March 23, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

M/S/P that TE Jamie Germany's call to Forest Presbyterian Church be approved (**Appendix T**).

M/S/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Jamie Germany.

Teaching Elders: Brister Ware, Jason Shelton (Convener)
Ruling Elders: Session of Forest PCA
Guest: TE Alton Phillips (Grace Presbytery)

The Installation Service is scheduled at Forest PCA, on April 6, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.

M/S/P that TE Paul Zetterholm's call to Alta Woods Presbyterian Church be approved (**Appendix U**).

M/S/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Paul Zetterholm.

Teaching Elders: Michael Ganuchau (Convener), Merle Messer, Roger Collins
Ruling Elders: Session of Alta Woods PCA

The Installation Service is scheduled at Alta Woods PCA on March 2, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

M/S/P to approve the request of West PCA for the services of TE Bob Duhs as Stated Supply for another year (2nd and 4th Sundays).

24.1059

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m., for worship.

24.1060

WORSHIP

TE Iain Wright led the Presbytery (joined by the RTS Student Body) in worship. After singing Psalm 89:1-16, TE Wright led in prayer and then preached from Galatians 2:11-21. After prayer, worship was concluded with the singing of a paraphrase Romans 8.

24.1061

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:02 a.m.

24.1062

MTW COMMITTEE

TE James Stewart, Chairman, gave a brief report of the MTW Committee, including a report on Mission Trips that have been planned for this year and an announcement of Evangelism Explosion Training at First PCA from April 25-30. A brief film was shown of the Santos Outreach, an MTW Vacation Bible School project among the Indians in Peru.

24.1063

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix V**).

M/P that the three month severance package given by North Park Presbyterian Church to Dr. Jim Shull be confirmed as appropriate.

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The Advisory Committee has accepted the offer of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to establish a short term relief fund for Jimmy Shull. The Advisory Committee has also appointed TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Bob Schwanebeck, RE Bebo Elkin, and a ruling elder from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, to be a shepherding committee to advise and encourage Jimmy Shull in the interim.

M/S/P to recommend that the Stewardship and Finance Committee disburse \$5,000 to the above ad-hoc Committee for the support of TE Shull and his family.

M/P that the Presbytery dismiss TE Tim Meyer to James River Presbytery pending their receiving him into their membership.

M/P that Presbytery approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Jamey Germany and the Bailey Presbyterian Church to enable him to accept the call from Forest PCA.

M/P that the membership of TE Jim Wagner be transferred to Central Georgia Presbyter pending their receipt of him.

M/S/P to dismiss TE Ed Norton to Covenant Presbytery to accept a call at Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, pending the Congregation's approval of his request to dissolve the Pastoral Relationship.

24.1064 MNA COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

TE Ed Norton, Chairman, gave a report from MNA.

TE Bob Bates gave a report on the Mission Work at Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian.

M/P to approve the 1997 Budget for Reformed University Ministries//Mississippi (**Appendix W**).

RE Vernon Cotten gave a brief report on his evangelistic efforts among the Hispanic people near Carthage.

24.1065 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Wally Bumpas as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Bumpas then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records.

24.1066 LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Roger Collins, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Presbytery reconvened at 1:05 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

24.1067 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole. The Report of The Committee of the Whole was deferred until later in the afternoon (see **24.1072** below).

24.1068 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and amended.

24.1069 MNA COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

Mr. Cotten concluded his report (which had been interrupted by the Order of the Day at the Lunch Hour), showing a brief film of his work, followed by brief remarks by Dr. Elias Mederios and Dr. Alonzo Rameriz.

24.1070 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (Conclusion)

M/S/P that Presbytery approve the change in call from Trinity PCA for TE Michael F. Ross to \$80,772.00, including housing allowance of \$21,000.00.

M/S/P that Presbytery approve the change in call from Trinity PCA for TE Christopher A. Shelt to \$54,467.92, including housing allowance of \$20,000.00.

M/P that Messrs. David Eades and Curt Presley be examined for ordination and that Messrs. Toby Donalson and Ed Ludt be examined for candidacy in the areas of Christian experience and call to the ministry. Session certification forms are on file with the committee for Messrs. Donalson and Ludt.

Examinations: Candidacy

Applicants for Candidacy, Messrs. Toby Donalson and Eddie Ludt, and Applicants for Ordination, Messrs. Eades and Presley were examined Christian Experience. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee certified that Sessional endorsement had been received for both men coming for Candidacy. The moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and both applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Brister Ware gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

The Moderator declared Mr. Toby Donalson to be an intern according to BCO 19-10.

Examinations: Ordination

Messrs. David Eades and Curt Presley were examined for ordination.

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The Committee certified that Mr. Eades had obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Guilford College and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, that he was a candidate of this presbytery and that he had successfully completed his internship.

The Committee certified that Mr. Presley had obtained his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Mississippi and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, that he was a candidate of this presbytery and that he had successfully completed his internship.

M/P that Messrs. Eades' and Presley's theology and exegesis papers and written sermon be approved.

M/P to accept Mr. Eades' previous sermon during his licensure trials as satisfying the requirement for his ordination sermon. Passed unanimously.

M/P that Messrs. Eades' and Presley's written examinations in church history be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P that Messrs. Eades' and Presley's seminary degrees be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages. Passed unanimously.

Both men were examined in Christian Experience, and concerning their views in theology, sacraments, Bible content, and church government. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

The Presbytery recessed from 3:15 pm to 3:25 p.m.

Mr. Presley preached before the Presbytery from Matthew 5:1-10 on the topic of mercy. His oral sermon was sustained as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain Messrs. Eades' and Presley's examinations as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from Pear Orchard PCA was then placed in Mr. Eades' hands and accepted.

The call from Pear Orchard PCA was then placed in Mr. Presley's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Eades and Mr. Presley as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Both men then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

The call from Forest PCA was placed in TE Germany's hands and accepted.

The call from Bailey PCA was placed in TE Thacker's hands and accepted

The call from Alta Woods PCA was placed in TE Zetterholm's hands and accepted.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

24.1071

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the Nominating Committee Report (**Appendix X**).

M/S/P to suspend the rules in order to allow the re-election of RE Phil McDade to the MTW class of 1997 (replacing the Committee's recommendation of Rev. Charley Chase). Passed by a vote of 49-1.

The following men were elected to the Class of 1999 of their respective MVP Committees:

MTW: Mr. Phil McDade, Rev. Jim Stewart, Mr. Al Chaddick

MNA: Rev. Bob Bates, Rev. Merle Messer, Mr. Robert Mims

CE & P: Rev. Tim Horn, Mr. Hugh Potts, Jr., Rev. Wayne Rogers

Advisory: Rev. Dale VanNess, Mr. Frank York

Stewardship & Finance: Rev. Dan Gilchrist, Mr. Doyle Moorhead

Credentials: Mr. Gale Martin, Rev. Ligon Duncan, Rev. Mike Ganucheau, Mr. Bebo Elkin

Sessional Records: Rev. Shawn Keating, Mr. Jim Hallum

Standing Rules: Rev. Paul Zetterholm, Mr. Erskine Wells

Nominating (from the floor): Rev. Roger Collins, Mr. Don Breazeale

The following men were elected to Committees of Commissioners to the 25th General Assembly.

Administration: Rev. Dan Gilchrist

Christian Education: Rev. Iain Wright

Covenant Seminary: Rev. Phil Strong

Interchurch Relations: Rev. John Reeves

MNA: Rev. J. Ligon Duncan, III

PCA Foundation: Rev. Robert Schwanebeck

Bills & Overtures:

Covenant College: Dr. William Long

Insurance and Annuities:

MTW: Mr. Robert Mims

Ridge Haven:

Floor Clerk: Rev. Tim Horn

Elder for Communion at GA: Mr. Joel Varner

At the request of the Board of Directors of Ridge Haven, RE Steve Morris was elected to replace Rev. Jim Shull as our nominee to the Board of Directors of Ridgehaven.

M/S/P to empower the Nominating Committee as a Commission to appoint persons to fill any vacant positions on the GA Committees of Commissioners and to report such actions to the June meeting of Presbytery.

24.1072

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **without** exception.

Pearl; Bethesda; Belzoni; Brandon; 2nd PCA, Yazoo City; Shuqualak; St. Paul; DeKalb; Wynndale; Pickens; North Park; Lakeland; Westminster PCA, Meridian; First PCA, Yazoo City; Edwards; Pear Orchard; Trinity; Carthage; Alta Woods; Westminster PCA, Vicksburg; First PCA, Jackson; First PCA, Louisville.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **with** exception.

West; Shiloh; Newton; Bailey; Macon; Union; Tchula.

24.1073 **THANKS COMMITTEE**

TE Merle Messer, Chairman, read the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix Y**).

24.1074 **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Excused absences for portions of the afternoon session were approved for TE's Ed Hartman, Ralph Davis, Wes Baker, and RE Vernon Cotten.

24.1075 **ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING**

TE Mike Ross was elected as First Nominee for Moderator of the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation of First PCA, Louisville, to host the June meeting of Presbytery.

24.1076 **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk.

24.1077 **ADJOURNMENT**

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m with prayer by TE Mike Ganuchau.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi February 18, 1997

Proposed Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: RE Ed Nalley)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 1. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Revised Partnership Shares from G.A.
 - b. News Article on Partial Birth Abortions
 3. Missionary Letters
 4. Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Report of Commission to Install TE Charley Chase
 - c. Report of Commission to Install TE Ligon Duncan
 - d. Report of Commission to Install TE Merle Messer
 - e. Report of Commission to Ordain and Install Mr. Shawn Keating
9. 10:00 A.M. Worship Service to coincide with RTS Chapel Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Iain Wright)
10. 10:45 A.M. Recess
11. 11:00 A.M. Report of MTW Committee - TE James Stewart, Chairman
12. 11:10 A.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
13. 11:20 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Ed Norton, Chairman
14. 11:50 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
15. 11:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Wally Bumpas, Chairman
16. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: **\$3.50**)
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Mike Ganucheau, Chairman
18. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
19. 3:30 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee (Continued)
20. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee
 2. Place for the June Meeting
22. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
23. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi
June 3, 1997

25.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Ed Nalley, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

25.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry Rogers
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon		Joseph B. Barnes
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist, IV	Alvie C. Pete Moore
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Os Barnes	A
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	O. B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Paul E. Zetterholm	Edward 'Ed' Nalley
		R.C. Roberts
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	William Hughes	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Jim Stewart	John W. Long
	Brister Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park		Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul	Wayne Rogers	A
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	A
Kosciusko, First	Ed Hartman	Johnny Boswell
		Al Chadick
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A

Church

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Madison, Highlands
 Meridian, Westminster
 Meridian, North Point
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Wesley Baker
 Dale VanNess
 James M. Landrum
 Bob Schwanebeck
 Joel E. Beezley

 Barry Darnell
 Charley Lynn Chase

 Bob Bates

 Charlie Douglas
 Robert Hays
 Jim Shull

Michael Ganucheau

Carl Kalberkamp
 David Eades
 Curt Presley

Ed Hurley

Ed Johnson
 Mike Ahlberg
 John Allen

Bob Wojohn
 Iain Wright

Ruling Elder

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 John M. Kimbrough
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 Bobby Smyth
 John L. Barrett
 Richard Metz
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 George Powe
 Howard Hunt
 Otha D. Jackson
 Charles McClain
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 John H. Davis, Jr.
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 Newell Simrall
 Ken L. Smith

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 S. D. G. Hutton, Jr.
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 A
 James D. Harrison
 A
 William Carroll
 A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson; Philip R. Blevins; Steven D. Froehlich; Shawn Keating; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Warren Bennett; Chris Bower; Wade Coleman; Jamie & Jacki Gildard; Harry J. Harm; John McDonald; Doug Owen; Richard Sutton; Rob Taylor.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; Doug Kelly; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Ron Smith; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemerren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Jim Blaha; Wally Bumpas; Ralph Davis; Ken Elliott; Paul Long; Mark Lowrey; Don Malin; Doug McCullough; Merle Messer; Don Patterson; Chris Shelt; Jason Shelton; Phil Strong; Derek Thomas; Cobby Ware.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's David Eades; Curt Presley; James Stewart; Brister Ware. RE's Bob Cooper; Lee Hume; John Long; Frank York.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Warren Foster; Tim Horn; Charlie Rodriguez; Bill Wymond.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 25.1002.a. above.

25.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Michael Ross was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

25.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket, as amended (**Appendix A**).

25.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Bob Schwanebeck, pastor of First PCA, Louisville, welcomed the Presbytery.

25.1006

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Carl Kalberkamp, Chairman, RE Sonny Roberts, and TE Rob Thacker.

The Moderator appointed a Bills & Overtures Committee comprised of Past Moderator, RE Ed Nalley, Chairman, TE Jim Shull and TE Ligon Duncan.

M/S/P to dismiss the Bills & Overtures Committee and the Sessional Records Committee to meet.

25.1007

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 25.1002e above. TE Brister Ware led the Presbytery in prayer for TE Donald Patterson.

25.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to receive, as information, letters from TE Shull and the Stated Clerk of the PCA (**Appendices B-C**), the report of the Standing Judicial Commission in Case 95-11 (**Appendix D**) and reports from missionaries (**Appendices E- O**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE James W. Germany (**Appendix P**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Robert Douglas Thacker (**Appendix Q**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Paul E. Zetterholm(**Appendix R**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. David Eades (**Appendix S**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Curtis Presley (**Appendix T**).

M/P to approve the report of Chaplain Jan Werson (**Appendix U**).

M/P to approve the report of Chaplain Jim Carter (**Appendix V**).

25.1009

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix W**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report as information.

25.1010

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Partial Report)

TE Barry Darnell, Chairman, presented the report of the MNA Committee (**Appendix X**).

M/S/P that the Mississippi Valley Presbytery adopt the overture regarding RUM (**Appendix Y**).

During the discussion on this motion, TE Ligon Duncan, Chairman, presented the report of the Bills & Overtures Committee. This Committee unanimously recommended that the Presbytery adopt the

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Overture as moved. TE Bob Schwanebeck then gave a history of RUM under the Presbyteries of Covenant, Grace and Mississippi Valley, followed by extensive discussion of the motion.

M/S/P that the 11-point statement from the Mississippi Joint Committee for RUM dated March 3, 1997, be endorsed by the Presbytery, and spread upon the minutes.

M/S/P that TE Ligon Duncan be appointed to represent Presbytery at a meeting of the MNA Study Committee concerning RUM/GA relationship to be held at General Assembly.

25.1011

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:51 a.m., with prayer by TE Ligon Duncan and reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

25.1012

MEMORIALS

Memorials were read for Ruling Elder Russ M. Johnson of First PCA, Jackson and Ruling Elders Wilbur C. Allen and James C. Rimmer of Alta Woods PCA, who have died during the past year. RE Ed Nalley led in prayer for the families of these men and for the congregations they served, giving thanks to God for their faithful service (**Appendices Z - AB**).

25.1013

WORSHIP

TE Paul Zetterholm, led the Presbytery in worship. After singing the Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," TE Zetterholm led in prayer and then preached from Matthew 27:46 on Christ's Fourth Word from the Cross. After singing the Hymn, "Alas and did my Savior bleed" TE Zetterholm led the Presbytery in the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with the singing of the Hymn, "Rock of Ages" and prayer.

25.1014

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk.

25.1015

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer at 12:05 p.m. with prayer by the TE Steve Froehlich, and reconvened at 1:10 p.m, with prayer by the TE John Reeves.

25.1016

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ganucheau, Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix AC**).

Internship:

M/P that the Internship Sub-Committee Report be received as information.

Interns Doug Owen and Richard Sutton gave oral reports to the Presbytery concerning their internships.

Administrative:

M/P that Presbytery affirm the Credentials Committee's action, in accord with Standing Rules, Art. VII.E.b.5. to allow TE Richard Konieczny (EPC) to move on to the field to preach the Word of God at Westminster PCA, Meridian, until Presbytery has opportunity to examine him for Licensure at its October, 1997 meeting. He is currently out of the country on a mission trip and not available for examination today. However, the Credentials Committee has examined TE Konieczny thoroughly and recommends him for Licensure Examination.

M/P that TE Richard Konieczny's sermon, preached for his 1988 Licensure in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, be approved in lieu of his current Licensure sermon.

M/P that Mr. Tim Muse's application for transfer of his Candidacy from Gulf Coast Presbytery be approved.

M/P that Mr. Tim Muse's Internship, completed and approved by Gulf Coast Presbytery, be approved as fulfilling the requirements of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

M/P that Mr. Tim Muse's Call as Assistant Pastor from First PCA, Kosciusko, be approved.

M/P that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Tim Muse, pending his successful ordination trials.

Teaching Elders: Ed Hartman, Ralph Davis and Paul Long
Ruling Elders: Gary Holdiness, Mickey Fowler, Doug Vinzant

The Ordination Service will be held at First PCA, Kosciusko, on June 15, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that Mr. Robbie Hinton's Candidacy be transferred to Covenant Presbytery and that his name be removed from our Roll of Interns.

M/P that Candidate Jesse Jacobs' application for Internship be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that the Call from Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, to TE Bob Bates be approved.

M/P that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Bob Bates.

Teaching Elders: Wally Bumpas, Rob Thacker, Ralph Davis
Ruling Elders: Jackie Caldwell, Tommy McDonald, Gerald Lockley

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The Installation Service will be held at Northpointe PCA on August 3, 1997, at 4:00 p.m.

M/P that the Call from First PCA, Philadelphia, to TE James Shull be approved (**Appendix AD**).

M/P that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE James Shull.

Teaching Elders: Brister Ware, Chairman; Robert Schwanebeck
Ruling Elders: Charles McClain, Bebo Elkin

Guests: TE Jimmy Turner (Covenant Presbytery); RE David Shull (Grace Presbytery).

The Installation Service will be held at First PCA, Philadelphia on June 22, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

Examinations:

1. Candidacy

M/P to examine Messrs. Matt Schilling, Wade Coleman and Jim Furey be examined for candidacy. The Committee certifies that Sessional Recommendations have been received and are on file for all three men.

These three men were then examined in their Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry. These examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

M/P that Messrs. Schilling, Coleman and Furey be enrolled as Candidates.

The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and the applicants answered in the affirmative. He then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

2. Internship

Mr. Jesse Jacobs' application for Internship having been approved (**see above**), the Moderator declared Mr. Jacobs an Intern of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, in accordance with BCO 19-10, and then led in prayer for him.

3. Ordination

M/P to examine Mr. Tim Muse for ordination. Mr. Muse had earlier been received as a Candidate from Gulf Coast Presbytery and his internship approved (**see above**).

Mr. Muse was examined in Christian Experience and concerning his views in theology, Bible content, church government and the sacraments. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Muse then preached from 1 Samuel 11 on the topic of "In God We Trust." His oral sermon was sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee certified that Mr. Muse has obtained his Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina

State University and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary.

M/P that Mr. Muse's theology and exegesis papers be approved.

M/P that Mr. Muse's written sermon be approved.

M/P that Mr. Muse's written examination in church history and the history of the PCA be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages. Passed unanimously.

M/P to sustain his examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The call from First PCA, Kosciusko, was then placed in Mr. Muse's hands and accepted.

M/P to receive Mr. Muse as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. Mr. Muse then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

The call from Philadelphia PCA was placed in TE Shull's hands and accepted.

The call from Northpointe PCA was placed in TE Bates' hands and accepted.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

25.1017

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Jim Stewart, Chairman, presented a report from the MTW Committee, giving a brief summary of the work of the Committee as a whole, including support available for both missionaries and local churches. TE Iain Wright gave a brief report on his trip to Japan and the work of Kaz Yaegashi,

James Gildard, missionary-candidate to Senegal and Don Cobb, missionary-candidate to the Muslim peoples in Switzerland gave brief reports on their proposed fields of service.

M/P to receive the report of the MTW Committee as information. TE Stewart led in prayer.

25.1018

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

M/S/P that the temporary Session of the Northpointe PCA be constituted a commission (with a quorum of two Teaching Elders and two Ruling Elders) to organize Northpointe PCA as a particular church in Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

M/S/P that the audit of Reformed University Ministries for 1995 be received as information (**on file in the Stated Clerk's Office**).

M/S/P that Presbytery approve \$5,000.00 for the Hispanic ministry under the oversight of the

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Carthage Presbyterian Church. **M/S/P** (with one negative vote) to suspend the rules and debate and vote on this motion without the action of the Stewardship and Finance Committee (the MNA Committee had sought to meet with the Stewardship and Finance Committee, but there was not a quorum). The Treasurer reports that there are sufficient surplus funds to this request. Passed unanimously.

25.1019 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman, gave a brief report of the CE & P Committee.

M/S/P to plan and hold a 25th Anniversary celebration in the coming year.

M/S/P to authorize planning for a Tri-Presbytery Youth Conference beginning in 1998.

M/S/P to receive the report as a whole.

25.1020 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE Rod Russ, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Committee, presented the 1998 Budget.

M/S/P to adopt the 1998 Budget as presented (**Appendix AE**).

25.1021 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix AF**).

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Phil Strong and Trinity PCA be dissolved at his request and that he be dismissed to Great Lakes Presbytery pending his reception into that Presbytery as a Church Planter. The Session of Trinity PCA concurs in this request. TE James Shull prayed for TE Strong and his new ministry.

M/P that TE Phil Blevins be dismissed to Westminster Presbytery pending his reception into that Presbytery, that he might accept a call as a teacher at Graham Bible College. TE Dan Gilchrist led in prayer for TE Blevins and his new ministry.

M/P that Presbytery approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Shawn Keating and the Carolina Presbyterian Church; that we take note of the irregularity in the way the dissolution was handled; and that we request the Advisory Committee be instructed by the Presbytery to counsel (**Amendment M/S/P**: "with TE Keating and") with the Session of that Church.

Mr. Richard Metz, a ruling elder from Carolina PCA gave a brief statement to the Presbytery.

M/P that Presbytery ask the Carolina Presbyterian Church to allow the Keatings to remain in the manse until August 15, 1997, if necessary.

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi June 3, 1997

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery Opened with Prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a Quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: TE Mike Ross)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of Docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of Visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from Host Church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 1. Thanks (3 members)
 2. Overtures (RE Ed Nalley, Chairman, plus two more members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Communication to be Referred
 - a. Proposed Overture (from MNA Committee)
 3. Communications to be Received as Information
 - a. Letter from TE James Shull
 - b. Report of the Judicial Commission re: Case 95-11 (Landrum, Rogers, Wright, et al. VS Mississippi Valley Presbytery)**3**
 - c. Letter introducing new staff member on GA Stated Clerk's staff
 - d. Missionary Letters
 4. Report of Commissions to Install TE's James W. Germany and Robert Douglas Thacker and to Ordain and Install Mr. David Eades and Mr. Curtis E. Presley, III
 5. Quarterly Report from Chaplain Jim Carter
 6. Treasurer's Report — RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
9. 9:45 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Barry Darnell, Chairman
10. 10:15 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE Jim Stewart, Chairman
11. 10:45 A.M. Recess
12. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Including Memorials) and Sacrament of Lord's Supper (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Ed Nalley)
13. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
14. 12:00 P.M. Lunch -- (Cost: **\$3.00**)
15. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Michael Ganucheau, Chairman
16. 3:00 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - RE Lee McCarty, Chairman
17. 3:15 P.M. Report of Christian Education & Publications Committee
18. 3:20 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
19. 3:40 P.M. Report of Overtures Committee - RE Ed Nalley, Chairman
20. 4:15 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee
21. 4:20 P.M. Report of the Nominating Committee
22. 4:30 P.M. Old and New Business
23. 4:45 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 1. Election of First Nominee

24. 4:50 P.M. 2. Next Meeting — Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
25. 5:00 P.M. Adjournment with prayer

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 21, 1997**

25.1028

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Past Moderator, TE Michael Ross. TE Jim Landrum led the Presbytery in prayer.

25.1029

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	Ken Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	J.E. Fortenberry
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	Joseph H. Sasser, Jr.
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus	Os Barnes	A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards	Jim Blaha	A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	Marion E. McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Paul E. Zetterholm	Gil Ford
		John Spears
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Jeff Elliott	Leland Hume, Jr.
	Tim Horn	John W. Long
	William Hughes	Palmer L. Quarterman
	James H. Stewart	Chess B. Wymond
	B.H. Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland		A
Jackson, North Park		Harold A. McDiarmid
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	A

Church

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Highlands
Meridian, North Point
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Christopher A. Shelt
Tim Muse

Wesley Baker
Dale VanNess
James M. Landrum
Bob Schwanebeck

Barry Darnell

Bob Bates

Charlie Douglas
Robert E. Hays
James L. Shull

David Eades
Carl Kalberkamp
Curt Presley

Ed Hurley

Ed Johnson
Mike Ahlberg
John Allen

Bob Wojohn

Ruling Elder

John Reeves
A
A
N.R. Smith
Charles Campbell
A
John Sharp
John L. Barrett
Jimmy R. Davidson
A
A
David M. Case
C.E. Davis
A
A
George Powe
A
A
A
M.R. Swofford
Rod Russ

A
A
James Peaster
J.W. Woodard, Jr.
A
Gordon Sluis
A
Robert J. Bailey
A

- b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were:** B.I. Anderson;; Jim Baird; Ralph Davis; Steve Froehlich; Mark L. Lowrey, Jr.; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; Derek W.H. Thomas.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Matt Baugh; Bill Bradford; Toby Donalson; John Ferguson; Jim Furey; Jesse Jacobs; Gary Glen Johnson; Paul Nasekos; Matt Schilling; Mark Stackhouse; Robert Taylor.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell; James Carter; Don Caviness; Doug Kelly; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Donald B. Patterson; Tom Penning; Clayton E. Quarterman; Ron Smith; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Bob Duhs, Warren Foster, Ed Hartman, Paul Long, Merle Messer, H. Cobb Ware.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's John Allen, Roger Collins, Charles Douglas, Jamey Germany, Ed Hurley, Rob Thacker, and Dale VanNess and Ruling Elders Ken Covington, Gil Ford, Jim Hallum, Marion McCrory and Gordon Sluis.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Chase; Kenneth R. Elliott; J. Stephen Jussely; Shawn Keating; Charlie Rodriguez; Richard Wiman; Bill Wymond
- h. The following ruling elder representative requested and was granted an excused absence:** None.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 25.1029.a. above.

25.1030

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Steve McNair was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

25.1031

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

25.1032 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Following the introduction of visitors, Dr. Ligon Duncan, pastor of First PCA, Jackson, and Mr. Mark Magee, Executive Director of Twin Lakes Conference Facility, welcomed the Presbytery.

25.1033

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Dan Gilchrist, Convener, TE Bob Bates and RE John Sharp.

25.1034

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 25.1029.e. above.

25.1035

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to respond to the report by the 25th General Assembly Committee on Review of Presbytery Minutes concerning MVP Minutes for 1996-1997(**Appendix B**), as follows: **"Mississippi Valley Presbytery includes the History of the PCA in its written examination on Church History to Ordination candidates. The Presbytery regrets its oversight in not specifying PCA Church History in the Minutes of October 15, 1996."**

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to organize Northpointe PCA, Meridian, to install TE Bob Bates and to install the Ruling Elders (**Appendix C**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to install TE James Shull (**Appendix D**).

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Timothy G. Muse (**Appendix E**).

M/P to receive the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix F**).

M/P to approve the quarterly report of Chaplain Jan Werson (**Appendix G**).

M/P to receive, as information, the 1998 Partnership Shares from the General Assembly (**Appendix H**) and various missionary letters (**Appendices I - S**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole. TE James Baird led in prayer for TE Don Patterson.

25.1036

JUDICIAL CASE 95-11

TE Jason Shelton reported on the action of the Standing Judicial Commission in matter of the ordination of TE James Blaha (Case 95-11), the response of the 25th General Assembly, and the action of GA-erected Special Judicial Commission (**Appendix T**). In response to the directed **Amends** from the Special Judicial Commission, Mississippi Valley Presbytery took the following three actions:

M/S/P to ask TE Blaha if he still holds his particular view on prophecy. The question was put to Mr. Blaha, who answered by stating that he has not changed his views on this matter.

M/S/P that Mr. Blaha's stated views on prophecy be noted as an exception.

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M/P that a new line item entitled "MTW Support" be created within its 1997 Budget and that all surplus funds in the "Missionary Support" line item at the end of the year, not to exceed \$5000.00, be transferred to this new line item. The balance of the funds under the new line item "MTW Support" shall be given to the denomination's MTW Committee for "Partnership Shares" in order to help reduce the administrative costs to missionaries.

M/P to receive a letter from TE Jayson Kyle as information.

Dr. Stewart reported on mission trip opportunities and encouraged the churches to increase their donations to the denomination's Partnership Shares Fund.

TE Carl Kalberkamp gave a brief report on his Vision Trip to Mexico.

John Macy, Missionary to Brazil, gave a brief report on his work.

Linda Wixon, Missionary Candidate to Japan gave a brief report on her work.

Scott Taylor, Missionary Candidate to the Ukraine gave a brief report on his work

25.1039

RECESS

The presbytery recessed at 11:10 a.m. with prayer by the Moderator and reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

25.1040

WORSHIP

Following the singing of the Hymn, "Amazing Grace," TE Ligon Duncan led in prayer, including prayer for TE Don Patterson, TE Doug Kelly's daughter Martha, and TE Joel Beezley's family. Dr. Duncan then read from 1 Corinthians 4:1-13, and TE Michael Ross preached from this passage on the topic of "Fools for Christ." Worship concluded with prayer. TE Steve Froehlich gave a report on the successful brain surgery on Martha Kelly and led in prayer for her.

25.1041

MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Recording Clerk.

25.1042

LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Mark Lowrey, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. During the lunch hour, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, TE Dan Gilchrist, gave an oral report from the Thanks Committee, expressing MVP's appreciation for the hospitality of First PCA, Jackson, Twin Lakes Conference Center, with special thanks to the ladies who prepared the meal. Presbytery reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with prayer by TE Ligon Duncan.

25.1043

MISCELLANEOUS

Dr. Duncan announced the details of the 13th Annual Mid-South Men's Rally in January.

M/S/P to receive the annual report of Reformed University Fellowship (**Appendix V**).

25.1044

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Jim Landrum, Chairman, presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix W**).

M/P that the Intern Reports (attached) be received as information. Interns Bill Bradford and Gary Johnson then gave oral reports of their internships.

Administrative Recommendations:

M/P that Candidate (6/97) Jim Furey's application for Internship (attached) be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that Candidate (6/96) Scott Pierce's application for Internship (attached) be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that Candidate (6/97) Matt Schilling's application for Internship (attached) be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that John Ferguson's application for transfer of his Candidacy from South Texas Presbytery be approved.

M/P that Matt Baugh's application for transfer of his Candidacy from South Coast Presbytery be approved.

M/P that Mike Gant's Candidacy, at his request, be transferred to Western North Carolina Presbytery.

M/P that Candidate Matt Baugh's application for Internship (attached) be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

M/P that Corey Pelton's Internship be approved as having been satisfactorily completed.

M/P that the following supply requests be approved:

Carolina PCA for TE Martin Marshall; Lauderdale PCA for TE Julian Stennis; West PCA for TE Bob Duhs; Bethesda PCA for Mr. Ed Ludt; Tchula PCA for RE Sonny Peaster; Mt. Moriah PCA for TE Charles Douglas.

Examinations:

Messrs. John Ferguson and Jeff McClendon are being examined for Candidacy. Sessional recommendations have been received for both of these men.

Messrs. McClendon, Matt Baugh, Richard Konieczny, Ed Ludt, and Mike Philliber are being examined for Licensure.

Mr. Corey Pelton is being examined for ordination.

All of the above men were examined in Christian experience and their motives for seeking the ministry. All of these exams were sustained as satisfactory. The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 of Messrs. Ferguson and Jeff McClendon and both applicants answered in the affirmative. The Moderator then gave them a charge and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P to approve Mr. Baugh and Candidates Jim Furey, Scott Pierce and Matt Schilling as Interns. The moderator then prayed for these four men and declared them to be Interns of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-10.

Examinations: Ordination and Licensure

TE Richard Konieczny, a member of the EPC, was examined for licensure (in order to serve as Stated Supply at Westminster PCA, Meridian). Concurrently, Corey Pelton was examined for ordination. Mr. Pelton's Candidacy and completed internship were approved earlier in the meeting.

Both men were examined touching their views in Theology, Bible Content, and Church Government. Mr. Pelton was further examined in the area of the Sacraments. All these examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

In lieu of Mr. Konieczny's current licensure sermon, Presbytery in June (**para. 25.1016**), approved his sermon preached in 1988 for licensure.

M/P to sustain TE Konieczny's examination as a whole

The Moderator asked Mr. Konieczny the licensure questions from BCO 19-3, which he answered in the affirmative. He then prayed for Mr. Konieczny and declared him to be a licentiate in Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-4.

Messrs. Matt Baugh, Ed Ludt, Jeff McClendon, and Mike Philliber were then examined for licensure. They were examined touching their views in Bible content, theology, and church government. All examinations for all men were sustained as satisfactory.

At this point the Presbytery was divided into five commissions, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to hear the sermons of the ordination and licensure applicants.

TE Ligon Duncan, Chairman gave the report of Commission #1. They heard Mr. Corey Pelton preach from Matthew 5:2ff on "The Poor in Spirit." **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

TE Wally Bumpas gave the report of Commission #2. They heard Mr. Matt Baugh preach from Matthew 9:35 on "The Marks of the Messiah." **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of Commission #3. They heard Mr. Ed Ludt preach from Luke 7:36-50 on "Looking Down Our Noses at Ourselves." **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

TE Carl Kalberkamp gave the report of Commission #4. They heard Mr. Jeff McClendon preach from Ephesians 2:1-10 on "Salvation is All of Grace." **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

TE Steve Froehlich gave the report of Commission #5. They heard Mr. Mike Philliber preach from 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3 on "How Will Your Church Be Remembered." **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain the examinations as a whole for Messrs. Baugh, Ludt, McClendon and Philliber.

The Moderator asked Messrs. Baugh, Ludt, McClendon and Philliber the licensure questions from BCO 19-3, which they answered in the affirmative. He then prayed for these men and declared them to be licentiates in Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accordance with BCO 19-4.

The Committee certified that Mr. Pelton has obtained his Bachelor's Degree from University of Tennessee and his M.Div Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary.

M/P that Mr. Pelton's theology and exegesis papers be approved.

M/P that Mr. Pelton's written sermon be approved.

M/P that Mr. Pelton's written examination in church history and the history of the PCA be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P that his seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages. Passed unanimously.

M/P to sustain Mr. Pelton's examination as a whole.

M/P to approve the call from Mississippi Valley Presbytery to Mr. Pelton as Campus Minister at Belhaven College.

The call was then placed in Mr. Pelton's hands and accepted.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Corey Pelton

Teaching Elders: Mike Ross (Convener), Ralph Davis, Wally Bumpas
Ruling Elders: Bebo Elkin, Wynn Kenyon, Jeff Lamb

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The Ordination Service will be held at Trinity PCA on November 9, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P to receive Mr. Pelton as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. He then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

M/S/P that the Candidacy of Mr. Randall Compton be transferred to Central Georgia Presbytery.

M/P to adopt the report as a whole.

25.1045

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, gave the report of the Nominating Committee.

M/S/P to present the following persons to the General Assembly Nominating Committee in nomination for the respective permanent committees:

Nominating Committee: RE Edmund Johnston (currently serving)

Review of Presbytery Records: TE Paul Zetterholm (currently serving)
TE Dale VanNess (Alternate - Reader)

Administration: TE Bill Hughes (currently serving)
RE Hugh Potts, Jr.

Christian Education/Publications: TE Chris Shelt
RE Jerry Sheldon

Mission to North America: TE Robert Schwanebeck
RE Jack Laws (current Alternate)

Mission to the World: TE Jim Stewart
RE Wayne Husband

Interchurch Relations: TE John Reeves
RE Tom Sanford (currently serving)

Constitutional Business: TE Wally Bumpas
RE Jimmy Spinks

Theological Examining: TE Ligon Duncan
RE James Elkin

Trustee, IAR: RE Longstreet Minor
Deacon Tom Rice

Director, Ridge Haven: RE Steve Morris

TE Jim Shull

Trustee, Covenant College: TE Barry Darnell
RE Robert Cato

Trustee, Covenant Seminary: TE Os Barnes
TE Dale VanNess

PCA Foundation: RE Richard Nelson
RE Palmer Quarterman

Standing Judicial Commission: RE Jim Moore (currently serving)

M/S/P to elect the following individuals to Presbytery Committees:

TE Wesley Baker was elected to fill the unexpired term of TE Michael Ganuchau on the Credentials Committee, Class of 1999

TE Mike Ross was elected to fill the unexpired term of TE Philip Strong on the Nominations Committee, Class of 1998.

25.1046

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, presented the report of the Advisory Committee.

Move to approve the request of TE Cobby Ware to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery as Chaplain to the PGA Tour.

M/S/P the following substitute: "That MVP kindly requests our dear brother, the Rev. H. Cobb (Cobby) Ware, meet with the following representatives of the Presbytery prior to the next stated meeting: Carl Kalberkamp, Mike Ross, Ligon Duncan, and Steve Froehlich, Convener, in order to discuss his continuing commitment to the doctrinal standards of our Church, and to come to the next stated meeting in February and to confirm that his views have not changed, after which MVP will act on his request to labor out of bounds."

M/S/P that Mark Lowrey be approved to labor out of bounds with Great Commission Publications.

M/S/P that Paul Long be approved to labor out of bounds at Reformed Theological Seminary.

M/P that the membership of TE Shawn Keating be transferred to Southeast Alabama Presbytery, pending their receipt of him.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Michael Ganuchau and Pickens PCA be dissolved effective July 31, 1997, the congregation having concurred, and that his membership be transferred to Grace Presbytery.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Wayne Rogers and St. Paul PCA be dissolved

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effective October 31, 1997, the congregation having concurred.

M/P that the credentials of TE Wayne Rogers be transferred to the RPCUS, pending request of such credentials.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Iain Wright and Second PCA, Yazoo City, be dissolved effective September 1, 1997, the congregation having concurred.

M/P that TE Iain Wright remain on the rolls of MVP without call.

M/P that the pastoral relationship between TE Os Barnes and Mt. Salus PCA be dissolved effective November 15, 1997, the congregation having concurred.

M/P that TE Os Barnes remain on the rolls of MVP without call.

M/P that TE Clay Quarterman be appointed an evangelist in accordance with BCO 8-6, and that he be given authority to organize churches and to receive and dismiss members for a period of one year.

M/P that the offer from the Utica Apostolic Church to purchase the property of the former Utica Presbyterian Church for \$16,000.00 be approved.

M/P that a resolution written by TE Bob Schwanebeck in memory of TE Joel Beezley be approved as the Presbytery's memorial and spread upon the minutes and a copy be presented to Mrs. Beezley (**Appendix X**).

M/P that churches in the Presbytery be encouraged to make a financial contribution to Laurie Beezley and her family. TE Shull led in prayer for the Beezley family.

M/P that TE Edward Johnson be granted the status of honorable retirement by the Presbytery at his request, effective January 1, 1998.

M/P that the Presbytery's resolution in honor of TE Johnson be spread upon the minutes (**Appendix Y**).

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

25.1047

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved without exception:
Mt. Salus PCA.

TE Bob Schwanebeck led in prayer for TE Os Barnes and his family.

M/S/P that permission be granted for early dismissal of the members listed in paragraph 25.1029.f. above.

25.1048

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Carl Kalberkamp was nominated and elected by acclamation as First Nominee for Moderator of the February Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to accept the invitation from Trinity PCA to host the February meeting of Presbytery.

25.1049

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Recording Clerk and corrected.

25.1050

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with prayer by TE John Reeves..

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Twin Lakes Conference Facility, Florence, Mississippi October 21, 1997

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. PRESBYTERY OPENED WITH PRAYER
2. 9:05 A.M. DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
3. 9:05 A.M. ELECTION OF A MODERATOR (First Nominee: RE Steve McNair)
4. 9:10 A.M. ADOPTION OF DOCKET
5. 9:15 A.M. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS
6. 9:20 A.M. WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH
7. 9:25 P.M. ORAL REPORTS FROM MISSIONARIES PRESENT TODAY
8. 9:35 A.M. APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES
 1. Thanks (3 members)
9. 9:40 A.M. STATED CLERK'S REPORT
 1. Requests for Excused Absence
 2. Reports
 - a. Report of G.A. Review of MVP Minutes
 - b. Report of Commission to organize Northpointe PCA, to install TE Bob Bates and to install the Ruling Elders
 - c. Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. Timothy G. Muse
 - d. Report of Commission to install TE James Shull
 - e. Treasurer's Report
 - f. Quarterly Report from Chaplain Jan Werson
 - g. Annual Report from Dr. Paul Long
 3. Communications
 - a. 1997 Askings
 - b. Request from TE Steve Long to labor out of bounds
 - c. Request from TE Cobby Ware to labor out of bounds
 - d. Missionary Letters
 - e. Information on Southern Baptist boycott of Disney
10. 10:00 A.M. Report on Judicial Case 95-11 - TE Jason Shelton
11. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Christian Education Committee - TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman
12. 10:30 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE James Stewart, Chairman
13. 10:35 A.M. Report of the Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins, Chairman
14. 11:00 A.M. Recess
15. 11:15 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Michael Ross)
16. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
17. 12:00 P.M. LUNCH -- (Cost: \$5.00)
 1. Report of Thanks Committee
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Jim Landrum, Chairman
19. 3:30 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
20. 4:00 P.M. Old and New Business
21. 4:10 P.M. Election of First Nominee

22. 4:15 P.M. Arrangements for next meeting, February 17, 1998
23. 4:20 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes
24. 4:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT: PRAYER

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi
February 17, 1998

25.1051

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator, RE Steve McNair, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

25.1052

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson. In the absence of Recording Clerk, TE Paul Zetterholm, TE Roger Collins served as the Acting Recording Clerk.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Murry E. Rogers
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Charlie Moak
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	Alvie C. "Pete" Moore
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence		Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	James D. Spinks
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Gil Ford
		Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	John G. Caden, M.D.
	Tim Horn	Bebo Elkin
	William Hughes	Leland Hume, Jr.
	James Stewart	Palmer L. Quarterman
	Brister Ware	Chess Wymond
	Bill Wymond	
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Alonzo G. Smith
Jackson, North Park		Harold A. McDiarmid
		Bob Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul		A

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Jackson, Trinity	Michael Ross	A
Kosciusko, First	Chris Shelt	
	Ed Hartman	A
	Tim Muse	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		Hugh D. Mull
Learned, Lebanon	Wesley Baker	E. Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	John M. Kimbrough, III
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Steve Morris
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		Walter Riddell
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	A
Madison, Highlands	Charlie Chase	Peder Johnson
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	James L. Shull	Charles McClain
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Elmer Adams
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	David Eades	Newell Simrall
	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Smith
	Curt Presley	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		Guerrant Smathers
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	Jim Moore
Vicksburg, Westminster		James W. Harrison
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	F.W. Shipley
Yazoo City, Second		Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; James Baird; Ralph Davis; Robert Duhs; Steve Froehlich; Edward Johnson; Gary Glen Johnson; Paul B. Long, Sr.; Mark L. Lowrey, Jr.; Don Malin; Fred Marsh; Martin Marshall; Douglas McCullough; Donald B. Patterson; Corey Pelton; Derek Thomas; H. Cobb Ware.

c. The following visitors were registered: David L. Arthur; Matt Baugh; Robert J. Dieckman; Bobby Donalson; Sam Duncan; Jesse Jacobs; Greg Malone; Wm. L. "Buck" Mosal; Tom Nachtergaele; Paul Nasekos; Scott Pierce; Matt Schilling; Julian Stennis; Ted Wenger; Troy D. White; Joe W. York.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** McDonald Bell; Phil Blevins; James Carter; Don Caviness; John Kyle; Jayson Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Ron Smith; Jakub Susabeda; Willem VanGemeren; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** John Allen; Jim Blaha; Ligon Duncan; Kenneth Elliott; Warren Foster; John Reeves; Robert Thacker; Richard Wiman; Iain Wright; Paul Zetterholm.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Jim Baird, Charles Douglas, Fred Marsh; Jamey Germany; RE Bob Cato.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:**
Os Barnes; Doug Kelly; Charles Rodriguez
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:**
Those churches marked with the letter "**A**" in paragraph 25.1052.a. above.

25.1053

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Carl Kalberkamp was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

Presbytery was led in prayer by Moderator Carl Kalberkamp and Ed Johnson, who was requested to pray for the Rev. Ed Jussely family.

25.1054

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

M/S/P to amend the docket at 10:30 a.m. to have RE Sam Duncan, the moderator of the General Assembly, address the presbytery on the role of the ruling elder.

M/S/P to amend the docket to have a brief MTW committee report immediately following Sam Duncan's presentation.

M/S/P to amend the docket to have a partial report of the MNA committee immediately before lunch.

M/S/P to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

25.1055

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Visitors were introduced. Tom Bryant of PCA Insurance, Annuities and Relief was given the floor for a brief greeting. Joe York of Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship also gave a brief greeting.

After the introduction of visitors, TE Michael Ross, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery.

25.1056

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of: TE Mike Ahlberg, TE Dale Van Ness and RE Newell Simrall.

25.1057

EXCUSED ABSENCES

M/S/P that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 25.1052.e. above.

25.1058

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

M/P to remand a letter from TE Cobby Ware to the Advisory Committee.

M/P to refer a supply request from West PCA to the Credentials Committee.

The Clerk read a letter from Doug McCullough updating the presbytery on his present work and status as a chaplain.

Presbytery voted on the two proposed changes to the Book of Church Order passed by the 1997 General Assembly (**Appendix B**). The results were as follows:

ITEM 1 was approved by a vote of 65 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

ITEM 2 was approved by a vote of 65 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstain.

M/P to approve the report of the Commission to ordain and install Mr. Corey Pelton (**Appendix C**).

M/P to receive, as information, letters from several missionaries and several other communications (**Appendices D - K**).

M/P to approve the report of the Stated Clerk as a whole.

25.1059

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix L**).

M/P to receive this report as information.

25.1060

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Partial Report)

TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman, introduced RE Sam Duncan of First Presbyterian Church Hattiesburg, and current moderator of the General Assembly.

RE Sam Duncan addressed the presbytery on The Work of the Ruling Elder. After reading from Acts 20, he spoke of the characteristics and the duties of ruling elders.

Sam Duncan, at the moderator's request, led the presbytery in prayer.

25.1061

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Jim Stewart, Chairman, gave a report of the MTW committee. He informed the presbytery of the following:

- 1) A special luncheon Thursday, February 26, with Rev. Fergus MacDonald who will be speaking on "What's Going On Around the World;"
- 2) A presbytery luncheon for Kaz Yaegashi at the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, on Monday, August 3, 1998;
- 3) TE Richard Wiman is coordinating mission trips for the presbytery. Churches that need transportation or have room for others should contact him.

TE Jim Stewart then introduced and gave the floor to missionaries Bonnie Lou Dolan and Tom Nachtergaele.

The report was closed with prayer by Dr. Paul Long.

M/P to approve the MTW report, as a whole.

25.1062

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:45 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 a.m. for worship.

25.1063

WORSHIP

TE Steve Froehlich and TE Mike Ross led the presbytery in worship (**Appendix M**).

25.1064 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

TE Barry Darnell, Chairman, presented the MNA Committee report.

M/P to approve an increase of \$1500.00 in the call of Corey Pelton to \$25,260.00 (including housing and utilities), and \$5394.32 in annuity, death and disability funds due and medical insurance.

M/P to approve the Reformed University Ministries/Mississippi budget (**Appendix N**).

TE Steve Froehlich gave a report of his resignation from Reformed Theological Seminary and his plans to begin a church planting work in Tempe, Arizona.

M/P to approve the MNA report as a whole.

25.1065 MORNING MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Acting Recording Clerk and amended.

25.1066 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Partial Report)

M/S/P to dissolve into a Committee of the Whole with TE Charles Douglas as Chairman, for the purpose of reviewing Sessional Records. TE Charles Douglas then instructed the Presbytery in the procedures for the annual review of Sessional Records during the lunch hour.

25.1067 LUNCH

Following prayer by TE Mike Ross, Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Carl Kalberkamp.

25.1068 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Continued)

M/S/P to rise from the Committee of the Whole.

TE Charles Douglas, Chairman, will give the final report later in the day (See para. 25.1071)

25.1069 THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness gave the report of the Thanks Committee (**Appendix O**).

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TE Don Patterson gave a personal report on his struggle with cancer and on the PCA 25th Anniversary Celebration.

TE Ed Hartman led the presbytery in prayer for Don and for the PCA celebration.

25.1070

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Jim Landrum, Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix P**).

Interns Toby Donalson and Phil Hardin gave oral reports of their internship to the presbytery.

M/S/P to approve the request of the West Presbyterian Church for the services of TE Robert Duhs as Stated Supply for the next year. (Personal motion of Chairman Jim Landrum).

The Chairman reported on the internship program of Matt Schilling. Mr. Schilling is going to continue at Trinity PCA, Jackson until May when he will begin to work with John Allen at Westminster in Vicksburg. TE John Allen will become his mentor until his retirement in December. At that time TE Mike Ross will resume his role as Mr. Schilling's mentor.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Charley Chase:

Teaching Elders: Richard Wiman, Bob Wojohn.

Ruling Elders: Dee Ponsell, Bob Cato, Charles Clayton, Tommy Peaster, Will Thompson.

Guest Preacher: TE David Jussely from Grace Presbytery.

The Installation Service will be held at Second PCA, Yazoo City on March 8, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

M/P that applicant Ted Wenger's application for Internship (attached) be approved and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials.

The Moderator addressed the interns according to BCO 19-10 and led the presbytery in prayer as prescribed.

Examinations: Candidacy

Applicants for Candidacy, Messrs. Hugh Acton, Stan Pace, Ted Wenger and David Zimmerman, Applicant for Licensure, Mr. Brendon O'Dowd, and Applicant for Ordination, Mr. Gary Johnson were examined Christian Experience. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

The Committee certified that Sessional endorsement had been received for the four men coming for Candidacy. The moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and all applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Robert Schwanebeck gave them a charge from 2 Corinthians 10.16-17 and led in prayer for the new candidates.

M/P that the candidates be entered upon the roll of candidates.

M/P that the Candidates' Reports be received as information (**Appendices Q - U**).

M/P that the Internship Subcommittee report be received as information.

M/P that the Interns' Reports be received as information (**Appendices V - AD**).

M/P that Doug Owen's Internship be approved as having been satisfactorily completed.

M/P that Gary Johnson's Internship be approved as having been satisfactorily completed.

M/P that TE Charlie Chase's call (See Report) to the Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City be approved as being in order.

The call from Second PCA, Yazoo City was placed in TE Chase's hands and accepted.

Examinations: Ordination and Licensure:

Mr. Brandon O'Dowd was examined for licensure and Mr. Gary Johnson was examined for ordination.

The Committee certified that Mr. Johnson had obtained his Bachelor's Degree from Belhaven College and his M.Div. Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary, that he was a candidate of this presbytery and that he had successfully completed his internship.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. O'Dowd were examined concerning their views in theology, Bible content, and church government. Mr. Johnson was further examined concerning his views on the sacraments. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

At this point the Presbytery was divided into two commissions, each with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to hear the sermons of the ordination and licensure applicants.

TE Wes Baker, Chairman, gave the report of Commission #1. They heard Mr. Gary Johnson preach from Ephesians 2.1-7 on Understanding Our Lost Condition. **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

TE Robert Schwanebeck, Chairman, gave the report of Commission #2. They heard Mr. Brendon O'Dowd preach from James 3.1ff on Self Control Begins With What We Say. **M/P** to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

M/P to sustain Mr. O'Dowd's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

Questions of licensure from BCO 19-3 were put to Brendon O'Dowd. He answered them in the affirmative and he was declared a licentiate of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

The presbytery was led in prayer by TE Mike Ross.

M/P to approve the call from MTW to Mr. Gary Johnson (**See Report**).

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M/P that Mr. Johnson's theology and exegesis papers and written sermon be approved.

M/P that Mr. Johnson's written examination in church history and the history of the PCA be accepted as satisfying the BCO requirements. Passed unanimously.

M/P that Mr. Johnson's seminary degree be accepted in lieu of examination in the original languages. Passed unanimously.

M/P to approve Mr. Johnson's examination as a whole.

The call from MTW was then placed in Mr. Johnson's hands and accepted.

M/P that the following Commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to ordain and install Mr. Gary Johnson.

Teaching Elders: Mark Lowery, Ligon Duncan, James Baird
Ruling Elders: Wynn Kenyon, Alfred Chestnut, David Bradford

The Ordination Service will be held at First PCA, Jackson on April 5, 1998.

M/P to receive Mr. Johnson as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon signing the Covenant Book. He then signed the Covenant Book and was welcomed into the presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

25.1071 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE (Concluded)

TE Charles Douglas, Chairman, gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **without** exception.
Brandon; North Park; 2nd PCA, Yazoo City; Grace; Pearl; Alta Woods; 1st PCA, Yazoo City;
Carthage; DeKalb; Newton; Bethesda; Lebanon; Tchula; 1st PCA, Belzoni.

M/P that the minutes of the following churches be approved **with** exception.
Lakeland; West; Westminster, Vicksburg; Pear Orchard; 1st PCA, Lexington; Carolina; 1st PCA,
Kosciusko; Highlands; Macon; 1st PCA, Philadelphia; 1st PCA, Louisville; Trinity; Raymond;
Providence; 1st PCA, Jackson; Forest.

The following churches did not bring their minutes for review:

Bailey; Mt. Carmel; McBride Memorial; Old Madison; Forest Grove; Mt. Salus; Pleasant Springs;
Edwards; Goodman; St. Paul; Smyrna; Covenant; Center Point; 1st PCA, Madison; Northpointe;
Westminster, Meridian; Mt. Moriah; Concord; Pickens; Shiloh; Scooba; Shuqualak; Wynndale;
1st PCA, Union.

25.1072

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the Nominating Committee Report (**Appendix AE**).

M/P to elect the following men for the committees of presbytery (all men are for the Class of 2000 unless otherwise stated):

- Mission to the World:** RE Billy Hays, TE Jason Shelton, RE Steve Morris.
Mission to North America: TE Barry Darnell, TE Robert Schwanebeck, RE Ray Reinhardt.
TE Steve Jussely to the class of 1998.
Christian Education: TE Bob Wojohn, TE Jeff Elliot, RE Bryant Boswell.
TE John Reeves to the class of 1999.
Advisory Committee: TE Jim Baird, RE Tom Sanford.
Stewardship and Finance: TE Chris Shelt, RE Robert Osborne.
Credentials Committee: RE Ken Kammer, TE Mike Ross, TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Benny Hill.
Sessional Records: RE Jimmy Spinks, TE James Germany.
TE Ed Johnson to the class of 1999.
Standing Rules: TE Wally Bumpas, RE John Neville.
Nominating Committee: TE Robert Hays and RE Gilbert Ford

M/P to nominate TE Jeff Elliot to fill a vacancy as our nominee on the General Assembly's permanent Christian Education and Publications Committee.

M/P to elect the following men to Committees of Commissioners to the 26th General Assembly.

- Administration:** RE Tom Bowen
Christian Education: RE Jerry Sheldon
Covenant Seminary RE Roy Stilwell
Interchurch Relations: RE William Long
MNA RE George Powe
PCA Foundation: RE Joel Varner
Bills & Overtures: TE Jeff Elliot
Covenant College: TE Roger Collins Alternate: TE Ligon Duncan
Insurance and Annuities: TE John Reeves
MTW: TE Mike Ross
Ridge Haven: TE Merle Messer Alternate: TE Robert Schwanebeck
Floor Clerk: TE Tim Muse
Elder for Communion at GA: RE George Powe

M/P to approve the Nominations Committee report as a whole.

25.1073

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Concluded)

TE Jeff Elliot, Chairman, reported that:

- 1) Great Commission Publications has new Primary (grades 1-3) Sunday School Curriculum as of September 1998. Previews will be out soon.
- 2) the Mid-South Youth Camp for Jr. High will be June 22-27, 1998. Flyers may be obtained

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through Rev. Steve Hill Thomson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Centreville, Mississippi,
3) the Mississippi Valley Presbytery 25th Anniversary PCA celebration will be on April 25th, 1998
at Twin Lakes from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

25.1074

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

M/P that TE Phil Blevins be permitted to continue to labor outside of the bounds of Presbytery for another year as the president of Graham Bible College in Bristol, Tennessee.

M/P that the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Charley Chase and Highlands Presbyterian Church be approved, the Session having concurred, so that he may accept the call as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City.

M/P that TE Cobby Ware be permitted to remain on the roll of presbytery without call until the June 1998 meeting at which time his status will be reviewed by Presbytery.

M/P to approve the report as a whole.

25.1075

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

M/S/P to grant excused absences for portions of the afternoon session for those members listed in paragraph 25.1052f. above.

25.1076

ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

RE Gilbert Ford, Alta Woods PCA, was elected as First Nominee for Moderator of the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

No invitation was received for the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk will undertake to procure a meeting place.

25.1077

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

M/S/P to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Acting Recording Clerk and amended.

25.1078

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Carl Kalberkamp.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi February 17, 1998

Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: TE Carl Kalberkamp)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - 1.Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 - 1.Requests for Excused Absence
 - 2.Voting on BCO Amendments
 - 3.Reports
 - a.Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. Corey Pelton
 - b.Intern Reports
 - 4.Communications to be Received as Information
 - a.Schedule from G.A. Stated Clerk's Office
 - b.G.A. List of Churches not having submitted statistical reports
 - c.Missionary Letters
9. 10:00 A.M. Treasurer's Report – RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
10. 10:10 A.M. Address by Sam Duncan, Moderator of the General Assembly
11. 10:25 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE Jim Stewart, Chairman
12. 10:45 A.M. Recess
13. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Steve McNair, Providence PCA)
14. 11:45 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee – TE Barry Darnell, Chairman
15. 11:50 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 11:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Charles Douglas, Chairman
17. 12:00 P.M. Lunch
18. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Jim Landrum, Chairman
19. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Nominating Committee – TE Roger Collins, Chairman
20. 3:15 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee – TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
21. 3:45 P.M. Report of the CE & P Committee - TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman
22. 4:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee (Continued)
23. 4:15 P.M. Old and New Business
24. 4:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - 1.Election of First Nominee
 - 2.Place for the June Meeting
25. 4:40 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes

26. 4:45 P.M. Adjournment with Prayer

Appendix O

REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

To our hospitable brothers and sisters in the Lord at Trinity Presbyterian Church:

- the chefs who have provided a delicious lunch and many other delicious refreshments
- the various members of the staff and congregation who have welcomed us into your beautiful refurbished facilities
- the general congregation of Trinity PCA
- Mike Ross, Chris Shelt and the Session

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley thanks you. You have enriched our fellowship and leadership on this day.

May the Lord bless you as you serve in His strength

TE Dale Van Ness, Chairman
TE Mike Ahlberg
RE Neil Simrall

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi
June 16, 1998

26.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by the Moderator, TE Carl Kalberkamp, who then led the Presbytery in prayer.

26.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	Perry W. Davis
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen, Jr.
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	J.E. Fortenberry
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb	Wally Bumpas	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Richard J. Collins
	Paul E. Zetterholm	Gil Ford
		Edward O. Nalley
Jackson, First	Jeff Elliott	Bebo Elkin
	William Hughes	John W. Long
	Brister Ware	Palmer L. Quarterman
	William Wymond	Chess Wymond
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland		A
Jackson, North Park		Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul		Jimmy Mardis
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	A
Kosciusko, First	Ed Hartman	John Reeves

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
	Tim Muse	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Wesley Baker	E.G. Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale T. VanNess	A
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	A
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Macon, Macon		John L. Barrett
Madden, Carolina	Martin Marshall	Richard Metz
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	A
Madison, Highlands		Richard Dixon
		Peder Johnson
		Lee Tyner
Meridian, Westminster		A
Meridian, North Point	Bob Bates	A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Jim Shull	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rob Mitchum
	David Eades	Newell Simrall
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		J.B. Hutton, III
Terry, Wynndale		Guerrant Smathers
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	Troy D. White
Vicksburg, Westminster		Terry W. Warren
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First	Bob Wojohn	Robert J. Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	Charley Chase	A

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: B.I. Anderson; Ralph Davis; Robert Duhs; Kenneth Elliott; Steve Froehlich; Edward Johnson; Paul Long; Fred Marsh; Doug McCullough; Jack B. Scott; Derek Thomas.

c. The following visitors were registered: Matt Baugh; Wade Coleman; Robert J. Dieckman; Mark Duncan; Ed Ludt; Harold A. McDiarmid; John McDonald; Julius Murray; Dean Rydbeck; Matthew Schilling; Roy Stillwell; L. Roy Taylor; Robert Taylor; Timothy S. Taylor; Ted Wenger.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: J. McDonald Bell; Philip R. Blevins; James Carter; Don Caviness; Gary Johnson; Doug Kelly; Jayson Kyle; John Kyle; Ron Lively; Steve Long; Mark Lowrey; Tom Penning; Clay Quarterman; Ron Smith; Jakub Susabeda; Willem

VanGemeran; Jan Werson; Kazuhiko Yaegashi.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** TE Ligon Duncan; TE Steve Jussely; Corey Pelton; Chris Shelt; James Stewart.
- f. **The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** TE's Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Doug McCullough; Mike Ross; Jack Scott; Paul Zetterholm; and RE Bebo Elkin.
- g. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes; James Blaha; Warren Foster; James Germany; Tim Horn; Don Malin; Curt Presley; Charlie Rodriguez.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:**
Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph 26.1002.a. above.
- i. **The following ruling elder requested and was granted an excused absence by the Presbytery:** Ruling Elder from First PCA, Louisville.

26.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Gilbert Ford was nominated and elected as Moderator by acclamation.

26.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was presented by the Stated Clerk, TE B.I. Anderson.

MSP to adopt the docket, as amended (**Appendix A**).

26.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Merle Messer, Senior Pastor of Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Presbytery.

26.1006 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of TE Brister Ware, Chairman, RE Palmer Quarterman, and TE Ed Johnson.

26.1007 EXCUSED ABSENCES

MSP that excused absences be granted to those teaching elders listed in 26.1002e above.

26.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received, along with referrals to appropriate committees.

MP to receive, as information, a letter from the Covenant Seminary Scholarship Fund (**Appendix B**).

MP to receive, as information, reports from missionaries (**Appendices C - I**).

MP to approve the resolution in honor of retiring minister, TE John Allen (**Appendix J**).

MP to approve the report of the Commission to install TE Charley L. Chase (**Appendix K**).

MP to approve the report of the Commission to ordain Mr. Gary Glen Johnson (**Appendix L**).

26.1009 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix M**).

MSP to receive the Treasurer's Report as information.

MP adopt the Budget for 1999 as amended (**Appendix N**).

26.1010 EXECUTIVE SESSION

MSP to move into Executive Session. A confidential communication was read by the Stated Clerk.

MSP to receive this communication as information.

(Clerk's Note: This communication will be held by the Stated Clerk in a confidential file. It may be viewed on request by any member of the Presbytery or the G.A. Committee on Review of Presbytery Records.)

MSP to come out of Executive Session.

26.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Barry Darnell, Chairman, presented the report of the MNA Committee (**Appendix O**).

TE Dale VanNess gave a brief update on the condition of Dr. Bassam Chedid's son following surgery for the removal of a tumor. He then led in prayer for the Chedid family.

MP to receive the report of the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work as information (**Appendix P**).

26.1016

MORNING MINUTES

MSP to approve the reading of the morning minutes as read by the Temporary Recording Clerk TE Roger Collins.

26.1017

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Richard Wiman, member of the MTW, presented a report from the MTW Committee

MP to receive the report of the MTW Committee as information.

26.1018

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Jim Landrum, Chairman, gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix R**).

Internship:

MP that the Internship Sub-Committee Report be received as information.

Interns Matt Schilling and Richard Sutton gave oral reports to the Presbytery concerning their internships.

Administrative:

MSP Substitute motion that Martin Marshall continue as a stated supply.

MP that the request of Westminster PCA, Meridian, for TE Don Malin to serve as Stated Supply be approved.

MP that the request of Old Madison PCA for Licentiate Mike Philliber to serve as Student Supply be approved.

MP that Licentiate Matt Baugh's Internship in South Coast Presbytery be accepted as meeting MVP's requirements in full.

MP that Mr. Tim Taylor's application for Candidacy be approved, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials. The Committee certifies that the Sessional Recommendation is on file.

MP that Mr. Keith Berger's application for Candidacy be approved, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials. The Committee certifies that the Sessional Recommendation is on file.

MP that Mr. Blake Purcell's application for Candidacy be approved, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials. Mr. Purcell's Session Certification includes a request for an exception to the six months church membership, which exception is allowed in BCO 18-2. His Session requests that "[his] case [be] deemed extraordinary by the Presbytery," hence accepted on that basis. (**Passed unanimously**).

MP that Candidate-hopeful Blake Purcell's application for Internship (attached) be approved, pending successful completion of his Candidacy trials and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.

Examinations:

MP to examine TE's Dean Rydbeck, Darwin Jordan, and Mark Duncan for PCA Ministerial Transfer.

MP to examine Mr. Blake Purcell for Licensure, concurrently with the transferring ministers.

MP to examine Messrs. Blake Purcell, Keith Burger, and Tim Taylor for Candidacy.

1. Candidacy

Transferring Ministers Darwin Jordan, Dean Rydbeck, and Mark Duncan, and Applicants for Candidacy Blake Purcell, Keith Burger, Tim Taylor were examined in their Christian experience and motives for seeking the ministry.

MP to sustain this portion of the examination for the Candidacy applicants..

The Moderator asked the questions from BCO 18-3 and the applicants answered in the affirmative. TE Robert Hayes then gave them a charge. The moderator then led in prayer for the new candidates.

MP that Messrs. Taylor, Berger and Purcell be enrolled as Candidates.

2. Transferring ministers and Licensure:

TE's Rydbeck, Jordan and Duncan had been previously examined concurrently with the Candidacy applicants in Christian Experience. (See above.) These portions of their exam were sustained as satisfactory.

TE's Duncan, Jordan and Rydbeck were examined concerning their views in theology, church government and the sacraments. All examinations were sustained as satisfactory.

MP to sustain TE Rydbeck's, Jordan's and Duncan's examinations as a whole as satisfactory.

MP that the Call of North Park PCA to TE Dean Rydbeck be approved with a request that the Session of North Park Church spell out particular details due to favorable tax consequences. The call was placed in his hands and accepted.

MP that the Call of St. Paul PCA to TE Mark Duncan be approved. The call was placed in his hands and accepted.

MP that the call from Highlands PCA to TE Darwin Jordan be approved The call was placed in his hands and accepted.

MSP that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two

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ruling elders to install TE Darwin Jordan:

Teaching Elders: Ligon Duncan, Ralph Davis, Steve Jussely
Ruling Elders: Steve Rosenblatt, Leon Lewis, Gene McRoberts
Guest: Skip Ryan

The Installation Service will be held at Highlands PCA, Madison, on August 23, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

MSP that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Dean Rydbeck:

Teaching Elders: Steve Jussely, Bill Hogan, Robert Duhs
Ruling Elders: Harold McDiarmid, M.S. Bennett, Ellito Bickerstaff, Bob Dieckman, Julius Murray,
Bob Osborne, Roy Stillwell

The Installation Service will be held at North Park PCA on July 19, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

MSP that the following commission be appointed with a quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders to install TE Mark Duncan:

Teaching Elders: Ligon Duncan, Wes Baker, Bob Hays
Ruling Elders: Jimmy Mardis, James (Bebo) Elkin, Houston Powers

The Installation Service will be held at St. Paul PCA on August 16, 1998 at 6:00 p.m.

MP to receive TE's Rydbeck, Jordan and Duncan as members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery upon their signing the Covenant Book.

TE's Rydbeck, Jordan and Duncan then signed the Covenant Book and were welcomed into the Presbytery.

MSP that Dr. Jack Scott, TE John Reeves and Dr. Ralph Davis be assigned to a committee to examine the implications of the approval of Dr. Scott's motion passed during the morning session, with a report to be given during a special order of the day at 9:30 a.m. at the October presbytery. TE John Reeves is asked to convene the committee.

The examination of Licensure Applicant Blake Purcell resumed at this point. He was examined in his views in theology, church government and Bible content. All exams were sustained as satisfactory.

Mr. Purcell then preached from Matthew 9:35-37 on the topic of "The Heart of Christ and the Ministry of Christ." His oral sermon was sustained as satisfactory.

MP to sustain Mr. Purcell's examination as a whole as satisfactory.

The moderator proposed the questions to BCO 19-3 to Mr. Purcell, which he answered in the affirmative. The moderator then offered a prayer for Mr. Purcell and his ministry. He then declared

Mr. Purcell to be a Licentiate of Mississippi Valley Presbytery in accord with BCO 19-4 and an Intern of MVP in accord with BCO 19-10.

MP to approve the report as a whole.

26.1019

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee. He opened his report with prayer.

MP to dissolve the relation of TE Jim Blaha and the Edwards PCA, the congregation having concurred.

MP to allow TE Blaha to remain on the rolls of presbytery until his transfer to the EPC is complete.

MP to approve the honorable retirement of TE John Allen, effective March 1, 1998. TE Mike Ahlberg read a resolution honoring TE Allen (**Appendix S**) and then led in prayer for him.

MP to approve a resolution that TE Paul Long be granted honorable retirement effective June 16, 1998. TE Ralph Davis read a resolution honoring TE Long (**Appendix T**) and then led in prayer for him.

MP to approve a resolution that TE Don Patterson be granted honorable retirement effective June 30, 1998. TE Ed Johnson read a resolution honoring TE Patterson (**Appendix U**) and then led in prayer for him.

MP that the presbytery receive and spread upon the minutes of presbytery a memorial in honor of Dr Bruce Harold Wideman (**Appendix V**).

MP that the presbytery receive and spread upon the minutes of presbytery a memorial in honor of RE Jackson H. Ables Jr., of Westminster PCA, Vicksburg (**Appendix W**).

MP that MVP notify Covenant Presbytery that it concurs with the decision of Covenant Presbytery to allow TE Jimmy Turner to minister within the bounds of MVP.

MP that the presbytery transfer the membership of TE Cobby Ware to the presbytery of the Southeast, of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

The Chairman reminded the Presbytery that the Advisory Committee is available to provide counsel to any within the bounds of Presbytery on church related matters. We only advise when requested to do so, and nothing we say is binding on anyone. We are simply here to serve if we can.

MP that the report as a whole be approved.

26.1020 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman, gave a brief oral report from the CE & P Committee.

26.1021 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Johnson gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee:

MP that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **without exception:**
Bailey PCA and First PCA, Union.

MP that the Sessional Records from the following churches be approved **with exception:**
First PCA of Madison.

26.1022 OLD & NEW BUSINESS

MSP that the following members of Presbytery listed in paragraph 26.1002.f. above, be excused, at their request, for various portions of the afternoon session.

26.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

TE Wes Baker was nominated as First Nominee for Moderator for the October Stated Meeting.

MSP to accept the standing invitation from First PCA, Jackson, to use Twin Lakes for the October Stated Meeting.

26.1024 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MSP to approve the reading of the afternoon minutes as read by the Temporary Recording Clerk and amended.

26.1025 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

B.I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Alta Woods Presbyterian Church June 16, 1998

Approved Docket

1. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery Opened with Prayer
2. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a Quorum
3. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: RE Gilbert Ford, Alta Woods PCA)
4. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of Docket
5. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of Visitors
6. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from Host Church
7. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - a. Thanks (3 members)
8. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
 - a. Requests for Excused Absence
 - b. Communication to be Referred
 - c. Requests for Honorable Retirement (Referred to Advisory Committee)
 1. TE Paul Long
 2. TE Donald Patterson
 - d. Request for transfer (Referred to Advisory Committee)
 1. TE Cobby Ware
 - e. Communications to be Received as Information
 1. Covenant Seminary Scholarship Fund Information
 2. Missionary Letters
 - f. Resolution in honor of TE John Allen
 - g. Memorial in honor of RE Woodrow T. Covington, Mt. Carmel PCA
 - h. Report of Commission to Install TE Charley L. Chase
 - i. Report of Commission to Ordain Mr. Gary Glen Johnson
 - j. Treasurer's Report — RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
9. 9:45 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee - TE Barry Darnell, Chairman
10. 10:05 A.M. Personal remarks by TE Jack Scott
11. 10:15 A.M. Report of the MTW Committee - TE Jim Stewart, Chairman
12. 10:35 A.M. Report of the Mississippi Joint Commission on Campus Work - TE Bill Hughes
13. 10:45 A.M. Recess
14. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Including Memorials) and Sacrament of Lord's Supper
(Retiring Moderator in Charge - TE Carl Kalberkamp)
15. 11:55 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
16. 12:00 P.M. Lunch
 - a. TE Mike Ross will present a seminar during lunch on "Preaching for Revival"
17. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Jim Landrum, Chairman
18. 3:00 P.M. Report of Stewardship & Finance Committee - RE Lee McCarty, Chairman
19. 3:15 P.M. Report of Advisory Committee - TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
20. 3:45 P.M. Report of Christian Education Committee - TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman
21. 4:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Charlie Douglas, Chairman
22. 4:10 P.M. Old and New Business
23. 4:20 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting
 - a. Election of First Nominee
 - b. Next Meeting — Standing invitation from Twin Lakes
24. 4:25 P.M. Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes

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25. 4:30 P.M. Adjournment with prayer

**STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS
October 20, 1998**

26.1026

CALL TO ORDER

A stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order by the Moderator, (R. E.) Gil Ford, at 9:00 A. M., October 20, 1998 at Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi. The Moderator led the presbytery in prayer.

26.1027

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE B. I. Anderson.

A. The following members were enrolled::

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	Gerald Lockley
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock III
Brandon, Brandon	Jason Shelton	Clint McInnis
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A. D. Owens
Clinton, Providence	John K. Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Ed Nalley
	Paul Zetterholm	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	John Caden
	William C. Hughes	Robert F. Cooper Jr.
	Brister Ware	Leland Hume
	James Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Jeff Elliott	Erskine Wells
	Tim Horn	Chess Wymond
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	M. S. Bennett
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A

Jackson, Trinity

Mike Ross

A

Church

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Macon
Maddon, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Highlands
Meridian, North Pointe (Mssn.)
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Tim Muse

Wesley Baker
Dale Van Ness
Jim Landrum
Bob Schwanebeck

Barry Darnell
Darwin Jordan

Charles Douglas
Robert Hays
James Shull

Carl Kalberkamp
David Eades

Ed Hurley

Mike Ahlberg

Bob Wojohn

Ruling Elder

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John M. Kimbrough III
A
Mike Triplett
Gray Flora
Jimmy Davidson
A
A
A
C. E. Davis
A
A
George Powe
A
A
John Davis, Jr.
A
Elmer Adams
Rod Russ
E. Newell Simrall
A
A
A
Robert Smathers
A
Gordon Sluis
A
William Carroll
Bob Cato

- B. Other Teaching Elders on the roll of Presbytery and present were as follows:** B. I. Anderson, Os Barnes, Bassam Chedid, Ralph Davis, Steve Froelich, Edward Johnson, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Ron Lively, Paul Long, Douglas McCollough, Don Malin, Martin Marshall, Cory Pelton, Jack B. Scott, Derek Thomas.
- C. The following visitors were registered:** Travis Horton, Michael Philliber, Giles Crisler, E. G. Flora Jr., Gray Flora III, Thomas Bowen, Bill Bradford, Scott Pierce, Wade Coleman, William 'Buck' Mosal, Scott Fleming, Matthew Schilling, Robert Taylor, Don Regan, Jessie Jacobs.
- D. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** J. McDonald Bell, James Carter, Don Caviness, John Kyle, Steve Long, Mark Lowery, Tom Penning, Clay Quarterman, Jakub Susabeda, Willem Van

Gemerren, Jan Werson, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, Ron Smith.

- E. The following Teaching Elders were granted excused absences:** John Allen, Ken Elliott, Ed Hartman, Bob Bates, Charles Rodriguez, Warren Foster, Mark Lowery.
- F. The following Teaching Elders were excused early during the afternoon meeting:** Ron Lively, Douglas McCollough, Jamey Germany, Robert E. Hays.
- G. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Charley Chase, William Wymond.
- H. Ruling Elder representatives from those churches marked "A" in the listing of churches above were absent without excuse.**

26.1028 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

T. E. Wesley Baker was presented as First Nominee and was elected by white ballot.

26.1029 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket was presented by the Stated Clerk and was adopted with the following amendments: 1) Jay Kyle, Ron Lively, and Tom Bowen each given five minutes to address the presbytery during the time for the introduction of visitors. 2) The MNA Committee report would be given prior to the Credentials Committee report. 3) The Report of the Implications Committee would be added at 9:30 as stipulated in the motion adopted to create this committee. 4) The MTW report was scheduled immediately after the Stated Clerk's report. 5) Alonzo Ramirez, Bill Bradford, and Wesley Baker were given a place on the docket immediately following the Credentials Committee report to address the Presbytery. Item # 2 about called for a suspension of the Standing Rules which required a two thirds vote of registered commissioners. The vote to suspend the rules for this matter was unanimous.

It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt the docket as amended (**Appendix A**).

26.1030 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

T. E. Jayson Kyle gave a brief report concerning the Mexico mission work. T. E. Ron Lively gave a brief report on Medical, Marriage and Family Ministries. Mr. Tom Bowen gave a brief report on Chamberlin Hunt Academy.

Visitors were introduced as listed under the record of those present at the meeting listed above.

T. E. Mark Duncan led the Presbytery in prayer for guests who gave reports.

26.1031

HOST WELCOME

The Host Welcome was given by Dr. Ligon Duncan, Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. Mark Magee, Conference Center Director, also addressed the Presbytery about Twin Lakes Conference Center.

26.1032

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed Jamey Germany, Rob Thacker and Ed Nalley to serve on the Thanks Committee.

The Moderator appointed Tim Muse, Dale Van Ness and David Eades to serve on the Overtures Committee.

26.1033

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The report of the Stated Clerk was given by the Rev. B. I. Anderson. He reported on the requests for excused absences. These requests were acted upon as note in the record of attendance noted in section 26.1027.

Requests for Stated Supply relationships were referred to the Credentials Committee for report later in the day.

The Stated Clerk reported requests for prayer for ministers Chris Shelt and Steve Froelich who are in the midst of changing positions.

A letter from the Rev. Ian Wright requested that he be allowed to continue on the roll laboring out of bounds. This request was approved by the presbytery by common consent.

A letter from Dr. Willem Van Gemenen gave his yearly report and requested that he allowed to continue to labor outside the bounds of presbytery.

The report of the Commission to install Mark Duncan was approved by presbytery and accepted as its own action **(Appendix B)**.

The report of the Commission to install Dean Rydbeck was approved by presbytery and accepted as its own action **(Appendix C)**.

The report of the Commission to install Darwin Jordan was approved by presbytery and accepted as its own action **(Appendix D)**.

26.1034

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Dr. James Stewart gave the Mission to the World Committee report. During this report T. E. Jim Landrum gave a report on his Mission Trip to Northern Ireland that was partially funded by presbytery. Other pastors were encouraged to go on a Pastor's Vision Trip.

26.1041

MORNING MINUTES

Dr. Mike Ross led the Presbytery in prayer for the health of Dr. Don Patterson and for Mr. Patterson's family.

The morning minutes were read by Temporary Recording Clerk, John Reeves. The minutes were approved by common consent without objection.

26.1042

RECESS

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12 noon.

26.1043

RECONVENE

The Presbytery reconvened at 1 P. M. with prayer by the Moderator T. E. Wesley Baker.

T. E. Gary Johnson was introduced and gave a brief report concerning the planned mission work in Sweden in connection with Mission to the World.

26.1044

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

T. E. Barry Darnell presented the Mission to North America report. He introduced Bassam Chedid who gave a brief report on his Children of Abraham ministry. David Eades then reported on his plans for church planting work in West Virginia.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the Standing Rule restricting Mission to North America Funds of this Presbytery to work within the bounds of this Presbytery be suspended. The necessary two thirds vote of enrolled commissioners was met by the unanimous vote. It was then moved, seconded and passed that MNA funds be used to support David Eades at the level of \$2000 per year for the next three years.

26.1045

THANKS COMMITTEE

The following report of the Thanks Committee from R. E. Ed Nally, T. E. Jamey Germany, and T. E. Rob Thacker was adopted by Presbytery:

Peter writes, "Be hospitable to one another without complaint." (I Peter 4:9) We, the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, want to extend our deepest thanks to the Session of First Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and particularly to the staff of Twin Lakes and the ladies and men who served us our dinner for the giving of your time and facility. Truly, you have ministered to us through the gift of hospitality and in do so showing the grace and love of Christ.

26.1046

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

A. Executive Session

T. E. James Landrum presented the report of the Credentials Committee. It was moved, seconded and passed that Presbytery hear the concerns of Dr. Os Barnes and Charlie Carlberg in regard to the Credentials Report. It was moved, seconded and passed that Presbytery go into executive session. After hearing from Dr. Barnes, it was moved seconded and passed that Presbytery examine Mr. Carlberg for candidacy in executive session. Mr. Carlberg gave his testimony of Christian experience and sense of call to the gospel ministry. Upon proper motion his examination was approved as satisfactory. It was then moved, seconded and passed for the Presbytery to come out of executive session.

B. Internship

The internship report was received as information (**Appendix I**). It was moved, seconded and passed that Presbytery hear the internship reports from Scott Pierce, Wade Coleman, and Jesse Jacobs. After brief reports were given by each of these interns, T. E. Jim Landrum led the Presbytery in prayer.

C. Administrative

- 1) The following administrative items were moved, seconded and passed in omnibus fashion with the candidates approval pending their successful completion of examinations:
- 2) The request of Wyndale Presbyterian Church to have Larry Wissel serve as Stated Supply was disapproved. Mr. Wissel is not a licentiate.
- 3) That Charles Carlberg be received as a candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.
- 4) That Charles Carlberg's application for internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.
- 5) That David Bergmark be received as a Candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.
- 6) That Scott Fleming be received as a Candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.
- 7) That Scott Fleming's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.
- 8) That Fritz Games be received as a Candidate, pending transfer of his candidacy from Covenant Presbytery, and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.
- 9) That Fritz Games' application for internship be approved retroactive to July, 1998, and that his name be added to the Roll of Interns.
- 10) That Greg Malone be received as a Candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.

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- 11) That Greg Malone's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.
- 12) That David Sunesson be received as a Candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.
- 13) That Stan Pace's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.
- 14) That Mike Philliber's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.
- 15) That Mike Philliber be approved for Student Supply at Pickens Presbyterian Church.
- 16) That Keith Berger's application for Internship be approved retroactive to May 1998 and his name added to the Roll of Interns.

D. Examinations

- 1) It was moved, seconded and passed that all examinations proceed.
- 2) T. E. Ken Campbell was seeking to transfer from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. T. E. Bill Hogan was seeking licensure to supply churches regularly in this Presbytery. Blake Purcell and Bill Bradford were examined for ordination. Mr. Wade Coleman was examined for licensure. Mr. Greg Malone, Fritz Games, Scott Fleming, David Bergmark and David Sunesson were examined for candidacy.

Ken Campbell, Bill Hogan, Blake Purcell, Bill Bradford, Wade Coleman, Greg Malone, Fritz Games, Scott Fleming, David Bergman, and David Sunesson each gave their testimony of Christian experience and sense of call to the gospel ministry. This part of the examination for each of these men was sustained as satisfactory. (Mr. Charles Carlberg had been examined earlier and his examination was sustained at that time.)
- 3) Candidates Charles Carlberg, Scott Fleming, Greg Malone, Fritz Games, David Bergmark, and David Sunesson answered the questions from the Book of Church Order 18-3 in the affirmative. A charge was given to the candidates by Dr. Robert Schwanebeck from I Peter 2:11-12. Prayer was offered on behalf of the candidates by Dr. Schwanebeck.
- 4) At this time prayer was offered for those who admitted as interns: Charles Carlberg, Scott Fleming, Fritz Games, Greg Malone, Stan Pace, Mike Philiber and Keith Berger. The men answered in the affirmative the questions from Book of Church Order 19-3. The Moderator made proper declaration of these men as interns according to Book of Church Order 19-10.
- 5) After prayer was offered by T. E. Mike Ross the examination proceeded for Wade Coleman for licensure; for Blake Purcell and Bill Bradford for ordination; for T. E. Ken Campbell for transfer from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church; and for T. E. Bill Hogan for licensure to preach regularly within the bounds of this Presbytery.

- 6) It was moved, seconded and passed that the examinations in theology for Bill Bradford, Blake Purcell, and Wade Coleman be approved as satisfactory.
- 7) It was moved, seconded and passed that the theology examination for Dr. Hogan be sustained noting his views in regard to women deacons as an exception to Book of Church Order 7-2 and his scruple concerning the possibility of women ruling elders and Presbytery requires that he not inculcate these views. It was moved, seconded and passed that Dr. Hogan's view in regard to the length of days of creation be noted as an exception. Dr. Hogan submitted the following statement concerning his view: "I believe that the word "yom" is used in a variety of ways within Genesis 1-3, so that it is difficult to say with any certainty that we are intended to take the days of creation as literal 24 hour days. Genesis 1, therefore can accommodate a variety of interpretations such as literal days, day-age, framework, pictorial revelatory days, and perhaps others. Scripture does not allow, however, for evolutionary theories."
- 8) It was moved, seconded and passed that Dr. Ken Campbell's examination in theology be sustained noting his views in regard to women deacons as an exception to Book of Church Order 7-2 and that Presbytery requires that he not inculcate these views. It was moved, seconded and passed that Dr. Campbell's views on the length of days of creation be noted as an exception.
- 9) The following men asked to have their negative votes recorded in regard to sustaining the examination of Dr. Hogan and Dr. Campbell in regard to their views of the length of the days of creation: T. E. Jim Landrum, T. E. Bob Schwanebeck, T. E. Mark Duncan, T. Ed Hurley.
- 10) The following men asked to have their negative votes recorded in regard to sustaining the examination of Dr. Hogan and Dr. Campbell in regard to their views concerning women deacons: T. E. Paul Zetterholm, T. E. Bob Schwanebeck, T. E. Mark Duncan, T. E. Dan Gilchrist. T. E. Jim Landrum.
- 11) At this point Dr. Hogan, Dr. Campbell, Bill Bradford, Blake Purcell, and Wade Coleman were examined in the Book of Church Order. It was moved, seconded and passed that the examinations in the Book of Church Order for all men be approved as satisfactory.
- 12) At this point Dr. Hogan, Dr. Campbell, Bill Bradford, and Blake Purcell were examined in Sacraments. It was moved seconded and passed that the examinations in the Sacraments for all men be approved as satisfactory.
- 13) It was moved, seconded and passed that the examination as a whole for Dr. Campbell and Dr. Hogan be sustained.
- 14) The following men asked to have their negative votes recorded to sustaining the examinations as whole for Dr. Campbell and Dr. Hogan: T. E. Dan Gilchrist, T. E. Jim Landrum and R. E. Ed Nalley.
- 15) It was moved, seconded and passed that the call of Belhaven College to Dr. Ken Campbell be approved.
- 16) It was moved, seconded and passed that Dr. Ken Campbell be enrolled as a member of Presbytery upon signing the Book of the Covenant.

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- 17) The questions for licensure from Book of Church Order 19-3 were proposed to Dr. Hogan and answered in the affirmative. Prayer was offered by the Moderator.
- 18) The English Bible examination for Bill Bradford, Blake Purcell, and Wade Coleman was led by T. E. Carl Kalberkamp. The English Bible examinations for Bill Bradford, Blake Purcell and Wade Coleman were approved as satisfactory.
- 19) The Theological and Exegetical papers submitted by Bill Bradford and Blake Purcell submitted to the Credentials Committee were approved as satisfactory.
- 20) It was moved, seconded and passed that the sermons preached before this Presbytery by Bill Bradford and Blake Purcell for their licensure examinations be accepted and approved as meeting requirement of preaching a sermon for ordination.
- 21) It was moved seconded as passed that the theological degree of Bill Bradford be accepted as fulfilling the language requirements for ordination.
- 22) It was moved, seconded and passed that the examination in the original languages be omitted for Blake Purcell, such omission falling into the "extraordinary cases" requiring three-fourths approval of Presbytery. (This motion requiring a three fourth's vote passed unanimously.)
- 23) It was moved, seconded and passed that Presbytery waive Internship for Blake Purcell and approve his previous work in Russia as experience equivalent to internship.
- 24) It was moved, seconded and passed that Presbytery proceed to ordain Blake Purcell without a seminary degree. (This motion requiring a three fourths vote passed unanimously.)
- 25) It was moved, seconded and passed that the call of Blake Purcell to the office of Evangelist by Reformed Discipleship Ministries be approved.
- 26) It was moved, seconded and passed that the examinations as a whole of Bill Bradford and Blake Purcell be approved.
- 27) The calls to Bill Bradford (Appendix I) and Blake Purcell (Appendix J) were received and upon proper motion they were enrolled as members of Presbytery upon signing the Book of the Covenant.
- 28) Presbytery approved the following Ordination Commission for Blake Purcell to be ordained October 25th at 2 P. M. at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi: Ruling Elders Roger Wiggins, Dr. Sam Suttle, Dr. Roland Byrd, the Honorable Ed Prisock, Teaching Elders Jim Landrum, Dale Van Ness, and Jim Shull, with Dr. Jimmy Covey invited to sit with the commission.
- 29) Presbytery approved the following Ordination Commission for Bill Bradford to be ordained November 8, 1998, at 6 P. M. at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi: Ruling Elders David Bradford, Buz Lowry, Charles Clayton, Teaching Elders Ligon Duncan, Jeff Elliott and Wes Baker, with guests invited to sit with the commission Jimmy Turner, Dr. Knox Chamblin, Hank Worsham, and Alonzo Ramirez.

30) T. E. John Reeves reported to Presbytery on sermon preached by Wade Coleman from Romans 1:16-17, "Our Confidence in the Gospel." This was approved by Presbytery with the understanding that he will be required to preach when coming to presbytery for ordination.

31) The examination as a whole of Wade Coleman for licensure was approved. The questions from the Book of Church order were answered in the affirmative and prayer was offered by the Moderator, Wes Baker.

32) The following State Supply relations were approved by Presbytery:

Tchula - James Peaster
Westminster, Meridian - Don Malin
Mt. Moriah - Charlie Douglas
Raymond - William "Buck" Mosal
Carolina - Martin Marhall
West - Dr. Robert Duhs

26.1047

REPORTS

At this time reports were heard from Alonzo Ramirez, Bill Bradford and Wes Baker concerning their plans to serve in Peru.

Blake Purcell reported on his plans for the work in St. Petersburg, Russia.

T. E. John Reeves led the Presbytery in prayer for the works in Peru and Russia.

26.1048

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee Report was presented by Michael Ahlberg.

It was moved, seconded and passed that T. E. Philip Blevins, now serving out of bounds as President of Graham Bible College, be permitted to remain on the roll of Mississippi Valley Presbytery for another year.

It was moved, seconded and passed that T. E. David Eades be dismissed from Mississippi Valley Presbytery that he may take up his new calling as church planter of Hope Fellowship, Parkersburg, West Virginia. T. E. Eades has already been received by New River Presbytery pending his dismissal from Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the pastoral relationship between Wally Bumpas and the Dekalb and Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Churches be dissolved in order that he may receive the call to First Presbyterian Church, Dyersburg, TN. T. E. Bumpas has already been received by Covenant Presbytery pending his dismissal from Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Prayer was offered for David Eades by T. E. Roger Collins.

26.1049

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

T. E. Jeff Elliott presented the report of the Christian Education Committee (**Appendix J**). T. E. Don Malin gave a brief report on Malin Ministries, cult ministries. The recommendations of the Christian Education Committee #1, 2, 3 and 4 appearing on the printed report (Appendix J) were adopted. An additional item was presented approving Judi Bell from First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko as Vice President of the W. I. C. Council; Peggy McKey from Edwards Presbyterian Church as President-elect, and Alice Lusk from Trinity Presbyterian Church as Treasurer. These ladies will be installed at the Mississippi Valley Annual Meeting, November 5, 1998.

26.1050

REVIEW OF SESSIONAL RECORDS

T. E. Charlie Douglas gave a report of the Committee of Review of Sessional Minutes. The sessional records of the following churches were approved with exception of form: Mt. Salus, Clinton; Westminster, Meridian; and St. Paul, Jackson.

26.1051

NEW BUSINESS

Stated Clerk B. I. Anderson offered his resignation to become effective December 31, 1998. His resignation was accepted by Presbytery and thanks was expressed to Mr. Anderson for his years of faithful service.

Teaching Elder Roger Collins was nominated to serve as Temporary Stated Clerk until the February meeting of Presbytery. He was elected by white ballot.

It was moved, seconded and passed that past Recording Clerk Paul Zetterholm and Temporary Stated Clerk Roger Collins be asked to draft a response to the action of the 26th General Assembly in regard to Mississippi Valley Minutes as noted in the 26th General Assembly Minutes pages 243-244 and report to the February meeting of Presbytery.

26.1052

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

R. E. James Elkin was nominated and elected as First Nominee for Moderator for the February 1999 meeting of Presbytery.

26.1053

ARRANGEMENTS

The invitation from Providence Presbyterian Church in Clinton, Mississippi to hold the February meeting of Presbytery at its facilities was accepted by Presbytery.

26.1054

MINUTES

Temporary Recording Clerk John Reeves read the afternoon minutes. The minutes were approved

with corrections.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the oral reading of minutes be suspended at future meetings of Presbytery and that written copies of minutes be printed in the White Book and approved at the subsequent meeting of Presbytery.

26.1055

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

October 20, 1998 Minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery are respectfully submitted by

B. I. Anderson
Stated Clerk

John K. Reeves
Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi
February 16, 1999

26.1056

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Moderator, TE Wesley Baker, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

26.1057

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Acting Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins. TE Robert E. Hays served as the Acting Recording Clerk.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Charlie Moak
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Daniel Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A.D. Owings
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard O. Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Edward O. Nalley
		Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Erskine Wells
	Jeff Elliott	Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
	Tim Horn	James D. Elkin
	William Hughes	Palmer Quarterman
	James Stewart	Chess Wymond
	Brister Ware	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Bill Wymond	Leland Hume
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Julius Murray
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael Ross	E. Lantz Kuykendall

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Chris Shelt Ed Hartman Tim Muse	James A, Boyd
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Wesley Baker	Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale VanNess	Gene Austin
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	John Sharp
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		Walter Riddell
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy R. Davidson
Madison, First	Barry Darnell	A
Madison, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah	Charles Douglas	A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	A
Philadelphia, First	James L. Shull	Charles McClain
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Elmer Adams
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale		Guerrant Smathers
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	Troy White
Vicksburg, Westminster		Warren R. Bennett, Jr
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		Robert J. Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	Charley L. Chase	A

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Gary Glenn Johnson, Ken Campbell, Derek Thomas, Ralph Davis, Paul Long, Doug McCullough, Robert Duhs, James Baird, Ken Elliott, Corey Pelton, Martin Marshall, John T. Allen, Don Malin.

c. The following visitors were registered: Duncan Rankin, Daniel Wannall, Scott Pierce, Ted Wenger, Philip Palmertree, Scott Fleming, Keith Berger, Wm. L. "Buck" Mosal, Rob Taylor, Wade Coleman, Matthew Schilling, Samuel Larson, George Powe, N.R. Smith, Matt Baugh, Clyde Reeves, Larry Wissel, J.M. Moore.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James Bell, Phil Blevins, Don Caviness, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Lively, Stephen Long, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeran, Iain Wright, Kazuhiko Yaegashi
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Mark Lowery, Bob Wojohn, Paul Zetterholm, Jamey Germany.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Richard Nelson, Dale Van Ness.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Oswald Barnes, Warren Foster, Charles Rodriguez.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **26.1057.a.** above.

26.1058 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE James Davis Elkin was elected as Moderator by acclamation. Presbytery was led in prayer by Moderator Elkin.

26.1059 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was approved as amended (**Appendix A**).

26.1060 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE John Reeves, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery.

26.1061 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of: TE Brister Ware, TE Rob Thacker, and RE Julius Murray.

26.1062 EXCUSED ABSENCES

Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **26.1057.e.** above.

26.1063 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Acting Stated Clerk reported on correspondence and reports received; none required any action.

26.1064 RESULTS OF VOTES ON BCO AMENDMENTS

Item 1	For 67	Against 0	Abstentions 1
Item 2	For 69	Against 0	Abstentions 0
Item 3	For 66	Against 0	Abstentions 2
Item 4	For 69	Against 0	Abstentions 0
Item 5	For 66	Against 0	Abstentions 1

26.1065 REPORTS

The report of the Commission to ordain William Ray Bradford was read and ratified by Presbytery **(Appendix B)**.

26.1066 STATUS REQUEST

Presbytery approved a request by TE Clay Quarterman to extend his status as an evangelist for another year **(Appendix C)**.

26.1067 COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk referred Presbytery to letters from missionaries **(Appendices C-J)**.

The Stated Clerk read a communication from TE John Reeves concerning an action taken at the last meeting in which Presbytery had voted to dispense with the reading of the minutes during each meeting. Presbytery responded by rescinding its previous action. The minutes are to be read at the end of the morning and evening sessions as has been the practice over the years.

The Stated Clerk read resolutions from Alta Woods Church recognizing the granting of Emeritus status to RE Gilbert "Gil" Ford and RE John Harold Delmar "Pat" Burns. Presbytery accepted the resolutions and directed that they be spread upon the minutes of Presbytery **(Appendices K and L)**.

A resolution which had been received from Covenant Presbytery was read and accepted as information by the Presbytery **(Appendix M)**. Presbytery instructed the Credentials Committee to write a response to the communication to present to Presbytery at its next meeting for approval.

26.1068

TREASURER'S REPORT

Rod Russ, Treasurer, presented the report (**Appendix N**).

26.1069

REPORT FROM INSURANCE, ANNUITIES AND RELIEF

Chris Miller, representative of the denomination's Insurance, Annuities and Relief Committee, addressed Presbytery.

26.1070

REPORT ON PERU MISSION WORK

TE Wesley Baker gave an update on the plans of the team preparing to go to Peru.

26.1071

ANNOUNCEMENT

TE Ligon Duncan announced a pastor's conference to be held at Twin Lakes on March 22 & 23, 1999. The subject is to be "Preaching Christ from Every Biblical Text."

26.1072

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. That the pastoral relationship between TE Bob Wojohn and First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, be dissolved pending the consent of the congregation, effective March 7, 1999.
2. That TE Wojohn be dismissed from MSVP, pending his being received as a member of Central Georgia Presbytery.
3. That prayer be offered for TE Wojohn. TE Ligon Duncan prayed.
4. That TE Curt Presley be dismissed from MSVP to Grace Presbytery.
5. That prayer be offered for TE Presley. TE Carl Kalberkamp prayed.
6. That the pastoral relationship between TE Jeff Elliott and First Presbyterian, Jackson, be dissolved that he may accept a call to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.
7. That prayer be offered for TE Jeff Elliott. TE Brister Ware prayed.

26.1073

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Jim Stewart presented the report. He introduced TE Gary Johnson, missionary to Sweden, who gave a report on the plans of the team getting ready to go to that country.

Mr. Stewart introduced Jarvis Ward, representing Mission America, who gave a report on the work of that organization.

TE Paul Long gave a report on the recent earthquake in Colombia and announced that MTW has opened a disaster relief account to help. Members of Presbytery were encouraged to consider giving to the account.

26.1074

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report. Presbytery elected the following men to fill the respective offices listed.

Presbytery Committees for the Class of 2001

MTW	RE Al Chestnut RE Houston Powers TE Ed Hartman
MNA	RE Jack Laws TE Charlie Douglas RE Edmund Johnson
CE&P	RE Willy Ray Smith TE Charley Lynn Chase RE Willie Cockroft TE Jim Shull (to replace Bob Wojohn, Class of 2000)
ADVISORY	TE Darwin Jordan RE Vernon Cotton
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	TE Charlie Rodriguez RE Bob Bailey
CREDENTIALS	TE Corey Pelton TE Derek Thomas RE Roland Byrd RE Warren Bennett
SESSIONAL RECORDS	RE George Powe TE Brister Ware
STANDING RULES	RE Ed Nalley TE Bill Hughes TE Steve Jussely (Class of 2000)
NOMINATING	TE Mike Ross RE Bob Bailey

Presbytery Officers for the Class of 2001

TREASURER	RE Rod Russ
STATED CLERK	TE Roger G. Collins
RECORDING CLERK	TE Robert E. Hays

26.1079

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE James Landrum gave the report.

Internship

Presbytery received the Internship Report as information (**Appendix O**).

Intern Ted Wenger gave a report on his activities as an intern at First Presbyterian, Jackson.

Administrative

Presbytery adopted the following administrative recommendations:

That Larry Wissel be received as a Candidate and his name added to the Roll of Candidates.

That Larry Wissel's Sessional Certification be approved, without the six-month membership per BCO 18-2. (Mr. Wissel has been a "part time Supply Pastor" for the Wynndale Church since March, 1998, and was a member of the North Park Presbyterian Church from 1994 until October, 1998, when he joined the Wynndale Church.)

That David Bergmark's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.

That David Sunneson's application for Internship be approved and his name added to the Roll of Interns.

That Larry Wissel's views exam for Licensure be accepted.

That Scott Pierce's views exam, theology paper, exegesis paper, sermon and church history examination be accepted as satisfactory constituents of his ordination.

That Scott Pierce's Internship be accepted as completed.

Due to the arrival of the orders of the day, the Committee report was adjourned until after lunch.

26.1080

RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:00 AM and reconvened at 11:15 AM for worship.

26.1081

WORSHIP

Retiring moderator TE Wesley Baker, led Presbytery in worship. After presbytery sang "Christ Shall Have Dominion," TE Baker read from Joshua 1:1-9 and brought the morning message. His subject was the mandate of the church to disciple the nations.

26.1082

MEMORIAL

TE Ligon Duncan read a resolution memorializing TE Donald Bray Patterson who died December 25, 1998. Presbytery received the memorial and ordered that it be spread upon its minutes as a permanent testimony to his faithful service of 47 years to Christ's church **(Appendix P)**.

26.1083

SESSIONAL RECORDS

TE Charles Douglas presented the report. Presbytery resolved itself into a committee of the whole in order for the members to read the minutes of the various churches which had been brought for approval.

26.1084

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:00.

26.1085

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS

During the lunch break, Brister Ware, Chairman of the Committee on Thanks, gave the report, thanking the church, its pastor, and the hostesses **(Appendix Q)**.

26.1086

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TE Roger Collins, Stated Clerk, presented B.I. Anderson, retired Stated Clerk, with a framed certificate of appreciation for serving from 1985-1998, after which Presbytery gave Mr. Anderson a standing ovation **(Appendix R)**.

26.1087

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

Administrative (Continued)

Presbytery received a letter from TE Dr. William. Hogan as information and accepted the return of his license granted at the last meeting **(Appendix S)**.

Dr. Hogan was approved to be the Stated Supply at the Edwards Church through May 30, 1999.

Presbytery approved TE Jeff Elliott's call to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, and the installation commission he had requested **(Appendix T)**.

Examinations

Experiential religion. Scott Pierce, candidate for ordination, Philip Palmertree, transferring minister, and Larry Wissel, candidate for licensure, gave their testimonies concerning their relationships with Christ and their calls to preach.

The exams were approved. Mr Wissel was given the two questions required by the Book of Church Order for candidates. They were answered in the affirmative, he was charged from II Cor 5 by the Moderator, and after prayer, was declared a candidate for the Gospel ministry in MS Valley Presbytery.

Theology. TE Mike Ross administered this part of the exam. All three men's exams were sustained by Presbytery.

Church Government. TE Ligon Duncan administered this part of the exam. All three men's exams were sustained by Presbytery

Sacraments. TE Ligon Duncan conducted this part of the exam to Messrs. Palmertree and Pierce. Both exams were sustained.

Philip Palmertree's exam was sustained as a whole. The call from the Macon church was approved by Presbytery, placed in his hands, and he accepted it (**Appendix U**).

Mr. Palmertree's requested installation commission was approved (**Appendix V**).

English Bible. Messrs. Wissel and Pierce were examined in English Bible by TE Wesley Baker. Their exams were sustained.

At that point, Presbytery divided into two commissions to hear the sermons of Messrs. Wissel and Pierce. When Presbytery reconvened, the following reports were heard.

TE John Reeves gave the report of Commission #1. They heard Mr. Wissel preach from John 14: 1-7. Presbytery voted to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

TE Tim Horn gave the report of Commission #2. They heard Mr. Pierce preach from John 14: 1-6. Presbytery voted to approve the Commission report and sustain the sermon as satisfactory.

Each man's exam was sustained as a whole.

Questions for licensure from BCO 19-3 were put to Mr. Wissel by the Moderator, and he answered them in the affirmative. He was declared a licentiate of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. Presbytery was led in prayer for these men by the Moderator.

A request from the Wynndale Church for Mr. Wissel to serve as their supply preacher was approved.

Presbytery accepted Mr. Pierce's seminary degree as fulfilling his education requirements for ordination. Presbytery also accepted his degree as fulfilling the original languages requirement.

Presbytery approved Mr. Wissel's written sermon.

Presbytery approved the call from Trinity Presbyterian Church to Mr. Pierce (**Appendix W**). It was placed in his hands. Presbytery approved the ordination commission he requested (**Appendix X**).

26.1093

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned 4:30 p.m. with prayer by TE John Allen.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

Appendix A

STATED MEETING Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA) Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi February 16, 1999

Docket

01. 9:00 A.M. Presbytery opened with prayer
02. 9:05 A.M. Determination of a quorum
03. 9:05 A.M. Election of Moderator (First Nominee: RE James D. Elkin)
04. 9:10 A.M. Adoption of docket
05. 9:15 A.M. Introduction of visitors
06. 9:20 A.M. Welcome from host church
07. 9:25 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
Thanks (3 members)
08. 9:30 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
Requests for Excused Absence
Voting on BCO Amendments
Reports
Report of Commission to ordain and install Mr. William Ray Bradford
Clay Quarterman's request re his status
Communications to be Received as Information
Missionary Letters
Memo from John Reeves re Presbytery minutes
Resolutions from Alta Woods
Reading of a resolution sent from Covenant Presbytery
- 08b. 10:00 A.M. Treasurer's Report – RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
- 08c. 10:05 A.M. Wesley Baker - report on Peru mission work
- 08d. 10:10 A.M. Chris Miller - IAR Representative
- 08e. 10:15 A.M. Ligon Duncan - announcement
- 08f. 10:20 A.M. MTW Committee Report
09. 10:25 A.M. Report of Nominating Committee - TE Roger Collins
10. 10:45 A.M. Recess
11. 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE Steve McNair,
Providence PCA)
12. 11:45 A.M. Report of the MNA Committee – TE Barry Darnell, Chairman
13. 11:50 A.M. Reading and Approval of Morning Minutes
14. 11:55 A.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee - TE Charles Douglas, Chairman
15. 12:00 P.M. Lunch
16. 1:00 P.M. Report of Credentials Committee - TE Jim Landrum, Chairman
17. 3:00 P.M. Report of the Nominating Committee – TE Roger Collins, Chairman
18. 3:15 P.M. Report of the Advisory Committee – TE Mike Ahlberg, Chairman
19. 3:45 P.M. Report of the CE & P Committee - TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman
20. 4:00 P.M. Report of the Sessional Records Committee (Continued)
21. 4:15 P.M. Old and New Business
22. 4:30 P.M. Arrangements for Next Meeting

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| | | Election of First Nominee |
| | | Place for the June Meeting |
| 23. | 4:40 P.M. | Reading and Approval of Afternoon Minutes |
| 24. | 4:45 P.M. | Adjournment with Prayer |

**STATED MEETING
June 1, 1999**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, Mississippi**

27.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by TE Wesley Baker, serving in the absence of RE Elkin, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

27.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Allen McLain
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Jack Fortenberry
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Jon C. Anderson
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Wade Coleman
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	O.B . Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Thomas O. Brown
	Paul Zetterholm	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	John Caden
	Bill Wymond	Robert F. Cooper, Jr.
	Tim Horn	Leland Hume
	William Hughes	Palmer Quarterman
	James Stewart	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Brister Ware	Chess Wymond

Church

Jackson, Grace
Jackson, North Park
Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Roger G. Collins
Dean Rydbeck

Michael Ross
Scott Pierce
Ed Hartman
Tim Muse

Wesley Baker
Dale VanNess
Jim Landrum
Bob Schwanebeck

Philip Palmertree

Barry Darnell
Bob Bates

Charles Douglas
Charles Douglas
Robert Hays
James L. Shull

Darwin Jordan

Jeff Elliott

Mike Ahlberg

Charley L. Chase

Ruling Elder

David Stormont
Robert Dieckman
A
John Williams
Ottis Ball
John Reeves

A
A
A
John Kimbrough
Roland Byrd
Ben Kirk
A
Gray Flora
Richard W. Metz
A
Tim Ivey
A
A
A
George Powe
A
A
A
A
John Neville
Peter Wang
Jim Brown
Rod Russ
Ray Reinhardt
A
A
Jim Hutton
Robert R. Smathers
A
Warren R. Bennett
A
A
Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Paul Long, Doug McCullough, Robert Duhs, John T. Allen, Clay Quarterman, Chris Shelt, Corey Pelton, Martin

Marshall, Os Barnes, B.I. Anderson, Fred Marsh.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** William Yount, Jesse Jacobs, Ted Wenger, William L. "Buck" Mosal, James Watson, Matthew Schilling, Samuel Larson, Matt Baugh, Harold McDairmid, Ray Stillwell, Kenneth Kammer, Chris Shelton, Robert Hutton, John S. Crosby, Josh Carmichael, Jeannie Ragland, David Long, Michael Philliber, Jim Furey, Benny Hill.
- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, James Carter, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, Don Caviness, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Lively, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemerren, Iain Wright, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, John E. Kyle, Mark Lowery, Blake Purcell, Ron Smith, Jan Werson.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Ken Elliott, Ralph Davis, Chris Shelt (after 10:00 AM), Carl Kalberkamp, Don Malin.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused for various portions of the afternoon session:** Martin Marshall, Douglas McCullough, Barry Darnell, Richard Nelson, Dale Van Ness, Clay Quarterman, Bob Bates.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dan Gilchrist, Mark Duncan, Ed Hurley, Ken Campbell, Warren Foster, Charles Rodriguez, Derek Thomas.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:**
Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **27.1002.a.** above.

27.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE James Landrum was elected as Moderator by acclamation. Presbytery was led in prayer by Moderator Landrum.

27.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was approved as amended (**see Appendix A, p. 12**).

27.1005

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

After the introduction of visitors, TE Darwin Jordan, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery.

27.1006 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of: Bob Bates, Gray Flora, and Benny Hill.

27.1007 EXCUSED ABSENCES

Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **27.1002.e.** above.

27.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received from various commissions:

- Patterson Memorial Commission - **(Appendix B, p. 14)**
- Nominations Committee as Commission - **(Appendix C, p. 15)**
- Advisory Committee as Commission - **(Appendix D, p. 16)**
- Blake Purcell's Ordination Commission - **(Appendix E, p. 17)**
- Philip Palmertree's Installation Commission - **(Appendix F, p. 18)**
- Scott Pierce's Ordination Commission - **(Appendix G, p. 19)**
- Jeff Elliott's Installation Commission - **(Appendix H, p. 20)**

These commission reports were adopted as the actions of Presbytery

The Stated Clerk read a letter of thanks from Jean Patterson, widow of Don Patterson.

The Stated Clerk reported two corrections to previous minutes which needed to be made. In these changes, Wade Coleman was recognized as an intern, effective October 20, 1998, and Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Chris Shelt and Trinity Presbyterian Church, effective October 20, 1998.

The Stated Clerk brought other communications before Presbytery for information.

Missionary letters:

- Clay Quarterman - **(Appendix I, p. 21)**
- Blake Purcell - **(Appendix J, p. 22)**
- Gary Johnson - **(Appendix K, p. 23)**

Protest: The protest from North Park church was accepted **(Appendix L, p. 24)**, and the recommended answer from TE Mike Ross was accepted as Presbytery's answer **(Appendix M, p. 27)**.

Memorials: Harry B. McNeel **(Appendix N, p. 30)**.

Miscellaneous:

A request from Frank Smith, editor of Presbyterian and Reformed News, in which he was requesting the minutes of Presbytery be sent to him for publication, was reported to Presbytery. Presbytery sent the motion to the Advisory Committee for report to the next Stated Meeting.

A Plan of Prayer recommended by TE's Dan Perrin and Steve Resch for General Assembly was sent to the Advisory Committee for a report to be given before the

close of business.

The Stated Clerk read a letter from Mt. Salus Presbyterian Church which was given to the Advisory Committee for reporting back (**Appendix O, p. 31**).

Special Recognition: The Stated Clerk, presented TE Paul E. Zetterholm with a framed Certificate of Recognition for serving as Recording Clerk from June 1988 - June 1998, after which Presbytery gave TE Zetterholm a standing ovation (**Appendix P, p. 32**).

27.1009 REPORT FROM CLAY QUARTERMAN

Clay Quarterman, Missionary to Ukraine presently on home mission assignment, reported to Presbytery concerning his ministry there. Presbytery was encouraged by the exciting work God is doing in that part of the world.

27.1010 REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott addressed the Presbytery briefly concerning the Christian Education Committee. No action was taken and his report was received as information.

27.1011 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness presented the report. Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That Charlie Douglas and the Session of the Newton Church be approved as the Session of the Mt. Moriah Church.
2. That prayer be offered for TE Iain Wright who is transferring to an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Illinois.

27.1012 REPORT FROM STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. After his discussing various elements of it, the year 2000 budget was approved (**Appendix Q, p. 34**). The Treasurer's Report for the present period was approved (**Appendix Q, p. 33-42**).

27.1013 REPORT OF THE MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Barry Darnell presented the report (**Appendix R, p. 43**). Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the RUM year end and audit report be received as information (**On file with the**

Stated Clerk's office).

2. That the call to Jesse Jacobs by the Committee to be approved as an evangelist be approved **(Appendix AA, p. 62).**
3. That the RUM Budget for the next year be approved **(Appendix S, p. 44).**

27.1014 REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Paul Zetterholm presented a report on a change requested by the MNA Committee regarding the use of presbytery funds for church planting outside of MVP boundaries. The Committee recommended that no change to the Standing Rules be undertaken because the Rules can be suspended by a vote of Presbytery at any time.

27.1015 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

TE Jim Stewart gave the report. It was reported that MTW supports nine missionaries at \$9500.00 annually. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That \$1000.00 be given to TE Corey Pelton in order to enable him to take a Vision Trip to Peru with Belhaven students with whom he is working.
2. That a relationship with the Sweden church planting team be established with TE Darwin Jordan used as liaison.
3. That Darwin Jordan report on his relationship with the church planting team in Sweden. Presbytery received the report as information.
4. That Richard Wiman report on his recent trip to Eastern Europe. His report was received as information.
5. That TE Ligon Duncan report on an urgent financial situation in Peru which can jeopardize the church planting work there. His report was received as information.

General Assembly World Mission statistics were given to Presbytery as information.

27.1016 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the suggested letter of response to Covenant Presbytery **(see Minutes, February 16, 1999, Appendix M)** be approved and sent to the Stated Clerk of Covenant Presbytery as our answer **(Appendix T, p. 45).**

2. Vacated.
3. That the internship reports be received as information **(Appendix U, p. 47-54)**. (It was reported that Charlie Carlberg, subsequent to sending in his report, had asked that his name be removed from the list of interns.)
4. That the transfer of Keith Berger's internship to Southeast Louisiana Presbytery be approved.
5. That MVP appoint the Credentials Committee as a commission to examine, approve, and license James Watson as student supply for the Edwards church **(Appendix V, p. 56)**.
6. That Matt Baugh's seminary education (M.A. in Theology) be accepted as the equivalent to an M.Div. degree **(Appendix W, p. 57)**.
7. That Wade Coleman's internship be approved per BCO 19.
8. That Matt Baugh's internship be approved per BCO 19.
9. That Ted Wenger's internship be approved per BCO 19.
10. That Jessie Jacobs's internship be approved per BCO 19.
11. That the terms of call to Wade Coleman to be Associate Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church be approved **(Appendix X, p. 59)**.
12. That the terms of call to Ted Wenger to be Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson be approved **(Appendix X, p. 60)**.
13. That the terms of call for Matt Baugh to be the pastor of the Tchula Presbyterian Church be approved **(Appendix Z, p. 61)**.
14. That the terms of call for Jessie Jacobs as evangelist for MNA-MVP be approved **(Appendix AA, p. 62)**.
15. That the commission to ordain Wade Coleman be approved **(Appendix BB, p. 63)**.
16. That the commission to ordain Ted Wenger be approved **(Appendix CC, p. 64)**.
17. That the commission to ordain Matt Baugh be approved **(Appendix DD, p. 65)**.
18. That the commission to ordain Jessie Jacobs be approved **(Appendix EE, p. 66)**.

27.1017

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read by the Recording Clerk, TE Hays, and approved as read and corrected.

After prayer by the Moderator, and the reading of the address prescribed by the BCO 19-10, John Anderson, Dale Hollenbeck, and Ted Mattis were added to the roll of interns. Mr. Anderson is to serve at the Carthage church, Mr. Hollenbeck at Trinity in Jackson, and Mr. Mattis at the Highlands Church in Ridgeland.

Jim Furey addressed Presbytery with a report of his internship.

Matt Schilling addressed Presbytery with a report of his internship.

Ted Wenger, Matt Baugh, Jessie Jacobs, and Wade Coleman were examined for ordination. All four men's exams were sustained in English Bible, Theology, Church Government, Sacraments, Theology of Controversial Issues, Christian Experience, and their senses of call to the Gospel ministry. All examinees stated their agreement with the Constitutional documents of the PCA. Upon recommendation of the Committee, their written sermons, Church History exams, PCA Church History exams, and exegesis and theology papers were all approved as acceptable. (Mr. Baugh's and Mr. Jacobs's licensure sermons, preached in previous Presbytery meetings, were accepted in lieu of sermons preached at this meeting.)

The Presbytery divided into two parts, each of which was designated a commission to hear the sermons of Wade Coleman and Ted Wenger. TE John Reeves was requested to serve as the convener of the Commission to hear Mr. Coleman. TE Darwin Jordan was asked to be the convener of the Commission to hear Mr. Wenger.

TE Reeves reported that Mr. Coleman preached on Romans 1: 14-17. The recommendation of the Commission was to approve the sermon as satisfactory, and it was adopted by Presbytery.

In Mr. Jordan's absence at the time of reporting, the Moderator gave the report of the Wenger Commission, which was that Mr. Wenger preached on Eph 2: 1-10. The recommendation of the Commission was to approve the sermon as satisfactory, and it was adopted by Presbytery.

This concluded the report of the Credentials Committee.

27.1017

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Stated Clerk reminded the Presbytery that the Advisory Committee had to bring a report from business left over from the morning session. TE Van Ness read a letter from TE's Dan Perrin and Steve Resch regarding prayer for General Assembly. The Committee recommended our response as follows:

1. That we receive the letter from Messers. Perrin and Resch, and that we encourage our people in their respective churches to pray for General Assembly on June 16th.

TE Van Ness also read a letter which had been received from Mt. Salus PCA church (see **Appendix C**). He asked TE Ross to give Presbytery a report on what had led up to their issuing the letter. Subsequent to Mr. Ross's report, TE Van Ness made the following recommendation which was adopted as the action of Presbytery:

1. That Presbytery respond to Mt. Salus with the following letter:

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

This presbytery has received and read your recent letter to us, and frankly, we are distressed by it.

We thank God for the record of Mt. Salus's warm service to Jesus Christ - in particular, as faithful members of MVP. You have been role models to us as fellow undershepherds of Christ's flock, often during times of struggle and dissent.

Therefore, we would surely hope that you would not interpret this one disagreement as an occasion to sever your relationship with MVP and the PCA.

We are praying that by God's grace we will be able to resolve this problem as fellow Presbyters.

(S) Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

2. That a copy of the letter be hand delivered to TE Os Barnes who has been asked to be liaison for Mt. Salus, and that a copy of it be sent certified mail, return receipt requested.

27.1018

ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

RE Robert Bailey was elected the Moderator Nominee for the next Stated Meeting.

27.1019

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The Stated Clerk was directed to see about moving the next Stated Meeting either forward or back one week from its regular stated time due to the conflict with an evangelism conference scheduled for that date in Birmingham.

27.1020

REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Brister Ware gave a copy of the Sessional Records report to the Stated Clerk who read it in his stead. The report stated that the Sessional Records of First Presbyterian (Madison), Providence, Union, and Forest churches were approved with exceptions. It was also reported that another Sessional Record Book had been inspected, but had been picked up and removed before it was stamped and certified by the Moderator.

27.1021

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

27.1022

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM P.M. with prayer by TE Landrum.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING
Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, Mississippi
June 1, 1999

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015. 9:35 A.M. Appointment of Standing Committees
1. Thanks (3 members)
2. Bills and Overtures
016. 9:40 A.M. Stated Clerk's report
1. Requests for Excused Absence - TE Ralph Davis
2. Commission Reports
- Patterson Memorial Commission - May 27, 1999
- Nominations Committee as Commission - April 15, 1999
- Advisory Committee as Commission - April 30, 1999
- Blake Purcell's Ordination Commission - October 25, 1998
- Philip Palmertree's Installation Commission - February 28, 1999
- Scott Pierce's Ordination Commission - March 21, 1999
- Jeff Elliott's Installation Commission - March 28, 1999
3. Corrections to the Minutes
- Chris Shelt (Pastoral relationship dissolved, w/o call *Oct., 1998*)
- Wade Coleman (Received as intern, *Feb., 1998*)
4. Other Communications
- Missionary letters (pp. 10-23)
- Clay Quarterman, Blake Purcell, Gary Johnson
- Memorials
- Protest - North Park Presbyterian Church
- Miscellaneous:
- Statistical Forms: Churches reporting/not reporting
- Attendance Sheets: Specify RE elected to be representative
- Letter from Frank Smith, editor of Pres. and Reformed News
- Special Order Report from Clay Quarterman, Missionary
9. 10:10 A.M. Report of the Advisory Committee - TE Dale Van Ness
10. 10:20 A.M. Report of the Stewardship and Advisory Committee - TE Dan Gilchrist, Chairman; RE Rod Russ, Treasurer
11. 10:40 A.M. Report of the Mission to North America Committee - TE Barry Darnell, Chairman
12. 10:45 A.M. Recess
- 11:00 A.M. Worship Service (Retiring Moderator in Charge - RE James Elkin)
Communion Service, Memorials to Ruling Elders
- 12:00 P.M. LUNCH (Cost \$6.00)

Report of the Thanks Committee

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**CALLED MEETING
August 17, 1999**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

28.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Called Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the Moderator, TE Jim Landrum, who led the Presbytery in prayer.

28.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Rob Thacker	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Allen McLain
Brandon, Brandon	Jason B. Shelton	Jack Fortenberry
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Mt. Salus		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Wade Coleman	Hal Martin
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	James W. Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer Paul Zetterholm	Benny Hill
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Ted Wenger Tim Horn Wm. Hughes Brister Ware	Leland Hume Robert F. Cooper, Jr. Palmer Quarterman James "Bebo" Elkin Chess Wymond
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	Jimmy Mardis

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Trinity	Michael Ross	John Williams
	Scott Pierce	Brian McGee
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Wesley Baker	A
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	Jim Landrum	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Steve Morris
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		Ron Gaines
Madison, First		Tim Ivey
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	James L. Shull	A
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Robert Austin
	Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	A
Terry, Wynndale		James Woodard
Union, First	Mike Ahlberg	A
Vicksburg, Westminster		Warren R. Bennett
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		F. W. Shipley
Yazoo City, Second		A

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Clay Quarterman, Barry Darnell, Martin Marshall, B.I. Anderson, Ed Johnson, Doug McCullough, Derek Thomas, Ralph Davis, Ken Elliott, James Baird, Corey Pelton.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: James McDonald Bell, James Carter, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, Don Caviness, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Lively, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemerren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, John E. Kyle, Mark Lowery, Blake Purcell, Ron Smith, Jan Werson.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery, and/or are excused by virtue of being honorably retired:** Bob Duhs, Fred Marsh, Paul Long, John T. Allen (HR), Billy Davies (HR), John Fain (HR), Erskine Jackson (HR), Paul Long (HR), Dale McCord (HR), Jack B. Scott (HR).
- f. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dan Gilchrist, Ed Hartman, Tim Muse, Charley L. Chase, Os Barnes, Ken Campbell, Warren Foster, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Charles Q. Rodriguez, Chris Shelt, Jason Shelton, James H. Stewart, Wm. Wymond.
- g. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **28.1002.a.** above.
- h. Other members of the Session of First Presbyterian Church present and seated in executive session of Presbytery:** Jasper Yelverton.

28.1003 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was approved as presented (**see Appendix A, p. 71**).

28.1004 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness introduced their report.

28.1005 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion by TE Dale Van Ness, Presbytery went into executive session. The Session of First Pres. Church Madison, MS and the full Advisory Committee were invited to remain for the meeting.

**Minutes for executive session are Appendix B and the Report of the Advisory Committee are Appendix C. These minutes are confidential are kept on file by the Stated Clerk.

28.1006 RISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presbytery rose from executive session.

28.1007 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION

The result of the congregational meeting of First Presbyterian Church, Madison, to consider TE Barry Darnell's resignation was read. The results were reported as follows: for accepting the resignation: 91; against, 4.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship.

**STATED MEETING
October 12, 1999**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

29.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 a.m. In the absence of TE Jim Landrum, Carl Kalberkamp led the Presbytery in prayer.

29.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Bailey, Bailey

A

Bailey, Mt. Carmel

Jerry Daniels

Belzoni, First

Peter Hairston

Brandon, Brandon

James McBrayer

Brandon, Lakeland

Steve Jussely

T.W. Sanford

Camden, McBride Memorial

A

Canton, Old Madison

A

Carthage, Carthage

Dan Gilchrist

A

Carthage, Forest Grove

A

Clinton, Providence

John Reeves

Louis Lavalee

Wade Coleman

DeKalb, DeKalb

A

DeKalb, Pleasant Springs

A

Edwards, Bethesda

A

Edwards, Edwards

James Watson

Forest, Forest

Jamey Germany

Marion McCrory

Goodman, Goodman

A

Jackson, Alta Woods

Merle A. Messer

Benny Hill

Paul Zetterholm

Jackson, First

Ligon Duncan

John Caden

Bill Wymond

Leland Hume

Tim Horn

Palmer Quarterman

William Hughes

Frank S. York, Jr.

Brister Ware

Chess Wymond

Ted Wenger

Erskine Wells

Jackson, Grace

Roger G. Collins

Jim Hallum

of the bounds of Presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, James Carter, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, John E. Kyle, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Jan Werson.

e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery: Jim Landrum, Ralph Davis, Jeff Elliott, Derek Thomas, Wesley Baker, Charlie Chase, Ed Hartman, Mike Ahlberg, Jim Stewart, Matt Baugh. James Germany was excused from the afternoon session.

f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired: John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Robert Duhs, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.

g. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse: Kenneth Elliott, Warren Foster, Ed Hurley, Martin Marshall, Charles Rodriguez, Richard Wiman.

h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse: Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **29.1002.a.** above.

29.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Hugh Potts was elected as Moderator by acclamation. Presbytery was led in prayer by Moderator Potts.

29.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was approved (**Appendix A, p. 87**).

29.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **29.1002, c.** above.

29.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Ligon Duncan, pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery. Mark Magee of Twin Lakes Conference Center also addressed Presbytery concerning the facilities.

29.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Bill Hughes, TE Tim Muse, and RE Miles McNeel.

29.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported that several of the members had requested to be excused for the meeting. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **29.1002,e.** above.

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received from various commissions:

- a. Report of Commission to ordain and install TE Thomas Wenger at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 89**).
- b. Report of Commission to ordain and install TE Matt Baugh at Tchula Presbyterian Church, Tchula (**Appendix C, p. 90**).
- c. Report of Commission to ordain and install TE Jesse Jacobs as a church planter in Edwards (**Appendix D, p. 91**).
- d. Report of Commission to ordain and install TE Wade Coleman as Assistant Minister at Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton (**Appendix E, p. 92**).
- e. Report of Advisory Commission to transfer TE Rob Thacker to Covenant Presbytery (**Appendix Z, p. 139**).
- f. Report of Advisory Commission to transfer TE Jason Shelton to Heritage Presbytery (**Appendix Z, p. 139**).
- g. Report of Advisory Commission to end the supply relationship of Martin Marshall with the Carolina Presbyterian Church (**Appendix Z, p. 139**).
- h. Report on the presentation of presbytery's memorial resolution of Joel Beezley to the family and church (**Appendix F, p. 93**).

These commission reports were adopted as the actions of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk brought other communications before Presbytery for information.

- a. Out of Bounds Reports, Requests, and Missionary letters.
 - Paul Long (**Appendix G, p. 94**).
 - McDonald Bell - Evangelical Action magazine (**Appendix H, p. 95**).
 - John Kyle - Evangelical Fellowship of Mission Agencies,
(Appendix ?, p. ?).

 - Ron Lively - Medical Marriage & Family Ministries, (**Appendix J, p. 98**).
 - Steve Long - Sports Outreach (**Appendix K, p. 99**).
 - Fred Marsh - Mission to North America (**Appendix L, p. 103**).
 - Ron Smith - MTW, Guayaqui, Ecuador (**Appendix M, p. 104**).
 - Derek Thomas - Reformed Theological Seminary (**Appendix N, p. 105**).
 - Jan Werson - Naval Hospital, Jacksonville, FL (**Appendix O, p. 107**).

These requests were referred to the Advisory Committee. See 29.1019 on p. [382](#) and 29.1026 on p. [387](#).

b. Churches

- First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko - Change of Call for TE Tim Muse, elected Associate Minister.
 - Request approved (**Appendix P, p. 108**).
- Mt. Salus ARP, Clinton - notice of withdrawal (received into ARP 8/24/99). Received as information (**Appendix Q, p. 109**).

Raymond Presbyterian Church - Request to continue their relationship with TE Buck Mosal as stated supply (**Appendix R, p. 110**). Referred to Advisory Committee (29.1019, p. [382](#) and 29.1026 on p. [387](#)).

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg - Call to Scott Reiber (**Appendix S, p. 111**). Referred to Credentials Committee (29.1025, p. [384](#)).

Mt Moriah Presbyterian Church - Request to continue their relationship with TE Charles Douglas as stated supply. Request approved (**Appendix T, p. 112**).

Lauderdale Presbyterian Church - Request to continue Julian Stennis as stated supply. Request approved (**Appendix U, p. 113**).

c. 1999 General Assembly

The Clerk reported that the General Assembly had encouraged presbyteries to establish pro-life committees (**Appendix V, p. 114**). The Moderator appointed the following pro-life committee: TE Jim Shull, TE Don Malin, Chairman, and RE Will Thompson, MD.

Presbytery voted on the BCO amendments sent to it by the 1998 General Assembly. The votes were as follows:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Item 1	50	0	0
Item 2	56	0	0
Item 3	56	0	0
Item 4	56	0	0

d. Other communications of interest

Report of RUM received as information (**Appendix W, p. 115**).

Dr. Anees Zaka, Church Without Walls, Muslim Ministry.

Dr. Roger Parrot, Belhaven College - Request to address presbytery.

29.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the report (**Appendix X, p. 118**). The report was received as information.

29.1010 The Credentials Committee was excused to conduct some business.

29.1011

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TE Jim Shull, Chairman, presented the report (**Appendix Y, p. 123**).

TE Shull introduced Roger Perry of Child Evangelism Fellowship who addressed presbytery on behalf of the organization.

TE Shull introduced TE Mark Lowery Director of Publications for Great Commission Publications who addressed Presbytery.

TE Shull presented a report from the PresWIC president, listing a slate of officer nominees. The following PresWIC officers were approved for 2000:

Vonnie McCown - Historian
Julie Bates - MNA
Amanda Bailey - Christian Growth
Carol Spears - Secretary

TE Shull encouraged the members to promote the camping ministry of presbytery.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the work of PresWic be acknowledged with gratitude and that churches encourage and notify their ladies more effectively regarding PresWIC functions.
2. That churches avail themselves of the opportunity to be educated regarding the cults and that churches be encouraged to use the resources of Watchman Fellowship to address the expansion of cults.
3. That MVP churches make available mailing lists of 3rd through 5th grade children to Twin Lakes for the direct mailing of brochures to their homes so that the children can apply for camps within the special deadline window allowed by Twin Lakes for MVP children.
4. That MVP continue to support the Mid-South Jr. High camp.
5. That MVP host an EQUIP conference in the year 2001.

TE John Reeves addressed MVP concerning the establishment of a Mothers' Day Out program to help churches interested in establishing such programs (Appendix ?, p. ?).

The report was received as a whole.

29.1012

SPECIAL ORDER

Dr. Roger Parrot, President of Belhaven College, addressed Presbytery on behalf of the college.

29.1013

MISSION TO THE WORLD

RE Phil McDade presented a verbal report.

RE McDade introduced TE Corey Pelton who reported on a mission trip he took last summer to Peru.

Presbytery approved monthly support of \$100.00 for Brad Ball as a missionary to Peru.

The report was received as a whole.

29.1018 REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

TE Paul Zetterhom, in the place of chairman RE Ed Nalley, gave the report.

The presbytery approved the following as the first reading of a proposed change to our Standing Rules:

Modify Standing Rule VII.D.1.g by adding the following sentence.

“The Committee Chairman of any committee scheduled or seeking a place on the docket must submit the Committee Report to the Stated Clerk in time for inclusion in the White Book.”

29.1019 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness, Chairman, presented the report (**Appendix Z, p. 139**).

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery offer prayer for TEs Martin Marshall, Rob Thacker, Jason Shelton, Paul Zeterholm, and Mike Ahlberg, and for the Sessions of Carolina, Bailey, Alta Woods, Union and Brandon Presbyterian Churches.
2. That TE Bob Bates and the Session of Northpointe Presbyterian Church of Meridian be approved as a borrowed Session for Westminster Church, Meridian.
3. That Buck Mosal’s supply relationship with the Raymond Presbyterian Church be renewed for another year.
4. That TE Chris Shelt be assigned to the oversight of the session of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.
5. With regard to the request of the Presbyterian International News service to regularly receive the minutes of MVP, that Presbytery decide not to open its records to any outside party, except as required of us by the BCO and others parts of our constitution. (This was later reversed - see **29.1026**, p.[387](#)).
6. That the reports received from various Teaching Elders below be received as information.
 - Paul Long - (**Appendix G, p. 94**).
 - McDonald Bell - (**Appendix H, p. 95**).
 - John Kyle - (**Appendix I, p. 96**).
 - Ron Lively - (**Appendix J, p. 98**).
 - Steve Long - (**Appendix K, p. 99**).
 - Fred Marsh - (**Appendix L, p. 103**).
 - Ron Smith - (**Appendix M, p. 104**).

Derek Thomas - (**Appendix N, p. 105**).
Jan Werson - (**Appendix O, p. 107**).

The Advisory resumed its report after the order of the day (29.1026 on p. [387](#)).

29.1020 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes before worship.

29.1021 WORSHIP SERVICE

In place of the retiring Moderator, TE Jim Landrum, TE Roger Collins led in worship. After a call to worship and invocation, presbytery sang the hymn "God All Nature Sings Thy Glory." TE Collins then preached a sermon on I Cor 2: 6ff - "We have the Mind of Christ." Worship was concluded with the singing of the hymn "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth."

29.1022 LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.

29.1023 REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

RE Miles McNeel gave the report. The resolution of thanks read as follows.

The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley expresses thanks to the Session of First Presbyterian Church and the staff of Twin Lakes for making available the excellent facilities for our October 1999 meeting. We appreciate the opportunity to meet in a retreat setting where we can enjoy God's creation and handle the business of Christ's church. Thanks also to those who have provided lunch, enabling us to enjoy a meal in a relaxed atmosphere of fellowship. We rejoice in the plans for expansion of these facilities, so that even more youth and adults can be ministered to in these surroundings.

May God continue to bless Twin Lakes and its work.

29.1024 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were approved as read by Recording Clerk, TE Robert Hays.

29.1025 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented the report (**Appendix AA, p. 141**). At the request of the Committee,

Presbytery adopted or approved the following actions:

1. A stated supply relationship between Rev. Derek Thomas and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.
2. A stated supply relationship between Rev. Don Malin and the Westminster Church in Meridian for one year.
3. The Committee's action, as a commission, in examining and licensing James Watson as student supply for the Edwards Church.

Note: the Committee Report communicated to Presbytery decisions made and actions taken by the Committee between Presbytery meetings. These were received as information.

The Committee made the following administrative recommendation:

1. That the presbytery consider meeting four times per year, once each quarter, in order to provide for expeditious examinations of candidates and supply preaching for MVP churches. Since this necessitates a change to the Standing Rules it was be forwarded to the Standing Rules Committee for deliberation and subsequent report. This recommendation was referred to the Standing Rules Committee for report to the next meeting.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the terms of call of Earl Adams to be assistant pastor of Trinity Church, Jackson, be approved, pending satisfactory examination (**Appendix BB, p. 147**).
2. That the commission to install Earl Adams as assistant pastor at Trinity Church, Jackson be approved as follows pending satisfactory examination:

Time: Sunday, October 31, 1999, at 6:00 P.M., at Trinity Church.

Teaching Elders:

Convener: Dean Rydbeck; Preacher: Mike Ross; Prayer: Duncan Rankin (visiting brother); Charge to Minister: Knox Chamblin (visiting brother); Alternates: Wes Baker, Paul Long.

Ruling Elders:

Charge to Congregation: Kenton T. Meadows; Prayer: Joe Rice Goodwin;
Reading Scripture: Roland Garretson.

3. That the letter of call to Guy Richardson to labor out of bounds with RTS be approved pending satisfactory examination (**Appendix CC, p. 148**).
4. That the terms of call of Scott Reiber as senior pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg be approved pending satisfactory examination (**Appendix S, p. 111**).
5. That the commission to install Scott Reiber as senior pastor Westminster Church, Vicksburg, be approved as follows pending successful examination:

Time: Sunday November 14, 1999 at 7:00 PM at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Teaching Elders:

Preacher: Derrick Thomas;

Charge to the Congregation and Convener: Charlie Chase.

Ruling Elders:

Charge the Pastor: Bebo Elkin; Gordon Sluis; Warren Bennett; RE Guest: Charlie Probst.

6. That the terms of call of Brad Mercer as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson be approved pending successful examination (**Appendix DD, p. 149**).
7. That the commission to install Brad Mercer as assistant pastor at First Church, Jackson, be approved as follows pending successful examination:

Time: January 9, 1999, 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

Teaching Elders:

Preacher: Ligon Duncan; Propound Constitutional Questions: William Hughes;

Preside: Brister Ware.

Ruling Elders:

Charge the Minister: Bebo Elkin; Charge the Congregation: Stephen Rosenblatt;

Pray: Ralph Lord; Longstreet Minor.

Examination for Candidacy

1. Mike Boyette was examined concerning his Christian experience and his call to the ministry. Upon his satisfactory completion of these parts, and the reading of the charge by the Moderator, he was received as a candidate of MVP and his name was added to the roll of candidates.
2. Jeffrey Hamm was examined concerning his Christian experience and his call to the ministry. Upon his satisfactory completion of these parts, and the reading of the charge by the Moderator, he was received as a candidate of MVP and his name was added to the roll of candidates.
3. Dennis Hermeding was examined concerning his Christian experience and his call to the ministry. Upon his satisfactory completion of these parts, and the reading of the charge by the Moderator, he was received as a candidate of MVP and his name was added to the roll of candidates.

Applications for Internship

1. That Jeffrey Hamm's application for internship at Second Church, Yazoo City be approved and that his name be added to the roll of interns.

Examination for Transferring Ministers

1. Mr. Earl Adams was examined in his Christian Experience and in his Theological views, his views of the Sacraments, and his views concerning Church Government. All were sustained.

2. Mr. Guy Richardson was examined in his Christian Experience and in his Theological views, his views of the Sacraments, and his views concerning Church Government. All were sustained.
3. Mr. Brad Mercer was examined in his Christian Experience and in his Theological views, his views of the Sacraments, and his views concerning Church Government. All were sustained.
4. Mr. Scott Reiber was examined in his Christian Experience and in his Theological views, his views of the Sacraments, and his views concerning Church Government. All were sustained.

All four men accepted their respective calls, signed the Book of Obligations and were accepted as members of Presbytery.

Examinations for Licensure

1. Mr. Wylly Collins was examined in the following areas: Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government. Mr. Collins stated that he struggled with what constituted proper Sabbath observance. All exams were sustained.
2. Mr. Chris Copeland was examined in the following areas: Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government. He stated that he held no exceptions to our constitutional standards. All exams were sustained.
3. Mr. Matt Schilling was examined in the following areas: Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government. He stated that he held no exceptions to our constitutional standards. All exams were sustained.

Presbytery divided into four commissions to hear sermons by these men coming for licensure. Upon Presbytery's reassembling, the following reports were given.

- a. TE Ligon Duncan reported that Mr. Collins had preached on Matthew 16:13-20 and that his sermon was acceptable to the Commission. Presbytery voted to approve the Commission report and sustain that portion of the exam.
- b. TE Van Ness reported that Mr. Copeland had preached on Ex 2: 23- 3,8,11-16 and that his sermon was acceptable to the Commission. Presbytery voted to approve the Commission report and sustain that portion of the exam.
- c. RE Warren Bennett reported that Mr. Schilling had preached on Jude 1-4 and that his sermon was acceptable to the Commission. Presbytery voted to approve the Commission report and sustain that portion of the exam.

All the men's exams were sustained in their entirety. The Moderator propounded the questions mandated in the BCO, prayed, pronounced the men to be licensed in our presbytery, and the men were enrolled in the roll of licentiates.

The report was concluded.

29.1026 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -Cont-

TE Van Ness continued the report.

Presbytery, upon motion of a member who had voted with the majority, reconsidered its previous action regarding the Presbyterian International News Service (see **29.1019,5**, p. [382](#)). Another motion was offered as an alternative to the previous action. The presbytery approved the following response to the request of Presbyterian International News Service for MVP minutes:

"That MVP answer in the negative the request of Presbyterian International News Service to regularly receive the minutes of MVP."

Presbytery approved the transfer of Paul Zetterholm to Eastern Carolina Presbytery effective upon their reception of him.

Presbytery approved the transfer of Mike Ahlberg to Palmetto Presbytery.

Presbytery approved the reports of TEs Shelt, Blevins, Lively, Kyle, Long, Lowery, Marsh, R. Smith, D. Thomas, J. Werson, all laboring outside bounds of Presbytery. Presbytery approved the requests of these men to continue laboring out of bounds.

TEs Blevins, Lively, and Long were approved to labor out of bounds pending approval of the respective Presbyteries to have them working within their bounds.

Stated Supply status of the Lauderdale Church for Julian Stennis, of the West PC for Bob Duhs, and of the Mt. Moriah Church for Charles Douglas was approved.

The report as a whole was approved.

29.1027 REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Roger Collins, Chairman of the Committee, gave the report.

Presbytery nominated the following men to the permanent committees of the PCA (**Appendix EE, p. 150**).

Nominations Committee: TE Mike Ross.

Review of Presbytery Records: RE George Powe.

Administrative Committee: RE Hugh Potts.

Christian Education and Publications: TE Jim Shull, RE James Sullivan.

Mission to North America: TE Carl Kalberkamp.

Mission to the World: RE Edmund Johnston.

Constitutional Business Committee: TE Robert Hays, RE Bob Cato.

Trustee of IAR: RE Don Breazeale, RE Joe Goodwin.

Trustee of Covenant College: TE Bob Schwanabeck, RE Thomas Bowen.

Trustee of Covenant Seminary: TE Ralph Davis.

Trustee of PCA Foundation: RE Rod Russ.

Standing Judicial Commission: TE Dale Van Ness, RE Vernon Cotton.

**STATED MEETING
February 15, 2000**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

30.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:05 AM by a previous Moderator TE Jim Landrum. Mr. Landrum led the Presbytery in prayer.

30.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
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Brandon, Brandon		Charles Moak
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Willie Cockroft
		W. Ray Smith
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Chess Wymond
	Bill Wymond	Frank S. York, Jr.
	Tim Horn	Palmer Quarterman
	William Hughes	W. Jeff Hamm
	Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin
	Ted Wenger	
	James Stewart	
	Brad Mercer	
	Derek Thomas	

Church

Jackson, Grace

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Meridian, Northpointe

Meridian, Westminster

Newton, Mt. Moriah

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Concord

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

West, West

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Roger G. Collins

Dean Rydbeck

Mark Duncan

Michael Ross

Scott Pierce

Tim Muse

Wesley Baker

Dale Van Ness

James Landrum

Bob Schwanebeck

Philip Palmertree

Bob Bates

Charles Douglas

Charles Douglas

Robert E. Hays

James L. Shull

Darwin Jordan

Carl Kalberkamp

Jeff Elliott

Ed Hurley

Mat Baugh

Scott Reiber

Charlie Chase

Ruling Elder

Jim Hallum

Robert Dieckman

Jimmy Mardis

Eddie Woodard

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Gene Morrison

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Ed Prisock

Steve Morris

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Walter Riddell

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Bob Bailey

Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Ron Lively, Corey Pelton, Doug McCullough, Os Barnes, Jesse Jacobs, B.I. Anderson, Mark Lowery, Kenneth Elliott, Warren Foster, Ron Smith, Charles Rodriguez, Paul Long, Ralph Davis, Guy Richardson, Doug McCullough, Bob Duhs, Gary Johnson, and Os Barnes.

c. The following visitors were registered: Ken Kammer, David Bergman, David Sunesson, Dale Hollenbeck, Michael Woodham, Andrew Berg, Michael Philliber, James Watson, Buck

Mosal, Bob Bishop, Guy Richard, William Inman, Julian Stennis, Larry Wissel, Ken Covington, Gene Dent, Chris Shelton, Barry Klaassen, Wylly Collins, and David Robertson.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, James Carter, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeran, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Jan Werson, and Ron Lively.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Ed Hartman, Earl Adams, Fred Marsh, Mike Ross (AM only), Bob Bates (early PM departure), Cory Pelton (for a brief period in the morning), and Guy Richardson (2:30 PM).
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, and Ed Johnson
- g. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Kenneth Elliott, Ed Hurley, Ken Campbell, Barry Darnell, Martin Marshall, and Chris Shelt.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **30.1002.a.** above.

30.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Dean Rydbeck was elected as Moderator by acclamation. Presbytery was led in prayer by Moderator Rydbeck.

30.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket was approved - (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

30.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **30.1002,c.** above.

30.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

RE Scott Pierce, Assistant Pastor of the host church, welcomed the Presbytery.

30.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Jim Shull, RE Willie Ray Smith, and TE Jesse Jacobs.

The Moderator appointed a Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE John Reeves, RE Walter Riddell, RE David Braden, with TE Jim Landrum, Past Moderator, as Chairman. Presbytery approved four men with the requisite 2/3 vote (Standing Rule VII, D., 2, a, 1).

30.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported that several of the members had requested to be excused for the meeting. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **30.1002,e.** above.

The Stated Clerk reported on the actions of commissions established by Presbytery at the last meeting:

- a. Report of Commission to install TE Scott Reiber, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg - **(Appendix B, p. 14).**
- b. Report of Commission to install TE Earl Adams at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson - **(Appendix B, p. 15).**
- c. Report of Commission to install TE Bradford Mercer as Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church Jackson - **(Appendix B, p. 15).**

The actions of these commissions were adopted as the actions of Presbytery

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received since the last meeting.

- a. Report from Os Barnes, currently without call - **(Appendix C, p. 17).** Referred to Advisory Committee.
- b. Report from Clay Quarterman, missionary to Ukraine - **(Appendix D, p. 18).**
Received as information
- c. Response from Covenant Presbytery - **(Appendix E, p. 19).** Received as information.
- d. Request from Blake Purcell for renewal of his status as an Evangelist for another year - **(Appendix G, p. 20).** Referred to Advisory Committee.
- e. Overture from Jim Landrum re Blake Purcell's request to overture General Assembly - **(Appendix G, p. 21).** Referred to Bills and Overtures Committee.
- f. Report from Ron Smith. Oral report received as information.
- g. Request from First Presbyterian Church, Union for B.I. Anderson to be their Stated Supply.
Referred to Credentials Committee.
- h. Request from Bailey Presbyterian Church for Mark Kreitzer to be their Stated Supply.
Referred to Credentials Committee.
- i. Request from the Lebanon Church in Lebanon to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Wesley Baker. Referred to Advisory Committee.
- j. Request of Barry Klaasen with Christ for Russia to address Presbytery. Mr. Klaassen presented an oral report of their work in Ukraine.
- k. Report by Bob Bishop of Insurance, Annuities, and Relief. Mr. Bishop address Presbytery briefly.
- l. Three overtures from St. Paul Presbyterian Church referred to Bills and Overtures Committee - **(Appendix I, pp. 22-24)**

Amendment to Standing Rules - 2nd Reading. As required, the Stated Clerk read a proposed change for the second time, as follows.

“Modify Standing Rule VII.D.1.g by adding the following sentence. “The Committee Chairman of any committee scheduled or seeking a place on the docket must submit the Committee Report to the Stated Clerk in time for inclusion in the White Book.”

This was approved by the requisite 2/3 vote of Presbytery to become part of the Standing Rules.

Presbytery approved a modification to the Standing Rules to allow for the printing of the minutes according to the calendar year. The new section Article VI, C,2,a. supplants *“...after the February stated meeting of each...”* with *“...at the end of each calendar year.”*

Presbytery suspended the rules by the requisite 2/3 vote to approve this change on one reading.

30.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the report - **(Appendix J, pp. 25-29)**. The report was received as information.

On Mr. Russ’s motion, Presbytery approved sending \$500.00 to CE&P Committee of General Assembly.

30.1010 REPORT OF MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved two recommendations:

1. That the terms of call for Corey Pelton be increased from \$28291.00 to \$34355,00 - **(Appendix K, p. 31)**.
2. That the year 2000 budget for RUM be approved - **(Appendix L, p. 32)**.

30.1011 MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE James Stewart presented the report - **(Appendix M, pp. 33-39)**. Candidate David Bergmark presented an oral report on the mission work to Sweden. TE Tim Horn reported on his plans to go to England and John Wagner reported on his plans to go to Scotland.

Presbytery received the report as information.

30.1012 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 10:45AM.

30.1019

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented the report - **(Appendix P, pp. 41-42)**. Presbytery adopted the reports of the following actions of the committee acting as a commission on December 14, 1999, thus ratifying these as the actions of Presbytery:

1. Transferred Ted Mattis's internship to North Florida Presbytery,
2. Transferred Scott Fleming's internship to Covenant Presbytery,
3. Removed Stan Pace from the roll of candidates and interns at his request.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations of the Committee:

1. The completion of Matthew Schilling's internship program.
2. That Larry Wissel be set apart as an intern and that his internship be approved retroactively to have begun on Feb. 16, 1999, with TE Darwin Jordan as his mentor. (Note: Larry was inadvertently enrolled as an intern and did his internship work without being presented by the Credentials Committee to the presbytery. He has completed the entire internship program.)
3. That the terms of call of Larry Wissel to be the pastor of the Wynndale Church be approved, pending satisfactory examination. The terms are: salary \$28,920.00; car allowance \$3000.00; insurance \$4800.00; annuity \$4020.00 **(Appendix Q, p. 43)**.
- d. That the commission to install Larry Wissel as Pastor of Wynndale Church, Terry be approved pending satisfactory exam. The commission will meet Sunday, March 5, 2000, at 6:30 P.M., at Wynndale Presbyterian Church. The members are: TE Dean Rydbeck, Convenor; Preacher: TE Dale Van Ness, TE Ken Campbell, RE Joe Bowden, RE Clyde Reeves, and RE Robert Smathers. TE Michael Ganucheau, of Grace Presbytery is an invited guest.
5. That TE B.I. Anderson be approved as Stated Supply at Union, MS.
6. That Mike Philliber be approved as Student Supply at Pickens for another year.
7. That TE Jimmy Turner, a member of Covenant Presbytery, be approved to labor within the bounds of this Presbytery as he serves with the Christian Medical and Dental Society.
8. That TE Mark Kreitzer, member of Covenant Presbytery, pending satisfactory licensure exam, be approved as Stated Supply of Bailey Presbyterian Church.
9. That Jeffrey Elliott's call at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church be changed from assistant to associate pastor. The terms of call from Pear Orchard Church are as follows: \$26,887.00 salary, \$20,000.00 housing allowance, \$4750.00 health insurance, annuity \$3289.00.
10. That the Commission to install Jeff Elliott in his new position be approved for February 20, 2000 at 6:00 PM at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. The Commission is to be composed of the following: TE Kalberkamp, charge to pastor; TE Shelt; TE Ed Johnson, to charge congregation; TE David Jussely, invited guest from Grace Presbytery. RE Bob Austin, prayer of installation; RE Tom Day; RE Bob Mitchum; RE Ray Reinhardt; RE Rod Russ; RE Ken Smith; & RE Les Triplett.
11. That Wes Baker's call from MS Valley Presbytery, in cooperation with Presbyterian Evangelistic Fellowship, to mission work at Peru be approved as follows, pending his dismissal from Lebanon Presbyterian Church: Salary \$23,500.00; housing allowance \$8300.00; Insurance and annuity \$7840.00; and ministry expenses \$15,125.00 **(Appendix R, p. 44)**.
12. That the Internship Report be received as information **(Appendix S, p. 45-51)**. David Bergmark, Mike Philliber, and David Sunneson gave oral reports.
13. That the internship of Dennis Hermerding at First Presbyterian, Madison be approved.

Applications for Internship: Presbytery approved the following motions:

1. That William Inman's application for internship at Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson be approved and that his name be added to the roll of interns.
2. That Guy Richard's application for internship at First Church, Jackson be approved and that his name be added to the roll of interns.
3. That Dennis Hermerding's application for internship at First Church, Madison be approved and that his name be added to the roll of interns.

The Moderator gave the charge from BCO 19-10 and the men were added to the roll of interns.

Examinations for Candidacy: Presbytery approved the following motions:

1. That Scott Jones, William Inman, Rohan Crown, Guy Richard be examined concerning their Christian experience and their calls to the ministry. Upon their satisfactory completion of these parts, and the reading of the charge by the Moderator, they were received as candidates of Mississippi Valley Presbytery and their names were added to the roll of candidates.

Examinations for Licensure: Presbytery approved the following motions:

1. That Mr. David Bergmark be examined in the following areas: Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government. He stated that he held no exceptions to our constitutional standards. All exams were sustained.
2. That TE David Jussely's prior examination, sustained when he became a member of this presbytery several years ago, after which he served as a member for nine years, suffice for his licensure exam.
3. That TE Mark Kreitzer, member of Covenant Presbytery, be examined in the following areas: Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government. He stated that he held the following exceptions to our constitutional standards:
 1. The Regulative Principle of Worship in a cross cultural situation
 2. His continental view of the Sabbath
 3. His view of the covenant: Mr. Kreitzer denies the existence of the Covenant of Works.

All exams were sustained. However, Mr. Kreitzer was instructed not to preach or teach his exceptions.

Presbytery approved Mr. Keitzer's sermon preached on a prior occasion in this Presbytery when he was licensed as completing this portion of his exam.

Mr. Bergman preached a sermon on Mt 8: 1-4. It was approved thus completing this portion of his exam.

All the men's exams were sustained in their entirety. The Moderator propounded the questions

mandated in BCO 19-3 to David Bergmark, prayed, pronounced the men to be licensed in our Presbytery, and the men were enrolled in the roll of licentiates. (Since the other two men were already ordained, the questions for licentiates were not propounded to them.)

Examination for Ordination: Presbytery approved the following motion:

1. That Larry Wissel be examined in the following areas: Christian experience, Theology, English Bible, Church Government, Sacraments, and Church History. His seminary degree was received in lieu of an examination in Original Languages. Having previously preached before Presbytery, this portion of his exam was waived and his licensure sermon accepted in lieu of it. Mr. Wissel's exam was approved in total. He signed the book of obligations and was received as a member of Presbytery pending his ordination and installation.

The report was concluded.

30.1020 REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Roger Collins, Chairman, presented the report. The following men were elected to offices and positions as follows:

For Presbytery Committees for the Class of 2002:

MTW - TE Earl Adams, RE Richard Roberts, Jr., TE Richard Wiman. TE Tim Muse was elected to replace TE Jason Shelton on the class of 2000.
MNA - TE Bob Bates, TE Merle Messer, RE Robert Mims. TE Jim Stewart was elected to replace TE Barry Darnell for the class of 2000.
CE&P - TE Scott Pierce, TE Brad Mercer, RE Julian Murray. TE Don Malin was elected to replace TE Bob Wojohn on the class of 2000.
Advisory - TE Dale Van Ness, RE Frank York.
Stewardship and Finance - RE William Carroll, TE Matt Baugh.
Credentials - TE Ligon Duncan, TE Philip Palmertree, TE Scott Reiber, RE Gail Martin.
Sessional Records - RE Jim Hallum, TE Ed Johnson.
Standing Rules - TE Wade Coleman, RE Erskine Wells.
Nominations - TE John Reeves, RE Joe Bowden.

For Committees of Commissioners to the 28th General Assembly in Tampa, FL:

Interchurch Relations - RE Toy Stillwell, Alternate: RE Bebo Elkin.
Committee on Administration - RE Ottis Ball, Alternate: RE Jim Moore.
Mission to North America - RE Robert Mims, Alternate: RE Julius Murray.
Christian Education and Publications - RE Tom Bowen, Alternate: RE _____
Covenant Seminary - RE Bryan McGee, Alternate: RE Gene McRoberts.
PCA Foundation - RE Robert Bailey, Alternate: RE Joel Varner
Ruling Elder for Communion: RE George Powe.
Insurance, Annuities and Relief - TE Dan Gilchrist, Alternate: TE Roger Collins.
Covenant College - TE Dean Rydbeck, Alternate: TE Robert Hays.
Ridgehaven - TE Merle Messer, Alternate: TE Brad Mercer.
Mission to the World - TE John Reeves, Alternate: TE Mike Ross.

Bills and Overtures - TE Mark Duncan, Alternate: TE _____

Two Alternate slots (CE&P & B&O) were not filled by election. Presbytery approved giving the Nominations Committee the power of a commission to name any volunteer to those two alternate slots if any was forthcoming.

For Floor Clerk at General Assembly:

TE Ted Winger, Alternate: TE Wade Coleman.

The report as a whole was adopted.

30.1021

BILLS AND OVERTURES

TE James Landrum, Chairman, gave the report which dealt with Blake Purcell and the three overtures from St. Paul Presbyterian Church - **(Appendix I, pp. 22, 23, 24 and G, p. 21.)**. Presbytery defeated the first overture from St. Paul Church - **(p. 22)**. Presbytery defeated the second proposed overture from St. Paul **(p. 23)**. Presbytery approved sending the third overture **(p. 24)** to General Assembly amended as follows:

WHEREAS, the Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter XXI, paragraph 5 discusses the elements of corporate worship, and "sound preaching..." is an element of corporate worship, and

WHEREAS, God ordained men to be the spiritual leaders of Israel (Ex. 18: 17-26), and

WHEREAS, the priesthood of Israel was composed only of the sons of Aaron (Ex. 28: 1-4), and

WHEREAS, the Apostles of Jesus, used of God to establish the New Covenant Church for our Lord, were all men (Mt. 10: 1-4), and

WHEREAS, the Bible forbids women to teach or exercise authority over men (I Tim. 2: 11-15), and

WHEREAS, Larger Catechism, question 158 states: "...the Word of God is to be preached only by such as are sufficiently gifted and also duly approved and called to that office," and

WHEREAS, God forbids ordained office to women (I Tim. 3: 2,12; Titus 1: 6), and

WHEREAS, the entire Bible teaches the principle of covenant headship of men over women (I Cor. 11: 3), a principle which is usurped when women exhort or instruct men in the church,

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that Mississippi Valley Presbytery overture the 28th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in America to replace Book of Church Order paragraph 53-6, which currently reads: "No person shall be invited to preach in any of the churches under our care without the consent of the Session," with the following: "Only qualified men with the consent of the Session shall be invited to preach/ exhort in any of the churches under our care."

The committee report was halted temporarily to allow the Advisory Committee to bring its report.

30.1022

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Van Ness gave the report. Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. That Mississippi Valley Presbytery approve the dissolution of Wesley Baker's relationship to Lebanon Presbyterian Church of Lebanon as approved by the congregational meeting of the

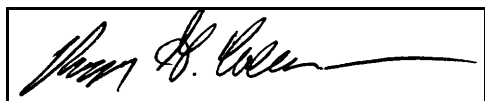
30.1028 COMMISSION TO DELIVER MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

The Moderator appointed the following Commission to take the memorial resolution read by TE B.I. Anderson to TE Howard Allen's widow Katherine: TE B.I. Anderson, TE Bob Duhs, TE Dale Van Ness, TE Richard Wiman, Clerk TE Roger Collins.

30.1029 ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM with prayer by moderator TE Dean Rydbeck.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
June 6, 2000**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, Mississippi**

31.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:05 AM by Moderator TE Dean Rydbeck. Mr. Rydbeck led the Presbytery in prayer.

31.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Keith Covington
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon		Guy Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Wade Coleman
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Excused
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	Marion McCrory
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Jeff Hamm
	Brad Mercer	Ed Johnson
	William Hughes	W. Jeff Hamm
	Jim Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Brister Ware	Erskine Wells
	Ted Wenger	Chess Wymond
	Derek Thomas	
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Joe Bowden
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael Ross	Lantz Kuykendall

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Earl Adams Scott Pierce Ed Hartman Tim Muse	Johnny Boswell
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		Hugh Null
Learned, Lebanon		Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	A
Louisville, Covenant	James Landrum	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Bob Schwanebeck	Glenn Peters
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		Richard Metz
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		Brian Gove
Newton, Mt. Moriah	Charles Douglas	A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert E. Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	James L. Shull	Otha Jackson
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	A
Terry, Wynndale	Larry Wissel	J. W. Kirchbaum
Union, First		Jim Moore
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		Bob Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	Charlie Chase	Robert H. Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, B.I. Anderson, Blake Purcell, Warren Foster, Ken Elliott, Ron Smith, Ralph Davis, Guy Richardson, Bob Duhs, Ken Campbell, Ed Johnson

c. The following visitors were registered: Sam Larsen, Jim Bland, Robert Maddox, Linleigh Roberts, Troy White, Dale White, Gilbert Alexander, Mike Philiber, Julian Stennis, Dennis Hermerding, Dale Holenbeck, Bob Dieckman, Guy Richard, Rick Holbert, Jud Davis, Brooke Worrell, Watson Marsalis, Buck Mosal, Jon Anderson, Rich Sutton, Ed Nalley

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, James Carter, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Jan Werson, Ron Lively, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Fred Marsh, Mark Lowery, Mark Duncan (AM session only), Philip Palmertree (AM session only), Neil Stewart (RE), Ted Wenger, Don Malin. Barry Darnell is under suspension (and living in Georgia) and therefore not required to attend.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Martin Marshall, Chris Shelt, Corey Pelton, Os Barnes.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **31.1002.a.** above.

31.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Robert Bailey was elected as Moderator by acclamation.

31.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed Docket was approved - (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

31.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **31.1002,c.** above.

31.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

RE Bob Bailey introduced TE Guy Richardson, Senior Vice-President of Reformed Theological Seminary, who welcomed the Presbytery to its campus.

31.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Dan Gilchrist, TE Bill Hughes , and RE Bob Cato.

31.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported that several of the members had requested to be excused for the meeting. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **31.1002,e.** above.

The Stated Clerk reported on the actions of commissions established by Presbytery at the last meeting:

- a. Report of Commission to deliver the Howard Allen Memorial Resolution to Catherine Allen - **(Appendix B, p. 12).**
- b. Report of Commission to install TE Larry Wissell at Wynndale PCA - **(Appendix C, p.13).**
- c. Presbytery ratified, as its own, the action of the committee acting as a commission to dissolve TE Timothy Horn's pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and his transfer to Covenant Presbytery. **(Appendix D, p.14).**

The actions of these commissions were adopted as the actions of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received since the last meeting. They were received as information except for d. and e. below..

- a. Missionary letters. The Stated Clerk brought Presbytery's attention to letters from our missionaries. (Since these are for information only, they are not included in the minutes.)
- b. Memorials - Lynn Sprecher and Ernest Thornton George, Jr. of Macon, and Nicholas Randolph Smith **(Appendix E, pp. 15, 16 & 17).**
- c. Response from Paul Kooistra to Mississippi Valley Presbytery's overture to the 28th General Assembly regarding Blake Purcell **(Appendix F, p. 18).**
- d. Response from Rocky Mountain Presbytery's request for Steve Long to labor within their bounds; referred to Advisory Committee **(Appendix G, pp. 19 & 20).**
- e. Letter from Phil Blevins; referred to Advisory Committee **(Appendix H, pp. 21 & 22).**
- f. Yearly report for Dr. Willem Van Gemenen **(Appendix I, p. 23).**
- f. Letter from Charles Rodriguez **(Appendix J, p. 24).**
- g. Letter from RE Kenneth Kammer **(Appendix K, p. 25).**
- h. Covenant Seminary Financial Aid Report **(Appendix L, pp. 26.27).**
- i. New communication on the denominational web page, PCANEWS.com; referred to Christian Education Committee **(Appendix M, p. 28).**
- j. Miscellaneous:
 1. Statistical forms: Churches reporting/not reporting **(Appendix N, p. 29).**
 2. General Assembly Commissioners from MS Valley Presbytery were provided the membership as information.

31.1009 REPORT OF MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman, presented the report. He introduced TE James Bland, Coordinator of MNA, who addressed Presbytery.

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That Presbytery concur with the desire of the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work to begin

31.1013

WORSHIP SERVICE

After the reading of memorials for Ruling Elders who had died during the past year (**Appendix E, pp. 15,16,17**), TE Dean Rydbeck, retiring moderator, preached a sermon on Hebrews 1:39 - 12:3. The Lord's Supper followed.

31.1014

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon.

31.1015

REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Dan Gilchrist gave the report during lunch. TE Dan Gilchrist gave Presbytery's thanks to Reformed Theological Seminary and the servers of our meal for their hospitality and service. He reminded the presbytery that Bob Bailey declares that "there is no such thing as a free lunch." It was "complimentary" -- and it was good. We thank the administration, the Board of Trustees, etc., for both the meal and for their hospitality of the day.

31.1016

RECONVENE

After lunch, Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM.

31.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented the report (**Appendix Q, pp. 36-44**). He opened the report with prayer.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That TE Robert Duhs be approved as Stated Supply of the First Presbyterian Church, Madison, effective June 26, 2000.
2. That Presbytery hear the internship report (oral reports from interns Anderson, Furey, Hollenbeck and Sutton), and that the internship report be received as information.
3. That Phil Hardin be removed from the roll of interns and candidates at his own request.
4. That Wylly Collins's internship program, recognized as completed by Tennessee Valley Presbytery, be accepted as fulfilling the requirements for that part of this ordination trials.
5. That the terms of call of TE Tim Muse as pastor of the Brandon Church be approved pending the approval of the dissolution of his relationship with FPC Kosciusco. He received and expressed his acceptance of his call (**p. 40**).

6. That the commission to install Tim Muse as pastor of the Brandon Church at 6:30 PM on Aug 6, 2000 be approved. (This is pending his request to be released FPC Kosciusko.) This commission is made up of: TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Ed Hartman, TE Buck Mosal, TE David Hutchinson, RE Greg LaVert, RE John Boswell, RE Hugh Potts.
7. That the terms of call of Wylly Collins as assistant pastor at the Belzoni Church be approved **(p. 41)**.
8. That the commission to install Wylly Collins as assistant pastor at the Belzoni Church at 6:00PM on June 25, 2000 be approved as including: TE Richard Wiman, TE Brister Ware, TE Ralph Davis, RE William Allen, RE Peter Hairston, RE Allen McLain, RE George Stock, RE Huey Townsend.
9. That the terms of call of Chris Shelton as pastor at the First Union Church be approved **(p. 42)**.
10. That the commission to install Chris Shelton as pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, Union, at 6:00 on June 11, 2000 be approved as follows: TE BI Anderson, TE Brad Mercer, TE Brister Ware, RE Jim Moore, RE White Troy, RE Gilbert Alexander, TE Charles Garland (Visiting Brother).
11. That the terms of call of TE Judson Davis as assistant pastor at the Alta Woods Church be approved **(p. 43)**.
12. That the commission to install TE Jud Davis as assistant pastor at the Alta Woods Church at 6:00 P.M. on June 11, 2000 be approved as follows: TE Roger Collins, Convenor, TE Dean Rydbeck, TE Robert E. Hays, TE Merle Messer, RE Donald Dennis, RE Gale Martin, RE Gabe Green.
13. That James Watson be received as a candidate transferring from South East Alabama Presbytery.
14. That the action of the commission to approve the internship of James Watson be ratified by Presbytery.
15. That the record show that Mr. Watson has completed all the requirements for internship at Edwards Presbyterian Church.
- p. That the committee be given powers of a commission to approve the completion of internships for Messers. Hemerding and Furey.
17. That the completion of Mike Philiber's internship program be approved.

Examinations

1. Chad Bailey was examined for candidacy. His exam was sustained and he was admitted to the roll of candidates after the Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and led in prayer.
2. Chad Bailey and Rowan Crown were examined for internship. Their exams were sustained and they were admitted to the roll of candidates after TE Ligon Duncan charged them and the Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and led in prayer. Chad Bailey was recognized

advisement and counsel him accordingly. Because of his particular situation, and the fact that two presbyteries—MS Valley and Rocky Mountain are involved, Mr. Long is being considered without call by this Presbytery at this point **(pp. 19,20)**.

6. That the pastoral relationship between Tim Muse and First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko be dissolved pending action by FPC Kosciusko.
7. That the matter of the Stated Clerk's salary be reported on at the next meeting.

31.1019 REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

RE Ed Nalley presented the report. The Committee made the following recommendation.

That Standing Rule Art. II, A. be changed to read as follows: Four stated meetings shall be held each year, convening at nine o'clock on the first Tuesday in February, May, August, and November." On voice vote the motion was received as a first reading of this change to the Standing Rules.

31.1020 OLD BUSINESS

Jim Furey, an intern of this Presbytery who is to go to Indianapolis, addressed Presbytery on his church planting plans. Mike Ross led Presbytery in prayer for this work.

31.1021 NEW BUSINESS

TE John Reeves, convener of the Nominating Committee, placed in nomination the name of RE Lee Atkinson of Pearl Presbyterian Church to replace RE Gale Martin who has resigned from the Credentials Committee . The motion passed.

31.1022 ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

TE Ligon Duncan was elected the Moderator Nominee for the October Stated Meeting.

31.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery meets next at Twin Lakes Conference Center on October 17, 2000.

31.1024 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

31.1025

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. with prayer by Moderator RE Robert Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
October 17, 2000**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

32.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 AM by Past Moderator, TE Dean Rydbeck in the place of RE Bob Bailey. TE Earl Adams led the Presbytery in prayer.

32.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	A
	Wylly Collins	
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	James McBrayer
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	James Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle A. Messer	Ed Nalley
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Frank York
	Brad Mercer	Eugene McRoberts
	William Hughes	Palmer Quarterman
	Brister Ware	Leland Hume
	Ted Wenger	Chess Wymond
	Derek Thomas	

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, Phil Blevins, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Jan Werson, Ron Lively, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Mark Lowery, Jim Stewart, Ron Smith, Ed Hartman, Chris Shelt, Doug Kelly, and John Kyle. Barry Darnell is under suspension (and living in Georgia) and therefore not required to attend.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Don Malin, Martin Marshall, Os Barnes, Ken Campbell, Bob Bates, Charles Rodriguez, Warren Foster.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **32.1002.a.** above.

32.1003 **ELECTION OF A MODERATOR**

TE Ligon Duncan was elected as Moderator by acclamation.

32.1004 **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The proposed Docket was approved, with the addition of the insertion of the Nominating Committee prior to 10:20 AM (**Appendix A:1, p. 12**).

32.1005 **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

See **32.1002,c.** above.

32.1006 **WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH**

TE Duncan introduced Mark Magee of Twin Lakes, who welcomed Presbytery to the facility.

32.1007 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Chess Wymond, TE Chris Shelton, and RE Peder Johnson.

32.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **32.1002,e**.

The Stated Clerk reported on the actions of commissions established by Presbytery at the last meeting:

- a. Report of the Commission to install Tim Muse as pastor of Brandon Presbyterian Church **(Appendix B:1, p. 13)**.
- b. Report of Commission to ordain Wylly Collins as Assistant Pastor of Belzoni Presbyterian Church **(Appendix B:2, p. 14)**.
- c. Report of Commission to install Chris Shelton as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Union, MS **(Appendix B:3, p. 15)**.

The reports of these commissions were adopted as the actions of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received since the last meeting. They were received as information or forwarded to the appropriate committee as indicated.

- a. Out of bounds reports and requests from Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, Phil Blevins, Clay Quarterman, Jim Carter, Chris Shelt, Fred Marsh, Jan Werson, Douglas Kelly, John Kyle, Jayson Kyle, Steve Long, Mark Lowery (phone request) and James McDonald Bell **(Appendix C:1-12, pp. 16-33)**. Referred to the Advisory Committee.
- b. Presbytery received requests asking for approval of Don Malin as the Stated Supply of Westminster Presbyterian in Meridian, Julian Stennis as the Stated Supply of Lauderdale Presbyterian, Buck Mosal as the Stated Supply of Raymond Church, and Charles Douglas as the Stated Supply of Mt. Moriah. Referred to Advisory Committee **(Appendix D:1-4, pp. 34-37)**.
- c. Letter from Clay Quarterman advising of his intention to affiliate as an associate member with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Odessa (Ukraine). Referred to Advisory Committee **(Appendix E, p. 3)**.

The Stated Clerk recommended the following response to General Assembly concerning their exception to our minutes of August 12, 1999. Presbytery approved this as our answer to General Assembly.

"The Presbytery of MS Valley apologizes for omitting the purpose of our called meeting on August 12, 1999 from our minutes. We hereby correct our minutes by noting the omission and including the following purpose as stated in the original call of the meeting: 'This called meeting of Presbytery is for the purpose of receiving a report from the Advisory Committee concerning the discipline of a minister.'"

Presbytery voted on the BCO amendments which had been referred to us by General Assembly **(Appendix E:1-3, p. 39-41)**. The votes were as follows:

Item 1	For 66	Against 0	Abstain 2
Item 2	For 68	Against 0	Abstain 0
Item 3	For 68	Against 0	Abstain 0

32.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the report which was received as information **(Appendix F:1-1, p. 42-42)**.

32.1010 REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott gave the report **(Appendix G:1-1, p. 42-42)**. Presbytery adopted the following recommendations.

- a. That the work of PresWIC be acknowledged with gratitude and that churches encourage and notify their ladies more effectively regarding Pres WIC functions; and that Judy Bell be approved as Vice President for a two year term;
- b. That churches avail themselves of the opportunity to be educated regarding the cults and that churches be encouraged to help resource Watchman Fellowship to address the expansion of cults;
- c. That MVP churches make available mailing lists of children ages 7-17 (Day Camp for elementary kids and Adventure Camp for older kids) to Twin Lakes for the direct mailing of brochures to their homes so that the children can apply for camps within the special deadline window allowed by Twin Lakes for MVP children;
- d. That MVP discontinue support for the Mid-South Jr. High camp and redirect the \$1750 budgeted for the Mid-South camp to be available for scholarships for MVP teens wanting to attend the Adventure Camps at Twin Lakes, Ridge Haven, or Harvest Camp; and
- e. That MVP encourage its members to consider attending the EQUIP Conference in April, 2001.
- f. The chairman also presented the report of the PresWIC which was received as information **(Appendix G:1,1, pp. 42,42.)**

32.1011 REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, Chairman, gave the report. Presbytery elected the following men as its nominees to General Assembly offices and appointed the committee as commission to fill vacancies **(Appendix**

H, pp. 42-44).

Administration
Christian Ed & Publications

MNA

MTW

RUM

Constitutional Business Committee

Theological Examining Committee

Trustees for IAR

Trustee of Covenant College

Trustee of the PCA Foundation

TE Dan Gilchrist

RE Don Breazelle

RE Billy Hays

RE Kim Kimbrough

TE Darwin Jordan

DE Doug McDaniel

TE Roger Collins

RE Gene McRoberts

RE Hugh Potts

RE Newell Simrall

RE Bob Bailey

RE Bob Cato

RE Joe Goodwin

32.1012

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Richard Wiman presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. That TEs Hays and Messer each be given five minutes to report on their recent work in Ukraine, and to challenge the men to become involved in that country's rebuilding through short term missions. That David Sunesson be granted five minutes to report on his work in Sweden.
- b. That the churches of Presbytery support Dale Ellison (member of Trinity Church, Jackson) in any way possible, and that Deacon Mike McMahan and RE Dr. Jim Peipon of Maryland be given the opportunity to share their ministry when they are itinerating in our area.
- c. That the churches of the Presbytery announce the Medical Missions Conference to be held in Atlanta on November 3-5.
- d. That churches encourage REs or TEs who have never visited a mission field to participate in a vision trip.

32.1013

REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

RE Ed Nalley presented the report. The Committee made the following recommendation and it was approved: That Standing Rule Art. II, A. be changed to read as follows: "Four stated meetings shall be held each year, convening at nine o'clock on the first Tuesday in February, May, August, and November." Since this was the second reading of the proposed change, it became part of the Standing Rules immediately upon its passage.

Other proposed changes were also approved. The first was Article III, para 1, to read that the Lord's Supper would be celebrated twice a year, at the May and November meetings. The second was Article VII, D, 1., g which changed the reporting times of various committees according to the following schedule. Editorial revisions to update the Standing Rules to four stated meetings were approved.

Committee

Advisory
Christian Ed
Credentials
MNA
MTW
Nominations
Sessional Records
Standing Rules
Stewardship and Finance

Time of Reporting

August and as needed
November
Each meeting as needed
May
May
November and February
February
November and as needed
August

32.1014 REPORT OF MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bob Schwanebeck, Chairman, presented the report. He presented Arrington Rhett, Regional Director of Palmer Home in Columbus who brought a report on that institution.

Mr. Schwanebeck also brought a report on the work of David Eades, a former member of our Presbytery working in West Virginia. That concluded a partial report of the committee. Carl Kalberkamp led in prayer for Mr. Eades' work.

32.1015 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The Recording Clerk read the morning minutes which were approved. After the reading of the morning minutes, Presbytery broke for recess.

32.1016 RECESS

Presbytery recessed at 11:00AM to come back at 11:15.

32.1017 WORSHIP SERVICE

In the place of the retiring moderator, TE Bob Schwanebeck preached a sermon on Romans 12: 14-21.

32.1018 LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 PM.

32.1019 RECONVENE

After lunch, Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM.

32.1020 REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

RE Chess Wymond gave the report which read,

On behalf of all who have been blessed by God to be able to enjoy the new facility and the marvelous meal eaten, the Thanks Committee gives praise and thanks to God, to the entire staff of Twin Lakes Conference Center, and especially to the wonderful kitchen staff. Thank you so much, ladies, for a fine dinner.

(S) Chess Wymond, Peder Johnson, Chris Shelton

32.1021 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented the report **(Appendix I:1-12, pp. 45-56)**.

Presbytery received as information the Candidates Report **(p. 49)**.

Presbytery received as information the Internship Report **(pp. 50-50)**.

Presbytery approved the transfer of candidate Jon Anderson to Grace Presbyterian Church of Starkville, MS in Covenant Presbytery.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internships of Jon Anderson and Jim Furey.

Presbytery examined Allen Smith, Joey Wright, Jason Edwards, David Storment, Brad Chaney, and David Simmons for candidacy. Upon successful examination and charging by the Moderator and prayer, they were entered on the roll of candidates. This involved the transfer of Candidate Joey Wright from Calvary Presbytery.

Upon appropriate response to the questions from the BCO (19-9), Joey Wright and Brad Chaney were entered on the roll of interns, and approved to begin internships in MVP.

Presbytery examined Neil Stewart for Licensure per BCO 19-2. All portions of his exam mandated by the BCO were sustained and he was licensed by Presbytery. His supplying the Bethesda Church at Edwards as a Student Supply was approved. Mr. Stewart's sermon was on Psalm 34. (It was realized later that the Constitutional questions required by the BCO had not been asked. Presbytery set up a Commission composed of TEs Derek Thomas, Brad Mercer, and Bill Hughes, and REs Gene McRoberts, Bebo Elkin, and Don Breazeale to administer the questions to Mr. Stewart.)

Presbytery examined Paul Nasekos as a transferring minister per BCO 20-9, upon signing the Book of Obligations, was enrolled as a member of Presbytery.

Presbytery examined Mark Kreitzer as a transferring minister per BCO 20-9. Noting Mr. Kreitzer's view of the regulative principle an exception, and requiring that he be instructed not to inculcate his view, his examination was sustained, he accepted the call to be the pastor of the Bailey Church, and, upon signing the Book of Obligations, was enrolled as a member of Presbytery pending his installation.

Presbytery approved the calls of Paul to be the Headmaster of Presbyterian Day School in Kosciusko **(p. 47)**, and of Mark Kreitzer to be pastor of Bailey Presbyterian Church **(p. 48)**.

Presbytery approved the following Commission to install Mark Kreitzer as pastor of Bailey Presbyterian Church which is to be held at the church the evening of November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

TE Don Malin
TE Bob Bates

RE Jackie Caldwell
RE Ken Covington
RE Perry Davis
RE Thomas McDonald

The Moderator stepped down and asked TE Merle Messer to assume the position of temporary Moderator in his stead.

Presbytery received and adopted the proposed resolution from the Credentials Committee on the "Days of Creation" **(pp. 50-53)**.

TE Duncan resumed the Moderatorship.

Presbytery received and adopted the "Guidelines for Ministerial Call/Salary Packages" **(pp. 54-56)**.

This completed the report of the Credentials Committee.

32.1022

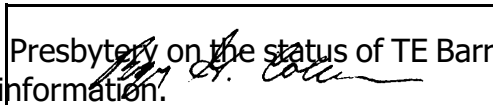
REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Van Ness gave the report **(Appendix J, p.57)**. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That it ratify the action of the Advisory Committee, acting as a commission, in the transfer of TE Tim Muse from Kosciusko to Brandon;
2. That Warren Foster's request to demit the ministry made at the previous presbytery meeting in June 2000 and become a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church be approved pending Sessional receipt of his membership;
3. That Steve Long's request to begin the process of demitting his ordination be approved;
4. That TE Phil Blevins's request to transfer to Westminster Presbytery be approved pending their reception of him;
5. That TE Ron Lively's request to transfer to Nashville Presbytery be approved;
6. That Presbytery approve the requests for Don Malin as the Stated Supply of Westminster Presbyterian in Meridian, Julian Stennis as the Stated Supply of Lauderdale Presbyterian, Buck Mosal as the Stated Supply of Raymond Church, and Charles Douglas as the Stated Supply of Mt. Moriah.

7. That Presbytery approve the Student Supply request of the Pickens church for Mike Philiber.
8. That permission be granted for Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, Phil Blevins, Clay Quarterman, Fred Marsh, Jayson Kyle, John Kyle, Steve Long, Doug Kelly, Jan Werson, Jim Carter, Chris Shelt, and Mark Lowery to continue to labor out of bounds for another year;
9. That the Stated Clerk's salary be raised to \$6000.00 per year.

The committee also updated Presbytery on the status of TE Barry Darnell, minister under suspension. The report was received as information.



Clay Quarterman's letter concerning his affiliation with the EPC of Odessa (Ukraine) was received as information.



32.1023

MNA COMMITTEE -Cont-

TE Schwanebeck continued the report started earlier. Presbytery approved the following recommendation:

- a. That MVP request permission for Louisiana Presbytery that Jesse Jacobs be allowed to work within their bounds at an independent work in St. Joseph, LA.

32.1024

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

In the place of the Chairman of the Committee, TE Brister Ware, the Stated Clerk read the Sessional Records Committee's report on minutes submitted at this meeting. The report was as follows:

First Presbyterian, Lexington - Approved as written.
St. Paul Presbyterian, Jackson - Approved with exceptions.

32.1025

OLD BUSINESS

32.1026

NEW BUSINESS

32.1027

ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

RE James Peaster was elected the Moderator Nominee for the next Stated Meeting.

32.1028 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Trinity Church, Jackson, to hold its February, 2001 meeting there on the 6th.

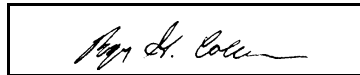
32.1029 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

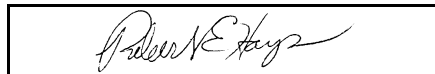
32.1028 ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:10 P.M. with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Clerk



Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 06, 2001**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

33.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 AM by Moderator, TE Ligon Duncan who led in prayer.

33.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Mark Kreitzer	Perry W. Davis
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Charles Moak
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Doug Welch
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis LaVallee
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Benny Hill
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Robert Cannada
	Ted Wenger	Eugene McRoberts
		Palmer Quarterman
	William Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Brister Ware	Leland Hume
	Derek Thomas	
	Jim Stewart	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Elliott Bickerstaff

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Michael Ross	Otis Ball
	Earl Adams	
	Scott Pierce	
Kosciusko, First	Edward Hartman	Eddie Woodard
	Paul Nasekos	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	Gene Austin
Louisville, Covenant	James Landrum	A
Louisville, First		John Fair
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	Walter Riddell
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		Ron Gaines
Meridian, Northpointe		A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah	Charles Douglas	A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	Lee Atkinson
Philadelphia, First	James Shull	Otha Jackson
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens		Henry McNeese
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Kenneth King
	Jeff Elliott	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	James "Sonny" Peaster
Terry, Wynndale		Raymond Huff
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Gilbert Olander
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Robert Walker
West, West		A
Yazoo City, First		Bob Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	Charley Lynn Chase	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of Presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, Don Malin, Mark Lowery, Ralph Davis, Bob Schwanebeck, Charlie Rodriguez, B.I. Anderson, Guy Richardson, Bob Duhs, Jesse Jacobs, Corey Pelton, and Ed Johnson, Os Barnes, Paul Long

c. The following visitors were registered: Andy Coburn, Dale Hollenbeck, Joe Easterling, Ed Nalley, Brooke Worrell, Frank York, Gary Pope, John Sherrod, Harold McDairmid, Mike Philiber, Sal Pellicano, William Inman, Guy Richard, and Rod Russ.

- d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Steve Froelich, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemerren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Jan Werson, Ron Lively, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, And Ken Campbell.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by Presbytery:** Larry Wissel, Bob Bates, and Corey Pelton. Barry Darnell is under suspension (and living in Georgia) and therefore not required to attend.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Ken Campbell, Bob Bates, Brad Mercer, Ken Elliott.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **33.1002.a.** above.

33.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE James "Sonny" Peaster was elected as moderator by acclamation.

33.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

33.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **33.1002,c.** above

33.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Mike Ross welcomed Presbytery to the facility.

33.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed the Thanks Committee composed of TE Shull, TE Germany, and RE Lee Atkinson and the Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE Ligon Duncan, TE Bob Schwanebeck, RE Will Thompson.

33.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those Teaching Elders listed in **33.1002,e.** above. (Ron Smith, Fred Marsh, Larry Wissel, B. Bates, Corey Pelton, Ed Norton).

The stated clerk reported on the actions of commissions established by Presbytery at the last meeting.

- a. Report of the commission to install Jud Davis as assistant pastor of Alta Woods Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B-1, p. 14**).
- b. Report of the commission to install Mark Kreitzer as pastor of Bailey Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B-2, p. 15**).
- c. Report of the commission to license Neil Stewart (**Appendix B-3, p.16**) .

The reports of these commissions were adopted as the actions of Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reported on communications received since the last meeting. They were received as information.

- a. Out of bounds report from Derek Thomas (**Appendix C, p.17**). Received as information.
- b. Presbytery received a letter from Grace Presbytery regarding a youth retreat. Received as information.
- c. Letter from James Hughes of IA&R in Atlanta. Received as information.

The Stated Clerk recommended the Standing Rules be changed as follows.. **Article VII, D, 1, b** and **c** as well as **Article VII, E, 6, b, 2** of our Standing Rules be revised to schedule nominations for our Presbytery committees to be presented at our November Presbytery meeting instead of February.

The Presbytery gave its approval with a voice vote as the first reading. Referred to Standing Rules Committee to be brought for a second vote at the next stated meeting.

The clerk reported the request of the Lebanon Church to have Jay Harvey serve as its student supply. It was referred to the Credentials Committee.

33.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, treasurer, gave the report which was received as information (**Appendix D, pp.18-21**).

33.1010 REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

In the absence of TE John Reeves, Chairman, TE Ross gave the report (**Appendix E, p. 22**). Presbytery elected the following men:

Mission to the World Committee, Class of 2003

RE Robert Osborne, TE Robert Hays, TE Jim Landrum

Mission to North America, Class of 2003

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TE Jeff Elliott, TE Bob Schwanebeck, RE Barry Royals

Christian Ed and Publications, Class of 2003

TE Paul Nasekos, TE Jim Shull, RE Bill Stone

Advisory, Class of 2003

TE Mike Ross, RE Bebo Elkin

Stewardship and Finance, Class of 2003

TE Guy Richardson, RE Hugh Potts

Credentials, Class of 2003

RE Bob Cato, RE Gordon Sluis, TE Chris Shelton, TE Dean Rydbeck

Sessional Records, Class of 2003

RE Harold McDairmid, TE Mark Kreitzer

Standing Rules, Class of 2003

TE Mark Duncan, RE John Kimbrough

Nominating Committee, Class of 2003

The following men were nominated from the floor and elected.

TE Dan Gilchrist, RE Ed Nalley

TE Ross read a proposed change to the Standing Rules: That the Standing Rules be changed to allow every Presbytery committee to have two additional alternates. It was approved as a first reading.

Mr. Reeves asked for volunteers to serve on committees of commissioners at General Assembly. The rest of the committee report was postponed until afternoon when it could include those who had volunteered.

33.1011

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Richard Wiman presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. That Earl Adams be given five minutes to address Presbytery to report on sister church relationships with churches in Peru,
- b. That Christ Shelton, Fred Mosby, and David Foster be allowed to address Presbytery on vision trips they have taken, and
- c. That Presbytery pray for a Sister Church Partnership Conference upcoming on Saturday, March 3 at Trinity Church, and for the work of world missions. (Note: Later postponed until September 8,2001).

33.1012

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Since Presbytery was running well ahead of schedule, the report of the Credentials Committee was begun. TE Mike Ross presented the report (**Appendix F, pp. 23-41**). Mr. Ross made Presbytery aware of the following definition of preaching. It is "expounding the Word of God, during the stated times of worship (morning, afternoon, or evening) in presbytery churches on the Lord's Day or during midweek services."

Presbytery approved the following motions:

- a. That the internships of Dale Hollenbeck and Dennis Hemerding be approved as completed,
- b. That the Internship Report be received as information (**Appendix F, p. 28**),
- c. That the Candidates Report be received as information (**Appendix F, p. 29**).
- d. That TE Schwanebeck's call to Palmer Home be approved and that he be permitted to labor out of bounds, and
- e. That TE Guy Richardson be approved as stated supply for the Edwards church for one year.

The report was adjourned until after lunch, when it is to be completed.

33.1013

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Van Ness gave the report (**Appendix G, p.42**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. That the transfer of Wylly Collins to SE AL Presbytery, the transfer of Phil Blevins to Westminster Presbytery, and TE Schwanebeck's request to serve outside the bounds of Presbytery on the staff of Palmer Home, by the committee acting as a commission, be approved as the actions of Presbytery. Presbytery also dissolved the relationship between TE Schwanebeck and First Church, Louisville, and
- b. That Presbytery approve TE Steve Long's transfer to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church pending receipt of notification by the EPC that they have received him, and
- c. That Jan Werson be transferred to North Florida Presbytery.

Mr. Van Ness reported on the status of TE Barry Darnell.

That concluded the report of the committee.

33.1021

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT -cont-

William Inman, Chad Bailey, and Guy Richard gave brief reports on their internships.

Presbytery examined Andy Coburn for candidacy. Upon successful examination and charging by the Moderator and prayer, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Bill Inman for Licensure per BCO 19-2. All portions of his exam mandated by the BCO, except the sermon which was preached later, were sustained.

Presbytery examined Mike Philiber and Dale Hollenbeck for ordination per BCO 21-4. Their examinations in Christian Experience were approved. Concurrent with their examination, TEs Joe Easterling, the pastor-elect of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, TE Robert Lane, pastor-elect of First Presbyterian, Madison, and TE Jimmy Turner, of the Christian Medical and Dental Society, were examined for transfer into Presbytery per BCO 13-6. These TEs' examinations were sustained and they were enrolled as members upon their signing of the Book of Obligations and pending their installations.

Mr. Hollenbeck and Mr. Philiber were examined in Theology, English Bible, Church Government, Sacraments. The two men had been examined in Church History by the committee, and on its recommendation their examinations were sustained. Their seminary degrees were received in lieu of an examination in Original Languages. Having previously preached before Presbytery, this portion of the exam was waived for Mr. Philiber whose licensure sermon accepted in lieu of it. Mr. Philiber's exam was sustained as a whole.

Presbytery approved the call of Mike Philiber from Pickens Presbyterian Church. **(Appendix F-15, p. 37)** and it was placed in his hands. He accepted the call. (It was noted that the call was substantially less than had been agreed upon as satisfactory at a recent Presbytery meeting; however, Mr. Philiber has a military pension which allows him to take the call and live comfortably.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Philiber on February 11, 2001, at Pickens Presbyterian Church at 4:00 PM.

TEs	REs
Dale Van Ness (Convenor)	Henry McNease
Mark Duncan	John Mullins
Ralph Davis	Don Dickerson

Presbytery approved the call of Dale Hollenbeck from MTW - **(Appendix F-16, p. 38)**. This is a cooperative agreement arrangement with African Inland Mission. He is to work in Uganda.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain Mr. Hollenbeck to his service with MTW at Trinity Presbyterian Church on March 4, 2001 at 6:00 PM.

TEs	REs
Mike Ross (Convenor)	Shelby Watts

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Earl Adams	John Williams
Knox Chamblin (Visiting)	Brian McGee

Presbytery approved Mr. Easterling's call (**Appendix F-17, p. 39**) and the following commission to install him on March 4, 2001 at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, at 6:00 PM.

TEs	REs
Charley Chase	David Foster
Steve Jussely	Bob Bailey (Convenor)
David Jussely (Visiting)	William Carroll

Presbytery approved Mr. Lane's call (**Appendix F-18, p. 40**) and approved the following commission to install him 6:00 PM, March 1, 2001.

TEs	REs
Brister Ware (Convenor)	Curtis Lynch
Merle Messer	Ron Gaines
Bob Duhs	Jud Yelverton
	Joe Davis

The quorum of each of these commissions were two REs and two TEs.

Presbytery approved Mr. Turner's call at \$60,000.00, and his request to labor outside the bounds of Presbytery.

Presbytery approved Mr. Schwanebeck's call to Palmer Home (**Appendix F-14, p. 36**).

Presbytery divided into two commissions to hear the sermons of Mr. Inman and Mr. Hollenbeck. TE Darwin Jordan was named the chairman of Mr. Inman's commission and TE Carl Kalberkamp was named the chairman of Mr. Hollenbeck's. Upon coming back together, Mr. Jordan reported that Mr. Inman had preached on Joshua 23:1-9 and his sermon was satisfactory. Mr. Kalberkamp reported that Mr. Hollenbeck had preached on Psalm 19 and his sermon was satisfactory. This completed the trials of Mr. Inman for licensure, whose exam was sustained, and Mr. Hollenbeck whose ordination examination was sustained as a whole.

Upon satisfactory answering of the questions mandated by BCO 19-3, and the pronouncement of the moderator per BCO 19-4, Mr. Inman was licensed by Presbytery.

Hollenbeck and Philiber signed the Book of Obligations and were received as members of Presbytery pending their ordination and installation.

This completed the report of the Credentials Committee.

33.1022

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Ware presented the report. The results were:

**STATED MEETING
May 1, 2001**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

34.1001

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of the Moderator, RE Peaster, the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was called to order at 9:00 AM by the previous Moderator, TE Dean Rydbeck who led in prayer.

34.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Ralph Gordon
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	A
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Frank York
	Ted Wenger	R.S. McAllister
	William Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Brister Ware	Leland Hume
	Derek Thomas	
	Jim Stewart	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Bill Oswalt
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Roy Stillwell

Church

Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity

Teaching Elder

Mark Duncan
 Michael Ross
 Earl Adams
 Scott Pierce

Ruling Elder

A
 John Marchetti

Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Northpointe
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Highlands
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 West, West
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

James Landrum

Philip Palmertree

Robert Lane
 Bob Bates

Robert E. Hays

Michael Philiber

Jeff Elliott

Matt Baugh
 Larry Wissel
 Chris Shelton
 Scott Reiber

Joe Easterling

John Reeves
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 Gene Morrison
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 Curtis Lynch
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 George Powe
 Howard Hunt
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 Rod Russ
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 Jas. "Sonny" Peaster
 Raymon Huff
 A
 Terry Warren
 A
 F.W. Shipley

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b. Other teaching elders on the roll of Presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, Ralph Davis, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Richardson, Bob Duhs, Jesse Jacobs, Corey Pelton, Ed Johnson, Fred Marsh, Derek Thomas, Bob Duhs, Ken Campbell.

c. The following visitors were registered: Ed Nalley, Jim Hallum, Bob Walker, John Faulk, Jack West, and Peter Wang.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemerren, Kazuhiko

Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery and TE Barry Darnell who is under discipline and living in another state.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Charlie Douglas, Dale Van Ness, Jim Shull, Paul Nasekos, Ed Hartman, Carl Kalberkamp, Charlie Chase.
- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, B.I. Anderson.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Brad Mercer, Ken Elliott, Mark Kreitzer, Richard Wiman, Darwin Jordan, Ed Hurley, Charlie Rodriguez, Os Barnes, James Turner, Don Malin.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **34.1002.a.** above.

34.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Dan Gilchrist was elected as Moderator by acclamation.

34.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket was approved as amended - the Nominating Committee requested a time to report. It was granted at 3:35 PM. (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

34.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **34.1002,c.** above.

34.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Scott Reiber welcomed Presbytery to the Westminster PCA.

34.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Bill Hughes, RE George Powe, and TE Mike Philiber.

34.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **34.1002,e.** above.

The Moderator reported on the actions of commissions established by Presbytery at the last meeting.

- a. Report of the commission to install Mike Philiber as Pastor of Pickens Presbyterian Church **(Appendix B, p. 11).**
- b. Report of the commission to install Dale Hollenbeck as MTW Missionary to Uganda **(Appendix B, p. 11).**
- c. Report of the commission to install Joe Easterling as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City **(Appendix B, p. 12).**
- d. Report of the commission to install Robert C. Lane as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Madison **(Appendix B, p. 13).**

The reports of these commissions were adopted as the actions of Presbytery.

The Moderator reported that a memorial for Millard F. Hubbard, deceased RE from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson was received, and is to be presented during worship service **(Appendix C, p. 13).**

Charlie Baxter from Atlanta was given a few minutes to speak on behalf of the PCA Foundation.

34.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the report which was received as information **(Appendix D, p. 13-13).**

34.1010 MISSION TO THE WORLD

In the absence of TE Richard Wiman, Chairman, TE Robert Hays presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. That TEs Dean Rydbeck and John Reeves be granted five minutes each to give a report of their recent mission trips to teach at the Donetsk Regional Bible College in Donetsk, Ukraine,
- b. That Presbytery be reminded of the opportunity afforded TEs and REs to take vision trips,
- c. That Presbytery be aware that men who have taken mission trips are available to give presentations in its churches to encourage others to become more missions-minded, and
- d. That Presbytery be aware of the Church Partnership Conference to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church on September 8, 2001.

34.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. That Fred Marsh, representing MTW Atlanta, be given ten minutes to address Presbytery,
- b. That the MNA Committee be approved to grant \$40,000.00 from the church planting funds to Grace Presbyterian Church for their relocation to the Byram area. The gift is to be made at the closing of the purchase of land,
- c. That Joey Wright be approved to serve as Campus Minister through RUM at Mississippi College, pending completion of ordination requirements,
- d. That Presbytery commit \$200.00 per month to Bill Inman for his ministry on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. This commitment is to be reviewed annually, and
- e. That Presbytery approved the 2000 annual audit report of RUM (on file with Stated Clerk).

34.1012

A SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery took a few minutes to enter into a season of prayer.

34.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes to prepare for worship.

34.1014

WORSHIP SERVICE

The Moderator read a memorial for Millard F. Hubbard, deceased RE of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix C, p. 13**). The retiring Moderator, RE James 'Sonny' Peaster preached a sermon from II Timothy 4. After the sermon, Presbytery celebrated the sacrament of Lord's Supper, led by the host pastor, TE Scott Reiber.

34.1015 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 PM. During the lunch period, TE Michael Philliber, chairman of the Thanks Committee reported as follows:

Whereas, our sovereign God has provided in his good providence a good day at the MS Valley Presbytery (MVP), meeting at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg, MS, and has provided a delicious meal by the Women in the Church and gracious southern hospitality with exceptional facilities for our comfort and enjoyment, the MVP desires to express its sincerest appreciation and thanks to their pastor, the session, and members of the Westminster Presbyterian

Church.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ William. Hughes, TE
/s/ George. Powe, RE
/s/ Michael Philliber, TE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00.

34.1016 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix E, pp. 14-14**). Presbytery approved the following motions:

- a. That the action of the committee acting as a commission to allow Jay Harvey to move onto the field of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, until such time as Presbytery can confirm his licensure be ratified as the action of Presbytery.
- b. That the action of the committee acting as a commission to transfer Dennis Hermerding's internship to the Presbytery of the Southwest be ratified as the action of Presbytery.
- c. That the internship report be received as information.
- d. That Peter Wang, Steve Benson, and Chris McCune be examined for candidacy. Upon successful examination and answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative, charging by the Moderator, and prayer by TE Jim Landrum, the men were entered on the roll of candidates.
- e. That Peter Wang and David Storment be placed on the internship roll. With prayer by TE Stewart and declaration by the Moderator, the men were enrolled as interns. Mr. Wang's internship at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN was approved with TE Darwin Jordan serving as his mentor. Mr. Wang's previous work at that church was accepted as constituting part of his internship requirements. Mr. Storment's internship at Helena Presbyterian Church (ARP) of Moss Point, MS was approved. TE Roger Collins is to be his mentor.
- f. That Jay Harvey and RE Sonny Peaster be examined for licensure. They were examined in all areas mandated by BCO (19-2) and all portions were sustained. RE Peaster's sermon as the retiring Moderator was accepted in lieu of another to satisfy that part of the exam requirement. Mr. Harvey preached on Joshua 5. The Moderator propounded the constitutional questions (19-3) which were answered in the affirmative, and after prayer for them, they were licensed. Mr. Harvey was approved to be the student supply in Lebanon Church for one year.

34.1017

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, chairman, presented the following recommendation, which was approved by Presbytery: That RE Curt McDaniel be approved to replace RE Gordon Sluice on the Credentials Committee, Class of 2003.

34.1018

STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

RE Ed Nalley, chairman of the committee presented the report. At the previous meeting, Presbytery had accepted as a first reading the following changes (in italics):

- a. **Article VII. D. 1.b.**, second sentence, to read, "Nominees will be presented by the Nominations Committee at the November stated meeting."
- b. **Article VII.D.1.g.** The time of reporting is to be changed to be changed to November and February.
- c. **Article VII.D.1.h.** To be added as follows, "Alternate members: Each Permanent Committee shall have two alternate members. Alternate members are expected to attend every stated meeting, called meeting, and meetings ordered by Presbytery unless providentially unable to attend. The alternate members shall be non-voting members except when filling an unexpired term of a permanent member or appointed by the committee chairman to serve in place of a permanent member who is providentially unable to attend."
- d. **Article VII.E.** Under each committee's number of members, add, "and two alternate members".
- e. **Article VII.E.6.b.2.** The second sentence is to read as follows, "Nominees are to be submitted at the November stated meeting and when necessary".

The entire motion passed unanimously and all of these recommendations became part of our standing rules.

34.1019

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The following minutes were read and the report concerning them was as follows:

West Presbyterian Church - Approved with exception,
First Presbyterian, Louisville - Approved w/o exceptions,
First Presbyterian, Madison - Approved with exceptions.

The report was adopted as the position of Presbytery.

34.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Ken Campbell addressed Presbytery on his recent travels work in Israel.

34.1021

ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

RE Gene McRoberts was elected the Moderator nominee for the next stated meeting.

34.1022

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of St. Paul Church to hold its August 2001 meeting there on the 7th.

34.1023

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

34.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 7, 2001**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

35.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The Moderator, TE Dan Gilchrist, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 AM with prayer.

35.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Mark Kreitzer	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	James McBrayer
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamey Germany	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Frank York
	Ted Wenger	Leland Hume
	Blil Hughes	W. Jeff Hamm
	Brad Mercer	Robert Cannada
	Jim Stewart	
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Scott Pierce	John Williams
	Earl Adams	

Church

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Mt. Moriah
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Concord
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
West, West
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Paul Nasekos

Dale Van Ness
James Landrum

Philip Palmertree

Robert Lane
Bob Bates

Robert Hays
Jim Shull

Michael Philliber

Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp

Ed Hurley

Larry Wissel
Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber

Joe Easterling

Ruling Elder

John Boswell
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John Kimbrough
Ed Prisock
Mike Triplett
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Jimmy Davidson
Ron Gaines
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A
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George Powe
Otha Jackson
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Rod Russ

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Sonny Smathers
Dale White
James Harrison
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Bob Baley
Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, Os Barnes, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Richardson, Jesse Jacobs, Barry Darnell, Ed Johnson, Jimmy Turner, Clay Quarterman, B.I. Anderson, Bob Duhs, Paul Long, Corey Pelton.

c. The following visitors were registered: Joel Kavanaugh, Jack West, Richard Metz, Jason Edwards, Lance Ragsdale, Joey Wright, David, Storment.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemerren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh.

e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery: Charlie Douglas, Ed Hartman, Ralph Davis, Matt Baugh, Darwin Jordan, Ken Elliott,

Ken Campbell, Mike Ross, Derek Thomas.

- f. The following members of Presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired:**
John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Don Malin.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:**
Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **35.1002.a.** above.

35.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Gene McRoberts was elected as Moderator by acclamation.

35.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved. (**Appendix A, p. 9**).

35.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **35.1002,c.** above.

35.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Mark Duncan welcomed Presbytery to the facility.

35.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Earl Adams, TE Chris Shelton (Chairman), and RE Jeff Hamm.

35.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **35.1002,e.** above.

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The clerk reported that TE Al Freundt of the PCUSA, a retired Professor at RTS, is in serious condition with cancer, and asked for prayer for him.

The clerk reported that the West Presbyterian Church voted on August 1 to leave the PCA because of the extremely small and dwindling size of the membership.

The clerk reminded Presbytery of the Partnership Conference set for September 8, 2001 at Trinity Presbyterian, Jackson.

Brad Mercer spoke to remind Presbytery of the upcoming Men's Rally at First Presbyterian, Jackson which is to be held on January 25, 2002. Derek Thomas is the speaker this year.

Lance Ragsdale, representative of Belhaven College, addressed Presbytery concerning the college.

The Stated Clerk reported that communications had been received from Ron Smith (**Appendix B, p. 10**), James Carter (**Appendix C, p. 11**), and Ken Campbell (**Appendix D, p. 12**). These communications were received as annual 'out of bounds' reports (SR III,G,3).

35.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave a report that was received as information (**Appendix E, pp.15-16**).

35.1010 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2002 for the committee. It was adopted (**Appendix F, p. 17**).

35.1011 A SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery spent time in a season of prayer.

35.1012 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Since presbytery was running ahead of schedule, the report of the Advisory Committee was heard next. TE Dale Van Ness, Chairman, presented the report (**Appendix G, p. 18**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- a. To lift the suspension of TE Barry Darnell, and restore him to the exercise of the office of Teaching Elder; the Moderator pronounced the end of the suspension, using the words of BCO 37-1,

- b. To list TE Darnell as being without call,
- c. To list TE Paul Nasekos as being without call, and
- d. To allow TE Os Barnes to take a teaching position with Covenant Christian High School of Clinton, MS, while remaining on the roll without call, and to instruct the Advisory Committee to report back to Presbytery with terms of a call from that institution at the next meeting.

35.1013

RECESS

Presbytery took a fifteen minute break to prepare for worship.

35.1014

WORSHIP SERVICE

The retiring Moderator, TE Dan Gilchrist, preached a sermon from I Timothy 6:20, 21.

35.1015

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 PM. During the lunch period, TE Chris Shelton, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, reported as follows:

We, the members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, have greatly enjoyed the fellowship of St. Paul Presbyterian Church. We wish to express our thanks to the Session, pastor Mark Duncan, and the Diaconate for use of these fine facilities. We also want to say, "Thank you" to the women in the church who have done such a great job of preparing a wonderful meal and for serving it in such a hospitable and Christian manner. Therefore let it be spread upon the minutes that our thanks be permanently recorded for the kindness and hospitality we have received here at St. Paul. To God alone be the glory.

S/ Chris Shelton, Chairman, Earl Adams, and Jeff Hamm

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00

35.1016

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, Recording Clerk, read the morning minutes which were approved as read.

35.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Ligon Duncan, Chairman, presented the report (**Appendix H, p. 20-22**). Presbytery approved the following motions:

- a. That the permission of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission allowing John Armstrong to move onto the field of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, until Presbytery

approves his licensure be ratified as the action of Presbytery.

- b. That Presbytery hear Internship Reports from Rohan Crown and Rich Sutton and receive them as information.
- c. That Joel Kavanaugh be examined for candidacy. Upon successful examination, Mr. Kavanaugh answered the constitutional questions from BCO 18-3 in the affirmative. RE Bebo Elkin gave a charge and then led in prayer. Mr. Kavanaugh was entered on the roll of candidates.
- d. That John Armstrong and Joey Wright be examined for ordination, and that TE Sam Liddell of Covenant Presbytery be examined for licensure. The two men coming for ordination were examined in all areas mandated by BCO 21-4 and all portions were sustained. Mr. Liddell's examination was completed successfully, answering questions in all areas mandated by BCO 19-2, and upon answering the questions of BCO 19-3 was licensed to preach regularly as the Stated Supply of the Old Madison Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery divided into two commissions to hear the sermons of John Armstrong and Joey Wright. TE Jim Shull was appointed chairman of Mr. Armstrong's commission, and TE Carl Kalberkamp was appointed chairman of Mr. Wright's. It was reported by the respective commission chairmen that the men's sermons were satisfactory, and motions to approve their examinations as a whole were adopted by presbytery.

Upon motion of the chairman, Mr. Wright's internship was approved as satisfactorily completed per BCO 19-9.

Mr. Wright's call as RUM campus minister at Mississippi College was approved as follows: Salary - \$32500.00 (including housing allowance - the actual distribution is to be made by the committee and indicated in their records) Death and Disability insurance, \$451.25, and \$7549.00 for medical insurance. It was placed in his hands and he accepted it.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain Mr. Wright:

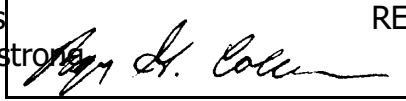
TE Ligon Duncan	RE Bebo Elkin
TE Derek Thomas	RE Sid Moller
TE Wm. Hughes	RE Neil Barnes
TE John Reeves	RE John Gatlin
TE Wade Coleman	
TE Corey Pelton	

The date of his ordination is to be August 26, 2001, at 6:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

Upon motion of the chairman, Mr. Armstrong's internship was approved as satisfactorily completed. Mr. Armstrong's call as Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian, Kosciusko, MS was approved as follows: Salary - \$21,709.76, Housing \$20,000.00, Insurance \$1,890.24, Expense Reimbursements of \$1200.00 and Retirement Contribution \$1,200.00. The call was placed in his hands and he accepted it.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain Mr. Armstrong:

TE Earl Adams	RE Danny Temple
TE Ed Hartman	RE Marty Wysocki
TE Mike Ross	RE Johnny Williams
TE John Armstrong	



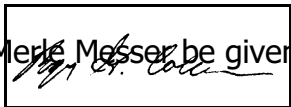
The date of his ordination is to be August 12, 2001, at 6:00 PM, at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko.



35.1018 MISSION TO THE WORLD

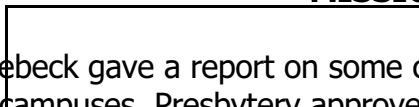
In the place of the chairman, TE Earl Adams presented the MTW report. Presbytery approved the following recommendation:

- a. That Clay Quarterman, member of the presbytery and foreign missionary, be allowed to present a report on his work in Odessa, Ukraine.
- b. That Merle Messer be given five minutes to report on his ministry in Donetsk, Ukraine.



35.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Schwanebeck gave a report on some changes in Reformed University Ministry ministers on Mississippi campuses. Presbytery approved the annual report of the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work (**Appendix ?, p. ?-?**).



35.1020 SESSIONAL RECORDS

The Wynndale Church minutes were approved as submitted - no exceptions.

35.1021 ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

TE Dale Van Ness was elected the Moderator Nominee for the next Stated Meeting.

35.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Twin Lakes Retreat Center to hold its November 2001 meeting there on the 13th.

35.1023 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

35.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM with prayer by TE Mark Duncan.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Hays", enclosed within a rectangular box.

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 13, 2001**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Retreat Center, Florence, MS**

36.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The moderator, RE Gene McRoberts, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 AM with prayer.

36.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the Stated Clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Mark Kreitzer	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Jay Holliday
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Jud Davis	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Ted Wenger	Gene McRoberts
	Bill Hughes	John Caden
	Brad Mercer	R.S. McAllister
	Jim Stewart	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Earl Adams	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna	John Armstrong	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	James Landrum	Roger Wiggins
Louisville, First		John Sharp
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Jasper Yelverton
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	Ray Pace
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton	Charles Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Jim Shull	Excused
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Philliber	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
	Carl Kalberkamp	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Larry Wissel	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Mark Monroe
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second		Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the Roll of Presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Richardson, Jimmy Turner, Bob Duhs, Corey Pelton, Kenneth Elliott, Paul Nasekos, Joey Wright, Derek Thomas, Don Malin, Ralph Davis.

c. The following visitors were registered: Harold Jones, Charlie McCool, Perry Davis, Carl Chaplin, Al Chadick, Dick Sechler, Brad Chaney, Andy Coburn, Marshall Brown, Julian Zugg, David Storment.

d. The following members of Presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of Presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Clay

Quarterman.

- e. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the Presbytery:** Jamey Germany, Ed Hartman, Matt Baugh, Jesse Jacobs, Merle Messer, Scott Pierce, Darwin Jordon, Ken Elliot.
- f. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are Honorably Retired:** John Allen, B.I. Anderson, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Erskine Jackson, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. **The following Teaching Elders were absent without excuse:** Darwin Jordan, Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Ken Campbell, Charlie Rodriguez, Os Barnes, Bill Wymond.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **36.1002.a.** above.

36.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Dale Van Ness was elected as Moderator by acclamation.

36.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p.10**). Presbytery agreed to hear reports of two missionaries at 2:30 p.m. and the docket was changed to reflect that change. In addition, Presbytery agreed to hear a report on the upcoming Mid-South Men's Rally after the Clerk's report.

36.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **36.1002,c.** above.

36.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Ligon Duncan, host pastor, introduced Mark Magee, manager of the Twin Lakes Retreat Center, who welcomed Presbytery.

36.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Dean Rydbeck and REs George Powe and Kim Kimbrough to serve as the Thanks Committee.

36.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Stated Clerk reported the requests for excused absences that had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those Teaching Elders listed in **36.1002,e.** above.

The Stated Clerk reported that minutes of commissions to install and ordain John Armstrong (**Appendix B, p.11**) and Joseph Wright (**Appendix C, p.12**) had been received. These were adopted as the actions of Presbytery. RE Jon Gatlin was added after the fact by unanimous consent as a member of Joseph Wright's commission.

The Stated Clerk reported on communications which had been received from Blake Purcell (**Appendix D, p.13**), Clay Quarterman (**Appendix E, p.14**), John Kyle (**Appendix F, p.15**), Jason Kyle (**Appendix G, p.16**), and Bob Schwanebeck (**Appendix H, p.17**). All were received as information. He also mentioned requests from Westminster Church, Meridian to have Don Malin serve as stated supply (**Appendix I, p.18**); a request from Mt. Moriah Presbyterian to dissolve (**Appendix J, pp.19, 20**); a copy of minutes from Concord Church in which they indicate to Presbytery of the Congregational decision to transfer all church properties to the Concord Cemetery Association, and that Concord Church has voted to become inactive (**On file**); a request from Covenant Presbytery to approve Joey Wright as an intern mentor to David Dobbs (**Appendix K, p.21**); a letter from the Bailey Church asking for the dissolution of their pastoral relationship with TE Mark Kreitzer (**Appendix L, pp.22,23**); all of which were given to the Advisory Committee for their recommendations.

TE Tim Muse reported that Brandon PCA will be celebrating its 150th anniversary(**Appendix M, p. 24**). TE Brad Mercer made an announcement concerning the Mid-South Men's Rally.

Presbytery voted on proposed BCO changes from GA. The results were as follows:

Item # (For, Against, Abstain)

1) None 2) 52, 0, 0; 3) 55, 0, 0; 4) 55, 0, 0 5) 55, 3, 0 6) 57, 0, 0.

The Stated Clerk reported that all Presbyteries had been asked to discuss the Women in the Military issue by General Assembly. The docket schedules discussion for 2:40 PM.

Presbytery received two proposed changes to our Standing Rules from the Stated Clerk.

The first proposed change is that Article III, F, 1. read "The sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be observed at the February and August stated meetings following the sermon."

The second proposed change is that Article III, F, 2. read, "Ruling Elders who have died during the past year shall be memorialized at the February and August stated meetings."

Presbytery unanimously approved suspending the Standing Rules requiring two readings of a proposed change, and approved this permanent change on one reading.

36.1009**REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

RE Rod Russ, Treasurer, gave the report which was received as information (**Appendix N, pp.25-27**).

36.1010**SEASON OF PRAYER**

Presbytery took thirty minutes to pray for the affairs of the church and nation.

36.1011**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

In the absence of TE John Reeves, Chairman, the Stated Clerk gave the report (**Appendix O, pp.28,29**). Presbytery elected the following men to the respective offices and classes listed below.

Men elected to Presbytery Committees

Mission to World 2004	TE Ed Hartman RE Stephen Morris	RE David Foster
Alternates	RE Thomas Brown	RE Cliff Leverette
Mission to North America 2004	TE Jim Stewart RE Steve McNair	RE Lantz Kuykendall
Alternates	RE Jack Laws	RE Warren Bennett
Christian Education 2004	TE Jimmy Turner RE Edwin Batte	TE Jud Davis
Alternates	TE Ed Hurley	RE Gene Dent
Advisory 2004	TE Darwin Jordan	RE Vernon Cotten
Alternates	TE James Baird	TE Robert Duhs
Stewardship 2004	TE Dan Gilchrist	RE Bob Bailey
Alternates	TE Charlie Douglas	RE Don Breazelle
Credentials 2004	RE Benny Hill TE Joe Easterling	RE Roland Byrd TE Derek Thomas
Alternates	TE Robert Lane	RE John Williams
Sessional Records 2004	TE Joey Wright	RE George Powe
Alternates	TE Steve Jussely	TE John Armstrong
Standing Rules 2004	TE Doug McCullough	RE Ed Nalley
Alternates	TE Brister Ware	RE John Armstrong
Nominating 2004	TE Bill Hughes	RE Ken King

Alternates

TE Dean Rydbeck

RE Ford Mosby

Men elected to General Assembly Permanent Committees

Part 1 - Presbytery's Appointee to Serve on GA's Nominating Committee: Mike Ross.

Part 2 - Presbytery's Nominees for GA's Permanent Committees and Agencies:

(Brackets indicate that person from M. V. P. is already serving)

Administrative Committee

TE Bill Hughes

Christian Education and Publications

TE [Jim Shull]

Mission to North America

TE Karl Kalberkamp

RE Jack Laws

Mission to the World

TE Robert Hays

RE David Foster

Reformed University Ministries

TE [Bob Schwanebeck]

RE Bob Bailey

RE [Kim Kimbrough]

Interchurch Relations

TE Derek Thomas

Constitutional Business

TE Dan Gilchrist

RE William Barbour

Assembly Theological Examining Committee

TE Ligon Duncan

RE Warren Bennett

For Trustee for I. A. R.

Deacon Doug McDaniel

For Director of Ridge Haven

None

For Trustee of Covenant College

TE Robert Duhs

For Trustee of Covenant Theological Seminary

None

For Board of P. C. A Foundation

RE Gene McRoberts

For Standing Judicial Commission

RE [Robert Cannada]

36.1012

RECESS

Presbytery broke for fifteen minutes prior to entering into a time of worship.

36.1013

WORSHIP

At the request of the retiring Moderator, RE Gene McRoberts, TE Derek Thomas led in worship. He preached from the book of Haggai on 'Encouragement in the Ministry.'

36.1014

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, Recording Clerk, read the morning minutes which were approved as read.

36.1015 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 PM. During the lunch period, TE Dean Rydbeck, Chairman of the Thanks Committee, reported as follows:

"And God said, 'Let the water under the sky be gathered together in one place, and let dry ground appear.' (Genesis 1: 9 & 10) We, the gathered members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, desire first to give thanks to our God for his gracious gifts of creation and redemption, at this stated meeting on November 13, 2001 at Twin Lakes Conference Center.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our host church, First Presbyterian of Jackson, for inviting us to their splendid ministry facilities at Twin Lakes, and to their helpful staff.

As a Presbytery, we thank our Moderator, TE Dale Van Ness, for his wise and winsome leadership of our assembly. We also want to thank our Stated Clerk, Roger Collins, and our Recording Clerk, Robert E. Hays, for their faithful labors.

We give thanks to Derek Thomas for his edifying and encouraging message from Haggai 2.

Finally, we praise our triune God for the power of Christ and the presence of his Holy Spirit, for his grace that enables us to labor together as brothers for the glory of God and the growth of his kingdom.

S/ George Powe, Kim Kimbrough, Dean Rydbeck

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00

36.1016 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Ligon Duncan, Chairman, presented the report (**Appendix P, pp. 30-44**) which includes a Candidacy Report (**p. 34**) and an Internship Report (**p.35**).

Presbytery heard the internship reports of Brad Chaney, David Storment, and Peter Wang, and received the reports as information. Written reports of Brad Chaney, Chad Bailey, David Bergmark, David Leander, David Storment, Guy Richard, Peter Wang, and Richard Sutton are in the Committee's Report (**pp.35-43**).

Presbytery examined Mr. Marshall Brown and Mr. Julian Zugg for candidacy. Both men were examined in the areas of experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry. Their exams were sustained and upon answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the Moderator, and charging and prayer by TE Scott Reiber, they were entered on the roll of candidates.

Mr. Marshall Brown, Mr. Andy Coburn, Mr. Jason Edwards, and Mr. David Simmons were examined for internship. All four men gave satisfactory evidence of their calls to become ministers and after prayer and pronouncement by the Moderator as required by BCO 19-9, were entered on the roll of

interns.

Mr. Brown is to work at First Presbyterian, Jackson, under Plan D, with TE Brad Mercer as mentor. Presbytery approved the committee request to allow Mr. Brown to apply work completed since the beginning of his work at First Presbyterian, Jackson in August, 2000 toward his internship requirements.

Mr. Coburn is to work under Plan D, at the Raymond Church, with TE William Mosal as mentor.

Mr. Edwards is to work under Plan B, at the Pear Orchard Church, with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Presbytery also approved the committee request to allow Mr. Edwards to apply work completed since the beginning of his work at Pear Orchard in June, 1999 toward his internship requirements.

Mr. Simmons is to work under Plan A, at First Church, Jackson. TE Ted Wenger is his mentor.

36.1017

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness gave the report of the Advisory Committee. Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That TE Os Barnes 's current teaching position at Covenant Christian School does not constitute a call, that his present status is "without call," and that he be commended and encouraged in accepting and pursuing his current position and that he should present an annual report to Presbytery.
2. That the request from Mt. Moriah Presbyterian to dissolve August 26, 2001 be acknowledged with thanksgiving for their faithful ministry and to TE Charles Douglas for his years of ministry there as a Stated Supply.
3. That the requests from the following to labor for another year outside the bounds of Presbytery: Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman (to whom powers of an evangelist renewed, also), John Kyle, Jason Kyle, Bob Schwanebeck, Fred Marsh, Ralph Davis, and Ron Smith be granted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At this point, Presbytery voted to go into executive session to hear the rest of the Advisory Report. (Minutes of executive session are on file with the clerk.)

Having come out of executive session, Presbytery approved the following action:

That the Advisory Committee be clothed with the powers of a commission to dissolve the pastoral relationship of Mark Kreitzer and Bailey Presbyterian Church. The Commission is to be charged with three jobs: to negotiate the dissolution with the church with the desire that Mr. Kreitzer be given three months continuance and that the manse be made available through May, 2002; that the Committee, acting as a Commission, continue to meet with Mr. Kreitzer concerning the advisability of his seeking a call at this time; and that the Committee, acting as a Commission, meet with the Session of the church to resolve any remaining issues.

30.1018 SPECIAL REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES

Missionaries to the Czech Republic, Carl Chaplin and Dick Sechler, reported on their work.

36.1019 DISCUSSION OF WOMEN IN MILITARY

Presbytery discussed the place of women in the military (**Appendix Q, pp. 45,46**). Presbytery approved adopting the "duty" view of women in the military, which opposes the service of women in military combat positions, and communicating the action to General Assembly with the desire that it be adopted and communicated to Congress and the President.

36.1020 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington were approved w/o exceptions, and those of St. Paul Church, Jackson were approved with exceptions.

36.1021 ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

RE John Kimbrough was elected the Moderator Nominee for the next Stated Meeting.

36.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, to hold its February 5, 2002 meeting at Lake Forest Retreat Center. An invitation to meet at Macon Presbyterian Church on May 7, 2002 was approved (**Appendix R, p.47**).

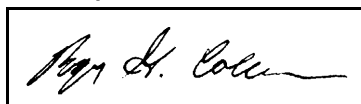
36.1023 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were approved as read by the Recording Clerk.

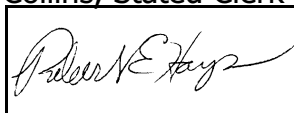
36.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The Presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM with prayer by TE. Van Ness.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 5, 2002**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Forest Lake Retreat Center / Covenant PCA, Louisville**

37.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The moderator, TE Dale Van Ness called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

37.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Jay Holliday
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Jamie Germany	Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Ted Wenger	Gene McRoberts
	Bill Hughes	John Caden
	Brad Mercer	R.S. McAllister
	Jim Stewart	L.V. Rusling
	Chess Wymond	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum

Church

Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity

 Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Northpointe
 Meridian, Westminster
 Newton, Mt. Moriah
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Concord
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Highlands
 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dean Rydbeck

 Mike Ross
 Earl Adams
 Ed Hartman

 Dale Van Ness
 James Landrum

 Philip Palmertree

 Robert Lane
 Bob Bates

 Robert Hays
 Jim Shull

 Michael Philliber

 Jeff Elliott

 Ed Hurley
 Matt Baugh
 Larry Wissel
 Chris Shelton
 Scott Reiber
 Joe Easterling

Ruling Elder

Robert Osborne
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 John Armstrong
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 Watson Marsalis
 John Kimbrough
 Edward Prisock
 John Sharp
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 Walter Riddell
 Jimmy Davidson
 Jasper Yelverton
 Ray Pace
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 Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Richardson, Jimmy Turner, Bob Duhs, Corey Pelton, Kenneth Elliott, Paul Nasekos, Joey Wright, Derek Thomas, Don Malin, Ralph Davis.

c. The following visitors were registered: Marshall Brown, Charlie McCool, Perry Davis, Carl Chaplin, Al Chadick, Brad Chaney, Andy Coburn, John Fair, Phil Hubbard, Harold Jones, Larry McMillan, Richard Metz, Mark Monroe, Ford Mosby, Dick Sechler, David Storment, Roger Wiggins, Julian Zugg.

- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Stephen Long, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Doug McCullough, Bill Wymond, Mark Kreitzer, Ted Wenger, Mark Duncan, Jimmy Turner, Carl Kalberkamp, Dan Gilchrist.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Ken Campbell, Charlie Rodriguez, Os Barnes.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **37.1002, a.** above.

37.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE John 'Kim' Kimbrough of First Church, Lexington was elected as moderator by acclamation.

37.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as amended. The Advisory Committee report was approved as an order of the day at 2:00 p.m. (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

37.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **37.1002, c.** above.

37.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Jim Landrum, host pastor, welcomed presbytery to Louisville and to the Forest Lake Retreat Center. Chuck Cochran, representative of the facility, also welcomed presbytery and explained the ministry of Forest Lake Retreat Center.

37.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the Thanks Committee composed of TE Earl Adams and REs George Powe and Bebo Elkin.

37.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those Teaching Elders listed in **37.1002, e.** above.

The stated clerk presented a letter sent to the stated clerk of General Assembly as instructed at the previous presbytery be accepted as the response of presbytery to the issues of the debate on women in combat. It was approved (**Appendix B, p.11**).

The stated clerk reported that memorials had been received for TE B.I. Anderson (**Appendix C, p. 12**) and for RE Buddy Ford of Brandon Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 13**). These are to be read during the worship service.

The stated clerk reported that the Raymond Church had requested the services of TE Buck Mosal as stated supply for another year (**Appendix D, p. 15**). The request was forwarded to the Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported on a letter regarding the status of the move of Grace Presbyterian Church to Byram (**Appendix E, p. 16**).

Chip Jones, headmaster of Covenant Christian School, the new Christian Day School of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, addressed presbytery.

Presbytery re-elected TE Roger Collins to another term as stated clerk, TE Robert Hays to another term as recording clerk, and RE Rod Russ to another term as treasurer. All are three year terms.

37.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ was excused due to his workload. In his stead, the stated clerk presented the report which was received as information (**Appendix F, p. 17-19**).

37.1010 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

TE Richard Wiman presented the report (**Appendix G, p. 20**). Linda Wixon, missionary to Japan presented to presbytery a report on her work there. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery pick up the support of Don and Fran McNeil at \$100.00 per month for four years.

2. That churches consider being involved in missions trips themselves.
3. That churches be encouraged to give 100% of the G.A. askings to missions.

37.1011

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix H, p.21**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery ratify the action of the committee, acting as a commission, to dissolve the pastoral relationship of TE Mark Kreitzer with the Bailey Church effective November 13, 2001.
2. That TE Barry Darnell's request to demit the Gospel ministry be received as a first reading (BCO 38-2; 46-8).

37.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

TE Earl Adams led presbytery in prayer for affairs of the church and nation.

37.1013

RECESS

Presbytery broke at 10:25 A.M. before entering into a time of worship.

37.1014

WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, TE Dale Van Ness, led in worship. After reading memorials to TE B.I. Anderson, RE D.G. "Buddy" Ford, and RE T.F. West, Jr., he preached from II Cor. 11: 16-23. This was followed by the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The memorials were adopted as the sentiment and position of presbytery (**Appendix C, pp. 12-13**).

37.1015

ERECTION OF A COMMISSION

A commission composed of TEs Ligon Duncan, John Reeves, Brister Ware, and Roger Collins, was established to visit with Mrs. B.I. Anderson and deliver the memorial to her husband. The quorum of the commission was set at three.

37.1016

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

At the request of RE Jim Hallum - temporary chairman, presbytery entered into a committee of the whole to read session minutes.

37.1017 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 P.M. with prayer by the stated clerk. During the lunch period, Chairman TE Earl Adams of the Thanks Committee, reported as follows:

"The Lord Jesus said that he came not to be ministered to but to minister. We want to thank the Lord for his ministry to us today through those of you who have so graciously hosted us at this stated meeting of presbytery on Feb. 5, 2002 at Lake Forest Ranch.

We thank our host church, Covenant of Louisville, their pastor Rev. Jim Landrum, and their session for inviting us to this beautiful and peaceful place to meet.

We also desire to thank the staff of Lake Forest Ranch for their assistance in making our time here so special and comfortable. We thank Chuck Cochran, the assistant camp director, for facilitating this.

It is appropriate, also, to thank Steve and Stephanie Morris for serving in the kitchen so efficiently and cheerfully.

We praise God for our moderator, Kim Kimbrough, and the work of the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins, and the recording clerk, TE Robert Hays, and for the blessing of the Word as preached by TE Dale Van Ness.

Most of all, we thank God for the unity of the brethren in the Spirit of Christ.

/S/ TE Earl Adams, RE Bebo Elkin, & RE George Powe

37.1018 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was brought back into session with prayer by the moderator, after which it rose from being a committee of the whole.

37.1019 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the report (**Appendix I, p. 22-36**).

Presbytery ratified the action of the committee, acting as a commission, which allowed TE Tom Irby of Grace Presbytery to serve as stated supply for the Carolina Church, Madden until this meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery heard the internship report of Guy Richard and received the report as information. Written reports were received from Chad Bailey, Andy Coburn, Brad Chaney, Marshall Brown, David Simmons, Jason Edwards, Peter Wang, and David Storment (**pp. 27-36**). All were received as information.

Upon recommendation of the committee, presbytery examined Mr. Jones (Jody) Woodward, Jr., Mr. Matthew Nasekos, Leonard Siems, Mr. Bailey Adams, Mr. Matt Ellis, and Mr. Thomas Sainata for candidacy. The men, all of whom had been certified by their sessions, were examined in the areas of experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry. Their exams were sustained and upon answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, charging by RE Bebo Elkin and prayer by the moderator they were entered on the roll of candidates.

TE Tom Irby, member of Grace Presbytery, was examined for licensure to serve as stated supply of the Carolina Church at Madden. TE Irby's exam was approved in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, and church government - all areas called for by BCO 19-2 - and upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, and upon the pronouncement of 19-4, was entered on the roll of licentiates and allowed to serve as stated supply for a period of one year. His examination was approved except that TE Irby was not allowed to inculcate his exception to the confession's positions on divorce and on the allowance of drama and dance as acceptable forms of worship.

TE Irby satisfactorily answered the questions mandated by BCO 19-3, and upon pronouncement by the moderator (BCO19-4) TE Tom Irby was licensed.

Mr. Sainata was examined for internship by giving an oral statement of his inward call to the ministry. His statement was accepted and after prayer and pronouncement by the moderator as required by BCO 19-9, was entered on the roll of interns. A candidate of North Georgia Presbytery transferring to MS Valley, he is to do his internship under Plan B at Carthage with TE Dan Gilchrist as his mentor.

37.1020

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presbytery went into executive session, as TE Van Ness continued with the report of the Advisory Committee.

Minutes of executive session are on file with the stated clerk.

37.1021

RISING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Coming back into plenary session, presbytery approved the following action: that it receive a charge of an unbiblical divorce against TE Ken Campbell and that it appoint the Advisory Committee to serve as a judicial committee pursuant to BCO 32-11 to contact TE Campbell and bring the facts of the case to presbytery.

Presbytery approved the request of the Raymond Church to have TE Buck Mosal be its stated supply for another year.

37.1022

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE John Reeves, chairman, gave the report of the Nominations Committee. Presbytery elected the following men to these respective offices.

Committees of Commissioners, General Assembly, 2002

Ruling Elders

Administration	Jim Moore, First - Jackson
CE& P	Dr. Lee Owen, First - Jackson
Covenant Seminary	Henk Kuiper, Trinity
Interchurch Relations	Edward Johnson, First - Jackson
MNA	Orrin Swayze, First - Jackson
PCA Foundation	Gene McRoberts, First - Jackson
Constitutional Business	Bob Cat, Second
RE For Communion	Shelby Watts, Trinity

Teaching Elders

Bills and Overtures	Ligon Duncan, First - Jackson
Covenant College	Jim Landrum, Covenant
Insurance, Annuities & Relief	Dan Gilchrist, First - Carthage
MTW	Jeff Elliott, Pear Orchard
Ridge Haven	Merle Messer, Alta Woods
RUM	Roger Collins, Grace

Floor Clerk

TE John Armstrong, First - Kosciusko

Presbytery Committees

Credentials, Class of 2004, to replace Benny Hill Alternate Ruling Elder	Hugh Potts, Jr. Rod Russ
MNA Alternate to replace Jack Laws	Dr. Otis Ball

37.1023

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix J, p. 37-38**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery approve the request of the Mississippi Joint Committee on College Work's recommendation that, for the present, the structure of the campus committee at the presbytery level remain as it has been - that is, as a sub-committee of the MNA Committee of presbytery;
2. That presbytery approve the change in Corey Pelton's call from \$36,073 to \$37,155, plus

associated benefits; and,

3. That presbytery approve the 2002 proposed budget for RUM/MS **(p. 38)**.

30.1024 DISCUSSION OF "BIBLICAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION"

Presbytery discussed Biblical Conflict Resolution as it had been asked to do by General Assembly **(Appendix K, p. 39-44)**.

37.1025 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

RE Jim Hallum, temporary chairman, reported the following results of the examination of sessional minutes. They were as follows:

Approved without exception: Bethesda, Brandon, First-Belzoni, First-Jackson, First-Kosciusko, First-Louisville, First-Philadelphia, First-Yazoo City, Forest-Grove, Grace, Highlands, Newton, North Park, Northpointe, Providence, Second Yazoo City, Tchula, and Trinity.

Approved with exceptions: Carolina, First-Madison, Lebanon, Macon, and Pearl.

37.1024 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

37.1025 ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

TE Steve Jussely was elected the moderator nominee for the next stated meeting.

37.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Macon Presbyterian Church for our May 7, 2002 stated meeting.

37.1027 READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

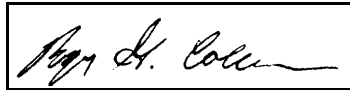
The day's minutes were approved as read by the recording clerk.

37.1028

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M. with prayer by TE Bob Schwanebeck.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 7, 2002**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon, MS**

38.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The moderator, RE Kim Kimbrough, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

38.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		Jerry Daniels
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	A
	Jud Davis	
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Brad Mercer	Chess Wymond
		Clayton Quarterman
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Dennis Watts
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	Bob Lewis
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	Robert Rahaim

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	Earl Adams	Phil McDade
	Scott Pierce	
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	James Landrum	Sam Suttle
Louisville, First		Charlie McCool
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	Bill Bell
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		Howard Secrest, Jr.
Newton, Mt. Moriah		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Robert Hays	Lee Atkinson
Philadelphia, First	Jim Shull	Otha Jackson
Pickens, Concord		A
Pickens, Pickens	Michael Philliber	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Jeff Elliott	Kenneth King
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		Richard McCann
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	Sonny Peaster
Terry, Wynndale	Larry Wissel	Gary Pope
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Jim Moore, Jr.
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	John Lanting, Sr.
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	William Carroll
Yazoo City, Second		Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bob Schwanebeck, Jimmy Turner, Fred Marsh, Derek Thomas, Jesse Jacobs, Bob Duhs, Corey Pelton, Paul Nasekos, Joey Wright, Ken Campbell.

c. The following visitors were registered: John Fair, Ben Kirk, John Sharp, Mike Triplett, Marshall Brown, Mark Johnson, N. Huff, Arthur Varner, Jr., Richard Schimmel, Todd Rester, James Hakim, Jason Edwards, Duncan Rankin.

d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John

Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck, Barry Darnell.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Doug McCullough, John Armstrong, Robert Lane, Jim Stewart, Ted Wenger, Ralph Davis, Guy Richardson, Ed Hartman, and Jamey Germany.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Chris Shelt, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Os Barnes, Don Malin, Ken Elliott, Mark Lowery, Charlie Douglas, Ed Hurley, Mark Kreitzer, Bill Wymond.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **38.1002, a.** above.
- i. Men who asked to be excused early were:** Tim Muse, Bill Hughes, Bebo Elkin, Mike Ross, Bob Bates, Mike Philliber, Ligon Duncan.

38.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Steve Jussely was elected as moderator by acclamation.

38.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

38.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **38.1002, c.** above.

38.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Philip Palmertree, host pastor, welcomed presbytery to the facility.

38.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed an Thanks Committee composed of TE Dean Rydbeck, TE Dale VanNess, and RE Bob Lewis, and a Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE Jim Landrum, RE Chess Wymond, and RE Kim Kimbrough, chairman.

38.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **38.1002, e.** above.

The stated clerk reported on communications which had been received from missionaries TE Ron Smith (**Appendix B, p. 12**) and Linda Wixon. They were received as information.

The stated clerk reminded presbytery about the annual statistical reports and presented a list of those attending the upcoming General Assembly in Birmingham.

Presbytery accepted a recommendation from the clerk that we invite the membership of presbytery churches to worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the August meeting which is to be held at Trinity Church.

Presbytery rescheduled the November meeting to the 12th.

38.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, treasurer, presented the report which was received as information (**Appendix C, pp. 13-15**).

38.1010 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott, chairman, presented the report. He introduced TE Fred Marsh of the MNA Committee in Atlanta who addressed presbytery. His report was received as information.

38.1011 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

TE Richard Wiman presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the churches of MS Valley Presbytery participate in the Missions Emphasis Survey of Mission to the World; that copies of this survey be circulated during the MTW Committee's report, and that representatives of the church either fill out and turn in the survey at the presbytery meeting or arrange for the survey to be filled out and sent in as soon as possible.
2. That the representatives of presbytery take time to note the new bulletin board provided by the MTW Committee, and that the churches of the presbytery regularly pray for the missionaries being supported by presbytery. These missionaries are: Bonnie Dolan (Zambia), Scott Taylor (Ukraine), Kaz Yaegashi and Linda Wixon (Japan), Wes Baker and Brad Ball (Peru), John Wagner (Scotland), Tim Horn (England), Dale Hollenbeck and Don McNeil (Uganda), David Sunneson (Sweden), Dale Ellison (Slovakia) and Ken Haynes (Scotland).
3. That churches sending short-term mission teams or individuals notify the MTW Committee

that prayer might be offered for these teams and individuals. The committee also requests information about short-term mission teams when other churches might participate by sending individuals as part of those teams.

4. That churches wishing to send pastors or elders on MTW-sponsored and led vision trips contact the committee for financial assistance in the form of scholarships to help with travel expenses.

5. That the churches of the presbytery take note of the PCA-wide missions conference to be held in Atlanta on November 8-10, 2002, and send representatives where possible.

6. Robert Graham of Trinity Presbyterian Church was introduced by TE Earl Adams as a missionary to Scotland. He addressed presbytery.

38.1012

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At this time, presbytery asked the Advisory Committee to present a partial report. TE Dale Van Ness, chairman, gave the report. The following recommendations were adopted:

1. That though TE Ken Campbell had Biblical warrant for the dissolution of his marriage to Christina Campbell, due to the seriousness of the marriage covenant and the high Biblical standards set forth in the scriptures for the gospel ministry, we disagree with the civil terms of the dissolution of the marriage (irreconcilable differences) and express reservations concerning the apparent long-term failure of both parties to maintain the marriage, and,

That Mississippi Valley Presbytery admonish TE Ken Campbell for not making his marital difficulties known sooner to the presbytery and for not seeking the advice and counsel of presbytery's Advisory Committee in his divorce situation until after the fact.

2. That presbytery approve the dissolution of the presbytery's call to and the transfer of TE Dale Ralph Davis to Grace Presbytery, pending that presbytery's reception of him.

3. That presbytery approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Mike Philliber and the Pickens Presbyterian Church and his transfer to North Texas Presbytery.

4. That presbytery approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Larry Wissel and the Wynndale Presbyterian Church and that TE Wissel remain on the roll of presbytery as being without call.

5. That presbytery approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Jamey Germany and Forest Presbyterian Church, and that TE Germany remain on the roll of presbytery as being without call.

6. That presbytery approve the request of TE Barry Darnell to withdraw his request to demit and remain on the roll without call.

7. That presbytery approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Robert Hays and

Pearl Presbyterian Church, effective the end of May, and that TE Hays remain on the roll of presbytery as being without call.

8. That presbytery dissolve the relationship between Ted Wenger and First Presbyterian, Jackson and approve his transfer to Covenant Presbytery pending their reception of him.

9. That presbytery offer prayer for TE's Campbell, Davis, Philliber, Wissel, Germany, Hays, Wenger and Darnell, and the churches involved at the time of prayer.

38.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer for 30 minutes at 10:30 A.M.

38.1014 RECESS

Presbytery declined to recess and entered directly into worship.

38.1015 WORSHIP

Retiring moderator RE Kim Kimbrough led in worship. Rev. Mark Johnson preached from 1 Timothy 4. His sermon was approved as fulfilling that particular requirement of his licensure exam.

38.1016 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later in the day.

38.1017 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at 12:00 P.M. with prayer by TE Joe Easterling. During the lunch period, TE Dean Rydbeck, chairman of the Thanks Committee, reported as follows:

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him." Psalm 34:8.

On this 7th day in May, 2002, MS Valley Presbytery tasted the gracious and generous hospitality of Macon Presbyterian Church in Macon for which we give all our hearty thanks. We thank the ladies of Macon PCA for their wonderful refreshments which greeted us on our arrival. We thank the deacons and the elders of Macon for their diligent preparation for presbytery. We thank TE Phillip Palmertree, our host pastor. We especially thank the Floras and the staff for their warm Southern hospitality in serving our delicious dinner on the grounds.

We thank our moderator, TE Steve Jussely, for his wise and expeditious guidance of our meeting. As always, we thank our stated clerk, TE Roger Collins, and our recording clerk, TE

Robert Hays, for their faithful oversight of our presbytery affairs.

Most of all, as a body of believers, we thank our sovereign and saving God for the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

/S/ RE Bob Lewis, TE Dean Rydbeck, TE Dale Van Ness

38.1018

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the report **(Appendix D, pp. 16-36)**.

At the request of the committee, presbytery ratified the actions of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission to allow Rev. Mark Johnson to move onto the field as stated supply of Second Presbyterian, Yazoo City, and for TE Duncan Rankin to preach regularly at Lebanon Church, Learned, until they are examined by presbytery.

Internship Reports: Presbytery received as information the internship report of Chad Bailey.

Examinations: Upon recommendation of the committee, presbytery examined Mr. Todd Rester for candidacy. Mr. Rester, who had been certified by the session of St. Paul Church, was examined in experiential religion and motives for seeking the ministry. His exam was sustained and upon affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, was entered on the roll of candidates.

Rev. Mark Johnston, minister of Grove Chapel, Camberwell, London, England, was examined for licensure to serve as stated supply of the Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City. Mr. Johnston's exam was approved in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, preaching, and church government - all areas called for by BCO 19-2 - and upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, and upon the pronouncement of 19-4, was entered on the roll of licentiates and allowed to serve as stated supply for a period of two months beginning in April.

Mr. Sam Smith, a candidate and licentiate of Southeast Alabama Presbytery, who has completed his internship in that presbytery, was examined for licensure to serve as the supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville. His exam was approved in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, and church government - all areas called for by BCO 19-2. His sermon on Judges 13 was approved as fulfilling that requirement. Upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, and upon the pronouncement of 19-4, was entered on the roll of licentiates and allowed to serve as stated supply for a period of one year or until he is ordained, whichever comes first. Upon pronouncement by the moderator (BCO19-4) he was licensed.

Mr. James Hakim, a candidate for the ministry in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, was examined for licensure to serve as the supply preacher of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church of Edwards. His exam was approved in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, and church government - all areas called for by BCO 19-2. His sermon on Jeremiah 31 was approved as fulfilling that requirement. Upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, and upon the pronouncement of 19-4, was entered on the roll of licentiates and allowed to serve for a

period of one year or until he is ordained, whichever comes first. Upon pronouncement by the moderator (BCO19-4) he was licensed.

TE Duncan Rankin of Reformed Theological Seminary, a member in good standing of Calvary Presbytery, was examined for transfer of credentials from that presbytery as per BCO 13-6, and received, pending his dismissal. Dr. Rankin was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, views in theology, sacraments, Bible, and the government of the Presbyterian Church in America. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received Dr. Rankin who is to serve as professor of theology at Reformed Theological Seminary and pastor of Lebanon Church, Learned.

The call from the Lebanon Church was approved (**p. 20**). The call of Reformed Theological Seminary to TE Duncan Rankin was recognized and approved by the presbytery as legitimate and an important Gospel ministry; presbytery granted permission for TE Rankin to labor out of bounds there, as per BCO 8-7.

The committee affirmed to presbytery that the remuneration in the call from Reformed Theological Seminary exceeds presbytery guidelines, but this information was omitted from the public record by presbytery at the request of RTS.

The commission to install Dr. Rankin was approved as follows:

TE Ligon Duncan, Convenor	RE George Fair
TE Derek Thomas	RE Watson Marsalis
TE Mike Ross	RE Billy McPherson
TE Carl Kalberkamp	RE Brooke Worrell
TE Guy Richardson	RE Bob Bailey
RE Jim Moore	RE Bebo Elkin
RE Donald Breazeale	RE Gene Morrison

A quorum for the commission was set at three TEs and three REs. The service scheduled for July 14, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned.

Administrative Actions: Presbytery approved a request from Second Presbyterian, Yazoo City to have Dr. Neil Stewart, a minister of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland as their stated supply.

Presbytery recognized receipt of a letter from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Northern Ireland regarding Dr. Neil Stewart, and affirmed the committee's response to Rev. Stephen Roger, clerk of presbytery of that church.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Brad Chaney.

Presbytery voted not to approve any future requests from Reformed Theological Seminary to keep their terms of call secret.

38.1019 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

TE John Reeves gave the report. Presbytery approved RE Jeff Rickles to MTW Committee to replace RE Richard Roberts.

39.1020 SESSIONAL RECORDS

The stated clerk reported on the work of the Sessional Records Committee. Presbytery approved the recommendation which was:

Approved as written: Westminster - Vicksburg, St. Paul, Westminster - Meridian.
Approved with exceptions: Wynndale, Carthage, Union.

38.1021 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO STANDING JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Presbytery discussed the proposed amendments to the Standing Judicial Commission Rules of Operation which had been sent it by the Twenty-ninth General Assembly. Presbytery approved sending the Thirtieth General Assembly a sense of the court communication telling it of our disagreement with the proposal.

38.1922 BILLS AND OVERTURES

RE Kim Kimbrough, chairman, brought the report. Presbytery voted not to adopt the overture from First Presbyterian, Jackson on subscription and exceptions.

38.1023 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved the following motion:

That the Advisory Committee recommend changes to the Standing Rules to clarify our requirement concerning the submission of terms of calls, and to recommend a standard procedure for the future submission of changes in terms of call for all members of presbytery.

38.1024 ELECTION OF MODERATOR NOMINEE

RE Lee Atkinson was elected the moderator nominee for the next stated meeting in August.

38.1025 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, to host its August 6, 2002 meeting.

**STATED MEETING
August 6, 2002**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

39.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The moderator, TE Steve Jussely, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

39.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	James McBrayer
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
	Jud Davis	W. Ray Smith
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Derek Thomas	Chess Wymond
	Jim Stewart	Robert Cannada
	Bill Wymond	Palmer Quarterman
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	Bob Lewis

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, Trinity

Mike Ross
Earl Adams
Scott Pierce
Ed Hartman

Johnny Boswell
John Armstrong

Kosciusko, First

A
A

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

Billy McPherson
Watson Marsalis
Gene Austin

Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Dale Van Ness
James Landrum

A
Charlie McCool

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Philip Palmertree

A
Richard Metz

Bob Lane
Bob Bates

A
Joseph Davis

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster

Carl Kalberkamp
Jeff Elliott

A
Howard Secrest

Yazoo City, First

Matt Baugh

A
Lee Atkinson

Yazoo City, Second

Scott Reiber

Goerge Powe
A

Joe Easterling

Henry McNeese
A

A
A

Rod Russ
Kenneth King

A
A

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Sonny Smathers

Jim Moore, Jr.
John Lanting, Sr.

James Harrison
Will Thompson

Bob Bailey
J. Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bob Schwanebeck, Derek Thomas, Bob Duhs, Paul Nasekos, Joey Wright, Robert Hays, Jamey Germany, Os Barnes, Chris Shelt, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Ken Elliott, Doug McCullough, Jimmy Turner.

c. The following visitors were registered: Ed Nalley, Paul Honomichl, Robert Hill, Andy Coburn, Hunter Stevenson, Caleb Cangelosi, William Morgan, Kevin Simpson, M.J. Hubbard,

David Storment, Jason Edwards, Brian Peterson, Benjie Slaton, Cory Colravy, Tom Irby, Buck Mosal, Neil Stewart, Sam Smith.

- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery or are without call:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Fred Marsh, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeran, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck, Barry Darnell.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jim Shull, Jesse Jacobs, Charlie Douglas, Chris Shelton, Duncan Rankin, Mark Kreitzer, Mark Lowery, Corey Pelton, Darwin Jordan.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Larry Wissell, Ken Campbell.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **39.1002, a.** above.
- i. The following asked to be excused early and permission was granted:** Bob Bailey, Chess Wymond, Sonny Smathers, Wade Coleman.

39.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Lee Atkinson was elected as moderator by acclamation.

39.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

39.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **39.1002, c.** above.

39.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Mike Ross, host pastor, welcomed presbytery to Trinity. TE Ligon Duncan also made an announcement concerning the upcoming PCA Convocation on Reformation and Revival which is to be held at Trinity Church, October 15-17, 2002.

39.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed the Thanks Committee composed of TE Tim Muse - chairman, RE Jeff Hamm, and RE Hugh Townsend.

39.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk introduced TE Jeff Elliott who distributed information about an upcoming remembrance day concerning the anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center sponsored by Mission Mississippi.

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **39.1002, e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to install TE Duncan Rankin as the pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church. It was ratified as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 14**).

The stated clerk reported on communications which had been received from TEs Barry Darnell*, Joe Easterling, Dale Hollenbeck*, Jayson Kyle*, Steve Long, Fred Marsh*, Clay Quarterman*, Blake Purcell*, Guy Richardson*, Chris Shelt*, and Bob Schwanebeck*, Ron Smith*, and Derek Thomas*. (Those marked with an asterisk were referred to the Advisory Committee.) A request received from the Edwards Church to continue their stated supply relationship with TE Guy Richardson was also forwarded to the Advisory Committee. The others were received as information (**Appendix C, pp. 15-34**).

The stated clerk reported that Corey Pelton had resigned from RUM in order to transfer to Covenant Presbytery (**Appendix D, p. 35**). The action of the Advisory Committee, acting as a commission, to release him from his charge, was approved and adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that TE Buck Mosal had resigned as the stated supply of the Raymond Church effective September 15, 2002. The notice was received as information.

The stated clerk offered a response to the GA Committee on The Review of Presbytery Minutes (**Appendix E, p. 36**). His response was ratified as that of the court.

Presbytery approved correction of its minutes of the May 2001 meeting to reflect the attendance of RE Bobby Smyth representing First Church, Louisville.

The stated clerk presented a Strategic Planning Proposal as requested by General Assembly (**Appendix F, pp. 37-38**). Mike Ross discussed the plan in some detail to give presbytery more information about it. The proposed plan was adopted by the court.

The stated clerk suggested that presbytery appoint a commission to take our memorial, to be read at this meeting later in the day, to the widow of TE Erskine Jackson. A commission was composed

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of TE Roger Collins, TE Ed Hartman, TE John Armstrong, TE Brister Ware, TE John Reeves, RE Lee Atkinson, RE George Powe, and RE Ken Fowler to take the memorial to Mrs. Jackson and express our condolences. A quorum of two TEs and two REs was approved (**Appendix G, p. 48**).

Memorials for RE David Crawley of First Church, Kosciusko and RE George Field of First Church, Jackson were approved (**Appendix G, pp. 49f**).

39.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, treasurer, reported on the present condition of presbytery and presented the proposed budget for 2003 (**Appendix I, p. 52-54**).

39.1010 STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE Bob Bailey, chairman, presented the report. The recommended budget for 2003 was approved (**Appendix I, p. 53**).

39.1011 ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Dale Van Ness, chairman, gave a partial report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix J, p. 55**). The following recommendations were presented:

That the following be accepted as a first reading to changes in our Standing Rules:

1. That Article V, MINISTERIAL RELATIONS AND PROCEDURES, be changed to add:

C. A MINISTER'S TERMS OF CALL

1. All original terms of call shall be presented to the presbytery as a whole by the Credentials Committee.
2. Annual reports from clerks of sessions and ministers stating changes in terms of call shall be reported through the Advisory Committee at the February meeting of presbytery.
3. Annual allowances and honoraria of teaching elders who are stated supplies, and salary packages of those laboring out of bounds, shall be reported through the Advisory Committee to the February meeting of presbytery.

2. That after Article VII, E, 1, b, the following paragraph (4) be added:

- (4) The Advisory Committee shall report annually to the February presbytery for review and approval of any changes in salary packages and allowances for all teaching elders as required by Article V, C, 2 & 3.

3. That paragraph (8) of Article VII, E, 3, b. be amended to include the italicized clause (italicized):

(8) The Credentials Committee shall review the terms of calls for ministers transferring within or seeking admission to presbytery and report them to presbytery.

TE Ligon Duncan moved the following as a substitute for the committee's motion.

1. Strike the whole proposed new section labeled "C. A MINISTER'S TERMS OF CALL" (including points 1, 2 and 3)
2. Strike the proposed addition of "and report them to the presbytery" to Article VII.E.3.b(8)
3. Substitute the following for the proposed new Article VII.E.1.b(4)
 - (4) The Advisory Committee shall annually update the presbytery 'Suggested Guidelines' for ministerial salary packages and allowances, reporting them to the February meeting of presbytery for review, approval and information. Furthermore, the Advisory Committee shall undertake to do a regular salary survey (at least every three years) of PCA churches in Mississippi. This survey shall be 1) voluntary [participation shall be solely at the discretion of local sessions]; 2) anonymous [it shall not disclose the specific churches or ministers providing information]; 3) inclusive [seeking to encourage all churches to share blind statistics on ministerial packages of senior ministers, solo ministers, associate and assistant ministers]; and 4) informational [provided merely as information and encouragement to participating sessions and congregations for their edification].

The order of the day caused the whole matter to be postponed until later.

39.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer for 30 minutes at 10:20 A.M..

39.1013

WORSHIP

The presbytery invited members of our PCA congregations to join us for corporate worship at this August stated meeting. Many attended.

Retiring moderator, TE Steve Jussely, led in worship. Praise was offered in memorial of TE Erskine Jackson, and REs David Crawley and George Field (**Appendix G, pp. 48-50**). TE Joe Easterling assisted in leading worship. TE Jussely preached from Eph. 3:14-19. TE Mike Ross assisted in the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (**Appendix H, p. 51**).

39.1014

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Tim Muse, chairman, presented the Thanks Committee Report as follows:

On behalf of the fathers and brethren of MS Valley Presbytery, we extend our sincere and grateful thanks to our hosts, the brothers and sisters of Trinity Presbyterian Church, for their graciousness and kindness in hosting and providing for our assembly, not only of this presbytery, but of churches within our presbytery. We recognize this act of love and service is not a stand alone event, but is one of the ongoing ways in which you reach out and minister to others in Christ's name. We can say with the Apostle Paul, "This service you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. We remind you that following the great flood of Noah's day, there was a rainbow. Such is ours today, a great day for Mississippi Valley Presbytery, and for Christ's church.

S/ TE Tim Muse, RE Jeff Hamm, TE Huey Townsend

39.1015 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix K, pp. 56f**).

Action as Commission: Presbytery approved the action of the committee, acting as a commission, to allow TE Bob Duhs to serve as the stated supply of Pearl Presbyterian Church for a period of three months or until they secure a pastor.

Internship Reports: Presbytery received as information written internship reports of Chad Bailey, David Bergmark, Marshall Brown, Andy Coburn, Guy Richard, and David Storment. Intern Rohan Crown was not able to be with presbytery but a brief report was given concerning his present work by the chairman. Presbytery also heard a report on Intern Rich Sutton who had recently undergone heart surgery.

Examinations - Internship: Presbytery entered Dr. Neil Stewart on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, under Plan A. His mentor is to be TE Ligon Duncan.

Presbytery entered Cory Colravy, Brian Peterson, Matthew Nasekos, and Leonard Siems, on the roll of interns. Their internships are to be completed at Trinity Church, Jackson, and are to utilize Plan E. Their mentor is to be TE Mike Ross.

Presbytery entered Mr. Joel Kavanaugh on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, under Plan A with TE Richard Wiman as his mentor.

Presbytery entered Mr. Chris McCune on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, and is to utilize Plan A. His mentor is to be TE Jeff Elliott. Presbytery also approved work done since March 18, 2002, as completing part of his requirements and approved that date as the beginning of his internship process.

Presbytery entered candidate Bassam Chedid on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at Children of Abraham Ministries, and is to utilize Plan A. His mentor is to be TE Brister Ware. Presbytery approved work done with that ministry since 1997 as completing part of his requirements.

All the above named men were entered on the roll of interns with a reading of the charge of BCO 19-10 and prayer by the moderator.

Candidacy: Presbytery examined Mr. Dave Tigrett, who had been certified by the session of Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon, for candidacy. Mr. Tigrett, a former teaching elder in the PCA who had been divested without censure, was examined in experiential religion and his call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Brian Peterson, who had been certified by the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and his call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Dr. John Currid, who had been certified by Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, and is a professor of Old Testament at RTS, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and his call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Cory Colravy, who had been certified by the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and his call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Dr. Neil Stewart, who had been certified by the session of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and his call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Steven Pace, who had been certified by the session of the Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. Upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Transfer: TE Tom Irby, a member in good standing of Grace Presbytery, was examined for transfer of credentials from that presbytery as per BCO 13-6, and received as the pastor of Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, pending his dismissal. TE Irby's previous licensure exam was accepted in lieu of an exam in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, views in theology, Bible, and the government of the Presbyterian Church in America. He was examined on the sacraments, and his exam in that area was sustained. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him, with the exception that it declared his views regarding drama and dance as legitimate parts of worship and his view that adultery is the sole Biblical ground for divorce as exceptions to our standards and instructed him not to inculcate them.

The call from the Carolina Presbyterian Church to TE Irby was approved. **(Appendix K, p. 60).**

The commission to install TE Irby was approved as follows:

TE Dan Gilchrist	RE Tim Irby
TE James Shull	RE Larry McMillan
TE Phillip Palmertree	RE Jimmy Davidson

A quorum for the commission was set at two TEs and two REs. The service scheduled for August 11, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, MS.

Ordination: Mr. Sam Smith, a licentiate of this presbytery, was examined for ordination to serve as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville. His previous exam in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, and church government were approved in lieu of reexamination. His examination in the sacraments was approved and his written examination in church history was approved as fulfilling the requirements of that portion. His previously approved licensure sermon was accepted as fulfilling that requirement.

The call to Mr. Smith from the Louisville church was approved **(Appendix K, p. 61).**

The commission to install Mr. Smith was approved as follows:

TE Guy Richardson	RE Dave Harpole
TE Matt Baugh	RE Mike Triplett
TE Bob Schwanebeck	RE Milton Hodges
RE Bebo Elkin	RE Lewis Montgomery
RE Niles McNeel	RE Ron Gaines
RE Charlie McCool	Guest: TE Brannon Bowman (SE AL Pby)

A quorum for the commission was set at two TEs and two REs. The service is scheduled for August 18, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS.

Mr. Jason Edwards was examined for ordination to serve as an assistant pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland. He was examined in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, church government, and the sacraments as required by BCO 21-4; each area was approved. His written examination in church history was accepted as fulfilling the requirements of that portion. He preached a sermon on Joshua 3:14-4:7 which was accepted as fulfilling that requirement.

The call from the Pear Orchard Church to Mr. Edwards was approved **(Appendix K, p. 62).**

The commission to install Mr. Edwards was approved as follows:

TE Carl Kalberkamp
TE Jeff Elliott
TE Joe Easterling
RE Rod Russ
RE Neil Barnes
RE Les Triplett
RE Ken King

Guests:
TE Pat Davey (Grace Pby)
TE Rob Oates (Grace Pby)
TE Chris Miller (Covenant Pby)
RE Kim Sessums (Grace Pby)
RE Wells Wilson (Grace Pby)
RE Joe Albritton (Grace Pby)

A quorum for the commission was set at two TEs and two REs. The service scheduled for September 15, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS.

Licensure for Stated Supply: TE Paul Honomichl, honorably retired from Grace Presbytery, was examined for licensure to be the stated supply of the Bailey Church, Meridian. Rev. Honomichl was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, and his views in theology, Bible, and the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as required by BCO 19-2. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, was approved his serving in that capacity for one year. He was placed on the roll of licentiates upon the moderator's pronouncement of BCO19-4.

Administrative Actions: TE Dean Rydbeck was approved as the new mentor of intern Andy Coburn and TE Brad Mercer as the mentor of intern David Simmons.

Presbytery transferred candidate Peter Wang to Heritage Presbytery.

Presbytery agreed to the request of Rob Hill and Ascension Presbytery that we cooperate in his internship oversight. TE Derek Thomas is to serve as his mentor and liaison with Ascension.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internships of Marshall Brown and Jason Edwards and that Mr. Brown's internship and candidacy be transferred to Warrior Presbytery as completed.

39.1016

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

TE Richard Wiman presented the report (**Appendix L, p. 71**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That TE Blake Purcell be given 20 minutes to report on his work in St. Petersburg, Russia. After his report, presbytery approved adopting a commendation for TE Purcell to the Presbyterian Church in Russia (**Appendix C, p. 24**).
2. That Miss Terri Carlton, short-term MTW-approved missionary to Scotland, be given five minutes to share her proposed work there.
3. That TE Joe Easterling be given five minutes to share his experiences while on a Vision Trip to the Phillipines.

**CALLED MEETING
October 28, 2002**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS**

41.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The moderator, RE Lee Atkinson, called the called meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer. The purpose of the meeting was to consider recommendations from the Committee on Strategic Planning.

41.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Bealzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland		Ed Nalley
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	A
	Jud Davis	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Palmer Quarterman
	Jim Stewart	
Jackson, Grace	Roger G. Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne
Jackson, St. Paul	Mark Duncan	Bob Lewis
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	A
	Earl Adams	A
	Scott Pierce	

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Kosciusko, First	John Armstrong	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Duncan Rankin	Gene Morrison
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	A
Louisville, Covenant		A
Louisville, First	Sam Smith	John Sherwood
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Joseph Davis Ron Gaines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Meridian, Westminster		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		Lee Atkinson George Powe
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordan	Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Jeff Elliott	Kenneth King
	Jason Edwards	Ken Haynes
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	A
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster		John Lanting, Sr.
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second		A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bob Duhs, Robert Hays, Ed Johnson, Guy Richardson, Doug McCullough.

c. The following visitors were registered: Rick Star, Sonny Peaster.

d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Fred Marsh, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem Van Gemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John E. Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Paul Nasekos, Bob Bates, Wade Coleman, Joey Wright, Jim Shull, Mark Kreitzer, Mark Lowery, Ed Hartman, Scott Reiber, Jamey Germany.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Barry Darnell, Chris Shelt, Larry Wissell, Ken Elliott, Jesse Jacobs, Bob Schwanabeck, Jimmy Turner, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Steve Jussely, Brad Mercer, Derek Thomas, Brister Ware, Bill Wymond, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Jim Landrum, Tom Irby, Larry Wissell, Dan Malin, Charlie Douglas.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **41.1002, a.** above.

41.1003

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 5**).

41.1004

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **41.1002, c.** above.

41.1005

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Carl Kalberkamp welcomed presbytery to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church.

41.1006

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE John Reeves, RE George Powe, and RE Ed Nalley.

41.1007

THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

The moderator introduced TE Mike Ross who presented a strategy for long range planning (**Appendix B, pp. 6-12**). This effort of the committee had been requested by the last General Assembly and by presbytery at our August 7th stated meeting. Various ideas were suggested, which are to be referred to the Planning Committee for further referral to the next presbytery meeting and ultimately to the General Assembly.

41.1008

REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Reeves gave the report as follows:

The Thanks Committee, on behalf of MVP, wishes to thank God for his providential care and grace lavished upon us in Jesus Christ. We desire also to express our gratitude to Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, its session and staff for hosting this meeting of presbytery and graciously attending to all our needs during the called meeting. We are also grateful to the leaders of presbytery who prepared the report and facilitated the discussion concerning presbytery goals. We recognize that the progress of the gospel in our area has come only by God's grace and the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We rejoice and give thanks today for the sense of "thus far" we have come by God's leading and we look forward to God's continued blessing.

/S/ John Reeves, Ed Nalley, George Powe

41.1009

READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk read the minutes which were approved as read.

41.1010

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 12, 2002**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

40.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

The moderator, RE Lee Atkinson, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

40.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	A
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Charlie Moak Ralph Gordon
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson M.J. Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods		Herman Piner
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Derek Thomas	R.S. McAllistir
	Jim Stewart	Robert Cannada
	Bill Wymond	Palmer Quarterman
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Osborne

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Ruling Elder

Jackson, St. Paul

Mark Duncan

Julius Murray
Bob Lewis
Jimmy Mardis

Jackson, Trinity

Mike Ross
Earl Adams
Scott Pierce
Ed Hartman

A

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

Duncan Rankin

Johnny Boswell
A
A
E.G. Morrison
W.G. McPherson

Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point

Dale Van Ness
James Landrum
Sam Smith

Kim Kimbrough
Edward Prisock
Glenn Peters
A

Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina

Philip Palmertree

A

Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Meridian, Westminster
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Tom Irby
Bob Lane
Bob Bates

A
A
A

Charlie Douglas

Howard Secrest
A

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Jim Shull

Darwin Jordon
Carl Kalberkamp
Jeff Elliott
Jason Edwards

Lee Atkinson
George Powe
Otha Jackson
Henry McNeese
A
A
A
Kenneth King

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster

Ed Hurley
Matt Baugh

A
A
A
Raymon Huff
A
James Harrison
Robert Walker

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Joe Easterling

A
Will Thompson
Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Os Barnes, Paul Nasekos, Bob Duhs, Ed Johnson, Jesse Jacobs, Doug McCullough, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Joey Wright.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** Andy Coburn, Caleb Cangelosi, Grey Flowers, Richard Holbert, Chris McCune, Fernando Mejia, Thomas Patete, Tial Thanga, Kent Thompson.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery or are without call:** James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeren, Kazuhiko Yaegashi, John Kyle, Wes Baker, Gary Johnson, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck, Barry Darnell, Ken Campbell.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Armstrong, Mark Kreitzer, Fred Marsh, Mark Lowrey, Jim Shull, Jamey Germany.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Paul Long, Dale McCord, Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Don Malin, Larry Wissell.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **40.1002.a.** above.
- i. The following asked to be excused early and permission was granted:** Os Barnes, Darwin Jordon, Douglas McCullough, Duncan Rankin, Jason Shelton.

40.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Jeff Elliott was elected moderator by acclamation.

40.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as presented (**Appendix A, p. 15**).

40.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **40.1002,c.** above.

40.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Step Morgan welcomed the presbytery to Twin Lakes Conference Center and reported on some of the ministries carried on at Twin Lakes Conference Center.

40.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Chris Shelton, RE Palmer Quarterman, and TE John Armstrong and a Bills and Overtures Committee of the past moderator RE Lee Atkinson - chairman, TE Phillip Palmertree, and TE Joe Easterling.

40.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **40.1002,e.** above. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the following request for excused absence from TE Robert Hays be spread upon the minutes:

To the fathers and the brothers from your colleague, Robert Hays,
Who is making a request which I am sure will some amaze:
The Standing Rules (I think) require an absence be excused
Only for an act of God. Yet, sometimes folks have used
Vacations, parties, conferences, and more
To avoid the fellowship and business they really should care more for.
It is hoped the court will see my request as truly an act of God,
Even if it goes against overwhelming odds.
So... I respectfully request excuse today to be as one apart
For the surgeons in the OR found I really have a heart.
Hopefully one day 'ere long, I'll return to your midst.
In the meantime - the smart remarks? Please, brothers, try to resist.
(It hurts too much to laugh.) REH

Prayer was offered for those who were unable to attend presbytery, particularly for those who were sick and those recovering from surgery.

The stated clerk presented the reports of the commissions to ordain and install Jason Edwards as an assistant pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, TE Tommy Irby as the pastor of the Carolina Presbyterian Church and Stan Smith as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville (**Appendix B, pp. 16-18**). The reports were ratified as the actions of presbytery.

At the last stated meeting, out-of-bounds requests and annual reports had been received from TEs Barry Darnell, Dale Hollenbeck, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, and Bob Schwanebeck, Ron Smith, and Derek Thomas. They had been referred to the Advisory Committee. The committee did not have time to report at that meeting and the reports were tabled until this one. In addition to those, reports were also sent to the stated clerk by TEs Jim Carter, Doug McCullough, Mark Lowery, Donald Bell, and Wesley Baker (**Appendix C, pp. 19-25**).

The stated clerk reported that supply requests from the Edwards Church, the Forest Church, and the Westminster Church of Meridian had been received (**Appendix D, pp. 26-27**). These were referred to the Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported on a correspondence from TE Ken Campbell (**Appendix E, p. 28**) in which he requested permission to demit the ministry. It was referred to the Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported that overtures had been received from First Church, Jackson (**Appendix F, p. 29**) and from First Church, Madison (**Appendix G, p. 30**). Both were referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

TE David Robertson from Dundee, Scotland reported on the state of the church in Scotland and partnerships between PCA churches and churches in Scotland. Prayer was offered for David Robertson and the work of the church in Scotland by the moderator, TE Jeff Elliott.

Presbytery voted on proposed changes to the Book of Church Order. The votes were as follows:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Item 1	7	55	4
Item 2	5	64	0
Item 3	63	1	2
Item 4	71	0	0

The Credentials Committee is to report back to the February meeting of presbytery with a recommended communication to be sent to the General Assembly concerning this presbytery's vote on item #2 on the matter of subscription to our standards.

40.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, treasurer, reported on the present condition of presbytery (**Appendix H, pp. 31-33**).

40.1010

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

THE John Reeves, chairman, presented the report. The following men were selected to serve on behalf of our presbytery:

Nominations Committee:	RE James 'Bebo' Elkin,
Review of Presbytery Records:	TE Tim Muse.

The following men were selected to be our nominees for consideration by the General Assembly:

Administrative Committee:	TE Bill Hughes, RE Tom Peaster,
Christian Education and Pub:	TE Steve Jussely, RE Henk Kuiper,
Mission to North America:	TE Jeff Elliot, RE Donald Breazeale,
Mission to the World:	TE Jim Stewart, RE Phil McDade,
Reformed University Ministries:	TE Robert Schwanebeck,
Interchurch Relations:	TE Derek Thomas,
Constitutional Business:	TE Roger Collins,
Trustee for I.A.R.:	Deacon Doug McDaniel,

Trustee for Covenant College:
Board of PCA Foundation:

TE Dale Van Ness,
RE Joe Goodwin.

The following men were elected to serve on presbytery committees:

Presbytery committees for the class of 2005:

Advisory

2005 TE Robert Duhs RE Kevin Simpson
Alternates TE James Baird RE Bob Dieckman

Christian Education

2005 TE Ed Hurley TE Brad Mercer RE Julian Murray
Alternates RE Tom Sanford RE Gene Dent

Credentials

2005 TE Duncan Rankin TE Scott Reiber
RE Lee Atkinson TE Philip Palmertree
Alternates RE Bob Lewis RE Bill May

Mission to the World

2005 TE Earl Adams RE Cecil Ferguson RE Cliff Leverette
Alternates TE Merle Messer RE Ford Mosby

Mission to North America

2005 TE Tim Muse RE Ottis Ball TE John Armstrong
Alternates TE Jason Edwards RE David Cleland

Nominating

2005 TE Ligon Duncan TE Steve Jussely
Alternates RE George Powe RE Lance Ragsdale

Sessional Records

2005 TE Brister Ware TE Steve Jussely
Alternates TE Wade Coleman RE Ken Camp

Standing Rules

2005 TE Bob Lane RE Harold Jones
Alternates TE Scott Pierce RE Kevin Russell

Stewardship and Finance

2005 TE Matt Baugh RE Donald Breazeale
Alternates TE Charlie Douglas RE Elliot Bickerstaff

40.1011

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TE Brad Mercer, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix I, p. 34**).

Tom Patete, of Great Commission Publications was given five minutes to report on the the work of that agency and give an update on the new curricula for teaching the Shorter Catechism.

Mark Magee and Matthew Nasekos of Twin Lakes were given ten minutes to address presbytery about the future plans of this ministry and their desire to involve the presbytery in those plans. Among the issues they addressed were family ministries and summer camp scholarships.

The chairman gave an update on the upcoming Mid-South Men's Rally. The speaker is to be Dr. Philip Ryken, and he will address the topic, "A Man Just Like Us: God's Man Elijah." The event is to be held at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson on January 31, 2002.

40.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

It was moved, seconded and passed that the docketed season of prayer be moved on the docket to the afternoon session.

40.1013

RECESS

The order of the day was reached and so the presbytery took two minutes to recess before reconvening for worship.

40.1014

WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, RE Lee Atkinson, led in worship. After prayer and the singing of the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" he preached from 1 Peter 1: 5 on the subject, "The Faith that Perseveres." Worship was concluded with the singing of "Take Time to Be Holy."

40.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE John Reeves, temporary recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved with corrections.

40.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Chris Shelton, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report as follows:

"We the members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery do express our sincere thanks for the Lord's providential provision of the Twin Lakes facilities, and to First Presbyterian Church for its willingness to share the Lord's provision with their brethren, and to the staff of Twin Lakes for their sincere hospitality and faithful stewardship. Mark, Stephen, Matthew and their staff always do an outstanding job. The food prepared by the kitchen staff was great. We sincerely appreciate it. May these beautiful facilities always be used for the Lord's glory and extension of his kingdom as they are now."

Sincerely,

Thanks Committee: TE Chris Shelton, RE Palmer Quarterman, and TE John Armstrong.

40.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by TE Mike Ross. TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the Credential Committee report **(Appendix J, pp. 36-53)**.

Action as Commission

Presbytery approved the action of the committee, acting as a commission, to transfer the candidacy of Julian Zugg to SE Louisiana Presbytery, to allow TE Billy Joseph to move onto the field as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian, Jackson, and to allow TE Robert Hays to serve as the stated supply of Forest Presbyterian Church.

Internship Reports

Presbytery heard the internship reports of Andy Coburn and David Simmons and their reports were received as information. TE Brister Ware offered prayer for our interns.

Examinations

Candidacy

Presbytery examined Fernando Mejia, who had been certified by the session of Providence Church, Clinton, for candidacy. Mr. Mejia was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Rick Holbert, who had been certified by the session of First Church, Jackson, for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined David Ponter, who had been certified by the session of Highlands Presbyterian Church for candidacy. He was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon the affirmative answering of the questions in BCO 16-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon receiving charge, he was entered upon the roll of candidates.

Internship

Presbytery examined Rick Holbert, Bailey Adams and Fernando Mejia for internship.

Presbytery entered Rick Holbert on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, under Plan D. His mentor is to be TE Brister Ware.

Presbytery entered Bailey Adams on the roll of interns. His internship is to be done at First

Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is to utilize Plan D. His mentor is to be TE Billy Joseph.

Presbytery entered Fernando Mejia on the roll of interns. His mentor is to be TE James Stewart.

The moderator asked the questions of internship per BCO 19-3, declared them to be interns according to BCO 19-4 and then led in prayer.

Transfer and Ordination Examinations

TE William "Billy" Joseph a member in good standing of Warrior Presbytery, was examined for transfer from that presbytery as per BCO 13-6, and received as an assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson pending his dismissal. TE Joseph was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, and his views in theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the sacraments. His exams were sustained in every area. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him as a member in good standing upon his signing of the Book of Obligations.

The call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to TE Joseph was approved **(p. 40)**.

The commission to install TE Joseph was approved as follows: TE Ligon Duncan, TE William Hughes, TE Brister Ware, RE James Elkin, RE Bryant Boswell, RE Lee Owen, RE Marvin Stockett RE William Joseph (Visiting member from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Alabama.) A quorum for the commission was set at two TEs and two REs. The service is scheduled for November 17, 2002 at 6:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson.

Dr. Neil Stewart was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. He was examined in the areas of experimental religion, call to the ministry, his views of theology, sacraments, church government and church history. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages were approved. His sermon which he preached at our last meeting of presbytery was approved for ordination.

The call from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo to Dr. Stewart was approved **(p. 41)**.

The presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Dr. Stewart as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City on December 8, 2002: TEs Duncan Rankin, Derek Thomas, Matt Baugh, REs Thomas Peaster, Robert Cato, William Thompson, Charles Clayton, with TE David Jussely as an invited guest.

Administrative Actions

TE Robert Hays, a member of presbytery, was approved to be the stated supply of the Forest Church, Forest, for a period of one year.

A substitute motion that consideration of TE Os Barnes' call to the Veritas School be delayed until the next meeting of presbytery was approved.

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Presbytery approved the completion of the internships of Guy Richard, Neil Stewart, and Bassam Chedid.

Presbytery approved replacing TE Corey Pelton with TE Scott Pierce as mentor of intern Chad Bailey.

Presbytery approved a recommendation of the committee to declare TE Blake Purcell's view regarding paedocommunion to be an exception to the Westminster standards and instructed him not to inculcate or practice those views in his ministry.

Presbytery approved a recommendation to appoint a special committee of five (three TEs and two REs) to review TE Purcell's paper on paedocommunion, and instructed the committee to provide TE Purcell both a explanation of presbytery's concerns and to critique his exegetical work and scholarship in the paper. The committee was instructed to conclude its business and report to presbytery no later than November 11, 2003. The committee is to be composed of TE Ligon Duncan, TE Duncan Rankin, TE Derek Thomas, RE Bebo Elkin and RE Roland Byrd.

40.1018

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Darwin Jordan, chairman, gave the report of the Advisory Committee (**Appendix K, pp. 54-56**). The following recommendations were adopted:

That presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation between TE Jim Shull and First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia in order to receive a call to Crystal Springs Presbyterian Church in Grace Presbytery. The Philadelphia congregation voted to concur with this request. We approved his transfer to Grace Presbytery pending request.

That Mississippi Valley Presbytery assigned TE Robert Hays to the care of the session of Brandon Presbyterian Church.

TE Guy Richardson is permitted to serve another term as the stated supply of the Edwards Church and TE Don Malin is permitted to serve as stated supply of the Westminster Church, Meridian.

The recommendation of the Advisory Committee to concur with the request of TE Ken Campbell to divest him of his office without censure was approved for the following reasons: The circumstances surrounding his two divorces within seventeen months disqualify him from being a Biblical example of "the husband of one wife." His poor decisions have indicated a lack of the spiritual wisdom and judgement that is needed for Gospel ministry. It was further approved that Mr. Campbell be assigned to a PCA session in the Chattanooga for reasons of pastoral oversight, Biblical counsel and restoration to a healthy church life.

The Advisory Committee acknowledges the reception of annual reports from the following teaching elders laboring out of bounds: Wes Baker, James Bell, James Carter, Dale Hollenbeck, John Kyle, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowrey, Fred March, Doug McCullough, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Ron Smith, Derek Thomas,

and Jimmy Turner, and presbytery granted them to continue in their labors for another year.

Because the Advisory Committee has not received reports from William Bradford, Ken Elliott, Gary Johnson, Doug Kelly, Don Malin, Yakub Susabda, Willem Van Gemeren, and Kazuhiko Yaegashi and because the Advisory Committee is unable to recommend that their calls be extended for another year. Therefore the Advisory Committee requests permission from MVP to communicate this to these men, informing them that they must report to us within 60 days for action by presbytery during its February meeting and that failure to report will necessitate Presbytery's putting them on the roll without call. This recommendation was adopted.

The Advisory Committee acknowledges the reception of annual reports from the following teaching elders without call: Ken Campbell, Barry Darnell, Paul Nasekos and Chris Shelt, but has not received annual reports from Os Barnes, Mark Kreitzer, Martin Marshall, and Charlie Rodriguez. Though it hasn't received reports from Jamie Germany, Robert Hays, and Larry Wissell, these men are excused because they entered this status just this year. Given that the committee will be communicating with these men about the necessity and benefit of their sending an annual report, and given the Advisory Committee's knowledge of the situation of those men who did not send in a report, the Advisory Committee recommends that all of these men be granted permission to continue on the roll of presbytery without call. This recommendation was adopted.

40.1019

ORDER OF THE DAY

The following proposed changes to the Standing Rules had been tabled at the previous stated meeting with the instruction that an order of the day be scheduled to discuss them at this stated meeting:

A. That Article V, MINISTERIAL RELATIONS AND PROCEDURES, be changed to add:

C. A MINISTER'S TERMS OF CALL

1. All original terms of call shall be presented to the presbytery as a whole by the Credentials Committee.
2. Annual reports from clerks of sessions and ministers stating changes in terms of call shall be reported through the Advisory Committee at the February meeting of presbytery.
3. Annual allowances and honoraria of teaching elders who are stated supplies, and salary packages of those laboring out of bounds, shall be reported through the Advisory Committee to the February meeting of presbytery.

B. That after Article VII, E, 1, b, the following paragraph (4) be added:

- (4) The Advisory Committee shall report annually to the February presbytery for review and approval of any changes in salary packages and allowances for all teaching elders as required by Article V, C, 2 & 3.

C. That paragraph (8) of Article VII, E, 3, b. be amended to include the italicized clause (italicized):

(8) The Credentials Committee shall review the terms of calls for ministers transferring within or seeking admission to presbytery and report them to presbytery.

The presbytery did not approve the above proposal. Ligon Duncan then withdrew the following substitute motion as presented at the previous meeting:

1. Strike the whole proposed new section labeled "C. A MINISTER'S TERMS OF CALL" (including points 1, 2 and 3)
2. Strike the proposed addition of "and report them to the presbytery" to Article VII.E.3.b(8)
3. Substitute the following for the proposed new Article VII.E.1.b(4)

(4) The Advisory Committee shall annually update the presbytery Suggested Guidelines for ministerial salary packages and allowances, reporting them to the February meeting of presbytery for review, approval and information. Furthermore, the Advisory Committee shall undertake to do a regular salary survey (at least every three years) of PCA churches in Mississippi. This survey shall be 1) voluntary [participation shall be solely at the discretion of local Sessions]; 2) anonymous [it shall not disclose the specific churches or ministers providing information]; 3) inclusive [seeking to encourage all churches to share blind statistics on ministerial packages of senior ministers, solo ministers, associate and assistant ministers]; and 4) informational [provided merely as information and encouragement to participating sessions and congregations for their edification].

40.1020

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented an update of Mississippi Valley's Strategic Planning Committee as discussed at our called meeting of October 28, 2002. This was received as information and discussed by presbytery. The final report will be reported at our February 11, 2003 stated meeting.

40.1021

BILLS AND OVERTURES

1. That the overture from First Presbyterian Church be adopted and sent to the General Assembly for consideration at its next meeting (**Appendix F, p. 29**).
2. That the overture from First Church, Madison, to change the meeting day of presbytery from Tuesday to Saturday, be answered in the negative (**Appendix G, p. 30**).

40.1022

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Jeff Elliott, Chairman, gave the report (**Appendix L, p. 57**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. Approved the recommendation that a gift of \$10,000 be given to one of our churches for the purpose of revitalization and that four teaching elders meet with their session to encourage and counsel them. This is to be disbursed from the Church Planting and Revitalization Fund.
2. That \$1,000 be made available for a Hispanic church plant in the Forest area.

Rev. James Turner of the Neighborhood Christian Center in Jackson was given ten minutes to discuss their inner city ministry. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the MNA Committee consider presbytery involvement and support of this work.

40.1023

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Richard Wiman presented the report (**Appendix ?, p. ?**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That each RE and TE who has never visited one of our MTW works overseas make application to the MTW Committee for financial assistance to participate in one of MTW's pastoral vision trips,
2. That, as an element of our ongoing oversight and involvement with the ministry of TE Blake Purcell in St. Petersburg, Russia, presbytery ask missionary and MVP member TE Clay Quarterman to make a visit to Russia along with two other members of MVP during 2003,
3. That as many churches as possible sign up to have TE Kaz Yaegashi come for a visit during his upcoming trip from Japan in February 2003.
- 4 That presbytery be informed that the MTW Committee has approved presbytery support of \$100/month for new missionaries Terri Carlton and Chris McCune.

40.1024

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Sessional Records Committee reported that the sessional records of First Church, Lexington were approved without exception, the sessional records of Northpointe and Lakeland were each approved with exceptions.

Motion that presbytery change our stated meeting date from February 4 to February 11, 2003. This was passed by the required two thirds vote.

40.10225

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

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RE Ed Prisock of Louisville was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

40.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Approved that the next meeting be held at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland on February 11, 2003 as invited.

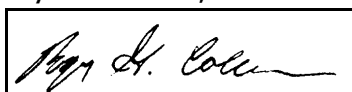
40.1027 READING OF THE MINUTES

TE John Reeves, temporary recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

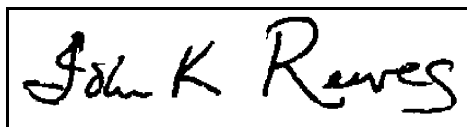
40.1028 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John K. Reeves".

John Reeves, Temporary Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 11, 2003**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS**

41.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, TE Jeff Elliott, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

41.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	George Stock
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland		A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Hamby
	Wade Coleman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		O.B. Triplett
		Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	L.V. Rushing
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Tom Rice
	Derek Thomas	R.S. McAllistir
	Jim Stewart	Bebo Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Palmer Quarterman
	Brad Mercer	
	Billy Joseph	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum

Church

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Meridian, Northpointe

Meridian, Westminster

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dean Rydbeck

Mark Duncan

Mike Ross

Earl Adams

Scott Pierce

Ed Hartman

John Armstrong

Duncan Rankin

Dale Van Ness

James Landrum

Sam Smith

Philip Palmertree

Bob Bates

Charlie Douglas

Jud Davis

Darwin Jordon

Carl Kalberkamp

Jeff Elliott

Jason Edwards

Ed Hurley

Matt Baugh

Chris Shelton

Scott Reiber

Joe Easterling

Neil Stewart

Ruling Elder

Robert Osborne

Dennis Watts

Bob Lewis

Jimmy Mardis

Brian McGee

Eddie Woodard

A

A

Watson Marsalis

Kim Kimbrough

Edward Prisock

Roger Wiggins

John Fair

A

Walter Riddell

A

Joe Davis

Ron Gaines

A

Howard Secret

A

George Powe

Lee Atkinson

Charles McClain

Henry McNeese

A

A

Ford Mosby

Steve Morris

Kenneth King

A

A

A

Raymon Huff

A

John Lanting

Gordon Sewis

Robert Bailey

A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jesse Jacobs, Robert Hays, Martin Marshall, Paul Nasekos, Bob Duhs, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Ken Elliott, Doug McCullough,

Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Jimmy Turner, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, Kaz Yaegashi, Joey Wright.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** Rod Russ, Lance Ragsdale, Fernando Mejia, Rick Stark, Guy Waters, Jason Gregory, Allen Smith, Joel Kavanaugh, David Storum, Chris McCune, Chad Bailey, Richie Sessions, David Reeves, Ted Mattis, Brian Peterson, Benjie Slaton, David Simmons.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Tom Irby, Wes Baker, Barry Darnell, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, Willem VanGemeran, John Kyle, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck, Ken Campbell.
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- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **41.1002.a.** above.
- i. The following asked to be excused for part of the day and permission was granted:** Billy Joseph, William Wymond, George Powe.

41.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Ed Prisock of Covenant Church, Louisville, was elected moderator by acclamation.

41.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as amended (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

41.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **41.1002,c.** above.

41.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Carl Kalberkamp, pastor of the host church, welcomed presbytery.

41.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Jim Landrum, RE Roger Wiggins, and TE Mark Duncan.

The moderator appointed a Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE John Reeves, RE Kim Kimbrough, RE Oliver Triplett, and TE Jeff Elliott - Chairman.

41.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **41.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the reports of the commissions to ordain and install Neil Stewart as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, and TE Billy Joseph as an assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix B, pp. 15f**). The reports were ratified as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that memorials had been received for RE S.C. Wadsworth of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and RE David Craig, First Presbyterian Church, Brandon. It was approved to read the memorials at the time of worship. (**Appendix C, pp. 17f.**)

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from First Presbyterian Church, Madison thanking the presbytery for a financial gift approved at the last meeting. (**Appendix D, p.19**). It was received as information.

TE Jeff Elliott presented a report on the denominational insurance program in the place of Bob Bishop of Atlanta, who was unable to be with us. It was received as information.

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from Westminster Church, Meridian requesting presbytery's dissolution of the church. It was read and referred to the Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, p. 20**).

The stated clerk reported that a request had been received from Reformed University Ministries asking presbytery to thank God for the 21 years of faithful service of RE Stanny Mattox in behalf of the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work (**Appendix F, p. 21**). Presbytery was led in a prayer of thanks for Mr. Mattox's labors by TE Mark Duncan.

The stated clerk reported that an overture had been received from North Park Church asking presbytery to change its standing rules (**Appendix G, p. 22**). The recommendation is to add, under Article III:

III. Procedures for Meetings

C. Docket

2.b) Regularly Scheduled Business (renumber 2b & 2c)

The presbytery will docket 15 minutes for corporate prayer prior to the retiring moderator's sermon.

It was referred to the Bill and Overtures Committee.

41.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ, treasurer, reported on the present financial condition of presbytery (**Appendix H, pp. 23-25**). The report was received as information.

41.1010

REPORT OF THE MTW COMMITTEE

RE Bob Osborne, chairman of the committee, presented the report (**Appendix I, p. 26**).

TE Kazuhiko Yaegashi was given the floor to reported on his work in Japan. His report was received as information by the presbytery. TE Landrum led presbytery in prayer for the work of Mr. Yaegashi.

Charles Amicy, of the Reformed Church in Haiti, addressed presbytery concerning the missionary work in that land. It was received as information.

TE Gary Johnson, PCA missionary to Sweden, addressed presbytery on his work there. It was received as information. TE Matt Baugh prayed for Mr. Amicy and Mr. Johnson.

41.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

41.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

41.1013

WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, TE Jeff Elliott, led in worship. After prayer and the singing of appropriate hymns he preached from Phil 1:12-26 on the subject, "The encouragement of God in the midst of adversity." After the sermon, presbytery celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, officiated by the pastoral staff of Pear Orchard Church. Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer of thanksgiving for our food.

41.1014

SESSION RECORDS COMMITTEE

Presbytery became a committee of the whole to examine sessional records.

41.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved with corrections.

41.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Mark Duncan chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report as follows:

“Recognizing the mercy and providence of God who treats us far better than we deserve, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley gives sincere thanks to the session and congregation of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church for their kindness and hospitality. We are grateful for the good food and for the facilities which make the work of the church a little bit easier.”

Sincerely,

Thanks Committee: TE Mark Duncan, RE Roger Wiggins, and TE Jim Landrum

After the reading of the Thanks Committee, the presbytery arose from committee of the whole.

41.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by TE Derek Thomas, chairman, who then presented the Credential Committee report (**Appendix J, pp. 27-56**). Internship reports were submitted in writing for the presbytery (**pp. 37ff**).

Examinations

Candidates

Presbytery examined Jason Gregory, who had been certified by the session of First Church, Jackson, for candidacy. Mr. Gregory was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by TE Matt Baugh he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Richard Sessions, who had been certified by the session of Trinity Church, Jackson, for candidacy. Mr. Sessions was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by TE Matt Baugh, he was entered on the roll of candidates. In addition, he was entered on the roll of interns

as the moderator made his pronouncement as required by BCO 19-10. His internship is to be with RUF at Belhaven College with RE Bebo Elkin as his mentor.

Presbytery examined Rick Stark, a member of Pear Orchard Church and a 2002 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, for transfer of candidacy status from Southeast Alabama Presbytery, as required by BCO 18-7. Mr. Stark's internship has been completed in that presbytery. Mr. Stark was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by TE Matt Baugh, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Dr. Guy Waters, a member of First Church, Jackson, and who is to be a Bible teacher at Belhaven College, for transfer of candidacy status from Eastern Carolina Presbytery, as required by BCO 18-7. Dr. Waters' internship has been completed in that presbytery. Dr. Waters was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3 propounded by TE Matt Baugh, and upon charging and prayer by the moderator, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Transfer and Ordination Examinations

TE Ted Mattis, a member in good standing of Central Florida Presbytery, was examined for transfer from that presbytery as per BCO 13-6, and received as an assistant pastor of Highlands Church, Ridgeland, pending his dismissal. TE Mattis was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, and his views in theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, and the sacraments. His exams were sustained in every area. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him as a member in good standing upon his dismissal from Central Florida Presbytery and his signing of the Book of Obligations.

The call from Highlands Church, Ridgeland, to TE Mattis was approved (**p. 34**). It was placed in his hands and he accepted it.

The commission to install TE Mattis was approved as follows: TE Darwin Jordan, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Ford Mosby, RE Jim Brown, RE Kevin Simpson, RE Peder Johnson. The quorum was set at two TEs and two REs. The service is scheduled for March 23, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at Highlands Church in Ridgeland.

Mr. Bassam Chedid was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, call to the ministry, his views of theology, sacraments, church government and church history. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages were approved. His internship had been previously approved. His sermon, which was on John 1:1-14 was approved as fulfilling that part of the exam.

The call from Children of Abraham Ministries to Mr. Chedid was approved as a proper out of bounds call, he accepted it, and it was placed in his hands (**p. 35**).

The presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Chedid: TE Ligon

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Duncan, TE Dale Van Ness, and TE James Stewart and RE Al Chestnut, RE David Bradford, and RE Wayne Husband. The commissioning worship service is to be at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, on March 30, 2003, at 6:00 P.M.

Presbytery approved TE Jud Davis's transferring to the Raymond Presbyterian Church and approved the terms of his call (**p. 36**). His installation service was set for March 9, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. and the commission was approved as follows: TE Bob Duhs, TE Merle Messer, TE Roger Collins, RE Doug Vinzant, RE Sam Robinson, RE Gary Walters and RE Willie Cockcroft.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved TE Os Barnes's serving as the stated supply of the Pearl Church for a period of one year.

Presbytery approved allowing the Internship Sub-Committee to oversee the internship of Jonathan Stuckert, a candidate and intern of North Georgia Presbytery, as part of a cooperative agreement with them. Mr. Stuckert plans to complete his internship at First Church, Jackson, with TE Ligon Duncan as his mentor.

Presbytery adopted an explanation from the committee explaining why presbytery is opposed to the recommended change to BCO 21-4 (**pp. 53-56**). TE Jeff Elliott, chairman of the B&O Committee, presented their report concerning the Credential Committee's overture. Presbytery approved the following recommendation: Insert in the last paragraph after, "We further request," the following: "that the General Assembly suspend RAO 8-3 limiting the number of commissioners serving on an Ad Hoc committee and"

Presbytery also approved adding a new final paragraph which would say, "The budget for an Ad Hoc Committee would be \$15,000.00 per year for up to two years and would be raised through voluntary designated contributions and distributed through the Administrative Committee (RAO 4-128."

Presbytery received as a first reading the following change to its Standing Rules. The addition of a section (d) Under Article VII.E..3.b).(3) would read as follows:

"Candidates for licensure, ordination, or transfer with any difficulty or disagreement with any part of the Confessional Standards shall make it known to the Credentials Committee. The committee shall take care that all expressions of difficulty or disagreement with our Confessional Standards are presented to the presbytery in writing and explained to the presbytery's satisfaction. It should be noted that the presbytery, not the examinee, determines what is or is not an exception to the Confessional Standards."

Communication with Blake Purcell

The chairman turned presbytery's attention to a letter from TE Ligon Duncan to TE Blake Purcell regarding his views on paedocommunion (**pp. 50-52**). The presbytery adopted the wording of the letter as its own position.

41.1018

BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott chairman, gave the report of the committee. Concerning the Northpark Overture (**Appendix G, p. 22**), the following recommendation was adopted:

to add, under Article III:

III. Procedures for Meetings

C. Docket

2.b) Regularly Scheduled Business (renumber 2b & 2c)

The presbytery will docket at least 15 minutes for corporate prayer during the meeting of presbytery, preferably during the morning session.

41.1019

REPORT OF THE MNA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix K, p. 57**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

That the RUM/Mississippi budget be approved as presented.

That the salary of TE Joey Wright be raised from \$32,598 to \$33,598 plus benefits.

That \$2500 be allocated for a study of the Gluckstadt, MS area to determine the feasibility of a church plant there.

TE Jim Stewart was given five minutes to discuss an Evangelism Explosion training clinic.

Presbytery granted the committee the authority to move forward in exploring the possibilities of starting a work among the Choctaw Indians in the Carthage area.

Presbytery approved the concept of endorsing the Children of Abraham Ministries and instructed the MNA Committee to bring to the next meeting of presbytery the appropriate enabling motions.

41.1020

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

TE Mike Ross presented an update of Mississippi Valley's Strategic Planning Committee Report (**Appendix L, pp. 59-64**) as discussed at our meetings of October and November, 2002. Presbytery approved this as the final report of the committee, and adopted it as its own position. The recommendations of VII. (page 7 of the report), were sent to the Standing Rules Committee for their recommendation to the next meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery approved TE Ligon Duncan's sending the report to the GA committee on Strategic Planning.

Presbytery dissolved its Strategic Planning Committee with its thanks.

41.1021

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Dan Gilchrist, Chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations regarding our presbytery committees: Sessional Records Committee - Deceased RE Harold McDiarmid replaced with TE Tim Muse, Class 2003; Christian Education Committee - TE Jim Shull replaced with TE Billy Joseph, Class 2003.

Presbytery approved TE Eugene McRoberts of First Church, Jackson to be nominated for the permanent committee of PCA Foundation to replace the previous nominee who declined.

For the Committees of Commissioners to the 2003 General Assembly the following were approved:

Administration - TE Joe Easterling, First Church, Yazoo City

1. CE&P - TE Brad Mercer, First Church, Jackson
 2. Covenant Theological Seminary - TE Mark Duncan, St. Paul Church, Jackson
 3. Interchurch Relations - TE Scott Reiber, Westminster Church, Vicksburg
 4. MNA - TE Jeff Elliott, Pear Orchard Church, Ridgeland
 5. PCA Foundation - TE Dan Gilchrist, Carthage Church
 6. PCA Retirement Benefits - RE Ed Johnson, First Church, Jackson
 7. MTW - RE Orrin Swayze, First Church, Jackson
 8. Covenant College - RE George Powe, Pearl Church
 9. Bills & Overtures - RE Doyle Morehead, First Church, Jackson
- Ridge Haven - RE Barry Royals, Alta Woods Church, Jackson
RUM - RE Hugh Potts, First Church, Kosciusko

Representative to serve communion: RE Owen Elder of First Church, Jackson
Floor Clerk: TE Sam Smith, First Church, Louisville.

The presbytery gave the committee permission to make any substitutions necessary for committees of commissioners if any of these men are unable to serve.

41.1022

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Darwin Jordan presented the report.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Alta Woods Church and TE Jud Davis pending receipt of paperwork indicating Alta Woods's approval.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Carolina Church and TE Tom Irby and his transfer to North Georgia Presbytery upon receipt of their request.

Presbytery acted to complete the divestiture of TE Ken Campbell initiated at the Stated Meeting of November 12, 2002. The Advisory Committee is to assign him to a church and will report that to the next meeting of presbytery.

Presbytery received as information a report that TE Barry Darnell's wife is in the process of divorcing him.

Presbytery received as information the report that the Credentials Committee and the Advisory Committee are meeting to determine the question of what constitutes a legitimate call.

Presbytery approved the recommendation to allow TE Os Barnes to remain on the rolls without call.

Presbytery approved clothing the committee with the powers of a commission to fulfill the responsibilities of BCO 13-10 with reference to the dissolution of the Westminster (Meridian) and Concord churches.

41.1023 REPORT OF THE SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Ed Johnson, chairman of the committee, gave the report of the committee. The results were as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Without Exception</u>	<u>With Exception</u>	<u>Not Reviewed</u>
Alta Woods Presbyterian Church	X		
Bailey Presbyterian Church			X
Bethesda Presbyterian Church	X		
Brandon Presbyterian Church		X	
Carolina Presbyterian Church			X
Carthage Presbyterian Church	X		
Covenant Presbyterian Church			X
DeKalb Presbyterian Church			X
Edwards Presbyterian Church			X
First Presbyterian Church - Belzoni			X
First Presbyterian Church - Jackson		X	
First Presbyterian Church - Kosciusko			X
First Presbyterian Church - Lexington			X
First Presbyterian Church - Louisville	X		
First Presbyterian Church - Madison	X		
First Presbyterian Church - Philadelphia	X		
First Presbyterian Church - Union			X
First Presbyterian Church - Yazoo City		X	
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church			X
Forest Presbyterian Church			X
Goodman Presbyterian Church			X
Grace Presbyterian Church - Jackson			X
Highlands Presbyterian Church	X		
Lakeland Presbyterian Church			X
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church			X
Lebanon Presbyterian Church	X		
Macon Presbyterian Church	X		
McBride Memorial Presbyterian Church			X
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church			X

Newton Presbyterian Church		X	
North Park Presbyterian Church		X	
Northpointe Presbyterian Church			X
Old Madison Presbyterian Church			X
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church		X	
Pearl Presbyterian Church	X		
Pickens Presbyterian Church		X	
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church			X
Providence Presbyterian Church	X		
Raymond Presbyterian Church			X
Scooba Presbyterian Church		X	
Second Presbyterian Church		X	
Shiloh Presbyterian Church		X	
Shuqualak Presbyterian Church			X
Smyrna Presbyterian Church		X	
St. Paul Presbyterian Church	X		
Tchula Presbyterian Church		X	
Trinity Presbyterian Church		X	
Westminster Presbyterian Church - Vicksburg	X		
Wynndale Presbyterian Church - Terry		X	

41.1024

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved the stated clerk sending a letter, on behalf of presbytery, to anyone in Rankin County requesting it which would relinquish all claims to ownership of Bethel Presbyterian Church in Rankin County.

41.1025

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Tim Muse of Brandon Presbyterian Church was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

41.1026

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Highlands Presbyterian Church, to hold its May 6, 2003 meeting at their facility.

41.1027

READING OF THE MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

41.1028

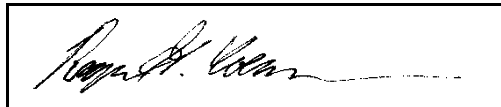
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M. with prayer by TE Darwin Jordan.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

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**STATED MEETING
May 6, 2003**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS**

41.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Jeff Elliott called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

41.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larkin Chapman Richard Cobb Charles Moak
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Wade Coleman	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods		Willie Cockcroft
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Brister Ware Bill Hughes Derek Thomas Brad Mercer Bill Wymond	Barry Vickery Frank York Tom Rice Robert Cannada Bebo Elkin
Jackson, Grace	Billy Joseph Roger Collins	Jim Hallum

Church

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dean Rydbeck

Mark Duncan

Earl Adams

Scott Pierce

Ed Hartman

John Armstrong

Duncan Rankin

Dale Van Ness

James Landrum

Sam Smith

Philip Palmertree

Charlie Douglas

Ken Elliott

Darwin Jordon

Carl Kalberkamp

Jeff Elliott

Jason Edwards

Ed Hurley

Matt Baugh

Chris Shelton

Scott Reiber

Neil Stewart

Ruling Elder

Elliott Bickerstaff

Bob Osborne

Bob Lewis

Keith Bustin

Harold Bake

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John Kimbrough

A

John Sharp

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Jimmy Davidson

Richard Metz

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George Powe

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Ted Mattis

Kenneth King

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b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jesse Jacobs, Robert Hays, Martin Marshall, Paul Nasekos, Bob Duhs, Ed Johnson, Doug McCullough, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Jimmy Turner, Gary Johnson, and Bassam Chedid.

c. The following visitors were registered: Karen Stewart (Bethany Christian Services), Dr. Sebastian Rehnman, Rod Russ, Fernando Mejia, Guy Waters, David Storment, Chris McCune, John McKenzie, Bob Bishop, Ed Nalley, Joel Kavanaugh, Winthrop Groseclose, and Hunter Brewer.

- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Blake Purcell, Clay Quarterman, Dale Hollenbeck, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Mark Kreitzer, Jud Davis, Larry Wissel, Don Malin, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Dan Gilchrist, Jim Stewart, Mike Ross and Merle Messer.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Paul Long, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Chris Shelt, Bob Lane, Bob Bates, Joe Easterling, and Joey Wright.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **41.1002.a.** above.
- i. The following asked to be excused for part of the day and permission was granted:** Matt Baugh, and William Wymond.

41.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Tim Muse of the Brandon Church, Brandon, was elected moderator by acclamation.

41.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p.15**).

41.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **41.1002,c.** above.

41.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Darwin Jordan, pastor of Highlands, welcomed presbytery.

41.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Jason Edwards - convenor, RE Elliott Bickerstaff, and TE Ed Hartman.

The moderator appointed a Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE Jeff Elliott - chairman, RE Ed Nalley and TE Dean Rydbeck to deal with an overture from Westminster Presbyterian, Vicksburg and to confer with the MTW Committee concerning the overture.

41.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported requests for excused absences had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **41.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the reports of the commissions to ordain and install Bassam Chedid as an evangelist working for Children of Abraham (**Appendix B, p. 16**), and to install TE Jud Davis pastor of Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond (**Appendix B, p. 17**). The reports were received and ratified as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk directed presbytery's attention to a letter received from "Members of the proto-presbytery of Russia" (**Appendix C, pp. 18ff.**). The letter and the issue were referred to a special committee composed of TE Ligon Duncan - convenor, TE Duncan Rankin, TE Derek Thomas, RE Roland Byrd, and RE Bebo Elkin.

The stated clerk introduced Bob Bishop of the PCA Health Insurance Plan, who addressed presbytery on behalf of his organization.

The stated clerk reported that the deed to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Meridian had been transferred to presbytery. The report was received as information.

The stated clerk introduced RE Bebo Elkin who presented a memorial in memory of RE John High offered by the board of Reformed University Ministries of which he had been a long time member. The resolution was adopted as the sentiment of presbytery and a prayer of thanks by RE Elkin was offered for the memory of RE High (**Appendix D, p. 20**).

The stated clerk recommended that presbytery have a second annual presbytery wide worship service to be held in August at that stated meeting. Presbytery approved the recommendation.

41.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

RE Rod Russ - treasurer, reported on the present financial condition of presbytery (**Appendix E, pp. 21-24**). The report was received as information.

On the recommendation of the treasurer, presbytery approved assigning the proceeds from the recently dissolved Westminster Church in Meridian to the MNA Committee for use in church planting.

41.1010

REPORT OF THE MNA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott - chairman, presented the report (**Appendix F, p. 25**).

Karen Stewart of Bethany Christian Services addressed presbytery, giving a report on their work.

The chairman moved to suspend our Standing Rules and pass an amendment to them with only one reading regarding the work of the MNA committee and its certification of ministries. The motion to suspend our rules was defeated. Presbytery approved the recommendation to amend the MNA committee's proposal (italicized bold portion) and then adopted the amended version as the first reading. The approved change to ARTICLE VII, E. 4. b. is as follows:

- 8) This committee may recommend presbytery certification of ministries whose purpose is to minister the Gospel among people groups or within institutions who work within the bounds of presbytery, but who are not ordinarily accessible to particular churches or other ministries of the presbytery. Such certification may be established by vote of the presbytery upon the recommendation of the MNA committee. Once established, the certification shall continue until terminated by vote of the presbytery.
 - (a) Benefits to the certified ministry:
 - (i) The ministry is commended to the churches of the presbytery for their participation and for prayer and financial support.
 - (ii) The ministry may include notice of the relationship in its printed materials and presentations.
 - (iii) The MNA committee may recommend the certified ministry to the General Assembly or other institutions or accrediting agencies as appropriate.
 - (b) Requirements of the certified ministry:
 - (i) A statement of faith required of staff and board members which affirms, or is compatible with, the historic reformed standards.
 - (ii) Supply to the MNA committee basic founding documents, such as constitution, by-laws.
 - (iii) Supply to the MNA committee regular newsletter or other similar communications.
 - (iv) The MNA committee shall annually review board minutes, board policy changes and management of finances.
 - (v) The MNA committee shall establish a direct relationship between the MNA committee and the board of the certified ministry for the purposes of ongoing accountability and communications.

Presbytery hired Fernando Mejia to be engaged in Hispanic ministries in Forest during June and July. The salary is to be \$4400.00 for the two months, \$1000 per month of which is to come from presbytery's church planting account, \$1000.00 per month from First Presbyterian Church Jackson, and \$200 from the Forest church. He is to work under the leadership of TE Jim Stewart.

The MNA Report was interrupted by the order of the day. It resumed at 3:00 P.M.

41.1011 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

41.1012 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

41.1013 WORSHIP

On behalf of Retiring Moderator RE Ed Prisock, TE James Landrum led in worship. After prayer and the singing of appropriate hymns he preached from Ephesians 4:1-7 on the subject of the importance of longsuffering. Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer of thanksgiving for our food.

41.1014 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved with corrections.

41.1016 LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Jason Edwards - chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report as follows:

We, the commissioners of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, would like to extend our great thanks and appreciation for your service to us this day, especially with this wonderful lunch. Your willingness to serve us shows your love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and proves to be an example to us all. The presbytery would also like to thank the entire staff and officers of Highlands Presbyterian Church for the preparation and provisions of our meeting this day, to the glory of God.

41.1017 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by Moderator TE Tim Muse. TE Derek Thomas - chairman, presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix G, pp. 27-53**). Internship reports were submitted in writing (**pp. 36-53**) and were received as information.

Upon the recommendation of the chairman, presbytery approved the request of the Wynndale church for TE Robert Duhs to serve as their stated supply for a period of one year (**p. 31**).

Chris McCune gave a report on his internship at Pear Orchard and his future plans for ministry.

Candidate Examinations

Presbytery examined Mr. Win Groseclose who had been certified by the session of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, for candidacy. Mr. Groseclose was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. John McKenzie to transfer his candidacy from Ohio Valley Presbytery per BCO 18-7. Mr. McKenzie is a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd PCA in Bloomington, Indiana, and currently attends Trinity, Jackson. He has produced proper testimonials from the stated clerk of Ohio Valley Presbytery. Mr. McKenzie was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Hunter Brewer to transfer his candidacy from Evangel Presbytery per BCO 18-7. Mr. Brewer is a member of Rainbow PCA in Rainbow City, Alabama, whose session has certified him, and currently attends Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Brandon. He has produced proper testimonials from the stated clerk of Evangel Presbytery who also has confirmed that Mr. Brewer has completed his internship. Mr. Brewer was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Dr. John Currid was unable to be present. Presbytery approved his internship plan as to be done under Plan A at RTS and at Providence, Clinton, with TE Wade Coleman as his mentor. He was entered onto the roll of interns.

Mr. David Stormont was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in English Bible, theology and church government. His examination was sustained in all areas. Mr. Stormont is a candidate and intern of MVP, supplying the Helena Church [ARP] of Moss Point, MS. Mr. Stormont declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached before the Presbytery on the text II Tim. 4: 9-22. His sermon was accepted as fulfilling that part of his licensure trials. His examination was sustained in the whole. Upon answering the questions of BCO 19-3, being charged, and prayer being offered by the moderator, he was recognized as a licentiate of presbytery.

Transfer and Ordination Examinations

Presbytery examined Mr. Joe Holland for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. Holland, a candidate in Central Carolina Presbytery, has completed his internship in Central Carolina. Mr. Holland was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, church history, and the sacraments. His sermon on the text

Esther 4: 1-17 was approved as completing that part of his trials. His exams were sustained in every area. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages was recognized and approved. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

The call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to Mr. Holland was approved **(p. 32)**. It was placed in his hands and he accepted it. The commission to install Mr. Holland was approved as follows:

TE Ligon Duncan - chairman	RE George May
TE Derek Thomas	RE Longstreet Minor
TE Brad Mercer	RE Bebo Elkin
RE Steve Rosenblatt	Guest: TE Robert Browning (RUF, Univ of Memphis)
RE Richard Ridgeway	

The quorum for the commission was set at two TEs and two REs. The service is scheduled for July 13, 2003 at 6:00 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. Presbytery received Mr. Holland as a member in good standing upon his signing the book of obligation and his installation as Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

Presbytery examined Dr. Guy Waters for ordination per BCO 21-4. Dr. Waters, a candidate in Mississippi Valley Presbytery, has completed his internship in Eastern Carolina Presbytery. Dr. Waters was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, church history and the sacraments. His sermon on the text II Peter 1: 1-4 was approved as completing that part of his trials. His exams were sustained in every area. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages was recognized and approved. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

The call from Belhaven College to Dr. Waters was approved **(pp. 33f.)**. It was placed in his hands and he accepted it.

The commission to ordain Dr. Waters was approved as follows:

TE Ligon Duncan - chairman	RE Bill Penn
TE Duncan Rankin	RE Gene Morrison
TE Joe Easterling	Guests: Dr. Roger Parrott
RE James 'Bebo' Elkin	Dr. Joseph Martin

The quorum was set at two TEs and two REs. The service is scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on May 18, 2003 at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. Presbytery received Dr. Waters as a member upon his signing the book of obligation and his installation as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Belhaven College.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved as completed the internships of the following men: Chad Bailey, Corey Colravey, and Brian Peterson.

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Presbytery approved changing the call of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, to TE John Armstrong from assistant to associate pastor along with the terms of call **(p. 35)**.

41.1018

MNA COMMITTEE -CONT-

TE Jeff Elliott continued the report.

Presbytery approved setting aside \$1000 from the church planting account for a Hispanic church plant in Forest as previously designated.

Presbytery received the RUM Committee Audit which the stated clerk will keep on file for the benefit of anyone who wishes to see it.

Presbytery approved continued support for Jesse Jacobs for at least six months or until he receives a call, whichever comes first.

Presbytery approved setting aside \$1000 for a Choctaw church plant in the Red Water community. This is to be taken from the church planting account.

41.1019

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Darwin Jordan - chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

That TE Martin Marshall be continued as a minister without call on the rolls of presbytery while he serves at a deaf school in the Carribean;

That the pastoral relationship between TE Earl Adams and Trinity Presbyterian be dissolved as requested by that congregation and that he be allowed to transfer to Gulf Coast Presbytery pending his reception;

Presbytery approved transferring the membership of TE Willem Van Gemenen to North Illinois presbytery pending his reception;

Presbytery approved placing Jesse Jacobs under the care of the session of Providence Presbyterian, pending their approval.

41.1020

REPORT OF THE MTW COMMITTEE

RE Bob Osborne - chairman, presented the report **(Appendix G, p. 26)**.

The chairman reminded presbytery that the strategic plan recently adopted, includes in part, encouraging both REs and TEs to take advantage of vision trips, encouraging churches to establish

sister church relationships with overseas congregations, and encouraging church members to both short and long term missions as career choices.

The chairman made presbytery aware that TE Tim Horne needs an additional \$700.00 per month for support.

TE Gary Johnson, PCA missionary to Sweden and member of this presbytery, reported on his work there. It was received as information. He also introduced Dr. Sebastian Rehnman, of the Swedish Evangelical Reformed Church, who also addressed presbytery.

41.1021 REPORT OF THE STANDING RULES COMMITTEE

RE Ed Nalley - chairman, presented the report (**Appendix H, p. 54**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations, this being their second reading:

To add under ARTICLE VII, E. 3. b.

- d) **Candidates for licensure, ordination, or transfer with any difficulty or disagreement with any part of the Confessional Standards shall make it known to the Credentials Committee. The committee shall take care that all expressions of difficulty or disagreement** with our Confessional Standards are presented to the presbytery in writing and explained to the presbytery's satisfaction. It should be noted that the presbytery, not the examinee, determines what is or is not an exception to the Confessional Standards.

To add, under Article III:

III. Procedures for Meetings

C. Docket

2.b) Regularly Scheduled Business

The presbytery will docket at least 15 minutes for corporate prayer during the meeting of presbytery, preferably during the morning session. (The following paragraphs are to be relettered to c. and d.)

Presbytery approved as a first reading the following proposed changes in the Standing Rules, the purpose of which is to implement our newly adopted "Strategic Goals":

1. Change of the name of the **Advisory Committee** to the **Shepherding and Advisory Committee** and correct the entire Standing Rules to reflect that, including its repositioning so that it will fall in alphabetical order and become **Article VII, E, 7.**
2. Change the number of committee members for the **MNA** and the **Shepherding and Advisory** Committees from nine to twelve.
3. Insert the following paragraph under 4. MNA Committee, b. Business:

- 7) The MNA Committee shall establish a Deaconal Ministries sub-committee made up of six deacons of MVP congregations and two regular members of the MNA Committee to plan, promote and resource mercy ministry within our presbytery.

Number the last paragraph as proposed above to 8.

4. Insert the following paragraph under the newly renumbered 7) Shepherding and Advisory Committee, b. Business:

- 5) This committee is to provide pastoral oversight to men who serve outside of the bounds of presbytery and to review and make recommendations concerning the needs and annual reports of such men.

Renumber the last paragraph to 6).

5. Insert a new **Administration Committee** under Article VII, E.:

1. Administration Committee:

- a. Number:

The Administrative Committee shall consist of twelve elected members, and two alternates. In addition, the stated clerk and the treasurer shall serve as ex officio members.

- b. Organization:

The committee will elect its own chairman. The chairman will assign a sub-committee chairmen and two members and to each of four sub-committees: Communications, Records and Archives, Rules, and Stewardship and Finance. In addition to the other sub-committee members, the stated clerk shall serve on the Communications and Rules sub-committees. The treasurer shall serve as an additional member of the Stewardship and Finance sub-committee.

- c. Business:

The Administration Committee shall: report on any recommended changes to our Standing Rules, review sessional records, preserve historical documents and histories, handle communications, make public announcements, establish and oversee the use of media for the promoting of the gospel and presbytery ministries, recommend the annual presbytery budget, promote both presbytery and PCA per capita askings among member churches, communicate with member churches of presbytery's work, compile an annual review of the progress toward the fulfilling of presbytery's strategic plan, initiate reevaluation and updating of our strategic plan in cooperation with the committee chairmen, assist in matters related to the work of the stated clerk as requested.

To accomplish these tasks the following sub-committees shall report to the whole committee on the following tasks:

- 1) Communications Sub-committee:
 - a) assist the clerk with communications between presbytery, our churches, and the PCA,
 - b) make public announcements on behalf of presbytery,
 - c) establish and oversee the use of media for the promoting of the gospel and presbytery ministries including but not limited to the Web and Radio/TV programs or advertisements.

- 2) Records and Archives Sub-committee:
 - a) handle the review of sessional records at the February and subsequent meetings as necessary. (Presbytery shall resolve itself into a committee-of-the-whole as needed to accomplish this task.),
 - b) evaluate comments of approval or criticism concerning each set of records,
 - c) prepare reviewed session books for the moderator's signature,
 - d) preserve copies of evaluation forms for committee evaluation and reporting,
 - e) prepare an annual evaluation of presbytery's progress in achieving strategic goals with a record of the advancement of our churches in meeting strategic goals.
 - f) initiate an assessment and rewriting of our strategic goals every five years.

- 3) Rules Sub-committee:
 - a) review proposed changes to the Standing Rules,
 - b) provide appropriate BCO corrections to our Standing Rules,
 - c) assist in matters related to the stated clerk's work as needed.

- 4) Stewardship and Finance Sub-committee:
 - a) review presbytery expenditures as reported by the treasurer,
 - b) prepare an annual presbytery budget,
 - c) communicate needed "per member askings" to meet our budget and encourage stewardship for presbytery and denominational askings,
 - d) handle requests for special expenditures by committees,
 - e) make arrangements for a yearly audit or review by a qualified individual,
 - f) assist the treasurer in his work and responsibilities.

6. Change the schedule for committee reporting as follows:

<u>Committees</u>	<u>Time of Reporting</u>
Administration	Each meeting as needed
Christian Education	November
Credentials	Each meeting as needed
Mission to North America	May
Mission to the World	May
Nominations	November and February
Shepherding and Advisory	August and as needed
Sessional records	February
Standing Rules	November and as needed
Stewardship and Finance	August

7. All paragraphs for Session Records, Standing Rules and Stewardship and Finance would be deleted and all references in the Standing Rules to these committees be changed to the Administration Committee.

8. The 'Strategic Goals' portion of the newly adopted Strategic Plan would be appended to the Standing Rules as Appendix D.

It was further recommended and approved that the Nominations committee be instructed to prepare a slate of nominees to fill the new committee seats beginning with the class of 2004 whose members will begin to serve immediately upon the approval of the second reading and their election.

41.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Ligon Duncan presented a response (**Appendix I, pp. 59f.)** to the correspondence from the "proto-presbytery of Russia" (**pp. 18ff.**). It was adopted as the position of presbytery.

41.1023 BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE

Jeff Elliott - chairman, presented the report. The recommendation was that presbytery deny adoption of the overture from Westminster church in Vicksburg, the intent of which was that presbytery be involved in the support of John Wagner as he prepares in seminary to go to the mission field in Scotland. The MTW committee was given time to discuss the reasons for their recommendation to deny the overture. Presbytery denied adoption of the overture.

41.1024 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Ed Johnston - chairman, presented the report. The minutes of Carolina, Pear Orchard, Forest, and Trinity churches were approved with exceptions. The minutes of Second Presbyterian (Yazoo City), Grace, and First Church (Kosciusko) were approved as written.

41.1025

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Charlie McCool of First Presbyterian, Louisville was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

41.1026

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Trinity PCA for its August 5th stated meeting.

41.1027

READING OF THE MINUTES

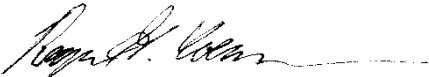
TE Robert Hays - recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

41.1028

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. with prayer by TE Wade Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 5, 2003**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

42.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Tim Muse called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

42.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Wade Coleman	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest		Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Brister Ware Bill Hughes Derek Thomas Jim Stewart Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin Frank York Ed Johnston Jeff Harmon
	Billy Joseph	

Church

Jackson, Grace
 Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity
 Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Meridian, Northpointe
 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Highlands

 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard
 Scooba, Scooba
 Shuqualak, Shuqualak
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Joe Holland
 Roger Collins
 Dean Rydbeck
 Mark Duncan
 Mike Ross
 Ed Hartman

 James Landrum
 Sam Smith

 Philip Palmertree

 Robert Lane
 Bob Bates

 Jud Davis
 Darwin Jordon

 Jeff Elliott

 Chris Shelton
 Scott Reiber

 Neil Stewart

Ruling Elder

Jim Hallum
 Robert Diekman
 Jimmy Mardis
 John McKenzie
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 Gene Austin
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 John Sharp
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 George Powe
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 Kevin Simpson
 Ford Mosby
 Rod Russ
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 Jim Hutton
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 Dale White, Jr.
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 Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jesse Jacobs, Robert Hays, Paul Nasekos, Bob Duhs, Ed Johnson, Bob Schwanebeck, Jimmy Turner, Os Barnes, Chris Shelt, Paul Long, Blake Purcell, and Clay Quarterman.

c. The following visitors were registered: Tim Horn, Larry Mills, John Currid, Ed Nalley, Todd Rester, Bill Wilder, Fernando Mejia, Jody Woodward, Paul Long, Jr., Rick Stark, Rick Holbert, Steven Wright, Joel Kavanaugh, Chris McCune, and Stephane Jeanreneau.

d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Kaz

Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Barry Darnell, and Martin Marshall.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Armstrong, Carl Kalberkamp, Jason Edwards, Ed Hurley, Matt Baugh, Mark Kreitzer, Larry Wissell, Ken Elliott, Don Malin, and Guy Richardson.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Dale Van Ness, Charlie Douglas, Joe Easterling, Joey Wright, Scott Pierce, and Brad Mercer.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **42.1002.a.** above.
- i. The following teaching elders were excused for a portion of the day:** Mark Kreitzer, Larry Wissell, Mark Lowery, Dan Gilchrist, Merle Messer, Jim Stewart, and Mike Ross.

42.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Charlie McCool of First Presbyterian, Louisville was elected moderator by acclamation.

42.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as amended (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

42.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **42.1002, c.** above.

42.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Mike Ross, pastor of the host church, welcomed presbytery.

42.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Sam Smith - convenor, RE Will Thompson and TE Jim Landrum

42.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **42.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to ordain and install Dr. Guy Prentiss Waters as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at Belhaven College, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 13**). The report was received and ratified as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to ordain and install Joe Holland as Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 14**). The report was received and ratified as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk directed presbytery's attention to annual reports received from Bill Bradford, Don Malin, Jason Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Doug McCullough, J. McDonald Bell, Barry Darnell, Mark Kreitzer, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, and Derek Thomas (**Appendix C, pp. 15-20**). These were referred to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee for recommendations.

The stated clerk informed presbytery that a letter had been received from Lebanon Presbyterian Church requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Duncan Rankin. It was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix D, p. 21**).

The stated clerk directed our attention to a June 26 response from Blake Purcell to our previous letter which was a response to his letter having to do with the relationship between the presbytery of Russia and MVP and Mr. Purcell's views on paedocommunion. It was received as information (**Appendix E, p. 22**).

The stated clerk reported on supply requests from Bailey to continue the services of Paul Honomichl and Edwards to continue the services of Guy Richardson. The requests were referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix F, pp. 23f**).

The stated clerk presented communications received from Roy Taylor - stated clerk of the denomination, which had to do with changes made by the recent GA to the Rules of Assembly Operations (**Appendix G, pp. 25f**).

The stated clerk presented as a second reading proposed changes to our Standing Rules which were approved as the first reading at our May 5th stated meeting (**Appendix I, pp. 27-30**).

Presbytery approved the changes by the required 3/4 vote.

The stated clerk posed the question to presbytery, "Should we postpone the November 4th meeting to the 11th for state elections?" Presbytery voted not to do so.

The stated clerk reminded presbytery of the upcoming Convocation on Reformation and Revival to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church in October. He also reminded presbytery of the upcoming Embers to Flame meeting.

42.1009

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Darwin Jordan - chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

That MVP approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Lebanon Presbyterian Church and Duncan Rankin, and his transfer to Tennessee Valley Presbytery;

That MVP approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Providence Presbyterian Church and Wade Coleman, and his transfer to South Texas Presbytery;

That MVP receive the reports of the following men laboring outside the bounds of presbytery and that they be given permission to continue to labor outside of bounds for another year: James McDonald Bell, Bill Bradford, Dale Hollenbeck, Jason Kyle, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Os Barnes, Clayton Quarterman, Doug McCullough, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, and Derek Thomas;

That MVP receive the reports of the following men without call: Barry Darnell, Mark Kreitzer; and

That Os Barnes and Chris Shelt be allowed to continue on the rolls of presbytery without call until the November meeting.

42.1010

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Dan Gilchrist - chairman, gave the report. Presbytery elected the following men to their respective offices:

Credentials: Alternate RE Robert Lewis to replace TE Duncan Rankin
Credentials Alternate: TE Guy Waters

MTW: Alternate RE Ford Mosby to replace TE Earl Adams
MTW Alternate: TE Richard Wimon

MNA:

Class of 2004 - RE John Lanting
Class of 2005 - TE Ted Mattis
Class of 2006 - TE Mike Ross

Shepherding and Advisory:

Class of 2004 - TE Billy Joseph, RE Kim Kimbrough
Class of 2005 - TE John Reeves, RE Phil McDade
Class of 2006 - TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Ed Prisock

Administration:

Class of 2004 - TE Guy Richardson, TE Joseph Wright, RE Donald Breazeale, RE Lance Ragsdale

Class of 2005 - TE Steve Jusselly, TE Matt Baugh, TE Brister Ware, RE Hugh Potts
Class of 2006 - TE Charlie Douglas, TE Robert Lane, RE Ed Nalley, RE Bob Bailey
Alternates: TE Scott Pierce, RE Gary Morrison

42.1011 REPORT OF THE MTW COMMITTEE

In the place of RE Bob Osborne - chairman, TE Robert Hays presented the report. Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery continue implementing the strategic plan which includes more involvement by both TEs and REs in participating in vision trips; a concerted effort for the local churches to develop sister church relationships with congregations abroad; and encouragement to singles, couples, and retirees to consider short term and career missions.
2. That our churches which have not supported MTW missionaries Robert Rahaim and Don McNeil consider these men as they need to get on the field ASAP.
3. That our churches be aware of Tim Horn's financial needs of \$3000.00 per month and a one time need of \$5000.00.

42.1012 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott - chairman, presented a partial report (**Appendix L, pp. 50-51**). Presbytery approved the following recommendation:

That Ron Haines be given seven minutes to report to Presbytery as the new Director of Disaster Relief for MNA/GA.

The partial report was continued in the afternoon.

42.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer, then recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

42.1014 WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, TE Tim Muse, led in worship. He preached from Matthew 5: 13, after which a memorial was read recognizing the service of RE William Cook of First Presbyterian, Jackson (**Appendix M, pp. 52f.**). After the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Super, worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer of thanksgiving for our food.

42.1015

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Sam Smith - chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the selfless service of the women of Trinity Presbyterian Church in being our hostesses for the day (No written report given).

42.1016

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. TE Derek Thomas - chairman, presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix K, pp. 35-49**). Internship reports which were submitted in writing for the presbytery (**pp. ?-?**) were received as information.

Presbytery approved the action of the committee acting as a commission which had allowed Mr. Rick Holbert to move onto the field as student supply for First, Philadelphia. [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(5).].

Presbytery approved the request of the session of First, Philadelphia, for Mr. Rick Holbert to serve as student supply for one year (**p. ?**).

Presbytery approved the request of the session of the Bailey Church to renew the stated supply relation with Dr. Paul Honomichl (**p. 23**).

Presbytery approved the internship of Mr. Chris McCune as complete, and approved his call by MTW (**pp. 38f.**). Pending his satisfactory ordination exam, presbytery approved the commission to ordain and install him as a missionary to Scotland with MTW.

Pending his satisfactory ordination exam, presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Chris McCune. The place of the ordination is to be at Pear Orchard Church, at 6:00 P.M. on August 17. His ordination commission is to be composed of:

TE Carl Kalberkamp	RE Ken Haynes
TE Jeff Elliott	RE Ken King
TE Richard Wiman	RE Lee McCarty
TE David Jussely (visitor)	RE Rod Russ
	RE Robert Rahaim

The quorum of the commission was set at two TEs and two REs.

Presbytery approved the call of Forest Presbyterian Church to TE Robert Hays (**p. 40**). This call falls below our agreed upon standards; however, it is to be a bi-vocational call and is thus approved

on that basis. His installation is to be held at Forest Presbyterian Church, August 17, at 6:00 P.M. Presbytery approved the following commission to install Dr. Hays:

TE Roger Collins, charge the pastor	RE Donald Dennis, charge the congregation
TE Jim Shull (visitor), preach	RE O.B. Triplett
TE Jim Stewart	RE Oliver Triplett
	RE Steve McNeil

The quorum for the commission is to be two TEs and two REs.

Candidate, Licensure and Internship Examinations

Presbytery examined Mr. Stephane Jeanrenaud, a senior at RTS who had been certified by the session of First Church, Jackson, for transferring his candidacy from James River Presbytery. Mr. Jeanrenaud was examined in experiential religion and call to the gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Steven Wright who had been certified by the session of Lebanon Church, Edwards, for candidacy. Mr. Wright, who has a Master's degree from Westminster in California was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Bill Wilder who had been certified by the session of First Church, Jackson for candidacy. Mr. Wilder was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-3. All areas were approved. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 18-3, which he answered in the affirmative, charged him and led in prayer. He was then entered on the roll of candidates.

Mr. Wilder was also examined for internship. Upon his successful answering of the questions mandated by the BCO, and by pronouncement of the moderator, he was entered upon the roll of interns in accord with BCO 19-9. He is to labor under Plan D at Belhaven College with TE Brad Mercer as his mentor.

Mr. Todd Rester was examined for internship. Upon his successful answering of the questions mandated by the BCO, and by pronouncement of the moderator, he was entered upon the roll of interns in accord with BCO 19-9. He is to labor under Plan D at St. Paul Church with TE Mark Duncan as his mentor.

Presbytery also approved allowing Mr. Rester to apply previous teaching and preaching work completed at St. Paul as 50% of the completion of internship teaching and preaching requirements.

Mr. Rick Stark, a 2002 graduate of RTS, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in English Bible, theology, and church government. His examination was sustained in all areas. Mr. Stark is a candidate of MVP. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards

without exception. He preached before the presbytery on the text Matt. 1:1-17. TE John Reeves - chairman of a commission to hear his sermon, reported that the commission approved it and it was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his licensure trials. His examination was sustained in whole, and upon satisfying the requirements of BCO 19-2, the questions of BCO 19-3, and the declaration of BCO 19-4, he was recognized as a licentiate of presbytery .

Mr. Rick Holbert, a 2003 graduate of RTS, and a candidate and intern of MVP, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in English Bible, theology and church government. His examination was sustained in all areas. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached before the Presbytery on the text Lk 4: 16-30. Darwin Jordan - chairman of a commission to hear his sermon, reported that the commission approved it and it was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his licensure trials. His examination was sustained in whole, and upon satisfying the requirements of BCO 19-2, the questions of BCO 19-3, and the declaration of BCO 19-4, he was recognized as a licentiate of presbytery .

Mr. Joel Kavanaugh, a student at RTS, and a candidate and intern of MVP, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in English Bible, theology and church government. His examination was sustained in all areas. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached before the Presbytery on the text Ruth 2. TE Billy Joseph - chairman of the commission appointed to hear his sermon, reported that the commission had approved it , and it was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his licensure trials. His examination was sustained in whole, and upon satisfying the requirements of BCO 19-2, the questions of BCO 19-3, and the declaration of BCO 19-4, he was recognized as a licentiate of presbytery .

Mr. Fernando Mejia, a student at RTS, and a candidate and intern of MVP, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in English Bible, theology and church government. His examination was sustained in all areas. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached before the presbytery on the text I Thess. 1: 2-10. TE Steve Jussely - chairman of a commission appointed to hear his sermon, reported that the commission approved it and it was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his licensure trials. His examination was sustained in whole, and upon satisfying the requirements of BCO 19-2, the questions of BCO 19-3, and the declaration of BCO 19-4, he was recognized as a licentiate of presbytery .

Ordination Examination

Presbytery examined Mr. Chris McCune for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. McCune, a candidate and intern in MVP, has completed his internship. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, church history, and the sacraments. TE Scott Reiber - chairman of the commission, reported that the commission appointed to hear it had approved his sermon on Mark 14, and it was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his ordination trials. His exams were sustained in every area. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages was recognized and approved. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

Presbytery received him as a member in good standing upon his signing the book of obligation and pending his ordination and installation as a missionary.

42.1017

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ reported on the present financial condition of presbytery (**Appendix J, pp. 31-34**). The report was received as information.

42.1018

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

RE Robert Bailey - chairman, presented the report of the proposed budget for 2004 (**Appendix J, p. 35**). Presbytery adopted the proposed budget of \$175,800.00.

42.1019

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE - Cont.

Jeff Elliott continued the report of the MNA committee (**Appendix L, pp. 50-51**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

That MVP hire Ken Roberts as an employee of MNA at half-time remuneration (20-30 hours a week) under the oversight of the MNA Choctaw sub-committee, with direct day-to-day accountability to TE Dan Gilchrist of the Carthage PCA;

That MVP set aside up to \$5000.00 (from MVP MNA Church Planting Fund) for moving expenses to move the Roberts from Arizona to Mississippi.

That TE Jesse Jacobs be allowed to pursue opening the Westminster (Meridian) building and start meetings and Bible studies in the neighborhood.

That a budget of \$1500.00 be approved for the project. The money is to be raised by Mr. Jacobs. (MNA has \$500.00 a month budgeted for 2003, \$250.00 a month for 2004.)

That presbytery allocate \$500.00 per month from the church planting fund to reopen the building and turn on the utilities.

That presbytery cover the full support for August and September 2003 (\$500.00 per month as budgeted, \$1000.00 per month for two months from MNA church planting fund) while Mr. Jacobs raises the other \$1000.00 a month for his support.

That an oversight sub-committee composed of TEs Bob Bates, Phillip Palmertree, Ed Hurley and two ruling elders from the area. Bob Bates is to be the regular contact with Mr. Jacobs. (This sub-committee will be asked to get monthly reports from TE Jacobs. A report and evaluation will be given to the MNA committee quarterly regarding the effectiveness of the work. Every six months a review and assessment will be done to evaluate the viability of the work by the sub-committee and the MNA committee. Although our desire will be for the church to develop and become viable, at

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this time we will commit to the project in a "probationary" way with a six-month reassessment, and if successful at that time, a reevaluation at the one year point. This sub-committee will also need to provide oversight and accountability for the finances of the project. Receipts and other documentation will be processed through this sub-committee.)

That MNA committee recommends that MVP place Children of Abraham Ministries under the certification recommended in the MVP standing rules VII,E.4.b).(7).

That \$2000.00 be set aside from the church planting fund for paying \$500.00 per month September through December for a Hispanic worker at Forest.

42.1020

SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Brister Ware - chairman, gave the report as follows: First Presbyterian Church of Union, approved with exceptions.

42.1021

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Scott Reiber of Westminster, Vicksburg was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

42.1020

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence for its November 4th stated meeting. It also accepted the invitation from First, Louisville for the February, 2004 meeting, the invitation from Highlands in Ridgeland for the May 2004 meeting, and the invitation of the North Park church for the August, 2004 meeting.

42.1021

READING OF THE MINUTES

TE Robert Hays - recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

42.1022

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. with prayer by TE Mike Ross.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Hays", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 4, 2003**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

43.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE Charlie McCool, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

43.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Paul Townsend Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Ralph Gordon
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Ted Sillers Tom Sanford
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burriss
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	O. B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Bob Nelson
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Frank York
	Bill Hughes	Jeff Hamm
	Jim Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Bill Wymond	Tom Rice
	Billy Joseph	
	Joe Holland	
Jackson, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum Ken Kammer

Church

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dean Rydbeck

Mark Duncan

Mike Ross

Scott Pierce

John Armstrong

Dale Van Ness

James Landrum

Sam Smith

Philip Palmertree

Robert Lane

Bob Bates

Charles Douglas

Darwin Jordon

Ted Mattis

Jeff Elliott

Carl Kalberkamp

Jason Edwards

Ed Hurley

Mat Baugh

Chris Shelton

Scott Reiber

Neil Stewart

Ruling Elder

Julius Murray

Bob Osborne

Jimmy Mardis

Charles Dykes

A

A

A

A

Gene Morrison

John M. Kimbrough

Roger Wiggins

Roland Byrd

Charles McCool

Niles McNeil

A

A

Richard Metz

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A

A

George Powe

Lee Atkinson

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A

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A

Kenneth King

Newell Simrall

A

A

A

Roy Huff

A

John Lanting

Gordon Sluis

Bob Bailey

Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Mark Lowery, Guy Waters, Bob Duhs, Bob Schwanebeck, Doug McCullough, Martin Marshall, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Ken Elliott, Paul Nasekos, Fred Marsh, Joey Wright, Bassam Chedid, and Chris Shelt.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** Ed Nalley, Jody Woodward, Rick Holbert, Steven Wright, Joel Kavanaugh, Paul Honomichl, Dave Tigrett, John Dawson, Hunter Brewer, John McKenzie, Allen Smith, Stephane Jeanreneau, Jason Gregory, and Bob Lewis.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Kaz Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, Barry Darnell, Don Malin and Chris McCune.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jessie Jacobs, Ed Hartman, Brad Mercer, Jimmy Turner, Richard Wiman, Derek Thomas, and Os Barnes.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Joe Easterling, Jud Davis, Mark Kreitzer, and Larry Wissell.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **43.1002.a.** above.

43.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Scott Reiber of the Westminster Church, Vicksburg, was elected moderator by acclamation.

43.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**). TE Dr. Guy Waters was approved by presbytery to replace TE Dr. Duncan Rankin on the committee to reply to the Russian proto-presbytery (see minutes - May 6, 2003, paragraph 41.1008) and the committee, which was slated to report at this meeting, was allowed to postpone its report until February 2004.

43.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **43.1002, c.** above.

43.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Ligon Duncan introduced Stephane Morgan, from the staff of Twin Lakes, who welcomed presbytery.

43.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Bob Lane - convener, RE George Powe, and RE Jimmy Mardis.

43.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **43.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to install TE Robert Hays as the pastor of the Forest Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p.14**). The report was received and ratified as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to ordain and install Chris McCune as a Missionary Evangelist of MS Valley Presbytery, who is to serve with MTW in Scotland (**Appendix C, p. 15**). The report was received and ratified as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that the Wynndale Church has called TE Charles Douglas. The call was referred to the Credentials Committee.

The stated clerk reported that First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia has called Richard Holbert. The call was referred to the Credentials Committee.

The stated clerk reported that Lakeland Presbyterian Church of Brandon has called Hunter Brewer. The call was referred to the Credentials Committee.

The stated clerk read a report from TE Bob Schwanebeck concerning his 'out of bounds' ministry at Palmer Home. It was referred to the Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk advised presbytery of the annual report received from TE Kaz Yaegashi. It was received as information. The stated clerk advised presbytery of the request from TE John Kyle to continue to labor out of bounds. The request was referred to the Advisory Committee.

Presbytery voted on proposed BCO changes regarding the wording of the Lord's supper sent to it by the GA. The vote was: For: 60, Against: 3, Abstain: 0.

43.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the place of Treasurer RE Rod Russ, RE Bob Bailey presented the report (**Appendix D, pp. 28 - 31**). It was received as information.

(The chairman of the Christian Education committee was not present. That docketed report was postponed until later in the day.)

43.1014

WORSHIP

TE Sam Smith led in worship on behalf of Retiring Moderator RE Charlie McCool. TE Smith preached from Ephesians 1:1-14 on the "Mystery, Magnitude, and Moment of the Work of God." Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer.

43.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

TE Robert Hays read the morning minutes. They were approved as read.

43.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Bob Lane - chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of the staff of Twin Lakes Conference Center as follows:

The members of MS Valley Presbytery would like to express their heart felt appreciation to First Presbyterian Church and the staff of Twin Lakes Conference Center for the wonderful hospitality extended to the presbytery at our November meeting. As always, the staff went the extra mile in their service to us, the food was wonderful, and the opportunity to meet in such a beautiful setting was greatly enjoyed. We pray God's continued blessing upon the ministry of Twin Lakes. Thank you.

43.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. In the place of TE Derek Thomas - chairman, TE Phillip Palmertree presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix E, pp. 37 - 51**). Internship reports which were submitted in writing for the presbytery were received as information (**pp. 40 - 51**).

Presbytery approved the actions of the committee in its actions as a commission:

1. Transferred Candidate David Storumt, an intern in MVP, to the care of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, upon his own request [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(6)].
2. Transferred Candidate Chad Bailey to the care of Covenant Presbytery upon his own request [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(6)].
3. Transferred Candidate Rohan Crown to the care of Pacific Northwest Presbytery upon his own request [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(6)].
4. Transferred Candidate Fernando Mejia to the care of Southwest Florida Presbytery upon his own request [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(6)].

5. Granted permission for Dr. Bill Barclay to move onto the field as stated supply for the Lebanon Church, Learned, prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(5)].

Examinations - Candidates and Interns

Presbytery examined Mr. David Herring, a middler at RTS who had been certified by the session of Trinity Church, Jackson, for candidacy. Mr. Herring was examined in experiential religion and call to the Gospel ministry, as required by BCO 18-2,3. All areas were approved, and upon his affirmative answering of the questions of BCO 18-3, propounded by the moderator, and upon charging and prayer by the same, he was entered on the roll of candidates.

Mr. Herring was also examined for internship. Upon his successful answering of the questions mandated by the BCO, and by pronouncement of the moderator, he was entered upon the roll of interns in accord with BCO 19-9. He is to labor under Plan E at Trinity Church with TE Scott Pierce as his mentor. All work done since June, 2003 was approved as being applied to his requirements.

Mr. Jason Gregory was examined for internship. Upon his successful answering of the questions mandated by the BCO, and by pronouncement of the moderator, he was entered upon the roll of interns in accord with BCO 19-9. He is to labor under Plan D with RUF at Belhaven College, with TE Derek Thomas as his mentor. Presbytery allowed all work done since September 2003 to count toward his completion.

Mr. Stephane Jeanrenaud, a candidate in MVP, was examined and approved for transfer of internship per BCO 19-11. Presbytery approved his internship, under Plan B at First, Jackson, with TE Brad Mercer as mentor. As he has completed a portion of his internship requirements in James River Presbytery, the committee recommends that presbytery allow work done since June, 2002, be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than fifty percent. The recommendation was approved.

Mr. John McKenzie, a candidate in MVP, was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Presbytery approved his internship, under Plan E at Trinity, Jackson, with TE Scott Pierce as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing work done at Trinity since June, 2003, be applied toward internship requirements.

Mr. Allen Smith, a candidate in MVP, was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Presbytery approved his internship, under Plan E at Trinity, Jackson, with TE Scott Pierce as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing work done at Trinity since June, 2003, be applied toward internship requirements.

Mr. Jody Woodward, a candidate in MVP, was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Presbytery approved his internship, under Plan B, at First, Jackson, with TE Brister Ware as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing work done at First, Jackson, since June, 2003, be applied toward internship requirements.

Mr. Steven Wright, a candidate in MVP, was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Presbytery approved his internship, under Plan D, at Lebanon, Learned, with TE Scott Reiber as mentor.

Dr. Bill Barclay was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-1,2. Dr. Barclay is a minister in good standing in the OPC and serves as Professor of New Testament at RTS. He answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative, and after prayer was declared licensed by the moderator. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Examinations - Ordination

Presbytery examined Mr. Hunter Brewer for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. Brewer completed his internship in Evangel Presbytery. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, church history, and the sacraments. His sermon on II Sam 11 was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his ordination trials. His exams were sustained in every area. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages was recognized and approved. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. Presbytery received him as a member in good standing upon his signing the book of obligation and pending his ordination and installation as assistant pastor of the Lakeland Church of Brandon.

Presbytery examined Mr. Rick Holbert, a candidate, intern, and licentiate in MVP, for ordination per BCO 21-4. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and call to the ministry, theology, the government of the Presbyterian Church in America, church history, and the sacraments. His previous licensure sermon was accepted by presbytery as fulfilling that part of his ordination trials. His exams were sustained in every area. The fulfillment of necessary requirements concerning original languages was recognized and approved. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. Presbytery received him as a member in good standing upon his signing the book of obligation and pending his ordination and installation as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia.

Presbytery approved the following administrative recommendations:

1. That the request of Lebanon, Learned, for Dr. Bill Barclay to serve as stated supply be approved.
2. That the call of Lakeland, Brandon, to Hunter Brewer be approved. The terms are within presbytery guidelines (**Appendix C, p. 17**).
3. That the commission to ordain and install Hunter Brewer as assistant pastor, Lakeland Presbyterian, Brandon, be approved as follows:

TE Steve Jussely - convener
RE Tom Sanford
TE Ted Mattis
RE Ted Sillers
RE Douglas Welch
RE Mike Barnett

TE Jim Baird
RE Mike Barnett
RE Royal White
RE Ken Sheppard
RE Ed Nalley
RE Royal White

Approved guests are to be TE Bill Whitwer, Evangel Presbytery, RE Dr. Sam Brewer, Evangel Presbytery, and TE Dr. Richard Pratt, RTS Orlando.

The date is to be November 23, 2003, at 10:30 AM, and the place is to be the Lakeland Church. The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

4. That the internship of Rick Holbert be approved as complete.
5. That the call of First, Philadelphia, to Rick Holbert be approved. Terms are within presbytery guidelines **(Appendix C, p. 4)**.
6. That the commission to ordain and install Rick Holbert as pastor, First, Philadelphia be approved as follows:

TE Brister Ware	RE Charles McClain
TE Billy Joseph - convener	RE O.D. Jackson
TE Bill Hughes	RE Hugh Thomasson
TE Bob Schwanebeck	RE Harlan Majure
	RE Howard Hunt

The date is to be November 16, 2003 at 11:00 AM, and the place is to be at First, Philadelphia. The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

7. That the call of Wynndale, Terry, to TE Charles Douglas be approved. Terms are within presbytery guidelines **(Appendix C, p. 16)**.
8. That the commission to install TE Charles Douglas as pastor of Wynndale, Terry, be approved as follows:

TE Roger Collins - charge to pastor	RE Gary Pope
TE John Reeves	RE George Hand
TE Bob Duhs - preach & convene	RE Ray Huff
TE Ed Johnston	RE Sonny Smathers
	RE Keith Kent
	RE Gafford Alderson

The date is to be November 23, 2003 at 5:00 PM, and the place is to be at Wynndale Church, Terry. The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

9. That the internship of Joel Kavanaugh be approved as complete.
10. That the internship of Leonard Siems be approved as complete.
11. That Bailey Adams be removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his own request.
12. That Tommy Sainata be removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his own request.

13. That Richard Sutton be removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his own request.

43.1018

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Bebo Elkin - chairman, presented the report.

Presbytery approved that TE John Kyle, TE Jimmy Turner, TE Mark Lowery, and TE Bob Schwanebeck be allowed to continue working outside the bounds of presbytery in their respective ministries.

Presbytery went into executive session. The ruling elders from St. Paul who were not duly elected representatives were allowed to remain. Presbytery rose from executive session and passed the following recommendation:

That the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Mark Duncan and St. Paul Presbyterian Church be approved as requested by vote of the congregation.

3. That a study committee to lead the presbytery in an examination of what is referred to as the New Perspective on Paul and in the related teachings coming out of Auburn Avenue be established to facilitate the study of the issues by the whole of the presbytery through regular reports and/or instruction provided to each stated meeting of presbytery over the course of one year. The committee is to bring a report by the November 2004 meeting for action at the February 2005 meeting. The committee is to be composed of TE Ligon Duncan (chairman), TE Guy Waters, TE Matt Baugh, TE John Reeves, TE Jim Landrum, RE Ed Prisock, RE Ken Kammer, RE Lee Atkinson, RE Bob Cato, and RE Bebo Elkin.

43.1019

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott - chairman, gave the report of the MNA committee.

TE Bassam Chedid presented a report on the work of 'Children of Abraham Ministries'.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That Ken Roberts's call be adjusted as follows: Salary: \$35,600, Insurance: \$9700, Ministry Expenses: \$5040, RTS: \$5000 — to be paid directly to RTS by partnership, and Annuity: \$3600. Total package: \$58,940.
2. That \$1105.18 be approved to cover the expenses for a house hunting trip recently taken the Roberts family, to be taken from the church planting fund.
3. That member churches be encouraged to attend Embers to a Flame revitalization conferences to the point of presbytery's offering a full scholarship for any church sending a TE and a RE to one of these conferences.

43.1020 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

RE Bob Osborne - chairman, gave the report.

TE Matt Baugh gave a report of his work teaching in Haiti.

Presbytery approved the recommendation that REs and TEs from our presbytery be encouraged to attend the MTW Global Conference in Atlanta in the fall of 2004.

43.1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Jim Hallum of the Administration Committee reported that Bailey, Lakeland, Tchula, and Lexington churches had turned in sessional records, all of which were approved without exception.

TE Martin Marshall gave a report on his work in Jamaica which has come to an end prematurely.

43.1022 Nominations -cont.-

TE Gilchrist continued his report. Presbytery elected the following men to become presbytery's nominees for permanent GA committees and offices as follows:

CE&P	TE Jeff Elliott
Constitutional Business	TE John Reeves
MTW	TE Richard Wiman, RE Hugh Potts
RUM	TE Joe Holland
Standing Judicial Commission	TE Mike Ross
Trustee of Covenant College	TE Bob Lane
Covenant Theological Seminary	TE Joe Easterling
RBI (formerly IAR)	RE Doug McDaniel

43.1022 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE John Fair of Louisville PCA was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

43.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of Louisville for the February 3, 2004 stated meeting. It had previously also accepted the invitation from Highlands in Ridgeland for the May 2004 meeting, and the invitation of North Park for the August 2004 meeting.

43.1024 READING OF THE MINUTES

TE Robert Hays - recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

43.1022

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 3, 2004**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS**

44.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Scott Reiber called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

44.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland		Ed Nalley
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	O. B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods		Willie Cockroft
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Joe Holland	Edmun Johnston
	Jim Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Bill Hughes	H. Richard Johnson
	Billy Joseph	
	Brad Mercer	
	Derek Thomas	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Bob Osborne

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity		Shelby Watts John Williams
Kosciusko, First	Scott Pierce	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna	Edward Hartman	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Dale Van Ness	A
Louisville, Covenant	James Landrum	Roger Wiggins Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Sam Smith	Walter Riddell
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Phillip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		Joe Davis
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Bates	A
Newton, Newton		George Powe
Pearl, Pearl		Lee Atkinson
Philadelphia, First	Rick Holbert	Charles McClain
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Darwin Jordon	Richard Dixon
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Kenneth King
	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Jason Edwards	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak	Ed Hurley	A
Tchula, Tchula	Matt Baugh	A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Raymon Huff
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Jim Moore
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Bob Walker
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second	Neil Stewart	Tommy Peaster

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Mark Lowery, Guy Waters, Bob Duhs, Bob Schwanebeck, Chris Shelt, Os Barnes, Bill Bradford, Mark Duncan, Martin Marshall, Blake Purcell, and Bassam Chedid.

c. The following visitors were registered: David Gilbert, Hugh Acton, Glenn Peters, Bobby Smyth, Michael Cravens, John Dawson, Ken Roberts, Steve Lanier, Tim Haiwes, Kevin Hudson, Rick Stark, Fred Greco, Allen Smith, Bert Kuyrkendall, and Way Rutherford.

- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Fred Marsh, Kaz Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, Barry Darnell, and Chris McCune.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Hunter Brewer, John Reeves, Mike Ross, Steve Jussely, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Bob Lane, John Armstrong, Merle Messer, Doug McCullough, and Don Malin.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Jud Davis, Mark Kreitzer, Larry Wissell, Jesse Jacobs, Ken Elliott, Jimmy Turner, Bill Wymond, and Joey Wright.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **44.1002.a.** above.

44.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE John Fair of the First Presbyterian Church, Louisville was elected moderator by acclamation.

44.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p.12**).

44.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **44.1002, c.** above.

44.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Sam Smith welcomed presbytery to First Presbyterian Church of Louisville.

44.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Bob Schwanebeck - convener, TE Rick Holbert, and RE George Powe.

44.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **44.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the reports of the commissions to install TE Charles Douglas as the pastor of the Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry; TE Hunter Brewer as Assistant Pastor of Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Brandon; and TE Rick Holbert as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. The reports were received and adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, pp. 13ff.**).

The stated clerk reported that calls had been received for TE Hugh Acton, Pearl and Rick Stark, Trinity. The calls were referred to the Credentials Committee for report at their scheduled time.

Also calls had been received for TE Wes Baker and TE Bill Bradford from the Iglesia Presbyteriana del Peru. These were referred to Credentials Committee for report in May.

The stated clerk reported that TE Blake Purcell had been received into Missouri Presbytery pending our release of him. He moved that presbytery approve the transfer. The motion failed.

On motion of the stated clerk, TE Paul Nasekos was transferred to Covenant Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven, Florida, a congregation of Southwest Florida Presbytery.

The stated clerk advised presbytery of reports received from TE Gary Johnson and TE Mark Lowery (**Appendix D, pp. 18f.**). These were referred to Advisory Committee for report at the next stated meeting.

44.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the place of Treasurer RE Rod Russ, the stated clerk presented the report. It was received as information (**Appendix E, pp. 21-24**).

44.1010 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Roger Collins, chairman, gave the report. He reported, as required, on the recommended change to our Standing Rules proposed in our last meeting. Presbytery approved by the required two thirds vote the following alternative proposal as a first reading to change Standing Rule Article III, F.2. to read, "Ruling Elders who have died during the previous calendar year shall be memorialized at the first stated meeting of the subsequent year in conjunction with the communion service." (This was offered as a substitute for the proposed change to that same rule which was approved at the November 2003 stated meeting. Since this motion prevailed, it, in effect, killed consideration of the previous proposed change, and so became the first reading to change the Standing Rules.)

44.1011 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer at 10:00 AM.

44. 1012 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes before worship.

44.1013 WORSHIP

Memorials were read to recognize the lives and faithful service of the following ruling elders: Leo Jarvis, William McCann, Moses Triplett, Ira "Al" Chadick, William Cook, Calvin Wells, and Erskine Wells (**Appendix F, pp. 25-35**).

The retiring moderator, TE Scott Reiber, led in worship. He preached from Acts 20:17-31. After the sermon, presbytery celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer.

44.1014 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays read the morning minutes. They were approved as read. Presbytery became a committee of the whole to read sessional minutes.

44.1015 LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Bob Schwanebeck, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of the volunteers of the host church as follows:

The Presbytery of MS Valley has been blessed today by the gracious hospitality of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville. We are thankful to God for this church's long standing and faithful ministry and their continued faithfulness to God's work and to the work of the Presbytery. To Pastor Sam Smith and the Session we express our gratitude for allowing us to use their facilities for this meeting. To the ladies of First Presbyterian Church, we thank you for making our day so enjoyable. The refreshments, decorations, and delicious meal are all evidence of your good hearts and your love for Christ and his Church. Thank you for giving up your day so that our day might be so blessed.

/S/ TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Rick Holbert, and RE George Powe

44.1016

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. Presbytery rose from being a committee of the whole for the review of sessional records. TE Derek Thomas, chairman, presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix H, pp. 37-49**). Internship reports which were submitted in writing for the presbytery (**pp. 39-49**) were received as information.

Presbytery approved the actions of the committee acting as a commission which:

1. Transferred the candidacy and internship of Andy Coburn to North Georgia Presbytery, upon his own request [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(6).];
2. Granted TE Hugh Acton permission to move onto the field of Pearl Presbyterian Church [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(5).];
3. Granted Rick Stark permission to move onto the field of Trinity Presbyterian Church [Standing Rules, VII.E.3.b).(5).].

**Examinations
Candidates and Interns**

Presbytery examined David Gilbert for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Gilbert, a member of Lakeland, Brandon, is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the Presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO and charging by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved his application for internship, under Plan D at Second, Yazoo City, with TE Neil Stewart as mentor. Presbytery also approved applying work already done as completing 50% of his preaching and teaching requirements, and that work done since September 2002 be applied.

Presbytery examined John Dawson for transfer of his candidacy from Covenant Presbytery per BCO 18-7. Mr. Dawson, a member of Brandon Presbyterian Church, is a 2002 graduate of Covenant Seminary, a 2003 graduate of the Faculte Libre de Theologie Reformee in France, and has been a candidate in Covenant since 1999. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and since he is transferring his candidacy, he did not have to answer the required questions again. Upon charging by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved his enrollment on the list of interns. He is to do his internship under plan A at Brandon, with TE Tim Muse as mentor. Presbytery also approved applying work already done as completing 50% of his teaching and preaching requirements, and that work done since September 2003 be applied as well.

Presbytery examined Way Rutherford for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Gilbert, a member of Christ Presbyterian, Oxford, is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO and charging by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved his application for internship, under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church,

Jackson, with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor. Presbytery also approved applying work done since August 2003 be applied.

Examinations Ordination

Presbytery examined RE Fred Greco for licensure per BCO 19-2, 5. Mr. Greco, a junior at RTS, is a candidate and licentiate in Great Lakes Presbytery. Mr. Greco preached a sermon on Psalm 2. It was approved as satisfactory. He declared his embrace of the Westminster standards without exception. Upon answering the questions mandated by the BCO 19-3, prayer, and the reading of the words of BCO-19-4, he was enrolled as a licentiate.

Presbytery examined TE Hugh Acton for transfer from Grace Presbytery, which had given its permission for him to move, per BCO 13-6. Presbytery examined him in the area of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Acton declared his embrace of the Westminster standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer upon his signing the book of obligation and his installation.

Presbytery examined Mr. Rick Stark for ordination per BCO 21-4. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His internship had been completed in Southeast Alabama Presbytery. Since he had been licensed by MVP, his previous licensure exam sermon was accepted as completing that part of the ordination exam. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. Upon his signing the book of obligation, and his ordination and installation, he will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations of the committee:

1. That the call of TE Hugh Acton to Pearl Presbyterian be approved (**Appendix C, p. 16**).
2. The date of the installation is to be Feb. 8, 2004 at 6:00 PM at Pearl Presbyterian. That the following commission to install Mr. Acton be approved:

TE Robert Hays, convener
TE Scott Reiber
TE Ed Johnson

RE David Crane
RE Lee Atkinson
RE George Powe
RE Donald Dennis

Invited Guests:

TE Joseph Pipa, preacher

RE Dr. Charles Probst (Grace Presbytery)

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

3. That the call of Trinity, Jackson to Rick Stark be approved (**Appendix D, p. 17**).
4. The date of the ordination is to be February 8, 2004, at 6:00 PM at Trinity, Jackson. That the following commission to ordain and install Mr. Stark be approved:

TE Mike Ross, convener
TE Carl Kalberkamp
TE David Jussely
RE John Williams

RE Todd Barrett
RE Lee McCarty
RE Newell Simrall
RE Tom Day
RE Joe Goodwin

Invited Guests:

TE Gary Spooner - preacher

TE John Hardie

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

5. Presbytery approved the removal Matt Nasekos from the rolls of candidates and interns at his own request.

6. Presbytery approved allowing candidate and intern Steven Wright to apply three years of previous full time ministry to stand in lieu of six months of full time internship work required by the plan under which he was approved at the last meeting of presbytery.

44.1017

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of TE Steve Jussely, chairman, the stated clerk presented the report. Presbytery elected the following men to the committees of commissioners for the 32nd General Assembly:

RULING ELDERS

1. Administration

John Lanting Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS

3. Christian Education

Owen Elder First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

5. Covenant Seminary

Ken King Pear Orchard Presbyterian, Ridgeland, MS

7. Interchurch Relations

Lee Owen First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

9. Mission to North America

Orin Swayze First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

11. PCA Foundation

Ed Nalley Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

TEACHING ELDERS

2. Bills and Overtures

Mike Ross Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

4. Covenant College

Dale Van Ness First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, MS

6. PCA Retirement & Benefits

Dan Gilchrist First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, MS

8. Mission to the World

Merle Messer Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

10. Ridge Haven

TE Richard Wiman addressed presbytery challenging the members of presbytery to take vision trips.

44.1020 COMMITTEE ON PAEDO-COMMUNION

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix N, p. 56**). TE Duncan said the report is to be ready in its final form no later than March 1, and it is to be voted on at the May 4, 2004 meeting. The report was received as information.

44.1021 COMMITTEE ON NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix L, p. 55**). TE Duncan said the report is to be presented to presbytery at the November 2004 meeting for adoption at the February 2005 meeting.

44.1022 SESSIONAL RECORDS COMMITTEE

TE Brister Ware presented the report. The following sessional records were approved as written: Belzoni, First - Jackson, First - Kosciusko, First - Louisville, First - Philadelphia, First - Yazoo City, Forest, Highlands, Macon, Pearl, Westminster - Vicksburg, North Park, and Brandon.

The following minutes were approved with exceptions: Trinity, First - Madison, Lebanon, Alta Woods, Second - Yazoo City.

Thirty three churches did not submit minutes.

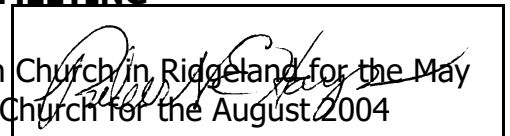
44.1024 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

44.1025 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Jim Stewart of the First Presbyterian Church was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

44.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland for the May 2004 meeting and the invitation of the North Park Presbyterian Church for the August 2004 meeting.

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44.1027

READING OF THE MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.


44.1028

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,


Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 4, 2004**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS**

45.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE John Fair, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

45.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larkin Chapman
	Richard Cobb	
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Scott High
	Hunter Brewer	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Louis Lavallee
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston
	Jim Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Bill Hughes	Richard Johnson
	Brad Mercer	Barry Vickery
	Derek Thomas	

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park

Dean Rydbeck
Robert Dieckman

Elliott Bickerstaff

Jackson, St. Paul

Mike Ross

Jimmy Mardis

Jackson, Trinity

Scott Pierce

John Marchetti

Rick Stark

Kosciusko, First

John Armstrong

A

Kosciusko, Smyrna

A

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

A

Learned, Lebanon

A

Lexington, First

Dale Van Ness

John Kimbrough III

Louisville, Covenant

James Landrum

A

Louisville, First

Sam Smith

John Fair

Macon, Center Point

A

Macon, Macon

Phillip Palmertree

A

Madden, Carolina

Jimmy Davidson

Richard Metz

Madison, First

Robert Lane

Ron Gaines

Meridian, Northpointe

A

Newton, Newton

A

Pearl, Pearl

Hugh Acton

George Powe

David Crane

Philadelphia, First

Rick Holbert

A

Pickens, Pickens

A

Pickens, Shiloh

A

Raymond, Raymond

Jud Davis

A

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ted Mattis

David Fowler

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Jeff Elliott

Rod Russ

Carl Kalberkamp

Kenneth King

Jason Edwards

Scooba, Scooba

A

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Ed Hurley

A

Tchula, Tchula

Matt Baugh

A

Terry, Wynndale

Charles Douglas

Ray Huff

Union, First

Chris Shelton

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

John Lansing

Yazoo City, First

Joe Easterling

A

Yazoo City, Second

Neil Stewart

Bob Cato

Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Ken Elliott, Guy Waters, Bob Duhs, Bob Schwanebeck, Chris Shelt, Mark Duncan, Martin Marshall, Guy Richardson, Joey Wright, Jesse Jacobs, Don Malin, and Doug McCullough.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** Bob Osborne, John Dawson, Ben & Beth Hailey, Bob Valentine, Ed Nalley, Steven Wright, Allen Smith, Al Ward, Jason Gregory, David Gilbert, Jack Raplee, Larry Mills, Richard Dixon, Bob Lewis, and Ken Roberts.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, William Bradford, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Fred Marsh, Kaz Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, Barry Darnell, and Chris McCune.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bob Bates, Larry Wissell, Mark Kreitzer, Mark Lowery, Joe Holland, Ed Hartman, Os Barnes, Blake Purcell, and Dan Gilchrist. In addition, Carl Kalberkamp's and Scott Reiber's requests to be excused for the afternoon session were approved.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Ed Johnson, Paul Long, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Wymond, and Joey Wright.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **45.1002.a.** above.

45.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Jim Stewart of the First Presbyterian Church - Jackson was elected moderator by acclamation.

45.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

45.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **45.1002, c.** above.

45.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Ted Mattis welcomed presbytery to Highlands Presbyterian Church.

45.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Billy Joseph - chairman, RE Noel Toler, and RE Dick Johnson.

The moderator appointed a Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE John Reeves - chairman, TE Jim Landrum, and RE Edmund Johnson.

45.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **45.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the reports of the commissions to install TE Hugh Acton as the pastor of the Pearl Presbyterian Church and Richard Stark as Assistant Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, pp. 13f**). The reports were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that a call from the presbytery was in hand for Ben Hailey to serve Reformed University Ministries at Hinds Community College. The call was referred to the Credentials Committee for report at their scheduled time (**Appendix C, p. 14**).

Calls were received for Wes Baker and Bill Bradford from the Iglesia Presbiteriana del Peru. The Credentials postponed consideration until our next stated meeting.

The stated clerk received a letter from Belhaven College requesting that TE Chris Shelt be called to serve that institution (**Appendix D, pp. 16f.**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported that TE Darwin Jordan had asked to be released from duty on the Advisory Committee, and that someone else be named to replace him (**Appendix E, p. 18**). The request to step down was granted and the matter of his replacement referred to the Nominations Committee.

The stated clerk read a letter from Highlands Presbyterian (**Appendix F, p. 19**) asking presbytery's concurrence in their request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between them and TE Darwin Jordan. It was sent to the Advisory Committee for report later.

The stated clerk received a request from TE Mark Duncan (**Appendix G, pp. 20f.**) to transfer his membership to Grace Covenant Church of Texarkana, Arkansas and a request from the same church for transfer. This is a congregation of the Confederation of Reformed Evangelicals. The request was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from TE Barry Darnell (**Appendix H, p. 22**) asking to demit the ministry and be transferred to North Macon Presbyterian Church. It was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported on an email from TE Mark Kreitzer (**Appendix I, p. 23**) in which he announces his desire to accept a teaching position at Montreat College in Biblical and Religious Studies. His plan is to transfer to Western Carolina Presbytery. It was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported that TE Blake Purcell had requested transfer to Missouri Presbytery. It was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from TE Martin Marshall (**Appendix J, p. 24**) requesting that he be granted honorable retirement. It was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report.

The stated clerk reported that ministry updates had been received from TE Kaz Yaegashi and TE Clay Quarterman (**Appendix K, pp. 25f.**). They were received as information.

The stated clerk explained that a letter had been received under the signatures of D. James Kennedy and Peter Lillback requesting presbytery to endorse the Federal Marriage Amendment Act. This was accompanied by a proposed overture to the 32nd PCA General Assembly (**Appendix L, pp. 32f.**). They were referred to the Bills and Overtures Standing Committee for later report.

45.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented the report (**Appendix M, pp. 33-36**). It was received as information.

Presbytery authorized the treasurer to execute the required documents to release the deed of trust upon receipt of final payment for the sale of the property of the former Rolling Fork church.

45.1010

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Robert Osborne gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That our churches be invited to send their Missions Chairmen to the next committee meeting on July 1, 12:30 p.m. at North Park Presbyterian Church to report briefly on what the various churches are doing in the area of missions, and to develop a network on policies and ministry vision.
2. That the churches of presbytery be informed that scholarship money is available to help send representatives to MTW's Global Missions Conference in November in Atlanta.
3. That the Alan Smith family be supported with presbytery funds at \$100.00 a month for up to five years. Alan shared his vision for ministry to Peru.

45.4011

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Jeff Elliott, chairman of the committee, presented the report.

Ken Roberts reported on his work with the Choctaw Indians. TE Jesse Jacobs reported on his work in Meridian. TE Tim Muse reported on the work of the Disaster Preparedness Sub-committee. Pablo Carli reported on his Hispanic ministry work in Forest.

Presbytery approved a commission from the MNA committee to serve as a borrowed session and oversee the work of a multi-ethnic church plant on the property of Trinity Presbyterian Church. That commission is made up of TE Jeff Elliott, TE Bob Duhs, RE Shelby Watts - convener, RE Paul Adams, RE Wynn Kenyon and RE Edmund Johnston.

MNA referred to the Administration Committee per our Standing Rules, Article VII, C, 3. a recommendation to establish a line item entitled General Disaster Response Fund to be set up for contributions. Further that the Administration Committee report back on a recommendation to establish a designated line item to channel funds for the multi-ethnic church plant at Trinity.

45. 1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

45.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes in preparation for worship.

45.1014

WORSHIP

At the request of Retiring Moderator RE John Fair, TE Bob Schwanebeck led in worship. He preached from II Corinthians 4. The topic was "Do Not Lose Heart." Worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and a prayer.

45.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays read the morning minutes. They were approved as read.

45.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Billy Joseph, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of the volunteers of the host church, to wit:

In recognition of the gracious invitation by the session of Highlands Presbyterian Church to worship and conduct business of MVP in their church, in recognition of TE

Bob Schwanebeck for his encouraging preaching in worship, in recognition of TE Jim Stewart for his able leadership as our moderator, and in recognition of the efforts of the women of Highlands Presbyterian Church for their wonderful and gracious hospitality, we the members of MVP unanimously give thanks for these blessings.

45.1017 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. TE Steve Jussely, chairman of the committee, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following Advisory Committee nominations:

RE Bob Dieckman Class of 2004 to replace TE Darwin Jordon
TE Hunter Brewer Class of 2006 to replace RE Ed Prisock
RE Tom Sanford Alternate

45.1018 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Derek Thomas, chairman, presented the report (**Appendix N, pp. 37-53**). Internship reports which were submitted in writing for the presbytery (**pp. 38-53**) were received as information.

Examinations Candidates and Interns

Presbytery examined Jack Raplee for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Raplee, a member of First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the Presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO 18-3 and charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Examinations Licensure

Presbytery examined Alan Smith for licensure per BCO 19-1, 2. Mr. Smith is a candidate and intern of MVP. He was examined in all areas required by the BCO and all were sustained. He declared his embrace of the Westminster standards without exception. Mr. Smith preached a sermon on Hebrews 11:8-10, which was accepted as sustaining that part of the licensure trials. His examination was sustained as a whole. The moderator asked the questions of BCO 19-4, which Mr. Smith answered in the affirmative. The moderator led in prayer. Mr. Smith was recognized as a licentiate in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Examinations Ordination

Presbytery examined Ben Hailey for ordination per BCO 21-4. His internship had been completed in Covenant Presbytery. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He

was examined in all areas required by the BCO and all areas were sustained. He preached a sermon on Hebrews 1:1-4 and it was approved. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. Upon his signing the book of obligation, and his ordination and installation, he will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations of the committee:

1. That the call of Ben Hailey to be the RUM campus minister at Hinds Community College be approved **(Appendix C, p. 14)**.

2. That his ordination/installation be held at Raymond Presbyterian Church on June 4 at 6:00 P.M. The following commission to install Mr. Hailey was approved:

TE Roger Collins, convener	RE Ron Gaines
TE Bob Lane	RE Steve McNair
TE Jud Davis	RE Bebo Elkin
TE John Reeves	RE Van Hobbs

Guests: TE Ricky Jones (Covenant Presbytery)
TE Tim Starnes (Covenant Presbytery)

3. That the internship of Richie Sessions be approved as completed.

45.1019 MNA COMMITTEE REPORT -Cont.-

TE Jeff Elliott, chairman, continued the committee's report.

The stated clerk reported that the Administration Committee had met and approved the recommended line item changes to the budget and presbytery approved their recommendation (see 45.1011, 6, 7 on p. [574](#)).

45.1020 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON 'CALLS'

TE Phillip Palmertree presented the report **(Appendix Q, p 56.)**. Presbytery approved the following recommendation.

That MVP accept as a first reading the following proposed addition to the Standing Rules as item VII.E.3.b)(9):

In response to an organization's request which is in keeping with BCO 8-7 for a man to labor out-of-bounds, an official ecclesiastical call will be drafted by the committee for presbytery to issue to the man, so that standards of the Book of Church Order are met and the relevant issues arising from U.S. tax law are noted.

45.1021

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Bebo Elkin, chairman, presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

- 1. That we issue a call to TE Chris Shelt as from presbytery according to the terms spelled out by Belhaven College **(Appendix D, p. 16)**. That call is to be drawn up by the stated clerk.
- 2. That we concur with Highlands Presbyterian Church's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between them and TE Darwin Jordan **(Appendix F, p. 19)**.
- 3. That we allow TE Darwin Jordon to transfer to North Texas Presbytery pending their reception.
- 4. That TE Mark Duncan's request to transferred to Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of the Confederation of Reformed Evangelicals be denied and that he be removed from the roll of MVP noting that he uniting with a denomination not recognized by the Presbyterian Church in America **(Appendix G, p. 20)**.
- 5. That we dismiss TE Mark Kreitzer to Western Carolina Presbytery pending his reception there **(Appendix I, p. 23)**.
- 6. That MVP approve the request of TE Martin Marshall to be honorably retired **(Appendix J, p. 24)**.
- 7. That the transfer of TE Blake Purcell into Missouri Presbytery be approved pending his being received and his change of stateside residence within geographical bounds of Missouri Presbytery.

Presbytery entered into executive session. We rose from executive session and approved the following:

MVP accepted this charge from the Advisory Committee and adopted it as its own:

In the name of the Presbyterian Church in America, TE Barry Darnell is hereby charged with violation of his ordination vow (BCO 21-5 &7) to "engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock..." and has hereby sinned against the peace, unity and purity of the Church, and the honor and majesty of the Lord Jesus Christ, as the King and Head thereof."

Presbytery initiated judicial process according to BCO 32-3 in the case of TE Darnell:

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| 1. | MVP appointed as prosecutor RE Will Thompson, |
| 2. | Approved the above charge as the indictment. |
| 3. | Set the date for a called meeting of presbytery for Tuesday, June 8, 2004 at Trinity Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m. |

45.1022 COMMITTEE ON PAEDO-COMMUNION

TE Ligon Duncan presented the report (**Appendix Q, p 58**). It was received as a preliminary report on the issue which was initiated by a request from the Russian presbytery and TE Blake Purcell.

45.1023 COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL/AUBURN AVENUE THEOLOGY

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman, presented an oral report on the ongoing work of the committee. The report will be presented in full at a later meeting, and a vote on it is to be taken at that time.

45.1024 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (SESSIONAL RECORDS)

TE Roger Collins presented the report. The following sessional minutes were approved without exception: Carolina, Grace, and St, Paul. The following minutes were approved with exceptions: Lakeland, Pear Orchard, Wynndale, and Union.

45.1025 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE John Reeves, chairman of the Bills & Overtures standing committee, recommended that the overture from D. James Kennedy and Peter Lillback be accepted as our own overture and sent to General Assembly (**Appendix L, p. 32**). The recommendation was accepted.

TE Don Malin was given the floor to report on his recent deployment as a chaplain in the 168th Engineer Group which was mobilized in February 2003 and sent to Iraq.

45.1026 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Paul Adams of the North Park Church as elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

45.1027 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the North Park Presbyterian Church to host our stated meeting on August 3, 2004.

45.1028 READING OF THE MINUTES

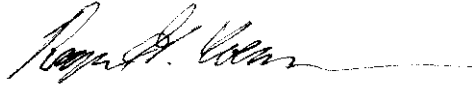
TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

45.1029

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Hays", followed by a horizontal line.

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 3, 2004**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

46.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, TE Jim Stewart, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

46.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston Richard Cobb Ralph Gordon
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland	Hunter Brewer	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson M.J. Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie G. Cockroft
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston
	Jim Stewart	Palmer Quarterman
	Bill Hughes	H. Richard Johnson
	Joe Holland	
	Brad Mercer	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Bob Osborne

Church

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, LebanonLexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, PearlPhiladelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear OrchardScooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second**Teaching Elder**Mike Ross
Scott Pierce
Rick Stark
John ArmstrongJames Landrum
Sam Smith

Philip Palmertree

Robert Lane
Bob Bates

Hugh Acton

Rick Holbert

Jud Davis

Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp
Jason EdwardsEd Hurley
Matt Baugh
Charles Douglas
Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber
Joe Easterling
Neil Stewart**Ruling Elder**Paul Adams
Jimmy Mardis
Bob Lewis

Tim Irby

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Gene Morrison
Thomas Worrell
John Kimbrough, IIIA
Mike TriplettA
A
William McNeeseA
A
George Powe
Lee AtkinsonA
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Rod Russ
Kenneth KingA
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Jim Hutton
Ray Huff
A
James Harrison
Bob Bailey
A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Ken Elliott, William Bradford, Ben Hailey, Os Barnes, Guy Waters, Bob Duhs, Bob Schwanebeck, Ed Hartman, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, Jimmy Turner, Doug McCullough, and Bassam Chedid.

- c. The following visitors were registered:** Steven Wright, Chris Thomas, Rick Jones, Nathan Shurden, Larry Mills, Daniel Chase, Brian Sorgenfrei, David Gilbert, Way Rutherford, Allen Vargo, Grant Carroll, and Jody Woodward.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Fred Marsh, Kaz Yaegashi, Gary Johnson, Barry Darnell, and Chris McCune.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Larry Wissell, Mark Kreitzer, Mark Lowery, Blake Purcell, Guy Richardson, Don Malin, Derek Thomas, and Joe Easterling.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jamie Germany, Charlie Rodriguez, Steve Jussely, Bill Wymond, Chris Shelt, Joey Wright, Jesse Jacobs, and Dale Van Ness.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **46.1002.a.** above.

46.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Lee Atkinson of the Pearl Presbyterian Church was elected moderator by acclamation.

46.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

46.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **46.1002, c.** above.

46.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Dean Rydbeck welcomed presbytery to North Park Presbyterian Church.

46.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Hugh Acton, Matt Baugh and Phillip Palmertree, and REs Jimmy Mardis, George Powe, and Lee Atkinson.

46.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **46.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to ordain and install TE Ben Hailey as the campus minister at Hinds Community College (**Appendix B, p. 15**). The report was received and adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that calls had been received for William Barclay from Lebanon Presbyterian, Rob Hill from St. Paul Presbyterian, Joel Kavanaugh from First Presbyterian - Belzoni, Tim Udouj from RUF Belhaven, David Gilbert from Second Presbyterian - Yazoo City, Wes Baker from Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriana in Peru, Bill Bradford from Iglesia Evangelica Presbyteriana in Peru, and Ed Hartman from MTW (**Appendix C, pp. 16-33**). The calls were referred to the Credentials Committee for report at their scheduled time.

The stated clerk reported on a request from TE Bob Lane and the First Presbyterian Church of Madison that the terms of his call be increased from \$60,000.00 to \$66,000.00. It was approved.

The stated clerk reported that the Advisory Committee, acting with the powers of a commission, had released TE Ed Hartman from his charge at Kosciusko to accept a call to MTW. The action was adopted by presbytery as its own.

The stated clerk reported that annual reports had been received from TEs Dale Hollenbeck, John Kyle, Don Malin, Ron Smith, Fred Marsh, Guy Waters, Larry Wissell, and Guy Richardson (**Appendix D, pp 34-42**). They were referred to the Advisory Committee for a later report (p. [590](#)).

The stated clerk reported that other communications had been received. He reported that a letter had been received from Edwards Presbyterian asking for TE Guy Richardson to be allowed to serve another year as stated supply. The request was granted. A letter of appreciation for the work of presbytery was received from St. Paul Presbyterian Church and read by RE Jimmy Mardis (**Appendix E, p. 43**). The formulation of TE Chris Shelt's call as requested at the previous presbytery meeting was received as information. It was later slightly modified (**p. [590](#), Appendix F, p.44**).

TE John Reeves led in prayer for the men who were unable to attend, for various churches in our presbytery, and other issues.

46.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer Rod Russ, presented the report (**Appendix G, p.45ff.**). It was received as information.

46.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes in preparation for worship.

46.1014

WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, TE Jim Stewart, led in worship. He preached from James 5:16-18 and the topic was, "Prayer: The Heart Cry for Revival." After celebrating the Lord's Supper, worship was concluded with the singing of a hymn and the pronouncement of the benediction by TE Brister Ware.

46.1015

LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Hugh Acton, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of the volunteers of the host church, to wit:

"But to do good and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."
- Hebrews 13: 16

You, the congregation of the North Park Presbyterian Church, have not forgotten to do good and to share what you have. Your sacrifice of time and resources, the gracious use of your beautiful new meeting house and other facilities, and the hospitality you have shown to us, the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, have not been lost upon us. We thank you and bless God for you. We also ask the Lord that he would continue to be bountiful unto you, that he would bless you and keep you, and be gracious unto you, and lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen

46.1016

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

When the court reconvened, the morning minutes were read and approved.

46.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

In the place of Chairman TE Derek Thomas, TE Scott Reiber presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix G, pp. 50-66**). Internship reports which were submitted in writing for the presbytery (**pp. 56-66**) were received as information.

The acting chairman moved that proposed changes in the calls of TE Wes Baker and TE Bill Bradford be declared in agreement with the Cajamarca Presbytery of the Iglesia Presbyteriana del Peru (**Appendix C, pp. 16-22**). Presbytery approved the action.

Examinations Candidates and Interns

Presbytery examined Mr. Brian Sorgenfrei for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Sorgenfrei, a member of First Presbyterian - Jackson, is planning to enter seminary at RTS in the fall of 2005. He is presently an intern at Auburn University. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO 18-3 and charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Presbytery examined Mr. Chris Thomas for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Thomas, a member of the Carthage Presbyterian Church, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO 18-3 and charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Examinations Ordination

Presbytery examined Dr. Bill Barclay for transfer from the OPC per BCO 13-6. Dr. Barclay, a minister in good standing with the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, is professor of New Testament at RTS, and a licentiate of MVP. In his previous exam, he declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He stated that his views have not changed. Since he had previously been examined in theology and government, he was not reexamined in those areas. He was examined in all other areas required by the BCO and all areas were sustained. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. He answered the questions of BCO 21-5 in the affirmative. His floor examination was approved as a whole. His call was approved. He signed the book of obligation, and upon his installation, he will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Presbytery approved his call to pastor the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned (**Appendix C, p.23**).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: September 12, 2004 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Lebanon Presbyterian Church

TEACHING ELDERS

Derek Thomas
Dean Rydbeck - convener
Scott Reiber

RULING ELDERS

Watson Marsalis
Brooke Worrel
Gene Morrison

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

Presbytery examined Rev. Allen Varga for transfer from the Warrior Presbytery per BCO 13-6. Mr. Varga, a minister in good standing, is being called to be the Assistant Pastor of Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He was examined in all areas required by the BCO and all areas were sustained and his

transfer approved. His call was approved and he accepted it (**Appendix C, p.24**). He signed the book of obligation, and upon his installation, he will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: Aug 29, 2004 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Northpointe Presbyterian - Meridian

TEACHING ELDERS

Rick Holbert
Billy Joseph - convener
Bob Bates
Phillip Palmertree
Tom Cheely - guest
Robert Wilson - guest

RULING ELDERS

Joel Johnson
Kerry Whitehead
David Goldman
Mike Nanney
Tim Ivy

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

Presbytery examined David Gilbert, a candidate and intern of MVP, for ordination per BCO 21-4. Presbytery approved his internship as complete. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, English Bible, theology, government, sacraments, church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Presbytery established a commission to hear his sermon which he preached on John 6: 35-37 and upon the recommendation of TE Jeff Elliott, it was approved. He signed the book of obligation.

Presbytery approved his call to be assistant pastor of Second Presbyterian, Yazoo City (**Appendix C, pp.25ff.**).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: September 5, 2004 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Second Presbyterian Church - Yazoo City

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Neil Stewart - convener
Dr. David Jussely
Dr. Derek Thomas
Ben Hailey

RULING ELDERS

Tommy Peaster
Dr. Will Thompson
Wayne Morrison
Bob Cato
Charles Clayton

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

The exam was approved as a whole, and Mr. Gilbert signed the book of obligation. Upon his ordination and installation, he will be a member of MVP.

Presbytery examined Rob Hill, a candidate, licentiate, and intern of Ascension Presbytery, for ordination per BCO 21-4. Ascension Presbytery has approved his internship as complete. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, English Bible, theology, government, sacraments,

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church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Presbytery established a commission to hear his sermon which he preached on Mark 14:32-42 and upon the recommendation of TE Rick Stark, chairman, it was approved.

Presbytery approved his call to be pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian - Jackson (**Appendix C, pp.28f.**).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: August 29, 2004	Time: 6:00 PM	Place: St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson
<u>TEACHING ELDERS</u>		<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
Dr. Ligon Duncan - convener		Sonny Peaster
Dr. Neil Stewart		Dr. Noel Toler
Roger Collins		Doyle Morehead
Brad Evans - guest		

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

The exam was approved as a whole, and Mr. Hill signed the book of obligation. Upon his ordination and installation, he will be a member of MVP.

Presbytery examined Joel Kavanaugh, a 2003 graduate of RTS, and a licentiate of MVP, for ordination per BCO 21-4. MVP had already approved his internship as complete. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, English Bible, theology, government, sacraments, church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Presbytery approved Mr. Kavanaugh's licensure sermon as completing that portion of the exam.

Presbytery approved his call to be assistant pastor of First Presbyterian - Belzoni (**Appendix C , p.30**).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: August 15, 2004	Time: 6:00 PM	Place: First Presbyterian Church - Belzoni
<u>TEACHING ELDERS</u>		<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
Mike Ross - preaching		Paul Townsend
Rick Holbert - charge to ordinand		Huey Townsend
Richard Wiman - convener, charge to session		Bill Allen
		Richard Cobb
Alternate Ruling Elders: Larkin Chapman, Peter Hairston, Allen McLain		

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

The exam was approved as a whole, and Mr. Kavanaugh signed the book of obligation. Upon his ordination and installation, he will be a member of MVP.

Presbytery examined Mr. Tim Udouj, a candidate of Tennessee Valley Presbytery, for ordination per BCO 21-4. Tennessee Valley has approved his internship as complete. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, English Bible, theology, government, sacraments, church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Presbytery established a commission to hear his sermon which he preached on Acts 1: 6-11 and upon the recommendation of TE Ben Hailey, chairman, it was approved.

Presbytery approved his call to be the campus minister at Belhaven College (**Appendix C, p.31**).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install:

Date: September 5, 2004	Time: 6:00 PM	Place: First Presbyterian Church - Jackson
<u>TEACHING ELDERS</u>		<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
Ligon Duncan		Bebo Elkin
Bill Highes		Steve McNair
Guy Waters		Sonny Peaster
Ben Hailey - convener		
Les Newsome		

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

The exam was approved as a whole, and Mr. Udouj signed the book of obligation. Upon his ordination and installation, he will be a member of MVP.

Presbytery examined Mr. Leonard Seims, a candidate and intern of MVP, for ordination per BCO 21-4, pending the successful completion of his educational requirements and receipt of necessary endorsements for the chaplaincy. MVP approved his internship as complete. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion, English Bible, theology, government, sacraments, church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Presbytery established a commission to hear his sermon which he preached on Hebrews 4:14-16 and upon the recommendation of TE Scott Pierce, chairman, it was approved.

The exam was approved as a whole.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations of the committee:

1. That the internship of Dr. John Currid be accepted as complete.
2. That Ed Hartman's call to MTW be approved (**Appendix C, p.32**).
3. That TE Paul Honomichl of Grace Presbytery be allowed to serve as stated supply of Bailey Presbyterian Church, Meridian for another year.

46.1018 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT -CONT-

TE Bebo Elkin continued the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

5. That those men who are without call, and who have reported to presbytery, be allowed to continue on the roll until the next meeting. Those are TEs Os Barnes, Mark Kreitzer, and Larry Wissell.

6. That those men who are laboring outside the bounds and have reported be allowed to continue for another year. They are TEs Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, William Bradford, Dale Hollenbeck, Jayson Kyle, John Kyle, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith and Kaz Yaigashi.

7. That Chris Shelt's call, which was approved at our Stated Meeting, May 5, 2004 but is now submitted for its form and specifications, be received as information with changes as underlined so as to read "...earnestly call you to labor out of bounds as ..." and "...avocations, MS Valley Presbytery recognizes and affirms that Belhaven College contractually obliges to pay you a salary of..." (**Appendix F, p.44**).

46.1019 MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Bob Osborne gave the report.

TE Ed Hartman, new MTW candidate to Romania, was given ten minutes to share his new call,

RE Osborne advised presbytery that scholarship funds are available for anyone wanting to go to the Global Mission Conference on November 5-7, 2004.

Presbytery was advised of a policy change in MTW/MVP support levels. The change is as follows: we will continue to offer support in the amount of \$100.00 per month for up to five years for non-MTW missionaries, but will add two more categories. First, we will offer support at up to \$150.00 per month for up to five years for MTW missionaries going under MTW (no cooperative agreements). Second, we will offer support at up to \$200.00 per month for up to five years for TEs from MVP who are going under MTW for long term service.

Presbytery approved the following recommendation: that Ed Hartman be added to the MVP list of missionaries we support. His support is for five years at \$200.00 per month.

46.1020 MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the Administration Committee be instructed to look into Property and Casualty Insurance for MVP in view of the Disaster Response ministry,

2. That member churches encourage one of their members to attend the Disaster Response Promotional Event scheduled for October 2004,
3. That the first Sunday in February be designated each year as Disaster Response Awareness Day, and that pastors be encouraged to draw attention to this ministry,
4. That our members be made aware of the establishment of a volunteer data base for the Disaster response ministry, and the need for someone to enter the data,
5. That churches be encouraged to have campus ministers speak to their congregations so that people can see that God is using Reformed University Ministries to transform lives,
6. That churches be reminded that a large portion of the funds for campus work comes from presbyteries, and the remaining portion must come from the benevolent giving of local churches and gifts from individuals. The continuance of the ministry and any expansion is dependent upon gifts from churches and individuals,
7. That churches be encouraged to pray regularly on behalf of the campus ministry, not only remembering the campus ministers, their families, and the students involved, but also the ministry's efforts to reach those who are lost, particularly the international students, and
8. That praise and thanksgiving be offered to God for his blessings on the work of Reformed University Ministries in reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve Him while on campus and throughout their lives.

46.1021 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PAEDOCOMMUNION

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman of the committee, presented the report (**Appendix H, pp. 67ff**). Presbytery approved the report as a whole, including each of its constituent parts (B.D.E.&F). Presbytery dismissed the committee with thanks for its work.

46.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Bob Bailey addressed presbytery concerning insurance on the property of Westminster Church in Meridian. Presbytery agreed to take out a \$1,000,000.00 liability policy and \$25,000.00 in property coverage on the property.

Mike Ross gave a report on the move of Trinity and the establishment of the Redeemer church plant.

46.1023 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

Presbytery approved TE Bob Bates of the Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian as first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

46.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery is to meet for its next stated meeting at Twin Lakes Conference Center on November 2, 2004. The invitation from Lakeland Presbyterian Church for our stated meeting on February 1, 2005 was approved.

46.1025

READING OF THE MINUTES

TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, read the minutes which were approved as read.

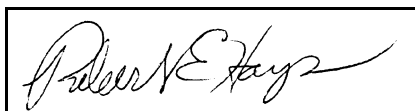
46.1025

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 2, 2004**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

47.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

The retiring moderator, RE Lee Atkinson, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

47.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Joel Kavanaugh	
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland	Hunter Brewer	A
	Steve Jussely	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Excused
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	Rick Rollenhagen
		Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	A
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Billy Joseph	Noel Toler
	Jim Stewart	
	Bill Hughes	
	Joe Holland	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Paul Adams

Church

Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Robert Hill
Mike Ross
Rick Stark
John Armstrong

Bill Barclay
Dale Van Ness
James Landrum

Phillip Palmertree

Allen Vargo

Hugh Acton

Rick Holbert

Jud Davis

Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp
Jason Edwards
Hunter Brewer

Ed Hurley
Matt Baugh
Charles Douglas
Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber

Joe Easterling
Neil Stewart
David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Bob Dieckman
Charles Dykes
A

Hugh Potts

A
A
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John Kimbrough III

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Mike Triplett

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Ray Gibson
George Powe
Lee Atkinson

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Rod Russ
Ken Hanes
Kenneth King

A

Richard McCann
Jim Hutton
Ray Huff

A
James Harrison
John Lanting

Bob Bailey
Bob Cato

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bill Barclay, Ben Hailey, Guy Waters, Bob Schwanebeck, Doug McCullough, Gary Johnson, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Ken Elliott, Joey Wright, Larry Wissell, Tim Udouj, Fred Marsh, Mark Lowery, Chris Shelt, Don Malin, and Derek Thomas.

c. The following visitors were registered: Bob Osborne, George Felton, Jason Gregory, Michael Campbell, Way Rutherford, Chris Thomas, and Steven Wright.

- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Dale Hollenbeck, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Blake Purcell, and Willem Van Gameren.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Sam Smith, Jimmy Turner, Ligon Duncan, Ed Hartman, Jamey Germany, and Os Barnes.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Bob Duhs, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Bill Wymond, Jesse Jacobs, Bob Lane, and Scott Pierce.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **47.1002.a.** above.

47.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Billy Joseph of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was elected moderator by acclamation.

47.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 14**) as amended: at 4:00 P.M. the Administration Committee is to report.

47.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **47.1002, c.** above.

47.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Step Morgan, of the Twin Lakes staff, welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Retreat Center.

47.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Jeff Elliott and Alan Vargo, and RE Barry Vickery.

47.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **47.1002,e.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commissions to ordain and install TE Bill Barclay at Lebanon, TE Rob Hill at St. Paul, TE David Gilbert as assistant pastor at Second, TE Joel Kavanaugh as assistant pastor at First, Belzoni, TE Tim Udouj at RUF, Belhaven, and TE Alan Varga as assistant pastor at Northpointe (**Appendix B, pp. 15-19**). The reports were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported on the action of the commission to examine officer nominees at Forest Presbyterian. The report was received as information, and the results of their exam were adopted as the actions of presbytery (**Appendix C, p. 20**).

The stated clerk reported that calls had been received for John Currid (Providence, RTS), TE George Felton (Newton) and TE Michael Campbell (Redeemer). The calls were referred to the Credentials Committee for report at their scheduled time (**Appendix D, pp. 21-25**).

The stated clerk reported that the actions of the Advisory Committee acting as a commission to dissolve the following pastoral relationships and transfer them as appropriate:

1. TE Bob Bates at Northpointe as of October 31, 2004 so that he might take a call to the Okatie Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, South Carolina. He is dismissed upon request to Palmetto Presbytery.
 2. TE Ted Mattis at Highlands as of August 17, 2004 and to transfer him to Covenant Presbytery.
 3. TE Scott Pierce at Trinity as of August 31, 2004. He remains on roll without call.
- These commission actions were approved as the actions of presbytery.

The clerk reported on a resolution received from Shuqualak Presbyterian Church which requests the dissolution of her pastoral relationship with TE Ed Hurley and her dissolution as a particular church (**Appendix E, p. 26**). The resolution was read by TE Hurley - pastor of twenty years. The pastoral relationship was dissolved and the dissolution of the church was granted by presbytery. TE Ed Hurley remains on the rolls of presbytery without call.

RE Bebo Elkin, chairman of the Advisory Committee, reported that TE Jamey Germany had presented a request to demit the ministry (**Appendix F, p. 28**). Presbytery voted to concur with a second vote required at the next stated meeting (BCO 38-2).

The stated clerk reported that annual reports had been received from TE Derek Thomas, TE Gary Johnson, TE Kaz Yeagashi and TE J. McDonald Bell (**Appendix G, pp. 29-36**). They were referred to the Advisory Committee for permission to continue to labor out of bounds (p. [603](#)).

The stated clerk requested that the minutes of May 6, 2003 be corrected by notation to show that Dr. Guy Waters received a call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley based upon a contract from Belhaven College instead of a call from Belhaven as originally stated in the minutes. The request was approved (**Appendix H, p. 37**).

The stated clerk announced that TE Ben Hailey reported to presbytery that he had opted out of Social Security for conscientious reasons. It was received as information (**Appendix I, p. 38**).

The clerk reported on proposed changes to the BCO from the GA. Presbytery's votes were as follows:

Item 1 (BCO 24-3) For 70 Against 0 Abstain 0

Be it therefore resolved that the General Assembly amend *BCO* 24-9 as follows:

24-9 When a deacon or ruling elder **by reason of age or infirmity desires to be released from the active duties of the office**, ~~becomes infirm or reaches the age of seventy (70)~~, he may at his request and with the approval of the Session be designated deacon or elder emeritus.

Be it therefore resolved that the General Assembly amend *BCO* 24-3 as follows:

24-3 All communing members in good and regular standing, but no others, are entitled to vote in the election of church officers in the churches to which they respectively belong. A majority vote of those present is required for election. (~~See also *BCO* 20-4.~~)

Item 2 (BCO 24-9) For 70 Against 0 Abstain 0

47.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the report (**Appendix J, pp. 39-42**). It was received as information.

47.4010

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Brad Mercer, chairman, presented the report. Karen Crawford, President of Mississippi Valley PresWIC addressed the presbytery. Her report was received as information (**Appendix K, p. 43**). Matthew Nasekos of Twin Lakes Conference Center addressed presbytery. His report was received as information. The chairman reminded presbytery of the upcoming continuing education opportunity when Dr. Sinclair Ferguson comes to speak at the Mid-South Men's Rally on January 28, 2005.

47.1011

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of TE Steve Jussely, chairman, the stated clerk gave the report. Presbytery elected the following men to their respective offices:

Administration Committee

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Class of 2005: TE Hugh Acton to replace TE Matt Baugh

Class of 2007: TE Guy Richardson, TE Joseph Wright, RE Donald Breazeale, RE Jim Hallum

Alternates: RE Gary Morrison, RE Kevin Russell

Advisory and Shepherding Committee

Class of 2007: RE Bob Dieckman, RE Tom Sanford, TE Bily Joseph, TE Kim Kimbrough

Alternates: TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Bill Hughes

Christian Education and Publications Committee

Class of 2007: TE Chris Shelt, RE Gabe Green, RE Edwin Batte

Alternates: RE Ken King, TE Rick Holbert

Credentials Committee

Class of 2007: TE Guy Waters, TE Rob Hill, RE Bill May, RE John Williams

Alternates: RE Shelby Watts, TE Jud Davis

MTW Committee

Class of 2007: TE Jim Stewart, RE Steve Morris, RE Lee McCarty

Alternates: TE Merle Messer, RE Max Bowman

MNA Committee

Class of 2005: TE Jason Edwards replaces RE Otis Ball, RE Steve McNair replaces TE Ted Mattis

Class of 2007: TE Joe Easterling, TE Ben Hailey, RE David Fowler, RE Richard Ridgway

Alternates: TE Mike Campbell, RE Vernon Cotton

Nominations Committee

Class of 2007: TE Rick Holbert, RE Paul Adams

Alternates: TE Dale Van Ness

47.1012

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Since we were ahead of schedule, presbytery amended the agenda to hear the Administration Committee report. The chairman and stated clerk TE Roger Collins presented the report. Presbytery debated the following motion: That presbytery instruct the Administration Committee to study and make a recommendation to presbytery concerning the standardization and publication of the financial arrangements of calls as specified in BCO 20-1. The Administration Committee will consult with Credentials, Advisory and other appropriate committees as well as RTS, Belhaven College, and multi-staff churches.

The order of the day arrived and presbytery entered into a time of prayer without taking action on the motion.

47. 1013

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

47.1014

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes in preparation for worship.

47.1015

WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator RE Lee Atkinson led in worship. After singing a hymn, RE Atkinson read his text from 1 Corinthians 1.30. He then preached topically on the subject of the "The Business of the Church." Worship was concluded and presbytery broke for lunch with prayer by the moderator.

47.1016

LUNCH

During the lunch hour, TE Jeff Elliott, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of the staff of Twin Lakes, to wit:

We, the commissioners of MVP, would like to extend our great thanks and appreciation for your service to us this day, especially for the wonderful lunch. Your willingness to serve us shows your love for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and proves to be an example to us all. The presbytery would like to thank the entire staff of Twin Lakes for the preparation and provisions of our meeting this day, to the glory of God.

47.1017

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

When the court reconvened, the morning minutes were read and approved.

47.1018

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Derek Thomas, presented the report (**Appendix L, pp. 44-54**).

TE Thomas reported that the committee had acted as a commission allowing TE George Felton to move onto the field at Newton Presbyterian Church, effective October 1, prior to presbytery approval of his examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)]. This commission action was ratified as that of presbytery.

Stephan Jeanreneau, John McKenzie, and Jason Gregory gave reports to presbytery on their internship experiences. John McKenzie requested that he be approved to change his internship program to the Redeemer Mission Church in Jackson. Presbytery granted the request.

TE Thomas referred presbytery to written internship reports. They were received as information (pp. ?-?).

TE Thomas reported the details of the calls had been received for Michael Campbell, George Felton, and John Currid (**Appendix D, pp. 21-25**).

Examinations Candidates and Interns

Presbytery examined Andy Halsey for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Halsey is a member of Trinity, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO 18-3 and charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. In addition, presbytery also approved his internship under Plan E at Trinity, Jackson, with TE Mike Ross as mentor, and presbytery allowed work done at since September 2002 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer by the moderator and charging according to BCO 19-10, he was enrolled on the list of interns.

Presbytery examined Stephen Tindall for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Tindall is a member of First, Jackson, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO 18-3 and charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. In addition, presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian, Jackson, with TE Ligon Duncan as mentor. Presbytery will allow work done at First Presbyterian, Jackson since June, 2003 to be applied toward internship requirements. After prayer by the moderator and charging according to BCO 19-10, he was enrolled on the list of interns.

Chris Thomas was coming to seek internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Thomas is a candidate of presbytery. His internship is to be under Plan B at Carthage Presbyterian with TE Daniel Gilchrist as mentor. Presbytery approved his request and after prayer by the moderator and charging according to BCO 19-10, he was enrolled on the list of interns.

Transfers

Presbytery examined TE Michael Campbell for transfer from Southern Florida Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, to be received pending dismissal. TE Campbell, a PCA minister in good standing in Southern Florida Presbytery, was examined in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Campbell declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His examination was sustained. The terms of his call were approved (p. ?).

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Michael Campbell:

Date: November 7, 2004 Time: 1:00 PM Place: Redeemer Presbyterian Church

Teaching Elders

Mike Ross, convener

Jeff Elliott

Bob Duhs

Wy Plummer, preaching

Ruling Elders

Gene Dent

Wynn Kenyon

Shelby Watts

Henry Kenyon (South Florida Presbytery)

(Chesapeake Presbytery)

Rob Jones

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs

Presbytery examined TE George Felton for transfer from Grace Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, to be received pending dismissal. TE Felton, a PCA minister in good standing in Grace Presbytery, was examined in Christian experience, and in his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Felton declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The terms of his call were approved (p. ?). His examination was sustained.

Presbytery approved the following commission to install TE Felton as pastor of Newton Presbyterian:

Date: November 28, 2004 Time: 3:00 PM Place: Newton Presbyterian Church

Teaching Elders

Derek Thomas, convener, charge to the pastor
Chris Shelton, preacher
Jamey Germany, charge to the congregation

Ruling Elders

J.G. Alexander
Ray Gibson
Wilmer Whittle
Paul McCormick

Ronnie Norman
Tom Wilson
Clyde Holliday

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs

Presbytery examined Dr. John Currid for ordination. Dr. Currid is a candidate in MVP, and a professor at RTS. His internship had been previously approved as completed by MVP. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He was examined in theology, sacraments, government, church history and the history of the PCA. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. All areas were sustained. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. He preached a sermon on Acts 19: 11-20 which was sustained, also. He answered the questions of BCO 21-5 in the affirmative. His floor examination was approved as a whole. His call was approved and he accepted it. He signed the book of obligation, and upon his ordination and installation he will be a member of presbytery.

Presbytery approved his call to be Assistant Pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church and to labor outside bounds of presbytery as a professor of Old Testament at RTS (pp. ?f.).

The terms of his call were approved. His exam was sustained as a whole.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Dr. Currid:

Date: January 9, 2004 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Providence Presbyterian Church

Teaching Elders

John Reeves, convener
Bill Barclay
Jeff Elliott
David Jussely (Grace Presbytery)

Ruling Elders

Sid Moller
Hal Martin
Steve McNair

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

Presbytery called Lenny Seims to serve as chaplain with the United States Army at Fort Carson, Colorado, for three years of active duty service, pending receipt of his orders. Presbytery approved

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his being appointed as an evangelist clothed with the powers of the office (BCO 8-6) and his laboring outside of its bounds as an Army chaplain. TE Thomas reported the terms of presbytery's call (p. ?) and placed it in his hands. Mr. Siems accepted. He signed the book of obligation, and upon his ordination and installation, he will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Presbytery approved the following commission to ordain and install Lenny Siems:

Place: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson Date: November 7, 2004 Time: 6:00 p.m.

Teaching Elders

Mike Ross, convener

Lance Kurkendall

Rick Stark

Ken Elliott

Ruling Elders

Johnny Williams

Wynn Kenyon

Harold (Rip) Baker

Presbytery approved the following commission to install TE Chris Shelt as Associate Professor of Music at Belhaven College:

Place: Pear Orchard Presbyterian

Time: 6:00 PM

Date: November 14, 2004

Teaching Elders

Carl Kalberkamp - convener

Jeff Elliot

Jason Edwards

Guy Waters

David Jussely (Grace Presbytery)

Bill Whitwer (Evangel Presbytery)

Ruling Elders

Mike Boyette

Bill Hatcliff

Ken Haynes

Ken King

Lee McCarty

Steve Morris

Houston Powers

Rod Russ

Newell Simrall, IV

Ken Smith

Steve Tackitt

Mike Caldwell

Bill Lotterhos

Preston Jackson

Bob Pope

Roy Stillwell

Neil Barnes

The quorum will be two TEs and two REs. (TE Chris Shelt's call was approved at the August 3, 2004 Stated Meeting.)

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the internships of John Dawson and Allen Smith as complete and finished.

47.1019

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Bob Osborne reported to presbytery that the Mission to the World committee had agreed to support Stephen and Deborah Scott for a period of up to three years at \$150.00 a month for their work in Manilla and to support their daughter Lindsey Scott for a period of up to three years at \$100.00 a month for her work in the Philippines.

TE Clay Quarterman addressed presbytery of his work in the Ukraine. TE Gary Johnson reported of his work in Sweden.

47.1020

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott gave the report. TE Mike Campbell addressed the presbytery on behalf of the Redeemer church plant and his joy in working with this group in Jackson. TE Hunter Brewer addressed the presbytery about the Gluckstadt area church plant handing out an informative report **(Appendix M, p. 55)**.

Presbytery approved in concept TE Hunter Brewer's work in Gluckstadt under the auspices of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with a call to be issued at our Stated Meeting on February 1, 2005. It is understood that he is presently working thirty percent with the church plant work in Gluckstadt and seventy percent with the Lakeland Presbyterian Church where he has been on staff.

TE Elliot reported that they have ended the pursuit of the church plant in the old Westminster facility in Meridian known as Faith Community Church due to a lack of families committed to that work. TE Jessie Jacobs is without call and under the care of the Advisory Committee.

Presbytery voted to sell the property at 5th Street in Meridian through a realtor, with the stated clerk and treasurer given permission to sign any necessary papers on behalf of the presbytery.

TE Tim Muse reported on presbytery's developing disaster response ministry.

Presbytery approved that the salary Ken Roberts (of the Choctaw church plant) be increased to \$39,000.00.

47.1021

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin requested the stated clerk report on TE J. McDonald Bell, which he did. RE Elkin then reported the committee's recommendation that annual reports from TE Derek Thomas, TE Gary Johnson, TE Kaz Yagaeshi and TE J. McDonald Bell (pp. ?-?) be received and that these teaching elders be granted permission to continue to labor out of bounds for another year. Presbytery approved.

47.1022

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

In the absence of Chairman TE Ligon Duncan, TE Guy Waters presented a preliminary report **(Appendix N, pp. 56-60)**. He reminded presbytery that no action was to be taken today. The committee will present its final report for distribution by the clerk in December. The presbytery will vote whether to adopt the report and recommendations of the committee at the Stated Meeting of presbytery on February 1, 2005.

47.1023

ADMINISTRATION REPORT - CONTINUED-

The stated clerk continued the report. The issue before presbytery is the motion that presbytery instruct the Administration Committee to study and make recommendation concerning the

standardization and publication of the financial arrangements of calls as specified in BCO 20-1. The Administration Committee will consult with Credentials, Advisory, and other appropriate committees as well as RTS, Belhaven College, and multi-staff churches. The motion passed.

Presbytery approved up to \$6,000.00 for the 2005 budget for the Credentials Committee to hire help and pay for committee expenses.

Presbytery approved the Stewardship and Finance Subcommittee's studying the plausibility of charging sponsoring organizations for ministerial candidates a \$100.00 application fee.

Presbytery approved getting Directors & Officers Insurance for MVP and the addition of that fee to the 2005 budget.

Presbytery assigned the task of updating the recommended minimum financial packages for pastoral calls to the Administration Committee.

47.1024

NOMINATIONS REPORT - CONTINUED -

Chairman TE Steve Jussely presented the remainder of the nominations report. The following were nominated for GA permanent committee and agency assignments:

Administration		RE Hugh Potts
Christian Education & Publications	TE Steve Jussely	RE Ken Shepherd
Constitutional Business	TE John Reeves	
Interchurch Relations		
MNA	TE Hunter Brewer	
MTW	TE Richard Wiman	RE Lee McCarty
RUM	TE Bob Schwanebeck	RE John Kimbrough III
Standing Judicial Commission	TE Scott Reiber	
Theological Examining Committee	TE Neil Stewart	
Covenant College	TE Carl Kalberkamp	
Covenant Seminary	TE Steve Jussely	
PCA Foundation		RE Bob Bailey
PCA RBI		RE Rod Russ
Ridge Haven		RE Steve Morris

Presbytery approved clothing the Nominations Committee with the powers of a commission until the deadline for submission on February 14, 2005 to fill appointments and nominations as other nominees became known.

47.1025

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Richard Nelson, TE Brister Ware, TE George Felton, TE Richard Wiman, RE Wilbur Whittle, and RE Ray Gibson were excused for all or part of the meeting.

Presbytery approved allowing TE Os Barnes to be the stated supply of the Scooba Presbyterian Church.

Northpointe Presbyterian's minutes had been submitted and were approved with exception. Tchula Presbyterian's minutes were approved without exception.

47.1025 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

No ruling elder was elected to be the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

47.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery will assemble for its next stated meeting at Lakeland Presbyterian Church on February 1, 2005.

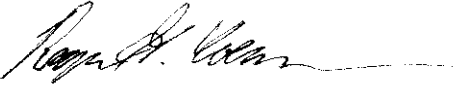
47.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were not read and both clerks were given the authority to act as a commission to approve them for presbytery.


47.1025 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. with prayer by RE Bob Bailey.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 1, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS**

49.1001 CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, TE Billy Joseph, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

49.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Ed Nalley
	Hunter Brewer	Doug Welch
	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Byram, Grace		A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burriss
	John Currid	John Hamby
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Excused
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Gabe Green
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Jim Stewart	Richard Johnson
	Bill Hughes	Doyle Moorhead
	Joe Holland	Robert Mims
	Bill Wymond	Joel Payne

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park

Ligon Duncan
Derek Thomas
Dean Rydbeck

Palmer Quartermen

Paul Adams
Elliott Bickerstaff
Bob Osborne

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul

Michael Campbell
Robert Hill

Charles Dykes
Jimmy Mardis

Jackson, Trinity

Mike Ross
Rick Stark
John Armstrong

Jeff Lamb
Phillip McDade

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Bill Barclay
Dale Van Ness

A
A
A
A

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Sam Smith

Charles Campbell
Roland Byrd

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Philip Palmertree

John Fair

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Bob Lane
Allen Vargo
George Felton
Hugh Acton

A
A
A
Bill McNeese
A
A
George Powe
Lee Atkinson

Philadelphia, First

Rick Holbert

A

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Jeff Elliott
Jason Edwards

A
A
A
A
Kevin Simpson
Ken King

Scooba, Scooba

Shuqualak, Shuqualak

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Charles Douglas
Chris Shelton

Joe Easterling
Neil Stewart

A
A
Jim Hutton
Ray Huff
Dale White
Excused
Bob Bailey
Bob Cato
Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Ben Hailey, Guy Waters, Bob Schwanebeck, Doug McCullough, Guy Richardson, Tim Udouj, Mark Lowery, Chris Shelt, Derek Thomas, Jimmy Turner, Dale Hollenbeck, and Bassam Chedid.

- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates were registered:** Steven Wright, Way Rutherford and Jody Woodward.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Earl Adams, Bob Dieckman, Rod Russ, Elton Sellers, Stanwood Bean, William Smith, Mrs. George Felton, Ken Roberts, Lance Ragsdale, Larry Mills, and John Duke.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Blake Purcell, Willem Van Gemeren, Gary Johnson, and Clay Quarterman.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Fred Marsh, Ed Hartman, Ed Hurley, Scott Reiber, Jim Landrum, and Carl Kalberkamp. Chris Shelt, Charlie Douglas, and Alan Vargo were given permission to leave early.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Bob Duhs, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Scott Pierce, Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Ken Elliott, Joey Wright, Larry Wissell, Don Malin, David Gilbert, Joe Easterling, Joey Wright, and Jud Davis.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **49.1002.a.** above.

49.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Doyle Moorhead of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was elected moderator by acclamation.

49.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved after being slightly amended (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

49.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **49.1002, d.** above.

49.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Steve Jussely, senior pastor of Lakeland Presbyterian, welcomed presbytery to the facility.

49.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Dean Rydbeck, RE Ken King and RE Bob Dieckman.

49.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those elders as noted in **49.1002, f.** above.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commissions to install TE Chris Shelt at Belhaven College, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 13**), to install TE George Felton at Newton Presbyterian Church, Newton (**Appendix B, p. 14**), to ordain and install Mr. John Currid at Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton (**Appendix B, p. 15**), to ordain and install Lenny Siems as a chaplain in the Army (**Appendix B, p. 16**), and install TE Michael Campbell at the Redeemer church plant, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 17**). Reports were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that requests to dissolve the pastoral relationships of TE Joel Kavanaugh with First Presbyterian, Belzoni (**Appendix C, p. 18**) and TE Matt Baugh with Tchula Presbyterian (**Appendix C, p. 19**) had been approved by the Advisory Committee acting as a commission. They were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that calls had been received for TE John Duke to the Lakeland Presbyterian Church (**Appendix D, p. 20**), TE Hunter Brewer for the Pear Orchard-Gluckstadt church plant (**Appendix D, p.21**), and for TE Michael Campbell to the Redeemer church plant (**Appendix D, p. 22**). These were referred to the Credentials Committee.

The stated clerk directed attention to a report received from TE Kaz Yaegashi, our missionary to Japan (**Appendix E, pp. 23 ff.**). It was received as information.

A second vote was held on TE Jamey Germany's request to demit from the ministry (BCO 38-2). The request was approved. His membership was transferred to First Presbyterian Church (EPC), Meridian upon his own request and pending their reception of him.

TE Roger Collins was re-elected to another three year term as stated clerk. TE Robert Hays was re-elected to another three year term as recording clerk. RE Rod Russ was re-elected to another three year term as treasurer.

The stated clerk reported on efforts to sell the Westminster PCA property in Meridian. His report was received as information. Presbytery clothed Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, MNA Chairman TE

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Jeff Elliott, and Treasurer RE Rod Russ with the powers of a commission to conclude the sale of the property when a qualified buyer appears.

RE Gabe Green addressed presbytery concerning recognition of elderly presbyters from Alta Woods Presbyterian Church. A resolution of appreciation for RE Gilbert B. Ford was read (**Appendix F, p. 27**).

TE Rob Hill addressed presbytery concerning the 2005 Bible conference at St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

49.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ, presented his report (**Appendix G, pp. 28ff.**). He noted that presbytery finished 2004 with a deficit of approximately \$12,000.00. Increased giving is needed. The report was received as information.

49.1010

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the report. He introduced Ken Roberts who addressed presbytery about the Choctaw work in Carthage and TE Michael Campbell who reported on the progress of the Redeemer Presbyterian church plant.

Presbytery acted as follows.

1. The petition from Redeemer Church Plant to organize on Sunday, February 13, 2005 at 3:00 P.M. was in order (**Appendix H, pp. 32ff.**). Particularization was approved. The commission will consist of: TEs Ligon Duncan, Mike Ross, Carl Kalberkamp, Robert Duhs, and Jeff Elliott and REs Paul Adams, Rip Baker, Edwin Batte, Edmund Johnston, and Shelby Watts with a quorum of 2 TEs and 2 REs.
2. The RUM/Mississippi 2005 Budget was approved (**Appendix I, p. 37**).
3. The following changes in the terms of call for the following campus ministers were approved:
 - TE Ben Hailey - addition of annuities at \$1500 for 2005
 - TE Tim Udouj - addition of annuities at \$1500 for 2005
 - TE Joey Wright - an increase in annual salary/housing from \$37,080 to \$38,934 with associated benefits

MNA is to review these figures to see that they meet the presbytery minimums.

49.1011

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Richard Wiman, chairman of the committee, introduced TE Dale Hollenbeck who reported on his work in Uganda and TE Earl Adams who addressed his plans to work with the Christian Mission Society in South America.

In addition, presbytery received as information the slate of officers for the MTW committee for the year 2005. They are TE Richard Wiman, chairman; RE Bob Osborne, vice-chairman; RE Steve Morris, secretary.

TE Wiman asked session clerks to contact him with the names of local church Missions Committee chairmen.

The committee reported that it is evaluating the situation in Japan with TE Kaz Yaegashi in the light of recent changes which the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. The OPC has decided to close the mission overseeing Kaz's work (**Appendix J, pp. 38ff.**).

49.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

49.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes in preparation for worship.

49.1014

WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Billy Joseph led presbytery in worship. He preached from 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34 & 2 Corinthians 13:5. The topic was "Christian Self Examination." TE Steve Jussely led presbytery as we celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

49.1015

LUNCH & THANKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Presbytery constituted itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of reading session minutes for 2004. Presbytery broke for lunch at noon with prayer by the moderator.

During the lunch hour, TE Dean Rydbeck, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of our hostesses, to wit:

On behalf of MS Valley Presbytery (MVP);

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

Although the weather outside was damp and dreary, the genuine and gracious hospitality of Lakeland Presbyterian Church encouraged the hearts of MVP as it met on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005. We do give thanks to RE Doyle Moorhead for his effective labors as our moderator. We do give thanks to TE Billy Joseph for his convicting proclamation of God's Word. We do give thanks to TE Dr. Steve Jussely and the deacons and session of Lakeland church for their willingness to host presbytery. Your newly renovated sanctuary and family life center provided a great place to meet.

We do especially give thanks to the wonderful women and supportive congregation for the red carpet welcome we received. The food was delicious, and the fellowship was sweet. May our good and glorious heavenly Father be pleased to bless you in a mighty way in the gospel ministry as we labor together for the glory of Christ and his beloved church.

/s/ TE Dean Rydbeck, RE Ken King and RE Bob Dieckman

49.1016 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

Due to the lateness of the hour, the reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later in the day.

Presbytery rose from being a committee of the whole and continued its business.

49.1017 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters, chairman, gave the report (**Appendix K, pp. 41ff.**). Presbytery approved the following actions.

Administrative Actions

1. The action of the committee, acting as a commission in allowing TE William Smith (Evangel Presbytery) to serve as stated supply at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, pending his successful licensure examination, was approved (see # 4 under **Examinations**).
2. The updated "Guidelines to the Credentials Process" were received as information.
3. The committee is working on "Proposed Resolutions on Examinations" to clarify procedures for administering written examinations for licensure and ordination. This was presented for information.
4. Oral internship reports from Todd Rester, Way Rutherford, Jody Woodward, and Steven Wright were given.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. Josh Knott was examined for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Knott is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, a senior at RTS, and a candidate in James River Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Finding his examination satisfactory, and upon his answering the questions of BCO 18-3, charging and prayer by TE Rob Hill, he was enrolled as a candidate. Presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at Providence, Clinton, with TE John Currid as mentor, and agreed that work done since August 2002 be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
2. Ken Roberts was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Roberts, a member of Carthage Presbyterian Church and a junior at RTS, was thoroughly examined by the committee in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering the questions of BCO 18-3, and charging and prayer by TE Rob Hill, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved of his internship under Plan B at Carthage, with TE Dan Gilchrist as mentor.
3. TE William Smith was examined for licensure per BCO 19-1. TE Smith, a member in good standing of Evangel Presbytery, is currently on their roll without call. TE Smith declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. However, presbytery found that TE Smith's view of WCF IV. i ("in the space of six days") constituted an exception to the Standards. Upon his answering the BCO questions of 19-3, presbytery approved the licensure of TE Smith, with the instruction that he refrain from preaching, teaching, or inculcating his exception.
4. The request of the session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, for TE William Smith to serve as stated supply through March 13, 2005 was approved.
5. TE John Duke was examined for transfer from North Texas Presbytery. TE Duke is being called as an assistant pastor of Lakeland Presbyterian Church. He was examined as to his views in all areas mandated by the BCO, he expressed no exceptions to the standards of the church, and his examination was approved as a whole.

His call was approved (**Appendix D, p. 20**) pending transfer by North Texas Presbytery.

His installation commission was approved as follows:

Date: February 13, 2005 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Lakeland Presbyterian Church

REs

Doug Welch

Scott High

Ed Nalley

TEs

Steve Jussely - convener

Joe Easterling

Hunter Brewer

Ken Sheppard Bob Duhs
Tom Sillers
Mike Barkett
Cecil Ferguson

The quorum is set for two REs and two TEs.

6. That TE Hunter Brewer be allowed to resign his charge at Lakeland Presbyterian Church effective the end of January, and that he be allowed to accept the call from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church as assistant pastor with primary duties being the establishment of a mission church in Gluckstadt.

TE Brewer's call was approved (**Appendix D, p. 21**).

His installation commission was approved as follows:

Date: March 13, 2005 Time: 6:00 P.M.

Place: Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

REs

Sessions of Pear Orchard and
Lakeland Presbyterian Churches
Jim Brown
David Fowler

TEs

Steve Jussely
Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp
Jason Edwards
Bill Whitwer - guest

The quorum will be two REs and two TEs.

7. TE Bill Barclay hereby replaces TE Scott Reiber as mentor for intern Steven Wright.
8. David Herring and Bill Wilder are removed from the roll of candidates and interns at their own requests.
9. That the call to TE Michael Campbell from Redeemer Presbyterian Church upon its particularization be approved (**Appendix D, p. 22**).

49.1018

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins gave the committee's report (**Appendix L, pp. 45ff.**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. Original minimum call figures approved in 2000 as found in the Guidelines for Ministerial Call Salary Packages be increased by 10%.
2. An appropriate form of call for men laboring outside the bounds of presbytery is approved for use in this presbytery (**Appendix L, p. 49**).

3. Concerning the sessional records, presbytery approved the following session records without exception: Alta Woods, Brandon, First - Belzoni, First - Jackson, First - Lexington, First - Louisville, First - Madison, First - Yazoo City, Grace, Highlands, Lakeland, Macon, Newton, North Park, Old Madison, Pearl, Second, Wynndale. The following were approved with exception: Carthage, First - Kosciusko, First - Philadelphia, Providence, Tchula. Twenty four churches did not submit their sessional records for review (**Appendix L, pp. 50f.**).

49.1019

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Steve Jussely gave the report.

Presbytery approved removing RE Hugh Potts Jr. as a nominee to the permanent Administration Committee of General Assembly. He was elected to be our nominee to the permanent MTW Committee.

RE Lee McCarty  was removed as our nominee for the MTW Committee.

Presbytery approved the following people for Committees of Commissioners for the 2005 General Assembly:

Christian Education	-	TE Brad Mercer
Covenant Seminary	-	TE Tim Udouj
Interchurch Relations	-	TE Dean Rydbeck
MNA	-	TE Jeff Elliott
PCA Foundation	-	TE John Armstrong
Bills and Overtures	-	RE Hugh Potts, Jr.
Covenant College	-	RE George Powe
PCA Retirement and Benefits	-	RE Orrin Swayze
MTW	-	RE Bob Osborne
Ridge Haven	-	RE Steve McNair
RUM	-	RE Lee Owen, Jr.

The nominee committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to make sure all the positions are filled with people who will be able to serve in the positions to which they are elected and to name others in case someone cannot serve.

49.1020

COMMITTEE ON NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the report (**Appendix M, p. 52**). Presbytery received it and approved forwarding the paper to the individual sessions of MVP churches for information and study; approved forwarding the report to former moderators of the GA; and approved forwarding the report to all PCA presbyteries. Presbytery approved declaring the views of the New Perspective on Paul, N.T. Wright, Norman Shepherd, and Federal Vision to be outside the bounds of acceptable diversity within the PCA and authorized the Credentials Committee to utilize the paper in examination questions. Credentials is to report to presbytery any men who hold these positions.

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Further, it was approved that the paper be communicated to General Assembly for use in its pre-assembly mail outs; that the committee be approved to communicate with other presbyteries and Reformed bodies; and to that end the committee is authorized to produce other informational material on this issue.

In addition, presbytery approved TE Mike Ross and TE Carl Kalberkamp to take the place of TE Matt Baugh on the committee.

The stated clerk was instructed to write Louisiana Presbytery asking them to conduct an inquiry into this issue.

Presbytery gave TE Ligon Duncan permission to clean up footnotes, grammar, spelling, etc. as needed.

49.1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

49.1022 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Joe Easterling was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

49.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The stated clerk was asked to make arrangements for presbytery's next meeting which is to be on May 3, 2005.

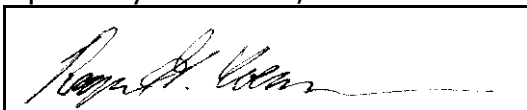
49.1024 READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read by the recording clerk TE Robert Hays and approved as read.

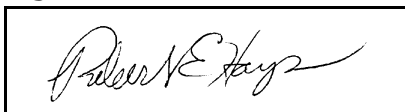
49.1025 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4: 00 P.M. with prayer by Derek Thomas.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 3, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Belhaven College Arts Center, Jackson, MS**

50.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE Doyle Moorhead, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

50.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
		Peter Hairston
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Bobby Huff
		Dave Tigrett
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
		Ken Kammer
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	John Currid	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, Alta Woods	Merle Messer	Willie Cockroft
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Jim Stewart	Noel Toler, Jr.

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park

Bill Hughes
Joe Holland
Bill Wymond
Dean Rydbeck

Doyle Moorhead
Robert Mims
Forrest Bratley
Paul Adams
Mabry Linn

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul

Michael Campbell
Robert Hill

A
Charles Dykes
Jimmy Mardis

Jackson, Trinity

Mike Ross
Rick Stark
John Armstrong

A

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Bill Barclay

A

A

A

A

A

John Kimbrough

Roland Byrd

John Sharp

A

Sam Smith

A

Philip Palmertree

A

A

Bob Lane

A

Allen Vargo

A

George Felton

Bill Cooper

Hugh Acton

George Powe

David Crane

Rick Holbert

A

A

A

Jud Davis

A

Kevin Simpson

Jeff Elliott

Ken King

Carl Kalberkamp
Jason Edwards

Mike Boyett

Rod Russ

A

A

A

Charles Douglas

Nick Purvis

Chris Shelton

A

Scott Reiber

A

Joe Easterling

Frederick Clark

Neil Stewart

Bob Cato

David Gilbert

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Ben Hailey, Guy Waters, Bob Schwanebeck, Doug McCullough, Tim Udouj, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, Bassam Chedid, John Currid, Hunter Brewer, Fred Marsh, Jim Landrum, Joey Wright, and Edward Johnson.

- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates were registered:** Steven Wright, Way Rutherford, and Jeremy Cheezum.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** William Smith, Larry Mills, Stanwood Bean, Brad Ball, Bill Whitwer, David Reeves, Elton Sellers, Matt Giesman, L. Roy Taylor, and Paul Honomichl.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Doug Kelly, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Blake Purcell, Gary Johnson, Clay Quarterman, Mark Lowery, Dale Hollenbeck, and Ed Hartman.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Derek Thomas, Ligon Duncan, Ken Elliott, Dale Van Ness, Ed Hartman and Jason Edwards. Bill Hughes and Bill Barclay requested to leave early.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Bob Duhs, Paul Long, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Don Malin, and Guy Richardson.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **50.1002, a.** above.

50.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Joe Easterling of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, was elected moderator by acclamation.

50.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

50.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **50.1002, d.** above.

50.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

President Dr. Roger Parrott welcomed presbytery to the Belhaven College campus.

50.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE David Gilbert, RE Cookie Clark, and RE Bob Cato.

50.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported on requests for excused absences. Presbytery excused those teaching elders listed in **50.1002, f.** above.

Commission reports were presented for the installations of TE Hunter Brewer as Gluckstadt church planter on staff with Pear Orchard (**Appendix B, p.13**) and TE John Duke at Lakeland Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p. 14**). The reports were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery with irregularities noted on John Duke's commission report.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to establish Redeemer Presbyterian as a particular church (**Appendix C, p. 16**). The report was adopted as the action of presbytery.

Requests for the dissolution of the relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Lexington and TE Dale Van Ness, the dissolution of the relationship between Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville and TE Jim Landrum and for the dissolution of the relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Louisville and TE Sam Smith were referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix D, pp. 17ff.**).

A request from TE Blake Purcell to be transferred to the Presbytery of Russia was received and referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix E, p. 21**).

A plan of union between the Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson and the Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl was received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix F, pp. 22f.**).

A call received from Brandon Presbyterian Church for John Dawson to be the assistant pastor was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix G, p. 24**).

Ministry reports received from TE Jacob Sasubda and TE Kaz Yaegashi were received as information (**Appendix H, pp. 25ff.**).

Presbytery received notification from TE Tim Udouj that he was opting out of the Social Security system (**Appendix I, p. 30**).

Jamie Germany, who recently demitted the ministry, has been received as a member by First Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Meridian.

Barry Darnell has not yet been received by North Macon Presbyterian in Georgia as presbytery desired. The stated clerk reported that Mr. Darnell renounced the jurisdiction of MVP. The issue was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later.

Northern Illinois Presbytery had received TE Willem Van Gemeren at their July 22, 2003 meeting. We had previously released him pending reception though we had not been notified until now.

A letter was received from PCA Stated Clerk Roy Taylor regarding our communication to GA of our Study Report on The New Perspective on Paul, Norman Shepherd, and the Federal Vision **(Appendix N, p. 46)**. It was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee for reference later today.

Stated Clerk RE Dale Peacock of Louisiana Presbytery acknowledged our request to examine TE Steve Wilkins and indicated that they would docket that request for discussion at their next meeting **(Appendix J, p. 31)**. An email request from RE Peacock asking for a copy of the minutes of the special committee which formulated our recently adopted report on the Federal Vision was also received. Presbytery declined his request.

Bill Kuh, President of Retirement and Benefits, Inc., an agency of the General Assembly, addressed presbytery.

TE L. Roy Taylor, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, addressed presbytery regarding the work of the PCA Stated Clerk's Office and the upcoming General Assembly.

50.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented the report **(Appendix K, pp. 32ff.)**. He reported that his projection for 2005 is that we will once again come in short. As a result, the Administration Committee is cutting the budget by 19%. The report was received as information.

50.1010

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Richard Wiman, chairman of the committee, presented the report. He invited each church's Missions Committee chairman or representative to attend the next MTW Committee meeting to be held Wednesday, June 29th, at 12:30 p.m. at North Park Presbyterian Church in Jackson for a time of networking.

He also reminded the presbytery of the impact of our financial shortfall and how that affects support for new missionaries going out from MVP. At present, the committee is not able to give support to any new work. In order to accommodate a reduction of the budget, the committee is eliminating the Vision Trip line item in the budget (\$4500) for the time being. It was also announced that if we do not get our giving up, we will also have to cut back on missionary support.

50.1011

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the report.

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He introduced Karen Stewart of Bethany Christian Services. She reported on Bethany's work. TE Hunter Brewer reported on the new church plant at Gluckstadt. TE Fred Marsh, Assistant Coordinator of MNA, addressed presbytery concerning his work.

TE Elliot then presented the financial audit of RUM which was received as information. It will be kept on file in the stated clerk's office.

50.1012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Steve Jussely, chairman of the committee, gave the report. Presbytery approved the actions of the committee acting as a commission:

1. TE George Felton was appointed to be floor clerk to the 2005 General Assembly,
2. RE George Powe was appointed ruling elder for communion at 2005 General Assembly.

50.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

50.1014 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes in preparation for worship.

50.1015 WORSHIP

In the place of the retiring moderator, RE Doyle Moorhead, TE Brad Mercer led presbytery in worship. He preached from Habakkuk 3: 16-19. Worship was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

50.1016 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The recording clerk read the morning minutes which were approved as read.

50.1017 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE David Gilbert, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of our host organization, to wit:

The members of MVP would like to express their heartfelt thanks to Belhaven College and their staff for the wonderful hospitality extended to the presbytery at this, our May 2005

stated meeting We want to thank the staff for their service, and for the wonderful lunch, which was exceedingly beyond what we deserve. May the Lord continue to bless the institution in all she endeavors to accomplish for Jesus Christ.

/s/ TE David Gilbert, RE Cookie Clark, and RE Bob Cato

50.1018 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report (**Appendix L, pp. 36ff.**).

Administrative Actions

1. Written reports from our interns were received as information.
2. The request of the Tchula Presbyterian Church for RE Fred Greco to serve as student supply through December 31, 2005 was approved.
3. The request of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, for TE Bill Smith to serve as stated supply for a period of one year was approved.
4. RE Sonny Peaster's license was renewed for another four years.
5. Approved Jason Gregory's candidacy and internship transfer to Tennessee Valley Presbytery as requested.

Examinations

Mr. Jeremy Cheezum was examined and approved for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-7. Mr. Cheezum is a member of Covenant PCA in Fayetteville, Arkansas, who currently attends Providence Presbyterian in Clinton. He is a senior at RTS and a candidate in Covenant Presbytery. Covenant Presbytery recognized the completion of his internship. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the questions mandated by the BCO and prayer by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Mr. John Dawson was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. He is being called to be the assistant pastor at Brandon Presbyterian. MVP had already approved the completion of his internship. He was examined in English Bible, Sacraments, Government, Church History, and Theology. Presbytery approved his degree from RTS as fulfilling the requirement for an exam in original languages. On the recommendation of the committee, presbytery accepted his theology paper and his exegesis papers as completing those requirements.

Mr. Dawson preached a sermon on the text of 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. His title was "One Less Great Preacher Than You Are Thinking Right Now." That portion of the exam was sustained. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. Presbytery determined that his view of WCF IV.i ("in the space of six days") constitutes an exception to the Standards (Minutes, Vol.28 [Oct. 17,

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2000] p. 211-215), and he was instructed not to preach, teach, or inculcate his view. The examination was sustained as a whole.

Presbytery approved the terms of his call (**Appendix G, p. 24**).

Presbytery approved his ordination commission as follows:

Place: Brandon Presbyterian Church

Date and Time: May 14, 2005 at 6 P.M.

TEs

Timothy Muse

Ben Hailey

Guy Waters

Invited Guests:

TE James Calderazzo from SE Louisiana Presbytery

TE Fritz Gaines from Nashville Presbytery

RE Mikell Peed from Central Georgia Presbytery.

REs

Jay Holliday

Bobby Huff

Jackie Thompson

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs

Mr. Dawson signed the Book of Obligations, which will become effective upon his ordination.

50.1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Bebo Elkin presented the following as a part of his report.

1. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Dale Van Ness and First Presbyterian Church of Lexington was approved. He was then transferred to Heritage Presbytery pending their reception of him (**Appendix D, pp. 17f.**).
2. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Jim Landrum and the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Louisville was approved. He was kept on the roll without call (**Appendix D, p. 19**).
3. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Sam Smith and the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville was approved in order for him to enter the Air Force chaplaincy (**Appendix D, p. 20**).
4. TE Doug Kelly was approved to transfer to Central Carolina Presbytery. Notice of reception has been received.
5. TE Blake Purcell was removed from the roll of MVP because of his joining the Russian Presbytery in Russia. The extraordinary nature of this action is noted (**Appendix E, p. 21f.**). TE Purcell was released while holding to paedocommunion which has been deemed erroneous by this presbytery.

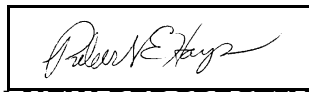
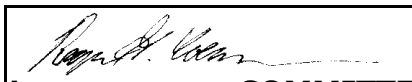
6. Upon the chairman's reading of a letter from former TE Barry Darnell in which he renounced the jurisdiction of MVP, presbytery removed Mr. Darnell's name from the roll of presbytery. Presbytery voted to record in these minutes the fact that he was defrocked with the intent of becoming a member of another PCA church in which he would continue to be under discipline. The receiving church would have been responsible for the decision concerning satisfaction of discipline. This action has never transpired. Mr. Darnell's simple renunciation of any ecclesiastical jurisdiction of presbytery was the cause of this action.
7. The plan of union between Alta Woods Presbyterian and Pearl Presbyterian Church was approved (**Appendix F, pp. 22f.**).
8. The Shepherding and Advisory Committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to oversee the finalization of the details of the Alta Woods and Pearl merger.

50.1020

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins gave the committee's report (**Appendix M, p. 38**).

1. The action of the committee acting as a commission at their meeting on April 28, 2005 voted to cut the 2005 budget by 19% for each committee and by \$2000.00 for presbytery expenses. This was adopted as the action of presbytery.
2. The following guideline for understanding "financial arrangements", for the purposes fulfilling BCO 20-1 was adopted. It is to be defined as "a description of the compensation package being offered a person ordained in the PCA and being considered for approval in a ministerial role in a church of the presbytery, or to labor outside the bounds of presbytery but called by the presbytery to that role. The compensation package should be segmented into the various parts and expressed in dollar amounts (per BCO 20-1) and in comparison to predetermined minimums recommended by presbytery and, when necessary, with any word terms defining the benefit included. (It is noted for the record that this is a change from the committee's original proposal. See p. ?).
3. The following sessional records were approved without exception: Forest Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. Approved with exception: Bailey Presbyterian Church.



50.1021

COMMITTEE ON NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the following matters for presbytery's consideration (**Appendix N, pp. 43ff.**).

1. MVP allowed the chairman of the committee to change one sentence in the pastoral letter pertaining to a particular situation about which MVP's report has been alleged to be inaccurate. The sentence to be changed read, "In one church, a sympathetic pastor engineered the removal of an associate who was fully committed to the PCA doctrinal position but objected to the

pastor's extra- or anti-confessional views." The change is to read, "There have been some reported cases of PCA TEs pressured from their calls through theological opposition by AAT/FV sympathetic sessions or TEs."

2. That the Auburn Avenue Presbyterian Church Summary Statement be appended in both the original and revised form to the MVP report and become part of the report.
3. MVP concurred with the committee's recommendation to voluntarily withdraw its communication to GA, and, through its clerk, write immediately to the GA Stated Clerk informing him that we are voluntarily withdrawing our communication, without prejudice to its content. The word "preposterous" was changed to "unfounded."
4. That we ask GA to send our adopted report to the clerks of PCA presbyteries and make it available by various media, as a useful study aid in the ongoing discussion relating to the teaching of N.T. Wright, the teaching of Norman Shepherd, and the teaching of the so-called "Federal Vision" in the PCA.

50.1022

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

50.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Charlie Dykes was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

50.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The stated clerk was asked to make arrangements for presbytery's next meeting which is to be on August 2, 2005 at Brandon Presbyterian Church. First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City volunteered to host the February 2006 meeting.

50.1025

READING OF THE MINUTES


The afternoon minutes were read by Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays and approved as read.

50.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 2, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS**

51.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Joe Easterling called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

51.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Jay Holliday
	John Dawson	Bobby Huff
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	John Currid	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	O.B. Triplett, IV
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Bill Hughes	Robert Mims
	Joe Holland	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Robert Dieckman

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer		Paul Adams
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	Jimmy Mardis
Jackson, Trinity		Todd Barnett
		A
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Bill Barclay	A
Lexington, First		John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant		Ed Prisock
Louisville, First		John Fair
		Mike Triplett
		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Bill McNease
Meridian, Northpointe	Allen Vargo	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	George Powe
	Merle Messer	Joe Roberts
		A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Jud Davis	A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Ken King
	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Jason Edwards	Rod Russ
	Hunter Brewer	
		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Nick Purvis
		Ernest Oswalt
		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Bob Walker
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Thomas Slawson
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	Bob Cato
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Ben Hailey, Guy Waters, Bob Schwanebeck, Doug McCullough, Tim Udouj, Chris Shelt, Bassam Chedid, Joey Wright, Clay Quarterman, Bob Duhs, Guy Richardson, Os Barnes, and Ed Hurley.

- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates were registered:** Steven Wright, Jody Woodward, Harris Bond, Way Rutherford, and Jeff Jordan.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** William Smith, Larry Mills, Bill Whitwer, Elbert McGowan, and Ralph Gordon.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hartman, and Fred Marsh.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Mike Campbell, James Stewart, Rick Holbert, and Neil Stewart.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Don Malin, Jimmy Turner, Scott Pierce, Mike Ross, Rick Stark, Ken Elliott, Derek Thomas, and Bill Wymond.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **51.1002.a.** above.

51.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Will Thompson of the Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, was elected moderator by acclamation.

51.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as amended to include a discussion concerning Bethany Christian Services and our report to the General Assembly concerning the Federal Vision issue (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

51.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **51.1002, d.** above.

51.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Tim Muse, pastor of the church, welcomed presbytery to the Brandon Presbyterian Church facility.

51.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Rob Hill, TE David Gilbert, and RE Bob Cato.

51.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk Roger Collins reported on requests for excused absences. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **51.1002,f.** above.

The stated clerk reported that a report had been received from the commission to ordain and install John Dawson as assistant pastor of Brandon Presbyterian. The report was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 12**).

The stated clerk reported that the Alta Woods Presbyterian Church, Jackson had officially joined together with Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl. The report of the Advisory Committee which was designated a commission to approve the union was given by Chairman RE Bebo Elkin. The commission approved the merger of Alta Woods into the Pearl Church. Alta Woods Presbyterian Church was recognized for its years of service to the kingdom of Christ and its important role in this presbytery with the reading of a special memorial approved by the commission and previously presented to the 2005 General Assembly (**Appendix C, p. 13f.**). The action of the commission was adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that the Edwards Presbyterian Church asked for TE Guy Richardson to be their stated supply for another year. The request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report and recommendation later (**Appendix D, p. 15**).

The stated clerk reported that calls had been received for TE Merle Messer (**Appendix E, p. 16**), and TE Bob Schwanebeck (**Appendix E, p. 17**). The calls were referred to the Credentials Committee for report and recommendation later.

Requests had been received for TE John Armstrong to transfer to Potomac Presbytery and TE Jim Landrum to go to Tennessee Valley Presbytery. These were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report and recommendation later.

Required ministry reports had been received from TEs Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Lenny Siems, Guy Waters, Jason Kyle, Guy Richardson, John Kyle, Os Barnes, Gary Johnson, Ron Smith, and Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix F, pp. 18-33**).

A request had been received from TE John Kyle asking to be placed on the roster of honorably

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retired ministers. The request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for a recommendation later **(Appendix F, p. 25)**.

A communication received from RE Dale Milton Peacock, stated clerk of Louisiana Presbytery, concerning our Federal Vision Report has been received **(Appendix G, p. 34)**. It was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on the New Perspective on Paul, Norman Shepherd and the Federal Vision.

The stated clerk reported that a communication had been received from Mrs. Lauren Kuo thanking presbytery for its report on NPP **(Appendix H, p. 39)**.

A communication sent to PCA Clerk L. Roy Taylor at the instruction of presbytery is submitted for the record **(Appendix I, p. 40)**.

51.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented the report **(Appendix J, pp. 41-44ff)**.

51.1010

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the report.

Presbytery approved a \$15,000.00 gift toward the Madison County church plant to assist with the down payment of a building and property as needed, and that an additional \$15,000.00 be given as an interest free loan to the Madison church plant to be repaid over five years for that same purpose.

Presbytery recognized the Choctaw Presbyterian Mission in Red Water, Mississippi as a mission church, under the oversight of Carthage Presbyterian Church. Candidate Ken Roberts is to be the church planter, and the inaugural worship service is to be August 7, 2005, at 10:00 A.M. pending approval of Mr. Robert's licensure today.

Moderator RE Thompson relinquished the moderator's chair to RE Bebo Elkin in order to make the following motion: "The MNA Committee of presbytery is to communicate with the board and staff of Bethany Christian Services and request from them their understanding of why the board reversed their previous position in regard to placing children into Roman Catholic families. The committee is to reevaluate and report on the relationship of presbytery to Bethany from the ecclesiastical perspective." Dr. Thompson resumed the moderator's chair after its approval.

TE Hunter Brewer gave a report on the progress of the Madison County church plant. It was received as information.

51.1011

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Richard Wiman presented the report.

TE Clay Quarterman reported on his work as a MTW missionary to Odessa, Ukraine.

The committee would inform the presbytery that Terri Carlton has decided to extend her short term mission work from two to three years. The MTW Committee has agreed to continue her support through the summer of 2006 when she is to return home.

The committee reminds presbytery of our Strategic Plan that encourages each congregation to be aggressively sending out career missionaries from our midst, to seek to establish partnerships with sister churches overseas and to encourage senior adults and others to consider short term missions with MTW.

The presbytery is also reminded that with our 19% budget shortfall, we are in need of additional gifting from our churches in order to continue to send out missionaries from our presbytery.

51.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

51.1013 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes in preparation for worship.

51.1014 WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Joe Easterling led presbytery in worship. He preached from Acts 6:3-15, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served. Memorials were read recognizing the services of REs Preston L. Jackson Sr. of Pear Orchard, Jack C. Treloar of Pear Orchard, Thomas Dawson Day of Pear Orchard, Joe Wadsworth of First Presbyterian, Jackson, and Billy G. Oswalt of Grace Presbyterian (**Appendix K, pp. 45-51ff**). Worship was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

51.1015 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The recording clerk read the morning minutes which were approved as read.

51.1016 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Rob Hill, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of our host organization, to wit:

(After reading II Corinthians 8:1-4), "...on behalf of the members of MVP, we would like to thank the pastor, Tim Muse, the session, and the congregation of Brandon

Presbyterian Church for your wonderful hospitality to us, your fellow brothers, in hosting our August presbytery meeting. We especially thank those who planned, coordinated, cooked, served, and cleaned up after this great lunch. The yankees among us, especially, thank you for this wonderful taste of real southern cooking.”
/s/ TEs Rob Hill, David Gilbert, and RE Bob Cato

51.1017 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery was reconvened by the moderator.

Chairman TE Guy Waters gave the report.

Action as a Commission

1. The action of the committee, acting as a commission, granting permission for TE Robert Schwanebeck to move onto the field at Northpointe Presbyterian Church, effective July 1, 2005 and prior to presbytery's approval of his call, was approved as the action of presbytery [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)].
2. The action of the committee allowing TE Joseph Wheat to move onto the field at Highlands Presbyterian Church before his examination by presbytery was approved as the action of presbytery.

Information

1. The committee adopted revised written examinations in the areas of Views, Theology, and English Bible.
2. The committee has recently implemented "Proposed Resolutions on Examinations" to clarify procedures for administering written examinations for licensure and ordination.
3. Written internship reports from David Bergmark, Stephane Jeanrenaud, Joshua Knott, John McKenzie, Ken Roberts, Way Rutherford, and David Simmons were received and posted on presbytery's web page.

Examinations

1. Mr. Harris Bond was examined to have his candidacy transferred from First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church pending his joining First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni. Mr. Bond is a member of Cornerstone Church (ARP) of Charlotte, North Carolina and a 2005 graduate of RTS -Charlotte. First Presbytery has approved the completion of his internship. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutionally mandated questions and setting apart by prayer he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery noted the irregularity in timing (BCO 18-2 [2nd paragraph]) and declared this to be an extraordinary circumstance.
2. Mr. Jeff Jordan was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Jordan is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and a rising senior at RTS. He was thoroughly

examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutionally mandated questions and setting apart by prayer he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

3. Mr. Elbert McGowan was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3, and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. McGowan is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutionally mandated questions and setting apart by prayer he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery approved his internship under Plan E at Redeemer, Jackson, with TE Mike Campbell as mentor.
4. Mr. Win Groseclose was approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Groseclose is a candidate in MVP. Presbytery approved his internship at the Pearl Presbyterian Church, with TE Merle Messer as mentor. In addition, presbytery allowed work done at Alta Woods since June, 2004 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching at Alta Woods counting no more than 50%.
5. Mr. Ken Roberts was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Roberts is a candidate and intern in MVP, and a middler at RTS. Presbytery examined him in all areas. His sermon on Psalm 27 was accepted as satisfying that part of the requirements. Mr. Roberts declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his answering the constitutionally mandated questions of the BCO, and upon prayer and pronouncement by the moderator, he was licensed to preach.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. Mr. Matt Ellis was taken off the roll of candidates at his own request, per BCO 18-7.
2. The internship of Mr. Stephen Tindall was approved as complete.
3. The internship of Mr. Harris Bond was approved as complete pending testimonial of First Presbytery (ARP).
4. The call from Pearl Presbyterian Church to TE Merle Messer as associate pastor was approved **(Appendix E, p. 16)**. Terms meet presbytery guidelines.
5. That the call of Northpointe, Meridian to TE Robert Schwanebeck as pastor was approved **(Appendix E, p. 17)**. Terms meet presbytery guidelines.
6. That the commission to install TE Robert Schwanebeck as pastor of Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian was approved as follows:

Date: August 7, 2005 Time: 5:00 PM

Place: Northpointe Presbyterian Church

TEs

Dr. Robert E. Hays
Philip Palmertree - convener
Carl Kalberkamp
Allen Vargo

REs

Dr. Kary Whitehead
Dr. Tim Ivy
Dr. Mike Nanney
Bebo Elkin
Joel Johnson
David Goldman
Rod Russ

The quorum is two teaching and two ruling elders.

7. Presbytery approved the holding of a called meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 9:00 AM. to examine and deal with all matters relating to the call of TE Joseph Wheat to Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland.

51.1018 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report and presented the following matters.

1. Submitted reports of men serving out of bounds and/or without call were received and presbytery approved their continuance as requested (**Appendix F, pp. 18-33**).
2. The Edwards Presbyterian Church's relationship with TE Guy Richardson as stated supply is approved for another year.
3. TE John Kyle's request for honorable retirement is approved as of Dec 31, 2005.
4. The Shepherding and Advisory Committee concurs with the Credentials Committee that TE Merle Messer's call to Pearl Presbyterian Church is acceptable (**Appendix E, p. 16**).
5. The dissolution of TE John Armstrong's pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko and his subsequent transfer to Potomac Presbytery is approved.
6. The transfer of TE Jim Landrum to Tennessee Valley is approved.

51.1019 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Roger Collins gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the one time gift from Alta Woods Presbyterian Church be transferred to the MNA account and used for church planting and revitalization.
2. The amount needed to fully fund presbytery's RUF budget be used from the Alta Woods contribution with the provision that these monies be reimbursed with any income above presbytery's budget at the end of calendar year 2005.

2. Any net income for 2005 is to be used to restore 2005 budget amounts that have been cut.
3. The 2006 budget will be adjusted to reflect 110% of general fund contributions for 2005. This would not include the contribution from Alta Woods or any extra designated contributions (i.e. designated for MTW).

It was announced that the per capita asking for 2006 is \$20.50.

51.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

At the request of the moderator, RE Bebo Elkin assumed the chair and RE Will Thompson moved the following: "That MVP mail to the sessions of every PCA church the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the NPP, Norman Shepherd and Federal Vision. The expenses of doing this are to be provided by private or designated donations." The motion carried.

51.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Philip Palmertree was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

51.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on November 1, 2005 at Twin Lakes Conference Center at Florence. First Presbyterian, Yazoo City volunteered to host the February, 2006 meeting.


51.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

The afternoon minutes were read by Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays and approved as read.


51.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**CALLED MEETING
August 16, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS**

52.1001 CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Moderator RE Will Thompson, TE Joe Easterling, a previous moderator, called the called meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer. The meeting was called by the stated clerk and the Credentials Committee. It was called for the purpose of examining TE Joseph Wheat and approving his call to Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland.

52.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Dick Nelson Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Brister Ware	Richard Johnson
	Billy Joseph	Doyle Moorhead
	Ligon Duncan	
	James Stewart	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, North Park	Derek Thomas	A
Jackson, Redeemer	Dean Rydbeck	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Richard Stark	A
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Bill Barclay	A
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, Covenant		A
Louisville, First		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Bill McNease
Meridian, Northpointe	Allen Vargo	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	George Powe
	Merle Messer	Joe Roberts
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Ford Mosby
		Carroll Dew
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Hunter Brewer	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Nick Purvis
Union, First		A
Vicksburg, Westminster		A
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second	Neil Stewart	A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Doug McCullough, Tim Udouj, Joey Wright, and Bob Duhs.

c. The following visitors were registered: Darin Stone, Jim Brown, Hap Farber, Stanwood Bean, and Joseph Wheat.

d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard

Siems, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hartman, Fred Marsh, and Clay Quarterman.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** George Felton, Os Barnes, Bob Schwanebeck, and Scott Reiber.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Don Malin, Jimmy Turner, Scott Pierce, Mike Ross, Rick Stark, Ken Elliott, Bill Wymond, Bill Hughes, Joe Holland, Michael Campbell, Bill Barclay, Philip Palmertree, Jud Davis, Chris Shelt, Bassam Chedid, Guy Richardson, Ed Hurley, and Ben Hailey.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **52.1002, a.** above.

52.1003

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Roger Collins, pastor of the church, welcomed presbytery to the facility.

52.1004

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **52.1002, e.** above.

The clerk reported having received the call from Highlands Presbyterian Church for TE Joseph Wheat (**Appendix A, p. 5**).

The clerk reported that no docket had been presented since we are gathered for the sole purpose of hearing the report of the Credentials Committee.

52.1005

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters, chairman, gave the report.

TE Joseph Wheat, a member of Rocky Mountain Presbytery, was examined in his Christian experience and his views as required by BCO 13-6. He expressed no reservations about any of the constitutional standards. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled as a member pending his release from Rocky Mountain Presbytery, his signing of the Book of Obligations and his installation.

The call of Highlands Presbyterian Church to TE Wheat was approved (**Appendix A, p. 5**).

Presbytery approved the following installation commission:

Place: Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS

Date: September 11, 2005, Time: 5:00 P.M.

TEACHING ELDERS

TE Ligon Duncan - convener

TE Mike Ross

TE Guy Richardson

RULING ELDERS

RE Ford Mosby

RE Richard Dixon

RE Carroll Dew

RE Peter Johnson

Guest: TE John Nordan (SE AL Presbytery)

Quorum for the commission is two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

52.1006

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read by Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays and approved as read.

52.1007

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**CALLED MEETING
September 20, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

53.1001

CALL TO ORDER

At the call of Moderator RE Will Thompson, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins and the MNA Committee, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley met on September 20, 2005 at North Park Presbyterian Church in Jackson, Mississippi. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a report and consider recommendations from the Disaster Response Sub-committee of presbytery's MNA in order to address needs arising from Hurricane Katrina.

RE Thompson called the called meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer and reading from Psalm 96 and the WCF, Chapter II, III.

53.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Vernon Cottan
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer	Robert Mims
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Joe Holland	Alan Futuoye
	James Stewart	Doyle Moorhead

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
	Bill Hughes	Noel Toler
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Richard Stark	A
	Mike Ross	
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, Covenant		A
Louisville, First		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Bill McNease
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	A
	Merle Messer	
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Robert Walker
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Darin Stone
	Jeff Elliott	
	Jason Edwards	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Nick Purvis
Union, First		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jimmy Turner, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Fred Marsh, Ben Hailey, and Ed Hurley.

c. The following visitors were registered: None.

d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Jayson Kyle,

Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hartman, and Clay Quarterman.

- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** George Felton, John Dawson, Hunter Brewer, Bill Barclay, Mark Lowery, Guy Waters, Chris Shelt, Alan Vargo, Neil Stewart, and Tim Udouj.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Bob Duhs, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Don Malin, Scott Pierce, Ken Elliott, Derek Thomas, Bill Wymond, Philip Palmertree, Jud Davis, Bassam Chedid, Guy Richardson, Dan Gilchrist, John Currid, Ligon Duncan, Joseph Wheat, Os Barnes, Steve Jussely, Chris Shelton, Joey Wright, and Rick Holbert.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **53.1002, a.** above.

53.1003

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Dean Rydbeck, pastor of the church, welcomed presbytery to the Northpark Presbyterian Church facility.

53.1004

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **53.1002, e.** above.

The stated clerk explained that a docket was not presented because the only business was to hear and act upon the report of the MNA Disaster Response Sub-committee.

53.1005

REPORT OF THE MNA COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott introduced the report (**Appendix A, pp. 6ff.**). TE Tim Muse, chairman of the Disaster Response Sub-committee gave the specific recommendations for action. Presbytery adopted the following recommendations from the MNA Committee and the Disaster Response Sub-committee:

- 1 . RE Paul Adams is designated to be our MVP Disaster Response Coordinator to work with our Disaster Response Sub-committee, to serve as a contact point for our presbytery, to assess the needs of our member churches, and to coordinate our relief efforts with PCA MNA and our fellow presbyteries,

2. The Disaster Response Sub-committee will meet at least every two weeks or as needed to address both the immediate and long term disaster response needs. Moreover, we encourage representatives from each of our member churches to attend these meetings,
3. The Disaster Response Sub-committee will secure and provide whatever training might be useful to equip our pastors and church members for service,
4. Presbytery will provide all support and available assistance requested by fellow presbyteries to help establish, operate and supply the staging areas set up in conjunction with PCA MNA to include helping solicit and sustain leadership and site workers for the individual sites,
5. We thank MVP Pres WIC for their participation and encourage them to continue their involvement, especially in soliciting volunteers for office help and food preparation,
6. We encourage all volunteers planning to travel to the affected regions to obtain appropriate medical preventions such as tetanus shots, etc.,
7. RE John Crawford is designated as the MVP member of the PCA MNA Katrina Task Force,
8. Member churches are encouraged to stay abreast of the constantly changing circumstances and needs and to consider new ministries and new ways to minister and meet those needs, and
9. Our churches and their officers are challenged to stir up the gifts of generosity and liberality in supplying the needs of the saints and sharing with others.

It was further approved that the Disaster Relief Sub-committee would:

1. Appoint new members to bring the number of members up to a total of ten,
2. Appoint a Disbursement Manager (check signer) to PCA MNA Katrina Task Force; and
3. Commend the churches of MVP for their help and contributions.

In addition, on motions from individuals, presbytery adopted the following:

1. That presbytery give the Disaster Response Sub-committee authority to provide support for Ron and Judy Haynes, the amount to be at their discretion. The funds used to support them will come from the disaster response contributions that have been received in response to Hurricane Katrina, and
2. That presbytery ask the MNA committee to include support for Ron and Judy Haynes in their next budget request.

53.1006

TIME OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer for the victims of Hurricane Katrina, the rescue workers, and all involved in the catastrophe.

53.1007

READING OF THE MINUTES

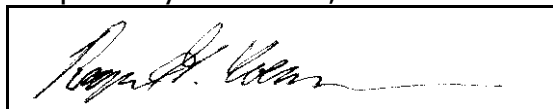
The minutes were read by Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays and approved as read.

53.1008

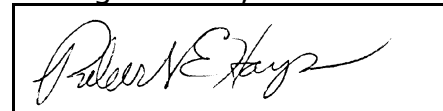
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M. with prayer by RE Vernon Cotten.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 1, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Jackson, MS**

54.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

The retiring moderator, RE Will Thompson, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

54.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larkin Chapman Richard Cobb David Tigrett
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard Dick Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	O.B. Triplett, IV
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Brad Mercer Brister Ware Billy Joseph Ligon Duncan Bill Hughes William Wymond	Forrest 'Bud' Bratley Noel Toler Edmund Johnston, Jr. Bill May Doyle Moorhead Robert Mims

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, North Park	Jim Stewart	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Dean Rydbeck	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Mike Campbell	Bob Lewis
Jackson, Trinity	Robert Hill	Rob Jones
Kosciusko, First	Mike Ross	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna	Rick Stark	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Bill Barclay	Harold Jones
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, Covenant		Ed Prisock
Louisville, First		Mike Triplett
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Philip Palmertree	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
	Allen Vargo	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	George Powe
	Merle Messer	Joe Roberts
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Ken King
	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Jason Edwards	
	Hunter Brewer	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Ray Huff
		Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Terry Warren
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
Yazoo City, First		Bob Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Bob Cato
	Neil Stewart	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Fred Marsh, Guy Waters, Doug McCullough, Tim Udouj, Bassam Chedid, Guy Richardson and Ed Hurley.

c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered: Fred Greco, James Hakim, Steven Wright, Jeremy Cheezum, Joshua Knott, Stephen Pace and David Bergmark.

- d. The following visitors were registered:** William Smith, Larry Mills, Harris Bond, Joel Hathaway, Aung Lai Matu, Mark Smith, Robert Brunson, Al Ward, Pablo Carli, and Jae Hyuk Yoo.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Gary Johnson, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hartman, and Clay Quarterman.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Ben Haley, Derek Thomas, John Currid, Mark Lowery, Don Malin, and Jimmy Turner.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, Martin Marshall, and Bob Duhs.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Larry Wissell, Scott Pierce, Rick Holbert, Jesse Jacobs, Os Barnes, Joey Wright, Ken Elliott, Jud Davis, and Chris Shelt.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **54.1002.a.** above.

54.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE, Philip Palmertree, of the Macon Presbyterian Church, was elected moderator by acclamation.

54.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved as amended (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

54.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **54.1002, d.** above.

54.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Mark Magee, Director of Twin Lakes Retreat Center, welcomed presbytery.

54.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE John Dawson, TE David Gilbert, and RE John Williams.

54.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences. Presbytery granted them to those teaching elders listed in **54.1002, f**.

The stated clerk presented the report of presbytery's commission to install TE Bob Schawanebeck as pastor of the Northpointe Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p. 15**). It was adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk presented the report of presbytery's commission to install TE Joseph Wheat as pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p. 16**). It was adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia asked that TE Robert Duhs be allowed to serve as stated supply until the end of the year. The request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported that the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Louisville requested that TE Bill Smith of Warrior Presbytery be allowed to serve another six month term as stated supply (**Appendix C, p. 17**). The request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported that the Bailey Presbyterian Church asked that TE Paul Honomichl of Grace Presbytery be allowed to serve as stated supply until the end of the year (**Appendix D, p. 18**). The request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk received calls for Jeremy Cheezum from Providence Presbyterian Church to be an assistant pastor (**Appendix E, p. 19**), TE David Gilbert from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to become an associate pastor (**Appendix E, p. 20**), Harris Bond from Belzoni Presbyterian Church to be an assistant pastor (**Appendix E, p. 22**), David Bergmark to serve as a church planter in Sweden (**Appendix E, p. 23**), Robert Brunson to serve as assistant pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 24**) and TE Philip Palmertree to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko (**Appendix E, p. 25**). These were referred to the Credentials Committee and will be dealt with in their report.

The stated clerk reported that a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Rick Holbert and the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia has been received (**Appendix F, p. 26**). A related request that TE Holbert be allowed to remain on the roll without call was in hand (**Appendix G, p. 27**). They were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for their later report.

The stated clerk reported that the minutes of the congregational meeting of the Macon Presbyterian Church requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between themselves and TE Phillip Palmertree were received. The dissolution was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The stated clerk reported that ministry reports had been received from TE Kaz Yaegashi and TE Chris McCune. These were received as information **(Appendix H, pp. 28ff.)**.

The stated clerk made the Strategic Planning Committee Report available for presbytery's perusal and study. Discussion and debate are set for our Stated Meeting on February 7, 2006. BCO amendments as handed down by General Assembly will be presented for a vote at the same meeting.

Presbytery granted Director for Church Relations Joel Hathaway of Covenant Seminary the privilege of the floor for five minutes to make a presentation on behalf of Covenant Seminary.

54.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the place of Treasurer RE Rod Russ, RE Bob Bailey presented the Treasurer's Report **(Appendix I, p. 32)**.

54.1010 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Brad Mercer, presented the Christian Education Committee Report **(Appendix J, p. 36)** and introduced the following speakers: Karen Crawford, President of PresWIC, who presented the WIC Annual Report and Bill Stone, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Twin Lakes, who spoke about the ministry of Twin Lakes through retreats and summer camps. TE Mercer reminded the presbytery of the upcoming Mid-South Men's Rally which is to be held January 27th, 2006. Dr. Albert Mohler, Jr. is to be the speaker.

54.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the MNA Report and introduced TE Tim Muse and TE Fred Marsh who reported on disaster response efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The stated clerk also informed presbytery of generous gifts which have been received by presbytery for Katrina relief.

54.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

54.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes in preparation for worship.

54.1014

WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, RE Will Thompson, led presbytery in worship. He preached from Job 38, Isaiah 6, and Daniel 10. Worship was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

54.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The recording clerk read the morning minutes which were approved as read.

54.1016

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour Chairman TE John Dawson presented the Thanks Committee Report recognizing the service of our host organization:

Whereas, we, the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, do with great thankfulness of heart to God for his kind provision in all things give thanks for blessing his church with abundant resources and ministries such as Twin Lakes. We give thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and Twin Lakes for the use of this facility and we give thanks to the staff of Twin Lakes for their kind service, wonderful refreshments, and delicious meal in these beautiful surroundings of God's creation.

/s/ RE John Williams, TE David Gilbert and TE John Dawson

54.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report (**Appendix K, pp. 37f.**). He reported that written internship reports for those indicated on the attached internship list (**p. 40**) had been received and have been posted on the website. Presbytery heard oral reports from interns Andy Halsey, Stephane Jeanrenaud, and Chris Thomas. RE Will Thompson led in prayer for these three men.

Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo is a member of Redeemer Church, Jackson and endorsed by their session. He is a middler at RTS. Mr. Yoo was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon answering the questions mandated in the BCO 18-3, and after charging and prayer by the moderator he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

TE Bob Brunson was examined for transfer from North Georgia Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, pending his dismissal. He has been called to be an assistant pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church. Mr. Brunson was examined in all areas as required. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His examination was approved as a whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and was recognized as a member of presbytery pending his dismissal and installation.

Mr. David Bergmark, a candidate in MVP, was examined for ordination in all the areas mandated by BCO 21-4. While his seminary degree has not yet been received, the educational requirements were declared fulfilled by presbytery because presbytery believes he has met the requirements of theological studies mandated by the GA. This was approved by a three fourths vote of presbytery. He had completed sixty two hours of formal study at RTS and had completed enough other independent study and taken courses online and in Sweden to suffice to fulfill the requirements. His studies were accepted in lieu of an oral examination in the original languages of the Bible. Presbytery approved the completion of his internship.

Mr. Bergmark declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. Presbytery determined that his view of WCF 4.1 ("in the space of six days") is an exception to the Standards (Minutes, Vol. 28 [Oct. 17, 2000] p. 211-215). Presbytery approved his examination as a whole, and instructed Mr. Bergmark that he refrain from preaching, teaching, or inculcating his exception. He signed the Book of Obligations, and will be enrolled as a teaching elder upon his ordination (see 54.1022).

Presbytery approved Mr. Bergmark's call to serve with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Sweden (**Appendix E, p. 23**). Though terms are below our guidelines, presbytery accepted the word of TE Gary Johnson, already a member of presbytery on the field with that church, who stated: "As a witness to the agreed call with Sven David Andreas Bergmark, the salary as indicated in the call is sufficient for a Swedish pastor according to Swedish standards."

Mr. Jeremy Cheezum, a candidate in MVP, was examined for ordination in all areas mandated by BCO 21-4. MVP had previously approved the completion of his internship. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral examination in the original languages of the Bible. Mr. Cheezum declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on Matthew 18: 21-35. It was accepted by presbytery. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and will be enrolled on the roster of teaching elders upon his ordination.

It was noted that the terms of his call fall slightly below presbytery's minimum.

Mr. Harris Bond, a candidate in MVP, was examined for ordination in all areas mandated by BCO 21-4. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral examination in the original languages of the Bible. MVP had previously approved the completion of his internship. Mr. Bond declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on Galatians 6: 11-17. It was approved by presbytery. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and will be enrolled on the roster of teaching elders upon his ordination.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the stated supply relationship between Bailey Presbyterian Church, Meridian and Dr. Paul Honomichl be renewed for a period of one year pending agreement from the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix D, p. 18)**.

2. That the call from Providence Presbyterian Church of Clinton to Jeremy Cheezum be approved **(Appendix E, p. 19)**.

3. That the commission to ordain and install Mr. Cheezum as assistant pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton be approved.

Date: Sunday November 6, at 6:00 P.M.

Place: Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton

Members: <u>TEs</u>	<u>REs</u>
John Reeves	Steve McNair
John Currid	John Hamby
Os Barnes	Sid Moller
Paul Sagan (Guest)	

Quorum: Two TEs and two REs

4. That the call to TE David Gilbert to be an associate pastor at Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City be approved **(Appendix E, p. 20)**.

5. That the commission to install TE David Gilbert be approved.

Date: Sunday November 6, at 6:00 P.M.

Place: Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City

Members: <u>TEs</u>	<u>REs</u>
Dr. Neil Stewart	Dr. Will Thompson
Tim Udouj	Thomas Peaster
Ben Hailey	Wayne Morrison
Robert Hill	Bob Cato
	Charles Clayton
	Bebo Elkin

Quorum: Two TEs and two REs

6. That the call of First Presbyterian Church of Belzoni to Mr. Harris Bond as assistant pastor be approved **(Appendix E, p. 22)**.

7. That the commission to ordain and install Mr. Bond be approved.

Date: Sunday November 6, at 6:00 P.M.

Place: Belzoni Presbyterian Church, Belzoni

Members: <u>TEs</u>	<u>REs</u>
Joe Easterling	Frederick Clark
Richard Wiman	Edward Bond
Billy Joseph	Bebo Elkin

Tom Kay, Jr. (Guest) Alan McLain
Richard Belcher (Guest preacher)

Quorum - Two TEs and two REs

8. That the call to be the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko to TE Phillip Palmertree be approved (**Appendix E, p. 25**).

9. That the commission to install TE Phillip Palmertree be approved.

Date: Sunday November 6, at 5:00 P.M.

Place: First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko

Members:	<u>TEs</u>	<u>REs</u>
	Bob Schwanebeck	Don Breazeale
	Dean Rydbeck	Roland Byrd
	Chris Shelton	Bebo Elkin
	Les Newsome (Guest)	Session of FPC, Kosciusko

Quorum: Two TEs and two Res

10. That the call to TE Robert Brunson to be the assistant pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church be approved (**Appendix E, p. 24**).

11. That the commission to install TE Bob Brunson be approved.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005 at 5:00 P.M.

Place: Highlands Presbyterian Church

Members:	<u>TEs</u>	<u>REs</u>
	Joseph Wheat	David Tigrett
	Steve Jussely	Jim Pettus
	Dean Rydbeck	Peder Johnson
		Richard Dixon

Quorum: Two TEs and two Res

12. That the call to David Bergmark from MVP to the gospel ministry with duties of church planting in the Evangelical Reformed Church of Sweden dependant upon the contract that body authorized be approved (**Appendix E, p. 23**). Mr. Bergmark agreed to the terms of the call and accepted it.

13. That presbytery ordain David Bergmark during this meeting. See 54.1022.

54.1018 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Richard Wiman presented the MTW Report and introduced Terri Carlton who reported on her work in Scotland. Presbytery received as information the fact that Bert Kuyrkendall is to be retiring from the mission field in Peru very soon.

54.1019 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

In the stead of Chairman RE Bebo Elkin, TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the stated supply relationship between TE Bill Smith and the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Louisville be extended for another sixth month term until May 2006 **(Appendix C, p. 17)**.
2. That the stated supply relationship between TE Paul Honomichl and the Bailey Presbyterian Church be extended for another year as recommended by the Credentials Committee **(Appendix D, p. 18)**.
3. That presbytery concur with the request of the Macon Presbyterian Church to dissolve their pastoral relationship with TE Phillip Palmertree.
4. That presbytery concur with the request of the First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia to dissolve their pastoral relationship with TE Rick Holbert **(Appendix F, p. 26)** and that he be allowed to remain on roll without call **(Appendix G, p. 27)**.
5. That a stated supply relationship between TE Bob Duhs and the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia be established until the end of the year.

54.1020 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Steve Jussely, chairman of the committee, gave the report. Presbytery elected the following men to their General Assembly permanent committees. The ones in parentheses are already serving.

Administrative Committee:

TE Billy Joseph RE Tommy Peaster

Christian Education and Publications:

TE Steve Jussely RE Robert Jones

Committee on Constitutional Business:

TE (John Reeves) RE Will Thompson

Interchurch Relations Committee:

TE (Derek Thomas)

Mission to North America:

TE Jeff Elliott RE (Donald Breazeale)

Mission to the World:

TE Richard Wiman RE (Hugh Potts, Jr.)

Reformed University Ministries:

TE Joe Easterling RE (Kim Kimbrough)

Standing Judicial Commission:

TE (Mike Ross) RE Ed Prisock

Theological Examining Committee:

TE Guy Waters RE Charlie Dykes

Covenant College

TE Roger Collins

Covenant Theological Seminary:

TE (Michael Campbell)

PCA Foundation:

RE (C. Eugene McRoberts)

PCA Retirement & Benefits, Inc.:

Ridge Haven:

RE (Steve Morris)

Presbytery empowered the Nominating Committee to serve as a commission to fill any remaining slots.

Presbytery elected the following men to the Class of 2008 on our presbytery committees:

	<u>Class of 2008</u>	<u>Alternates</u>
Administration	RE Kevin Russell TE Hugh Acton TE Brister Ware RE Doyle Moorhead	RE Gary Morrison TE Rick Holbert
Advisory and Shepherding	TE Robert Duhs TE John Reeves RE Bob Lewis RE Phil McDade	TE Bob Schawanebeck TE Bill Hughes
Christian Education	TE Ed Hurley RE Joe Holland RE Ken Sheppard	RE Ken King
Credentials	RE Shelby Watts TE Derek Thomas RE Charlie Dykes TE Bill Barclay	TE John Currid RE O. B. Triplett, IV
MTW	TE Joseph Wheat RE Ford Mosby RE Hugh Potts	RE Max Bowman TE Alan Varga
MNA	TE Tim Muse RE Steve McNair	TE Tim Udouj RE Vernon Cotton

RE Paul Adams
TE Mike Campbell

Presbytery also elected TE John Duke to fill the vacancy on Christian Education for the Class of 2006 and TE Merle Messer to the MTW Committee for the class of 2007.

Presbytery elected TE Mike Ross and RE Butch Bond to the Nominating Committee for the Class of 2007. RE Noel Toler and TE Carl Kalberkamp were elected to the Class of 2008. RE Joe Bowden and TE Rick Stark were elected as alternates.

54.1021 COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

TE Ligon Duncan, chairman of the committee, presented the report. It was received as information.

54.1022 ORDINATION SERVICE FOR DAVID BERGMARK

Presbytery held a worship service to ordain Mr. David Bergmark to the Gospel ministry and install him as a church planter in Sweden with the Evangelical Reformed Church of Sweden. REs Al Chestnut and Wayne Husband were seated by presbytery as members of the court for the ordination service.

The chairman of the proceedings, TE Phillip Palmertree, called the worship service to order and the hymn, "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" was sung. RE Wayne Husband read I Timothy 1:3-5 & Jeremiah 23:1-6. TE Ligon Duncan preached the message. The constitutional questions were addressed to Mr. Bergmark and the presbytery by the moderator, Mr. Palmertree. The charge to the pastor was given by TE Mike Ross, and the charge to presbytery was given by TE Richard Wiman. RE Al Chestnut led as the above men set Mr. Bergmark apart with prayer and the laying on of hands. Afterwards "The Church's One Foundation" was sung. The whole proceeding was closed with the benediction by TE David Bergmark.

54.1023 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Roger Collins, chairman of the Administration Committee, reported on the examination of session minutes from four churches. The minutes of Forest and Bethesda Presbyterian Churches were approved without exception. Minutes of First Presbyterian of Union and Covenant Presbyterian of Louisville were approved with exceptions.

54.1024 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

54.1025

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Charlie Dykes of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

54.1026

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be on February 7, 2006 at First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City.

54.1027

READING OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery officers were constituted as a commission to read and approve the afternoon minutes.

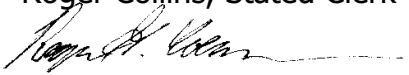
54.1028

ADJOURNMENT


The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

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**CALLED MEETING
December 15, 2005**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS**

55.1001

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Moderator TE Phillip Palmertree, a previous moderator, TE Joe Easterling, called the called meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer. The docket was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 5**).

55.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Harris Bond	
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
Brandon, Lakeland		
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		
Canton, Old Madison		
Carthage, Carthage		
Carthage, Forest Grove		
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	
	Jeremy Cheezum	
DeKalb, DeKalb		
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		
Edwards, Bethesda		M.J. Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		
Forest, Forest	Robert Hays	
Goodman, Goodman		
Jackson, First	Bill Hughes	
	Derek Thomas	
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	James Stewart	Victor Clark
		Doyle Moorhead

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Noel Toler Bebo Elkin Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer		
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	
Jackson, Trinity	Mike Ross	
Kosciusko, First		
Kosciusko, Smyrna		
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		
Learned, Lebanon	Bill Barclay	
Lexington, First		John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant		
Louisville, First		
Macon, Center Point		
Macon, Macon		
Madden, Carolina		
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Bill McNease
Meridian, Northpointe	Allen Vargo Bob Schwanebeck	
Newton, Newton		
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	
Philadelphia, First		
Pickens, Pickens		
Pickens, Shiloh		
Raymond, Raymond		
Ridgeland, Highlands		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	
Scooba, Scooba		
Shuqualak, Shuqualak		
Tchula, Tchula		
Terry, Wynndale		
Union, First		
Vicksburg, Westminster		Robert Walker
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	
Yazoo City, Second	Neil Stewart	

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: David Bergmark, and Guy Waters.

c. The following visitor was registered: Mark Smith.

55.1003 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Roger Collins, pastor of the church, welcomed presbytery to the facility.

55.1004 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

At the suggestion of the stated clerk, all absent ruling and teaching elders were excused.

55.1005 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters, chairman, gave the report (**Appendix B, p. 6**). Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That TE Mark T. Smith be examined to transfer his ordination from Presbytery of the South of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church to MVP. TE Smith, a minister in good standing of the OPC, was examined as to his views and knowledge in all areas required by the BCO 13-6. He expressed no reservations about any of the constitutional standards.

Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and, properly answering the constitutional questions of 21-5, he was enrolled on the list of Teaching Elders, upon his signing of the Book of Obligations and pending his installation.

2. His call was approved (**Appendix B, p. 7**).

3. His installation commission was approved as follows:

TE Robert E. Hays, Convener

RE Bill Blossom

TE Bill Barclay

RE Billy Webb

TE Dan Gilchrist

RE O.B. Triplett, IV

Quorum: Two TEs and two REs

Time: 5:30 PM

Date: Jan 8, 2006

Place: Forest-Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest, MS

55.1006 REPORT OF THE SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RE Bebo Elkin made the report. Upon recommendation of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee, presbytery approved the resignation of TE Robert Hays as pastor of the Forest Presbyterian Church, effective upon the installation of TE Mark Smith, the pastor-elect of Forest-

Covenant Presbyterian Church (name changed). Presbytery also approved TE Hays serving as a borrowed elder at the session of Forest-Covenant Presbyterian Church for up to one year from the date of TE Smith's installation.

In addition, presbytery approved keeping TE Hays on the roll of presbytery as being without call.

55.1007

READING OF THE MINUTES

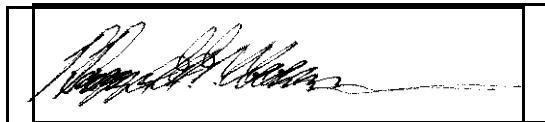
The minutes were read by TE Hays and approved as read.

55.1008


ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 9:55 A.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 7, 2006**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, MS**

56.1001 CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, TE Philip Palmertree, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

56.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Harris Bond	
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Rick Holbert
	Jeremy Cheezum	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Derek Thomas	Bud Bratley
	Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston, Jr.
	Joe Holland	Victor Clark
	Bill Hughes	

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, Redeemer
 Jackson, St. Paul
 Jackson, Trinity

Dean Rydbeck

 Robert Hill
 Mike Ross
 Rick Stark
 Phillip Palmertree

Mabry Linn

 Charlie Dykes
 A

 A
 A
 A
 Gene Austin
 Roland Byrd
 Charles McCool
 A
 Walter Riddell
 Richard Metz
 Jimmy Davidson
 A

Kosciusko, First
 Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First
 Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina

Bob Schwanebeck
 Allen Vargo
 George Felton
 Hugh Acton

A

 Fred Carlson
 George Powe
 Bob Nelson
 Charles McClain
 A
 A
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Madison, First
 Meridian, Northpointe

 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Highlands

Joseph Wheat
 Bob Brunson
 Jeff Elliott
 Carl Kalberkamp
 Jason Edwards

Rod Russ

Scooba, Scooba
 Tchula, Tchula
 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Charles Douglas
 Chris Shelton
 Scott Reiber
 Joe Easterling
 David Gilbert
 Neil Stewart

A
 Jim Hutton
 Nick Purvis
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 Bob Bailey
 Bob Cato
 Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Fred Marsh, Guy Waters, Doug McCullough, Tim Udouj, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Ben Hailey, Joey Wright, Mark Lowery, Bob Duhs, Rick Holbert and Robert Hays.

- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Fred Greco, James Hakim, Steven Wright, Jeremy Cheezum, Joshua Knott, Way Rutherford, Brian Sorgenfrei and Stephen Pace.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** TE Stan Bean, John Ford, William Adkins, and Stephen Emerson.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, James Carter, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, John Kyle, Kaz Yaegashi, Chris McCune, William Bradford, Leonard Siems, Gary Johnson, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hartman, Clay Quarterman, and David Bergmark.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bill Barclay, Ligon Duncan, Mike Campbell, John Currid, Merle Messer, Robert Lane, Jim Stewart, Bill Wymond, Jimmy Turner and Hunter Brewer. Mike Ross and Bill Hughes asked to be excused early.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Larry Wissell, Jesse Jacobs, Steve Jussely, Os Barnes, Ken Elliott, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hurley, and Don Malin.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **56.1002.a.** above.

56.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Charlie Dykes, of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was elected moderator by acclamation.

56.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p.12**).

56.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **56.1002, d.** above.

56.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Pastor TE Joe Easterling welcomed presbytery to First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City.

56.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Tim Udouj, TE Harris Bond, and RE Edmund Johnston.

56.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **56.1002, f.** above.

The commission report approving the minutes of the November 1, 2005 stated meeting was adopted as the action of the presbytery.

The commission report of the installation of TE Phillip Palmertree as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 13**).

The commission report of the installation of TE Robert Brunson as an assistant pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church of Ridgeland was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 14**).

The commission report of the ordination and installation of Jeremy Cheezum as assistant pastor of the Providence Presbyterian Church was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 15**).

The commission report of the ordination and installation of Harris Bond as assistant pastor of the Belzoni Presbyterian Church was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 16**).

The commission report of the installation of TE David Gilbert as the associate pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 17**).

The commission report of the installation of TE Mark Smith as the pastor of the Forest-Covenant Presbyterian Church of Forest was adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 18**).

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The stated clerk reported that the Advisory Committee, serving as a commission, had dismissed TE Jud Davis from his charge at Raymond Presbyterian Church and approved his transfer to Tennessee Valley Presbytery. Presbytery ratified the action as its own **(Appendix C, p. 19)**.

Presbytery approved the stated clerk's motion that TE Scott Pierce be transferred to Evangel Presbytery at their request.

The clerk reported that a revised call for TE Merle Messer was in hand and was referred to Credentials **(Appendix D, p. 20)**.

Ministry reports received from TE Kaz Yaegashi **(Appendix E, pp. 21ff.)** and TE Clay Quarterman were received **(Appendix E, p. 24)**.

TE Mike Ross addressed presbytery concerning the Philadelphia Conference on Reformed Theology to be held March 24th & 25th at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

56.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ, presented the financial report **(Appendix F, pp. 25ff.)** It was received as information.

56.1010 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

RE Bebo Elkin, a member of the GA Strategic Planning committee, initiated discussion with a report on the work and progress of the Strategic Planning Committee. The presbytery then entered into a general discussion of the Strategic Planning Committee Report as requested by the 2005 General Assembly. Discussion continued at the docketed time of 3:00 P.M. See 56.1017.

56.1011 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

56.1012 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes in preparation for worship.

56.1013

WORSHIP

Retiring moderator TE Phillip Palmertree led presbytery in worship. Memorials were read by TE Harris Bonds for Ruling Elders Clyde Ross Donnell, Joseph M. Wadsworth, and Ernest Clyde Holladay, all of whom had died in the previous year. He preached from Philippians 1:1-11. The Lord's Supper was celebrated. Worship was concluded with prayer by the moderator.

56.1014

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later in the day. Presbytery became a committee of the whole to examine session records.

56.1015

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour TE Tim Udouj, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of our host church, to wit:

On behalf of presbytery, we want to express our deep gratitude to the people of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for hosting us today. We acknowledge and are grateful for the decades of steady and faithful proclamation of the Gospel, and pray for continued years of service to their community in the name of Christ.

We especially want to thank those who spent much time in preparation of our lunch today. We pray that God would make our hearts more like yours that we might be more faithful servants of Christ's church.

/s/ TE Tim Udouj, RE Edmund Johnston, and TE Harris Bond

After lunch presbytery dissolved the committee of the whole when it came back together.

56.1016

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters, chairman of the committee, presented the report.

Action as a Commission

Chairman Waters reported that the committee, acting as a commission, had granted permission for candidate Win Groseclose to preach more than once during the month of January, prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination. Presbytery ratified the action as its own. The chairman then reported that Mr. Groseclose has withdrawn from the process of licensure.

Information

Written internship reports were received from those interns listed in the attached internship report **(Appendices H, p.37)**. Those reports are available on the presbytery web site until their replacement for the upcoming presbytery in May 2006.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

Candidate Jae Hyuk Yoo was approved to become an intern per BCO 19-9, under Plan E at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Mike Campbell as his mentor. Presbytery also allowed work done since September 2004 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than fifty percent.

The request of the session of Carolina Presbyterian Church of Madden to allow RE Bill Adkins to serve as a regular pulpit supply was approved for a period of one year, pending his successful passing of his licensure examination.

The licensure of TE Mark Johnston was renewed. He is currently serving a church as pastor in England.

That the candidacy of Jeff Jordan be transferred to North Texas Presbytery.

Presbytery approved the change in call requested by Pearl Presbyterian Church for TE Merle Messer to be a part time associate pastor with a related pay cut. He agreed to a part time position beginning January 1, 2006 **(Appendix D, p.20)**.

Presbytery approved changes to the calls of the following campus ministers:

1. Ben Hailey - salary/housing increase from \$36,000 to \$37,800 with associated benefits,
2. Tim Udouj - salary/housing increase from \$36,000 to \$37,800 with associated benefits,
3. Joey Wright - salary/housing increase from \$38,934 to \$40,800 with associated benefits.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

Matthew Giesman was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Giesman is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after responding in the affirmative to the constitutional questions of BCO 18-3 asked by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

RE Bill Adkins was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. Presbytery examined RE Adkins in all areas of trial, including a testimony of his Christian experience and inward call to preach the Gospel. Mr. Adkins declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on 1 John 5: 11-13 which presbytery approved as fulfilling that requirement. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon answering the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3 in the affirmative, and upon pronouncement of BCO 19-4 by the moderator, he was enrolled as a licentiate of presbytery.

56.1017 STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT (Con't)

Upon resumption of the discussion of General Assembly's Strategic Planning Report (see 56.1010 above), presbytery voted on proposed changes to the BCO as follows:

ITEM 1: "Amend BCO 24-1 to add a new item **"b. his knowledge of Bible content,"** and reletter subsequent items accordingly (M33GA, 33-51, III, 6)."

Vote: For 47 Against 0 Abstain 0

ITEM 2: "Amend BCO 15-4, first sentence, to read: "The General Assembly shall elect a Standing Judicial Commission to which it shall commit all ~~judicial cases with its jurisdiction~~ **matters governed by the Rules of Discipline, except for the annual review of Presbytery records, which may come before the Assembly.**"

Vote: For 0 Against 50 Abstain 1

ITEM 3: "Amend BCO 40-5 to read: "When any court having appellate jurisdiction shall ~~be advised~~ **receive a credible report with respect to** the court next below ~~or by memorial,~~ either with or without protest, or by any other satisfactory method, of any important delinquency or grossly unconstitutional proceedings of such court, the first step shall be to cite the court alleged to have offended to appear **before the court having appellate jurisdiction, or its commission,** by representative or in writing, at a specified time and place, and to show what it ~~it~~ **the lower court** has done or failed to do in the case in question." (M33GA, 33-45, 33-48, III, 8b.)

AS IS last paragraph of 40-5."

Vote: For 0 Against 52 Abstain 1

Presbytery approved a motion by Dr. Will Thompson to send the following communication to General Assembly. "That we inform GA that we are opposed to SPC's recommendation 1.b. from the SPC to the 2006 GA which would add a Cooperative Ministries Committee to the list of special committees.

56.1018 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins gave the following report:

Sessional records approved without exception: Alta Woods (Final), Brandon, Carolina, Carthage, First - Jackson, First - Yazoo City, Lebanon, Macon, Northpark, Pear Orchard, Providence, Trinity, Westminster.

Sessional records approved with exception: First - Philadelphia, Northpointe, Pearl, St. Paul, Tchula, Wynndale.

Twenty nine were not submitted for review.

56.1019 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Chairman TE Steve Jussely, and because so few churches know at this point who will be going to 2006 General Assembly, presbytery approved the stated clerk's recommendation that the Nominating Committee be constituted as a commission with the responsibility to fill slots needed for the committees of commissioners, review of presbytery records committee, floor clerk and a ruling elder for communion for the 2006 General Assembly.

56.1020 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliott presented the report (**Appendix I, p. 38**). The MNA Committee recommends that we delete VII.E.4.b.5.b from our Standing Rules. He explained that the committee had met with the director and with members of the board of Bethany Christian Services. The committee stated that they have confidence that Bethany is maintaining the course we expect from them, but we need to see ourselves as sister institutions. MVP supports the ministry of Bethany, and will maintain an involvement with them, but will carry no authority over them apart from conscientious encouragement and exhortation. In order to clarify the nature of presbytery's relationship with Bethany we need to change our rules to reflect the current reality. Presbytery approved the recommended deletion as a first reading.

2. Presbytery adopted the 2006 RUM budget in the amount of \$935,843.52 (**Appendix I, p.39**).

Presbytery also received as information the following items:

1. MVP MNA has entered into a lease relationship with Mr. Jerry Boler of Union, MS for the church in Meridian at \$400 per month for 2006 with the intent of selling the property to him by the year's end. The roof that was damaged by Hurricane Katrina has been replaced at a cost of \$6500.
2. The committee met with elders of St. Paul Presbyterian Church in South Jackson, who are considering purchasing property in North Clinton with a view to a possible move. The

committee has approved considering the planting of a predominantly African-American or multi-cultural church in their South Jackson location in a partnership with Redeemer Church by purchasing the property from St. Paul and keeping the school on site.

3. TE Rob Hill presented an informational report on the future plans of the St. Paul Presbyterian Church. He explained that they had extended an invitation to Mt. Salus Associate Reformed members to join with them when they move.
4. Ron and Judy Haynes have turned over the disaster response work in the Katrina-affected areas to Arkley Hooten. He is a GA MNA staff member overseeing short-term projects. He has 800-1000 names of people hoping to come in over the next several months to work on the coast. Because Ron & Judy are still at only sixty-two percent of their support, the committee strongly urges that presbytery churches consider adding Ron & Judy Haynes to their missionary support. Their labors have been very important for our own disaster relief work.
5. TE Tim Muse and RE Paul Adams gave informational reports on the work of our disaster response effort. TE Muse gave a financial report explaining the proposed use of funds designated for Katrina Relief (**Appendix I, p. 40**).
6. A written report for Ken Roberts of the Choctaw Church Plant was submitted (**p. 41**).

56.1021

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Chairman TE Jim Stewart, TE Richard Wiman opened with prayer and presented the report.

1. He reported that the new officers of the committee for the upcoming year are TE Jim Stewart - chairman, RE Lee McCarty - vice chairman, and RE Steve Morris- secretary. This was received as information.
2. He reminded presbytery that funds are available to help defray the expenses of men wanting to go on vision trips.

Presbytery approved the following two recommendations:

1. That presbytery churches make the presbytery MTW committee aware of any mission trips they have planned so members of smaller churches might be able to participate.
2. That each church make presbytery aware of planned missions conferences.

56.2022 COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

TE Guy Waters presented the report beginning with prayer. He informed us of South Florida's memorial regarding TE Steve Wilkins and the Louisiana Presbytery that has been sent up to the General Assembly this year. It was received as information.

56.1023 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

56.1024 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE George Felton was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

56.1025 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on May 2, 2006. The invitation of Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson was approved.


56.1026 READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk, stated clerk and moderator were constituted a commission for the reading and approval of the minutes.


56.1027 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 2, 2006**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS**

57.1001 CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE Charles Dykes, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

57.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled;

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Harris Bond	Larkin Chapman Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Currid Jeremy Cheezum	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Richard Nelson
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Derek Thomas Ligon Duncan Billy Joseph Bill Wymond Bill Hughes Jim Stewart	Bud Bratley Bebo Elkin Edmund Johnston, Jr. Victor Clark Noel Toler

Church

Jackson, North Park
Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Brad Mercer

Mike Campbell
Robert Hill
Mike Ross
Rick Stark
Phillip Palmertree

Bill Barclay

Robert Lane
Bob Schwanebeck
Allen Vargo
George Felton
Hugh Acton

Joseph Wheat
Bob Brunson
Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp
Jason Edwards
Hunter Brewer

Charles Douglas

Scott Reiber
Joe Easterling
David Gilbert
Neil Stewart

Ruling Elder

A
A
Charles Dykes
A

A
A
A
Warren Bennett
John Kimbrough
Roger Wiggins
A
A
A
A
Bill McNease
A

George Powe
David Crane
Charles McClain
A
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A
Ken Simpson
Ford Mosby
Rod Russ
Steve Morris

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Bob Bailey
Bob Cato
Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Fred Marsh, Guy Waters, Tim Udouj, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Ed Hurley, Ben Hailey, Bob Duhs, Ed Johnson, Jimmy Turner, Ken Elliott, and Robert Hays.
- c.** The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered: Way Rutherford, Jody Woodward, and Steven Wright.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Stanwood Bean, Rob Taylor, William Smith, Larry Mills, Elton Sellers, and Christopher Copeland.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Reeves, Steve Jussely, Don Malin, Dean Rydbeck, Brister Ware, and Doug McCullough. TEs Rick Holbert, Chris Shelt, Chris Shelton, and Hunter Brewer were excused early.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, John Kyle, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Richard Wiman, John Dawson, Joe Holland, Chris Shelton, Os Barnes, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Joey Wright, and Merle Messer. (Presbytery instructed the stated clerk to send Mr. Messer's request for excused absence to the Advisory Committee.)
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **57.1002.a.** above.

57.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE George Felton, of the First Presbyterian Church, Newton, was elected moderator by acclamation.

57.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

57.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **57.1002, c,d.** above.

57.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Guy Richardson, President of Reformed Theological Seminary, welcomed presbytery.

57.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Hugh Acton, TE Ben Hailey, and Convener RE Bob Cato.

57.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **57.1002,f.** above.

Presbytery approved the commission report approving the reading of the minutes for the February 7, 2006 stated meeting.

The stated clerk reported the reception of the call for TE Joseph Holland from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciuscko (**Appendix G, p. 24**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee (p. ?).

The stated clerk presented the report of the Nominations Committee in the absence of Chairman TE Steve Jussely. Presbytery approved the following men to Committees of Commissioners of the upcoming General Assembly.

RULING ELDERS

1. Administration	Bebo Elkin	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
3. Christian Education	Charles Clayton	Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS
5. Covenant Seminary	Victor Clark	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
7. Interchurch Relations	Todd Barrett	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
9. MNA	Paul Adams	North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
11. PCA Foundation	Mark Baird	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

TEACHING ELDERS

2. Bills and Overtures	Jeff Elliot	Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS
4. Covenant College	Rick Stark	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

6. Retirement & Benefits	Dean Rydbeck	North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
8. Mission to the World	Hunter Brewer	Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS
10. Ridge Haven	Bob Brunson	Highlands Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS
12. R U M	Jason Edwards	Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS

Nominee for Committee on Review of Presbytery Records: RE Charlie Dykes
Floor Clerk: TE Jeremy Cheezum
Ruling Elder for Communion: RE from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Reports from TE Ed Hartman, TE Kaz Yaegashi, and TE Clay Quarterman were received via the internet and were presented as information (**Appendices B, pp. 12ff.**).

Presbytery voted on the following change to the standing rules. "that we delete VII.E.4.b.5.b (re Bethany Christian Services oversight by MNA) from our Standing Rules." This was the second reading and passed with the following numbers: For Unanimous Against 0 Abstain 0.

The stated clerk reported that he had sent the following message (see minutes of last meeting) to the stated clerk of General Assembly: "That we inform GA that we are opposed to SPC's recommendation 1.b. from the SPC to the 2006 GA which would add a Cooperative Ministries Committee to the list of special committees."

The stated clerk reported that resolutions of recognition had been received from the Pearl Presbyterian Church recognizing Ruling Elders Willie Cockroft, Bennie Hill, Sonny Roberts, Willie Ray Smith, Henry Conn, and Archie Griffith as elders emeriti, and John Pierce as a deacon emeritus. These communications were received as information.

Les Garrett was introduced by the moderator. He reported on his ministry in Australia and Tasmania.

57.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ, presented his report (**Appendix D, pp. 17ff.**). It was received as information.

57.1010 MTW REPORT

Chairman TE Jim Stewart presented the report (**Appendix E, p. 20**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the presbytery be advised of our supporting Allison Gatlin (MTW and International Xchange Organization missionary) for nine months while she serves in China. She will receive \$150.00 a month beginning in May 2006.

2. That the presbytery be advised of our extending support to the Mike Boyette family (MTW - Uganda) beginning in July 2006 for a period of five years. They also will receive \$150.00 a month.
3. That the members of the presbytery be encouraged to send first time TE's and RE's on vision trips this year.

Ms Allison Gatlin reported on her plans for her upcoming mission work in China.

57.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

Chairman TE Jeff Elliot presented the report (**Appendix F, p. 21**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the 2006 budgeted MNA funds, beginning June 1, be reallocated as follows: from "\$1133.33/month currently distributed as: \$633.33/month to Forest Covenant (Hispanic work) and \$250/month to Carthage (Chactaw work) and \$250/month budgeted for Ethnic ministries" be changed to "\$300/month to Ken Roberts/Carthage, \$300/month to Ron & Judy Haynes (MNA Coordinators of Disaster Response), and \$300/month to Forest Covenant Hispanic work (if they continue with the Hispanic focus) and \$233.33 budgeted for "Ethnic Ministry".

Mrs. Karen Stewart reported on the work of Bethany Christian Services.

TE Hunter Brewer of Madison Heights Mission reported on his church planting work.

Licentiate Ken Roberts of Chactaw Presbyterian Mission in Carthage reported on his labors.

TE Fred Marsh addressed presbytery concerning relief work done by GA MNA as well as MNA's work in church planting.

57.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

57.1013 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

57.1014

WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator RE Charles Dykes led presbytery in worship. He preached from I and II Corinthians on the inability of men to serve God in their own strength, and the power God gives to one who recognizes his need for and reliance upon the strength of God.

57.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later in the day.

57.1016

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE Bob Cato, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented their report recognizing the service of our hosts at RTS, to wit:

The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley wishes to express our thanks to the staff of Reformed Theological Seminary who were responsible for preparing our meal. We thank you for your service to Christ by using your gifts and talents to feed us. It was delicious. We live in a blessed country where we often take our meals for granted; we do not when fed like this.

57.1017

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report (**Appendix G, p. 22**).

Information

The chairman reported that internship reports had been received as indicated on the internship subcommittee report (**Appendix G, p. 23**). This was received as information.

Action as a Commission

Presbytery ratified the following actions of the committee, acting as a commission, as its own.

1. That Mr. Joshua Knott, candidate and intern, be transferred to the care of Heritage Presbytery upon his own request.
2. That Mr. David Simmons, candidate and intern, be transferred to Missouri Presbytery at his own request.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That Mr. James Hakim be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Hakim is a member of Bethesda, and is a graduate of RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutional questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer by TE Billy Joseph, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.
2. That Mr. Jack (Trey) Owens III be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Owens is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutional questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer by TE Billy Joseph, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That Mr. Matthew Giesman be approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Geisman is a candidate of this presbytery. Presbytery approved his internship under Plan E at Trinity, Jackson, with TE Rick Stark as mentor. Upon pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roll of interns.
2. That Mr. James Hakim be approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Hakim is a candidate in this presbytery. Presbytery approved his internship under Plan A at Bethesda, with TE Derek Thomas as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done since June 2002 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching and preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roll of interns.
3. That the licensure of Mr. James Hakim be renewed for a period of four years. Mr. Hakim previously had been licensed on May 7, 2002. Mr. Hakim declares his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.
4. That the student supply relationship between Bethesda Presbyterian Church and Mr. James Hakim be renewed for a period of one year.
5. That the internship of Mr. Andy Halsey be approved as complete.
6. That Mr. Win Groseclose be removed from the roll of interns at his request. He is retained on the roll of candidates for accountability purposes.

7. That the transfer of TE Joe Holland from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko be approved. The stated clerk announced that his release from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson has been approved by the session. His new call was approved **(Appendix G, p. 24)**.

8. Presbytery approved the following installation commission for TE Joe Holland:

Date: June 4, 2006 Time: 6:00 PM
Place: First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko

TEs	REs
Philip Palmertree - convener	Bebo Elkin
Ligon Duncan	Session of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko
Derek Thomas	

Quorum is two REs and two TEs.

57.1018 COMMITTEE ON THE NEW PERSPECTIVE ON PAUL

TE Ligon Duncan presented the report which was received as information.

57.1019 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The stated clerk read the results of the examination of session minutes. The following were approved without exceptions: Second, Yazoo City; Pearl; First, Madison; Grace; First, Lexington; Bethesda, Edwards; and Highlands, Ridgeland.

57.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

57.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bob Cato was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

57.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on August 1, 2006 at St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

57.1023

READING OF THE MINUTES

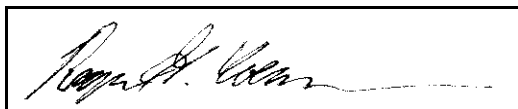
The day's minutes were approved as read.

57.1024

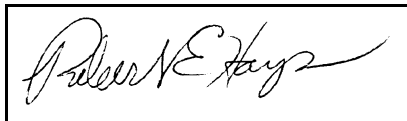
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:20 P.M. with prayer by TE Mark Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING
August 1, 2006

Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS

58.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

The retiring moderator, TE George Felton, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

58.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Harris Bond	
	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Jeremy Cheezum	
	John Currid	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Bill Wymond	
	Bill Hughes	
	Jim Stewart	
	Brad Mercer	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Paul Adams

Church

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First
Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Shuqualak, Shuqualak
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Mike Campbell
Robert Hill

Rick Stark

Phillip Palmertree
Joe Holland

Bill Barclay

Bob Lane
Bob Schwanebeck
Allen Vargo
George Felton
Hugh Acton

Joseph Wheat
Bob Brunson
Jeff Elliott
Carl Kalberkamp
Jason Edwards
Hunter Brewer

Charles Douglas

Scott Reiber
Joe Easterling
David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Robert Osborne
A

Charles Dykes
Jimmy Mardis
A

Greg LaVert

A
A
Warren Bennett
Watson Marsalis
John Kimbrough
Roland Byrd
Mike Triplett
John Sharp

A
A
A
Bill McNeese
Joseph Steele
David Goldman

George Powe
Joe Roberts

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Rod Russ
Mike Boyette

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Jim Hutton

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Bob Walker

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Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chris Shelt, Ben Hailey, Bob Duhs, Robert Hays, Joey Wright, Os Barnes, Guy Richardson, Clay Quarterman, Tim Udouj, and Douglas McCullough.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Trey Owens, Brian Sorgenfrei, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Todd Rester, and Steven Wright.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Stan Bean, Robert Rahaim, Aung Lai Matu, Gene Morrison, Charlie McCool, Al Ward, John McKenzie, Scott Philips, Elton Sellers, Grant Carroll, and Brooke Worrell.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Dawson, Rick Holbert, Hunter Brewer, and Chris Shelton. TE Merle Messer's request was referred once again to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, Martin Marshall, and John Kyle.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Steve Jussely, Billy Joseph, Derek Thomas, Ken Elliott, John Duke, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Neil Stewart, Don Malin, Rick Holbert, Ed Hurley, and Jimmy Turner.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **58.1002.a.** above.

58.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Paul Adams of the North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson was elected moderator by acclamation.

58.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

58.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **58.1002, c, d.** above.

58.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Rob Hill, pastor of Saint Paul Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery.

58.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Scott Reiber, TE David Gilbert and RE Will Thompson - convener.

58.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **58.1002,f.** above.
2. The stated clerk reported that the Advisory Committee had, acting as a commission, approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Mike Ross and Trinity Presbyterian Church upon the request of both the congregation and TE Ross (**Appendix B, p. 13**). They further acted to transfer TE Ross to Central Carolina Presbytery to assume the pastorate of Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church in Matthews, North Carolina. The action was ratified as that of presbytery.
3. The stated clerk reported that the report of a commission to install TE Joseph Holland as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko had been received. It was received as information, and approved as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 14**).
4. The stated clerk reported that a call had been received from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville to John Scott Phillips (**Appendix D, p. 15**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report.
5. The stated clerk reported that communications had been received from Shannon Baugh (**Appendix E, p. 16**) and from Ron and Judy Haynes (**Appendices F, p. 17**). They were received as information.
6. The stated clerk reported that the Edwards church has requested that Guy Richardson be allowed to serve as stated supply another year, beginning in September (**Appendix G, p. 18**). The request was referred to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee.

7. The stated clerk reported that requests for dissolution of pastoral relationships had been received from Lebanon Presbyterian Church for TE Bill Barclay (**Appendix H, p. 19**), Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for Neil Stewart (**Appendix H, p. 20**) and Northpointe Presbyterian Church for Alan Vargo (**Appendix H, p. 21**). These were referred to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee.
8. The stated clerk reported that a request had been received from Lebanon Church to have candidate Stephen Wright serve as student supply (**Appendix H, p. 22**). This was referred to the Credentials Committee.
9. The state clerk reported that the Credentials Committee is short three members. The information was referred to Nominating Committee for nominations at this meeting.
10. The stated clerk reported that annual reports had been received from TEs Wes Baker, J. MacDonald Bell, David Bergmark, Bill Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Ed Hurley, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowrey, Jr., Doug McCullough, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Chris Shelt, Ron Smith, Guy Richardson, Leonard Siems, Guy Waters, Os Barnes, and Robert Hays (**Appendix J , pp. 23-47**). These were referred to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee.

58.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the report (**Appendix K, pp. 48ff.**). It was received as information.

58.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Roger Collins, chairman of the committee presented the report. Presbytery approved the recommendation that next year's budget be set at this year's actual receipts plus 10%. The requested askings is \$20.60 per communing member for 2007 for a total of \$184,300 (**p. 51**).

58.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

TE Jeff Elliot, chairman of the committee, presented the report (**Appendix L, p. 52**). Presbytery acted as follows:

1. accepted the financial audit of RUM, to be kept in the stated clerk's files,
2. approved up to \$3,000.00 to be spent for a day long seminar in January entitled "Growing a Healthier Church,"

3. expressed thanks to RE John Crawford for chairing the MNA Katrina task force.

58.1012

MISSION TO THE WORLD REPORT

Since presbytery was running ahead of schedule, the MTW Committee report was begun, presented by Chairman TE Jim Stewart (**Appendix M, p. 53**). Presbytery received the following information and advice:

1. that \$1000.00 had been given to Shannon Baugh, widow of Matthew Baugh, former member of MVP recently killed on the mission field in Haiti,
2. REs and TEs who have not yet taken a vision trip are encouraged to do so,
3. churches are requested to advise presbytery's MTW Committee of new missionaries sent out,
4. missions committee members from each of presbytery's churches are invited to a meeting on October 3rd, at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, at noon, for a round table discussion on how to develop sister church relationships with churches overseas.

Candidate Mike Boyette reported on his vision to serve in Uganda.

TE Clay Querterman reported on the Lord's work in the Ukraine.

58.1013

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

58.1014

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

58.1015

WORSHIP

Retiring moderator TE George Felton led presbytery in worship. He preached from Luke 4:14-31. After the sermon, TE Brister Ware read a memorial recognizing the life and service of RE George L. Lemon (**Appendix N, p. 54**). Then presbytery celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with TE George Felton and TE Robert Hill officiating. The whole was concluded with the benediction by TE Felton.

58.1016

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later in the day.

58.1017

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE Will Thompson, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented this report recognizing the service of our hosts:

“O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

MVP gives thanks to the Lord for His great goodness to us. He has given to us His great grace and salvation in His own Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. So great is His mercy that He continually supplies all our needs. We, therefore, thank and commend our brothers and sisters of the congregation of St. Paul Presbyterian Church. Thank you for the expressions of Christian love and the unity of the body of Christ which we received in your abundant hospitality.

The morning refreshments were cheerfully received and beautifully presented. Thank you for your labor of love and willingness to serve Christ and this court of His church. May God bless you and build you up in the faith and the love of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

“Behold, you do faithfully whatever you do for the brethren and for strangers, who have borne witness of your love before the church. If you send them forward in their journeys in a manner worthy of God, you will do well, because they went forth for His name’s sake...” (III Jn. 1:5)

58.1018

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

After presbytery was reconvened with prayer by TE Bill Barclay, TE Guy Waters gave the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix O, pp. 56ff. with Addendum p. 58**).

Information

The following two items were received as information:

1. TE Bill Barclay has been appointed as the examiner for the exegetical and theological papers, and TE Derek Thomas as the church history examiner and vice-chairman.
2. The Committee reported that it was united concerning the invalidity of paedocommunion, but the committee was divided as to licentiates and ordinands being able to take an exception on the issue of paedocommunion. They requested presbytery to give further guidance.

Attachments

The internship report was referred to **(Appendix O, p. 59)**. Written internship reports were received and posted on presbytery's web page for downloading (www.msvalleypresbytery.com).

Candidate and Internship Reports

An oral internship report from Todd Rester. It was received as information.

Action as a Commission

Presbytery ratified the following actions of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission in which they granted permission for:

1. candidate Steven Wright to preach regularly in the Lebanon Presbyterian Church prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)];
2. candidate Jones D. (Jody) Woodward to preach regularly at the Raymond Presbyterian Church, prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)];
3. TE John Scott Phillips to move onto the field of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, prior to his reception by presbytery and transfer from Nashville Presbytery [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)].

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined Mr. Brian Sorgenfrei for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Sorgenfrei, a candidate in MVP, reported on his inward call to the pastoral ministry. His internship is to be served under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor. Presbytery agreed that work done since June, 2005 can be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon prayer by TE Tim Muse, and the moderator's pronouncement of BCO 19-10, Mr. Sorgenfrei was enrolled on the roster of interns.
2. Presbytery examined Dr. Knox Chamblin for licensure per BCO 19. Dr. Chamblin is an honorably retired teaching elder in the Mississippi Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The committee had examined him in written form and that exam was accepted as presbytery concurred with the committee's judgement in the matter. Presbytery then examined him orally in experiential religion, theology, English Bible, and the Book of Church Order (BCO 19-2). His exams were sustained in all areas.

Dr. Chamblin declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. However, Presbytery instructed Dr. Chamblin that his view of WCF IV.1 ("in the space of six days") constitutes an exception to the Standards, and he was instructed not to teach, preach, or inculcate this exception, and he agreed.

Dr. Chamblin preached a sermon from Acts 20. It was approved.

Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his having answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative (BCO 19-3), prayer by TE Ligon Duncan, and pronouncement by the moderator, he was licensed.

3. Presbytery examined TE John Scott Phillips for transfer from Nashville Presbytery. He was examined concerning his views in all areas prescribed by the BCO, specifically, experiential religion and his views in theology, church government, and the sacraments.

It was noted that TE Phillips holds scruples in three areas. The first has to do with WLC 109 concerning making representations of the Second Person of the Trinity. The second had to do with WLC 117 & 119, his view of recreation on the Sabbath. The third was a possible problem with WCF 24.6, the legitimate and allowable grounds for divorce, in which he stated that physical abuse might be considered a form of desertion.

Presbytery approved his examination noting these exceptions; however, it instructed him not to preach, teach, nor inculcate his scruples regarding WLC 109.

Mr. Phillips's examination was approved in its entirety, and he was accepted as a member of presbytery pending his transfer from Nashville Presbytery, his signing the book of obligation, and upon his installation.

Presbytery entered into executive session. It passed no motions, and came out of executive session.

4. Presbytery examined Steven Wright for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Wright is a candidate in MVP, and a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary in California. The committee had examined him in written form and that exam was accepted as Presbytery concurred with the committee's judgement of the matter. Presbytery then examined him orally in controversial issues.

Due to his position on paedocommunion, presbytery did not sustain that part of his exam.

Presbytery went into executive session. Presbytery passed a motion that Mr. Wright's examination be suspended at this point since an essential part of it had not been sustained. Presbytery came out of executive session.

Presbytery informed Mr. Wright that since a major portion of his exam had not been sustained, they would not be examining him further at that time. He was dismissed. Presbytery then passed a motion which directed the Credentials Committee to work with Mr. Wright relative to paedocommunion and the position of the church that he might return for examination later.

Presbytery also directed the Credentials Committee to communicate with Mr. Wright to express their thanks for his clear and concise answers to presbytery's questions.

5. Presbytery examined Jones D. (Jody) Woodward for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Woodward is a candidate in MVP, and a graduate of RTS. The committee had examined him in written form and that exam was accepted as presbytery concurred with the committee's judgement of the matter. Presbytery examined him orally in controversial issues, and that portion of his exam was sustained. His theology exam was not sustained however, and the exam as a whole was suspended until a later presbytery meeting.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the request of the session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson for Dr. Knox Chamblin to serve as Stated Supply for a period of one year.

Presbytery acted to suspend its Standing Rules with the required two thirds majority in order to accede to the request of the session of Raymond Presbyterian Church for Mr. Woodward to continue as student supply until the November meeting of presbytery. It passed unanimously.

The ordination commission of TEs Ben Hailey, Bob Schwanebeck, James Baird, Tim Udouj and REs Mike Triplett (convener), Bebo Elkin, Charlie McCool, and John Sharp was approved to install TE John Scott Phillips as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville. The service is to be held at the church at 6:00 P.M. on August 27, 2006. The quorum is to be two REs and two TEs.

4. That the call of TE Scott Phillips was approved (**Appendix D, p. 15**).

58.1019 MISSION TO THE WORLD REPORT (Con't)

Chairman TE Stewart continued the Mission to the World committee report by presenting Robert Rahaim who reported on his work in Scotland.

58.1020 ADVISORY AND SHEPHERDING COMMITTEE

TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the report in place of RE Bebo Elkin, Chairman. Presbytery approved the following:

1. reports and requests to labor outside of bounds of presbytery for TEs Os Barnes, Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, Wes Baker, James Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jason Kyle, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Leonard Seims, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi;

2. request from TE Bill Bradford, that his status as an evangelist be extended for one year;
3. request from the Edwards Presbyterian Church to TE Guy Richardson to serve as stated supply for another year;
4. dissolution of the pastoral relationship as requested by Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, and Dr. Neil Stewart (**Appendix H, p. 20**);
5. commission to train new ruling elders at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to include: TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE John Reeves, RE Jimmy Mardis, and RE Vernon Cotten;
7. dissolution of the pastoral relationship as requested by TE Bill Barclay and the Lebanon Presbyterian Church (**Appendix H, p. 19**); and
8. dissolution of the pastoral relationship as requested between Northpointe Presbyterian Church and TE Allen Vargo (**Appendix H, p. 21**).

The Advisory and Shepherding Committee further explained that they had been in contact with TE Merle Messer concerning his rejected request for excused absence and are meeting with him to explain the committee's concerns.

58.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Rick Stark, the only member of the Nominations Committee present, recommended that the following men be approved to fill vacancies on the Credentials Committee:

Class of 2006 - RE Bryan Taylor, Class of 2007 - RE O.B. Triplett, Class of 2008 - TE John Currid
Alternate - TE Mike Campbell, Alternate - RE Rob Jones

Being seconded, it was adopted by presbytery.

58.1022

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins recommended that sessional minutes for First, Louisville be approved without exception and for Redeemer Presbyterian Church be approved with exception.

58.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Doug McCullough was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

58.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on November 7, 2006 at Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS.

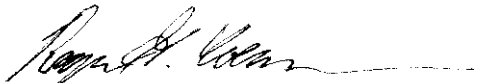
58.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

The stated clerk, recording clerk, and moderator were given the powers of a commission to approve the minutes.


58.1026 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. with prayer by TE Roger Collins.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 7, 2006**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

59.1001

CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE Paul Adams, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

59.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled;

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	
	Harris Bond	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	Henry Blocker Vernon Cotton
		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		
Clinton, Providence	John Currid	John Burris
	Jeremy Cheezum	
	John Reeves	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Bill Wymond	Richard Johnson
	Jim Stewart	Bob Cannada

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

	Brad Mercer	Noel Toler
	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston
	Derek Thomas	
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Paul Adams
		Robert Osborne
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Rick Stark	A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Joe Holland	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant		Roger Wiggins
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Niles McNeel
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		Richard Metz
Madison, First	Robert Lane	
Meridian, Northpointe	Robert Schwanebeck	Joseph Steele
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Excused
Pearl, Pearl	Hugh Acton	George Powe
	Merle Messer	Bob Nelson
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	Ford Mosby
	Bob Brunson	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
	Jason Edwards	
	Hunter Brewer	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Ray Huff
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bassam Chedid, Guy Waters, Ben Hailey, Robert Hays, Guy Richardson, Tim Udouj, Douglas McCullough, Mark Lowery, Richard Holbert, Jimmy Turner, and Alan Vargo.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** William Adkins, Andrew Barnes, Joshua Kines, Chris Thomas, Al Ward, and Jody Woodward.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Stan Bean, Matthew Elliott, Don Caviness, John Van Holst, Larry Mills, Sarah Felton, and John Ford.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery for all:** Chris Shelt, Bill Hughes, Carl Kalberkamp, and Joseph Wright.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery part of the day:** Brister Ware.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, John Fain, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, Ed Johnson, Martin Marshall, and John Kyle.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Ed Hurley, Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Bill Barclay, and Don Malin.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **59.1002.a.** above.

59.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Douglas McCullough was elected moderator by acclamation.

59.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 15**).

59.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **59.1002, c.** above.

59.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Director Mark Magee welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Retreat Center.

59.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Dean Rydbeck - convener, RE Rod Russ, and RE George Powe.

The moderator appointed a Standing Bills and Overtures Committee composed of TE John Reeves - convener, RE Paul Adams, and RE Bob Cannada.

59.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. The stated clerk reported on requests for excused absences which had been submitted. Presbytery granted excused absences to those teaching elders listed in **59.1002,f,g.** above.
2. The stated clerk reported that the Advisory Committee, acting as a commission, had approved TE Hugh Acton's request that his pastoral relationship with Pearl Presbyterian Church be dissolved. The congregation concurred in requesting the dissolution. It was ratified by presbytery as its own action (**Appendix B, p. 16**).
3. The stated clerk reported that the report of the commission to install TE Scott Phillips as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Louisville had been received. The action of the commission was ratified by presbytery as its own (**Appendix C, p. 17**).
4. The stated clerk reported that a call had been received from Covenant Presbyterian of Louisville for TE Bill Smith. The call was forwarded to the Credentials Committee for report later (**Appendix D, p. 18f.**).
5. The stated clerk reported that a resolution had been received from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, to overture the General Assembly with regard to amending the Preface to BCO. It was referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee for report later (**Appendix E, p. 20**).
6. The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from TE Larry Wissell regarding his present exercise of his ministerial office. It was received as his annual report (**Appendix F, p. 21**).

7. The stated clerk reported that a call had been received from First Presbyterian Church of Lexington for John McKenzie (**Appendix G, p. 22**). The call was forwarded to the Credentials Committee for report later.
8. The stated clerk reported that a call had been received from First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia for TE Don Caviness (**Appendix H, p. 23**). The call was forwarded to the Credentials Committee for report later.
9. The stated clerk reported that the commission established at the last presbytery meeting to read the minutes and bring a report had reported that the minutes were approved as written. It was ratified as the action of presbytery.
10. The stated clerk reported that a call for TE Merle Messer had been received from the Pearl Presbyterian Church (**Appendix I, p. 24**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report.
11. Presbytery voted on the proposed BCO change to "Amend BCO 15-4 by adding a sentence at the end of the paragraph to read: 'No person who has served two full terms on the SJC or at least six consecutive years shall be eligible for reelection until one year has passed (the year between two Assemblies).' [M3-IGA, 34-54, Recommendation 5]"

The result was as follows: To amend BCO 15-4 as above: For 52, Against 2, Abstain 0.

59.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ, presented the report (**Appendix J, pp. 25ff.**). It was received as information.

59.1010

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the members of the committee who were to present the report had not arrived, the report was postponed.

59.1011

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of the chairman, TE Steve Jussely, the report of the nominations committee was postponed.

59.1012

MISSION TO THE WORLD REPORT

TE Jim Stewart gave the report. Presbytery received the following as information:

1. Our missionary, TE Kaz Yaegashi, is returning to the US for a visit February 25th through April 2007. He would like to visit as many of our churches as possible;
2. A report on the MTW Chairmen's meeting in Atlanta;
3. A report that Robert Rahaim (Scotland) is at 100% support, but still lack their one time support need of about \$10,000;
4. A report that we have about \$6,700.00 available this year for new missionaries. Members were asked to direct any new missionaries from their churches to MTW Committee; and
5. A report that Mike Boyette is now itinerating with the intention on being on the field in Uganda by next summer.

59.1013

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

TE Jeff Elliott gave the report (**Appendix K, p. 29**). Presbytery approved the following recommendation:

That presbytery enter into a six month agreement with Dr. Bill Barton of Ministry Resource Team, beginning February 2007 to do "Church Health Mini-Clusters." These will be follow ups to the "Growing a Healthy Church" seminar to be held in January. The cost of \$2,000.00 plus expenses is to be paid from the MNA Church Planting and Revitalization Fund up to a maximum of \$20,000.00.

The chairman reported that the commission set up by presbytery at its February 1, 2005 Stated Meeting consisting of the stated clerk, the chairman of MNA and the treasurer to sell the former Westminster Presbyterian Church property in Meridian sold it for \$30,000.00 on September 29, 2006 to Faith Tabernacle Christian Center. This action was ratified as the action of presbytery.

59.1014

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Steve Jussely presented the report. Presbytery elected the following men as nominees to be sent to the GA Nominating Committee (incumbents in parentheses):

Administrative Committee:

TE Bob Brunson

RE Bob Bailey

Christian Education and Publications:

TE Steve Jussely

RE Gabe Green

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Committee on Constitutional Business:

(TE John Reeves, Class of 2009) RE Vernon Cotton

Interchurch Relations Committee:

TE Mark Smith RE Doyle Moorhead

Mission to North America:

TE Jeff Elliott (RE Donald Breazeale, Class of 2008)

Mission to the World:

TE Jim Stewart (RE Hugh Potts, Class of 2010)

Reformed University Ministries:

TE Joe Easterling RE Niles McNeel

Standing Judicial Commission:

TE Tim Muse RE George Fair

Theological Examining Committee:

TE Guy Waters RE Wynn Kenyon

Covenant College:

None

Covenant Theological Seminary:

TE John Dawson

PCA Foundation:

(RE Eugene McRoberts, Class of 2007)

PCA Retirement & Benefits, Inc.:

TE Robert Hays RE Rod Russ

Ridge Haven:

(RE Steve Morris, Class of 2009)

Presbytery elected the following men to our presbytery committees (**Appendix L, p. 30**):

Administration:

Class of 2009: RE Gary Morrison, TE Rick Holbert, RE Doug Welch, and TE Bob Brunson

Class of 2008 to fill the vacancy left by TE Hugh Action: TE George Felton

Alternates: Need two

Advisory and Shepherding:

Class of 2009: TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Gene Dent, and RE David Foster

Alternates: TE Bill Hughes, Need another

Christian Education:

Class of 2009: RE Ken King, TE John Duke, and TE Os Barnes

Alternate: RE Mark Henry, TE Richard Wiman

Credentials:

Class of 2009: RE Bryant Taylor, RE Rob Jones, TE Mike Campbell, and TE Joe Easterling

Class of 2008 to fill vacancy left by TE John Currid beginning in June 2007: TE Mark Smith

Alternates: RE Ed Prisock and TE Robert Hays

Mission to the World:

Class of 2009: RE Max Bowman, RE Cecil Ferguson, and TE Philip Palmertree

Alternates: RE M.S. Bennett, and TE Alan Vargo

Mission to North America:

Class of 2009: TE Scott Phillips, RE Vernon Cotten, TE Tim Udouj, and RE Robert Osborne
Alternates: TE Hunter Brewer, Need another

Nominating:

Class of 2007 TE Dean Rydbeck
Class of 2009 TE Rick Stark, and RE Jim Hutton
Alternates: TE Harris Bond, and RE Joe Bowden

Presbytery clothed the Nominations Committee with the powers of a commission to fill the remaining 'alternate' vacancies.

59.1015 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

TE John Duke presented the report (**Appendix M, p. 31f.**). Presbytery received the following as information:

1. A written report from PresWic President Mrs. Dean Black of Madison Heights Church Plant was distributed (**Appendix N, p. 33f.**); and
2. A questionnaire to help collect information for an 'MSVP Resource and Speaker Directory' with the request that it be filled out and returned to the Christian Education Committee.

59.1016 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

59.1017 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

59.1018 WORSHIP

The retiring moderator, RE Paul Adams, led presbytery in worship preaching from Luke 15:1-10.

59.1019 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

59.1020 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Dean Rydbeck, chairman of the Thanks Committee, presented this report recognizing the service of our hosts:

On this national day of election, we praise our glorious God that his elect servants could gather together at Twin lakes Retreat Center for this stated meeting of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. First of all, we desire to give our holy and heartfelt thanks to our heavenly father for reaching out to us while we were still lost in our sinfulness. We give thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson for the sweet staff at Twin Lakes who made us feel right at home with the wonderful breakfast and dinner. We would also give thanks to TE Doug McCullough for his able leadership as our moderator. We also express our thanks to RE Paul Adams for proclaiming the powerful gospel command to seek the lost.

Finally, may we "give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people." I Chronicles 16:8

/s/ TE Dean Rydbeck, RE George Powe, and RE Rod Russ.

59.1021 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

After presbytery was reconvened with prayer by RE Will Thompson, TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendices O, pp. 35ff.**). Presbytery received the following as information.

Action as a Commission

TE Guy Waters reported that the committee had granted permission for **TE Bill Smith** to move onto the field at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville, effective September 1, 2006. Presbytery ratified the action as its own.

Written Internship reports

The chairman reported that internship reports had been received from those indicated in the Internship Report (**Appendix O, p. 38**). This was received as information and posted on presbytery's website at www.msvalleypresbytery.com (now www.msvalley.org).

Oral Candidate and Internship Reports

Oral candidate and internship reports were given by Chris Thomas and Jody Woodward.

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined **Mr. Matthew Elliot** for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Elliot is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, and is a junior at Covenant Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
2. Presbytery examined **Mr. Andrew Barnes** for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Barnes is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
3. Presbytery examined **Mr. Joshua Kines** for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Kines is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
4. Presbytery examined **Mr. Al Ward** for transfer of candidacy from Gulf Coast Presbytery per BCO 18-7, and noted that his internship had been approved as complete by that presbytery. Mr. Ward is a member of Eastern Shore PCA in Fairhope, Alabama, an associate member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, and a candidate in Gulf Coast Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, his transfer from Gulf Coast Presbytery to Mississippi Valley Presbytery was approved and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, prayer and transfer.
5. Presbytery examined **TE Donald Caviness** for transfer from Western Carolina Presbytery, per BCO 13-6. Presbytery examined TE Caviness, a PCA minister in good standing in Western Carolina Presbytery, in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Caviness declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his signing the book of obligations, received him pending his dismissal and installation.
6. Presbytery examined **TE Stan Bean** for transfer as a minister honorably retired from Western Carolina Presbytery per BCO 13-6. Presbytery examined TE Bean in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Bean declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his signing the book of obligations received him pending his transfer.
7. Presbytery examined **TE Bill Smith** for transfer from Evangel Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, and

received him pending his dismissal. TE Smith, a PCA minister in good standing in Evangel Presbytery, is currently a licentiate in our presbytery. TE Smith indicated that none of his views have changed since his licensure exam. TE Smith declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with one exception. Presbytery found that TE Smith's view of WCF IV.1 ("in the space of six days") constitutes an exception to the Standards, and instructed him not to teach, preach, or inculcate this exception. TE Smith agreed. The court judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (BCO 21-4; see RAO 16.3.e.5.c. - this sentence was added per the instructions of MVP Stated Meeting on February 5, 2008). Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him pending his transfer.

8. Presbytery examined **Mr. Chris Thomas** for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Thomas is a candidate in MVP, and a senior at RTS. Presbytery examined him in theology, English Bible, and church government. Mr. Thomas declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on I Kings 12: 1-15 which was accepted. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his licensure. After he answered the questions of BCO 19-3, prayer was offered, and the pronouncement of BCO 19-4 was given.
9. Presbytery examined **Mr. John McKenzie** for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. McKenzie is a candidate in MVP and has been called to pastor First Presbyterian Church, Lexington. He was examined in experiential religion and Christian character; English Bible; theology; sacraments; church and PCA history; and church government. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. He preached a sermon on II Timothy 3:14-17 and it was accepted. Mr. McKenzie declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His call to First Presbyterian Church, Lexington was approved. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. Upon his signing of the book of obligations, his ordination and installation, he will be enrolled as a member of presbytery.
10. Presbytery examined **Mr. Jody Woodward** for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Woodward is a candidate in MVP and has been called to pastor Raymond Presbyterian Church. He had been previously examined in experiential religion. That exam was sustained at the last meeting and it was accepted as fulfilling that part of his licensure exam. Today, he was examined on English Bible; theology; and church government. All areas were sustained. Presbytery approved the completion of his internship. Mr. Woodward declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on Jonah 2:1-9 which was accepted. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and upon his satisfactory answering of the questions of BCO 19-3, he was pronounced a licentiate by the moderator per BCO 19-4 and the exam was concluded with prayer. He was given permission to preach regularly in the Raymond Presbyterian Church as he moves toward ordination.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That **Mr. Jack (Trey) Owens** be approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Owens, a candidate in MVP, is to serve his internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with TE Mike Campbell as mentor.
2. The call of First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia to **TE Don Caviness** as pastor was approved **(Appendix H, p. 23)**.
3. The installation commission for **TE Don Caviness**, composed of the following, was approved:

TE Dan Gilchrist: charge to the minister
TE Bob Schwanebeck: charge to the congregation.
TE Robert Hays - convener: questions to minister and congregation
TE Larry Mills - guest: message
RE Charlie McClain: pray
RE Vernon Cotton: scripture reading
RE Larry McMillan: corporate confession

The service is to be at First Presbyterian Church, on November 19, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.

5. The request of the session of Carthage Presbyterian Church for **Mr. Chris Thomas** to serve as student supply for a period of one year was approved.
6. The call of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington to **Mr. John McKenzie** as pastor was approved **(Appendix G, p. 22)**.
7. **Mr. McKenzie's** ordination commission was approved as follows:

TE Bill Barclay - convener	RE Gene Austin
TE Mike Campbell	RE Charles Campbell
TE Scott Pierce - guest	RE John Kimbrough, Jr.
	RE John Kimbrough, III
	RE Wayne Rhea
	RE Jack Yates

The service is to be at First Presbyterian Church on November 12, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.

8. The call of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville to **TE Bill Smith** as pastor was approved **(Appendix D, p. 18f.)**.
9. The installation commission for **TE Bill Smith** was approved to include the following:

TE John Reeves - convener: constitutional questions

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TE D. Ralph Davis - guest: message
RE James Elkin: charge the congregation
RE Sam Duncan - guest: charge the minister
TE Guy Waters: prayer
RE J. G. Alexander: scripture reading
TE Scott Phillips: prayer
REs Roland Byrd, Ed Prisock, Roger Wiggins

The service is to be held on November 12, 2006 at Covenant Presbyterian Church at 4:00 P.M.
The quorum is two Tes and two REs.

10. That candidate **Jody Woodward** be approved to serve as stated supply at Raymond Presbyterian Church for a period of one year.
11. The call of Pearl Presbyterian Church to **TE Merle Messer** was approved on a vote of 42 to 0 (**Appendix I, p. 24**). (BCO 23-1 requires a 3/4 vote since Associate Pastor TE Merle Messer will succeed Senior Pastor TE Hugh Acton.)
12. **TE Merle Messer's** installation commission was approved as follows:

TE Brister Ware - convener	RE Don Dennis
TE Bob Lane	RE George Powe
TE Dean Rydbeck	RE Gabe Green

The service is to be held on December 3, 2006 at 5:00 P.M. at Pearl Presbyterian Church. The quorum is 2 TEs and 2 REs.

59.1022 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin, chairman, presented a report. There was no action recommended. Presbytery was advised that TE Bob Schwanebeck has been elected the new chairman.

59.1023 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE John Reeves, chairman of the Standing Bills and Overtures Committee, presented their report. The resolution submitted by First Presbyterian Church, Jackson was reviewed by the chairman (**p. 20**). The intent of the resolution is that it will become an overture of Mississippi Valley Presbytery to the 2007 General Assembly. Presbytery instructed the Administration Committee to bring a report and recommendation on it back to the next meeting of presbytery.

A resolution commending our presbytery and those involved in relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina was read by TE Jeff Elliott (**Appendix P, p. 39**). It was signed by Jim Bland, denominational coordinator of Mission to North America.

59.1024 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Sessional records from First Presbyterian Church, Union and Bailey Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions.

59.1025 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Doyle Moorhead of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was elected as the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

59.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to meet on February 6, 2007 at Carolina Presbyterian Church. Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton is to host on August 7, 2007, and Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City on August 5, 2008.

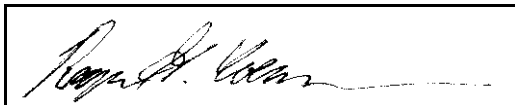
59.1027 READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk read the minutes which were approved as written.

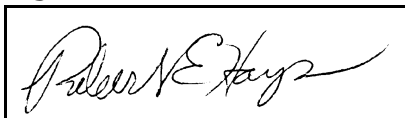
59.1028 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M. with prayer by TE Merle Messer.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 6, 2007**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, MS**

60.1001

CALL TO ORDER

In the place of Retiring Moderator Douglas McCullough, RE Paul Adams called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

60.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend Paul Townsend III
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	Jay Holliday
Brandon, Lakeland		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		J. Z. Sowell
Carthage, Carthage	Dan Gilchrist	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Jeremy Cheezum	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	O. B. Triplett, IV
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Brister Ware Jim Stewart Billy Joseph	Doyle Moorhead Edmund Johnston Bebo Elkin Bud Bratley

Church

Jackson, North Park
Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First
Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina

Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights
Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Dean Rydbeck
Mike Campbell
Robert Hill
Rick Stark

Phillip Palmertree

John McKenzie

Bill Smith
Scott Phillips

Hunter Brewer
Bob Schwanebeck
George Felton
Merle Messer
Don Caviness

Joseph Wheat
Bob Brunson
Jeff Elliott

Charles Douglas
Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber
Joe Easterling
David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Paul Adams
A
Charles Dykes
John Marchetti
Patrick McDowell

A
A
A
A
Gene Austin
Charles Campbell
Roland Byrd
Niles McNeel
John Sharp
A
Walter Riddell
Jimmy Davidson
Richard Metz
Joseph Davis

Joseph Steele
A
Gabe Green
Charles McClain
A
A
A
Kevin Simpson

Rod Russ
Cornelius Barnes
A
Jim Hutton
Nick Purvis
A
A
A
Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Ben Haley, Robert Hays, Guy Richardson, Tim Udouj, Don Malin, Joey Wright, Stanwood Bean, and Fred Marsh.

- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Bill Adkins, Christopher Thomas, James Hakim, Lewis A. Ward, Jr., Jody Woodward, Matt Giesman, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Josh Kines, and Andrew Barnes.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Alan Kolodny, Joe Goodwin, Grant Carroll, George Fair, Rob Jones, Hal Hutchins, Aung Lai Matu, Carl Chaplin, Elton Sellers, Richard Cobb, Bill Penn, Ken Pierce, Hanna Yoo, Charles Cobb, Jeremy Smith, and Mo UpDeGraff.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chris Shelt, William Hughes, Carl Kalberkamp, Allen Vargo, Mark Lowery, Bill Barkley, John Duke, Doug McCullough, Joseph Holland, Rick Holbert, Jimmy Turner, Larry Wissel, Bill Wymond, Derek Thomas, and Harris Bond.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, John Fain, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Dale McCord, Jack Scott, Paul Long, and Martin Marshall.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Ed Hurley, Charlie Rodriguez, Jesse Jacobs, John Currid, Brad Mercer, Bob Lane, Ken Elliott, and Bassam Chedid.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **60.1002.a.** above.

60.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Doyle Moorhead was elected moderator by acclamation.

60.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting amended and was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

60.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **60.1002, c.** above.

60.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Stated Supply RE Bill Adkins welcomed presbyters to Carolina Presbyterian Church.

60.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Dean Rydbeck, RE Chris Thomas, and RE Jim Hutton.

60.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Stated Clerk Roger Collins requested that the men seeking excused absences in **60.1002 f.** be granted their requests. They was approved.
2. The stated clerk reported that TE John Currid has stepped down from serving on the Credentials Committee. TE Mark Smith replaced him for the Class of 2008 per the presbytery's decision at our November 7, 2006 stated meeting.
3. Presbytery removed the McBride Memorial Church, Camden, Mississippi from its roll of churches noting that it has been closed for over a decade.
4. The stated clerk reported that installation commission reports had been received for TE Merle Messer (**Appendix B, p. 14**), TE Bill Smith (**p. 15**) and the ordination/installation report for TE John McKenzie (**p. 16**). These were approved as the action of presbytery.
5. The relationship of TE Jason Edwards with Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was dissolved as requested (**Appendix C, p. 17**) and he was transferred to Covenant Presbytery to take a call to Grace Presbyterian Church, Starkville, Mississippi pending his reception.
6. The dissolution of TE Dan Gilchrist's pastoral relationship with the Carthage Presbyterian Church was approved as requested by pastor and congregation (**Appendix C, p. 18**), and TE Gilchrist was granted Honorable Retirement.
7. TE John Reeves gave a report from the Commission to Determine Eligibility of Officer Nominees for Second Presbyterian, Yazoo City (**Appendix D, p. 19**). Presbytery adopted the commission's action as its own approving the nomination to the office of elder of RE Wayne Morrison, RE Tommy Peaster, RE Will Thompson and Jamie Peaster.
8. Ministry reports from TEs Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix E, pp. 20ff.**) and Clay Quarterman (**p. 24**) were presented for information.

9. The stated clerk referred calls for TE Kenneth Pierce (**Appendix F, p. 25**), and candidates Al Ward (**p. 26**), Jae Hyatt Yoo (**p. 27**), and Jones Woodward (**p. 28**) to the Credentials Committee for their report.

60.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented the report (**Appendix G, pp. 29ff.**). It was received as information. The treasurer also submitted a thank you note from the Scott family in Manilla for presbytery's information (**p. 40**) which is included with the MTW report.

60.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins presented the report (**Appendix H, p. 33**). An overture from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson regarding an amendment to the Preface of the BCO was assigned to the Administration Committee at the last stated meeting. The committee recommends that the resolution be referred with encouragement to the session of First Presbyterian Church for further clarity and refinement.

TE Ligon Duncan responded that the committee's concerns have already been addressed by the session of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. RE George Fair, as a representative of that session, reported several proposed changes. RE Will Thompson offered a substitute motion. With the approach of the order of the day for prayer and worship, the issue was tabled until it could be taken up later.

60.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

60.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

60.1013

WORSHIP

In the place of Retiring Moderator TE Douglas McCullough, TE Richard Wiman led presbytery in worship with hymns, prayer and preaching. A memorial was read for RE Roy Lawrence (**Appendix I, p. 34**). TE Wiman preached from Luke 20:20-26 after which presbytery celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's supper. The whole was concluded with singing and prayer.

60.1014 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour TE Chris Thomas of the Thanks Committee thanked those who had been our hosts and hostesses at the Carolina Presbyterian Church.

At the one o'clock hour presbytery was reconvened with prayer by Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead.

60.1015 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix L, pp. 41ff.**). The chairman also submitted an Addendum (**p. 43**). Presbytery received several items as information, after which examinations were administered.

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined **Mr. Grant Carroll** for transfer of candidacy from Warrior Presbytery per BCO 18-3. Mr. Carroll is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, and is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
2. Presbytery examined **Mr. Kurt Cooper** for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Cooper is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the committee in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
3. Presbytery examined **Mr. Alan Kolodny** for transfer of candidacy from Warrior Presbytery per BCO 18-3. Mr. Kolodny is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church, York, Alabama. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. It is his wish to remain on the roll of the church in York. Presbytery approved the request (BCO 18-7). Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.
4. Presbytery examined **Mr. Jeremy Smith** for transfer of candidacy from Pittsburgh Presbytery per BCO 18-3. Mr. Smith is a member of First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh and an Associate Member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his

examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer.

5. Presbytery examined **Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo** for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. Yoo is a candidate in MVP and is being called as Assistant Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. He was examined in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, sacraments, church government, church and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. He preached a sermon on Matthew 26: 31-35, 69-75 and it was approved. Mr. Yoo declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His call to Redeemer Presbyterian Church was approved. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and upon the approval of his call, his signing of the book of obligations, and his ordination and installation, he is enrolled as a member of this presbytery.
6. Presbytery examined **Mr. Lewis Ward** for ordination by presbytery per BCO 21-4. Mr. Ward, an associate member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton and a graduate of RTS, had his internship approved at the last stated meeting. He was examined in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, sacraments, church government, church and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. He preached a sermon on Acts 1:6-11 and it was accepted. Presbytery found Mr. Ward's view of WCF IV.1 ("in the space of six days") to be an exception. The court judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (BCO 21-4; RAO 16.3.e.5.c.). He was instructed not to teach, preach, nor inculcate his view. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and upon the approval of his call, his signing of the book of obligations, and his ordination and installation, he is enrolled as a member.
7. Presbytery examined **Mr. Jody Woodward** for ordination by presbytery per BCO 21-4. Mr. Woodward, a graduate of RTS and a licentiate in MVP, is the pulpit supply at Raymond Presbyterian Church. His licensure examination in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government were accepted in lieu of further examination in these areas. He was examined in sacraments and church and PCA history. His internship had been approved as completed at the last meeting. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. His licensure sermon was accepted in lieu of another. He expressed his embrace of the Westminster standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and upon the approval of his call, his signing of the book of obligations, and his ordination and installation, he is enrolled as a member of presbytery.
8. Presbytery examined **TE Ken Pierce** for transfer from Blue Ridge Presbytery to become the Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson. He was sustained in all areas of his views

as required by BCO 13-6. TE Pierce declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him pending the approval of his call, his transfer and his signing of the book of obligations.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the internship of **Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo** be approved as complete.
2. That the call of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson to **Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo** as assistant pastor be approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**Appendix F, p. 27**).
3. That the commission to ordain and install **Mr. Jae Hyuk Yoo** as assistant pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church be approved as follows:

TE Mike Campbell, convener	RE Wynn Kenyon
TE John McKenzie	RE Kelly Simpkins
TE John Dawson	RE Gene Dent
TE Eunsoo Kim, guest	RE Raymond Hall
TE Sam Larsen, guest	RE Randy Smith
	RE Bryant Taylor

Place: Redeemer Presbyterian Church; Date and Time: February 18, 2007, 6:00 P.M.; Quorum: Two TEs and two REs.

4. The call of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson to **TE Ken A. Pierce** as pastor was approved (**Appendix F, p. 25**).
5. The installation commission for **TE Pierce** composed of the following men was approved:

TE Ligon Duncan	RE Dennis Watts
TE John Currid	RE John Marchetti
TE Dean Rydbeck	RE Joe Goodwin
TE Richard Stark, convener	
TE John R. deWitt, guest	

Place: Trinity Presbyterian Church; Date and Time: March 18, 2007, 6:00 P.M.; Quorum: Two TEs and two REs.

6. **Mr. Kurt Cooper** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Cooper comes under care in presbytery today and is to serve his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Brad Mercer as mentor. Presbytery allowed all work done since August 2004 to

be applied against the requirements with the stipulation that it constitute no more than 50% of the total.

7. **Mr. Alan Kolodny** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan D at Pearl Presbyterian Church, with TE Merle Messer as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done since 1998 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
8. **Mr. Joshua Kines** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan B at Madison Heights Church Plant, with TE Hunter Brewer as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done since May 2006 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
9. **Mr. Andrew Barnes** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan E at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Mike Campbell as mentor.
10. That the call of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton to **Mr. Lewis A. Ward** as assistant pastor be approved (**Appendix F, p. 26**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines.
11. That the commission to ordain and install **Mr. Ward** as assistant pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton as follows be approved:

TE John Reeves, convener	RE Bill Pleasant
TE Jeremy Cheezum	RE Bishop Prince
TE Joey Wright	RE John Burriss
TE Dieter Paulson, guest	

Place: Providence Presbyterian Church; Date and Time: February 18th, 6:00PM; Quorum: Two TEs and two REs.

12. That the call from Raymond Presbyterian Church to **Mr. Jody Woodward** be approved (**Appendix F, p. 28**).
13. That the commission to ordain and install **Mr. Jody Woodward** as pastor of Raymond Church be approved as follows:

TE Brister Ware	RE Bill Penn
TE Billy Joseph	RE Brian McGee
TE Dean Rydbeck, convener	RE Troy Skinner
TE Wilson Benton, guest	RE Sam Robison
	RE Doug Vinzant
	RE Talmadge McNair
	RE Clarke Stewart

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Place: Raymond Presbyterian Church; Date and Time: March 4, 2007, 6:00 PM; Quorum: Two REs and two TEs.

14. That RE Bill Adkins' supply relationship with the Carolina Presbyterian Church be renewed for another year.

15. That Win Groseclose's transfer of candidacy to Gulf Coast Presbytery be approved.

60.1016 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Roger Collins, chairman, continued the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix H, p. 33**). RE Will Thompson's substitute motion (**see 60.1010, p. 715**) was taken off the table for discussion. The substitute failed. The resolution from First Presbyterian Church failed.

The chairman reported on the review of sessional records. The following minutes were approved without exceptions:

Bailey Presbyterian Church; Carolina Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni; First Presbyterian Church, Madison; First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City; North Park Presbyterian Church; Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church; Providence Presbyterian Church; Tchula Presbyterian Church; Trinity Presbyterian Church; Westminster Presbyterian Church; and Wynndale Presbyterian Church.

The following churches submitted sessional records that were approved with exception: Carthage Presbyterian Church; Covenant Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko; Macon Presbyterian Church; Newton Presbyterian Church; Northpointe Presbyterian Church; and Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

60.1017 MNA COMMITTEE

TE Tim Muse gave the report (**Appendix J, pp. 35f.**).

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. To approve changes in the terms of call for RUM ministers as follows: Ben Hailey's raised to \$39,690 plus benefits; Tim Udouj's raised to \$39,690 plus benefits; and Joey Wright's raised to \$40,800 plus benefits (**p. 35**).

2. To approve the 2007 budget for RUM (**p. 37**).

TE Jeff Elliott reported on the "Growing a Healthier Church" seminar with TE Bill Barton.

Dr. Aung Lai Mattu reported to presbytery on his work with Redeemer's Church Planting Center in Manhattan seeking to reach the Burmese people in New York City.

TE Hunter Brewer reported on the establishment of Madison Heights Church Plant.

60.1018

MTW REPORT

TE Jim Stewart gave the report (**Appendix K, pp. 38ff.**).

He introduced the following speakers:

TE Phillip Palmertree gave a five minute report on his Vision Trip to Lima and Trujillo, Peru.

TE Carl Chaplin challenged presbytery to support the work of MTW in Eastern Europe.

The chairman reminded presbytery that TE Kaz and Katie Yaegashi will be in our midst from February 22 - April 10, 2007. He encouraged churches to schedule gatherings for him to report.

60.1018

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman RE Miles McNeel presented the report. The following men were elected to serve on their respective Committees of Commissioners at the 2007 General Assembly in Memphis.

Christian Education	TE Brad Mercer
Administration	TE Rob Hill
Interchurch Relations	TE Joe Easterling
Covenant Seminary	TE Carl Kalberkamp
MNA	TE Rick Stark
PCA Foundation	TE Phillip Palmertree
Covenant College	RE Jeff Camp
PCA Retirement & Benefits	RE Bill May
Bills & Overtures	RE Doyle Moorhead
MTW	RE Paul Adams
Ridge Haven	RE Orin Swayze
RUM	RE Lee Owens

In addition, the following men were elected:

RE to serve communion	RE Orrin Swayze
Nominating	TE Roger Collins
Floor Clerk	TE Jeremy Cheezum

Presbytery appointed the stated clerk to name men to fill vacant slots as needed for presbytery committees and General Assembly Committees of Commissioners and other appointments between now and our next stated meeting.

60.1019 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

60.1020 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Robert Hill of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson was elected the first nominee for moderator of our May 1, 2007 stated meeting.

60.1021 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be on May 1, 2007 at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni. Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton is to host on August 7, 2007, Twin Lakes on November 6, 2007, and Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to host on August 5, 2008.

60.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

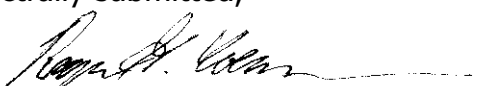
The recording clerk, stated clerk, and moderator were named a commission to approve the minutes.

The stated clerk moved that presbytery's prayers and desire for a speedy recovery for RE Robert Cannada be communicated to him through the moderator. Presbytery passed the motion.


60.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 P.M. with prayer by TE Billy Joseph.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 1, 2007**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Belzoni Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS**

61.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

61.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Peter Hairston Paul Townsend III Richard Cobb David Tigrett
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	Tom Sanford
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Jeremy Cheezum Al Ward	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Brister Ware Jim Stewart	Doyle Moorhead Noel Toler Bebo Elkin

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	Billy Joseph	Edmund Johnston
	Bill Hughes	
	Brad Mercer	
Jackson, North Park	Dean Rydbeck	Paul Adams
		Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Robert Hill	Charles Dykes
		Jimmy Mardis
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Ben McLain
	Rick Stark	Joe Goodwin
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Joe Holland	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	Gene Austin
		Charles Campbell
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	John Fair
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		Walter Riddell
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Fred Carlson
Pearl, Pearl		George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Jody Woodward	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Nick Purvis
Union, First		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Yazoo City, First	Joe Easterling	Butch Bond
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Rick Holbert, Douglas McCullough, Robert Hays, Ron Smith, Joey Wright, Tim Udouj, and Bob Duhs.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Nate Shurden, and James Hakim.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Joe Steele, James Romaine, Larry Mills, Moises Zapata, Arklie Hooten, Kevin Carroll, and Elton Sellers.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chris Shelton, Derek Thomas, Ed Hurley, Hunter Brewer, Joseph Wheat, John Currid, Jimmy Turner, Bill Wymond, Merle Messer, Robert Lane, Mike Campbell, and Guy Richardson.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Billy Davies, John Fain, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Ken Elliott, Ben Hailey, Os Barnes, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Allen Vargo, Bill Barclay, Bassam Chedid, Don Malin, and Chris Shelt.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **61.1002.a.** above.

61.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Robert Hill was elected moderator by acclamation.

61.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was amended and approved (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

61.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **61.1002, c.** above.

61.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Richard Wiman welcomed members to the First Presbyterian Church of Belzoni.

61.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs John McKenzie, Jeremy Cheezum and Convener RE Will Thompson.

61.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk requested excused absences for those listed in **61.1002a**. Presbytery approved those as requested.

The report of the commission which read and approved the minutes for the stated meeting of February 6, 2007 was adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that commission reports (**Appendix B**) to install TE Kenneth Pierce as the pastor of Trinity (**p. 11**), to ordain and install Jody Woodward as the pastor of Raymond Presbyterian Church (**p. 12**), to ordain and install Jae Hyuk Yoo as assistant pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (**p. 13**), and to ordain and install Lewis Al Ward as assistant pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church (**p. 14**) had been received. They were ratified as the action of the court.

The stated clerk reported that communication had been received requesting dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Dean Rydbeck and North Park Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 15**). It was forwarded to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later.

The stated clerk reported that notice had been received of dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Tim Udouj and presbytery as campus minister at Belhaven College. This request was forwarded to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later.

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from TE John Currid asking for permission to resign his position as assistant pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church to assume a position with Reformed Theological Seminary, Charlotte (**Appendix D, p. 16**). The session of Providence Presbyterian Church requested the same (**p. 17**). Dr. Currid also stated that he wished to be considered as laboring out of bounds until such time as he can transfer his membership to a

presbytery in that area . It was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later.

The stated clerk reported that a letter had been received from Highlands Presbyterian Church together requesting that TE Robert Brunson's call be changed from assistant pastor to associate pastor (**Appendix F, p. 19**). It was forwarded to the Credentials Committee for recommendation later.

The stated clerk reported that a mission letter had been received from TE Bill Inman of the Crystal Navajo Mission which has been made available as public information via the presbytery web site (**Appendix G, p. 21**). Members were encouraged to read it.

The stated clerk reported statistics submitted for presbytery churches for the year 2006 for information (**Appendix H, p . 22**).

TE Tim Muse was approved to serve on the Bills & Overtures Committee of Commissioners of General Assembly with RE Doyle Moorehead.

TE Jim Romaine of MTW was approved to address the court for five minutes.

At this time Moderator TE Rob Hill asked Past Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead to fill the moderator's chair and excused himself with the Credentials Committee to examine TE Kevin Carroll and Chad Smith before their presentation to the presbytery during the regular committee report.

61.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented his report (**Appendix I, pp. 23ff.**). It was received as information.

61.1010

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE James Stewart presented the report (**Appendix J, p. 27**).

TE Ron Smith reported on his work as an MTW missionary in the Caribbean.

Chairman Stewart reported on the Wellspring Project in North Korea that is being done in cooperation with Western Carolina Presbytery. Funds received for the Wellspring Project are approved to be dispersed to the Western Carolina Presbytery together with any future funds to be used in buying and transporting wells for North Korea.

That TEs and REs be encouraged to consider taking a vision trip this year.

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That churches be encouraged to include TE Kaz Yaegashi in their missions support programs and their prayer lists.

61.1011

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse presented the report (**Appendix K, p. 28**). Presbytery received the following as information:

1. That \$1120.00 had been disbursed to Candidate Ken Roberts, who is planting our Chactaw church, from our MNA account for plumbing repairs.
2. That the Growing a Healthy Church training with TE Bill Barton sponsored by presbytery MNA is being attended by eighteen elder representatives from nine churches. Presbytery approved that the agreement with TE Bill Barton (Healthy Churches) be extended for another six months at a cost of \$2,000.00 per month plus expenses.
3. That the MNA committee is interested in talking with presbytery churches that are interested in church planting ministries.

TE Moises Zapata was invited to address the court concerning the importance of reaching Hispanic people so that when they go home they will take the Gospel back with them.

Mr. Arkly Hooten, MNA Disaster Response Director, was given a few minutes to address presbytery concerning the work going on the Mississippi Coast with Katrina Relief. He introduced Curt Moore who is an assistant with Lagniappe Presbyterian Church. He reported on the church planting work and requested prayer.

TE Rob Hill returned to assume the moderator's chair.

The stated clerk reported that the Credentials Committee, meeting while presbytery is in session, is two members short of a quorum for the purpose of examining a transferring minister and a transferring candidate. Presbytery suspended the Standing Rules requirement of a quorum today so that the five members present may report as the Credentials Committee in their examination of Associate Reformed (ARP) TE Kevin Carroll and transferring candidate Chad Smith. The motion was approved by two thirds of the commissioners registered as required.

61.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

61.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

61.1014

WORSHIP

In the place of Retiring Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead, his pastor TE Ligon Duncan led presbytery in worship. Presbytery sang a hymn and then TE Duncan preached from John 4. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

61.1015

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE Will Thompson of the Thanks Committee expressed the thanks of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses.

61.1016

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

After lunch, presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee report. Presbytery received several items as information (**Appendix L, p. 29**), after which examinations were administered.

Internship Oral Reports

Interns Matt Giesman and James Hakim gave oral reports on their training.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. **Mr. Nathan Shurden** was examined for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Shurden, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS) and a candidate in Nashville Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his successfully answering the constitutional questions and charging according to the BCO, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.
2. **Mr. Roy Hubbard** was examined and approved for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-3, and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Hubbard, a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a middler at RTS and a candidate in Southeast Louisiana Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his successfully answering the

constitutional questions and charging according to the BCO, he was enrolled on the list of candidates and interns.

His internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Mike Campbell as mentor was approved, and presbytery allowed work done since August 2005 to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. The words of the BCO were read and he was declared an intern.

3. **Mr. Chad Smith** was examined and approved for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Smith is a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA), Oak Ridge, TN, a senior at RTS, and a candidate in Tennessee Valley Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon approval of his home session and presbytery (BC 18-7), and upon his successfully answering the constitutional questions and charging according to the BCO he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

4. **TE Kevin Carroll** was examined and approved for transfer from the Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, per BCO 13-6, and received, pending dismissal, pending his signing of the book of obligation and pending his receipt of his Master of Divinity Degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. Presbytery examined TE Carroll in his Christian experience, and in his knowledge and views of theology, Bible content, Church government, Sacraments, and Church history. TE Carroll declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

TE Carroll's call from Macon Presbyterian Church was approved (**Appendix E, p. 18**).

That Mr. Carroll's installation at Macon Presbyterian Church be approved for June 3, 2007 at the evening service. Presbytery approved his installation commission as follows:

TE Guy Waters	RE Bebo Elkin
TE Derek Thomas, preacher	RE Roger Wiggins
TE Philip Palmertree, convener	RE Ed Prisock

The quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

5. That the requested change in status for TE Bob Brunson, from assistant pastor to associate pastor, be approved. The terms of call remain unchanged (**Appendix F, p. 20**).

His approved installation date is June 10 was set for the 10:45 morning service.

That the following commissioners for TE Brunson's installation be approved:

TE Joseph Wheat, convener	REs Session from Highlands
TE John Dawson	

TE Rick Stark

The quorum is to be two REs and two TEs.

63.1017 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Robert Schwanebeck gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the pastoral relationship between TE Dean Rydbeck and North Park Presbyterian Church be dissolved.
2. That TE Rydbeck be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.
3. That the pastoral relationship between TE Tim Udouj and presbytery be dissolved and that TE Udouj be transferred to Calvary Presbytery upon request.
4. That the pastoral relationship between TE John Currid and Providence Presbyterian Church be dissolved as requested and that TE Currid be allowed to labor out of bounds.
5. That TE Bill Barclay be transferred to Central Carolina Presbytery.

61.1018 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Roger Collins presented the committee's sessional records report.

That the following sessional records were approved without exception: Brandon Presbyterian Church; Lexington Presbyterian Church; Grace Presbyterian Church; Pearl Presbyterian Church; Second Presbyterian Church; and St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

That the following sessional records were approved with exception: Forest Presbyterian Church.

The chairman called attention to the service of RE Jim Hallum in examining presbytery records for many years. Since he is planning to relocate soon, prayer was offered for him and his family.

61.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved TE Stan Bean to fill the vacant Alternate slot for 2007 on the Advisory and Shepherding Committee. Mission to North America Alternate TE Hunter Brewer was moved to class of 2009, and Basam Chedid approved to fill the vacant Alternate slot. RE David Tigrett and TE David Gilbert were approved to fill Alternate slots for 2007 on the Administration Committee.

Presbytery approved instructing the Shepherding and Advisory Committee to review the minutes of the last three years to determine which men routinely miss presbytery meetings, and that the committee approach these men to discuss their relationship with presbytery.

61.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Niles McNeel of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

61.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Providence Presbyterian Church in Clinton is to host presbytery on August 7, 2007, and Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City on August 5, 2008. November 6, 2007 is to be at Twin Lakes Retreat Center as regularly scheduled.

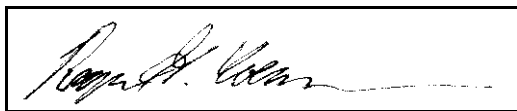
61.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk Robert Hays read the minutes which were approved as read.

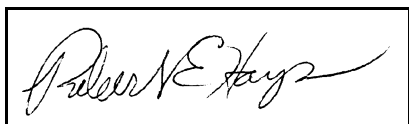
61.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with prayer by TE Mark Smith.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 7, 2007**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS**

62.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Rob Hill called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

62.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen Paul Townsend III
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	David Tigrett
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Jim Hallum
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Jeremy Cheezum Al Ward	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan Brister Ware Bill Wymond Billy Joseph	Doyle Moorhead Noel Toler Bebo Elkin Edmund Johnston

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park

Bill Hughes
Brad Mercer

H. Richard Johnson
Victor Clark
Paul Adams
Bob Dieckman

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul

Mike Campbell
Robert Hill

A
Charles Dykes
Bob Lewis
Patrick McDowell

Jackson, Trinity
Kosciusko, First

Phillip Palmertree
Joe Holland

A

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale

A
A

Learned, Lebanon

Rick Holbert

A

Lexington, First

John McKenzie

John Kimbrough III

Louisville, Covenant

Bill Smith

A

Louisville, First

Scott Phillips

John Sharp

Macon, Center Point

A

Macon, Macon

Kevin Carroll

A

Madden, Carolina

A

Madison, First

Robert Lane

A

Meridian, Northpointe

Bob Schwanebeck

A

Newton, Newton

George Felton

Fred Carlson
William Cooper

Pearl, Pearl

Merle Messer

George Powe

Philadelphia, First

Don Caviness

A

Pickens, Pickens

A

Pickens, Shiloh

A

Raymond, Raymond

Jody Woodward

A

Ridgeland, Highlands

Bob Brunson

Kevin Simpson

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Carl Kalberkamp

Rod Russ

Jeff Elliott

Hunter Brewer

Scooba, Scooba

A

Tchula, Tchula

Jim Hutton

Terry, Wynndale

Charles Douglas

Nick Purvis

Union, First

Chris Shelton

A

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

James Harrison

Mark Monroe

Yazoo City, First

Joe Easterling

A

Yazoo City, Second

David Gilbert

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Dan Gilchrist, Douglas McCullough, Robert Hays, Os Barnes, Joey Wright, Don Malin, Ken Elliott, Clay Quarterman, Fred Marsh, Jimmy Turner, and Dean Rydbeck.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Jeremy Smith, James Hakim, Matt Geisman, Andrew Barnes, Tim Dryden, Chad Smith, Chris Thomas, Roy Hubbard and Elbert McGowan.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Richard Cobb, Rob Jones, Elton Sellers, Paul Long, Jr., Larry Mills, David Gordon, Steve Mayes, Brent Evans, Doug Owen, Barry Kelly, Brian Gault, Brad Irick, and Michelle Maly.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Chris McCune, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jim Stewart, Joseph Wheat, David Gilbert and Ben Hailey.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, John Fain, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charlie Rodriguez, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Jesse Jacobs, Larry Wissell, Allen Vargo, Bill Barclay, Bassam Chedid, Chris Shelt, Guy Richardson, Ken Pierce, Steve Jussely, and Derek Thomas.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **62.1002.a.** above.

62.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Doyle Moorhead was elected moderator by acclamation.

62.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

62.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **62.1002, c.** above.

62.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE John Reeves welcomed members to the facility.

62.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Joe Easterling, RE Vic Clark and RE Paul Adams.

62.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Requests for excused absence were presented and approved for those listed in **62.1002 f.**

The stated clerk reported that he received a dissolution request from Rick Stark (**Appendix B, p. 14**) and Trinity Presbyterian Church. Further that TE Rick Stark had been received by Southeast Alabama Presbytery pending transfer. Presbytery approved his transfer.

The stated clerk presented the report of the commission to install TE Bob Brunson as associate pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 15**). It was adopted as the action of presbytery.

The stated clerk reported that calls (**Appendix D**) had been received for from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson for Jeremy Smith (**p. 16**) and Nate Shurden (**p. 17**), from Carthage Presbyterian Church for Christopher Thomas (**p. 18**), from RUF Belhaven for Chad Smith (**p. 19**), from Reformed Theological Seminary for TE Guy Waters (**p. 20**). These were referred to the Credentials Committee (and MNA in Mr. Smith's case) for report later (**p. 6**).

The stated clerk reported that annual Out of Bounds or Without Call Reports had been received from TEs Os Barnes, Robert Hays, Jayson Kyle, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Chris McCune, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Lenny Siems, Ron Smith, Doug McCullough, Jimmy Turner, and Guy Waters (**Appendix E, pp. 21-39**). They were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later report (**p. 10**).

The stated clerk asked that TE Merle Messer be given the privilege of the floor to address presbytery regarding his concerns with Clay Quarterman's annual report. The issue was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later in this meeting (**p. 10**).

TE Bob Penny of Grace Presbytery was given the floor to report on his new work with the development efforts of Reformed Theological Seminary.

The stated clerk presented proposed changes to the BCO (**Appendix F, pp. 39ff.**): Item 1, to amend BCO 12-1 and 12-2. The vote was as follows: For: 49, Against: 1, Abstain: 1.

62.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented his report (**Appendix G, pp. 42ff.**). It was received as information.

62.1010 ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Russ also presented the Administration Committee report. Presbytery approved the budget recommendation for 2008 of \$184,300.00 as proposed by the Administration Committee (**Appendix G, p. 45**). It is based upon actual receipts, committee requests and a 10% increase in anticipation of the Lord's blessing.

62.1011 MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse, presented the Mission to North America report (**Appendix H, p. 46**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the petition of Madison Heights PCA asking MVP to appoint a commission consisting of the borrowed session, chaired by TE Jeff Elliott, to organize this church plant into a particular church on October 7 at 6:00 PM;
2. That presbytery extend a call to Chad Smith to become the RUF campus minister at Belhaven College upon approval of his ordination exams and terms of call by the Credentials Committee and presbytery (**Appendix D, p. 19**);
3. The following resolution was read honoring Bethany Christian Services' Director Karen Stewart for her many years of service:

A Proclamation of Acknowledgment

Because Mississippi Valley Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America believes each human life is sacred and the family is an institution established by God, we hereby recognize and celebrate Karen Stewart's twenty years of service with Bethany Christian Services.

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4. That prayer be offered for the committee as it seeks wisdom in building this presbytery in the future. Prayer was offered by TE Muse.

62.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

62.1013 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

62.1014 WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Robert Hill led presbytery in worship. He preached on Acts 12:25-13:4. The sacrament of the Lords's Supper was celebrated. Memorials were read in memory of Ruling Elders Burton Platt, Robert C. Cannada, Hugh Potts, Sr., Jack Briscoe, Fredrick Clark, and Grady Leese. The whole was concluded with prayer.

62.1015 APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed

62.1016 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Joe Easterling of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses as follows.

We have today, by God's grace, in many rich and wonderful ways, tasted and seen that God is good. We say that with much joy because of God's fresh faithfulness expressed to us through the loving ministry and Christ-like spirit of the pastoral staff, officers, and membership of Providence Presbyterian Church of Clinton, MS. Throughout the day, the delegates and visitors of MVP's August 7, 2007 stated meeting have been left without want as our Good Shepherd has laid before us tables filled with food and drink as He worked in and through the saints of Providence Presbyterian Church, and especially through the transparent service of the WIC.

We have been built up, encouraged and stimulated toward greater love and good deeds through the selfless demonstration of the Spirit's care and sweet communion we have found in this place. May Jesus Christ be praised and his kingdom advanced because of what has taken place today and the ministry of our brothers and sisters in Christ that have been gathered and are being perfected in this body.

With thanksgiving, submitted on the 7th day of August, in this the 2007th year of our Lord. Amen and Amen. TE Joe Easterling, RE Vic Clark and RE Paul Adams

62.1017 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report (**Appendix J, pp. 48-51**).

Report on Actions as a Commission

The committee reported to presbytery that it had granted permission for Mr. Brent Evans to preach regularly at churches within MVP, effective June 5, 2007, prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination.

Information

Oral reports were received from Interns Elbert McGowan and Brian Sorgenfrei.

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined Mr. Ben Shaw for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Shaw, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates and the list of interns upon is answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor and allowed work previously done be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
2. Presbytery examined Mr. Chad Scott for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Scott, a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates and the list of interns upon is answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan B at Carthage with RE Vernon Cotten as mentor until Chris Thomas is ordained, at which point Mr. Thomas will be mentor, and allowed work previously done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

3. Presbytery examined Mr. Joey McLeod for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. McLeod is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Union, and is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates and the list of interns upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Union, with TE Chris Shelton as mentor, and allowed work previously done be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
4. Presbytery examined Mr. Sam Husband for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Husband is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the committee in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates and the list of interns upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor and allowed work previously done be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
5. Presbytery examined Mr. Tim Dryden for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Dryden is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates and the list of interns upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan A at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor and presbytery allowed work previously done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
6. Presbytery examined Mr. Brent Evans for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Evans is a candidate in Southern New England Presbytery, and has recently graduated from RTS. The presbytery examined him in all areas of trial required by the BCO. He was examined in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon before the presbytery on Isaiah 6:1-7 on the holiness of God, and it was approved. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions and prayer, he was declared a licentiate of presbytery.
7. Presbytery examined Mr. Chris Thomas for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Thomas, a candidate and licentiate in MVP, in all areas of trial as mandated by the BCO. His licensure examination in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government were accepted in lieu of further examination in these areas. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. His internship was approved as complete. His previous licensure sermon was accepted in lieu of preaching another at this time. Mr. Thomas declared

his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He signed the ministerial obligation. The presbytery approved his examination as whole and approved of his ordination.

8. Presbytery examined Mr. Chad Smith and approved him for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Smith, a candidate and licentiate in MVP, in all areas of trial as mandated by the BCO. His licensure examination in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government were accepted in lieu of further examination in these areas. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in original languages. His theological and exegesis papers had been approved by the committee and the recommendation to approve them was accepted by presbytery. His internship was approved as complete. He preached a sermon on Matthew 9:1-8 on titled 'The Son of Man Forgives' and it was accepted. Mr. Thomas declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He signed the ministerial obligation. The presbytery approved his examination as whole and approved of his ordination.
9. Presbytery examined Mr. Jeremy Smith for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Smith, a candidate and licentiate in MVP, in all areas of trial as mandated by the BCO. His licensure examination in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government were accepted in lieu of further examination in these areas. His internship was approved as complete. His exegetical and theological papers approved on recommendation of the committee. He preached a sermon on Revelation 7: 9-17 on "Heaven" and it was accepted. His seminary degree sufficed for an exam in original languages. The presbytery found that Mr. Smith's view of WCF IV.1 (in the space of six days) constitutes an exception to the Westminster Standards. The court judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (BCO 21-4; RAO 16.3.e.5.c:). He was instructed not to teach, preach, or inculcate this exception. He signed the ministerial obligation. The presbytery approved his examination as whole and approved of his ordination.
10. Presbytery examined Mr. Nathan Shurden for ordination per BCO 21-4. The Committee examined Mr. Shurden, a candidate and licentiate in MVP, in all areas of trial as mandated by the BCO. His licensure examination in experiential religion and Christian character, English Bible, theology, and church government were accepted in lieu of further examination in these areas. His internship was approved as complete. His exegetical and theological papers approved on recommendation of the Credentials Committee. He preached a sermon on Romans 12: 3-8 and it was accepted. His seminary degree sufficed for an exam in original languages. The presbytery found that Mr. Shurden's view of WCF IV.1 (in the space of six days) constitutes an exception to the Westminster Standards. The court judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (BCO 21-4; RAO 16.3.e.5.c:). He was instructed not to teach, preach, or inculcate this exception. He signed the ministerial obligation. The members, date, time, place and quorum for his ordination commission were established (see below). The presbytery approved his examination as whole and approved of his ordination.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations.

1. That the internship of Mr. Way Rutherford be approved as complete.
2. That the call of Carthage Presbyterian Church to Mr. Chris Thomas as pastor be approved **(Appendix D, p. 18)**.
3. That the commission to install Mr. Chris Thomas as pastor of Carthage Presbyterian Church be approved as follows: TEs Dan Gilchrist, Robert Hill and Derek Thomas; REs Bebo Elkin, Henry Blocker, Van Ray Bowman, Vernon Cotten, and Harry Sasser; Guest: TE Rob Bailey (North Texas Presbytery) to deliver the charge to the pastor. The date will be September 9, 2007 at 6 P.M. at Carthage Presbyterian Church. The quorum is set at two TEs and two REs.
4. That Mr. Chad Smith's call to be RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven College be approved **(Appendix D, p. 19)**.
5. That Mr. Chad Smith's ordination commission be approved as follows: TEs Ligon Duncan (convener), Carl Kalberkamp, Ben Hailey, and Derek Thomas; REs Bebo Elkin, Paul Stephenson, Bob Bailey, and Randy Smith; Guest: TE Duncan Rankin (Tennessee Valley Presbytery) to preach. The date will be September 16, 2007 at 6 P.M. at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
6. That the call of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to Mr. Jeremy Smith as assistant pastor be approved **(Appendix D, p. 16)**.
7. That the call of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to Mr. Nathan Shurden as assistant pastor be approved **(Appendix D, p. 17)**.
8. That the installation commission for Mr. Jeremy Smith and Mr. Nate Shurden be approved as follows: TEs Ligon Duncan, Derek Thomas, Bill Smith, Bill Hughes, Guy Waters, and Brad Mercer; REs Bebo Elkin, Gene McRoberts, David Cleland, Edmund Johnston, Don Breazeale, Alan Walters, and Danny Story; Guest: RE Calvin Smith; Honorary Members: Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. It is scheduled for August 19, 2007, 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church. The quorum is to be two TE and two REs.
9. That TE Guy Waters be approved to labor out of bounds as Associate Professor of New Testament at RTS and that his call be approved **(Appendix D, p. 20)**.
10. That the Credentials Committee be clothed with the powers of a commission to approve the call of Madison Heights to TE Hunter Brewer upon its perfection.
11. That the commission to install TE Brewer as pastor of Madison Heights Presbyterian

Church be approved as follows: TEs Jeff Elliott, Tim Muse, and Bob Brunson; REs Lee McCarty, David Fowler, Jim Brown, and Scott High; Guests: TE Bill Whitwer (Evangel Presbytery) and RE Sam Brewer. It is scheduled for October 7, 2007, 6:00 PM at St. Joseph High School. The quorum is to be two TE and two REs.

63.1018

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of Chairman TE James Stewart, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the following written report for presbytery's information (**Appendix I, p. 47**):


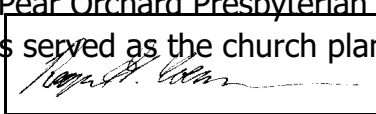
1. That Steven and Deborah Scott have been accepted to be career missionaries to the Philippines and that the committee has approved continuing their support through September 2009;
2. That Lindsey Scott has returned to the states and is no longer being supported as a missionary as of May;
3. That there are funds available for Vision Trips;
4. That men and women of our presbytery be encouraged to attend the global missions conference sponsored by the denomination November 16-18, 2007 in Atlanta.

62. 1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the following report for information.

1. That the committee had met with representatives of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for an update on their situation, and that all involved praised God for what he is doing in their midst. The committee gave its concurrence of their calling a pastor.
2. That the committee had complied with the responsibility given it at the last meeting to contact men who have routinely missed presbytery meetings to discuss their relationship with presbytery. The committee reported that, in reading the minutes of the last three years, they found seventeen men who have missed four of the last fourteen meetings (over 1/4th of them). The committee wrote letters to nine men who have missed seven or more (over 1/2), and is in communication with them about their attendance.
3. The committee concurs with the transfer of TE Guy Waters from laboring out of bounds with Belhaven College to laboring out of bounds at RTS and the transfer of TE Hunter Brewer from his call with Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to the new Madison Heights Presbyterian Church where he has served as the church planter.



Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the requests to continue laboring "out of bounds" be granted for TEs Chris Shelt, Ron Smith, Don Malin, Dale Hollenbeck, Chris McCune, Guy Richardson, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Jayson Kyle, Jimmy Turner, Leonard Siems, Doug McCullough, and Guy Waters (**Appendix E, pp. 21-39**);
2. That TE Robert Hays be approved to remain on the roll without call;
3. That the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Rick Stark and Trinity Presbyterian Church be approved and that he be transferred to South East Alabama Presbytery upon their request (**Appendix B, p. 14**);
4. That the stated supply relationship between TE Os Barnes and Scooba Presbyterian Church be extended for another year;
5. That presbytery approve the committee's actions regarding the issue referred to it earlier in the day regarding TE Merle Messer and TE Clay Quarterman with the concurrence of both men, to wit: a. that the 6th paragraph of TE Quarterman's annual report be stricken and disregarded (**Appendix E, p. 29**); b. that the statement of TE Messer not be presented to presbytery; and c. that TE Quarterman and TE Messer be exhorted to pursue personal reconciliation, better communication, and genuine connectionalism; and d. that this matter be referred to presbytery's MTW committee for further counsel and advice, with a goal of true reconciliation and genuine connectionalism.

62.1020

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Roger Collins recommended and presbytery approved the minutes from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville without exception.

62.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

62.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Mike Campbell was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

62.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Twin Lakes Conference Center on November 6, 2007. First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko has invited us to Kosciusko for our August 4, 2009 Stated Meeting.

62.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery clothed the recording clerk, the stated clerk, and the moderator with powers of a commission to read, make corrections and approve the minutes.

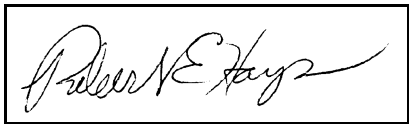
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ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with prayer by TE Mark Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 6, 2007**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

63.1001 CALL TO ORDER

The retiring moderator, RE Doyle Moorhead, called the stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

63.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen
	Harris Bond	Mark Nixon
		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
	John Dawson	Jay Holliday
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Ken Kammer
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Chris Thomas	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Jeremy Cheezum	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	O. B. Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

	Nate Shurden Brad Mercer Jeremy Smith	Barry Vickery
Jackson, North Park		Paul Adams Bob Dieckman A
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell Jae Hyuk Yoo	
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree Joe Holland	Greg Lavert
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	John Kimbrough III
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Niles McNeel
Louisville, First		John Sharp
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Kevin Carroll	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	John Laws
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Fred Carlson
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	George Powe Joe Roberts
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Jody Woodward	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat Bob Brunson	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Jeff Elliott Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison Gordon Sluis
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	J. Wayne Morrison Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Douglas McCullough, Robert Hays, Os Barnes, Joey Wright, Ken Elliott, Fred Marsh, Dean Rydbeck, Guy Richardson, Rick Holbert, Chris Shelt, Ben Hailey, Mark Lowery, Bassam Chedid, Stanwood Bean, Don Malin, Chad Smith, and Ed Johnson.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Andrew Barnes, Josh Kines, Trey Owens and Tony Pyles.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Elton Sellers, Jim Romaine, Paul Nasekos, and Larry Mills.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Chris McCune, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bill Hughes, Bily Joseph, Clay Quarterman, Don Caviness, Jimmy Turner, and Chris Shelt.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, John Fain, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jesse Jacobs, Ed Hurley, Al Ward, and Derek Thomas.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **63.1002.a.** above. RE Bill Cooper of Newton Presbyterian Church was excused upon his request.

63.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Michael Campbell, pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, was elected moderator by acclamation.

63.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

63.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **63.1002, c.** above.

63.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Jeremy Smith of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson welcomed members to the Twin Lakes Retreat Center.

63.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Michael Campbell appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE John McKenzie, RE Paul Adams, and TE John Reeves, chairman.

63.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Requests for excused absences were presented and approved for those listed in **63.1002 f.**

TE Bill Hughes' request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and his request for honorable retirement were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix B, pp. 15f.**).

The request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Joe Easterling and First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and the requested transfer to Central Georgia Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix C, p. 16**).

Commissions reports of ordinations/installations for Nathan Shurden, Jeremy Smith, Christopher Thomas, and Chad Smith were received and the actions were ratified as those of presbytery (**Appendix D, p. 17**).

The report of the commission to organize Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was received and its action ratified as that of presbytery (**Appendix E, p. 20**).

Report of the commission to read presbytery minutes moved to Old and New Business for report later in the day.

The stated clerk reported that a call had been issued to TE David Gilbert to become the pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. It was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report (**Appendix F, p. 22**).

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The stated clerk reported that a request had been received from Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, for TE Rick Holbert to serve as stated supply. The request was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report (**Appendix G, p. 24**).

The stated clerk reported that a request had been made by North Park Presbyterian Church for TE Bob Penny (Grace Presbytery) to serve as stated supply. The request was referred to the Advisory Committee for later report (**Appendix H, p. 25**).

The stated clerk reported that Karen Stewart of Bethany Christian Services had sent a communication of thanks. It was received as information (**Appendix I, p. 26**).

The stated clerk reported that a communication had been received from TE James Baird urging our member churches to adopt military chaplains, encouraging them and praying for them as they serve.

TE Brad Mercer was given a few minutes to report on the upcoming Mid-South Men's Rally coming up the last Friday in January.

The stated clerk led presbytery in prayer for these matters as he concluded his report.

63.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The treasurer, RE Rod Russ, presented the report (**Appendix J, pp. 27-30**). It was received as information.

63.1010

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE John Duke, chairman of the committee, presented the report (**Appendix K, pp. 31f.**).

TE Mark Lowery from Great Commission Publications addressed presbytery on the Sunday School curriculum.

The names of new PresWIC officers were announced to presbytery. Mrs. Jane Sutton is President, Mrs. Zelmarie Burton is Vice President and Mrs. Martha Hayes is Secretary. TE Os Barnes was announced as presbytery's liaison to PresWIC.

63.1011

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

RE Noel Toler presented the report (**Appendix L, pp. 34ff.**). Presbytery elected the following men to presbytery committees for the Class of 2010:

Administration Committee: RE Butch Bond, TE Nathan Shurden, RE David Tigrett and TE John McKenzie. Alternates for 2008 are TE Kevin Carroll, RE Edmund Johnson.

Advisory and Shepherding: RE Bebo Elkins, RE Tom Sanford, TE Stan Bean, TE Ken Pierce. Alternates for this year are RE Cory Moses and TE Keven Carroll.

Christian Education: RE John Kwasney (pending ordination on 12/10), TE Harris Bond, TE Billy Joseph. Alternates: RE Mark Henry and TE Jeremy Cheezum. Replacing RE Ken King in the class of 2009: RE Gabe Green.

Credentials: TE Guy Waters, TE Rob Hill, RE Bill May and RE Will Thompson. Alternates: RE David Tigrett, TE Robert Hays. Replacing TE Bill Barclay for the class of 2008: RE Ed Prisock; RE Bryant Taylor for the class of 2009: John Williams; and TE Joe Easterling for the class of 2009: TE David Gilbert.

Mission to the World: RE Jimmy Sullivan, TE Jim Stewart, and RE Lee McCarty. Alternates: RE M.S. Bennett and TE Chad Smith.

Mission to North America: RE Bill Adkins, TE Ben Hailey, RE Davids Fowler, and TE Bassam Chedid. Alternates: RE Burt Marshall and TE Jeff Elliot.

Nominating Committee: RE Joe Bowden, TE Harris Bond. Alternates: RE Nate Shurden, RE John Burris.

The following men were chosen for nomination to the following respective GA committees:

Administrative Committee: TE Bob Brunson, RE Bob Bailey

CE&P: TE Steve Jussely, RE John Kwasny (pending ordination on 12/10/07)

Committee on Constitutional Business: RE Vernon Cotton, (TE John Reeves in class of 2009)

Interchurch Relations Committee: TE Mark Smith, RE Doyle Moorehead

Mission to North America: (TE Jeff Elliott is an alternate, RE Don Breazeale in class of 2008)

Mission to the World: TE Richard Wiman, (RE Hugh Potts in class of 2010)

Reformed University Ministries: TE Carl Kalberkamp (RE Niles McNeel is an alternate)

Standing Judicial Commission: TE Tim Muse, RE George Fair

Theological Examining Committee: RE Wynn Kenyon, (TE Guy Waters is an alternate)

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Covenant College: TE Ken Pierce

Covenant Seminary: TE Ligon Duncan, RE Bebo Elkin

PCA Foundation (RE Bill Stone in class of 2011, RE David Cleland in class of 2008)

PCA Retirement & Benefits: TE Robert Hays, RE Rod Russ

Ridge Haven: TE Billy Joseph, (RE Stephen Morris in class of 2009)

Ruling Elder for Communion: RE Doyle Moorhead

Floor Clerk: TE Al Ward

The Nominations Committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to fill any slots which may come open because of withdrawals.

63.1012

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Jim Stewart presented the report (**Appendix N, p. 38**).

Mission to the World Missionary Linda Wixon was given a few minutes to report on her work in Japan.

The committee requests that churches advise the committee of any mission trips planned so as to encourage other churches to pray and possibly participate.

They also request that the MTW committee be informed of any new missionaries from our presbytery that will be going to the field. There are funds available for new works. At present we will only be supporting four missionary families in 2008.

MTW Committee officers for 2008 are as follows: TE Phillip Palmertree, Chairman; TE Joseph Wheat, Vice Chairman; and RE Ford Mosby, Secretary/Treasurer.

Reported that the committee is meeting with TEs Clay Quarterman and Merle Messer to resolve differences, and that the effort has been fruitful.

63.1013

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse presented the report (**Appendix O, p. 39**). Presbytery received the following as information:

1. That MNA held a committee retreat to develop plans for advancing church planting within this presbytery.
2. That MNA Committee appointed a Church Planting Sub-Committee for the purpose of recommending presbytery church planting guidelines and then serve by implementing them. Members include: TEs Jeff Elliot, David Fowler, Tim Muse, Joseph Wheat, and guest TE Bill Whitwer (of Evangel Presbytery).
3. That a check for \$1,073.32 from MNA Hurricane Relief Fund was sent to David Foster for providing post-Katrina counseling to pastors and their wives serving churches on the MS Gulf Coast.
4. That a check for \$30,000 from MNA Church Planting Fund was sent to Madison Heights for purchase of new property.
5. That a check for \$579.17 from Ken Roberts' MNA account was sent to RTS (Jackson) for his church partnership scholarship.
6. That the MNA Committee had received TE Bill Hughes letter resigning from the MS Joint Committee for RUM effective December 31, 2007. The committee plans to make a recommendation for a new representative at the next meeting of presbytery.
7. That RE Paul Adams (MS Valley Disaster Coordinator) and Sherry Lanier along with other key disaster response representatives are meeting with MS State Volunteer Organizations Assisting in Disasters (MSVOAD) to discern if any level of potential partnership may prove beneficial.
8. That the "Growing a Healthier Church" meetings will end in December.
9. That MNA Committee is interested in speaking with churches about leadership and involvement with a PCA church plant at Lost Rabbit.

Presbytery adopted the following recommendations:

1. That Hunter Brewer be given five minutes to report on the development of Madison Heights Church immediately after lunch.
2. That Richard Ridgeway's request to be removed from the MNA committee be communicated to the nominations committee.
3. That prayer be offered both for the committee as it seeks wisdom and labors to better serve the presbytery in promoting and encouraging the growth of the church, and for the church plants and ministries within MVP.

63.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

63.1015

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

63.1016

WORSHIP

In place of Retiring Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead, TE Dean Rydbeck led presbytery in worship with hymn singing, prayer and preaching. He preached on the book of Jude. The whole was concluded with prayer.

63.1017

APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

63.1018

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE John Reeves of the Thanks Committee expressed the thanks of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses as follows.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord." (Psalm 92:1) Presbytery thanks our gracious God for his provisions for the November 6, 2007 meeting of presbytery. We are grateful to the session and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and the staff of Twin Lakes Conference Center for the use of these wonderful facilities. The beautiful surroundings remind us of God's creative handiwork and his faithfulness in the midst of changing seasons. We are thankful for the delicious meal and the refreshments provided. We rejoice in the opportunities for fellowship, encouragement, comfort, and counsel with one another. We are grateful for the faithful service of our leaders in presbytery: moderator, stated clerk, recording clerk, and committee chairmen.

The time for worship and prayer together are blessings for which we also give thanks. We are grateful for God's guidance, wisdom, and unity in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through whom we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

63.1019

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters presented the report which was opened with prayer.

Presbytery was informed that written internship reports had been received and are posted upon the presbytery website www.msvalleypresbytery.org.

An oral internship report was given by Trey Owens.

Action as a Commission

Presbytery ratified the action of the committee, acting as a commission, to transfer the candidacy and internship of Mr. Kurt Cooper to Covenant Presbytery upon his own request.

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined Mr. Arturo Terrazas for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Terrazas, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering the questions prescribed in the BCO and upon charging and prayer by TE Jeff Elliott, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. His request for approval of internship under Plan A at Brandon with TE Tim Muse as mentor was approved and he was set apart as such with prayer and charging by the moderator. Presbytery allowed previous work to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
2. Presbytery examined Mr. Tony Pyles for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Pyles, a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the committee in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering the questions prescribed in the BCO and upon charging and prayer by TE Jeff Elliott, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.
3. Presbytery examined TE Bob Penny of Grace Presbytery to be licensed. TE Penny, a staff member at RTS, was examined in Christian experience, doctrine, Bible content, and BCO. His sermon requirement was waived since he has been a TE member of this presbytery (BCO 19-2) and has been a TE member of the PCA in good standing for over 30 years. His exam was sustained as a whole, and upon his answering the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, prayer by the moderator, and the pronouncement of 19-4, he was licensed to supply the North Park Presbyterian Church.
4. Presbytery examined Mr. Peter Anderson for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Anderson, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the

presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering the questions prescribed in the BCO and upon charging and prayer by TE Jeff Elliott, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Administrative actions

1. Presbytery accepted the action of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission in approving the call of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church to Hunter Brewer (**Appendix F, p. 21**).
2. Presbytery approved the call of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to TE David Gilbert to become their pastor (**Appendix F, p. 22**). Presbytery approved this call with a 3/4 vote since he was an assistant pastor who is becoming their senior pastor.
3. The installation commission for TE David Gilbert was approved. The installation is to be on November 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners include TEs Nate Shurden, Rob Hill, Ben Hailey and REs Dr. Will Thompson, Tommy Peaster, Wayne Morrison. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
4. Presbytery approved the request of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to have TE Guy Richardson serve as their stated supply for a period of up to one year.

63.1018

MNA COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Hunter Brewer presented a report on the continuing development of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church.

63. 1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck gave the report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. the transfer of TE Larry Wissel to Grace Presbytery,
2. the request from TE Jimmy Turner to be excused,
3. the request of TE Mark Lowery to labor out of bounds for another year,
4. the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and TE Joe Easterling,
5. the transfer of TE Easterling to Central Georgia Presbytery pending their request,

6. that TE Bill Hughes be granted the status of honorable retirement,
7. that TE Doug McCullough be granted the status of honorable retirement,
8. That this resolution concerning TE McCullough be received and placed into the minutes of the presbytery:

Resolution Honoring TE Douglas B. McCullough

WHEREAS Douglas B. McCullough was called by the grace of Christ to salvation and was called by God to the gospel ministry; and

WHEREAS Doug McCullough prepared himself for the ministry by attending Reformed Theological Seminary, graduating in 1975 with a Master of Divinity Degree; and

WHEREAS Doug McCullough was ordained to the ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi in June of 1975; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough was the first military chaplain endorsed by the Presbyterian Church in America; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough served as a United States Army Chaplain on active duty from 1975-2007; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough preached the gospel and administered the sacraments in the Unites States, Europe, and South America to military members and their families; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough has been employed by First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi since 1997 to manage the church resources, such as the Library, bookstore, website, and tape ministry; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough has been a faithful member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery for many years, serving on various committees of the Presbytery and the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS TE Doug McCullough received formal retirement documents from the United States Army effective May 31, 2007 and was transferred to the Retired Army Reserve after 38 years and 13 days of service;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley grant to TE Douglas B. McCullough the status of Honorable Retirement, with thanksgiving to God for his faithful service to our country and to the church; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery and that a copy be given to TE McCullough.

9. That TE Charlie Rodriguez be excused from the afternoon session of presbytery.
10. That the stated supply relationship between TE Bob Penny and North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson be approved for a period of up to one year.
11. That the stated supply relationship between TE Richard Holbert and Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned be approved for a period of up to one year.

12. That the stated supply relationship between TE Guy Richardson and First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City be approved for a period of up to one year.

63.1021 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Roger Collins gave the report. The result of examining the following sessional records were: The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Union and Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned were recommended to be approved as written. Presbytery concurred.

63.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Stated Clerk Roger Collins together with the commission to read and approve our August 7, 2007 presbytery minutes presented a proposal for responding to the exception of the Review of Presbytery Records from the previous General Assembly. That recommendation came because our minutes from our August 7, 2007 Stated Meeting contained the same issue taken by RPR to our 2006 minutes. The proposal was that presbytery clarify our previous minutes by citing the RAO 16.3.e.5. d) "the court judged the stated difference(s) to be "out of accord," that is, "hostile to the system" or "striking] at the vitals of religion" (BCO 21-4)." Discussion ensued. Presbytery voted to postpone further discussion and assigned the whole matter to the Credentials Committee for further study and report to our February 5, 2008 Stated Meeting. The commission to read and approve the minutes for our August 7, 2007 Stated Meeting postponed their report until February 5, 2008 as well.

63.1023 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Niles McNeel was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting which is to be held in on February 5, 2008.

63.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Since no church has yet invited presbytery for the next meeting, it is to be held at a place to be announced by the stated clerk. Macon Presbyterian Church invited us for our May 5, 2008 Stated Meeting. First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko has invited us for our August 4, 2009 Stated Meeting.

63.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

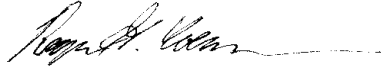
The minutes were read and approved.

63.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. with prayer by TE Philip Palmertree.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 5, 2008**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

64.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Mike Campbell, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

64.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by the stated clerk, TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Harris Bond	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Chris Thomas	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
	Jeremy Cheezum	Louis Lavallee
	Al Ward	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Jim Stewart	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler
	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

	Nate Shurden Jeremy Smith	Barry Vickery Forrest Bratley Victor Clark William Cook Bob Osborne Bob Dieckman Roy Holland
Jackson, North Park		
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell Jae Hyuk Yoo	A
Jackson, St. Paul		Patrick McDowell
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	John Marchetti
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree Joe Holland	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Niles McNeel Mike Triplett
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Kevin Carroll	Walter Riddell
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton		
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	George Powe Bob Nelson
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson	Bill McDonald
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ Ray Reinhardt Lee McCarty Monty Simpkins
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	J. G. Alexander
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Terry Warren
Yazoo City, First		James Sullivan

Church

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Stan Bean, Chris Shelt, Bob Duhs, Douglas McCullough, Joey Wright, Dan Gilchrist, Chad Smith, Ben Hailey, Bassam Chedid, Rick Holbert, Robert Hays (pm), Don Malin, Jimmy Turner, and Dean Rydbeck.
- c. The following candidates and/or licentiates of presbytery were registered:** Josh Kines and Andrew Barnes.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** William Adkins, Larry Mills, Elliott Everitt, Joe Roberts, Paul Adams, Paul Nasekos, Ken Roberts,, and Robert Penny.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James McDonald Bell, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jessie Jacobs, Ligon Duncan, Bob Brunson, Guy Richardson, Robert Hill, David Gilbert, Ed Hurley, Robert Hays (am), George Felton, Joseph Wright (pm) and Joseph Wheat.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, John Fain, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:**
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **64.1002.a.** above. The request of TE George Felton that the RE representatives for the Newton Presbyterian Church be excused was approved.

64.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Niles McNeel was elected moderator by acclamation.

64.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

64.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **64.1002, c.** above.

64.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Mike Campbell welcomed members to the facility.

64.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Chad Smith, Ben Hailey and RE Mike Triplett.

64.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported that:

1. Requests for excused absences were received as listed in paragraph **1002. b,i.** These requests were granted.
2. Commission reports were received for the installation of TE David Gilbert at Second and the installation of TE Kevin Carroll at Macon (**Appendix B, p. 14f.**). These commission actions were ratified as presbytery's own.
3. Calls for TE Joe Holland (**Appendix C, p. 16**) and for TE Robert Penny (**p. 17**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
4. Requests for dissolution of relationships were received from TEs James Stewart, Bradford Mercer, and Christopher McCune (**Appendix D, pp. 18ff.**). Sessional records concurring with the requests of TE Stewart and TE Mercer were received from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. These requests were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
5. Requests to have TE Dean Rydbeck serve as stated supply from the Edwards Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 21**) and for RE Bill Adkins to continue as stated supply from the Carolina Presbyterian Church were received. Both were referred to the Credentials Committee.
6. Ministry reports from TEs James Carter, Ed Hartman, Gary Johnson, Ron Smith, Sam Smith and Kaz Yeagashi were received as information (**Appendix F, pp. 22ff.**).

7. A communication from the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work recognizing the considerable contribution of TE Bill Hughes upon retirement was received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report at a latter time (**Appendix G, p. 34**).
7. A communication from the outgoing PresWIC President Dean Black was received as information and referred to the Christian Education Committee (**Appendix H, p. 35**).

64.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ led the presbytery in prayer and then presented his report (**Appendix I, pp. 36ff.**).

RE Russ called attention to the reduced budget for 2008. The formula is based upon the actual presbytery receipts for 2007 which were below budget. Presbytery approved maintaining the budget for Reformed University Ministries so that it would continue at the amount of \$54,500.00 as it was in 2007.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

64.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the report. He began with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery approve the joint resolution proposed by the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work in honor of TE Bill Hughes (**Appendix G, p. 34**). Chairman Schwanebeck asked that he be able to present this to TE Hughes at a suitable time.
2. That the pastoral relationship between TE Jim Stewart and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson be dissolved as of March 31, 2008 and that TE Stewart be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.
3. That the pastoral relationship between Chris McCune and MTW be dissolved and that TE McCune be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.
4. That the pastoral relationship between TE Brad Mercer and First Presbyterian Church be dissolved and that TE Mercer be transferred to Covenant Presbytery upon their request.
5. That presbytery place the following teaching elders, who are on the roll of presbytery without call, under the oversight of these sessions:

A. Os Barnes Providence, Clinton

- B. Jesse Jacobs Providence, Clinton
- C. Robert Hays Northpointe, Meridian
- D. Rich Holbert Old Lebanon, Learned
- E. Ed Hurley (to be arranged)
- F. Dean Rydbeck Trinity, Jackson
- G. Jim Stewart First, Jackson
- H. Chris McCune Pear Orchard, Ridgeland

TE Carl Kalberkamp led in prayer for TE Ed Hurley and his son-in-law Michael Holmes who is in a deep coma after a snow-boarding accident.

64.1011 MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree opened with prayer and presented the report (**Appendix K, pp. 41ff.**).

TE Palmertree reminded presbytery of funds available for "Vision Trips" for elders in presbytery (up to \$1000.00 for a first time field visit for ruling or teaching elders).

He called attention to the document entitled "MTW Urgent Needs" bulletin as attached (**p. 42**) .

RE David Tigrett was invited to speak about his desire to serve with MTW in Latvia. Presbytery approved the committee's proposal to support David Tigrett with \$1800.00 per year, for up to five years, effective January 2009.

MTW asks that churches inform one another of missions conferences and other world missions-related events. A partial list of local upcoming church mission trips includes:

- First, Jackson: Bay St. Louis, MS; Belize; Cochambaba, Bolivia; Cajamarca, Peru; Trujillo, Peru; Inverness, Scotland; Uganda; Ukraine (601-973-9111)
- First, Kosciusko: Belize, July, 2008 (662-289-2435)
- Highlands, Ridgeland: Ukraine and Zambia, TBA (601-853-0636)
- Lakeland, Brandon: Youth group to New Mexico, TBA (601-992-2448)
- Pear Orchard, Ridgeland: Uganda and Zambia, fall 2008 (601-956-3283)

TE Chris Baird of Mission to the World spoke about his desire to go to England to work in church planting, partnering with a local British denomination (EPCW).

64.1012 MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Tim Muse, chairman, presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, p. 43**).

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. The committee sent a check for \$15,000.0 from the Katrina Relief Fund to Lagniappe Presbyterian Church.
2. MNA removed the new Madison Heights Presbyterian Church from the MNA budget.
3. Children of Abraham Ministries was added to the MNA budget at an annual amount of \$3,000.00.
4. Elbert McGowan is to receive the \$3,000.00 designated annually for "ethnic ministries" to work with Reformed University Ministries at Jackson State University.
5. MNA "Growing a Healthy Church" seminars are completed.
6. The committee desires to talk with churches about involvement in a church plant at the Lost Rabbit development.
7. TE Bill Inman is no longer serving on the Navajo Indian Reservation but has moved to a new church plant in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
8. That the following conferences are scheduled:

Feb. 11-14	MNA Church Planter Assessment
Feb. 15-18	YoWAW (Youth World Awareness Weekend)
Apr. 21-24	MNA Church Planter Assessment
Jun. 9-10	Hispanic American Ministries Convocation
Jul. 21-25	North America Church Planting Trainer Conference
9. Prayer was requested for the MNA committee.

TE Scott Reiber and Chairman TE Tim Muse led the presbytery in prayer in concluding the MNA report.

64.1013

RECESS

RE Will Thompson led in prayer as presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes to prepare for worship.

64.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

64.1015

WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Mike Campbell led worship. After presbytery sang a hymn, TE Campbell read Ephesians 3.1-13 and preached a message entitled "The Gospel Made Manifest." TE Campbell then led in the celebration of communion. TE Brister Ware presented memorials for REs John L. Barrett, James B. Hallum, and John G. Caden. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and the benediction.

64.1016

APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

Memorials for REs Barrett, Hallum and Caden were received as read (**Appendix M, pp. 44ff.**).

The morning minutes were read, corrected approved as corrected.

Announcements were made regarding lunch. RE Roland Byrd led the presbytery in prayer with thanksgiving for the meal.

64.1017

RESOLUTION INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Presbytery resolved into a committee of the whole in order to examine sessional records.

64.1018

LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses as follows:

MVP gives thanks to God today for his continuing goodness to and provision for his church. MVP thanks God for Redeemer Presbyterian Church (RPC) and for its ministry to God's people in this community. MVP thanks the session and staff of RPC for their invitation to and hosting of presbytery for this stated meeting of February 5, 2008. And, very importantly, MVP thanks God today for this food and for the ladies and men of RPC who diligently prepared and cheerfully served this meal to presbytery. For all these things we give thanks and pray God's continued blessings upon his church and this presbytery.

Thanks Committee, TEs Chad Smith, Ben Hailey and RE Mike Triplett.

64.1018

RECONVENE WITH PRAYER

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by RE Monte Simpkins.

64.1019

RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Presbytery arose from the committee of the whole.

64.1020

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix N, pp. 48ff**).

The chairmen noted that the committee was one short of a quorum at their regular meeting. Presbytery approved that the actions taken at that meeting as the action of a committee and it was approved.

He then reported on the work of the committee in regard to candidates, licentiates and interns. He reported that the "Credential's Committee Handbook for Candidates" is now available online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidate and Internship Reports

1. Intern Andrew Barnes of Redeemer Presbyterian Church gave a report on his internship. TE Mike Campbell led in prayer for Andrew.
2. Candidate Grant Carroll of First Presbyterian, Kosciusko gave an oral report of his candidacy. TE Phillip Palmertree led in prayer for Grant.
3. Intern Josh Hines an intern at Madison Heights Presbyterian Church reported on his internship. TE Carl Kalberkamp led in prayer for Josh.
4. Intern Alan Kolodny gave a report of his internship at Pearl Presbyterian Church. TE Merle Messer led in prayer for Alan. (Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church of Grace Presbytery has called Alan and he plans to be ordained in May 2008.)

Examinations

1. Presbytery examined Dr. Troy Milliken for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-3. Dr. Milliken, a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, is a graduate of RTS and a candidate in Pittsburgh Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was received pending transfer from Pittsburg Presbytery.

2. Presbytery examined Mr. John Perritt for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Perritt, a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory.

Both Dr. Milliken and Mr. Perritt were enrolled on the list of candidates upon answering the constitutional questions, charging by TE Richard Wiman, and prayer.

3. TE Robert Penny was presented for transfer of membership from Grace Presbytery. TE Penny had been examined and licensed at out November 6, 2007 stated meeting. In the light of that examination he was asked if his views had changed. The floor was opened for further questions. His examination was approved. TE Penny's call is from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson as Vice President for Development was approved (**Appendix C, p. 17**) and he was received as a member of Ms Valley Presbytery upon his transfer from Grace Presbytery and his signing of the Ministerial Obligation.

Administrative Recommendations

1. Chairman Waters recommended that presbytery adopt the following as our answer to the 36th General Assembly regarding the Review of Presbytery Records objection to our presbytery minutes and that we hereby amend our August 1, 2006 and November 7, 2006 minutes as follows:

"MVP should reply to the General Assembly's exception of substance by reference to RAO 16.3.e.5.c: 'the court judged the stated difference(s) to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine" (BCO 21-4).' It should do so in reference to each of the candidates' differences noted by MVP.

"MVP should apply the same language in reference to its actions concerning TE Al Ward (MVP Minutes, 2/6/07); and TE Jeremy Smith (MVP Minutes, 8/7/07). For each of these individuals, MVP noted a difference with WCF IV.1."

Presbytery adopted these changes. They are recorded here and cross referenced in the minutes for 2006 and 2007. See the Credentials Committee Report for further explanation (**Appendix N, p. 48**).

2. Presbytery examined Mr. Peter Anderson for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Anderson is a candidate in MVP. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of interns upon his answering the constitutional questions, charging, and prayer. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Jim Stewart as his mentor, and allowed work previously done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

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3. Candidates Mr. Mike Boyette and Mr. James Hakim were removed from the Roll of Candidates upon their own request. Mr. Hakim was also removed from the list of Interns and Licentiates.
4. The stated supply relationship requested by Edwards Presbyterian Church with TE Dean Rydbeck was approved **(Appendix E, p. 21)**.
5. The stated supply relationship as requested in November 2007 by Lebanon Presbyterian Church with TE Rick Holbert was approved (see November 6, 2007 minutes).
6. The stated supply relationship between Carolina Presbyterian Church and RE William Adkins was approved for another year.
7. The call from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko to TE Joseph Holland, Jr. to change from assistant to associate pastor was approved **(Appendix C, p. 16)**. The commission appointed for the installation service includes: REs: Session of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko; Vernon Cotton; TEs: Phillip Palmertree (convener), Chris Thomas, Billy Joseph. The service is scheduled for February 24, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko.

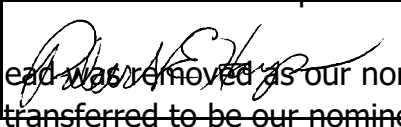
64.1021

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Noel Toler, chairman, presented the report. Presbytery elected the following men to serve on the Committees of Commissioners for the 36th General Assembly **(Appendix O, p. 53)**:

Administration - RE Paul Adams
Mission to North America - RE Orrin Swayze
Covenant College - TE Kevin Carroll
Retirement and Benefits - TE Scott Phillips
Mission to the World - TE Al Ward
Ridge Haven - TE John Duke
Reformed University Ministries - TE Hunter Brewer
Overtures - RE Doyle Moorhead, TE Bob Schwanebeck
Floor Clerk - TE Al Ward

The Nominations Committee was empowered to fill vacancies as needed.

RE Doyle Moorhead  was removed as our nominee for the permanent Interchurch Relations Committee and transferred to be our nominee for the Standing Judicial Commission.

RE Edmund Johnston was elected to be our nominee for the Interchurch Relations Committee.

64. 1022

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Roger Collins opened the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer.

RE Brister Ware, Sub-committee of Sessional Records chairman reported that the following sessional records were approved without exceptions:

Brandon Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; First Presbyterian Church, Lexington; First Presbyterian Church, Louisville; First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City; North Park Presbyterian Church; Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church; Providence Presbyterian Church; Second Presbyterian Church; and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The following churches submitted sessional records that were approved with exception:

Carolina Presbyterian Church; Carthage Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni; First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko; First Presbyterian Church, Madison; First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; Lakeland Presbyterian Church; Northpointe Presbyterian Church; Redeemer Presbyterian Church; Tchula Presbyterian Church; and Trinity Presbyterian Church.

TE Ware noted that twenty one of forty eight churches submitted the records for examination (**Appendix P, pp. 55ff.**).

64.1023

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

64.1024

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE William Smith was elected as the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

64.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Macon Presbyterian Church on May 6, 2008. Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City has invited presbytery for our August 5, 2008 stated meeting. First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko has invited presbytery for our August 4, 2009 stated meeting.

64.1026

READING OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery clothed the recording clerk, the stated clerk, and the moderator with powers of a commission to read, make corrections and approve the minutes.

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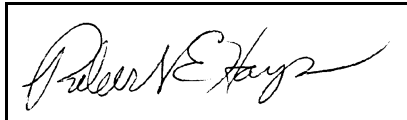
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. with prayer by RE Doyle Moorhead.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 6, 2008**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Macon Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

65.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator RE Niles McNeel, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

65.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Harris Bond	Mark Nixon
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Chris Thomas	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
	Jeremy Cheezum	
	Al Ward	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Jeremy Smith	
	Derek Thomas	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, North Park	Billy Joseph	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity		
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Joe Holland	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Roger Wiggins
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Niles McNeel
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Kevin Carroll	Walter Riddell
		Bill Bell
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Fred Carlson
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	Charles McClain
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson	Kevin Simpson
	Joseph Wheat	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haines
	Jeff Elliott	Ray Reinhardt
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster		E
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Os Barnes, Guy Waters, Stan Bean, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Joey Wright, Chad Smith, Ben Hailey, Bassam Chedid, Jody Woodward, Robert Hays, Don Malin, Bobby Penny, and Dean Rydbeck.

c. The following candidates of presbytery were present: Andrew Barnes and Ken Roberts.

- d. The following visitors were registered:** Harry Cooksey, James Linton, Ho Sung Jung, Kim Sueng Ju, Yoon G. Hyun, Bill Whitwer, Robert Rahaim and Vicky Kimbrell (Bethany Christian Services).
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jae Hyuk Yoo, Jimmy Turner, John Dawson, John McKenzie, Ken Pierce, Mark Lowery, Rick Holbert, Scott Reiber, and Steve Jussely.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Douglas McCullough, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jesse Jacobs, Chris McCune, Ed Hurley, Hunter Brewer, Bob Lane, Nate Shurden, and John Dawson.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **65.1002.a.** above.

65.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE William Smith was elected moderator by acclamation.

65.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

65.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **65.1002, c.** above.

65.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Kevin Carroll, pastor of Macon Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery to their church facility.

65.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Stan Bean, RE Roger Wiggins and RE Jim Hutton.

65.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Requests for excused absences were received from TEs Guy Richardson, John McKenzie, Hunter Brewer, Jae Yoo, John Turner, John Dawson, Ken Pierce, Mark Lowery, Rick Holbert, and Scott Reiber and the RE from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg. These were granted.
2. A commission report (**Appendix B, p. 12**) was received concerning the installation of TE Joe Holland as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko. The action of the commission was ratified as presbytery's own.
3. The Advisory Committee, acting as a commission, approved the transfer of TE Alan Vargo to Calvary Presbytery, Bill Barclay to Central Carolina, Jeremy Cheezum to North Illinois, Jayson Kyle to Metropolitan New York, and John Currid to First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. These actions were ratified by MVP as its own.
4. That the Nominations Committee, acting as a commission approved the following men's elections to the respective Committees of Commissioners: RE Lee Owens, Christian Education; RE Don Breazeale, Covenant Seminary; and RE Alan Walters, PCA Foundation. RE Robert Love was elected to Interchurch Relations (**Appendix C, p. 13**). These actions were ratified by MVP as its own.
5. A memorial resolution for TE James McDonald Bell (**Appendix D, p. 14**) was approved to be read during the morning worship service.
6. A request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship from the Raymond Presbyterian Church and pastor TE Jones "Jody" Woodward was referred to the Advisory Committee for report later. The stated clerk reported that he had received the minutes of the congregational meeting approving the request.
7. A request from TE Ben Hailey for the dissolution of his relationship with RUF Hinds Community College and that he be transferred to South Texas Presbytery having been received pending release on April 26, 2008.
8. A request from TE Bernie Kuiper of Covenant Presbytery to labor within our geographical bounds at Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC) was referred to Credentials Committee (BC0 13-2).
9. A ministry report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information (**Appendix E, p. 15**).

10. A report was given by RE James Linton, coordinator for the Wellspring Project of Western Carolina Presbytery, on the success of their work in North Korea. Representatives of several Korean presbyteries expressed special thanks for our presbytery's investment in this project. Representatives from the Korean Church were TE Goo Hyun Yoon (Western Coordinator for Wellspring), TE Seung Ju Kim (Mokpo Presbytery), TE Ho Sung Jung (Mokpo Presbytery), TE Nam Ki Jeong (Mokpo Presbytery), Mrs. Bong Sun Choi (Sunchun Presbytery Women's Work), and Mr. San Jung Yoon (son of Pastor Yoon). TE Chris Shelt led presbytery in prayer for the work in North Korea.
11. Retirement Benefits, Inc. representative Harry S. Cooksey addressed presbytery concerning the work of RBI.

These were all received as information.

65.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In the place of Treasurer RE Rod Russ, Stated Clerk Roger Collins presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix F, p. 17**). It was received as information.

TE Collins moved that the treasurer's salary (Bookkeeping Allowance in the budget) be increased to \$250.00 per month retroactive to January 1, 2008, pending the Administration Committee's approval. Presbytery voted to approve the motion.

TE Collins led MVP in prayer for the matters included in both reports.

65.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix G, p. 21**). He began the report with prayer.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. that RE Doyle Moorhead be elected presbytery treasurer to replace Rod Russ beginning January 1, 2009;
2. that MVP investigate inviting the PCA General Assembly to meet in Jackson;
3. that the moderator appoint a steering committee composed of not less than six men (three TEs and three REs), two of whom are to be from the Administration Committee, which will meet with the GA representative John Robertson, to do this in consultation with the Administration Committee, and to report to presbytery no later than our stated meeting of February, 2009;

4. that MVP allocate \$2000 for a steering committee to do its work, which was passed pending approval of the Administration Committee.

65.1011 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree presented the MTW Report beginning with prayer. MVP approved the following recommendations:

1. to encourage our member churches to give the amount of presbytery's askings of \$23.81 per communing member;
2. that churches within MVP with less than 150 members are welcome to request funds from the Conferences/Vision Trips fund for short term mission trips. Requests are contingent on funds' being available and that the requests are for 50% or less of the anticipated need.

MVP received as information an announcement by TE Chris Shelt concerning a mission trip by Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and a group of students from Belhaven College.

The MTW committee gave RE Robert Rahaim, a MTW missionary to Scotland, several minutes to report on his work there and his support needs.

The report was concluded with prayer by TE Carl Kalberkamp.

65.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

MVP entered into a season of prayer.

65.1013 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

65.1014 WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator RE Niles McNeel led presbytery in worship. A memorial to TE James McDonald Bell was read and thanks given to God for his years of faithful service to the kingdom. RE McNeel preached on Psalm 127: 1,2 with the title of "Our Founding Father". It was a tribute to the impact of the life of John Calvin on the founding of the United States. The whole was concluded with prayer.

65.1015 APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

65.1016 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE Roger Wiggins of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses as follows:

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley wishes to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Flora for their hospitality, and to the ladies of Macon Presbyterian Church for their hospitality and service. We also express our thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of life, for food, and for the fellowship of his church. We ask God's blessings on those who serve in Macon and who blessed us so richly.

S/ TE Stanwood Bean, RE Roger Wiggins, RE Jim Hutton

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by the moderator.

65.1017 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix H, pp. 22ff.**). He reported that written internship reports have been received from those as indicated (p. ?) and are posted on presbytery's web site at www.msvalley.org.

TE Waters introduced interns Matt Giesman, and Roy Hubbard who gave oral reports on their progress and activities. TE Mike Campbell and TE Derek Thomas prayed for these men.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That **Mr. Dan Chase** be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Chase is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. He answered the constitutional questions as put to him by the moderator TE John Reeves charged the candidate and led in prayer. He was then enrolled on the MVP roll of candidates.
2. That **Mr. Daniel McNair** be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. McNair is

a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and an associate member of Raymond Presbyterian Church, and a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. He answered the constitutional questions as put to him by the moderator TE John Reeves charged the candidate and led in prayer. He was then enrolled on the MVP roll of candidates.

3. That **Mr. Dustin Jernigan** be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Jernigan is a member of Lakeland Presbyterian Church and is a student at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. He answered the constitutional questions as put to him by the moderator TE John Reeves charged the candidate and led in prayer. He was then enrolled on the MVP roll of candidates.

Presbytery also approved his internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan D at Lakeland Presbyterian Church with TE Steve Jussely as mentor, and previous work done applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50% toward presbytery's requirements. The moderator prayed for God's blessings on his internship and declared him an intern.

4. That **Mr. Josh Sullivan** be examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Sullivan is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. He answered the constitutional questions as put to him by the moderator TE John Reeves charged the candidate and led in prayer. He was then enrolled on the MVP roll of candidates.

The presbytery also approved his internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan D at Providence Presbyterian Church with TE John Reeves as mentor, and previous work done applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50% of presbytery's requirements.

5. That **Mr. Tony Pyles** be examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Pyles is a member of Wynndale Presbyterian Church and is a middler at RTS, and a candidate of MVP. The committee approved his internship under Plan D at Wynndale Presbyterian Church with TE Charles Douglas serving as mentor and previous work done toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50% toward presbytery's requirements. The moderator prayed for God's blessings on his internship and declared him an intern.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. that the internship of **Mr. Ben Shaw** be approved as complete;

2. that the internship of **Mr. Samuel Husband** be approved as complete;
3. that **TE Bernie Kuiper** be permitted to labor within the bounds of MVP at Covenant Presbyterian Church (EPC), Jackson (BCO 13-2).

65.1018 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Report beginning with prayer.

MVP approved the following recommendations:

1. that the pastoral relationship between TE Ben Hailey and MVP as Campus Minister at Hinds Community College be dissolved as requested by TE Hailey;
2. that the pastoral relationship between TE Jeremy Cheezum and Providence Presbyterian Church as assistant pastor be dissolved as requested by the session and TE Cheezum;
3. that the pastoral relationship between TE Jones "Jody" Woodward and the Raymond Presbyterian Church be dissolved as requested by the congregation and TE Woodward;
4. that TE Woodward remain on the roll of presbytery without call;
5. that TE Woodward be assigned to the care of the session of St. Paul Presbyterian Church per our Standing Rules (VII,E, 7, b. 2.).

Moderator TE William Smith asked TE Guy Waters to relieve him of the work of moderator so that he could enter into the following business of presbytery.

Chairman TE Schwanebeck then moved that presbytery enter into executive session.

Presbytery came out of executive session.

The Shepherding and Advisory Committee moved that TE Jones "Jody" Woodward be indefinitely suspended from office and from the sacraments per BCO 30-1.

TE William Smith asked the court's permission to abstain from the vote.

TE Woodward verbally concurred with BCO 38-1 indicating his consent in presbytery's proceeding to judgment without process. Presbytery approved the motion of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Temporary Moderator TE Guy Waters read the words of censure from BCO 36-5. Prayer was offered by TE Carl Kalberkamp.

Moderator TE William Smith resumed the moderator's work.

65.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse presented MNA Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, p. 26**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. that TE Phillip Palmertree be approved to serve as a MVP representative on the Joint Committee for Reformed University Ministries to replace retiring member TE Bill Hughes;
2. that the 2008 Budget for RUM/MS of \$1,180,648.26 (**Appendix J, p. 27**) as submitted by MS Joint Committee on Campus Work be approved, and that the following changes be adopted:

Ben Hailey - increase annual salary/housing allowance from \$45,690.00 to \$47,974.50

Chad Smith - increase annual salary/housing allowance from \$42,000.00 to \$44,100.00

Joey Wright - increase annual salary/housing allowance from \$48,924.00 to \$51,370.20

TE Mark Smith of Forest Presbyterian Church reported on their church's participation in the Healthier Church Seminar by TE Bill Barton.

TE Bill Whitwer spoke briefly on the subject of church planting in MVP.

Visitor Vicki Kimbrell gave a report on the work of Bethany Christian Services.

65. 1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Administration Committee reported on the review of sessional records. Sessional Records Subcommittee Chairman TE Brister Ware gave the report. Presbytery acted to approve the sessional records of Macon, Wynndale, Highlands, St Paul and Newton Presbyterian Churches without exception.

The minutes of the Pearl Presbyterian Church were approved with exception.

65.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Will Thompson was elected the first nominee for moderator of our August 5th stated meeting.

65.1022

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, on August 5, 2008. Invitations were received for February 2009 from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville and from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko for the August 2009.

65.1023

READING OF THE MINUTES

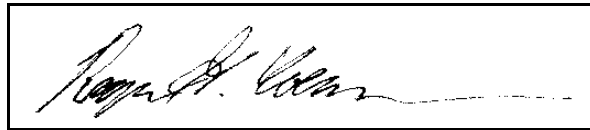
Presbytery clothed the recording clerk, the stated clerk, and the moderator with powers of a commission to read, make corrections and approve the minutes.

65.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger G. Collins".

Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

August 5, 2008

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS**

66.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Bill Smith, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

66.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Paul Townsend
	Harris Bond	Mark Nixon
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	John Ingwerson
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Alvie Moore
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelly
	Al Ward	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Jackson, North Park	Nate Shurden Jeremy Smith Billy Joseph	Bebo Elkin Victor Clark Noel Toler, Jr. Paul Adams Bob Dieckman
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Ottis Ball
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna	Joe Holland	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	John Kimbrough
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Roger Wiggins
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	John Fair
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Kevin Carroll	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	William Cooper Fred Carlson
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	Excused
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson Joseph Wheat	Shannon Carroll Carroll Dew
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Jeff Elliott	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	J. G. Alexander Jim Moore
Vicksburg, Westminster		A
Yazoo City, First		Butch Bond
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Os Barnes, Guy Waters, Stan Bean, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Joey Wright, Chad Smith, Bassam Chedid, Robert Hays, Robert Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Dan Gilchrist, Jimmy Turner, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson and Rick Holbert (P.M.).
- c. The following candidates of presbytery were present:** Andrew Barnes, Grant Carroll, Roy Hubbard, Brad Irick, Matt Geisman, Josh Kines, Tim Dryden, and Ken Roberts.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Paul Nasekos, Bob Osborne, Chris Wright, Stephen Tipton, Mabry Linn, Hank Remington, Dale Robertson, Phillip Holmes, Dick Sechler, and Robert Rahaim.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Don Malin, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Sam Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Billy Joseph, Bill Wymond, Jody Woodward, Richard Wiman, Robert Lane, Scott Reiber, and Rick Holbert (A.M.).
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Douglas McCullough, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Jae Hyuk Yoo, Derek Thomas.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **66.1002.a.** above.

66.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Will Thompson was elected moderator by acclamation.

66.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

66.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **66.1002, c.** above.

66.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE David Gilbert welcomed members to the Second Presbyterian Church facility.

66.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Jim Hutton - convener, RE Paul Adams, and TE Rob Hill.

66.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following:

1. Requests for excused absences were received as listed in paragraph **66.1002 a,f.** These requests were granted.
2. Afternoon minutes from our May 6, 2008 Stated Meeting were approved by a commission of the moderator, stated clerk and recording clerk. Their action was ratified as the action of presbytery.
3. Calls from the Raymond Presbyterian Church for TE Os Barnes (**Appendix B, p. 14**), from Lebanon Presbyterian Church for TE Rick Holbert (**p. 15**), Northpark Presbyterian church for TE Christopher Wright (**p. 16**), Tchula Presbyterian Church for Andrew Barnes (**p. 17**), Reformed University Ministries at Hinds Community College for Chad Scott (**p. 18**) and Reformed University Ministries at Jackson State University for Elbert McGowan (**p. 19**). These were referred to the Credentials Committee.
4. Requests for the dissolution of pastoral relationships and transfers to other presbyteries were received from TE Harris Bond and the Belzoni Presbyterian Church session, from TE Christopher Thomas and the Carthage Presbyterian Church session (**Appendix C, p. 21**). These were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
5. TE Chris McCune, who has been without call, requested transfer to Rocky Mountain Presbytery. This request was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
6. A memorial was received commemorating the life and service of RE Freeman Lamar Evans of North Park Presbyterian Church. It was approved to be read in our morning worship service and recorded in our minutes (**Appendix D, p. 22**).

7. Annual reports for those serving out of bounds and those without call were received from David Bergmark (**Appendix E, p. 23**) Robert Hays (**p. 24f.**), Fred Marsh (**p. 26**), Guy Richardson (**p. 27**), Dean Rydbeck (**p. 28**), Leonard Siems (**p. 29**), Ron Smith (**p. 30**), Guy Waters (**p. 32**), Jody Woodward (**p. 34**), and Kaz Yaegashi (**pp. 35ff.**).
8. A proposed amendment to the BCO received from the 36th General Assembly was presented for a vote (**Appendix F, p. 38**). It passed as follows: For 51, Against 0, Abstentions 0.
9. The stated clerk explained to presbytery that the election of presbytery officers was supposed to have taken place at the February 2008 Stated Meeting according to our Standing Rules. This was inadvertently overlooked. Election of presbytery officers was put before the presbytery. Current officers: Stated Clerk Roger Collins and Recording Clerk Robert Hays were re-elected for a three year term from the beginning of 2008. Treasurer Rod Russ was re-elected to serve until December 31, 2008 when RE Doyle Moorhead will assume the treasurer's work as approved at our previous meeting.
10. TE Ken Pierce requested to be released from serving on the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Presbytery granted his request and referred the matter to the Nominations Committee so they can reassign him to another committee.

A motion from the floor directed that the Administration Committee review presbytery officers' compensation and report back to the November meeting. Presbytery approved that motion.

TE Chad Smith presented a report on the Special Needs Conference sponsored by Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to be held on October 4, 2008.

66.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Rod Russ presented presbytery's financial report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, pp. 39ff.**).

66.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report opening with prayer (**Appendix H, pp. 43ff.**).

The chairman reported the committee's approval of the treasurer's salary increase from \$1,800.00 to \$3,000.00 to be applied retroactively to January 2008 as adopted by presbytery on May 6, 2008 and referred to Administration for final approval.

The committee moved that presbytery change to Guide One Insurance as the presbytery's D&O insurance provider effective November 1, 2008. Presbytery approved.

The budget for 2009 was adopted as presented with the qualification that the budget is not to exceed 110% of the 2008 receipts (**Appendix G, p. 42**).

The Administration Committee reported on sessional records at the end of the day (**p. 11**).

66.1011

MNA COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse presented the Mission to North America report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, p. 44**).

He announced the following upcoming events and conferences:

- Sept 8-11 MNA Church Planter Assessment
- Sept 11-13 Embers to a Flame
- Oct. 7-8 Developing Church Planting Networks
- Oct 22-26 Christian Community Development Association Conference

The chairman introduced TE Paul Nesechos and invited him to speak about his work with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Chairman Muse spoke about the presbytery's church planting plan:

- Level I Rankin (either Northshore or Richland/Florence)
- Level II Ethnic (either Hispanic or West Jackson)
Madison (either Madison/Flora or Madison/Canton)

TE Muse reported that the MNA committee recommends that presbytery extend a call to Elbert McGowan to be the RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University (**Appendix B, p. 19**) and to Chad Scott to be the RUF Campus Minister at Hinds Community College (**Appendix B, p. 18**) pending successful completion of their ordination examinations.

66. 1012

MTW COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree presented the Mission to the World report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, p. 45**).

Dick Sechler reported on he and his wife's mission work in Queens, New York among immigrants.

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Mike Boyette reported on his work in Uganda.

MVP approved the committee's recommendation that, effective immediately, presbytery increase monthly support for non-ordained missionaries from \$150 monthly to \$200 monthly and to increase support for ordained missionaries from \$200 monthly to \$250 monthly. This increase does not exceed budget restrictions.

66.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

MVP entered into a season of prayer.

66.1014 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

66.1015 WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Bill Smith called presbytery to worship. A memorial for RE Freeman Lamar Evans as previously approved was read by TE Brister Ware. TE Jeremy Smith preached a sermon on Joel 2:12-14 entitled "Return to the Lord Your God," after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, led jointly by TEs Bill and Jeremy Smith. The whole was concluded with prayer.

66.1016 APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

66.1017 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Rob Hill of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses.

After lunch, presbytery reconvened with prayer by the moderator.

66.1018

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix K, p. 46ff., Addendum p. 49**).

He reported that written internship reports have been received and are posted on presbytery's website (www.msvalley.org).

Action as a Commission

The chairman reported the following actions of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission:

Mr. Andrew Barnes was granted permission to preach regularly at Tchula prior to presbytery's approval of his ordination examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)],

TE Os Barnes was granted permission to move onto the field at Raymond Presbyterian Church, prior to presbytery's approval of his call [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)], and

Mr. Todd Rester was removed from the roll of candidates and interns, per BCO 18-7 because he has been received as a candidate by the Presbytery of the Michigan and Ontario of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

These actions were adopted as the actions of presbytery.

Candidate and Internship Reports

Oral reports from candidates and interns Tim Dryden and Joey McLeod were received as information. Written intern reports are to be found on presbytery's web site www.msvalley.org.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

Mr. Brad Irick was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Irick is a member of Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Brandon and is a student at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the constitutional questions put to him by the moderator, charging and prayer by RE Charlie Dykes, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Presbytery approved his internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Brister Ware as mentor. Previous work done is to be applied toward internship

requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. RE Charlie Dykes prayed for God's blessings on his internship and the moderator declared him an intern.

Mr. Stephen Tipton was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Tipton is a member of North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon his answering of the constitutional questions asked by the moderator with charging and prayer by RE Charlie Dykes he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

The presbytery also approved his internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan D at North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Bobby Penny as mentor. Previous work done is to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching at counting no more than 50%. RE Charlie Dykes prayed for God's blessings on his internship and the moderator declared him an intern.

Mr. Joey McLeod was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. McLeod is a candidate in MVP, and a senior at RTS. Having already passed written exams in Christian experience, theology, English Bible, and BCO, presbytery examined him orally in these areas. Those portions of his exam were all sustained. He preached on Romans 1:16,17 which was accepted. Mr. McLeod declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery declared his stated difference with WCF 7.4 "This covenant of grace is frequently set forth in Scripture by the name of a testament" to be merely semantic (RAO 16-3, e., 5), b). Presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

The moderator propounded the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, all of which were answered in the affirmative. Using the formulation of the BCO, the moderator pronounced him to be a licentiate in this presbytery and closed with prayer.

Mr. Andrew Barnes was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Barnes, a candidate in MVP, in all areas of trial. Having already passed a written exam in all areas of trial - Christian experience, English Bible, Theology, the Sacraments, Church History, the history of the PCA, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of Greek and Hebrew. Presbytery examined him orally in these areas (except languages - BCO 21-4 a). Those portions of his exam were all sustained. His theological thesis was accepted. His exegesis paper was accepted. He preached on Jude 3,4 which was accepted. Mr. Barnes declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His internship was accepted as satisfactorily completed. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Grant Carroll was examined per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Carroll, a candidate in MVP, in all areas of trial. He had already passed a written exam in Christian experience, English Bible, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of Greek and Hebrew. Presbytery examined him orally in these areas (except languages - BCO 21-4 a). All portions of his exam were sustained. His theological thesis was accepted. His exegesis paper was accepted. He preached on Philippians 1:12-18 which was accepted. Mr. Carroll declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His

internship had been accepted as satisfactorily completed at our Stated Meeting of February 6, 2007. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Elbert McGowan was examined per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. McGowan, a candidate in MVP, in all areas of trial. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of Greek and Hebrew. His written exams in Christian experience, English Bible, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and the BCO were approved by the Credentials Committee. Presbytery examined him orally in these areas (except languages - BCO 21-4 a). Those portions of his exam were all sustained. His theological thesis was accepted. His exegesis paper was accepted. He preached on Matthew 6:25-34 which was accepted. Mr. McGowan declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His internship was accepted as satisfactorily completed and his examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Chad Scott was examined per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Scott, a candidate in MVP, in all areas of trial. Having already passed a written exam in all areas of trial - Christian experience, English Bible, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of Greek and Hebrew. Presbytery examined him orally in these areas (except languages - BCO 21-4 a). Those portions of his exam were all sustained. His theological thesis was accepted. His exegesis paper was accepted. He preached on James 1:21-27, which was accepted. Mr. Scott declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His internship was accepted as satisfactorily completed and his examination was approved as a whole.

TE Christopher Wright was examined and approved for transfer from Warrior Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, and received, pending dismissal and approval of his call. The presbytery examined TE Wright in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Wright declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole.

Administrative Recommendations

The call of Tchula Presbyterian Church to **Mr. Andrew Barnes** as pastor was approved (**Appendix B, p. 17**). The ordination and installation commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders Michael Campbell, John McKenzie, Guy Waters; Ruling Elders Jim Hutton, Will Thompson, Phil Weiland. The service was approved for August 24, 2008 at the Tchula Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM. Mr. Barnes signed the Book of Obligation and will be recognized as a teaching elder upon his ordination and installation.

The call of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko to **Mr. Grant Carroll** as assistant pastor was approved (**Appendix B, p. 20**). Mr. Carroll will be dividing his time between First Presbyterian Church and RUF campus ministry at Holmes Junior College. The ordination and installation commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders Phillip Palmertree - convener, Billy Joseph, Joe Holland and Ruling Elders Hugh Potts, Jr., Ken Fowler, Jeff Camp, Greg LeVert, Danny Temple, Eddie Thomas, Don Smith, James Boyd. The service was approved for August 24, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the

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First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko. Mr. Carroll signed the Book of Obligation and will be recognized as a teaching elder upon his ordination and installation.

The call of **Mr. Elbert McGowan** as RUF campus minister at Jackson State University was approved (**Appendix B, p. 19**). The ordination and installation commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders Mike Campbell - convener, John McKenzie, Jeff Elliot, Elliot Green (guest) and Ruling Elders Bebo Elkin, Bryant Taylor, Kelly Simpkins. The service was approved for August 10th, at 6:00 P.M. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Mr. McGowan signed the Book of Obligation and will be recognized as a teaching elder upon his ordination and installation scheduled for August 10, 2008 at Redeemer Presbyterian Church at 6:00 P.M.

The call of **Mr. Steven Chad Scott** as RUF campus minister at Hinds Community College was approved (**Appendix B, p. 18**). The ordination and installation commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders John Reeves - convener, Derek Thomas, Chad Smith, Chris Thomas (guest) and Ruling Elders Bebo Elkin, Steven Scott along with the session of Raymond Presbyterian Church. The service was approved for September 24th at 6:00 P.M. at the Raymond Presbyterian Church. Mr. Scott signed the Book of Obligation and will be recognized as a teaching elder upon his ordination and installation.

The call of the North Park Presbyterian Church to **TE Christopher Wright** as pastor was approved (**Appendix B, p. 16**). The installation commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders TE Bob Penny (convener), Brister Ware, Don Caviness, Joel Kavenaugh (guest), Tommy Carr (guest) and Ruling Elders Paul Adams, Mabry Linn, Bob Osborne, Bob Diekman. The service is set for September 21st at 6:00 P.M. at North Park Presbyterian Church. TE Wright signed the Book of Obligation and will be received pending his dismissal from Warrior Presbytery and installation..

The call of Raymond Presbyterian Church to **TE Os Barnes** as pastor was approved (**Appendix B, p. 14**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines with the understanding that this is a bi-vocational call. The commission was approved as follows: Teaching Elders John Reeves, Ken Elliott, Charlie Rodriguez, Don Malin and Ruling Elders Sam Robison, Doug Vinzant, Clarke Stewart, Troy Skinner. The service is set for August 17th at 6:00 P.M. at Raymond Presbyterian Church.

The call of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned to **TE Rick Holbert** as pastor was approved (**Appendix B, p. 15**). Terms fall slightly below presbytery guidelines. The installation commission to install Mr. Holbert was approved as follows: Teaching Elders Joey Wright, Al Ward, Brister Ware and the Ruling Elders of Lebanon Presbyterian Church. The service is to be held on August 14th at 11:00 A.M.

The quorum for the above commissions is set to two teaching and two ruling elders.

The committee's recommendation that the Administration Committee revisit presbytery's Salary Guidelines and update them according to the consumer price index was approved.

66.1019 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, p. 50**). MVP approved the following recommendations:

1. That the pastoral relationship between TE Harris Bond and the Belzoni Presbyterian Church be dissolved and that his membership be transferred to Evangel Presbytery;
2. That the pastoral relationship between TE Christopher Thomas and the Carthage Presbyterian Church be dissolved and that his membership be transferred to North Texas Presbytery;
3. That the membership of TE Chris McCune be transferred to Rocky Mountain Presbytery;
4. That the following teaching elders be approved to labor outside the bounds of presbytery for another year: David Bergmark, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson, Leonard Siems, Ron Smith, Guy Waters, Kaz Yeagashi and Jimmy Turner.
5. That the following teaching elders be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call: Robert Hays, Dean Rydbeck and Jody Woodward.
6. That TE Jesse Jacobs be removed from the roll of presbytery per BCO 38-3:

“When a member or officer in the Presbyterian Church in America shall attempt to withdraw from the communion of this branch of the visible Church by affiliating with some other branch (BCO 2-2), if at the time of the attempt to withdraw he is in good standing, the irregularity shall be recorded, his membership acknowledged, and his name removed from the roll.”

Mr. Jacobs has joined a Missionary Baptist Church and no longer desires to remain a part of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

66.1020 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE George Felton reported on sessional records which were submitted for examination. The minutes of Covenant and Lebanon Presbyterian Churches were approved without exception.

66. 1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A commission was formed to deliver a commendation to TE Bill Hughes upon the occasion of his retirement comprised of TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Bebo Elkins, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, and RE Niles McNeel.

66.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Bob Brunson was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

66.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at Twin Lakes Conference Center. We have an invitation for February 3, 2009 from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, and First Presbyterian Church of Louisville has invited us for our May 5, 2009 Stated Meeting.

66.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery clothed the recording clerk, the stated clerk, and the moderator with powers of a commission to read, make corrections and approve the minutes.




66.1025

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk


Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 4, 2008**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

67.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator RE Will Thompson, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

67.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Mark Nixon Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	David Tigrett John Dawson
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A John Duke
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Alvie Moore
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Al Ward
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	Oliver Triplett
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Nate Shurden	Bebo Elkin
	Jeremy Smith	Forrest Bratley

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park	Bill Wymond Derek Thomas Christopher Wright	Billy Joseph Noel Toler, Jr. Paul Adams Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Jae Hyuk Yoo	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Todd Barrett
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A Joe Holland
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Roger Wiggins
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	John Sharp
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Excused
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	George Powe
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson	Kevin Russell David Fowler
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes Jeff Elliott
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Stan Bean, Jim Stewart, Joey Wright, Chad Smith, Bassam Chedid, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Dan Gilchrist, Jimmy Turner, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Elbert McGowan, Grant Carroll, Ed Hurley, Jody Woodward, Doug McCullough, Bob Duhs, and Sam

67.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Zack Owens welcomed The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley to Twin Lakes Conference Center on behalf of their staff and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

67.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Joey Wright, RE Doyle Moorhead, and TE Bassam Chedid.

67.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented his report.

1. Requests for excused absences were submitted by Kevin Carroll, Mike Campbell, Bob Brunson, Don Malin, Mark Lowery, Joseph Wheat, Os Barnes, Charles Douglas, Don Malin and Richard Wiman for the afternoon. Presbytery approved all requests.

2. The report of the appointed commission's approval of the minutes of MS Valley's August 5, 2008 Stated Meeting was adopted as the action of presbytery.

3. Commission reports for the installation of TE Os Barnes in the Raymond Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p. 13**), the ordination and installation of Andrew Barnes in the Tchula Presbyterian Church (**p. 14**), the ordination and installation of Grant Carroll in the First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko and as Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Campus Minister at Holmes Community College (**p. 15**), the installation of TE Rick Holbert at Lebanon Presbyterian Church (**p. 16**), the ordination and installation of Elbert McGowan as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University (**p. 17**), the ordination and installation of Chad Scott as RUF Campus Minister at Hinds Community College (**p. 18**), and the installation of TE Christopher Wright at North Park Presbyterian Church (**p. 19**) were approved as presbytery's own action.

3. The commission established to present to TE Bill Hughes a resolution honoring his work has completed its assigned task. The stated clerk read a letter of thanks to the presbytery from TE Hughes (**Appendix C, p. 20**).

4. Calls were received from Trinity Presbyterian Church for TE Paul Long of Southeast Alabama Presbytery (**Appendix D, p. 23**), Madison Heights Presbyterian Church for Josh Kines (**p. 22**), MS Valley Presbytery for Troy Milliken to serve in the chaplaincy (**p. 24**), EE International for TE Jim Stewart (**p. 25**), and First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for TE Sam Smith (**p. 26**). All were referred to the Credentials Committee for report later.

5. A memorial to TE John Fain was approved for reading during morning worship (**Appendix E, p. 27**)

5. The clerk introduced Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven College, and TE Wayne Herring, representing the Administration Committee. Both addressed the presbytery.

67.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In place of Treasurer RE Rod Russ, Treasurer Elect Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix F, pp. 28ff.**).

67.1010 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix G, p. 33**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. To adopt the CPI adjusted Guidelines for Ministerial Compensation (**p. 34**) as prepared by the committee;
2. To increase the stated clerk's compensation from \$500.00 to \$750.00 per month, beginning January 2009.

The Administration Committee report will be concluded this afternoon with the Sessional Records Report (**Paragraph 67.1023, p. 11**).

67.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

Chairman TE Tim Muse presented the Mission to North America report (**Appendix G, p. 39**).

He invited RE James 'Bebo' Elkin to give a report on Reformed University Ministries. RE Elkin presented the campus ministers who work at our colleges and universities in MS Valley, Grace, and Covenant Presbyteries. They each introduced themselves and mentioned their particular work.

TE Muse related that our ministry to the Choctaws will terminate at the end of 2008. Presbytery approved the committee's motion that they ask MNA - Atlanta to disperse remaining funds in Ken Roberts's ministry account to him personally.

TE Muse gave a report on MS Valley Presbytery Church Planting plans which are priorities for the committee. Chairman TE Tim Muse of the Mission to North America Committee moved that presbytery ask MNA - Atlanta to disperse remaining funds in Ken Roberts's ministry account to Ken Roberts. Presbytery approved the motion.

Plan for Church Planting by MNA

Level I Rankin (either Northshore or Richland/Florence)

Level II Ethnic (either Hispanic or West Jackson)

Madison (either Madison/Flora or Madison/Canton)

Presbytery approved the recognition of REs Paul Adams and M.S. Bennett from North Park Presbyterian Church for their service to our denomination in the wake of Hurricane Ike.

67.1012 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE John Duke gave the Christian Education Committee report (**Appendix K, p. 44**). He introduced Jane Sutton and Martha Hays who addressed the presbytery and reported on the PresWIC ministry over this past year (**p. 45**). New officers for 2009 were reported to the presbytery (**p. 46**). All was received as information with thanksgiving offered in prayer.

67.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

The moderator asked presbytery to join in a season of prayer.

67.1014 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

67.1015 WORSHIP

After RE Brister Ware read a memorial to TE John Fain (**Appendix E, p. 27**), TE David Gilbert led in worship in the place of Retiring Moderator RE Will Thompson. He preached from 1 Peter 5.1-4 a sermon entitled Shepherd the Church of God. The whole was concluded with prayer.

67.1016 APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later.

67.1017

LUNCH AND THE THANKS COMMITTEE REPORT

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Joseph Wright of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses as follows:

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord." (Psalm 92: 1) We would like to extend the thanks of presbytery for the grace and provision for the Nov 4, 2008 meeting of presbytery. We are grateful to the session and staff of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and the staff of Twin lakes Conference Center for the use of these wonderful facilities. We are grateful as well for the delicious meal and the refreshments provided. May the Lord bless you for loving us, for serving us, and for ministry to us in such a tangible, practical way. Thank you."

/s/ TE Joey Wright
Chairman -Thanks Committee

After lunch, presbytery reconvened with prayer by the moderator at 1:00 P.M..

67.1018

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

After prayer, Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee report (**Appendix J, pp. 42ff.**).

He reported that written internship reports has been received and have been posted on our website at www.msvalley.org .

The chairman reported that the Credentials Committee had exercised the powers of a commission granted it by the Standing Rules, and granted TE Sam Smith the privilege of moving onto the field at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. This was adopted as the action of presbytery.

An oral internship report was given by Trey Owens, who has been serving at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

An oral internship report was given by Brian Sorgenfrei, who has been serving at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

Examinations:

1. **Mr. Adam Viramontes** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Viramontes is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by the committee in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon answering the constitutional questions put to him by the

moderator in the affirmative, followed by charging and prayer by TE Al Word, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

2. **Mr. Kevin Corley** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Corley is a member of Redeemer, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon answering the constitutional questions put to him by the moderator in the affirmative, followed by charging and prayer by TE Al Word, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

The presbytery approved his entering into an internship under Plan D at RUF Belhaven with TE Chad Smith as mentor and allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

3. **Mr. Josh Rieger** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Rieger is a member of First, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and upon answering the constitutional questions put to him by the moderator in the affirmative, followed by charging and prayer by TE Al Word, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

The presbytery approved his entering into an internship under Plan D at First, Jackson with RE Orrin Swayze as mentor.

4. **Mr. Dan Chase** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Chase is a candidate in MVP. Upon his giving a satisfactory account of his call to the ministry, and prayer by RE Bebo Elkin, and declaration by the moderator, the presbytery approved his becoming an intern under Plan A at RUF Belhaven, with RE Elkin as mentor, and that presbytery allow previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

5. **TE Paul Long, Jr.** was examined for transfer from Southeast Alabama Presbytery, per BCO 13-6. The presbytery examined TE Long, a PCA minister in good standing in Southeast Alabama Presbytery, in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Long declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and received him pending approval of his call, dismissal, installation and signing of the Book of Obligation..

6. **Dr. Troy Milliken** was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. Areas covered were experiential religion, languages (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of the actual exam), English Bible, theology, sacraments, church history, PCA history, and BCO. His thesis and exegesis papers were accepted upon motion of the chairman. He preached a sermon on Gen. 4: 1-5, and it was accepted. Pittsburgh Presbytery has previously approved the completion of his internship. Mr.

Milliken declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and enrolled him on our roll of TEs pending approval of his call, ordination and signing of the Book of Obligation.

7. **Mr. Josh Kines** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Areas covered were experiential religion, languages (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of the actual exam), English Bible, theology, sacraments, church history, PCA history, and BCO. His thesis and exegesis papers were accepted upon motion of the chairman. He preached a sermon on Romans 7: 7-25 and it was accepted. Presbytery had previously approved the completion of his internship. Mr. Kines declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and enrolled him on our roll of TEs pending approval of his call, ordination, installation and his signing of the Book of Obligation.

Administrative Recommendations

1. The call of **Mr. Josh Kines** to be assistant pastor at Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was found acceptable and approved (**p. 22**). The following men were approved to serve as the commission to ordain Josh Kines: TE Hunter Brewer, TE Nathan Shurden, TE Derek Thomas, TE Jimmy Turner, REs Bert Marshall, John Laws, Corley Moses and Dan James. The date was set for Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 9:30 A.M., Madison Heights Presbyterian Church, Madison. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
2. The call to **TE Paul Long, Jr.** to be assistant pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church was found acceptable and approved (**p. 23**). The following men were approved to serve as the commission to install Paul Long, Jr.: TEs Paul Long, Sr., Jimmy Turner, Elbert McGowan, REs Lewis Montgomery, Bishop Prince, John McKenzie, and Chris Govero. The date was set for Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 6:00 P.M., Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
3. The call of **Dr. Troy Milliken** to be a military chaplain, US Army Reserves, was found acceptable and approved (**Appendix D, p. 24**). The following men were approved to serve as the commission to ordain Troy Milliken: TEs Rob Hill, Rick Holbert, Guy Waters, Roger Collins, REs Ken Kammer, Art Self and John Ingwerson. The date was set for Sunday, December 7, 2008 at 6:00 P.M., Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
4. The call of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to **TE Sam Smith**, a member of this presbytery, to be their pastor was approved (**p. 26**). The following men were approved to serve as the commission to install TE Sam Smith: TE Guy Richardson, Richard Wiman, Ken Elliott, REs Bob Bailey, Charlie McCool, and Butch Bond. The date was set for Sunday, November 16, 2008 at 5:30 P.M., First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
5. The call of Evangelism Explosion III International to **TE Jim Stewart**, a member of this presbytery, was found acceptable and approved (**p. 25**).

67.1019

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman RE Noel Toler presented the Nominations Committee report (**Appendix I, p. 40**).
Presbytery elected the following men to presbytery's permanent committees:

Administration Committee: RE Nat Whitten was elected to the class of 2009 to replace RE Gary Morrison; TE George Felton, RE Edmund Johnston, RE Kevin Russell, and TE Tim Muse were elected to the class of 2011; TE Robert Penny and RE Bob Dieckman were elected alternates for 2009.

Christian Education Committee: TE Bob Lane was elected to the class of 2010 to replace TE Harris Bond; RE Jerry Shelton, TE Joseph Wheat, and RE Julius Murray were elected to the class of 2011; RE Jay Holiday and TE Andrew Barnes were elected alternates for 2009.

Credentials Committee: TE Jeff Elliott, TE Mark Smith, RE Charles Dykes, and RE Noel Toler were elected to the class of 2011; RE David Tigrett and TE John Dawson were elected alternates for 2009.

Mission to the World Committee: TE Richard Wiman, RE M.S. Bennett , and RE Barry Vickery were elected to the class of 2011; RE Greg Lavert and TE Jeremy Smith were elected alternates for 2009.

Mission to North America Committee: TE Al Ward was elected to the class of 2010 to replace TE Ben Hailey; RE Paul Adams, RE Scott High, TE Chad Scott and TE Ken Pierce were elected to the class of 2011. RE Burt Marshall and TE Charles Douglas were elected alternates for 2009.

Nominations Committee: TE Andrew Barnes was elected to the class of 2010 to replace TE Harris Bond; TE Nathan Shurden and RE John Burriss were elected to the class of 2011; TE Billy Joseph and RE Bob Bailey were elected alternates for 2009.

Shepherding and Advisory Committee: TE Steve Jussely was elected to the class of 2010 to replace TE Ken Pierce; RE Bob Lewis, TE Scott Reiber, RE Don Breazeale, and TE Kevin Carroll were elected to the class of 2011; RE Corley Moses and TE Dean Rydbeck were elected alternates for 2009.

Presbytery elected the following men to be our nominees for General Assembly's permanent committees:

Administrative Committee: RE Bob Bailey;

Christian Education and Publications: TE Steve Jussely, RE John Kwasny;

Committee on Constitutional Business: TE Roger Collins;

Interchurch Relations Committee: TE Mark Smith;

Mission to North America: RE Don Breazeale;

Mission to the World: TE Richard Wiman;

Reformed University Ministries: TE John Dawson;
Standing Judicial Commission: TE Tim Muse, RE Will Thompson;
Theological Examining Committee: TE Ligon Duncan, RE David Tigrett;
Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Michael Campbell;
Ridge Haven: TE Billy Joseph;
Nominations Committee: RE Doyle Moorhead;
Review of Presbytery Records: TE Scott Phillips.

67. 1020 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree presented the Mission to the World Committee report.

1. Presbytery was reminded of funds available for vision trips in 2008 - 2009. There is up to \$1000.00 for a first-time mission field visit for ruling or teaching elders.
2. Presbytery concurred with the committee's commitment of \$200.00 a year for up to five years to support Matthew Nasekos to go to Peru with Christian Missionary Society. Said support began in October 2008.
3. Presbytery was encouraged the to pray for our supported missionaries including: Mike Boyette - Uganda, TE Ed Hartman - Romania, Steven Scott - Philippines, Allen Smith - Christian Missionary Society in Peru, David Tigrett - Latvia, and TE Kaz Yaegashi - Japan.
4. Presbytery was encouraged to facilitate among our churches mutual participation in mission trips.

RE David Tigrett addressed presbytery and reported about his plans to go to Latvia with Mission to the World.


67. 1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Doyle Moorhead spoke for our GA Invitation Committee. He reported that the committee was considering the possibility that the 2013 or 2014 General Assembly could be invited to meet in Jackson at the Jackson Convention Center with the contractual stipulation that the hotel to be built across the street from the Convention Center would be completed and available.

67.1022 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Robert Schwanebeck, chairman of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee, reported.

Presbytery approved the following recommendation:



67.1027



The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 3, 2009**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS**

68.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Ken Elliott, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

68.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Mark Nixon Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	Gabe Green
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Van Bowman
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond Brister Ware Nate Shurden Jeremy Smith Billy Joseph	Bud Bratley Steve Edwards Victor Clark Buz Lowry Noel Toler, Jr. William S. Cook

Church

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, Redeemer

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Madison, Madison Heights

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Christopher Wright

Michael Campbell

Rob Hill

Paul Long, Jr.

Phillip Palmertree

Grant Carroll

Rick Holbert

John McKenzie

Bill Smith

Scott Phillips

Bob Lane

Hunter Brewer

Josh Kines

Bob Schwanebeck

George Felton

Merle Messer

Don Caviness

Kenneth Elliott

Os Barnes

Joseph Wheat

Carl Kalberkamp

Jeff Elliott

Andrew Barnes

Charles Douglas

Chris Shelton

Scott Reiber

Sam Smith

David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Richard Johnson

Paul Adams

Robert Diekman

Bob Lewis

A

A

A

A

A

A

Roland Byrd

A

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A

Richard Metz

Jimmy Davidson

Bill McNeese

A

A

Fred Carlson

George Powe

Otha Jackson

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A

A

Carroll Dew

Kevin Simpson

Monty Simpkins

A

A

A

Nick Purvis

A

James Harrison

William Carroll

Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Jim Stewart, Chad Smith, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Dan Gilchrist, Jimmy Turner, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Elbert McGowan, Clay Quarterman, Grant Carroll, Jody Woodward, and Dan Gilchrist.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Ken Roberts, Matt Giesman, and Brad Irick.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Lauren Collins, Treasurer Doyle Moorhead, Thomas Elkin, Bob Nelson, Ken Smith, Stuart Mills, James Clardy, Paul Honomichl, Emilio Garofalo, and Steve Jones.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Jayson Kyle, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Charlie Rodriguez, Merle Messer, Ken Pierce, John Dawson, Troy Milliken, Mark Lowery, Hunter Brewer, Joseph Wright, Bob Brunson, Tim Dryden, and Kevin Carroll (A.M.).
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Stan Bean, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Derek Thomas, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Ligon Duncan, Derek Thomas, and Chris Shelt.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent:** Those churches marked in paragraph **68.1002.a.** above with the letter "E" were excused and those with "A" were without excuse.

68.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE James Davis "Bebo" Elkin was elected moderator by acclamation.

68.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

68.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **68.1002, c., d.** above.

68.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Phillip Palmertree, pastor of the church, welcomed members to the facility of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko.

68.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE George Felton, TE Chris Shelton, and RE Roland Byrd.

68.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk Roger Collins gave the clerk's report.

1. Requests for excused absences from Charlie Rodriguez, Merle Messer, Ken Pierce, John Dawson, Troy Milliken, Mark Lowery, Hunter Brewer, Joseph Wright, Bob Brunson, Tim Dryden, and Kevin Carroll (A.M.) were read. Presbytery approved all requests as noted above in paragraph **68.1002, f.**
2. Ordination and/or Installation Commission reports were ratified by presbytery as its own action for: TE Joshua Kines (**Appendix B, p. 13**), TE Troy Milliken (**p. 14**), TE Paul Long, Jr. (**p. 15**), and TE Samuel Smith (**p. 16**).
3. Communications were presented.

Calls from Carthage Presbyterian Church to TE Steve Jones (**Appendix C, p. 17**) and from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to Tim Dryden (**p. 18**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.

A request to transfer TE Al Ward to Fellowship Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. The Providence Presbyterian Church session sent confirmation of their agreement with the dissolution of their relationship with TE Ward.

A request from TE Jody Woodward to demit the ministry (**Appendix D, p. 19**) was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

A request from Bailey Presbyterian Church to have TE Paul Honomichl serve as their stated

supply for another year (**Appendix E, p. 20**) was referred to the Credentials Committee and Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

A request from the Edwards Presbyterian Church to have TE Dean Rydbeck serve as their stated supply for another year was referred to the Credentials Committee and Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, p. 21**).

A report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information (**Appendix F, pp. 22ff.**).

The clerk introduced President Dr. Niel Nielson of Covenant College. He addressed presbytery about the work of Covenant College.

The clerk recognized TE Jeremy Smith, chairman of presbytery's GA Invitation Steering Committee who presented their report. Presbytery approved the following committee motions:

That an invitation be sent to the Administrative Committee of the Presbyterian Church in America, indicating this presbytery's desire to host the 2013 (or later) General Assembly in Jackson, Mississippi, contingent upon construction of a convention center hotel which is currently planned.

That the present GA Invitation Steering Committee be dismissed with a future committee to be convened at later date. All matters pertaining to this invitation to be directed to the Administration Committee until further notice.

The report of the appointed commission's approval of the minutes of MS Valley's November 3, 2008 stated meeting was adopted as the action of presbytery.

68.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, pp. 24-27**).

68.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix H, p. 28**). Various items of interest and ongoing business of the committee were discussed. There were no recommendations.

68.1011

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

In the absence of newly elected Chairman TE John Dawson, TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, p. 29**). The committee presented the following men and presbytery elected them to their respective Committee of Commissioners and/or other role:

Committees of Commissioners to General Assembly

Administration	TE Kevin Carroll
Christian Education	TE Andrew Barnes
Covenant Seminary	TE Billy Joseph
Interchurch relations	TE Robert Hill
Mission to North America	TE Tim Muse
PCA Foundation	TE Chris Wright
Covenant College	RE Jim Moore
Retirement & Benefits	RE Alan Walters
Mission to the World	RE Paul Adams
Ridge Haven	RE Doyle Moorhead
Reformed University Ministries	RE Gene McRoberts
Overtures	RE Will Thompson, TE Ligon Duncan
Communion Elder	RE Bill May
Appointee for Floor Clerk	TE David Gilbert, TE Rick Holbert

The Nominations Committee also put the names of TE Sam Smith to replace TE Al Ward and RE Ken Fairly to replace RE Bill Adkins in the class of 2010 as alternates on presbytery's MNA Committee. The nominations were approved by presbytery.

68. 1012

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

In Chairman TE Hunter Brewer's stead, the stated clerk introduced TE Jim Stewart, who addressed presbytery on his work in Evangelism Explosion. TE Richard Wiman reported on the effect of using EE at Belzoni Presbyterian Church.

68.1013

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following:

1. That the stated supply relationship between TE Paul Honomichl and the Bailey Presbyterian Church be approved for another year, pending Credentials Committee action.

2. That presbytery approve the commendation for RE Bill Adkins for his faithful service while being the stated supply at the Carolina Presbyterian Church. The commendation was read and entered upon the minutes (**Appendix K, p. 36**). A copy is to be sent to him and to the church.
3. That the membership of TE David Bergmark be transferred to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in England and Wales.
4. That the original minutes of the Alta Woods Presbyterian Church be sent to the PCA Historical Center in St. Louis and that a copy of those minutes be made and supplied to the Pearl Presbyterian Church.
5. That the pastoral relationship between TE Joe Holland and the Kosciusko Church be dissolved effective May 31, 2009 and that he be transferred to the Blue Ridge Presbytery.
6. That the stated supply relationship between TE Dean Rydbeck and the Edwards Presbyterian Church be approved for another year.
7. That the pastoral relationship between TE Al Ward and the Providence Presbyterian Church be dissolved and that he be transferred to Fellowship Presbytery.
8. That the request from TE Jody Woodward to demit the ministry be approved as requested. Final action is to be taken on the matter at the next stated meeting per BCO 38-2 (**Appendix D, p. 19**).

68.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

68.1015

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

68.1016

WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator TE Ken Elliott led in worship. He preached a sermon on I Timothy 1:12-17. This was followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper and the whole was concluded with prayer.

68.1017

APPROVAL OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

68.1018 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE George Felton of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses.

Presbytery reconvened after lunch with prayer by the moderator.

68.1019 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

TE Guy Waters, Chairman, presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, pp. 31f.**). Presbytery ratified the following action of the Credentials Committee acting as a commission as its own:

Granted permission for TE Steven Jones to move onto the field at Carthage Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2009, prior to presbytery approval of his transfer examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)].

Internship Reports

Internship reports received are posted on presbytery's web site www.msvalley.org. The list of interns who submitted reports is attached (**p. 34**).

Oral reports were heard from Interns Peter Anderson and Ken Roberts.

Examinations

Presbytery approved the following :

1. **TE Paul Honomichl** was examined and approved for a renewal of his licensure per BCO 19-6 and 19-2. TE Honomichl is a minister in good standing in Grace Presbytery (PCA). His license in MVP has lapsed. Presbytery briefly examined him in all areas of trial. TE Honomichl declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his licensure was renewed.
2. **Mr. Jeremy Visser** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Vissar is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and,

upon charging and prayer by TE Robert Schwanebeck, and the reading of the appropriate words of pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

3. **Mr. Shaun Furniss** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Furniss is a member of Redeemer, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and, upon charging and prayer by TE Schwanebeck, and the reading of the appropriate words of pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.
4. **Mr. Lincoln Speece** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Speece is a member of Pear Orchard, Ridgeland and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and, upon charging and prayer by TE Schwanebeck, and the reading of the appropriate words of pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Pear Orchard with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Upon appropriate prayer, he was entered on the roll of interns.
5. **TE Steven Jones** was examined and approved for transfer from Central Georgia Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, and received, pending dismissal. Presbytery examined TE Jones, a PCA minister in good standing in Central Georgia Presbytery, in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Jones declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination and as a whole and approved his transfer.
6. **Mr. Tim Dryden** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Presbytery examined Mr. Dryden, a candidate in MVP, in all areas of trial: English Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church and PCA History, original languages (his seminary degree accepted in lieu of) and church polity (BCO). Upon recommendation of the committee, all his paperwork was accepted as completed. Presbytery approved the completion of his internship. He preached a sermon on Mark 7:24-30 which was accepted. Mr. Dryden declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as whole and upon his signing of the book of obligations, and his installation, he will be received as a member in good standing.
7. **Mr. Joe Steele** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Steele is a member of Northpointe, Meridian, and is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and, upon charging and prayer by TE Schwanebeck, and the reading of the appropriate words of pronouncement by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

Presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Northpointe, Meridian, with TE Bob Schwanebeck as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward

internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50 percent. Upon appropriate prayer, he was entered on the roll of interns.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the call of Carthage to **Mr. Steve Jones** as pastor be approved. Terms meet Presbytery guidelines (**Appendix C, p. 17**).
2. That the installation service for **TE Steve Jones** as pastor of Carthage be approved to convene at Carthage Presbyterian Church, February 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Approved commission members are TEs Don Caviness (convener), John Reeves, Dan Gilchrist; REs George Powe (charge to congregation), Charles McClain, and Larry McMillan. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
3. That the internship of **Mr. Tim Dryden** be approved as complete.
4. That the call of Pear Orchard, Ridgeland, to **Mr. Tim Dryden** as assistant pastor be approved. Terms meet Presbytery guidelines.
5. That the installation service for **Mr. Tim Dryden** be approved to convene at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, February 15, 2009, at 6:00 PM. Commission members approved were TEs: Jeff Elliot (convener), Carl Kalberkamp (preacher), Chad Smith, and Bill Whitwer (guest); REs Danny Story, Jack Haynie, Ken Haynes, and Rod Russ. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.
6. That **Mr. David Leander** be taken off the roll of candidates and interns at his own request, per BCO 18-7. Mr. Leander is involved with the work in Sweden, which has joined with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of England and Wales. Mr. Leander is to become a candidate of the EPCEW.
7. That the internship if **Mr. Matt Giesman** be approved as completed.
8. That the internship of **Mr. Brian Sorgenfrei** be approved as completed.

68.1020 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Continued)

TE Schwanebeck resumed the report with prayer. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to remove the censure of TE Jody Woodward, allowing him to receive the sacrament of the Lord's Supper immediately.

Presbytery entered into executive session to discuss the issue before us.

**STATED MEETING
May 5, 2009**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi**

69.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator RE James Davis 'Bebo' Elkin called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. Prayer was offered by TE Robert Hays.

69.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		
Belzoni, First		Mark Nixon Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	Gabe Green
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Excused
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Van Bowman
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond Brister Ware Nate Shurden Jeremy Smith Billy Joseph	Bud Bratley Steve Edwards Victor Clark Buz Lowry Noel Toler, Jr. William Cook

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

		Richard Johnson
Jackson, North Park	Christopher Wright	Paul Adams Robert Dieckman
Jackson, Redeemer	Michael Campbell	
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Bob Lewis
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long, Jr.	A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Grant Carroll	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, Covenant	Bill Smith	Roland Byrd
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
		A
Madden, Carolina		Richard Metz Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Bill McNeese
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
	Josh Kines	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Fred Carlson
		E
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	George Powe
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	Otha Jackson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Carroll Dew Kevin Simpson Monty Simpkins
		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Jeff Elliott	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Andrew Barnes	A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	William Carroll
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Clay Quarterman, Jody Woodward, and Dan Gilchrist.
- c. The following candidates, interns and licentiates were registered:** Ken Roberts, Matt Giesman, and Brad Irick.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Treasurer Doyle Moorhead, Stuart Mills, Thomas Elkin, Bob Nelson, Ken Smith, James Clardy, Paul Honomichl, Emilio Garofalo, and Steve Jones.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, David Bergmark, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Os Barnes, Hunter Brewer, Bob Brunson, Grant Carroll (A.M. only), Elbert McGowan, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Joseph Wheat and Richard Wiman.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Stan Bean, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Bassam Chedid, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Ligon Duncan, Derek Thomas, and Chris Shelt.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **69.1002.a.** above.

69.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Bob Brunson, the first-nominee for moderator was absent due to a death in his family. TE Jeff Elliott was elected the moderator of the meeting by acclamation.

69.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

69.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **69.1002, d.** above.

69.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Scott Phillips, pastor of the church, welcomed members to the Westminster Presbyterian Church facility.

69.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Jeff Elliot appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Bill Smith, Tim Dryden and RE Dave Tigrett.

69.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the clerk's report.

Requests for excused absences had been submitted by Os Barnes, Hunter Brewer, Bob Brunson, Elbert McGowan, Jim Stewart, Joseph Wheat, Richard Wiman, and Jimmy Turner. Presbytery approved all requests.

- An ordination and installation commission report for TE Tim Dryden at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was ratified by presbytery as its own action (**Appendix B, p. 12**).
- An installation commission report for TE Steven Jones at Carthage Presbyterian Church was ratified by presbytery as its own action (**Appendix B, p. 13**).
- A communication from TE Troy Milliken concerning his preparation to become an Army Chaplain was received and referred to the Advisory Committee (**Appendix C, p. 14**).
- A report from TE Ron Smith on his progress in finding a call in the Grand Cayman Islands was received by presbytery (**Appendix C, p. 15**). On motion of the stated clerk, TE Ron Smith was retained on the roll without call until his transfer to South Florida Presbytery.
- A report was received from TE Kaz Yaegashi on his work in Japan (**Appendix C, pp. 16ff.**).
- A letter from RE Bebo Elkin and a report containing the 2008 financial audit of the Campus Ministry of Reformed University Ministries was received as information. The report will be kept on file with the stated clerk's office.
- The stated clerk provided the letter that was sent to Stated Clerk of the General Assembly Dr. Roy Taylor inviting the Presbyterian Church in America General Assembly to meet in Jackson in 2013 or later per the instruction of presbytery (**Appendix E, p. 21**). The invitation is contingent upon construction of a convention center hotel by that time.

- A communication was received from TE Merle Messer and the Pearl Presbyterian Church Session indicating that the copying of the last five years of the former Alta Woods Presbyterian Church minutes would suffice instead of a copy of the whole set of fifty plus years had been received by the clerk. The presbytery concurred with this and revised their previous instruction to the clerk concerning the copying of the Alta Woods minutes.

69.1009

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented his report beginning with prayer (**Appendix F, pp. 22ff.**).

69.1010

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, p. 25**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the committees which provided input for the review of the MVP Strategic Plan be recognized.
2. That committees be encouraged to revisit the MVP Strategic Plan and give particular attention to the goals assigned to their committee if they have not done so.
3. That the following schedule be published for annual review of the MVP Strategic Plan:
 - a. January 1 – Chairmen of all presbytery committees provide Strategic Plan to every member of committee,
 - b. July 1 – Administration Committee requests input from committee chairmen,
 - c. September 1 – Committees provide input to the Administration Committee's Records & Archives subcommittee,
 - d. November Stated Meeting – Administration Committee presents review to presbytery.
4. With regard to our Standing Rules, Appendix D, Strategic Goals, Church Growth and Vitality, it is moved that the committee responsible to "4. Promote and develop at least twenty sister-church relationships between PCA congregations and overseas congregations within the next ten years (by 2012)." be changed from "MNA" to "MTW". Presbytery approved. Since this represents a change to the Standing Rules, this was accepted as the first reading.

69.1011

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree gave the Mission to the World report beginning with prayer **(Appendix H, p. 26)**. Presbytery approved the following recommendations or received them as information.

1. Funds are available for vision trips - up to \$1000.00 for a first-time field visit for ruling or teaching elders;
2. Presbytery will support Stuart Mills, who is preparing to go to Peru with Christian Missionary Society, at \$150.00 a month for two years, effective April 2009;
3. The MTW committee amended its missionary support guidelines as follows:

“Missionary support guidelines shall be expanded to allow support of an associate member as a missionary for a period of up to two years at a maximum amount of \$250/month subject to the following:

1. Continuous uninterrupted associate membership for immediate past three years in a church of this presbytery,
2. Approval of that church’s session,
3. Association with a ministry consistent with the faith and practice of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.”;

4. That prayer be encouraged for presbytery supported missionaries:

Alan Smith (Peru) www.perumission.org, support ends: April 2009
TE Ed Hartman (Romania) www.mtwromania.org, support ends: June 2009
Steven Scott (Philippines) dscott53@yahoo.com, support ends: September 2009
Mike Boyette (Uganda) mike.susan.boyette@gmail.com, support ends: June 2011
David Tigrett (Latvia) latviatigretts@blogspot.com, support ends: December 2012
Matthew Nasekos (Peru) www.perumission.org, support ends: Decermber 2013
TE Kaz Yaegashi, Japan fwkp4026@mb.infoweb.ne.jp;

5. That mutual participation in local church mission trips be encouraged;
6. That presbytery take note of short-term opportunities to minister in Zambia through Educating Africans for Christ. For information, contact RE Barry Vickery (First, Jackson).

69.1012

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

In the stead of Chairman TE Hunter Brewer, TE Tim Muse presented the Mission to North America

Report updating presbytery about church planting plans. Presbytery received the following as information:

The committee continued following its church planting plan with North Shore as a top priority. They continue to evaluate Gluckstadt, Richland/Florence, Grants Ferry, and an ethnic project as potential church plants.

69.1013

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

TE Robert Schawanebeck introduced Ann Lewellyn, widow of TE Tom Lewellyn, who was a member of this presbytery years ago. Mrs. Lewellyn served the PCA faithfully for many years before her retirement.

69.1014

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters began the Credentials Report with prayer (**Appendix I, pp. 27ff.**).

TE David Jussely was examined for a renewal of his licensure per BCO 19-6 and 19-2. Dr. Jussely, formerly a teaching elder in this presbytery and a licentiate, stated that none of his views have changed. His examination was approved and his licensure was renewed.

The committee moved to amend the presbytery's Standing Rules in Appendix A.5 so as to replace the current paragraph which reads:

"Each intern will be assigned a mentor who will meet with him monthly to review his progress. The mentor must be a PCA teaching or ruler elder. He is to submit an assessment of the intern's progress to the Credentials Committee, noting strengths and weaknesses. The assessment must be presented to the committee before the completion of the intern's program."

with the following:

"Each intern will be assigned a mentor. The mentor must be a PCA teaching or ruler elder with at least three years experience. The mentor will then meet with the intern monthly to review his progress. The mentor will measure and shepherd the intern's progress in character with the assistance of the spiritual inventory that the intern has previously submitted to the Credentials Committee. The mentor will measure and shepherd the intern's progress in knowledge with the assistance of the Constitution of the PCA.

The mentor will also evaluate the progress of the intern in the pastoral duties required by the internship. This evaluation will begin with modeling. The mentor must demonstrate to the intern how to conduct the 24 calls required of the intern. The mentor or his designee must also observe at least 8 of those calls. The mentor will also evaluate the teaching of the intern and assess the intern accordingly.

The mentor must make semi-annual assessments of the intern, both of his gifts and graces, and submit those assessments to the Credentials Committee for the September and March

meetings of Credentials. Subsequently, before the completion of the intern's training program, the mentor must appear before the Credentials Committee or a sub-committee of the Credentials Committee. He must give both an account of all that has taken place in the internship and his final assessment of the intern's gifts and graces for ministry so that hands are not laid upon anyone too hastily (1 Tim 5:22)."

The motion was approved after slight amendment from the floor and constituted the first reading (**Appendix I, p. 29**).

The remainder of the report is to be continued after lunch.

69.1015 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

69.1016 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for five minutes to prepare for worship.

69.1017 WORSHIP

Retiring Moderator RE Bebo Elkin led in worship. He preached a sermon on Luke 18: 9-14. He stressed the importance of humility and prayer in the life of the Christian. The whole was concluded with prayer.

69.1018 MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

69.1019 LUNCH & REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, RE David Tigrett of the Thanks Committee expressed the gratitude of the presbytery to those who had been our hosts and hostesses.

After lunch, presbytery reconvened with prayer by TE Mark Smith.

69.1020 REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE (continued)

Chairman TE Guy Waters continued the Credentials Committee Report (**Appendix I, p. 27ff.**).

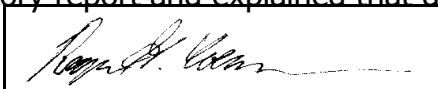
Reports

The chairman introduced Roy Hubbard who gave an internship report. Written reports are posted on the presbytery website www.msvalley.org.

Administrative Recommendations

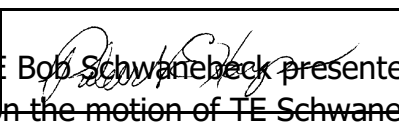
The Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That **Mr. Shaun Furniss** be examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Furniss is a candidate in MVP. His internship is to be conducted under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Mike Campbell as mentor. His examination was approved and he was set apart by prayer by the moderator, and by the pronouncement required by the BCO. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
2. That **Mr. Jeremy Visser** be examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Visser is a candidate in MVP. His internship is to be conducted under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with RE Al Arnold as mentor. His examination was approved and he was set apart by prayer by the moderator, and by the pronouncement required by the BCO. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.
3. That the internship of **Mr. Joey McLeod** be approved as complete.
4. That the internship of **Mr. Trey Owens** be approved as complete.
5. That presbytery be informed of a proposed young mens' ministry conference which is being planned for youth considering a call to the ministry (**Appendix I, p. 28**). TE Rob Hill gave an introductory report and explained that details would be forthcoming.



69.1021 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Report beginning with prayer. Upon the motion of TE Schwanebeck, the court went into executive session.



Minutes for executive session are on file with the stated clerk.

Presbytery came out of executive session.

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Presbytery approved the lifting of TE Woodward's suspension from the sacrament. The moderator read from BCO 37-3 restoring TE Woodward to full participation in the sacrament.

The motion to allow TE Woodward to demit as he requested was unanimously approved by the court and he was transferred to St. Paul Presbyterian Church upon their reception.

69.1022 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Sub-committee Chairman TE Tim Muse presented the Sessional Records report. The following minutes were read and approved without exception: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Louisville, First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, Grace Presbyterian Church - Byram, Pearl Presbyterian Church, Westminster Presbyterian Church - Vicksburg.

69.1023 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Chairman TE John Duke of the Christian Education Committee read a letter of thanks from PresWIC President Velmaree Burton.

69.1024 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE David Tigrett was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

69.1025 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Trinity Presbyterian Church extended an invitation for our August Stated Meeting.

69.1026 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays read the afternoon minutes which were approved as read.

69.1027

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator TE Jeff Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger Collins".

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 4, 2009**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

70.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Jeff Elliott called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. with prayer.

70.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Dave Tigrett
Brandon, Lakeland	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Steve Jussely	Buddy Mardis
Camden, McBride Memorial	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Noel Toler
	Brister Ware	William Cook
	Derek Tomas	Barry Vickery
	Jeremy Smith	Victor Clark
		Doyle Moorhead
		Bud Bratley
		Steve Edwards

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Jackson, North Park

Christopher Wright

Richard Johnson
Bob Dieckman
Bob OsborneJackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. PaulMichael Campbell
Rob HillCharles Dykes
Jimmy Mardis
Martin McGee

Jackson, Trinity

Ken Pierce
Paul Long, Jr.

A

Kosciusko, First

Phillip Palmertree
Grant Carroll

A

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale

A

A

Learned, Lebanon

Rick Holbert

A

Lexington, First

John McKenzie

A

Louisville, Covenant

Bill Smith

Louisville, First

Scott Phillips

Mike Triplett

Macon, Center Point

A

Macon, Macon

Kevin Carroll

A

A

Madden, Carolina

A

Madison, First

Bob Lane

Richard Holmes

Madison, Madison Heights

Hunter Brewer

Dennis Watts

Meridian, Northpointe

Josh Kines

Newton, Newton

Bob Schwanebeck

A

Pearl, Pearl

George Felton

Fred Carlson

Philadelphia, First

Merle Messer

George Powe

Pickens, Pickens

Don Caviness

A

Pickens, Shiloh

A

A

Raymond, Raymond

Os Barnes

A

Ridgeland, Highlands

Joseph Wheat

Kevin Russell

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Bob Brunson

Carl Kalberkamp

Eddie Moran

Jeff Elliott

Tim Dryden

Scooba, Scooba

A

Tchula, Tchula

A

Terry, Wynndale

Charles Douglas

A

Union, First

A

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

James Harrison

Yazoo City, First

A

Yazoo City, Second

Will Thompson

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Elbert McGowan, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Joey Wright, Chris Shelt, Stan Bean, Doug McCullough, Jimmy Turner, and James Stewart.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Tony Pyles.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Paul Nasekos, Matthew Carroll, Lee Hutchings, Michael Lynch, Lance Ragsdale, Emilio Garofalo, Larry Mills, Paul Adams, Bill Cooper, and Perry McCall.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, and Jae Hyuk Yoo.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Ligon Duncan, Chris Shelton, David Gilbert, Andrew Barnes, and John Dukes.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Billy Davies, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ken Elliott, Troy Milliken, Sam Smith, Billy Joseph, Ed Hurley, and Bassam Chedid.
- I. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **70.1002.a.** above.

70.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE David Tigrett was elected moderator by acclamation.

70.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

70.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **70.1002, c, d.** above.

70.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Kenneth Pierce, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery to their facility.

70.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs John McKenzie, Bob Brunson, and Bob Penny.

70.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported the following matters:

Requests for excused absences had been submitted by TEs Ligon Duncan, Chris Shelton, David Gilbert, Andrew Barnes, and John Duke. Presbytery approved all requests.

Required annual reports were received from TEs Robert Hays, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, Guy Waters, and Jimmy Turner. These were forwarded to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix B, pp. 11ff.**).

A resolution honoring the service of RE Ralph David Wakeam as submitted by the session of Lakeland Presbyterian Church was received by the presbytery (**Appendix C, p. 20**).

A report from the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work was received as information and referred to the MNA committee (**Appendix D, p. 21**).

70.1009 REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the report which was received as information (**Appendix ?, pp. ?ff.**).

70.1010 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE George Felton presented the report (**Appendix F, p. 30**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. The 2010 budget was presented. After discussion, the adoption of the 2010 proposed budget was postponed until later in the day (**pp. 28ff.**).

2. Recommended replacing in our Standing Rules, Article IV. B. that reads "The records of each church session shall be presented for examination at the February meeting of presbytery" with the following: "The records of each church session shall be presented for examination at their assigned meeting of presbytery as specified in Appendix D." The current Appendix D: "Strategic Goals" to be reassigned as Appendix F. Presbytery approved the recommendation as a first reading since it involves the change to Standing Rules **(Appendix F, pp. 33ff.)**.
3. Recommended that the Standing Rules be modified to bring our review of sessional records in line with the General Assembly's review of presbytery records by distinguishing between exceptions of form and exceptions of substance. The phrase "Sessional Records shall be reviewed distinguishing between exceptions of form and substance according to the criterion reflected in 'Sessional Records Report Form' as found in Appendix E." Presbytery approved this the first reading since it involves a change to our Standing Rules **(Appendix F, pp. 35ff.)**.

70.1011

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Palmertree gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee beginning with prayer **(Appendix I, p. 41)**. Presbytery received the following items as information:

1. TE Palmertree reported on a recent trip to Japan where he was able to meet with TE Kaz Yaegashi and learn of the Lord's work there through his ministry.
2. Five years of support for member TE Ed Hartman, who heads a MTW team in Romania, expired in June of this year.
3. Five years of support for Steven Scott will expire in September of this year. A report from Mr. Scott was distributed to the members of presbytery **(Appendix I, p. 42)**.
4. Reimbursement of in-country expenses incurred by TE Palmertree had been paid out of the Vision Trip fund.
5. An update was given on Mathew Nasekos' efforts to raise support for serving in Peru with Christian Missionary Society. Prayer was requested for his wife Sheila, their unborn baby and their financial resources as she faces a very dangerous health complication.

Presbytery approved a motion from TE Carl Kalberkamp to have the MTW committee meet with the Administration Committee to work out an arrangement to assist Kaz Yaegashi during this time of his cancer surgery in the amount of \$5,000.00. See **70.1020 (p. 8)**.

70.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer in preparation for morning worship.

70.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes before worship.

70.1014

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship. Retiring Moderator TE Jeff Elliott led in worship. He preached from Luke 17:1-10 after which presbytery celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

70.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later.

70.1016

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, TE John McKenzie read the report of the Thanks Committee, in which presbytery's appreciation for our hosts and hostesses was expressed as follows:

On behalf of presbytery, we want to express our deep gratitude to the people of Trinity Presbyterian Church for hosting us today. We acknowledge and are grateful for the decades of steady and faithful proclamation of the Gospel, and pray for continued years of service to others in the name of Jesus Christ.

We especially want to thank those who spent precious time and work providing us with lunch and break refreshments today. We pray that God would make our hearts more like yours that we might be more faithful servants of Christ's church.

70.1017

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

After presbytery was reconstituted with prayer, Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, p. 38**).

Administration

1. The chairman reported that the candidacy and internship of Mr. Brad Irick was transferred to Louisiana Presbytery (Stated Rules, VII,B,3,b,6). Presbytery approved the action of the committee acting as a commission as its own.
2. An oral report was received from Intern Tony Pyles.

3. The licensure of Mr. Ken Roberts was renewed for another four years.

Examinations

Upon recommendation of the committee, the following examination recommendations were approved:

1. That **Jason Dalton** be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Dalton, a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan B at Pear Orchard with TE Jeff Elliott as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions, and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.
2. That **Lee Hutchings** be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Hutchings, a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan B at Highlands Presbyterian Church with TE Bob Brunson as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon answering of the constitutional questions, and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.

The Credentials Committee Report being concluded, the following was introduced as it related to the work of the committee and was brought by a member of the committee.

TE Rob Hill moved that presbytery call TE Paul Nasekos to labor out of bounds as Jackson Area Coordinator Of Child Evangelism Fellowship pending approval of his examination per the requirements per BCO 13-6 and upon his transfer from Southwest Florida Presbytery. He noted that this failed to get the approval of the Credentials Committee and hence this unusual recommendation. TE Guy Waters reported on ongoing discussions which have been held between the committee and TE Nasekos. The motion to call him pending satisfactory examination was approved. On motion by TE Hill, Paul Nasekos was then examined for transfer.

TE Rob Hill moved that presbytery proceed to examine TE Nasekos, a former member of this presbytery. He was examined for transfer in all areas according to BCO 13-6. He expressed complete accord with the Westminster standards, holding to no exceptions. His examination was approved and he was admitted as a member of presbytery upon his signing the Book of Obligations pending receipt of his transfer from Southwest Florida Presbytery.

70.1018 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (continued)

Chairman TE George Felton continued the report from this morning. Presbytery approved the following recommendation:

That the 2010 budget of \$187,300 be approved(**Appendix E, p. 28**).

70.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America report (**Appendix H, p. 39**). He introduced Mrs. Karen Stewart, Director of Bethany Christian Services, who gave her annual report on the work of Bethany.

Further recommendations approved by presbytery include:

1. That a contribution in the amount of \$3,000.00 be sent to support former member TE Joe Holland and the Culpepper Church Plant in Virginia.
2. That presbytery support The Little Lighthouse, a local non-profit school that is Christian based and serves children with special needs.
3. That presbytery support the MNA Special Needs Denominational Ministry.
4. That any funds remaining in the New Church Work category at the end of any fiscal year should be rolled over to one of the two designated church planting funds.
5. TE Robert Schwanebeck, chairman of the Joint Committee on Campus Work directed presbytery's attention to the report on Reformed University Ministries (**Appendix D, p. 21**). Presbytery received the report as information and approved the following recommendations:
 1. That churches be encouraged to have campus ministers speak to their congregations so that people can see that God is using Reformed University Ministries to transform lives.
 2. That churches be reminded that a large portion of the funds for campus work comes from presbyteries and the remaining portion must come from the benevolent giving of local churches and gifts from individuals. The continuance of the ministry and any expansion is dependent upon gifts from churches and individuals.
 3. That churches be encouraged to pray regularly on behalf of the campus ministry, not only remembering the campus ministers, their families, and the students involved, but also the ministry's efforts to reach those who are lost. Particularly remember in prayer the strategic opportunity that the campus ministry has to reach those international students studying in the United States on our university campuses.

4. That praise and thanksgiving be offered to God for His blessings on the work of Reformed University Ministries in reaching students for Christ and equipping them to serve Him while on the campus and throughout their lives.

70.1020 MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE (continued)

Chairman TE Phillip Palmetree continued the MTW report with the following recommendation: "In response to presbytery's directive to consider a one time gift to help TE Kaz Yaegashi during his time of recovery and temporary loss of his tent-making opportunities, the MTW committee recommends a \$5,000.00 one time gift from its "Undesignated Missionary Support" line item and encourages local churches and individuals to give designated gifts to help offset this \$5000.00 gift." Presbytery approved.

70.1021 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherd and Advisory Report beginning with prayer.

Presbytery approved the annual reports from TEs Robert Hays, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Ron Smith, Guy Waters, and Jimmy Turner. Each of these teaching elders are laboring out of bounds (**Appendix B, p. 11**). The committee further noted that reports were not received from TEs Ed Hurley, Bassam Chedid, Jim Stewart, Wes Baker, William Bradford, James Carter, Gary Johnson, or Yakub Susabda.

Presbytery approved the clothing of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee with powers of a commission to secure ruling elders to serve on a borrowed session at the request of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church.

70.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Tim Muse reported for the Administration Committee - Records and Archives Sub-committee. The minutes of the Wynndale Church were approved with minor exception.

Chairman TE John Dawson of the Nominating Committee made the following recommendation which was approved: Mission to North America slots are to be replaced as follows: TE Al Ward to be replaced by TE Paul Long, RE Bill Adkins by RE Burt Marshall and TE Josh Kines is to become an alternate.

70.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Bob Brunson was elected the first nominee for moderator of the November Stated Meeting.

70.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The November 3, 2009 Stated Meeting will be held at Twin Lakes Conference Center at the invitation of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

70.1025


READING OF THE MINUTES


The recording clerk read the afternoon minutes which were approved as read.

70.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:40 P.M. with prayer by TE Joseph Wheat.

Respectfully submitted,


Roger Collins, Stated Clerk


Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 3, 2009**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Retreat Center**

71.1001 CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Retiring Moderator RE David Tigrett, Past Moderator TE Kenneth Elliott called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. He opened the meeting with prayer.

71.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb Mark Nixon
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	David Thomas
Carthage, Forest Grove		Mark Dye
Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Tom Sanford
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Noel Toler
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Jeremy Smith	Victor Clark
		Doyle Moorhead
	Derek Tomas	Bud Bratley

Church

Jackson, North Park

Jackson, Redeemer

Jackson, St. Paul

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna

Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point

Macon, Macon

Madden, Carolina

Madison, First

Madison, Madison Heights

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton

Pearl, Pearl

Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens

Pickens, Shiloh

Raymond, Raymond

Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba

Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale

Union, First

Vicksburg, Westminster

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Christopher Wright

Michael Campbell

Robert Hill

Paul Long, Jr.

Phillip Palmertree

Grant Carroll

Rick Holbert

John McKenzie

Bill Smith

Scott Phillips

Kevin Carroll

Hunter Brewer

Josh Kines

Bob Schwanebeck

George Felton

Merle Messer

Don Caviness

Os Barnes

Joseph Wheat

Bob Brunson

Carl Kalberkamp

Tim Dryden

Charles Douglas

Scott Reiber

Ruling Elder

William Cook

Paul Adams

Bob Osborne

A

Charles Dykes

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Roger Wiggins

Niles McNeel

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Richard Shimmel

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Fred Carlson

Bill Cooper

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Monty Simpkins

David Fowler

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Terry Warren

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Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Stan Bean, Bassam Chedid, Doug McCullough, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Bobby Penny, Guy Richardson, Dean Rydbeck, Chad Scott, Chad Smith, James Stewart, Guy Waters and Joey Wright.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Lincoln Speece and Lee Hutchings.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Mrs. Tammy Carroll, Arklie Hooten (MNA), Ross Lockwood, TE Larry Mills, Stewart Mills, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead, TE Curt Moore, and Rev. Steve Smith.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, and Jae Hyuk Yoo.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jeff Elliott, Robert Hays, Robert Lane, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Elbert McGowen, Ken Pierce, John Reeves, and Chris Shelt.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ligon Duncan, Rick Holbert, Ed Hurley, and Jimmy Turner.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **69.1002.a.** above.

71.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Bob Brunson was elected moderator by acclamation.

71.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

71.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **71.1002, c, d.** above.

71.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Zach Owens welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Retreat Center on behalf of the staff and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

71.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Dean Rydbeck, Paul Nasekos and RE Monty Simpkins.

71.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following matters:

Requests for excused absences were submitted (see **71.1002**, p. 3). Presbytery approved all requests.

The following communications were received:

- RE David Tigrett, our previous moderator reported on his new work with MTW in Riga, Latvia which he plans to begin on September 28th (**Appendix B, p. 14**).
- TE Jeff Elliot requested transfer to James River Presbytery. Pear Orchard sent their congregational minutes indicating their request to dissolve their relationship with TE Elliott (**Appendix C, pp. 15ff.**). The matter was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- TE Chad Scott reported to presbytery that he has opted out of the Social Security Program and hereby reports the matter to presbytery as required. A copy of that form is on file.
- TE Jim Stewart submitted his annual report (**Appendix D, pp. 18f.**). It is referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- TE Robert Hays submitted a request for honorable retirement (**Appendix ?, p. ?**). It is referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- TE Kaz Yaegashi submitted his third quarter report (**Appendix F, pp. 21**). It is presented for information.

The stated clerk introduced Lt. Bobby Brown of the Army National Guard who requested an opportunity to address Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

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The stated clerk read a letter from TE Troy Milliken concerning his recent commission as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve. It was received as information **(Appendix G, p. 24)**.

TE Sam Smith led the presbytery in prayer for our chaplains and their work.

Memorials received from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko for RE John Llewellyn Reeves and from the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington for RE John Kimbrough will be presented at our February 2, 2010 Stated Meeting.

BCO Amendments sent down from the 37th General Assembly were put before the presbytery for discussion and vote. Item 1 regarding the amendment of BCO 37-7 was approved. The vote was 54 For, 5 Against, 1 Abstain. Item 2 regarding the amendment of BCO 13-6 and the recording of exceptions by a transferring minister from another denomination was approved. The vote was 58 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain.

Rules of Assembly Operations Amendments were presented for information purposes.

The stated clerk noted the proposed changes in our Standing Rules which are presented for a second reading **(Appendix I, pp. 26f.)**. Those were referred to the Administration Committee for their report.

The stated clerk concluded his report with prayer.

71.1009 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer **(Appendix J, p. 29)**.

He introduced Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead who presented the financial report **(Appendix K, pp. 30ff.)**. It was received as information.

After discussing the work of the Administration Committee, the chairman presented the committee's recommendations.

- that the proposed amendment adopted at our August 4, 2009 Stated Meeting replacing in our Standing Rules of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley - Article IV. B. which reads "The records of each church session shall be presented for examination at the February meeting of presbytery" with the following: "The records of each church session shall be presented for examination at their assigned meeting of presbytery as specified in Appendix D." The current Appendix D: "Strategic Goals" to be reassigned as Appendix F **(Appendix I, pp. 26ff)**. The presbytery approved this as the second reading.

- the adoption of the amendment of our Standing Rules (Article IV, B.) to add the sentence "Sessional records shall be reviewed according to the procedures reflected in "Sessional Records Report Form" as found in Appendix E." **(pp. 26ff.)**. The presbytery approved this as the second reading.
- to adopt the proposed amendment to the Standing Rules, Appendix A. 5. "Mentors" from the Credentials Committee. It has been revised in form, but not in substance, by the Administration Committee with the Credentials Committee's concurrence **(pp. 26ff.)**. The presbytery approved this as the second reading.

Chairman TE Felton concluded the report with prayer.

71.1010 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA REPORT

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America Committee Report **(Appendix L, p. 44)** beginning with prayer.

Chairman TE Brewer reported to the presbytery on our church planting progress and then reminded the presbytery of important MNA Conferences including Embers to a Flame in Birmingham, AL, GCA Church Planting in Orlando, FL and Mercy Ministries in Chattanooga, TN.

The chairman introduced Arklie Hooten - MNA Short Term Missions and Disaster Response Coordinator, who then addressed the presbytery about his work.

71.1011 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer together led by RE Will Thompson and TE Carl Kalberkamp.

71.1012 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes before worship.

71.1013 WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship. At the request of Retiring Moderator RE David Tigrett, TE Richard Wiman led the presbytery in worship. He preached from Isaiah 63.15-19 a message entitled "The God Who Is."

71.1014 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The stated clerk recommended that we postpone the reading of the morning minutes until this afternoon.

71.1015 LUNCH AND THE REPORT OF THE THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour TE Dean Rydbeck read the report of the Thanks Committee.

“All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power.”
Psalm 145:10,11

As a body of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, the brothers of Mississippi Valley Presbytery first desire to give thanks to our God and King for His gracious work of salvation in Christ. We praise God for His mercy in calling us together today to carry on His Kingdom work.

Today, we desire to expressly give thanks:

- To all of the staff and leadership at Twin Lakes Conference Center for their loving hospitality and servant hearts. The breakfast and lunch were superb and satisfying;
- To the church family at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson for their annual invitation to Twin Lakes;
- To our moderator, TE Bob Brunson, for his glad and gentle spirit in swiftly guiding us through our spiritual business;
- To our stated clerk, TE Roger Collins, for his diligent labors of preparation for every presbytery meeting;
- And finally we give thanks to TE Richard Wiman for feeding our souls with the life-giving Word of God and challenging us to make passionate prayer a priority in the Gospel ministry.

RE Monty Simpkins then offered up a prayer of thanksgiving.

Thanks Committee /s/ TE Paul Nasekos, TE Dean Rydbeck, RE Monty Simpkins.

71.1016 CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by TE Paul Long, Jr.

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer **(Appendix N, pp. 46)**.

After discussing the work of the committee and reminding presbytery of **Internship Reports**

posted on the web, the chairman introduced candidate Kevin Corley. He gave an oral candidate and internship report to the presbytery.

Examinations

Upon recommendation of the committee, the following recommendations were approved by presbytery.

1. That **Wilson Shirley** be examined for transfer of candidacy from Gulf Coast Presbytery per BCO 18-7 Mr. Shirley is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church, is a middler at RTS and a candidate of Gulf Coast Presbytery. The chairman noted that Mr. Shirley has completed his internship in the Gulf Coast Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and upon satisfactorily answering the BCO 18-3 questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates.
2. That **Nathaniel Bonham** be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Bonham is a member of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church. He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan B at Madison Heights with TE Hunter Brewer as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions, and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.
3. That **Elliott Everitt** be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Everitt is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City with TE Sam Smith as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions, and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.
4. That **Adam Viramontes** be approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Veramontes is a candidate in this presbytery. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with TE Mike Campbell as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work already done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

Administrative Recommendations

1. The presbytery approved the recommendation that mentoring guidelines in our Standing Rules (Appendix A. 5.) as already approved be in effect only for those interns approved at this meeting or later.
2. The committee recommends the holding of a White Harvest Conference to encourage our young men to prayerfully consider the call to the ministry. TE Rob Hill explained the plans for the conference and handed out brochures. Presbytery approved.

TE Guy Waters concluded the report with prayer.

71.1017 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE John Dawson opened the Nominations Committee Report with prayer (**Appendix P, p. 48**).

After discussing the work of the committee, Chairman TE Dawson presented the committee's nominees for presbytery committees.

Nominees for presbytery committees were approved as follows:

Administration:

Class of 2010: RE Mabry Linn replacing RE David Tigrett

Class of 2011: TE Rick Holbert replacing TE Tim Muse

Class of 2012: TE Robert Penny, RE Bob Dieckman, RE Wayne Morrison, TE Bob Brunson

Alternates: TE Scott Phillips, TE Ken Elliott

Christian Education:

Class of 2012: TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Gabe Green, TE Os Barnes

Alternates: RE Jay Holliday, TE Tim Dryden

Credentials:

Class of 2012: TE David Gilbert, RE Vernon Cotton, TE Jeremy Smith, RE Corley Moses

Alternates: TE John Dawson

Mission to the World:

Class of 2012: TE Phillip Palmertree, RE Cecil Ferguson, TE Joey Wright

Alternates: RE Greg LaVert, TE Grant Carroll

Mission to North America:

Class of 2012: TE Charlie Douglas, RE Jack Laws, TE Hunter Brewer, RE Hugh Potts

Alternates: TE Chris Wright, RE Lou LaVallee

Shepherding and Advisory:

Class of 2012: RE David Foster, TE Dean Rydbeck, RE Phil McDade, TE Bob Schwanebeck

Alternates: TE Elbert McGowan, RE Jackie Thompson

Permanent Committees of GA Nominations:

Administration: RE Bob Bailey

Christian Education: TE Kevin Carroll, RE Bebo Elkin

Committee on Constitutional Business: TE Roger Collins

Interchurch Relations: TE Kenneth Pierce

Mission to North America:

Mission to the World: TE Richard Wiman, RE Phil McDade

Reformed University Ministries: TE Billy Joseph

Standing Judicial Commission: TE Tim Muse

Theological Examination Committee: RE Charlie Dykes

Covenant College: TE Chris Wright

Covenant Seminary: TE John Dawson

PCA Foundation:

PCA Retirement & Benefits: RE Robert Mims

Ridge Haven:

Presbytery approved the recommendations:

1. That the stated clerk be authorized to compile a complete list of active ruling elders of each church in the presbytery.
2. That each church send a complete list of their ruling elders to the stated clerk annually.

TE Dawson closed the report with prayer.

71.1018

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Os Barnes presented the Christian Education Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix Q, pp. 51f.**).

After discussing the work of the committee, Chairman TE Barnes reported the following committee actions:

- to set aside \$750 of the committee's budget to fund the White Harvest Conference organized jointly with the Credentials Committee to identify and guide young men who have an interest in becoming candidates for ministry. The funds are being drawn as follows: \$500 from line item for Education Conference, \$200 from Ministry Networking, and \$50 from Committee Expenses.
- to disburse the \$2800 allocated for PresWic in the 2009 budget to them.
- to send \$5000 to Twin Lakes Scholarship Fund from the Youth Education and Conference line items as specified in the 2009 budget.
- that TE Os Barnes was elected chairman for the coming year.

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- that TE Os Barnes was elected PresWIC liaison for 2010.

TE Barnes introduced PresWIC President Velmarie Burton to the presbytery. She reported on the work of our MS Valley PresWIC organization.

Mrs. Burton presented a letter requesting \$2,152 for the "2010 Women in Church Leadership Training Conference" (**Appendix Q, p. 53**). Motion was made to provide the PresWIC leadership their request in order that the six members of our PresWIC Leadership Council may attend the Leadership Conference in Atlanta on February 25-27, 2010. The motion was approved pending the approval of the Administration Committee per our Standing Rules (Article VIII, C. 2.).

Newly elected Chairman TE Os Barnes concluded the Christian Education Report with prayer.

71.1019 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Report beginning with prayer.

The chairman informed the presbytery of the committee's work with the REs at Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Edwards. He asked for prayer that this church might be provided new Ruling Elders to serve that congregation.

The chairman presented the committees recommendations:

- that the annual report of TE James Stewart be received,
- that the request for the dissolution of the relationship between Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and TE Jeff Elliot be granted,
- that the request for transfer to James River Presbytery by TE Elliott be approved recognizing the very significant contribution that Jeff brought to this presbytery,
- to approve that the status of honorable retirement be granted to TE Robert Hays and that he be honored at our February 2, 2010 Stated Meeting.

Presbytery concurred.

TE Carl Kalberkamp led the presbytery in prayer for Jeff and Margaret Elliott.

TE Schwanebeck concluded his report with prayer.

71.1020

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree presented the Mission to the World Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix R, p. 54**).

Chairman TE Palmertree reminded presbytery of funds available for vision trips (up to \$1000.00 for a first-time field visit for ruling or teaching elders).

The committee reported that Rachel Reese of Pear Orchard Presbyterian will be supported at \$150.00 per month so that she may serve in Peru with Christian Missionary Society as a music development assistant.

The committee approved \$150 a month for Stephen Shelt of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to go to Uganda with MTW.

Chairman TE Palmertree encouraged the presbytery to pray for our MVP supported missionaries including: Mike Boyett in Uganda, David Tigrett in Latvia, Matthew Nasekos serving CMS in Peru, Stuart Mills in Peru and Kaz Yaegashi in Japan.

Reported that we should also pray for MVP members who serve as missionaries including Wes Baker with CMS Peru, Bill Bradford with CMS Peru, Ed Hartman with MTW Romania, Dale Hollenbeck with MTW Uganda, Gary Johnson with MTW Sweden, Clay Quarterman with MTW Ukraine, Ron Smith with MTW Grand Caymen, Yakub Susabda with Reformed Evangelical Seminary in Indonesia, and Jae Hyuk Yoo as a church planter in South Korea.

The chairman introduced Brent Kooi who desires to serve with MTW Japan and Stuart Mills who will be serving with CMS in Peru.

The committee also desires to encourage mutual participation in local church mission trips.

The chairman reported that TE Clay Quarterman would like to work with churches wishing to send mission teams to the Ukraine.

Chairman TE Palmertree closed the MTW report with prayer.

71.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The stated clerk, on behalf of Records and Archives of the Administration Committee, recommended that minutes examined for St. Paul Presbyterian Church be approved without exception and Forest Presbyterian Church with exception. Presbytery concurred.

71.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Sam Robison of Raymond Presbyterian Church was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

71.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported that Raymond Presbyterian Church had extended an invitation for our February 2, 2010 Stated Meeting. Presbytery approved.

71.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

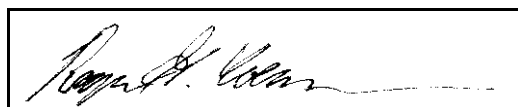
The stated clerk read the afternoon minutes. They were approved as corrected.

71.1025

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:15 P.M. with prayer by TE Bob Brunson.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger G. Collins".

Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 2, 2010**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond, Mississippi**

71.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator TE Bob Brunson called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. He opened the meeting with prayer.

71.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Brandon, Lakeland		Buddy Mardis
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Excused
Edwards, Edwards		Russell Cannada
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Derek Thomas Brister Ware Ligon Duncan Jeremy Smith Nate Shurden Billy Joseph	Noel Toler Bud Bratley Barry Vickery Tom Rice Steve Edwards

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, Redeemer
 Jackson, St. Paul

Christopher Wright
 Michael Campbell
 Rob Hill

Bob Osborne

 Charles Dykes
 Jimmy Mardis

Jackson, Trinity

Ken Pierce
 Paul Long, Jr.

Phil McDade
 Martin McGee

Kosciusko, First

Phillip Palmertree
 Grant Carroll

A

Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale

A
 A

Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First

Rick Holbert
 John McKenzie

A
 A

Louisville, Covenant

Louisville, First

Scott Phillips

John Fair

Macon, Center Point

A

Macon, Macon

Kevin Carroll

A

Madden, Carolina

Richard Metz
 Jimmy Davidson

Madison, First

Bob Lane

Joe Davis

Madison, Madison Heights

Hunter Brewer

David Byrd

Josh Kines

Meridian, Northpointe

Bob Schwanebeck

A

Newton, Newton

George Felton

Fred Carlson

Pearl, Pearl

Merle Messer

A

Philadelphia, First

Don Caviness

A

Pickens, Pickens

A

Pickens, Shiloh

Ken Elliott

A

Raymond, Raymond

Os Barnes

A

Ridgeland, Highlands

Joseph Wheat

David Fowler

Bob Brunson

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Carl Kalberkamp

Eddie Moran

Tim Dryden

Ken Haynes

Scooba, Scooba

A

Tchula, Tchula

Andrew Barnes

A

Terry, Wynndale

Charles Douglas

A

Union, First

Chris Shelton

A

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

James W. Harrison

Yazoo City, First

Sam Smith

A

Yazoo City, Second

David Gilbert

Will Thompson
 Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Elbert McGowan, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Dean Rydbeck, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Joey Wright, Chris Shelt, Bassam Chedid, Troy Milliken, Stan Bean and James Stewart.
- c. Non-voting officers of presbytery present:** RE Doyle Moorhead.
- d. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present for all or part of the day:** Lincoln Speece, Ken Roberts and Joshua Rieger.
- e. The following visitors were registered:** Nick Bullock, Larry Mills, Ryan Dean and Emilio Garafalo.
- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Clay Quarterman, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi and Jae Hyuk Yoo.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Grant Carroll (A.M.), Steve Jussely, Bill Wymond, John Dukes, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Fred Marsh and Mark Lowery.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough and Jack Scott.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Bill Smith, Jimmy Turner and Ed Hurley.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **71.1002.a.** above.

71.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Phil McDade was elected moderator by acclamation.

71.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was amended to recess at 10:35 so we can start morning worship at 10:45. A presentation of an Embers to a Flame video was rescheduled for Old and New Business (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

71.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **71.1002, e.** above.

71.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Pastor TE Os Barnes welcomed presbytery to the Raymond Presbyterian Church.

71.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TEs Rick Holbert, Bassam Chedid and RE Bob Osborne.

71.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following:

Requests for excused absences were submitted by TEs Steve Jussely, Bill Wymond, John Dukes, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Fred Marsh and Mark Lowery. Presbytery approved all requests.

The following communications were received:

- A year end report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information and referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee (**Appendix B, p. 12**).
- A request from TE Kevin Carroll that presbytery dissolve his pastoral relationship with the Macon Church and approve his transfer to Rocky Mountain Presbytery pending reception was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for their recommendation. Minutes from the Macon Presbyterian Church congregational meeting requesting dissolution were received (**Appendix C, p. 18**).
- A request from TE William Bradford to be allowed to leave his work in Peru with Christian Missionary Society and approve his transfer to Covenant Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for their recommendation (**Appendix C, p. 19**).
- A request from TE Andrew Barnes that presbytery dissolve his pastoral relationship with the Tchula Presbyterian Church and approve his being on the roll without call was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for their recommendation. Minutes of the congregational meeting requesting dissolution were received from the Tchula Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 20**).

- A request from TE Nate Shurden that presbytery dissolve his pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and approve his transfer to Nashville Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for their recommendation. Minutes indicating concurrence were received from the session of First Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 21**).
- A request from RE Jim Hutton of the Tchula Church for advice and appropriate action concerning being without a session if TE Barnes's request is approved was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for their recommendation (**Appendix D, p. 22**).
- Call from the Edwards Presbyterian Church for TE Dean Rydbeck (**Appendix E, pp. 23f.**).
- Memorial resolutions honoring the service of RE John Llewellyn Reeves, RE Claude Woodward, RE Chess Bond Wymond, Frank Snyder York, Jr. were approved for inclusion in our minutes and will be read during our morning worship service (**Appendix F, pp. 25**).

TE Doug Hudson of Southeast Alabama Presbytery addressed presbytery concerning his desire that The Mississippi Valley Presbytery join in his work with Ministry to the Military.

Rev. Stephen Atkinson addressed presbytery as a representative of Christian Witness to Israel.

Mr. Matthew Bryant addressed presbytery about the work of Covenant College.

71.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, pp. 30**). Treasurer Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 31ff.**) and addressed presbytery concerning budget and income/expense issues. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the financial statements of the treasurer be received as information (**p. 31**),
2. That the 2010 guidelines for Ministerial Compensation be adopted (**p. 36**),
3. That the 2010 budget remain as originally adopted.

The partial report of the Sub-committee on Review of the Session Records was postponed until later in the day.

71.1010

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix H, p. 39**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That openings in presbytery committees be filled as follows:

Administration, Class of 2010	TE Scott Phillips
Administration, Alternate	RE Bob Bailey
Credentials, Alternate	RE Rod Russ
Mission to North America, Class of 2012	RE Richard Ridgeway
Nominations, Class of 2011	TE Ligon Duncan
Shepherding and Advisory, Class of 2011	TE Sam Smith

2. That the following positions on GA Committees of Commissioners be approved as follows:

Administration	RE Wayne Morrison
Christian Education	RE
Covenant Seminary	RE
Interchurch Relations	RE
Mission to North America	RE
PCA Foundation	RE
Covenant College	TE Chris Wright
PCA Retirement and Benefits	TE
Mission to the World	TE Richard Wiman
Ridge Haven	TE Hunter Brewer
Reformed University Ministries	TE Jeremy Smith
Overtures	TE Ken Pierce

3. Floor Clerk, 2010 GA
TE David Gilbert
TE Chris Wright (Alternate)

4. Communion Elder
RE

5. Review of Presbytery Records
TE Andrew Barnes (Alternate)

The presbytery clothed the committee and stated clerk with powers of a commission to fill unfilled slots to General Assembly openings, or when those elected are not able to go.

71.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Due to limited time, Moderator RE Phil McDade asked three members of presbytery to pray for areas discussed thus far in the meeting.

71.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes before worship.

71.1013

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship. TE Brister Ware read memorials honoring Ruling Elders John Llewellyn Reeves, Claude Woodward, Chess Bond Wymond and Frank Snyder York Jr. Retiring Moderator TE Bob Brunson preached from II Corinthians 4:16-18, after which presbytery celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

71.1014

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until later.

71.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, Chairman TE Rick Holbert read the report of the Thanks Committee, in which presbytery's appreciation for our hosts and hostesses was expressed as follows:

On behalf of the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Raymond Presbyterian Church who labored so caringly to provide such a delicious meal for us.

We also wish to thank the session of the church for hosting our gathering.

And, of course, we thank our Lord for calling us into his body and giving us the joy of such fellowship.

TE Rick Holbert - Chairman, TE Bassam Chedid and RE Bob Osborne

71.1016

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

After presbytery was reconstituted with prayer, Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, p. 40**).

Administration

1. The chairman reported that written reports had been received from several of our interns. All reports were posted on the presbytery website for those reports (www.msvalley.org). These were received as information.

2. Oral reports were given by Peter Anderson, Ken Roberts, Lincoln Speece, Joe Steele, Josh Reiger and Dan Chase.

3. Presbytery approved the call of Edwards Presbyterian Church to TE Dean Rydbeck (**Appendix E, p. 23**). TE Rydbeck is a member of presbytery and needed no new examination to accept the call. His installation was approved for February 28, 2010 at 6:00 PM at the Edwards Presbyterian Church. The following were approved as his installation commission: TEs Roger Collins - convener, Paul Long, Guest Bill Whitwer, REs Russell Cannada, Lewis Montgomery Ronnie Noble and Robert Dieckman.

Examinations

On the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, presbytery approved the following examination recommendations:

1. That Trey Adams be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Adams, a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and, upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan D at Redeemer with RE Raymond Hawk as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions, charging and prayer by TE Dean Rydbeck and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.
2. That Jason Grabulis be examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Grabulis, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in experiential religion and his motives for seeking the Gospel ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and, upon satisfactorily answering the BCO questions, charging by the moderator and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates. His internship was approved under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church with TE Billy Joseph as his mentor. Presbytery allowed work done already to be applied against his requirements not to exceed 50%. Upon his answering of the constitutional questions, charging and prayer by TE Dean Rydbeck, and reading from the BCO, he was added to the roll of interns.

71.1017

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Robert Schwanabeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the pastoral relationship between TE Bill Bradford and MVP be dissolved, and that TE Bradford be transferred to Covenant Presbytery upon reception (**Appendix C, p. 19**).

2. That the pastoral relationship between TE Kevin Carroll and Macon Presbyterian Church be dissolved as requested, and that TE Carroll be transferred to Rocky Mountain Presbytery upon reception **(Appendix C, p. 18)**.
3. That the pastoral relationship between TE Nate Shurden and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, be dissolved effective February 28, 2010 as requested, and that TE Shurden be transferred to Nashville Presbytery pending reception **(Appendix C, p. 21)**.
4. That the pastoral relationship between TE Andrew Barnes and Tchula Presbyterian Church be dissolved as requested, and that TE Barnes remain on the roll of presbytery without call **(Appendix C, p. 20)**.
5. That in response to the information from the Tchula Presbyterian Church regarding a lack of ruling elders and a request for assistance, that one RE from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, and one from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and RE Sam Smith from Shepherding and Advisory Committee be constituted as a borrowed session for the Tchula Church **(Appendix C, p. 22)**.
6. That the request of TE Ed Hurley to remain on the roll of presbytery without call for another year be approved, and that he be instructed to meet with the committee during the next year to discuss his situation.
7. That a resolution signed by the stated clerk and the chairman of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee be presented to TE Robert Hays upon his Honorable Retirement at the last meeting of presbytery on November 3, 2009, and that the resolution be recorded in these minutes **(Appendix J, p. 41)**.

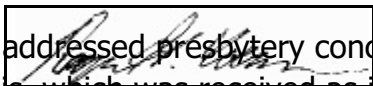
71.1018

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America report beginning with prayer. He distributed a brochure about church planting within Mississippi Valley Presbytery. It was received as information **(Appendix K, p.42)**.

71.1019

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Joseph Wheat  addressed presbytery concerning an upcoming Embers to a Flame conference to be held in Memphis, which was received as information.

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins moved that the Administration Committee look into the best way to facilitate ministry to the military as presented by TE Doug Hudson. Presbytery approved.

71.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M. after a season of prayer by those present.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger G. Collins".

Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert E. Hayes".

Robert E. Hayes, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 4, 2010**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS**

72.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator RE Phil McDade called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. Prayer was offered by RE McDade. Due to the delayed arrival of the stated clerk, presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

72.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The Stated Clerk arrived and declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelly John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Richard Johnson
	Ligon Duncan	Doyle Moorhead

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, North Park
 Jackson, Redeemer
 Jackson, St. Paul

Jeremy Smith
 Billy Joseph
 Christopher Wright

Bud Bratley

Jackson, Trinity

Rob Hill

Charles Dykes
 Jimmy Mardis
 Phil McDade

Kosciusko, First

Ken Pierce
 Paul Long, Jr.
 Phillip Palmertree
 Grant Carroll

A
 Eddie Thomas

Kosciusko, Smyrna
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale

A
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Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First

Rick Holbert
 John McKenzie

Watson Marsalis
 Gene Austin

Louisville, Covenant
 Louisville, First

Scott Phillips

Ben Kirk

Macon, Center Point
 Macon, Macon

Kevin Carroll

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Madden, Carolina

Jimmy Davidson
 Larry McMillan
 Richard Holmes
 Dennis Watts

Madison, First
 Madison, Madison Heights

Hunter Brewer
 Josh Kines
 Bob Schwanebeck

Gary Morrow
 Excused

Meridian, Northpointe
 Newton, Newton

Merle Messer

A

Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First

Os Barnes

Otha Jackson

Pickens, Pickens

Bob Brunson

A

Pickens, Shiloh

A

Raymond, Raymond

Carl Kalberkamp

A

Ridgeland, Highlands

Tim Dryden

Ron Veazy
 Will Watson
 Ken Haynes

Scooba, Scooba

A

Tchula, Tchula

Jim Hutton

Terry, Wynndale

Charles Douglas

A

Union, First

Chris Shelton

A

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

James Harrison

Yazoo City, First

Sam Smith

A

Yazoo City, Second

David Gilbert

Will Thompson
 Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Elbert McGowan, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Joey Wright, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, James Stewart, Bassam Chedid, Ken Elliott, Fred Marsh, Bill Hughes and Andrew Barnes.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** Daniel Young, Emilio Garofalo, Larry Mills, Paul Adams, Tim Burden, Perry McCall, and Phillip Holmes.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, William Bradford, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, and Clay Quarterman.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bill Smith, Don Malin, Mark Lowery, George Felton, Bob Lane, Ed Hurley, and Guy Waters (at 2:00 PM).
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough, and Jack Scott.
- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Campbell, Don Caviness, Joseph Wheat, and Troy Milliken.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **72.1002.a.** above.

72.1003 **ELECTION OF A MODERATOR**

TE Scott Phillips was elected moderator by acclamation.

72.1004 **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The proposed docket for the meeting was accepted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

72.1005 **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

See **72.1002, c.** above.

72.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Sam Smith, pastor of the church, welcomed members to the facility.

72.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Scott Phillips appointed two standing committees. The Thanks Committee is composed of TE Charlie Rodriguez - convener, TE Joey Wright, and RE John Burris. The Overtures Committee is composed of TE John Reeves, TE Jeremy Smith, RE Will Thompson and Past Moderator RE Phil McDade who will chair the committee per our Standing Rules. The standing rule designating this to be a three member committee was suspended by the appropriate 2/3 vote.

72.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following matters:

Requests for excused absences were received from TEs Bill Smith, Don Malin, Mark Lowery, George Felton, Bob Lane, Gary Johnson, Ed Hurley, Guy Waters (2:00 p.m.) and the RE representative from Newton Presbyterian Church. Presbytery approved all requests.

The following commission reports were received:

- The installation of TE Dean Rydbeck as pastor of Edwards Presbyterian Church (**Appendix B, p. 12**).
- Presbytery officers' approval of the minutes from the February 2, 2010 Stated Meeting.
- A slate of men for various GA Committee of Commissioners was submitted by the Nominations Committee acting as a commission (**Appendix C, p. 13**).

The first two commission reports were adopted as the actions of presbytery. The third was referred to the Nominations Committee for report (**p. 6**).

The following communications were received:

- Carolina Presbyterian Church asked presbytery to allow Rev. Perry McCall to serve as stated supply for one year pending his call to the church as its regular pastor (**Appendix C, p. 13**). This was referred to the Credentials Committee.
- Trinity Presbyterian Church and Madison Heights Presbyterian Church presented an overture requesting a change in presbytery's meeting schedule by revising our Standing Rules, Section

II. A. **(Appendix E, p. 15)**. This was referred to the Overtures Committee.

- PresWIC leaders Kerri Wright and Elizabeth Steele thanked presbytery by letter for the financial support to attend the PresWIC Conference in Atlanta **(Appendix F, p. 16)**.
- RUM sent in their annual audit which is on file with the stated clerk **(Appendix G, p. 18)**.
- It was learned that the Goodman Presbyterian Church has been closed for some time. Efforts to secure precise information were not successful. Presbytery acted to remove the Goodman Church from our rolls.

Guest Mr. Ed Perrett from Guide One Insurance was given five minutes to address presbytery.

A memorial recognizing the life and service of TE Billy Thompson Davies, an honorably retired member who died on September 23, 2009, was approved as written and will be read publically during our time of worship. Presbytery ordered that it be spread on the minutes **(Appendix H, p. 19)**.

The stated clerk recommended that the Credentials Committee Report docketed for 1:00 p.m. be delayed until 1:15 p.m. as a special order so that the Overtures Committee might report to presbytery at 1 p.m. This was approved without objection. He further recommended that the season of prayer originally docketed for 10:20 a.m. be removed due to the considerable time spent in corporate prayer at the beginning of the meeting and the press of the rest of the docket. Presbytery concurred without objection.

The clerk reintroduced a change to our Standing Rules from our May 5, 2009 Stated Meeting - "With regard to our Standing Rules, Appendix D, Strategic Goals, Church Growth and Vitality, it is moved that the committee responsible to "4. Promote and develop at least twenty sister-church relationships between PCA congregations and overseas congregations within the next ten years (by 2012)." be changed from 'MNA' to 'MTW'". This was presented as a second reading. It passed without objection and hence by the requisite two-thirds vote.

72.1009

ADMINISTRATION

In the absence of TE George Felton, RE Wayne Morrison presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer **(Appendix I, pp. 20)**. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the financial statements as presented by Treasurer Doyle Moorhead be received as information **(pp. 21ff.)**.
2. That presbytery appoint a special committee, of not less than six (6) members, charged with two purposes:

- a. to initiate, in cooperation with other presbyteries, a mission to military families in foreign countries by establishing churches near military bases; and
- b. to assist the Administration Committee in guiding the presbytery to establish a new permanent committee entitled "Mission to Military Families in Foreign Countries and Ministry to the Chaplains of Presbytery", and
- c. that presbytery appoint the following men as members of this special committee: RE Wayne Morrison - convener (Member of Stewardship & Finance Sub-Committee); TE Rick Holbert (Chairman of Standing Rules Sub-Committee); TE Tim Muse (former Chairman of MNA); TE Sam Smith (Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City and Chaplain); TE Ken Elliott (Chaplain); TE Doug McCullough (Chaplain, Honorably Retired). Roger Collins (Stated Clerk) and Doyle Moorhead (Treasurer) are to be ex officio members of this "Special Committee."

The chairman of the Administration Committee, the stated clerk, and the present moderator were instructed by presbytery to appoint additional Ruling Elders to insure parity between REs and TEs.

A report on the examination of sessional records is to be presented later. The Administration Committee Report will be concluded at that time.

72.1010

NOMINATIONS

TE Billy Joseph presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix C, p. 13**).

In addition to the men elected to Committee of Commissioner committees at the last meeting, the following men were appointed by the Nominations Committee acting as a commission: Covenant Seminary - RE Paul Adams, Retirement and Benefits - TE Andrew Barnes, MNA - RE Orrin Swayze, Overtures - RE Sam Hensley, PCA Foundation - RE Bill May. Presbytery adopted the commission's action as its own.

Three slots remain vacant - Christian Education, Interchurch Relations and Ruling Elder for Communion. The committee was again clothed with the powers of a commission to fill these slots.

72.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, p. 25**).

He gave an update on the future of a Rankin County church plant.

TE David Gilbert and TE Sam Smith addressed presbytery on what is happening by way of mercy ministry in the Yazoo City area after the tornado that did so much damage.

TE Bob Schwanabeck, chairman of the Joint Committee on Campus Work, proposed a resolution in

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support of the committee's work to be adopted and sent to Covenant Presbytery when the committee thinks it is appropriate (**Appendix K, pp. 26f.**).

72.1012

RECESS

Due to the order of the day, presbytery broke for a recess before worship at 10:55 a.m.

72.1013

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship. TE Carl Kalberkamp read a memorial recognizing the life and ministry of TE Billy Thompson Davies (**Appendix H, p. 19**). In the place of RE Phil McDade, his pastor TE Ken Pierce led in worship. He preached from Acts 15:1-21,31.

72.1014

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were approved as read.

72.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS

During the lunch hour, TE Charlie Rodriguez, convener of the Thanks Committee, presented presbytery's thanks to the ladies who served us.

72.1016

OVERTURES

Past Moderator RE Phil McDade presented the report of the Overtures Committee beginning with prayer. In response to the overture from Trinity Presbyterian Church and Madison Heights Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 15**), the committee recommended that it be changed from 'revise' to 'suspend' the Standing Rules in order to change the dates of the February 2011 and 2012 meetings so they will be held on the first Saturday rather than on the first Tuesday. Presbytery approved the amendment. The motion to approve the amended overture failed 30 to 25.

72.1017

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, p. 28**).

Action as a Commission

TE Guy Waters reported that the committee had granted permission for Rev. Perry McCall (Southern

Baptist) to preach regularly at Carolina Presbyterian Church, effective March 9, 2010, prior to presbytery's approval of his licensure examination [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)]. Presbytery approved the commission's action as its own.

Candidate and Internship Oral Reports

There were no oral internship reports received. Written Internship Reports are posted on presbytery's web site at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations

Presbytery conducted the following examinations:

1. Mr. Geoffrey Gleason was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Gleason, a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and he was enrolled on the list of candidates, upon his answering the constitutional questions and charging by the moderator. Presbytery also approved his entering into his internship program under Plan E at Trinity, Jackson with TE Paul Long, Jr. as mentor and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. This was approved without exception.
2. TE Tim Burden was examined for transfer from Eastern Carolina Presbytery, per BCO 13-6. The recommendation to approve his examinations failed. There was no further action on related committee recommendations.

Presbytery voted to go into executive session to discuss the previous vote (minutes on file with the stated clerk, presbytery took no actions). Upon rising from executive session, presbytery was led in prayer for TE Burden by TE Carl Kalberkamp and TE Ligon Duncan.

3. Rev. Perry McCall was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. Rev. McCall is a minister in good standing in the Southern Baptist Convention. The committee examined him in all areas of trial as required by the BCO. Mr. McCall declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached before the presbytery and his sermon was approved. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and he was licensed upon his answering the constitutional questions mandated by the BCO and by prayer.

Administrative Recommendations

1. The request of the session of Carolina Presbyterian Church for Rev. Perry McCall to serve as stated supply for a period of one year was approved (**Appendix D, p. 14**).
2. That TE Knox Chamblin's licensure be renewed, per BCO 14-6.

3. That Lincoln Speece's internship be approved as completed.

72.1018 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer continued his committee's report, turning the floor over to TE Schwanabeck. TE Schwanabeck continued his presentation from the morning session, dealing with the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work and Covenant Presbytery. The resolution passed unanimously as presented (**Appendix K, p. 26**).

TE Bassam Chedid reported on his work with Children of Abraham ministries.

72.1019 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Bob Schwanabeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Report beginning with prayer. He discussed the current work of the committee. There were no recommendations for action.

72.1020 MISSION TO THE WORLD


TE Phillip Palmertree gave the Mission to the World Report beginning with prayer. The following were received as information:

- That funds are available for vision trips (up to \$1000.00 for a first-time field visit for ruling or teaching elders).
 - That support is ending for the following missionaries:
 - Matthew Nasekos (CMS, Peru): effective April 30, as he has been named Executive Director of Palmer Home for Children.
 - David Tigrett (MTW Latvia), effective May 31, as he is returning home from the field.
3. That the committee has approved \$200.00 a month for Brent Kooi (member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson), who has just left for the field with MTW in Chiba, Japan.
4. That the MTW Committee is in support of plans to move forward with support of a church plant near a major U.S. military base overseas.
5. That prayer is encouraged for MVP supported missionaries:

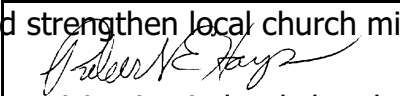
Mike Boyett (Uganda) mike.susan.boyett@gmail.com support ends: Jun 2011 (\$200.00/mo)
Matthew Nasekos (Peru) www.perumission.org support ended: Mar 2010 (\$200.00/mo)

David Tigrett (Latvia) dtigrett@gmail.com support ends Jun 2010* (\$150.00/mo)
Stuart Mills (Peru)* www.perumission.org support ends: Mar 2011 (\$150.00/mo)
Rachel Reese (Peru)* www.perumission.org support ends: Oct 2011 (\$150.00/mo)
Stephen Shelt (Uganda) support ends: Mar 2012 (\$150.00/mo)
Brent Kooi (Japan) <http://brentkooi.blogspot.com> support ends: Mar 2015 (\$200.00/mo)
Kaz Yaegashi (OPC Japan) uhk54026@nifty.com (\$1900.00/mo line item)

6. That prayer be encouraged for MVP member missionaries (teaching elders):

Wes Baker, CMS Peru
David Bergmark, Evangelist, Evangelical Reformed Church in Sweden
Ed Hartman, MTW Romania
Dale Hollenbeck, MTW Uganda
Gary Johnson, MTW Sweden
Clay Quarterman, MTW Ukraine
Ron Smith, MTW Grand Cayman
Yakub Susabda, Reformed Evangelical Seminary, Indonesia
Kaz Yaegashi, OPC Japan
Jae Hyuk  church planter, S. Korea

7. That local churches be encouraged to use MTW Church Resourcing Representative Services to enhance and strengthen local church mission programs.



8. That mutual participation in local church mission trips by encouraged.

72.1021 ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE John McKenzie presented the report of the Sessional Records Sub-committee of Administration. The committee recommended that Covenant, Grace, Lakeland, and Lebanon be approved with exceptions of form. Presbytery concurred.

72.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

72.1023 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bob Bailey was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

72.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery accepted an invitation from Reformed Theological Seminary to meet on their campus for the August 3, 2010 Stated Meeting.

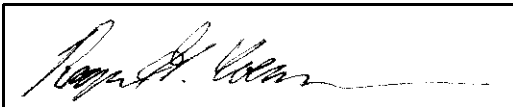
72.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk, stated clerk, and moderator were constituted a commission to approve the minutes.

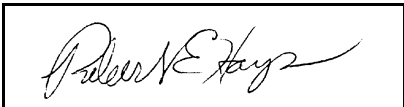
72.1026 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 3, 2010**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS**

73.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Scott Phillips called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. Prayer was offered by TE Phillips.

73.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
	John Dawson	
Brandon, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Harry Miller
	John Duke	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelly
		Louis Lavalley
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Richard Johnson
	Ligon Duncan	Steve Edwards
	Jeremy Smith	Barry Vickery

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
		Tom Rice
		Bud Bratley
		Noel Toler
		William Cook
Jackson, North Park		Mabry Linn
		Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer		A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity		John Williams
		Martin McGee
		A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Grant Carroll	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	John Fair
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Josh Kines	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Bob Brunson	Scott Jones
		Monty Simpkins
	Joseph Wheat	Kevin Russell
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
		John Moran
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Jim Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson
		Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Robert Hays, Bobby Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Joey Wright, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, James Stewart, Fred Marsh, Andrew Barnes, Grant Carroll, Don Malin and Paul Nasekos.
- c. Non-voting officers of presbytery present:** RE Doyle Moorhead.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Joe Steele, Jason Dalton, Perry McCall, Geoff Gleason, Eric Mabbott, Ryan Biese, Bill Cooper, David Seitzinger, Scott McDowell, Stuart Fowler, Joshua Reiger, Matt Stevens, Ryan Dean, Trey Adams, Paul Andrew Sechler, David Irwin, Lee Hutrchings, Bill Schweitzer, Steve Wallace and Larry Mills. Visiting teaching elders Wallace and Mills, both elders of Grace Presbytery, were seated as visiting brothers.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Ron Smith, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chris Wright, Elbert McGowan, Ken Pierce, Paul Long Jr., Clay Quarterman, Sam Smith, Bill Smith, Mike Campbell, Brister Ware, Tim Dryden and Hunter Brewer.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Bob Duhs, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Don Caviness, Charlie Rodriguez, Richard Wiman, Derek Thomas, Os Barnes, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hurley, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Troy Milliken.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **73.1002.a.** above.

73.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Wayne Morrison was elected moderator by acclamation.

73.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 10**).

73.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **73.1002, c.** above.

73.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Guy Richardson, President of Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, welcomed presbytery to the RTS campus.

73.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TEs Andrew Barnes, Chad Scott and RE Jim Hutton.

73.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following:

Requests for excused absences had been submitted by TEs Chris Wright, Sam Smith, Ken Pierce, Mike Campbell, Clay Quarterman, Paul Long Jr., Elbert McGowan, Brister Ware and Tim Dryden. These were approved.

The commission comprised of presbytery officers approved the Minutes for the May 4, 2010 Stated Meeting. Presbytery adopted their action as its own.

The following communications were received:

- Carolina Presbyterian Church reported its response to the exception of substance adopted by presbytery regarding the actions reflected in their session minutes (**Appendix B, p. 11**). It was referred to the Administration Committee for later report.
- A request from TE Bill Smith for the dissolution of his call (**Appendix C, p. 12**) and a copy of the congregational minutes of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Louisville dated June 6, 2010 seeking the dissolution of their pastoral relationship and the dissolution of the church (**Appendix D, p. 13**) were referred to the Advisory Committee for later report
- The call to Ricky Glenn from Macon Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 15**) was received and referred to Credentials Committee for later action.
- A memorial for RE Ed Nalley was approved by presbytery to be included in our minutes and presented during the 11:00 A.M. worship services per our Standing Rules (**Appendix F, p.**

16).

- Annual Reports from TEs Andrew Barnes, James Carter, Ed Hurley, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Guy Richardson, Christopher Shelt, Lenny Siems, James Stewart, Guy Waters, Kaz Yaegashi and Jae Hyuk Yoo were received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later action **(Appendix G, pp. 17ff.)**.
- A request from TE Ron Smith to transfer to South Florida Presbytery was received. That transfer was approved with the concurrence of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The following brothers were introduced to the court and given five minutes to address the presbytery:

- TE Guy Waters discussed the D.Min. program of RTS;
- RE John Williams discussed a new ministry of Trinity Presbyterian Church - "Sons of the King", of which he is to be the director;
- TE Don Malin, recently returned from Afghanistan, discussed his work in the National Guard chaplaincy;
- TE David Gilbert discussed events and developments subsequent to the recent tornado activity in Yazoo City.

73.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chairman TE George Felton presented the report beginning with prayer **(Appendix I, p. 23)**.

The Financial Statements presented by Treasurer Doyle Moorhead were received as information **(Appendix J, pp. 24ff.)**.

Presbytery adopted the proposed 2011 budget as presented **(Appendix K, pp. 28f.)**. The 'askings' were set at \$24.00 per communing member for 2011.

Presbytery approved the committee's recommendation that RE Richard Johnson and RE Thomas Bowen be added to the special committee on "Mission to the Military" set up at our May Stated Meeting.

73.1010

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

73.1011

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes before worship.

73.1012

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship. A memorial recognizing the life and service of RE Ed Nalley was read by TE Robert Hays (Appendix ?, p. ?). TE Scott Phillips led in worship. He preached from Philippians 2:5-14. The service was concluded with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

73.1013

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until the end of the day.

73.1014

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, TE Andrew Barnes, convener of the Thanks Committee, presented presbytery's thanks to the Lord and to Reformed Theological Seminary for their ministrations in our behalf.

"On this, the 3rd day of August, in the year of our Lord, 2010 we would like to give thanks and praise to Almighty God for his tender mercy and good graces that he has shown toward us, The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and to this institution, Reformed Theological Seminary of Jackson, Mississippi. We would like to thank our Lord for those who have worked and served this presbytery by preparing for our meeting, especially Providence Presbyterian Church, TE Bob Penny, Kathy Eldridge and the rest of the RTS staff. May the Lord give us many more years of faithful ministry together and a continual devotion to the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for his glory. Amen."

Thanks Committee - TE Andrew Barnes, TE Chad Scott and RE Jim Hutton

73.1015

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, p. 30**).

Actions as a Commission

He reported that the committee acting as a commission [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)] had granted permission for Mr. Ricky Glenn to preach regularly at Macon, effective June 15, 2010, prior to presbytery's approval of his ordination examination. Presbytery ratified the action as its own.

Attachments

He reported that written reports had been received as indicated in the attached table (p. ?) and should be read by members on presbytery's web site at www.msvalley.org.

Candidate and Internship Reports

He introduced interns Jason Dalton, Elliott Everitt, Lee Hutchings and John Sullivan who gave oral reports.

Examinations

Mr. Ryan Dean was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Dean, a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a graduate of RTS Atlanta. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and, after answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative and after charging and prayer by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved of his entering internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Mike Campbell as mentor, and that presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon his answering the constitutional questions, he was enrolled on the roll of interns.

Mr. Brad Mills was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Mills, a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and, after answering the constitutional questions in the affirmative and after charging and prayer by the moderator, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. Presbytery also approved of his entering internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Jeremy Smith as mentor, and that presbytery allow previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon his answering the constitutional questions, he was enrolled on the roll of interns.

Mr. Ricky Glenn was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Presbytery examined Mr. Glenn, a graduate of RTS and a candidate in Grace Presbytery, in all areas of trial as required by the BCO. Grace Presbytery had previously approved the completion of his internship. Mr. Glenn declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards. The committee had noted an exception to WLC 50, and Presbytery judged the stated difference to be more than simply semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamentals of our system of doctrine as specified by RAO 16-3,e.,5) c). He preached a sermon on Philippians 2:5-17 before the presbytery and it was accepted.

The call of Macon Presbyterian Church to Ricky Glenn was approved pending receipt of a revised call stipulating four weeks vacation of which he may spend the time as he feels led (**Appendix E**,

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p. 15). The following ordination/installation commission was approved: TEs Phillip Palmertree - to convene and preach, Steve Jones - to charge the congregation, Guy Waters - to charge the minister, REs Brian Gault, Ken Haynes, CC Fleming, Richard Schimmel, Bill Bell and Walter Riddell. Special guests TE Richard Owens of Covenant Presbytery and REs Sam Duncan and Bill Stanway of Grace Presbytery were approved. The service is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2010 at the Macon Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved his examination as whole pending his signing of the book of obligations.

Administrative Recommendation

Presbytery approved Mr. Adam Veramonte's internship as completed.

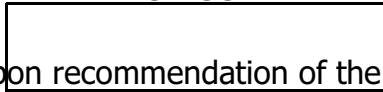
The Credentials Report was concluded with prayer by the chairman.

73.1016 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix M, p. 32**).

- The pastoral relationship between TE Bill Smith and the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Louisville was dissolved as of today (**Appendix C, p. 12**).
- Covenant Presbyterian Church in Louisville was dissolved as of today (**Appendix D, p. 13**) with thanks to God for the more than twenty-five years of faithful gospel ministry.
- The Shepherding and Advisory Committee was established as a commission per BCO 13-10 for oversight and transfer of Covenant Presbyterian Church members to other churches.
- Annual reports from teaching elders laboring outside the bounds were approved for Leonard Siems, Kaz Yagashi, Jim Stewart, James Carter, Guy Richardson, and Fred Marsh. They were given permission to continue for another year.
- The requests of TE Andrew Barnes and TE Jae Hyuk Yoo to remain on the roll of presbytery without call were approved.
- Presbytery instructed TE Ed Hurley that he must present an acceptable call to presbytery before the February 2011 stated meeting or an approved transfer to another presbytery, and recommended that we all make TE Hurley's call a matter of prayer.

73.1017 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer was absent and upon  recommendation of the stated clerk the written report of the committee was received as information and added as an appendix to the minutes **(Appendix N, p. 33)**.

73.1018  **MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE**

Chairman TE Phillip Palmertree presented the committee's report beginning with prayer. He introduced Bill Schweitzer from the Evangelical Presbyterian Churches of England and Wales and Scott McDowell a PCA Canadian church planter from Vancouver, British Columbia, who addressed the court. There were no recommendations for presbytery to take action on.

73.1019 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

Chairman TE George Felton took up the Administration Committee report again. He handed it over to TE Scott Phillips, Chairman of Review of Sessional Minutes subcommittee, who presented the remainder of the committee's report as follows:

Five sessional records were submitted. Presbytery approved Highlands, Newton and Providence with exceptions. Presbytery approved North Park and Pearl without exceptions.

TE Philips presented the response from the Carolina Presbyterian Church concerning the exception of substance taken to their minutes which were reviewed at the February 2010 State Meeting. Presbytery voted to advise the Carolina session that they should remedy the improper election of ruling elders by acknowledging that the election was invalid and that they then proceed to train, examine, elect and install these brothers according to BCO 24-1. The stated clerk volunteered to go to Carolina Presbyterian Church as needful to help in the process.

73.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved the transfer of TE Ronald Smith to South Florida pending their request.

73.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE David Gilbert was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

73.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held on November 2, 2010 at Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence.

73.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk, stated clerk, and moderator were given powers of a commission to approve the minutes and report to the next meeting.

73.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert E. Hayes, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 2, 2010**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

74.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator RE Wayne Morrison called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. Prayer was offered by RE Morrison.

74.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The Stated Clerk arrived and declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise Mark Nixon Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse John Dawson	A
Brandon, Lakeland		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond Billy Joseph Ligon Duncan Jeremy Smith	Bebo Elkin Bill Cook Steve Edwards Barry Vickery

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

		Tom Rice
		Bud Bratley
		Gene McRoberts
		Noel Toler
		William Cook
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Redeemer	Bill Wallace
		Wynn Kenyon
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Todd Barrett
Kosciusko, First	Grant Carroll	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	Charles Campbell
		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Niles McNeel
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
		Richard Metz
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	Corley Moses
	Josh Kines	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Bill Cooper
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Os Barnes	A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Scott Jones
		Ford Mosby
	Joe Wheat	Kevin Russell
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Tim Dryden	Craig Stockmeier
		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Yazoo City, First		A

Church

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Bill Smith, Clay Quarterman, James Stewart and Elbert McGowan.
- c. Non-voting officers of presbytery present:** RE Doyle Moorhead.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Quentin Johnston, Gene Austin, Jeffrey Sones, Mark Moore, Trey Adams, Ryan Deer, Peter Boling, Lee Hutchins, Michael Butterfield, Larry Mills, Amelio Garofalo and Geoff Gleason.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Bassam Chedid and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Duke, Mark Smith, Brister Ware, Paul Long, Jr., Phillip Palmertree, Bob Lane, Joseph Wheat, Joey Wright, Charles Douglas, Paul Nasekos and Andrew Barnes.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord, Doug McCullough and Jack Scott.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Steve Jussely, Derek Thomas, Ken Elliott, Don Caviness, Sam Smith, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, Don Malin, Troy Milliken and Ed Hurley.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **74.1002.a.** above.

74.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE David Gilbert was elected moderator by acclamation.

74.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was accepted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

74.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **74.1002, c.** above.

74.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

Twin Lakes staff member Mr. Zach Owens welcomed the members of presbytery on behalf of Twin Lakes Retreat Center and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

74.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Wayne Morrison, TE Dean Rydbeck - convener and RE Doyle Moorhead.

74.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported:

Requests for excused absences were submitted and approved for TEs John Duke, Mark Smith, Brister Ware, Paul Long, Jr., Phillip Palmertree, Bob Lane, Joseph Wheat, Joey Wright, Charles Douglas, Paul Nasekos and Andrew Barnes.

The commission report of the ordination and installation of Ricky Glenn as the pastor of the Macon Presbyterian Church was received. It was ratified as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 13**).

The commission comprised of presbytery officers approved the minutes for the August 10, 2010 Stated Meeting. Presbytery adopted their action as its own.

The following communications were received:

- Annual reports were received from TEs Don Malin, Clay Quarterman and Jimmy Turner (**Appendix C, pp. 14ff.**)
- The request of TE Bob Brunson and the concurrence of the congregation by way of the congregational minutes for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship were received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later report (**Appendix D, pp. 19f.**).

- RE Jimmy Davidson of Carolina Presbyterian Church reported to the clerk that they had followed instructions of the August Stated Presbytery Meeting and would proceed to training, examining and then electing men for office as the BCO specifies (**Minutes 73.1019**).
- A memorial for TE Robert Duhs was received (**Appendix F, p. 34**) and approved to be read at the time of worship.

74.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, pp. 35**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the Financial Report of Treasurer Doyle Moorhead be received as information (**Appendix H, pp. 36ff.**).
2. That Standing Rule VII. Committees, E. Responsibilities, 1. Administration Committee, c. Business, 4) Stewardship & Finance Sub-Committee: "e) make arrangements for a yearly audit or review by a qualified individual," be changed to read, "make arrangements for an audit or review by a qualified individual when deemed necessary." This is the first reading.
3. It was announced that after a very careful study of the issue of "parity of ruling and teaching elders on Standing Committees appointed by the moderator," that no changes be made in presbytery's Standing Rules.

74.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory report beginning with prayer.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the actions of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee, acting as a commission, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Bob Brunson and Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland and transfer him to Sun Coast Presbytery be ratified as the actions of presbytery.
2. That TE Bill Smith remain on the rolls of presbytery without call while under the guidance of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
3. That the annual reports of Don Malin, Clay Quarterman, Guy Waters and Jimmy Turner be accepted as information (**Appendix C, pp. 14ff.**).

74.1011

DEBATE ON BCO AMENDMENTS

The special order of the day having arrived, presbytery discussed and then voted on the BCO amendments (**Appendix E, pp. 20ff.**) The votes were as follows:

Abstain	Item	Yea	Nay	
1	1.	9	40	
3	2.	2	48	
1	3.	53	0	
0	4.	58	0	
1	5.	57	1	
0	6.	57	0	

74.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

74.1013 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for public worship.

74.1014 WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by Past Moderator RE Wayne Morrison's pastor TE David Gilbert. A memorial recognizing the life and service of TE Robert Duhs was read by TE Robert Hays (**Appendix , p.**). TE Gilbert preached on Philippians 2:5-8.

74.1015 READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The moderator, stated clerk, and recording clerk were clothed with the powers of a commission to read and approve the minutes.

74.1016 LUNCH AND REPORT OF THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, TE Dean Rydbeck, convener of the Thanks Committee, presented presbytery's thanks to First Presbyterian Church and Twin Lakes for their ministrations in our behalf.

“Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of men! Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.” Psalm 107:31,32 (ESV)

We, the members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, would first give thanks to the LORD our God for His steadfast love for us in Christ and for His love for His blood-bought church of the redeemed ones. Today we thank our great and good God for the blessings of fellowship, the privilege of prayer, the joy of worship and for the high calling of serving the Lord as presbyters and under-shepherds of Christ.

We also give thanks to the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, MS and to the Twin Lakes Retreat Center for inviting us to their facility and for treating us as special guests. We would thank the staff and the kitchen staff in particular for the welcome breakfast and the bountiful dinner.

We also give thanks to our able moderator and minister of the Word, TE David Gilbert, for ably leading us through the docket and feeding us with the life-giving Word of God.

To God all praise and glory!

Thanks Committee: RE Doyle Moorhead, RE Wayne Morrison and TE Dean Rydbeck

74.1017

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 42ff.**).

Candidate and Internship Reports

Internship reports were given by Mr. Nate Bonham and Mr. Dan Chase. Written internship reports were posted on presbytery's website.

Examinations

Presbytery conducted the following examinations:

1. **Mr. Jack Coetsee** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Coetsee is a member of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his answering the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

2. **Mr. Joshua Drake** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Drake is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his answering the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.
3. **Mr. David Felker** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Felker is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his satisfactory answering of the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Jeremy Smith as his mentor, and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roster of interns.

4. **Mr. Aaron Halbert** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Halbert is a member of Second, Yazoo, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his satisfactory answering of the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, and charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Second, Yazoo with TE David Gilbert as mentor, and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roster of interns.

5. **Mr. Joshua Williams** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Williams is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his satisfactory answering of the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni with TE Richard Wiman as mentor and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roster of interns.

6. **Mr. Peter Whitney** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Whitney is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and is a middler at RTS. He was

thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his satisfactory answering of the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First, Jackson with TE Jeremy Smith as mentor and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roster of interns.

7. **Mr. Rowan Taylor** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Taylor is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church, and is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory. Upon his satisfactory answering of the constitutional questions posed by the moderator, charging and prayer, he was declared to be a candidate of this presbytery.

Presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Mississippi College with TE Joey Wright as mentor and it allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon charging by the moderator, he was enrolled on the roster of interns.

8. **Mr. Josh Rieger** was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. A candidate in this presbytery, he was examined in all areas of trial: English Bible, Theology, Sacraments, Church and PCA History, original languages (his seminary degree accepted in lieu of) and church polity (BCO). His internship was declared completed. Mr. Rieger declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on Luke 23:39,40 and it was approved. Presbytery approved his examination as whole pending his signing of the book of ministerial obligations.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the internship of **Mr. Josh Rieger** be approved as completed.
2. That the call of MTW to **Mr. Josh Rieger** as full-time missionary to England be approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**Appendix J, p. 44**).
3. Presbytery approved the following ordination/installation commission for Mr. Rieger:
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Time and Date: November 14, 2010, 6:00
Teaching Elders: Phillip Palmertree - convener, Jeremy Smith and John Reeves
Ruling Elders: Orrin Swayze, Ken Fairley and Noel Toler

Visiting Teaching Elder: Nate Shurden
Quorum: Two TEs and two REs.

4. That the internship of **Mr. Kevin Corley** be approved as complete.
5. That the candidate **Mr. Adam Viramonte** be granted his request to transfer his candidacy to North Texas Presbytery.

74.1018

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Billy Joseph made the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix K, pp. 46f.**).

Presbytery elected the following men to their respective offices.

2011 General Assembly Permanent Committee Nominees:

Administration: TE Ken Pierce, RE Wayne Morrison
Christian Education: TE Os Barnes
Constitutional Business: TE Roger Collins, RE Will Thompson
Interchurch Relations: TE Rob Hill
Mission to North America: TE Hunter Brewer, RE Paul Adams
Mission to the World: TE Richard Wiman, RE Phil McDade
Reformed University Ministries: TE Billy Joseph
Standing Judicial Commission: TE Tim Muse, RE Charlie Dykes
Theological Examination Committee: TE Derek Thomas, RE Vernon Cotton
Covenant College: TE Christopher Wright, RE Gordon Sluis
Covenant Seminary: TE Ligon Duncan, TE Michael Campbell
PCA Foundation:
PCA Retirement & Benefits: RE Rod Russ
Ridge Haven: TE Paul Nasekos

Presbytery committee slots:

Administration: TE Tim Muse (2012), RE Butch Bond (2013), TE Scott Phillips (2013), RE Mabry Linn (2013), TE Billy Joseph (2013), RE Bob Bailey (Alternate), TE Ken Elliott (Alternate)

Christian Education: TE Josh Kines (2013), RE John Kwasny (2013), TE Tim Dryden (2013), RE Mark Muncey (Alternate), TE Paul Nasekos (Alternate)

Credentials: RE David Elkin (2012), RE Kirk McDaniel (2012), TE John Dawson (2013), TE Ken Pierce (2013), RE Rod Russ (2013), RE Will Thompson, (2013) RE Harper Keeler (Alternate), TE Derek Thomas (Alternate)

MTW: TE Grant Carroll (2013), RE Jimmy Sullivan (2013), TE Jim Stewart, (2013) RE Steve Edwards (Alternate), TE John McKenzie (Alternate)

MNA: RE Mark Henry (2012), RE Lou LaValley (2012), TE Chris Wright (2013), RE Burt Marshall (2013), TE Paul Long (2013), Jr., RE David Fowler (2013), TE Rob Hill (Alternate), RE Doug Welch (Alternate)

Nominations: One RE Wynn Kenyon and one TE Guy Waters were nominated and elected from the floor of Presbytery. Also class of 2011 to replace John Burris was RE Gene McRoberts. TE Bob Lane and RE Richard Cobb were elected as alternates.

Shepherding/Advisory: TE Carl Kalberkamp (2013), TE Robert Hays (2013), RE John Fair (2013), RE Bebo Elkin (2013), RE Ford Mosby (Alternate), TE Elbert McGowan (Alternate), RE Bill May was elected to fill the place of deceased RE Jim Hutton in the class of 2012.

74.1019 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

John McKenzie reported on the review of session minutes which had been submitted for reading. The results are as follows:

Without exceptions: Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, St. Paul Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

With exceptions of form: Macon Presbyterian Church, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and Wynndale Presbyterian Church.

The names of churches which had not submitted minutes in the past year were read (**Appendix L, pp. 48f.**), and the stated clerk was asked to create a list of churches which had not submitted records in two years for the Advisory Committee to contact.

74.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved a request by TE Quentin Johnston, Principal of Chamberlain-Hunt Academy and a member of Southwest Florida Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of this presbytery.

Shepherding and Advisory was instructed to contact the Tchula church to be of service as they are without a quorum upon the death of RE Jim Hutton.

A commission was established of Moderator TE David Gilbert, TE Tim Muse, RE Gabe Green, TE Steve Jussely, TE Roger Collins and RE Paul Adams to deliver presbytery's memorial to Dr. Robert Duhs' to his widow Mary Alice on behalf of the MS Valley Presbytery.

74.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Tom Sanford was elected the first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

74.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held at a place to be decided and announced by the stated clerk.

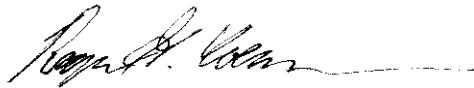
74.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk, stated clerk, and moderator were given powers of a commission to approve the minutes and report to the next meeting.

74.1022 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 1, 2011**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS**

75.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of the Retiring Moderator TE David Gilbert, RE Doyle Moorhead called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. beginning with prayer.

75.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend Mark Nixon Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelly
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	Ronald Noble
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Gabe Green
	John Duke	Buddy Mardis
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Bill Cook
	Jeremy Smith	Robert Mims

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Brister Ware
Derek Thomas

Barry Vickery
Tom Rice
Edmund Johnston
Jim Tohill
Noel Toler
Paul Adams
Mark Muncie
Bill Wallace
AJackson, Trinity
John Marchetti

Jackson, North Park

Chris Wright

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, St. Paul

Mike Campbell
Rob Hill
Ken Pierce
Paul Long, Jr.

Kosciusko, First

Grant Carroll
Phillip Palmertree

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First

Rick Holbert
John McKenzie

Louisville, First
Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Scott Phillips

Robert Lane
Hunter Brewer
Josh Kines

Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh

Bob Schwanebeck
George Felton
Merle Messer
Don Caviness

Ken Elliott

Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Os Barnes
Joseph Wheat

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Joe Wheat
Carl Kalberkamp
Tim Dryden

Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First

Charles Douglas

A

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A
Charles Campbell
Gene Austin
John Fair
A
Walter Riddell
A
Joe Davis
Matt Vines

Howard Secrest
Bill Cooper
A
A
A
Carrol Dew
Ron Veazey
Kevin Simpson
A
Scott Jones
Ford Mosby
Kevin Russell
Rod Russ
A
A
Sam Hutton
A
A

Church

Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Scott Reiber

David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

A
A
Wayne Morrison
Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Chad Smith, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Bill Smith, James Stewart, Elbert McGowan, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Stanwood Bean, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Andrew Barnes and Josh Reiger.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Geoffrey Gleason, Lee Hutchings, John Perritt, Brad Mills, Matt Stevens and Wilson Shirley.
- d. A non-voting officer of presbytery who was present:** Doyle Moorhead.
- e. The following visitors were registered:** Quentin Johnston, Matt Giesman, Larry Mills and Monty Simpkins.
- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Troy Milliken, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda and Kaz Yaegashi.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chris Shelt, Ed Hurley, Chris Shelton, Charlie Rodriguez, Richard Wiman, Elbert McGowan, Ligon Duncan and Ricky Glenn.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord and Jack Scott.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Sam Smith, Bassam Chedid, Jimmy Turner and Mike Campbell.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **75.1002.a.** above.

75.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Bill May was elected moderator by acclamation.

75.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was accepted (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

75.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **75.1002, c.** above.

75.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Steve Jussely welcomed the members to Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

75.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Bill Cook, Convener TE Ken Pierce and RE Will Thompson.

75.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported:

1. Requests for excused absences were submitted by TEs Chris Shelt, Ed Hurley, Chris Shelton, Charlie Rodriguez, Richard Wiman, Elbert McGowan, Ligon Duncan and Ricky Glenn. These were approved as requested.
2. The clerk reported that the commission headed by past moderator TE David Gilbert presented presbytery's memorial for Dr. Robert Duhs to his widow Mary Alice on November 19, 2011. It was approved as the action of presbytery.
3. The clerk reported the following communications:
 - A call to TE Matt Giesman from Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix G, p. 37**).
 - A communication from TE Bob Schwanebeck as chairman of the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work (MJCCW) regarding the May 31, 2011 resignation of Coordinator RE Bebo Elkin was referred to MNA Committee (**Appendix B, p. 14**).
 - Ministerial reports from TEs Andrew Barnes, Ed Hurley and Kaz Yaegashi were received as information (**Appendix C, pp. 15 ff.**).

- The clerk read a communication from Covenant Presbytery Stated Clerk TE Robert Browning acknowledging the receipt of MS Valley Presbytery's RUM Resolution of May 10, 2010 **(Appendix D, p. 22)**.
 - A request from TE Chad Smith for the dissolution of his call and transfer to Westminster Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later report.
 - A memorial for RE Sidney Knox Agnew of the Edwards Presbyterian Church was received. It was approved to be presented during our worship service **(Appendix E, p. 23)**.
5. TE Chad Smith addressed presbytery and announced that Belhaven RUF and Lemuria Bookstore are co-sponsoring the speaking of TE Tim Keller at Belhaven University on February 24, 2011. All are invited.
 6. That on a second reading of a proposed change to Standing Rule VII, E. Responsibilities, 1. Administration Committee, c. Business, 4. Stewardship and Finance Sub-Committee: e), "...make arrangements for a yearly audit or review by a qualified individual," the Standing Rules be changed to read "...make arrangements for an audit or review by a qualified individual when deemed necessary." The passage of the change was unanimous.
 7. That Larry Pope of Health Management Associates, who had requested an opportunity to address the court, be scheduled for 3:00 PM.
 8. TE Roger Collins was reelected the stated clerk for another term and TE Robert Hays was reelected recording clerk.
 9. Upon motion by TE Collins as an individual member of presbytery, not as the stated clerk, the court adopted the following action:

That the TEs and REs of MVP who attended the Covenant Presbytery Open Meeting Panel Discussion Regarding RUM held in Oxford on January 4, 2011 be constituted a special committee together with two members of presbytery's MNA committee to meet during this presbytery meeting:

1. To consider whether a formal communication to Covenant Presbytery designed to facilitate reconciliation after the Oxford meeting is warranted, and if so,
2. To propose a communication for the presbytery to consider before the end of the day.

The special committee was approved as follows: REs Don Breazeale, Paul Stephenson, and Paul Adams (MNA rep), TEs Jeremy Smith, Scott Phillips, Chad Scott (MNA rep), Grant Carroll, Elbert McGowan, Robert Schwanebeck, Phillip Palmertree and John Dawson. TE Phillip Palmertree was asked to convene the meeting.

75.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix F, pp. ?ff.**). The following recommendations were adopted.

1. That the Financial Statement submitted by Treasurer Doyle Moorhead be received as information (**pp. 24ff.**).
2. That the proposed 2011 Budget be adopted (**p. 30**).
3. That the proposed "Guidelines for Ministerial Call Salary Packages" be approved (**pp. 32ff.**).
4. That presbytery adopt the following recommendations as her response to the General Assembly's exceptions to the Minutes of Mississippi Valley Presbytery (**p. 25**).

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Mississippi Valley Presbytery's Response to the two exceptions of the 2010 GA MVP Minutes Exception: Feb 3, May 5, Aug. 4, 2009: BCO 19-16 - No record of % vote to approve previous experience for internship.

Mississippi Valley Presbytery respectfully disagrees with the exception (see RAO 16-10. b.2) on the following grounds:

BCO 19-16 speaks of approving an internship. The minutes cited deal with interns as they are enrolled as interns of the presbytery. Specifically, our minutes reflect our longstanding practice of enrolling interns and requiring them to fulfill a rather lengthy set of requirements (BCO 19-12). Among those requirements is the stipulation that an intern must complete 52 teaching sessions as an intern (see MVP Standing Rules, Appendix A.7.D.1); however, we allow up to half of those teaching sessions to have occurred before they were technically enrolled as an intern. We do not believe this practice is inconsistent with BCO 19-12 nor 19-16 as our requirements are significantly more robust than what the BCO requires. It may be that the review of our records was based on the idea that we were approving a finished internship for something less than what the BCO requires when in fact we were simply enrolling men as interns and setting out their responsibilities to fulfill a complete BCO approved internship.

Because MVP's actions are not approving the internships, thus not falling within the bounds of BCO 19-16, and further not approving any internship with less than the ordinary requirements set forth in BCO, and the "previous experience" clause in MVP's minutes only pertains to our own (additional) standards, **we believe that the $\frac{3}{4}$ vote does not apply in this case.**

Exception: May 5, 2009: RAO 16-3.e.6 - Minutes of executive session are not exempt from being submitted.

Mississippi Valley Presbytery agrees with the exception and apologizes for the oversight. We will send the minutes from executive sessions from 2009 and 2010 with our representative to

the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records for review at the committee's meeting prior to the 39th General Assembly.

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75.1010 SEASON OF PRAYER

TE Derek Thomas led presbytery in a season of prayer.

75.1011 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

75.1012 WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by Past Moderator TE David Gilbert. A memorial recognizing the service of RE Sidney Knox Askew was read by TE Robert Hays. TE Gilbert preached on Isaiah 35 and Mark 7:31-37. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

75.1013 READING OF MORNING MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays recommended that the reading and approval of the morning minutes be postponed until the end of the day. Presbytery concurred.

75.1014 LUNCH AND THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour Chairman TE Ken Pierce of the Thanks Committee presented presbytery's thanks to the Lakeland Presbyterian Church for their ministrations in our behalf, to wit:

"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered from the lands of the east and from the west, from the north and from the south." Psalm 107: 1-3.

"With heart felt gratitude to God, we, the ministers and elders of MVP express our hearty thanks to the session, congregation, and pastors of the Lakeland Presbyterian Church of Flowood, MS for their gracious hospitality shown to us upon the occasion of the February 1, 2011 stated meeting. We especially express our appreciation to the ladies of Lakeland Church for the kind hospitality shown to us in keeping us well fed and cared for. Loving service to the saints is service to the Lord himself and we praise him for his love manifested through your service. Thanks be to God for the congregation and ministry of his people gathered at Lakeland Church."

Thanks Committee members: TE Ken Pierce, REs Bill Cook and Will Thompson

75.1015

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Jeremy Smith presented the Credentials Committee report beginning with prayer **(Appendix G, p. 35)**.

Oral Reports

Aaron Halbert and Trey Adams gave oral reports on their growth in grace and experience as candidates of MVP.

Administrative information

The chairman reported that the committee acting as a commission had allowed TE Matt Giesman to move onto the field with Providence Presbyterian Church prior to his presbytery exam and approval. Presbytery ratified the action as its own.

Examinations

The following examinations were administered:

1. **Mr. Matt Stevens** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Stevens is a member of Edwards Presbyterian Church and is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory, and upon charging and prayer, he was enrolled on the list of candidates. The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Edwards Presbyterian Church with TE Dean Rydbeck as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon his satisfactorily answering the constitutional questions, and upon charging by TE Carl Kalberkamp and prayer, he was entered on the rolls of candidates and interns.
2. **Mr. Jack Coetsee**, a candidate in MVP, was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at Madison Heights Presbyterian Church with TE Bill Whitwer as mentor. Presbytery also allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon affirming his sense of call to the ministry (BCO 19-9) and being set apart by prayer, he was entered on the roll of interns.
3. **Mr. John Perritt**, a candidate in MVP, was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan A at Pear Orchard Presbyterian with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Presbytery also allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon affirming his sense of call to the ministry (BCO 19-9) and being set apart by prayer, he was entered on the roll of interns.
4. **TE Matt Giesman** was examined and approved for transfer from North Texas Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, and received pending his dismissal. TE Giesman, a PCA minister in good standing in North Texas Presbytery, was examined in the areas of Christian Experience and his views in Theology, Sacraments and Church Government. TE Giesman declared his embrace of the

Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination. Upon his signing of the Book of Obligations and installation as the Assistant Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, he is recognized as a member of MVP.

5. **Dr. Bruce Baugus**, a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary, was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. The presbytery examined him in the areas of Christian Experience, Theology, English Bible and Church Government. Mr. Baugus declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on 1 Timothy 3:14 - 17 before a commission of the presbytery. It was accepted as approved by the commission, and that approval was ratified as the action of MVP. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole. Upon his satisfactorily answering the questions of BCO 19-3 and prayer, he was entered on the roll of licentiates.

6. **Mr. Wilson Shirley** was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Shirley, a candidate in The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, in the areas of Experiential religion, English Bible, Doctrine, Sacraments, Church History and PCA History. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an examination in original languages. Mr. Shirley's internship had previously been approved as completed in Gulf Coast Presbytery. Mr. Shirley declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on II Corinthians 5 before a commission of the presbytery. It was accepted as approved by the commission, and was ratified as the action of MVP. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole. Upon his signing the Book of Obligations and pending his ordination/installation, he was entered on the roll of ministers.

Administrative Recommendations

1. The call of Providence Presbyterian Church to TE Matt Giesman was approved (**Appendix G, p. 37**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines.

The commission to install TE Giesman as Assistant Pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church was approved. The members of the commission are as follows: TEs John Reeves (convener), Ken Pierce and Guy Waters, and REs Hal Martin, Brian Gault and Steve McNair. TE Tom Kay of Aliceville, Alabama is an invited guest. The quorum is two TEs and two REs. The installation is to be on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at Providence Presbyterian Church at 6:00 PM.

2. The call of Highlands Presbyterian Church to Mr. Shirley was approved (**Appendix G, p. 38**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines.

The commission to ordain and install Mr. Shirley as Assistant Pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church was approved. The members of the commission are as follows: TEs Joseph Wheat, Chad Smith and Elbert McGowan, and REs Bud Bratley, Monty Simpkins, Ford Mosby and Scott Jones. TE Bob Brunson of Suncoast Presbytery is an invited guest. The quorum is two TEs and two REs. The installation is to be on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 10:50 AM at Highlands Presbyterian Church.

3. Candidate and Intern Tony Pyles' transfer to Eastern Canada Presbytery was approved as requested.

75.1016

ORDER OF THE DAY

Mr. Larry Pope of the Health Management Associates was given the floor to address the court. He spoke of the need for chaplains in the River Oaks Hospital System and invited presbyters to attend special training that he will provide in the near future at the CMMC hospital.

75.1017

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee report beginning with prayer.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That presbytery instruct TE Ed Hurley to submit a report to the chairman of the committee monthly until the August 2011 meeting of MVP concerning his ministerial activities and any progress in his pursuit of a call, at which time, if no call has been forthcoming, the committee will recommend to presbytery that TE Hurley demit the ministry.
2. That TE Bill Smith continue under the oversight of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee until the May meeting of presbytery.
3. That the memberships of Dan, Darlene and Garrett Mittan of the former Covenant Presbyterian Church of Louisville, be transferred to the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville.
4. That presbytery send TE Robert Hays of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee to Tchula Presbyterian Church to explain the concept of a borrowed session at a congregational meeting, and that he recommend such to the congregation, which would then be voted on by the church.
5. That presbytery approve, pending a favorable vote by the congregation, the names of TE Sam Smith and REs Tommy Peaster and Will Thompson to serve as a borrowed session with RE Sam Hutton, the remaining ruling elder in the Tchula Presbyterian Church.
6. That the stated clerk be instructed to contact all appropriate parties regarding TE Jim Carter's request to be able to minister out of bounds as pastor of a new church in Florida until such time as definite plans are made concerning his and the church's future.
8. That TE Andrew Barnes be transferred to Heartland Presbytery pending their reception of him. He has been called to Christ Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, Kansas.
9. That TE Chad Smith's call as RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University be dissolved as of May 31, 2011 and that he be transferred to Westminster Presbytery pending their request.

75.1018

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following men to their respective offices as follows:

Permanent GA Committee Nominee

Retirement and Benefits: RE Bill Stone

Presbytery Committee Members

Administration Committee: RE Matt Vines - Class of 2011, and RE Buddy Mardis - Alternate.

Committees of Commissioners - 2011 General Assembly (Appendix H, p. 39)

Teaching Elders

Administration	Jeremy Smith
Christian Education	Chris Wright
Covenant Seminary	Steve Jones
Interchurch Relations	Derek Thomas
MNA	Billy Joseph
PCA Foundation	Scott Reiber

Ruling Elders

Covenant College	Orrin Swayze
Retirement & Benefits	Rod Russ
MTW	Sam Hensely
Ridge Haven	John Fair
RUM	Bill May

Overtures

RE Matt Vines
TE Ken Pierce

75.1019

MISSION TO THE MILITARY SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman RE Wayne Morrison presented the Mission to the Military Special Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, pp. 40f.**). Presbytery approved the following actions:

1. Received as a first reading a proposed change to the Standing Rules to include a permanent committee called Mission to the Military.
2. That funds could be raised to fund the Mission to the Military Committee with an eye to putting someone on the field in the near future.

75.1020 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, in the place of the chairman, presented the Mission to North America Committee report beginning with prayer.

TE Chad Smith made an announcement concerning a Special Needs Ministry Conference on February 11th from 8:00 to 11:00 AM.

TE Robert Schwanebeck, chairman of the Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work (MJCCW) addressed the court. He brought the court up to date on recent developments and the resignation of RUM Coordinator RE Bebo Elkin (**Appendix B, p. 14**).

1. TE Schwanebeck moved that MVP instruct the MNA Committee to invite the appropriate committees of Grace and Covenant Presbyteries to hold a joint meeting to discuss our continuing cooperative relationship in campus ministry, especially regarding the selection of a new coordinator, and that the current members of the MJCCW be included in these discussions. The motion was tabled.

2. TE Phillip Palmertree then addressed the court with the report of the Ad Hoc Committee established earlier in the day. TE Palmertree read portions of a letter that he had written to the MNA Committee of Covenant Presbytery regarding actions he objected to that took place at the January 4, 2011 Panel Discussion of RUM held in Oxford. He then presented, and presbytery approved, the following four motions.

- A. That MVP expresses its appreciation and respect to RE Paul Stephenson, TE Phillip Palmertree and TE Bob Schwanebeck for their service on the January 4, 2011 panel discussion conducted by Covenant Presbytery.
- B. That MVP is grieved by the process and procedure of the January 4, 2011 panel discussion.
- C. That MVP thinks it advisable to await more light from the subsequent actions of Covenant, Grace, and MVP with reference to the MJCCW.
- D. That MVP make no formal response to Covenant Presbytery at this time.

3. Chairman TE Hunter Brewer then continued with the remainder of the MNA report. He moved that presbytery ask the MJCCW to prayerfully reconsider their acceptance of Coordinator Bebo Elkins' resignation. A motion to table was defeated. The motion was then adopted.

TE Robert Schwanebeck's motion (#1) was taken off the table. It was adopted.

75.1021 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

Records Sub-Committee Chairman TE Scott Phillips of the Administration Committee presented the results of the examination of sessional records.

The records of Carthage Presbyterian Church, Edwards Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian

Church - Jackson, First Presbyterian Church - Louisville and First Presbyterian Church - Madison were approved without exception.

The records of Brandon Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church - Belzoni, First Presbyterian Church - Kosciusko and First Presbyterian Church - Philadelphia were approved with exceptions of form.

The sessional records of Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Carolina Presbyterian Church, DeKalb Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church - Lexington, First Presbyterian Church - Union and First Presbyterian Church - Yazoo City were not submitted.

75.1022

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The stated clerk reported that the minutes of the November 2, 2010 Stated Meeting which had been given to the Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk and Moderator to be read, had been, and were approved. Their action as a commission was ratified as that of presbytery.

75.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Scott Reiber was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

75.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery will have its next stated meeting on May 3, 2011 at Reformed Theological Seminary.

75.1025

READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk, stated clerk, and moderator were given powers of a commission to approve the minutes and report to the next meeting.

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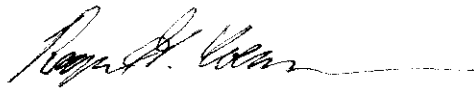
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ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 3, 2011**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary , Jackson, MS**

76.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Bill May called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM. The moderator asked TE Guy Waters to open with prayer.

76.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
		John Ingwerson
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Burris
	Matt Giesman	Barry Kelly
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Scott High
	John Duke	Kelly Hardwick
		Cecil Ferguson
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Jim Tohill
	Brister Ware	Robert Mims
	Jeremy Smith	Jim Moore

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
		Edmund Johnston
		Noel Toler
		William Cook
		Tom Rice
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	Wynn Kenyon
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Brian McGee
	Paul Long, Jr.	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts Jr.
	Grant Carroll	
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Joe Davis
		Larry Grubbs
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
	Josh Kines	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Bill Cooper
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	Carrol Dew
		Ron Veazey
		Kevin Simpson
Raymond, Raymond	Os Barnes	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	Scott Jones
	Wilson Shirley	Ron Veazey
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes
	Tim Dryden	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		A
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Wayne Morrison
		Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bill Hughes, Guy Waters,

Chad Smith, Robert Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Bill Smith, James Stewart, Elbert McGowan, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Troy Milliken, Grant Carroll, Chris Shelt, Jimmy Turner, Clay Quarterman and Josh Reiger.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Jason Dalton, Ben Ratliff, Nate Bonham, Ryan Dean, Jonathan McGuire, Geoff Gleason, Lee Hutchings, John Perritt, Brad Mills and Matt Stevens.
- d. **A non-voting officer of presbytery who was present:** Doyle Moorhead.
- e. **The following visitors were registered:** TE Paul Lipe (Delhi PCA), RE Jerry Hunter (Delhi PCA), RE Larry Grubbs, RE Mark Jackson, RE Bill Moore, TE Rod Mays (GA RUM Coordinator), TE Chuck Frost, TE Larry Mills, Nathan Eldridge, Dave Irwin, Eric Mabbott, RE Quentin Johnston, RE Bill May and RE Mark Sorgenfrei.
- f. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- g. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chris Shelten, Fred Marsh, Ken Elliott and Bill Wymond.
- h. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Robert Hays, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Martin Marshall, Dale McCord and Jack Scott.
- i. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Derek Thomas, Ed Hurley and Don Caviness.
- h. **Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **76.1002.a.** above.

76.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Scott Reiber was elected moderator by acclamation. He read from Acts 11 and 13 pointing to the Antioch presbytery which sent out Paul and Barnabas as missionaries to proclaim the gospel.

76.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved as written (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

76.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **76.1002, c.** above.

76.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

President TE Guy Richardson welcomed presbytery to the Reformed Theological Seminary campus. He expressed the gratitude of RTS for the outpouring of help after the recent tornados.

76.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Scott Reiber appointed a Thanks Committee comprised of Convener TE Steve Jones, RE Paul Adams and RE Art Self.

76.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The stated clerk reported:

1. Requests for excused absences were submitted by TEs Bill Wymond, Ken Elliott, Chris Shelton, Tim Muse (pm) and Fred Marsh. These were approved. See **76.1002 e..**
2. The commission appointed at the last stated meeting composed of the stated clerk, recording clerk and moderator to approve or correct the minutes of the February 1, 2011 stated meeting approved them. Their action was ratified by presbytery as its own.
3. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install Wilson Shirley as Assistant Pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church had been received (**Appendix B, p. 13**). They were ratified as the action of presbytery.
4. That the minutes of the commission to install TE Matt Geisman as Assistant Pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church had been received (**Appendix B, p. 14**). They were ratified as the action of presbytery.
5. A communication from the Carthage Presbyterian Church regarding their anticipated support of the presbytery askings was received as information and referred to Administration Committee (**Appendix C, p. 15**). TE Steve Jones indicated that he was hopeful that the church would meet its obligation if giving continued to improve.
6. A communication from Covenant Presbytery regarding the MS Joint Committee on Campus Work (MJCCW) was received and referred to MNA Committee (**Appendix D, p. 16**).
7. A report of the 2011 budget for the MJCCW was received (**Appendix F, p. 17**). It was referred to MNA Committee.
8. A call for TE Chad Scott to serve RUF at Belhaven University was referred to MNA Committee (**Appendix G, p. 19**).
9. A resolution from the Belzoni Presbyterian Church regarding the MJCCW was referred to the MNA Committee (**Appendix H, p. 21**).

10. A copy of the MJCCW Financial Audit was received and is on file with the stated clerk.
11. A MJCCW recommendation for affiliation with Atlanta RUM was referred to MNA Committee **(Appendix J, p. 24)**.
12. A request for the dissolution of TE Derek Thomas' call to Reformed Theological Seminary and as an Assistant Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to enable him to transfer to the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia South Carolina of the Catawba Presbytery, Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was referred to the Advisory and Shepherding Committee **(Appendix K, p. 26)**.
13. A second reading of a proposed change to the Standing Rules to add a permanent committee entitled Mission to the US Military and Chaplains was presented and approved without objection **(Appendix L, p. 28)**.

76.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer **(Appendix M, pp. 29)**.

Presbytery received the Financial Statement of Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead as information **(Appendix M, p. 30)**.

76.1010

MISSION TO THE WORLD COMMITTEE

Chairman RE Cecil Ferguson presented the Mission to the World committee report beginning with prayer **(Appendix S, p. 45)**. The chairman introduced Lisa Repair, and Trey and Kiki Adams, who spoke about their mission work in Bangkok, Thailand.

There were no recommendations for action and the report was received as information.

76.1011

WORSHIP

Presbytery joined the RTS community in their regularly scheduled chapel service. Dr. Bruce Baugus led presbytery in public worship. At the request of Retiring Moderator RE Bill May, TE Matt Giesman preached from 1 Corinthians 3:1-15.

76.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes. At 11:00 AM presbytery was reconvened with prayer by the moderator. The moderator introduced TE Clay Quarterman who reported to the presbytery of his work in the Ukraine. TE George Felton led the presbytery in prayer for Clay and his work.

76.1013 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory report beginning with prayer.

Presbytery approved their recommendation that TE Bill Smith be released from supervision of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee with thanks to God for his good progress, and that he remain on the roll of presbytery without call.

Presbytery approved their recommendation that TE Derek Thomas be released from his call to Reformed Theological Seminary and First Presbyterian Church and transferred to Catawba Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as requested effective June 1, 2011 **(Appendix K, pp. 26ff.)**.

The chairman asked TE Carl Kalberkamp to lead in prayer for Bill and Derek.

76.1014 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee report beginning with prayer.

RE John Kwasny was elected to be our Ruling Elder for Communion at the 39th General Assembly meeting in Virginia Beach, Virginia. RE Kevin Russell was selected to be a substitute if necessary or to fill in as the Assembly may need.

Nominations Chairman TE Billy Joseph and Stated Clerk Roger Collins were clothed with powers of a commission to appoint a floor clerk as able.

TE Billy Joseph explained that he had served as presbytery's representative on the GA Nominations Committee to fill in for RE Doyle Moorhead because of RE Moorhead's inability to attend. Presbytery approved the action as its own.

76.1015 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Special Committee Chairman RE Wayne Morrison submitted the Mission to the Military report. He encouraged presbytery to pray for this work and consider supporting it as we embark on sending men to plant churches near military bases. Presbytery received it as information. TE Tim Muse concluded the report with prayer.

76.1016 SEASON OF PRAYER

Upon motion from the floor, presbytery entered into a time of prayer together.

76.1017

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins read the morning minutes and they were approved with correction without objection.

76.1018

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THANKS COMMITTEE

During the lunch hour, Thanks Committee Convener TE Steve Jones presented the presbytery's thanks to Reformed Theological Seminary for their ministrations on our behalf, to wit:

To the praise and honor of the glorious triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley wishes to express its gratitude to Reformed Theological Seminary for your services to the church in hosting the May 3, 2011 meeting of presbytery. Your desire to serve the cause of Christ was evident in your hospitality, service and gracious welcome.

We also wish to express our appreciation to RTS for its distinguished and faithful service to the PCA and the Reformed community. Much of what we are that is praiseworthy and commendable, we are because of you.

For His glory,

/s/ TE Steve Jones, RE Paul Adams and RE Arthur Self

76.1018

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Presbytery reconvened after lunch with prayer by the Moderator TE Scott Reiber.

Chairman TE Jeremy Smith presented the Credentials Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix ?, p. 34**).

Oral Reports

Candidate and Intern Geoff Gleason gave an oral report on his growth in grace and experience as a candidate of presbytery. TE Tim Dryden led in prayer for Mr. Gleason.

Administrative information

The chairman reported that the Credentials Committee, acting as a commission, had allowed TE Brad Mercer to move onto the field at Highlands Presbyterian Church on April 1, 2011 prior to his presbytery exam and approval. Presbytery ratified the action as its own.

Examinations

The following examinations were administered:

Candidacy and Internship

1. Mr. Eric Mabbott was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Mabbot is a member of the Carthage Presbyterian Church and is a Middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by Chairman TE Jeremy Smith, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates.

Upon his answering the constitutional questions required, presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Carthage with TE Steve Jones as mentor. The presbytery approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

2. Mr. Ben Ratliff was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Ratliff is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by Chairman TE Jeremy Smith, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates.

Upon his answering the constitutional questions required, presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Hinds Community College with TE Chad Scott as mentor and approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

3. Mr. Nathan Eldridge was examined and approved for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-7. Mr. Eldredge is a member of Faith Presbyterian, Brookhaven, a Junior at RTS, and a candidate in Grace Presbytery. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by Chairman TE Jeremy Smith, and prayer, he was enrolled on the roll of candidates.

Transfer

TE Brad Mercer was examined and approved for transfer from Covenant Presbytery, per BCO 13-6, and received, pending their dismissal. TE Mercer, a PCA minister in good standing, and recent member of the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, was asked whether there had been any change in his views since his membership among us and he affirmed that there had not. TE Mercer declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Administrative Recommendations:

1. The completed internship of Joe Steele was approved per BCO 19-13.
2. The completed internship of Geoff Gleason was approved per BCO 19-13.
3. The call to TE Brad Mercer to become the senior assistant pastor of the Highlands Presbyterian Church was found in order and approved (**Appendix O, p. 36**). The installation commission comprised of TEs Joseph Wheat, Wilson Shirley, Robert Penny and REs Ken Meadows, Ford

Mosby and David Fowler. TE Richard Owens of Covenant Presbytery is invited as a guest of the commission. The installation service will meet at 10:50 AM on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at the Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland.

Written Intern Reports were submitted as indicated in **(Appendix P, pp. 38ff.)**.

Interns Jason Grabulis and Ken Roberts requested to withdraw from candidacy and internship.

76.1019 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America report beginning with prayer **(Appendix Q, p. 43)**.

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer reported on the work of Disaster Relief in the aftermath of the recent tornados.

Chairman TE Brewer announced that the MNA committee recommends the MJCCW resolution unanimously. He turned the report over to TE Phillip Palmertree, interim chairman of the MJCCW. Phillip Palmertree read the resolution of the committee **(Appendix J, p. 24)**. That resolution became the main motion before the court. He then elaborated as follows:

1. The joint committee is grateful for the support of presbytery.
2. The committee reconsidered Bebo's resignation and decided it was not advisable.
3. The committee had been directed to meet with representatives of the three presbytery MNA Committees, which they did.
4. The recommendation will provide for the long term continuity of the campus works and provides for unity among the presbyteries.
5. The joint committee believes this is a matter of great urgency, so that our campus ministers may be received into the health program of the RUM.

Motion was made to allow RUM Coordinator TE Rod Mays, who is present as a visiting brother, to answer questions that members of the court would like to ask. It was approved. Coordinator Rod Mays answered various questions from the floor.

MNA Chairman TE Hunter Brewer addressed the court regarding the process of the MNA Committee with regard to its recommendation and their concern that the new joint committee pursue reconciliation between the presbyteries.

The motion to suspend the Standing Rules in order to adopt the resolution was approved by two thirds of the presbyters.

The resolution of the MNA Committee to adopt the resolution of the MJCCW was approved.

The following presbyters requested that their negative votes be recorded: TE George Felton, TE Robert Schwanebeck and TE Roger Collins.

TE Phillip Palmertree led the presbytery in prayer.

RUM Coordinator TE Rod Mays addressed the presbytery and welcomed MVP into the GA RUM fold.

Motion approved that the Belzoni resolution be committed to the new joint committee as part of its

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task (**Appendix H, p. 21**).

TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee nominees for the new RUM joint committee class of 2011 RE Hugh Potts, 2012 TE Ligon Duncan, and 2013 RE Scott Jones. The class of 2014 TE Scott Phillips was filled from the floor and approved.

Move to suspend the rules and direct the new RUM joint committee to operate according to new guidelines as submitted by TE Phillip Palmertree (**Appendix R, p. 44**)

Presbytery referred the same to the Administrative Committee to prepare a first reading for presbytery's approval.

The call to TE Chad Scott to serve as RUF Campus Minister was found to be in order and approved (**Appendix G, p. 19**).

The 2011 Budget for Reformed University Ministries was approved (**Appendix F, p. 17**).

76.1020 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Continued)

Sub-committee Chairman TE Scott Phillips, of the Administration Committee's Records and Archives Subcommittee reported that the session records of Lakeland Presbyterian Church and Raymond Presbyterian Church were approved without exception. The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and Bailey Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions of form.

76.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bob Bailey was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

76.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on August 2, 2011 at a place to be determined by Moderator Scott Reiber and Stated Clerk Roger Collins.


76.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins read the afternoon minutes. They were approved with correction.

76.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger Collins", followed by a horizontal line.

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 2, 2011**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS**

77.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE Scott Reiber called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 A.M. beginning with scripture and prayer.

77.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend Richard Cobb Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Byram, Grace	John Dawson	
Canton, Old Madison	Roger Collins	John Ingwerson
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove	Steve Jones	A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		Louis Lavallee John Spears
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Dean Rydbeck	Melvin Hubbard
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Forest, Forest	John Duke	Buddy Mardis
Goodman, Goodman	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	A
	Billy Joseph	Bebo Elkin
	Brister Ware	Jim Moore
	Bill Wymond	Jim Tohill
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Noel Toler
		Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer		Mabry Lynn
		Bruce Baugus
		Raymond Hall
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Kelle Menogan
		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long Jr.	John Williams
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Joe Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	Matt Vines
	Josh Kines	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	Howard Secrest
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond	Os Barnes	A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Scott Jones
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
		Craig Stockmeier
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, James Stewart, Elbert McGowan, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Paul Nasekos, Jimmy Turner and Ed Hartman.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Ryan Dean, Joshua Drake, Matthew Elliott, Lee Hutchings, Perry McCall, Ben Ratliff and Matt Stevens.
- d. A non-voting officer of presbytery who was present:** Doyle Moorhead.
- e. The following visitors were registered:** R.F. Biese, Gavin Breeden, Tony and Fairly Cooper, Chuck Frost, Jimmy Mardis, Larry Mills, Paul Lipe, Don Cheele, Mike Lynch and Grover Gunn.
- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda and Kaz Yaegashi.

- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Michael Campbell, Charlie Douglas, George Felton, Robert Hays, Merle Messer, Ken Pierce, Mark Lowery, Bob Penny, Josh Reiger, Christopher Shelt, Bill Smith, Jeremy Smith and Joseph Wheat.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr. and Martin Marshall.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Don Caviness, Kenneth Elliott, Tim Dryden, Troy Milliken and Sam Smith.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **77.1002.a.** above.

77.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Buddy Mardis was elected moderator by acclamation.

77.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

77.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **77.1002, c.** above.

77.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Roger Collins, pastor of the church, welcomed the members to the facility.

77.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Cecil Ferguson, TE John Duke (Convenor), TE Paul Nasekos.

77.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the Stated Clerk's Report.

- Presbytery voted to allow this stated meeting to be live streamed on ustream.tv.
- Requests for excused absences from TEs Jeremy Smith, Joseph Wheat, Brad Mercer, Josh Reiger, Robert Hays, Charlie Douglas, Ken Pierce, Merle Messer, Michael Cambell, Mark Lowery, Bill Smith, Christopher Shelt and George Felton were approved (see **77.1002 e.**).

- The report of the installation commission for TE Brad Mercer as Assistant Pastor of Highlands Presbyterian Church was ratified as that of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 12**).
- A communication from TE Paul Lipe, of the Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, Louisiana, was received (**Appendix C, p. 13**). It was referred to the Administration Committee and the Credentials Committee for a response and for examination of the elders before their reception into Mississippi Valley Presbytery.
- Calls received include: First Presbyterian Church to TE Billy Dempsey (**Appendix D, p. 14**), Reformed Theological Seminary to TE Chuck Frost (**p. 15**), Redeemer Presbyterian Church to Ryan Dean (**p. 18**), New Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida to TE James Carter (**p. 15**), and Mission to the World to Trey Adams (**p. 19**).
- Memorials were received honoring TE Jack Scott, TE Dale McCord and RE Lewis Montgomery. These were approved to be recorded in the minutes and read as a part of worship (**Appendix ?, pp. ?ff.**).
- Annual reports were received from TEs James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Mark Lowery, Guy Waters and Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix F, pp. 23ff.**). These were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

77.1009

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Tim Muse, in the stead of Chairman TE George Felton, presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, p. 44**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the current financial statement (**Appendix H, pp. 45ff.**). It was received as information. He then presented the Administration Committee's proposed 2012 Budget. It was adopted as presented (**Appendix H, p. 49**). The 2012 Askings is set at \$25.30.

77.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, p. 51**).

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the annual reports of the following Teaching Elders who labor out of bounds be approved and that their requests to continue in that status for another year be granted: James Carter, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Chris Shelt, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Guy Waters, Guy Richardson, and Paul Nasekos (**Appendix F, pp. 23ff.**).
2. That TE Ed Hurley be granted permission to remain on the roll of presbytery without call until the February 2012 meeting of presbytery while he moves his credentials to Eastern Carolina Presbytery.

Chairman Schwanebeck concluded his report with prayer.

77.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer before worship.

77.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

77.1013

WORSHIP

After the reading of the memorials referenced above, TE Scott Reiber led presbytery in public worship. He preached from 1 Corinthians 11. He then led in serving communion.

77.1014

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed till the afternoon. The moderator dismissed the assembly for lunch offering a prayer of thanksgiving for the food.

77.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS

During the lunch hour, TE John Duke, convener of the Thanks Committee, presented presbytery's thanks to the church for their ministrations in our behalf, to wit:

The members of Mississippi Valley Presbytery are pleased to express our grateful thanks to the Grace Presbyterian Church in Byram for their kind ministry to us today. We are most thankful for the delicious meal and snacks, for the sweet hospitality of your members (especially your women's ministry), for cool air, and blessed fellowship. For these and other blessings we commend you for your servant spirit. Your preparations for us and your kindness and ministry to us today are expressions of your love, not only for us, but especially for our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name you serve. Thank you!

And may God richly bless you with every blessing for your humble service to this gathering today.

Thanks Committee - TE John Duke, TE Paul Nasekos and RE Cecil Ferguson

77.1016

CREDENTIALS

In the absence of Chairman TE Jeremy Smith, TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 52f.**).

Oral Reports

Ryan Dean reported on his internship.

Examinations

The following examinations were administered:

Candidacy and Internship

Matt Elliott, Nathan Eldridge, Nick Bullock, Joshua Drake, gave their testimony of conversion and call to the ministry. They then explained what they will be doing in their internship programs.

1. **Mr. Nicholas Bullock** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Bullock is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by TE Scott Reiber, and prayer, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Providence with TE John Reeves as mentor and allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

2. **Mr. Joshua Drake** was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Drake is a candidate in MVP. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at Highlands Presbyterian Church with Joseph Wheat as mentor and allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

3. **Mr. Nathan Eldridge** was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Eldridge is a candidate in MVP. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan E at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with RE Raymond Hall as mentor and allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

4. **Mr. Matthew Elliott** was approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Elliot is a candidate in MVP. The presbytery approved his internship under Plan E at Trinity Presbyterian Church with Paul Long, Jr. as mentor and allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

Transfer

1. **TE Chuck Frost** was examined and approved for transfer from Metro Atlanta Presbytery per BCO 13-6. TE Frost, a PCA minister in good standing in the PCA, was examined in the areas of Christian experience and in his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Frost declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. TE Frost is a former member in good standing of the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his signing of the Book of Obligations was received, pending the dismissal of Metro Atlanta Presbytery.

2. **TE Billy Dempsey** was examined and approved for transfer from Providence Presbytery per BCO 13-6. TE Dempsey, a PCA minister in good standing in the PCA, was examined in the areas of Christian experience and in his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Dempsey declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. TE Dempsey is a former member in good standing of the Presbytery of Mississippi Valley. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his signing of the Book of Obligations was received, pending dismissal from Providence Presbytery.

3. The terms of call for TE Billy Dempsey meet presbytery guidelines and the call was approved (**Appendix D, p. 14**).

4. Presbytery approved the commission arrangements to install Billy Dempsey as an assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church. The commission consists of TEs William Joseph, Ligon Duncan, and Jeremy Smith (convener). The REs are James Bebo Elkin, Claude Harbarger, Ken Fairly, and Jerry Shivers. They are to meet on Sunday, September 11th at 6 p.m., 2011 at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

5. The terms of call for TE Chuck Frost meet presbytery guidelines though its form was referred back to Credentials to be perfected so as to comply with presbytery's approved practice **(Appendix D, p. 15)**.

Ordination

1. **Mr. Trey Adams** was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Shirley, a candidate in The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, in the areas of Experiential religion, English Bible, Doctrine, Sacraments, Church History, and PCA History. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an examination in original languages. Mr. Adams' internship had previously been approved as completed. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on 1 Peter 3.8-17 before a commission of the presbytery. It was accepted as approved by the commission and that approval was ratified as the action of MVP. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and he signed the Book of Obligations. Mr. Adams ordination service followed the end of the Credentials Committee Report (see below).

2. **Mr. Ryan Dean** was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. The presbytery examined Mr. Dean, a candidate in The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, in the areas of Experiential Religion, English Bible, Doctrine, Sacraments, Church History, and PCA History. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an examination in original languages. Upon the recommendation of the committee, Mr. Dean's internship was approved as completed pending a meeting with mentor TE Mike Campbell. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached on Isaiah 49.1-7 before a commission of the presbytery. It was accepted as approved by the commission and that approval was ratified as the action of presbytery. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and upon his signing the Book of Obligations and pending his ordination/installation, he was entered on the roll of ministers.

Presbytery took a short break and then agreed to postpone the remainder of the Credentials Committee to have TE Ligon Duncan report on MJCCW.

77.1016

CAMPUS WORK

TE Ligon Duncan, Chairman of the Committee, reported beginning with prayer for the Johnston family having learned of RE Edmund Johnston's death. TE Ligon then presented information of the current status of the new MJCCW **(Appendix J, pp. 220ff)**.

77.1017

CREDENTIALS (Continued)

Administrative Recommendations:

Presbytery approved the following recommendations of the committee.

1. The commission to ordain and install **TE Ryan Dean** as an assistant pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. The commission is to consist of TEs Mike Campbell (preaching), Elbert McGowan (convener), and Wilson Shirley. The REs are Kelly Simpkins, Wynn Kenyon, and

Tommy Dent. They are to convene on August 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

2. The call of Mission to the World Trey Adams as a missionary to Thailand was approved pending the Credentials Committee putting it in an appropriate form [attached is the call as approved by Credentials Committee, **(Appendix E, p. 19)** Terms meet presbytery guidelines.
3. The terms of call for Ryan Dean meet presbytery guidelines. The call was approved to Redeemer Presbyterian Church was **(Appendix E, p. 18)**.

TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Report with prayer.

Presbytery proceeded to ordain Trey Adams to the gospel ministry per BCO 21. He will be serving with Mission to the World in Thailand. Credentials Committee member TE Steve Jones preached a message on the importance of love from 1 Corinthians 13. Moderator RE Buddy Mardis proposed the questions of ordination from BCO 21-5 to Mr. Adams who answered in the affirmative. He then directed the questions of BCO 21-6 to the presbytery with appropriate modification. Members indicated their assent with raised hands.

Mr. Adams knelt as members of the presbytery joined TE Steve Jones as he led in prayer with the laying on of hands and setting him apart solemnly to the gospel ministry.

Moderator RE Benny Mardis pronounced the words of ordination (BCO 21-7). Afterwards TE Jones gave a charge to Mr. Adams to persevere with the expectation that he will one day receive the Lord's commendation for his ministry. TE Jones then proceeded to charge the presbytery.

TE Trey Adams pronounced the benediction.

77.1017

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Cecil Ferguson presented the report beginning with prayer **(Appendix ?, p. ?)**. He introduced Tony and Fairly Cooper, Nate Bonham and Josh Kines who addressed the presbytery concerning their missionary endeavors. RE Ferguson led in prayer for all as he concluded his report. The report was received as information.

77.1018

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman TE Os Barnes presented the report beginning with prayer. He reported of recent committee work related to changes in the PresWic organization. His report was received as information.

77.1019

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Scott Phillips, reported for the Administration Committee Subcommittee on Sessional Records beginning with prayer. Grace Presbyterian Church and North Park Presbyterian Church minutes were approved without exception. Highlands Presbyterian Church, Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Lexington Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions of form.

77.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Scott Phillips moved that we approve the call to TE James Carter from New Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida giving him permission to labor out of bounds, pending concurrence of the South Florida Presbytery and assurance that New Presbyterian Church will give him full freedom to maintain and teach the doctrine of our church (**Appendix E, p. 15**). Presbytery concurred. The stated clerk is directed to communicate this to South Florida Presbytery and the session of the New Presbyterian Church (BCO 8-7, 13-2).

77.1021

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Guy Waters was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

77.1022

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on November 1, 2011, at Twin Lakes Conference Center convening at 9:00 a.m.

77.1023

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were read by the stated clerk and approved as read.

77.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

**CALLED MEETING
September 13, 2011**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS**

78.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Previous Moderator TE Scott Reiber, in the absence of Moderator RE Buddy Mardis, called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 1:00 P.M. He stated the purpose for the called meeting, which was to deal with all matters relating to the actions taken by TE Jeremy Smith and the dissolution of his relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

TE Reiber read from Colossians 1 and opened the meeting with prayer.

78.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb Mark Nixon
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
	Roger Collins	A
Byram, Grace		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Steve Jones	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelly
	Matt Geisman	Louis Lavalley
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Robert Mims
	Ligon Duncan	Bill May
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Billy Dempsey	Tom Rice
		Noel Toler
		William Cook
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Michael Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long	Phillip McDade
	Ken Pierce	Patrick McDowell
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Grant Carroll	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	John Fair
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Bob Lane	Joe Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Josh Kines	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	Kent Meadows
	Wilson Shirley	Scott Jones
	Brad Mercer	Ford Mosby
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Tim Dryden	Ken Smith
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	Robert Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bill Hughes, Elbert McGowan, Ken Elliott, Doug McCullough, Guy Waters, Bill Smith, Robert Hays, Chad Scott, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Nasekos.
- c. The following visitors were registered:** RE Bob Lewis.
- d. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- e. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Josh Rieger, Chris Shelt, Clay Quarterman, Hunter Brewer, Joey Wright, Fred Marsh, Mark Lowery, Guy Richardson, and Troy Milliken.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stan Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, and Martin Marshall.

- g. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Don Caviness, Os Barnes, Ed Hurley, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Bobby Penny, James Stewart, Don Malin, Jim Stewart, Ryan Dean, and Jeremy Smith.
- h. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **781002.a.** above.

78.1003 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was approved (**Appendix A, p. 6**).

78.1004 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors introduced.

78.1005 WELCOME FROM HOST CHURCH

TE Carl Kalberkamp, pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery.

78.1006 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins moved that the selection of the moderator be affirmed by vote of the presbytery. Moderator Scott Reiber opened the floor for other nominations. Motion was made the TE Scott Reiber be elected moderator by affirmation. Presbytery concurred.

The stated clerk submitted requests for excused absence from Josh Rieger, Chris Shelt, Clay Quarterman, Hunter Brewer, Joey Wright, Fred Marsh, Mark Lowery, Guy Richardson, and Troy Milliken and moved that they be approved. Presbytery concurred.

The stated clerk reported that a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Jeremy Smith and First Presbyterian Church had been received. It was referred to the chairman of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report.

78.1007 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Bob Schwanebeck presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee meeting by moving that presbytery go into executive session with the entire Shepherding and Advisory Committee being invited to remain and given the privilege of the floor. Presbytery concurred and Shepherding Committee member RE Bob Lewis was seated as a non-voting participant.

[Minutes of the executive session are found in the records of the stated clerk.]

Upon emerging from executive session, the following actions were taken:

1. The pastoral relationship between TE Jeremy Smith and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson was dissolved,
2. TE Jeremy Smith was deposed from the office of Teaching Elder of the Presbyterian Church in America,
3. TE Jeremy Smith was excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ.

The following statement of excommunication found in BCO 36-7 was pronounced by the moderator:

Whereas, Mr. Jeremy Smith, a teaching elder of this presbytery, has been proved, by sufficient evidence to be guilty of the sin of abandoning his ministerial call, his ordination covenant, his marital covenant, committing adultery, we, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, do adjudge him disqualified for the office of the Christian ministry, and therefore we do hereby, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, depose from the office of a teaching elder the said Jeremy Smith, and do prohibit him from exercising any of the functions thereof.

We do moreover, by the same authority, exclude the said Mr. Jeremy Smith from the Sacraments, and cut him off from the fellowship of the Church.

78.1008

READING OF THE MINUTES

Presbytery instructed that the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee be made part of the record of the case.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

78.1009

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 4:00 P.M. with prayer by TE Roger Collins.

Respectfully submitted,



TE Scott Reiber, Moderator

TE Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 1, 2011**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

79.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator RE Benny "Buddy" Mardis called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM. Prayer was offered by RE Mardis.

79.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

The stated clerk declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
	Roger Collins	A
Byram, Grace		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Buddy Mardis
	John Duke	Cecil Ferguson
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Bill Cook
	Ligon Duncan	Robert Mims
	Brister Ware	Barry Vickery
	Billy Dempsey	Tom Rice
		Bill May
		Noel Toler
		Gene McRoberts
		Doyle Moorhead
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mark Muncie
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Bruce Baugus
Kosciusko, First	Grant Carroll	Hugh Potts
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	A
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Glenn Peters
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina		Jimmy Davidson
		Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Joe Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
	Josh Kines	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	Howard Secrest
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Os Barnes	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
	Wilson Shirley	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Tim Dryden	Ken Haynes
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Charles Douglas	Steven Szelmeczki
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster		Gordon Sluis
		James Harrison
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	Bob Bailey
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Bill Smith, James Stewart, Elbert McGowan, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Grant Carroll, Chad Scott, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Chris Shelt, Chuck Frost, Josh Rieger, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, and Fred Marsh.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Perry McCall, Brad Mills, Kevin Hartley, Ben Ratliff, Jason Housewright, Matt Stevens, Nathan Eldridge, and Lee Hutchings.
- d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present:** Doyle Moorhead.
- e. The following visitors were registered:** Paul Lipe, Larry Mills, Quentin Johnson, Gavin Breeden, Rachel Reese, Linda Wixon, and Sara Housewright.
- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Wes Baker, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Ed

Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi and Jae Hyuk Yoo.

- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences for the day:** Don Caviness, Scott Reiber, Ken Elliott, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Long, Jr.
- h. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences for part of the day:** Hunter Brewer, Phillip Palmertree, Ricky Glenn, Chris Shelt, and Matt Giesman.
- i. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, and Martin Marshall.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ed Hurley, Brad Mercer and Troy Milliken.
- k. Ruling elder representatives from the following churches were absent without excuse:** Those churches marked with the letter "A" in paragraph **79.1002.a.** above.

79.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Guy Waters was elected moderator by acclamation.

79.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

79.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **79.1002, c.** above.

79.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

Staff member Tuan La welcomed the members to the Twin Lakes Retreat Center on behalf of the staff and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

79.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of RE Steve Szelmeczki, TE Charlie Rodriguez (Convenor), and RE Mark Muncie.

79.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins reported. At his request, presbytery approved the live streaming of the meeting at www.ustream.tv.

1. Requests for excused absences were presented to presbytery and approved (**79.1002 g., h.**).
2. Ordination and installation commission reports were received for TE Dean Ryan and Billy Dempsey (**Appendix B, pp. 15f.**). These were ratified as the actions of presbytery.
3. Communications:
 - a. A letter from the Wellspring organization regarding well drilling equipment sent to North Korea was received as information (**Appendix C, pp. 18ff.**).
 - b. A thank you note from Athena Davies was presented for the presbytery's information (**Appendix D, p. 21**).
 - c. An annual report from TE Clay Quarterman was received and referred to Shepherding and Advisory for their report (**Appendix E, p. 22**).
 - d. Calls for Perry McCall from Carolina Presbyterian Church (**Appendix F, p. 27**), Nate Bonham from MTW (**p. 25**), Gavin Breeden from Northpointe Presbyterian Church (**p. 27**), Jason Housewright from Tchula (**p. 28**), and Joey Wright from the Air Force Chaplaincy (**p. 29**) were received. These were all referred to the Credentials Committee.
 - e. Dissolution of pastoral relationship requests from TE Dean Rydbeck (**Appendix H, p. 32**) and the Edwards Presbyterian Church (**p. 33**), TE Steve Jones (**p. 30**) and the Carthage Presbyterian Church (**p. 31**), TE Charles Douglas (**p. 34**) and the Wynndale Presbyterian Church (**p. 35**) and TE Joey Wright (**p. 36**) who serves with RUF at Millsaps were received. These were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - f. A complaint against MS Valley Presbytery from TE William Smith regarding its actions of September 13, 2011 was received in a timely manner (**Appendix K, pp. 37f.**). It concerned the censure of excommunication that the court imposed upon Jeremy Smith at that meeting. The stated clerk informed the court that TEs John Reeves, Ken Pierce and Charlie Rodriguez requested that their names be attached to the complaint. The stated clerk read the complaint in its entirety.

The court proceeded to consider the complaint. TE William Smith was given the opportunity to address the court. After speakers both pro and con had spoken, the motion was made to enter into executive session. Presbytery concurred.

Rising out of executive session, MS Valley Presbytery denied the complainant's request to rule its "action to excommunicate TE Jeremy Smith was contrary to the BCO and contrary to the dispensation of mercy by which all discipline is to be exercised in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ." TE William Smith informed the court that he intended to appeal to the general assembly.

The stated clerk requested and the presbytery approved giving TE Hunter Brewer, chairman of the Mission to North America Committee, an opportunity to address the court at this time. He announced that the new shower trailer purchased by our Disaster Relief subcommittee of MNA was parked out front. TE Brewer encouraged the members of presbytery to take a look and be aware of the presbytery's new disaster response resources. He acknowledged the hard work of RE Paul Adams in bringing this project to fruition.

79.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, pp. 39ff.**). He in turn asked Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead to give the Treasurer's Report. RE Moorhead referred the presbytery to the financial reports (**pp. 41ff.**). The completion of his report was delayed due to the order of the day for worship.

79.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

79.1011

WORSHIP

At the request of Past Moderator RE Buddy Mardis, TE Steve Jussely led presbytery in worship. After singing and prayer, TE Jussely preached from Revelation 5.9,10.

After worship, TE Gary Johnson, missionary to Sweden, addressed the court with a report on his ministry there.

RE Gordon Sluis of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg gave a report about TE Scott Reiber's recovery after his recent heart surgery.

79.1012

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

79.1013

LUNCH AND THANKS

During the lunch hour, RE Steve Szelmeczki of the Thanks Committee, presented presbytery's thanks to the Twin Lakes Staff for their ministrations on our behalf.

Moderator TE Guy Waters reconvened presbytery at 1:00 PM with prayer.

79.1014

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix O, pp. 48ff.**). The Intern Report Summary and the written intern reports were made available to the presbytery via the presbytery website (**p. 51**).

Oral Reports

Interns Elliott Everitt, David Felker, Aaron Halbert, Brad Mills, Peter Whitney and Josh Williams gave oral reports on their growth in grace and internships.

Administrative Information

The chairman reported that the Credentials Committee, acting as a commission, had allowed Jason Housewright to move onto the field at Tchula Presbyterian Church prior to his presbytery exam and approval. Presbytery ratified the action as its own.

Examinations

Presbytery proceeded with examinations.

Candidacy and Internship

1. **Mr. Wiley Lowry** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Lowry is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and is a Middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by TE Rob Hill, and prayer, he was pronounced to be enrolled on the list of candidates.

Upon his answering the constitutional questions required, presbytery also approved Mr. Lowry's internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Brister Ware as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

2. **Mr. Josh Squires** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Squires is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and is a graduate of RTS. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. The presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by TE Rob Hill, and prayer, he was pronounced to be enrolled on the list of candidates.

Upon his answering the constitutional questions required, presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor. Presbytery approved allowing previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%.

3. **Mr. Zach Owens** was examined and approved for candidacy per BCO 18-7. Mr. Owens is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson. He was thoroughly examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. Presbytery found his examination satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions, charging by TE Rob Hill and prayer, he was enrolled on the list of candidates.

4. **Mr. Marshall Jacks** was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Jacks remains a candidate of **Covenant Presbytery**. He is a Middler at RTS, Jackson. He was examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his sense of call to the gospel ministry. The presbytery examined Mr. Jacks in basic knowledge of Bible doctrine as outlined in the Confession and Catechisms of the PCA, practical knowledge of Bible content, basic knowledge of church government as given in the BCO and his views of these matters as well. Mr. Jacks declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The sermon he preached on John 6:15-21 was heard and approved by a commission whose report was adopted as the action of the presbytery. Upon his satisfactorily answering the questions of BCO 19-3 and pronouncement by the moderator as required in 19-4, he was declared a licentiate in MVP.

5. **Mr. Tom Van Stroh** was examined and approved for licensure per BCO 19-2. Mr. Van Stroh remains a candidate in **Heartland Presbytery**. He is a Junior at RTS Jackson. He was examined by the presbytery in the areas of experiential religion and his sense of call to the gospel ministry. The presbytery examined Mr. Van Stroh in basic knowledge of Bible doctrine as outlined in the Confession and Catechisms of the PCA, practical knowledge of Bible content, basic knowledge of church government as given in the BCO and his views of these matters as well. Mr. Van Stroh declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The sermon he preached on Colossians 1.9f was heard and approved by a commission whose report was adopted as the action of the presbytery. Upon his satisfactorily answering the questions of BCO 19-3 and pronouncement by the moderator as required in 19-4, he was declared a licentiate in MVP.

6. **Mr. Nate Bonham** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Presbytery examined Mr. Bonham, a candidate and an intern, in experiential religion, English Bible, theology, sacraments, church history, PCA history, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in Greek and Hebrew (BCO 21-4). The sermon he preached on Mark 10. 46-52 was approved by a commission whose report was adopted as the action of presbytery. The completion of Mr. Bonham's internship was previously approved. Mr. Bonham declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. MVP approved his examination as whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and upon his ordination and installation, will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

7. **Mr. Gavin Breeden** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Presbytery examined Mr. Breeden, a candidate in Central Carolina Presbytery, in experiential religion, English Bible, theology, sacraments, church history, PCA history, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in Greek and Hebrew (BCO 21-4). He preached a sermon on II Timothy 2.1-13 before a commission whose approval was adopted as the action of presbytery. The completion of Mr. Breeden's internship was previously approved. Mr. Breeden declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and upon his ordination and installation, will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

8. **Mr. Jason Housewright** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. Housewright, a candidate in Westminster Presbytery whose internship was approved as completed there, was examined by MS Valley in experiential religion, English Bible, theology, sacraments, church history, PCA history, and the BCO. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in Greek and Hebrew (BCO 21-4). He preached a sermon on Mark 1.9-11 before a commission and its approval was adopted as the action of presbytery. Mr. Housewright declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and upon his ordination and installation, will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

9. **Mr. Perry McCall** was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Mr. McCall, an ordained Southern Baptist Minister, had been licensed by Ms Valley Presbytery in May 2010. He was examined in sacraments, church history, PCA history, and BCO. Reexamination in other areas was not necessary. His sermon also had been previously approved. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an exam in Greek and Hebrew (BCO 21-4). Mr. McCall declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole. He signed the Book of Obligations, and upon his ordination and installation, will be recognized as a member of presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations:

The call of Mission to the World to **Mr. Nate Bonham** as an evangelistic missionary in Latin America was approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**Appendix F, p. 25**). The commission to ordain Mr. Bonham includes TEs: Hunter Brewer - convenor, Josh Kines, Joseph Wheat, and REs: Louis Luke, Bert Marshall, and Matt Vines. TE Bill Whitwer is an invited guest of the commission. The quorum is two TEs and two REs. The commission will convene November 13, 2011 at 9:30 AM at Madison Heights Presbyterian Church.

The call of Northpointe Presbyterian Church to **Mr. Gavin Breeden** as assistant pastor was approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**p. 27**). The commission to ordain and install Mr. Breeden as assistant pastor of Northpointe Presbyterian Church will convene at Northpointe on November 13, 2011 at 6:00 PM. Members of the commission are TEs Bob Schwanebeck - convenor, Carl Kalberkamp, Scott Phillips, and REs: Bebo Elkin, Kary Whitehead, Tim Ivey, David Goldman, Gary Morrow, and Howard Secrest. TE Nathan Tircuit of Covenant Presbytery is an invited guest of the commission. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.

The call of Tchula Presbyterian Church to **Mr. Jason Housewright** as pastor was approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**p. 28**). The commission to ordain and install Mr. Housewright will convene on November 6, 2011 at 5:00 PM. The commission is to consist of TEs: Guy Waters - Convenor, David Gilbert, and Sam Smith, REs: Sam Hutton, Will Thompson, Bebo Elkin, and Wes Everett. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.

The call of Carolina Presbyterian Church to **Mr. Perry McCall** as pastor was approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**p. 24**). The commission to ordain and install Mr. Perry McCall will convene on November 13, 2011 at 11 AM. It is to consist of TEs Brister Ware - convenor, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Reiber, REs Neil Barnes, Larry McMillan, and Jimmy Davidson. The quorum is two TEs and two REs.

The internships of **Mr. Jason Dalton** and **Mr. Nate Bonham** were approved as complete.

Presbytery approved the Credentials Committee's recommendation that Mr. Dustin Jernigan, Mr. Scott Jones, Mr. Alan Kolodny, Mr. Joey McLeod, and Mr. David Ponter, Mr. Shaun Furniss, Mr. Peter Anderson and Mr. Daniel Chase be removed from the list of candidates and, where applicable, the list of interns. They have either been ordained elsewhere, have requested removal, or the stated clerk has not been able to locate them after considerable effort.

Mr. Tom Van Stroh, having been licensed today, was approved by presbytery to serve as student supply at the Wynndale Presbyterian Church.

The call from Ms Valley Presbytery to **TE Joey Wright** to labor out of bounds as an Air Force chaplain was approved. Presbytery approved his being appointed as an evangelist clothed with the powers of the office (BCO 8-6).

TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Report with prayer.

79.1015

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE George Felton resumed the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, pp. 39**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead concluded the Financial Report that he had begun before worship

(pp. 41ff.). It was received as information.

Presbytery approved the committee's recommendation that Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead and Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays be given bonuses of \$500.00 each.

Presbytery adopted changes in the Standing Rules (Article VII, D and E) to accommodate the new Mississippi Joint Committee on Campus Work **(p. 40)**. This change is the first reading and was approved by the two thirds majority required.

Sub-Committee on Sessional Records Chairman TE Scott Phillips recommended that the minutes of Newton Presbyterian Church, Pearl Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church be approved without exception. He further recommend that Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, St. Paul Presbyterian Church and Wynndale Presbyterian Church be approved with exceptions of form. Presbytery concurred with both recommendations **(pp. 47)**.

TE Phillips noted that Bailey Presbyterian Church, DeKalb Presbyterian Church, Forest Presbyterian Church, Lauderdale Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Macon Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights Presbyterian Church, Old Madison Presbyterian Church, Pickens Presbyterian Church, Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, Providence Presbyterian Church, Scooba Presbyterian Church, Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Tchula Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Presbyterian Church had not submitted minutes this year. Bethesda Presbyterian Church and Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church were recognized as having submitted minutes that were in need of further work in order to be approved.

Highlands Presbyterian Church minutes were resubmitted as amended, and a former decision concerning them was amended so they were now approved without exception.

79.1016

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report beginning with prayer.

Presbytery ratified the actions of the committee, acting as a commission, when it approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Dean Rydbeck and the Edwards Presbyterian Church upon their request **(Appendix H, pp. 32, 33)**. They further approved the actions of the committee acting as a commission in the transfer of TE Rydbeck to Catawba Presbytery of the ARP on September 12, 2011 with our gratitude to him for years of faithful service here in MS Valley.

Presbytery ratified the actions of the committee, acting as a commission, when it approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Steve Jones and the Carthage Presbyterian Church on September 13, 2011 **(Appendix G, pp. 30, 31)**. Presbytery approved keeping TE Jones on the roll without call.

Presbytery dissolved the pastoral relationship between TE Charles Douglas and the Wynndale Presbyterian Church as requested by TE Douglas and the congregation in minutes submitted to the stated clerk **(Appendix I, p. 34, 35)**. TE Douglas was approved to remain on the roll without call.

The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Joey Wright and Reformed University Ministries at Mississippi College was approved **(Appendix J, p. 36)**. A new call for TE Joey Wright as an Air Force Chaplain had been approved as part of the Credentials Committee Report **(p. 29)**.

The annual report of TE Clay Quarterman be accepted by presbytery and he was granted permission to continue to labor outside the geographical bounds of our presbytery in the Ukraine with MTW (**Appendix E, p. 36**).

The chairman informed presbytery that TE Ed Hurley is making progress in transferring his membership to Eastern Carolina Presbytery. This was received as information.

Prayer was offered for David Robertson and Jeremy Smith.

79. 1017

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Billy Joseph presented the report of the Nominations Committee beginning with prayer (**Appendix P, pp. 52ff.**). The following men were elected to their respective presbytery permanent committees:

Administration

<u>Class</u>	<u>Names</u>
2013	RE O. B. Triplett, IV
2014	TE George Felton, TE Ken Elliott, RE Matt Vines, RE Buddy Mardis
Alternates	TE Brad Mercer, RE Alan Futroye

Christian Education

2014	TE Paul Nasekos, RE Mark Muncie, RE Jerry Sheldon
Alternates	TE Joseph Wheat, RE Julius Murray

Credentials

2012	TE Matt Giesman
2014	TE Guy Waters, TE Chris Shelton, RE Noel Toler, RE Bruce Baugus
Alternates	TE Phillip Palmertree, RE Harper Keeler

MNA

2014	TE Chad Scott, TE Rob Hill, RE Scott High, RE Mark Baird
Alternates	TE Wilson Shirley, RE Ronny Noble

Mission to the Military

2014	TE Tim Muse, RE Wayne Morrison
Alternates	TE Rick Holbert, RE Bill Penn

MTW

2013	TE John McKenzie
2014	TE Richard Wiman, RE Bob Osborne, RE Steve Edwards
Alternates	TE Don Caviness, RE Barry Vickery

Nominations

2014	TE Robert Lane, RE Richard Cobb
Alternates	TE Ligon Duncan, RE Gene McRoberts

Shepherding and Advisory

2012	TE Elbert McGowan
2014	TE Scott Reiber, TE Sam Smith, RE Charlie Dykes, RE Don Breazeale
Alternates	TE Brister Ware, RE Ford Mosby

Campus Committee

2015

RE Hugh Potts

The following men were approved as nominees for General Assembly permanent committees:

Administration: TE Josh Rieger, RE Alan Walters
Constitutional Business: TE Roger Collins
Interchurch Relations: TE Rob Hill
MTW: RE Hugh Potts
Standing Judicial Commission: TE Tim Muse
Covenant College: RE Gordon Sluis
Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Scott Phillips
PCA Foundation: RE Bill Stone
PCA Retirement and Benefits: TE Chuck Frost

The Nominations Committee and the stated clerk were designated a commission to fill vacant slots.

79.1018

MISSION TO THE WORLD

RE Cecil Ferguson presented the Mission to the World Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix Q, p. 55**). He introduced Linda Wixon, missionary to Japan, who was given the privilege of the floor to report on her work there. It was received as information. There were no recommendations for action.

79.1019

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

RE Will Thompson moved that Moderator TE Guy Waters, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Bebo Elkin be constituted as a commission for the purpose of appointing two representatives of this presbytery to act as respondents to defend its action before the Standing Judicial Commission of the General Assembly in the complaint brought by TE William Smith if and when he formally files his appeal. The motion was properly seconded and presbytery approved it.

Chairman TE Os Barnes addressed the court regarding his committee's desire to gather information from presbytery churches about the work of the Christian Education Committee. He handed out a questionnaire (**Appendix R, pp. 57f.**) and asked that it be returned to him as soon as possible.

79.1020

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Charlie Dykes was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

79.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Belhaven University tentatively invited the presbytery to meet on their campus on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. Presbytery concurred. Presbytery authorized the clerk to locate a meeting place should the Belhaven invitation not work out.

79.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES

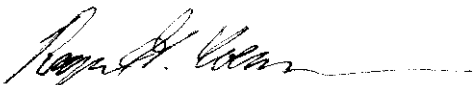
Moderator TE Guy Waters, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, RE Will Thompson and RE Sam Hutton were constituted a commission to approve the afternoon minutes.

79.1023

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M. with prayer by RE Bruce Baugus.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 7, 2012**

**Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Belhaven University, Jackson, MS**

80.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator TE Guy Waters called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM beginning with prayer.

80.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis Joseph Sasser Jr.
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Barry Kelley
	Matt Geisman	Louis LaVallee
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Buddy Mardis
	John Duke	Cecil Ferguson
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	Oliver Triplett
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Bill Cook
	Brister Ware	Jim Tohill
	Billy Dempsey	Tom Rice
		Bill May
		Noel Toler
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
	Ryan Dean	
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A

Church

Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Kosciusko, Smyrna
Lauderdale, Lauderdale

Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale

Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Ken Pierce
Paul Long
Grant Carroll
Phillip Palmertree

Rick Holbert
John McKenzie
Scott Phillips

Ricky Glenn
Perry McCall

Hunter Brewer
Josh Kines
Bob Schwanebeck
Gavin Breeden

George Felton
Merle Messer
Don Caviness

Kenneth Elliott

Wilson Shirley
Brad Mercer

Carl Kalberkamp
Tim Dryden

Jason Housewright

Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber

David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

Russ Schulte

John Boswell

A

Watson Marsalis
A
Charley McCool
John Fair

A

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Joe Davis

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Gary Morrow

Bill Cooper

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Hap Farber
Kent Meadows
Ford Mosby
Kevin Russell

Michael Boyett

Ken Haynes

Brian Kerr

Bobby Cochran

A

Sam Hutton

Nick Purvis

Steven Szelmecski

Dale White

Robert Walker

Bob Bailey

Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Bill Smith, James Stewart, Elbert McGowan, Doug McCullough, Joey Wright, Grant Carroll, Chad Scott, Paul Nasekos, Don Malin, Chris Shelt, Chuck Frost, Josh Reiger, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery and Fred Marsh.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Jack Coetsee, Eric Mabbott, Ben Ratliff and Matt Stevens.

d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: Doyle Moorhead.

- e. **The following visitors were registered:** TE Larry Mills, TE Paul Zetterholm, TE Paul Lipe, Don Cheek, Ryan Biese, Quentin Johnston, George Hand, Robert Clark, Sarah Housewright, TE Randy Rhea, Bob Osborne and William Cooper.
- f. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Bassam Chedid, Joey Wright, Trey Adams, Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Jae Yoo and Kazuhiko Yaegashi.
- g. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Ligon Duncan, Chris Shelt, Sam Smith and Robert Lane.
- h. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences for part of the day:** Hunter Brewer, Phillip Palmertree, Ricky Glenn and Matt Giesman.
- i. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long and Martin Marshall.
- j. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Charles Douglas, Jim Stewart, Os Barnes and Troy Milliken.
- k. **Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 81.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

80.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Paul Adams was elected moderator by acclamation.

80.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

80.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors were introduced. See **80.1002, e.** above.

80.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

President Dr. Roger Parrott of Belhaven University welcomed presbytery to their campus and gave a report of the work of the university on its several campuses.

80.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Paul Adams appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Paul Nasekos, TE Tim Dryden and RE Mabry Linn.

80.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Presbytery approved live streaming of presbytery's meeting.
2. Requests for excused absences were presented to presbytery and approved (**80.1002 e.**).
3. Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed at our last meeting to read and approve the minutes reported that the minutes were approved as read. The action was approved as that of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 13**).
 - b. The commission selected to appoint members who will represent presbytery before the SJC with regard to the complaint from TE Bill Smith selected TE Ligon Duncan and RE Will Thompson (**Appendix B, p. 13**). Presbytery adopted this decision as its own.
 - c. The ordination/installation commissions for Jason Housewright at Tchula Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 13**), Nate Bonham with Mission to the World (**p. 13**), Perry McCall at Carolina Presbyterian Church (**p. 14**), TE and Gavin Breeden at Northpointe Presbyterian Church (**p. 15**) were ratified as the actions of presbytery.
4. Communications:
 - a. A letter from First Presbyterian Church of Winona requesting that they be transferred into Mississippi Valley Presbytery was referred to the Administration Committee (**Appendix D, p. 16**).
 - b. A letter from Delhi Presbyterian Church of Louisiana Presbytery requesting that they be transferred into Mississippi Valley Presbytery was referred to the Administration Committee (**Appendix E, p. 17**).
 - c. A request for Marshall Jacks to serve as student supply from Bethesda Presbyterian Church was received (**Appendix F, p. 18**).
 - d. A call to TE Randy Rhea from Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix G, p. 19**).
 - e. A request from TE Os Barnes that his call to the Raymond Presbyterian Church be dissolved was received (**Appendix H, p. 19**).
 - f. A request from Raymond Presbyterian Church that the pastoral relationship between the church and TE Os Barnes be dissolved was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix I, p. 20**).
 - g. A request from Raymond Presbyterian Church that presbytery appoint a borrowed session until new elders are elected and/or a new pastor is installed was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix I, p. 20**).
 - h. A request from TE Os Barnes to demit the ministry was received (**Appendix J, p. 21**). It was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- i. A request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Madison Heights Presbyterian Church and TE Josh Kines was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix K, p. 22)**.
 - j. TE Dale Hollenbeck submitted a written report on his ministry in Uganda **(Appendix L, p. 23)**. He indicated that his work there was completed and that he was currently looking for a new call. He gave an oral report during the Mission to the World Committee Report **(p. 10)**.
 - k. Memorials were received honoring REs Edmund Johnston **(p. 24)** and Jim Hutton **(p. 25)**. They were approved to be read during the worship service **(Appendix M)**.
5. A second reading of a proposed change to the Standing Rules was approved unanimously **(Appendix N, p. 26)**.
 6. The proposed BCO amendments sent from the 39th General Assembly were put before the presbytery for a vote. The result for Item #1 concerning borrowed sessions was 1 for, 70 against with 4 abstaining. The result for Item #2 concerning the examination of transferring interns was 71 for, 1 against with 3 abstaining **(Appendix O, p. 27)**.
 7. Bob Clarke of GA Retirement and Benefits Committee was given the floor. He addressed presbytery about the recent survey done to assess the readiness of minister's to retire and the needs that will be facing the Relief Fund in the years ahead.
 8. Kerry Wright was given privilege of the floor to present the work of PresWIC. The stated clerk moved that 50% of the Christian Education Committee funds from this budget year designated for the WIC be sent to them immediately. Presbytery concurred. TE Tim Dryden was named convener of the Christian Education committee by the clerk and asked to convene the committee to address the work assigned to them.
 9. The stated clerk brought the court's attention to the recent changes in the Rules of Assembly Operation **(p. 29)** and changes to the Standing Judicial Commission Manual **(p. 30)** adopted by the General Assembly. These were received as information **(Appendix P)**.

80.1009

RECESS

Presbytery took a ten minute break to prepare for worship.

80.1010

WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE Guy Waters led presbytery in worship. TE Robert Hays read memorials praising God for the service of REs Edmund Johnston and Jim Hutton to Christ's church. Presbytery join in the singing of hymns, the reading of scripture and prayer. TE Guy Waters preached from John 2:1-11. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The whole was concluded with prayer.

80.1011

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed at 11:45 AM for lunch.

80.1012

RECONVENE AND THANKS

Presbytery was reconstituted with prayer by the moderator at 1:00 PM. Since we ate in the college cafeteria, and there were no volunteers to thank for their ministrations in our behalf, the Thanks Committee drafted a letter to Dr. Roger Parrott, the president of Belhaven University. The following was read and approved as the sentiment of the court and is to be communicated by the stated clerk to President Parrott.

Dear Dr. Parrott:

The fathers and brothers of Mississippi Valley Presbytery express our gratitude to you and Belhaven University for hosting our winter stated meeting in Barber Auditorium.

Thank you for welcoming us so graciously and warmly to this historic Christian institution. We rejoice with you over the commitment to educate young people and older students in a Christian world view and the dedication of Belhaven to spread Christian education to more of our land and culture.

And thank you for the opportunity to enjoy a slice of Belhaven's southern hospitality and a taste of campus cuisine.

May God supply all you need to rebuild Fitzhugh Hall, to build up the Christian mind in the generations trained here and at all other campuses, including the Internet, and to promote Biblical allegiance to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ for God's great glory.

Thanks Committee
/S/ Paul Nasekos, Mabry Linn, Timothy Dryden

80.1013

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer **(Appendix T, pp. 40ff.)**.

Administrative Information

The chairman reported that the Credentials Committee had examined the session of Delhi Presbyterian Church in response to their overture to join with MVP and determined that the requirements of BCO 13-8 had been fulfilled. This was received as information. He then moved

"That the action of the Credentials Committee, in meeting with the Session of Delhi Presbyterian Church, as assigned by the presbytery, and thereby fulfilling the requirements of BCO 13-8, be approved as the action of presbytery; and that the Delhi Presbyterian Church be received into Mississippi Valley Presbytery pending the dissolution of Louisiana Presbytery by the action of the 2012 General Assembly of the PCA."

This was approved unanimously.

Internship and Candidacy Reports

TE David Gilbert reported that written reports of interns had been received. These were received as information and posted on presbytery's website www.msvalley.org.

Jack Coetsee and Matt Stevens gave oral reports on their growth in grace and experience as interns or candidates of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Examinations

Presbytery proceeded with examinations.

Transfer from other presbyteries

1. **TE Randy Rhea** was examined for transfer from Covenant Presbytery per BCO 13-6. A PCA minister in good standing, he was examined in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. **TE Rhea** declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. His call from Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was approved. He signed the Book of Obligations and upon his installation will be recognized as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

2. **TE Paul Lipe** was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 pending the dissolution of Louisiana Presbytery by General Assembly. TE Lipe is a PCA minister in good standing in Louisiana Presbytery and former member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. He was questioned as to whether he had any change in his views since his time as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. He affirmed that he had not. **TE Lipe** declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his reception upon approval of the General Assembly. He signed the Book of Obligations, and upon the dissolution of Louisiana Presbytery will be recognized as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

3. **TE Paul Zetterholm**, an honorably retired member of Eastern Carolina Presbytery and former member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, was examined for transfer. He was questioned as to whether he had any change in his views since his time as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. He affirmed that he had not. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer from Eastern Carolina Presbytery pending their concurrence. He signed the Book of Obligations and was recognized as a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations:

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. The request of the Session of Bethesda Presbyterian Church for **Marshall Jacks** to serve as student supply for a period of one year was approved.
2. The request that TE Phillip Palmertree be assigned as mentor to **Eric Mabbot** was approved.
3. The request of **Ryan Biese** to fulfill the internship requirements of Ascension Presbytery in cooperation with Mississippi Valley Presbytery was approved per BCO 19-11 with TE Rob Hill serving as his mentor.
4. The internship of **Matt Stevens** was approved as complete.

5. The call of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church to **TE Randy Rhea** as assistant pastor was approved. Terms meet presbytery guidelines (**Appendix G, p. 19**).
6. Presbytery approved the following ordination/installation commission for Mr. Rhea:
Location: Madison Heights Presbyterian Church
Time and Date: February 12, 2012, 9:30 AM
Teaching Elders: Convener Hunter Brewer, Chad Scott, Elbert McGowan, Brian Sorgenfrei (Guest)
Ruling Elders: Matt Vines, David Byrd, Jeff Sones, Dan James, Trey Briggs, Rod Henderson, David Lindsey
Quorum: Two TEs and two REs.
7. Presbytery suspended its Standing Rule Article 4 - C and voted to allow TE Duncan Rankin to preach "regularly" in the churches of our bounds. This was done because he is a former member of this presbytery, affirmed that his views had not changed and that there is a need for his ministrations and regular preaching in one of our churches for a few months before he takes up a new call in Texas. The motion passed unanimously.

80.1014

ADMINISTRATION

TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix Q, pp. 31 ff.**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the Financial Report (**Appendix R, pp. 33ff.**). It was received as information.

Presbytery extended an invitation to TE Duncan Rankin to speak on the subject of "The Importance of Childhood Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies and Training" at the May 1, 2012 presbytery meeting.

Presbytery adopted, pending the action of Covenant Presbytery, the overture to the General Assembly to concur in the request of First Presbyterian Church, Winona, to redraw the boundary lines of Covenant and Mississippi Valley Presbyteries in order that the First Presbyterian Church of Winona and Montgomery County would be added to The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley (**Appendix S, p. 38**).

Presbytery adopted the overture to the 40th General Assembly to concur in the redrawing of the western boundary lines of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to include certain parishes in Louisiana (**Appendix S, p. 39**). This specifically includes the transfer into our membership of the Delhi Presbyterian Church and, pending their concurrence, John Knox Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved that the Administration Committee be appointed a commission and clothed with the power necessary to conclude the matters related to redrawing the lines of the presbytery to include certain parishes in Louisiana and Montgomery County, Mississippi, and that the Credentials Committee be clothed with the powers of a commission to examine TEs and REs as required by the BCO.

Presbytery adopted the Report of the Administration Sub-Committee on Presbytery Records. Presbytery approved First Presbyterian Church of Madison, First Presbyterian Church of Belzoni, Carolina Presbyterian Church, Brandon Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, and First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, without exception. Lebanon Presbyterian

Church, First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko, and First Presbyterian Church of Jackson were approved with exceptions of form.

80.1015

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Robert Schwanebeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report beginning with prayer.

- The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Josh Kines and the Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was approved.
- The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Os Barnes and Raymond Presbyterian Church was approved.
- Presbytery approved that TE Robert Hays, and REs Bebo Elkin and Bill May be constituted as a borrowed session for the Raymond Presbyterian Church as the church requested.
- Presbytery acknowledged the request from TE Os Barnes to demit the ministry (**Appendix J, p. 21**), but determined that action be deferred until such time as the Shepherding and Advisory Committee has evaluated the situation further to determine its merit.
- Presbytery approved that TE Ed Hurley be transferred to Eastern Carolina Presbytery upon receipt of their request.

80.1016

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Cecil Ferguson presented the Mission to the World Committee Report beginning with prayer. He introduced TE Dale Hollenbeck, former missionary to Uganda and a member of Mississippi Valley Presbytery, who was given privilege of the floor to report on his past ministry and future plans. It was received as information. There were no recommendations for action.

80.1017

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Billy Joseph presented the report of the Nominations Committee beginning with prayer (**Appendix U, pp. 42ff.**).

Presbytery elected the following men to their respective offices and committees:

2012 General Assembly Appointees

Committees of Commissioners

Administration: RE Alan Futvoye
Christian Education: RE Lee Owen
Covenant Seminary: RE Paul Adams
Interchurch Relations: RE Bill May
Mission to North America: RE Sam Hensley
PCA Foundation: RE Bill Stone
Covenant College: TE Matt Giesman
PCA Retirement and Benefits: TE Josh Rieger

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Mission to the World: TE Sam Smith
Ridge Haven: TE Ken Pierce
Reformed University Ministries: TE Wilson Shirley
Overtures: RE Matt Vines, TE Guy Waters

Floor Clerk: TE Chris Wright

Nominating Committee: TE Phillip Palmertree

Review of Presbytery Records Committee: TE Chris Wright

Alternate to Review of Presbytery Records Committee: TE Paul Nasekos

Presbytery approved the following men to serve on the presbytery's Campus Ministry Committee:

Class of 2012: TE Chris Shelton, RE Paul Hurst, TE Randy Rhea
Class of 2013: RE Scott Jones, TE Mike Campbell, RE Rob Jones
Class of 2014: TE Ligon Duncan, RE Hugh Potts, TE Scott Phillips
Alternates: TE Billy Dempsey, RE Tim Threadgill

Presbytery approved the following men to fill empty slots on the Christian Education Committee:

Class of 2012: TE John Duke (to replace TE Os Barnes)

80.1018

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

80.1019

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Chris Wright was elected the first nominee for moderator for the next stated meeting.

80.1020

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian. TE Hunter Brewer offered Madison Heights Presbyterian Church for February 2013 pending completion of their new facility.

80.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as read.

80.1023

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM with prayer by TE David Gilbert.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger A. Collins", followed by a horizontal line.

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

May 1, 2012

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, Mississippi**

81.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator RE Paul Adams called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

81.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Noel Toler
	Billy Dempsey	Bill May
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	A
	Paul Long, Jr.	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Rick Holbert	Watson Marsalis

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	Brooke Worrell
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		Niles McNeel
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Ricky Glenn	A
		Jimmy Davidson
		Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Tim Mood
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
	Randy Rhea	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	Howard Secret
	Gavin Breeden	
Newton, Newton	George Felton	Bill Cooper
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
	Wilson Shirley	
	Brad Mercer	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	John Kwasny
	Tim Dryden	
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Chad Scott, Don Malin, Chuck Frost, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, Paul Zetterholm and Josh Rieger.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Benjamin Ratliff, Eric Mabbott and Josh Sullivan.
- d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present:** RE Doyle Moorhead.
- e. The following visitors were registered:** TE Larry Mills, RE Cecil Ferguson and Sarah Housewright.
- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Wes Baker, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Mark Lowery, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi and Joey Wright.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bassam Chedid, Perry McCall, Paul Nasekos, Bill Smith, Jimmy Turner, Brister Ware, Chris Shelt, Troy Milliken, Steve Jones, Charlie Douglas, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Ligon Duncan.

- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall and Doug McCullough.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Nate Bonham, Dale Hollenbeck, Josh Kines, Jim Stewart, Mike Campbell, Os Barnes, and Elbert McGowan.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 81.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

81.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Christopher Wright was elected moderator by acclamation.

81.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

81.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **81.1002, e.** above.

81.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Bob Schwanebeck welcomed the members to North Pointe Presbyterian Church.

81.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Tim Muse, TE Ricky Glenn and RE Larry McMillan.

81.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported. At his request, presbytery approved the live streaming of the meeting at www.ustream.tv.

1. Requests for excused absences were presented to presbytery and approved (**81.1002 e.**).
2. The commission report for the installation of TE Randy Rhea at Madison Heights was received and ratified as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p.12**).
3. Communications:
 - a. A request from TE John Ford of Grace Presbytery requesting permission to labor inside the bounds of Mississippi Valley at Angelic Hospice and at the Civil Air Patrol was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix C, p. 13**).

- b. A quarterly report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information (**Appendix D, p. 14**).
- c. A call to TE Jeff Jordan to serve as RUF Campus Minister at Mississippi College was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix E, p. 19**).
- d. Letters requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Rick Holbert and the Lebanon Presbyterian Church effective June 30, 2012 were received from both. These were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix F, pp. 20f.**).
- e. A request for dissolution of his call as an assistant pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko from TE Grant Carroll and from the session of the church were received. TE Carroll further requested the dissolution of his call to RUF at Holmes Community College and asked that he be allowed to transfer to Evangel Presbytery upon their request. This was referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix G, pp.22f.**).
- f. Request from TE Bill Smith for honorable retirement (**Appendix H, p. 24**). This was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

81.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE George Felton presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, pp. 25f.**). A special address previously approved by presbytery was introduced by TE Tim Muse. TE Duncan Rankin spoke concerning The Importance of Childhood Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies and Training. Live streaming was turned off during TE Rankin's address.

81.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

81.1011

WORSHIP

At the request of Past Moderator RE Paul Adams, TE Paul Long Jr. led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns and prayer, he preached from Hebrews 9. The whole was concluded with prayer.

81.1012

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until the end of the meeting.

81.1013

LUNCH AND THANKS

Convener TE Tim Muse presented the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

Fathers and Brothers of presbytery, and fellow brothers and sisters of the Northpointe Presbyterian Church,

It's been said that a church alive is worth the drive. That has been our experience today. Having heard of Northpointe Presbyterian Church's excitement in hosting presbytery and having enjoyed your gracious hospitality toward us in facilities conducive to our work, and comfortable for our fellowship, we would express our gratitude for your pastor and your session. We are encouraged by the humble servants that labor behind the scenes making this a vibrant church, and a great place for presbytery to meet and to accomplish the Lord's business.

May God's rich and abundant blessings rest upon this church that your people may be ministered to as they come inside, and that your impact for the Lord's sake may extend outside the gates.

The Thanks committee

TE Tim Muse - chairman, TE Ricky Glenn and RE Larry McMillian

81.1014

RETURN FROM LUNCH

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM with prayer by Moderator TE Chris Wright.

81.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 38f.**).

Commission Action

The chairman reported that the committee acted with the authority of our Standing Rules, Article VII., E., 3., b), 5) and granted permission for Rev. John Wagner to serve as Stated Supply at the Edwards Presbyterian Church. Rev. Wagner is an ordained minister in the Free Church of Scotland. He was examined in the area of views by the committee, and his exam was approved. He is to come before the committee at the next meeting for a full examination. This action was approved by the presbytery as its own.

Administrative Information

The committee examined the session of First Presbyterian Church, Winona and the session of John Knox Presbyterian Church of Ruston and determined the requirements of BCO 13-8 have been fulfilled for both.

Presbytery approved the reception of these churches into our membership pending the concurrence of Covenant Presbytery, the action of the 40th General Assembly and the dissolution of Louisiana Presbytery.

Candidate and Intern Reports

Eric Mabbott, Ben Ratliff and Josh Sullivan gave oral reports on the progress of their internships. Written internship reports were received as listed in (**Appendix J, p. 41**) and posted on presbytery's website: www.msvalley.org.

Examinations

Mr. Cory Brock was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Brock is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Carl Kalberkamp, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Sean Morris was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Morris is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Carl Kalberkamp, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Guy Waters as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Kevin Phipps was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Phipps is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Carl Kalberkamp, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Ligon Duncan as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

TE Jeff Jordan was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that he is a PCA minister in good standing within North Texas Presbytery. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Jordan declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer.

The call of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to **TE Jordan** as campus minister at Mississippi College was approved (**Appendix E, p. 19**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines. Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

TE Jordan's ordination and installation was set for Sunday, July 22, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the chapel on Mississippi College campus. A commission including Convener TE David Gilbert, TE Matt Giesman, TE Wilson Shirley, RE Scott Jones, RE Steve Edwards and RE Sonny Peaster was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders.

TE Grover Gunn was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 pending dismissal from Covenant Presbytery and approval of new presbytery boundaries by the 40th General Assembly. TE Gunn, a PCA minister in good standing his presbytery, was examined in the area of Christian experience, his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Gunn declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards though the Credentials Committee judged TE Gunn's view of WLC 109 to be an exception. With regard to "The sins forbidden in the second commandment are...the making any representation of God, of all or of any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image...", TE Gunn stated that "This is not addressing the issue of the bodily appearance of the Incarnate Son of God. The Westminster Larger Catechism #109 is only condemning any representation of God in His eternal form which no man has seen or can see. It is moral for a person to envision mentally and portray any form in which God has veiled Himself so long as such things are not used as aids to worship."

The committee viewed the stated difference to be more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamentals of our system of doctrine (RAO 16-3,e.,5c). Presbytery instructed him not to teach, preach or inculcate this exception.

Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer from Covenant Presbytery.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That John Perritt be removed from the roll of candidates and interns.
2. That Jack Coetsee's mentor be changed from TE Bill Whitwer to TE Randy Rhea.

81.1016

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Robert Schwanabeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the pastoral relationship between TE Grant Carroll and the First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, as well as his work as RUF Campus Minister at Holmes Junior College be dissolved and that TE Carroll be transferred to Evangel Presbytery pending their receiving him.
2. That the pastoral relationship between TE Rick Holbert and the Lebanon Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective June 30, 2012 and that he be on the roll as 'without call.'
3. That the request of TE Bill Smith to be granted honorable retirement be approved effective this meeting.

Chairman TE Schwanebeck moved that presbytery enter into executive session and they concurred. Upon rising from executive session, presbytery approved the following recommendations which were discussed and approved in executive session.

1. To decline TE Os Barnes' request to demit the gospel ministry and that presbytery, because of a strong presumption of guilt (BCO 31-2), appoint a prosecutor to investigate, prepare an indictment as appropriate and conduct the case against TE Barnes.
2. RE Niles McNeel of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, was appointed prosecutor.
3. To appoint the stated clerk to issue a citation to TE Os Barnes to appear before presbytery if the prosecutor recommends a trial.
4. To set aside \$3,000, the source of which is to be determined by the Administration Committee, to be given to Sarah Barnes, wife of TE Os Barnes, in \$600 increments, from April through August of 2012.
5. That member churches of presbytery be asked to contribute towards replacing the \$3,000 given to Sarah Barnes, and, that if more is contributed, it be placed in a fund designated for Mrs. Barnes' assistance as needed.

The chairman closed the committee report with prayer.

81.1017

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Cecil Ferguson introduced the Mission to the World Committee report beginning with prayer. Missionary and presbyter TE Gary Johnson reported on his work in Sweden, and it was received as information. There were no recommendations for action.

81.1018

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America Committee report beginning with prayer. Upon motion, presbytery approved with two thirds majority TE Brewer's request to suspend our Standing Rules and schedule the MNA Committee Report to come immediately after the stated clerk's report at the next meeting.

81.1019

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Billy Joseph presented the Nominations Committee report beginning with prayer. RE Watson Marsalis was elected to replace RE Wynn Kenyon (deceased) on the Nominations Committee for the class of 2013.

81.1020

ADMINISTRATION (con't)

Chairman TE George Felton continued the Administration Committee report leading presbytery in prayer.

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead reviewed the financial reports (**Appendix J, pp. 33ff.**). All were received as information. Updated "Guidelines for Ministerial Call Packages" were approved. The committee recommended that \$500.00 be provided this year to supplement the expenses for the floor clerk at the General Assembly in Louisville.

Presbytery adopted the decisions of the Administration Committee acting as a commission to conclude all matters related to redrawing the boundaries of presbytery for the inclusion of the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Ruston, the Delhi Presbyterian Church of Delhi, Louisiana as well as the First Presbyterian Church of Winona, Mississippi as its own (**Appendices J, pp. 30,31f.**).

Administration Sub-Committee on Sessional Records Chairman TE Scott Phillips recommended the minutes of First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, and Macon Presbyterian Church be approved without exception. He further recommended the minutes of Grace Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Union, Highlands Presbyterian Church, Forest Presbyterian Church and Bailey Presbyterian Church be approved with exception of form.

Presbytery approved a recommendation for churches to submit their minutes electronically before the meeting to which they are scheduled as they have resources and ability. This would not be mandatory, only voluntary. Bound minutes would still need to be brought for the moderator's signature.

81.1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

81.1022 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Charlie Dykes was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

81.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on August 7, 2012, at Forest Presbyterian Church. The February 2013 meeting is to be at Madison Heights Church.



81.1024 READING OF THE AFTERNOON MINUTES

RE Doyle Moorhead, RE Will Thompson, the recording and stated clerks and the moderator were appointed to read the minutes for approval after the meeting.

81.1025 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M. with prayer by TE John Reeves.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk 
Robert Hays, Recording Clerk 

**STATED MEETING
August 7, 2012**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest, Mississippi**

82.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Retiring Moderator TE Chris Wright called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

82.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise
		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
	Roger Collins	A
Byram, Grace		A
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi		Troy Richards
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Noel Toler
	Billy Dempsey	William Cook
	Ligon Duncan	Arthur Davis
		Tom Rice
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
Jackson, St. Paul		A
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	A
	Paul Long, Jr.	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
		Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First		Mike Triplett
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First		Joe Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Josh Kines	Matt Vines
	Randy Rhea	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	Howard Secrest
	Gavin Breeden	
Newton, Newton	George Felton	A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
	Wilson Shirley	
	Brad Mercer	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Eddie Moran
	Tim Dryden	Rod Russ
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First		E
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	James Sullivan
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Josh Rieger, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Gary Johnson, Don Malin, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Doug McCullough, Chris Shelt, Jeff Jordan, Jim Stewart, Bob Penny, Chad Scott, Nate Bonham, Don Malin, Jimmy Turner, Paul Zetterholm, Charlie Douglas, Rick Holbert and Josh Rieger.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Benjamin Ratliff, Elliott Everitt, Lee Hutchings, Joshua Drake, Eric Mabbott, and Chandler Rowlen.

d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: RE Doyle Moorhead.

e. The following visitors were registered: TE Reddit Andrews, TE Larry Mills, TE Ralph Kelley, TE Les Newsome, Debbie McFadden, Sarah Felton, Gary Felton, Bob Culpepper, Oliver Shearer, Kerry Wright, Jo Stanford, Scott Lucky, Mary Hope Bray, Pam McDonald and Shelli Robison.

- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Wes Baker, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Fred Marsh, Ed Hartman, Mark Lowery, Clay Quarterman, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, and Joey Wright.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bob Lane, Chuck Frost, Guy Richardson, Paul Lipe, Mike Campbell, Elbert McGowan, Rob Hill, Grover Gunn, Bill Wymond, Jason Housewright, Scott Phillips, Hunter Brewer, RE Bill Cooper from Newton, RE Sam Hutton from Tchula and RE George Weaver from Winona.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall and Bill Smith.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Os Barnes, Steve Jones and Dale Hollenbeck.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 82.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

82.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Charlie Dykes was elected moderator by acclamation.

82.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 13**). Voting on proposed changes to the BCO was postponed until the November meeting.

82.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **82.1002, e.** above.

82.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Mark Smith welcomed the members to Forest Presbyterian Church.

82.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Ken Elliott, TE George Felton, and RE Doyle Moorhead.

82.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported. At his request, presbytery approved the live streaming of this and future meetings at www.ustream.tv. The clerk reported that:

1. Requests for excused absences had been received and approved (**82.1002 e.**).
2. The report of the commission to read and approve the minutes of the last stated meeting was adopted as the action of presbytery.
3. The commission report for the installation of TE Jeff Jordan as RUM campus minister at Mississippi College was received and ratified as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p.14**).
4. Communications received include: Sarah Barnes (**Appendix C, p. 15**), TE Chris Bower (**p. 16**), TE Steve Jones (**p. 17**), Covenant Presbytery with reference to TE Grover Gunn (**p. 19**), TE Wes Baker requesting transfer to South Texas Presbytery (**Appendix E, p. 30**), and South Florida Presbytery concerning TE James Carter (**p. 31**). The last two were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**p. 10**).
5. Calls have been received for TE Reddit Andrews from RTS (**Appendix D, p. 20**); Elliott Everitt from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville (**p. 21**); David Felker from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**p. 22**); Lee Hutchings from Highlands Presbyterian Church (**pp. 23f.**); Gary Johnson from this presbytery (**pp. 25ff.**); and Ralph Kelley from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**p. 29**). All were referred to Credentials Committee (**p. 6**).
6. Memorials have been received honoring RE Edward Bond, RE Andries C. "Harry" Bakker, Davis Love Fair Jr., Henry Jamison Fair, and George Lee Powe (**Appendix F, pp. 32ff.**). These were approved and the reading of these memorials was scheduled for the worship hour.
7. 'Out of bounds' or 'Without call' reports have been received from Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Jim Carter, Bassam Chedid, Chuck Frost, Ed Hartman, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Guy Waters, and Kaz Yaegashi. Jae Yoo submitted a 'Without call' report (**Appendix G, pp. 37ff.**). These were referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**p. 10**). Chaplain Reports from Don Malin, Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems and Joseph Wright submitted annual reports (**Appendix H, pp. 62ff.**). These were referred to the Mission to the Military Committee (**p. 11**).
8. The clerk introduced Kerry Wright, president of PresWIC, who addressed presbytery about their upcoming Fall Ministry Kickoff on October 26-27, 2012 at Lakeland Presbyterian Church. She also introduced PresWic presbytery officers Shelli Robison, Jo Stanford and Pam McDonald to the presbytery.
9. Dr. Will Thompson gave a report on the complaint against the actions of presbytery in the matter of Jeremy Smith now before the SJC. We expect to hear their final ruling this fall.

82.1009

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

In the absence of Chairman TE Hunter Brewer, TE Wilson Shirley presented the report of the Mission to North America Committee beginning with prayer. He reported that the committee is reevaluating their approach to church planting and that they are talking to other churches in the presbytery to learn of their visions and plans. He urged that churches budget to contribute to this church planting effort for 2013. TE Shirley informed the presbytery that the MNA Committee had approved and sent \$3000.00 each to Brad Mills and Scott Moore for their respective church plants. This money was taken from committee reserves to support these church planting ministers in Alabama and California. There were no actionable recommendations and the report was received as information.

82.1010

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE George Felton gave the report of the Administration Committee which was begun with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 75ff.**). Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 77ff.**).

Presbytery approved the recommendation that the Treasurer's Report be received as information and that the proposed budget for 2013 be adopted.

A Resolution of Recognition of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, upon its 175th Anniversary was read and adopted. A copy is to be sent to them by the stated clerk.

82.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer before worship at 10:15 AM.

82.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed to prepare for worship at 10:40 AM.

82.1013

WORSHIP

Retired Moderator TE Chris Wright called presbytery to worship with scripture. TE Robert Hays read the memorials for ruling elders who had died this year as approved above. TE Wright led in the singing of hymns, reading of scripture and preaching of the word from Revelation 7. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then celebrated and all was concluded with a hymn and the benediction.

82.1014

MORNING MINUTES

Presbytery agreed to postpone the reading of the morning minutes until the end of the day.

82.1015

LUNCH AND REPORT OF THANKS

After lunch, the report of the Thanks Committee was given by TE Ken Elliott as follows:

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The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley gives thanks to God for the hospitality of Forest Presbyterian Church and their rich kindness in hosting this meeting of presbytery on August 7, 2012. We give thanks for Arlene Smith and the Women of Forest Presbyterian Church in the preparation of our meal.

We also give thanks for Robert Smith, Ray Ezelle, and the men of the church who cooked the meal presented before us this day.

May God be glorified through the faithfulness of Forest Presbyterian Church, the members, the elders, and the pastor TE Mark Thomas Smith.

For this we give thanks!

The Thanks Committee

Convener Kenneth Elliott, George Felton, Doyle Moorhead

82.1016

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix K, pp. 84f.**).

Candidate and Intern Reports

Joshua Drake, Matthew Elliott, and Nicholas Bullock gave oral reports on the progress of their internships. Written internship reports were received as listed (**p. 87**) and posted on presbytery's website: www.msvalley.org.

Examinations

Presbytery conducted the following examinations:

Mr. Chandler Rowlen was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Rowlen is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by TE Ryan Dean, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Mississippi College with TE Jeff Jordan as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

TE Reddit Andrews was presented for transfer into this presbytery. Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Reddit Andrews is a PCA minister in good standing within North California Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Andrews declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer.

TE Andrews's call to Reformed Theological Seminary meets presbytery's salary guidelines **(Appendix D, p. 20)**. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

TE Ralph Kelley was presented for transfer into this presbytery. Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Ralph Kelley is a PCA minister in good standing within Palmetto Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Kelley declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer.

TE Kelley's call to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets presbytery's salary guidelines **(Appendix D, p. 29)**. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

TE Kelley's installation was set for at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. A commission including Convener TE Ligon Duncan, TE Billy Dempsey, TE Brister Ware, TE Josh Rieger, RE Alan Walters, RE Claude Harbarger, RE Mark Soregenfrei, and RE George Fair was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

(The Credentials Committee suspended further examinations. They resumed their report after the order of the day. See **82.1018.**)

82.1017

ORDER OF THE DAY

At 3:00 PM presbytery's business was suspended for the order of the day. Presbytery entered into executive session. All visitors were required to leave with the exception of the two ruling elder nominees from the Raymond Presbyterian Church with the concurrence of the presbytery.

Upon the reading and approval of executive session minutes, presbytery rose from executive session. The following actions were approved in executive session.

TE Oswald Barnes was charged with violating his ordination vows #s 4, 6 and 7, his installation vow # 3 and his marriage vows **(Appendix L, p. 88)**.

A meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley set for August 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM at North Park Presbyterian Church has been called in order to afford TE Oswald Barnes an opportunity to respond to a second citation and plead concerning all charges before the presbytery, to deal appropriately with him if he refuses to appear and/or plead and to handle all appropriate matters related to the prosecutor's investigation and indictment of TE Barnes as set forth in the Book of Church Order's Rules of Discipline.

The stated clerk was directed to serve a second citation to TE Barnes to appear at the above called meeting by August 11, 2012.

The court suspended TE Barnes from all ministerial functions immediately per BCO 31-10.

82.1018

CREDENTIALS (con't)

Mr. Aaron Halbert, a candidate of this presbytery, was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Halbert had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a.,b.,and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America. He preached a sermon as required by the BCO. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Halbert was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Halbert's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Eric Mabbott, a candidate of this presbytery, was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Mabbott had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a.,b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon as required by the BCO. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Mabbott was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Mabbott's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Matt Stevens, a candidate of this presbytery, was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Stevens had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a.,b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon as required by the BCO. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Stevens was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Stevens's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. John Wagner, an ordained minister in the Free Church of Scotland, was examined by the presbytery to license him in order that he might supply the Edwards Presbyterian Church until the November Stated Meeting when he will be presented for transfer. He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He submitted a sermon and preached it as required by the BCO. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Wagner was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Wagner was licensed to preach at Edwards Presbyterian Church and his name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Elliott Everitt was presented to presbytery to be examined for ordination. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a licentiate and an intern of this presbytery whose internship was approved as completed pending a final meeting with his mentor TE Sam Smith. He was examined in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Everitt preached from Exodus 13:17-22, and it was found satisfactory. Mr. Everitt stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Everitt's call to First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix D, p. 21**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Everitt's ordination and installation was set for August 19, 2012 at 6:00 PM. A commission including Convener TE Sam Smith, TE Guy Waters, TE David Gilbert, RE John Pillow, RE Jimmy Sullivan, RE Steve Knott, RE William Carroll, RE Bob Bailey, RE Billy Bridgeforth, RE Bill Stone, and RE Wes Everett was approved. Guests include TE Clint Wilcke and TE Les Newsome of Covenant Presbytery. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. David Felker was presented for his ordination examination. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of this presbytery whose internship was approved as completed. He was examined in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Felker preached on Psalm 51, and it was found satisfactory. Mr. Felker stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Felker's call to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix D, p. 22**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Felker's ordination and installation was set for August 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. A commission including Convener TE Ligon Duncan, TE Brister Ware, TE Billy Dempsey, TE Josh Rieger, RE Bill Stone, RE David Cleland, and RE Mark Sorgenfrei was approved. In addition, TE Brian Sorgenfrei of Covenant Presbytery was approved as an invited guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Lee Hutchings was presented for his examination for ordination. He is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of this presbytery whose internship was approved as completed. He was examined in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Hutchings preached a sermon on Exodus 13:17-22 and it was found satisfactory. Mr. Hutchings stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Hutchings' call to Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix D, p. 23**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Hutchings's ordination and installation was set for August 12, 2012 at 10:50 AM at Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland. A commission including Convener TE Brad Mercer, TE Joseph Wheat, TE Chuck Frost, TE Bob Brunson, TE Guy Waters, RE Scott Jones, RE Hap Farber, RE Ford Mosby, and RE Harper Keeler was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the internships of Elliot Everit, Nathan Eldridge, David Felker, Lee Hutchings and Brad Mills be approved as completed.
2. That TE John Ford be allowed to labor within the bounds of MVP as a hospice chaplain and chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol. TE Ford was instructed to notify the Credentials Committee of any changes in his ministerial labors.
4. That Eric Mabbott be approved as student supply at the Carthage Presbyterian Church.
5. That the call to TE Gary Johnson from this presbytery to serve with the International Exchange Organization be approved (**Appendix D, p. 25**).

Chairman TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Committee Report with prayer.

82.1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Robert Schwanabeck presented the Shepherding and Advisory report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

To appoint a borrowed session to oversee the Bethesda Presbyterian Church as requested by the congregation composed of TE Scott Reiber and RE Charlie Dykes. RE Keith Mckey and RE Russell Cannada are approved to be added if they are willing to serve.

That the requests for transfer from TE Steve Jones to Heritage Presbytery, TE Wes Baker to South Texas Presbytery, and TE George Felton to North Florida Presbytery be approved.

That annual reports be received as information and requests to continue to labor out of bounds for another year or remain on the roll without call from TEs Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Jim Carter, Bassam Chedid, Chuck Frost, Ed Hartman, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Bob Penny, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Guy Waters, Kaz Yaegashi, and Jae Yoo be approved.

The chairman closed the committee report with prayer.

82.1020

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins moved on behalf of the Chairman of the Mission to the Military Committee that annual reports from Chaplain TEs Joseph Wright, Don Malin, Troy Milliken and Leonard Seims be received as information and permission granted that they be allowed to continue to serve for another year. Presbytery concurred.

82.1021

MISSION TO THE WORLD

In the place of Chairman RE Cecil Ferguson, TE Phillip Palmertree introduced the Mission to the World Committee report beginning with prayer. He then presented Aaron Halbert, a presbytery intern who reported on his vision trip to Peru. There were no recommendations for action and the report was received as information. TE Palmertree concluded this report with prayer.

82.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

82.1023 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Mark Smith was elected the first nominee for the next stated meeting.

82.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on November 6, 2012 at Twin Lakes Conference Center.

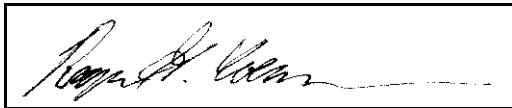
82.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Moderator RE Charlie Dykes, and RE Will Thompson were clothed with powers of a commission to read the minutes and report to the next stated meeting.

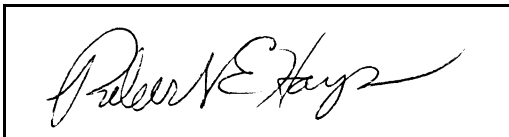
82.1026 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM with prayer by TE Scott Reiber.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**CALLED MEETING # 168
August 21, 2012**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
North Park Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

83.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Charles Dykes called this called meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer. The call for this meeting was as follows.

A meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley set for August 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM at North Park Presbyterian Church has been called in order to afford TE Oswald Barnes an opportunity to respond to a second citation and plead concerning all charges before the presbytery, to deal appropriately with him if he refuses to appear and/or plead and to handle all appropriate matters related to the prosecutor's investigation and indictment of TE Barnes as set forth in the Book of Church Order's Rules of Discipline.

83.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise
		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Camden, McBride Memorial		A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Steve McNair
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest		A
Goodman, Goodman		A
Jackson, First	Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Noel Toler
	Billy Dempsey	William Cook
	Ralph Kelley	Barry Vickery
	David Felker	Tom Rice

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Jim Moore Paul Adams Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long, Jr.	A
Kosciusko, First		A
Kosciusko, Smyrna		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Joe Davis Bill McNeese
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck Gavin Breeden	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Huchings	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First	Grover Gunn	E
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
Yazoo City, Second	Elliott Everitt David Gilbert	A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Rick Holbert, Paul Nasekos, Doug McCullough, Chris Shelt, Jeff Jordan, Jim Stewart, Bob Penny, Chad Scott, Nate Bonham, Don Malin, Jimmy Turner, Paul Zetterholm, Charlie Douglas and Rick Holbert.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: None.

d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: None.

e. The following visitors were registered: Robert Culpepper and Oliver Shearer Jr.

- f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, James Carter, Fred Marsh, Ed Hartman, Mark Lowery, Clay Quarterman, Bassam Shedid, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Troy Milliken, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chuck Frost, Bill Wymond, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Ken Pierce, Bob Penny, Charles Rodriguez, Reddit Andrews, Joseph Wheat, Wilson Shirley, Brad Mercer and Josh Rieger.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall and Bill Smith.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** John Duke, Don Malin, Steve Jussely, Mark Smith, Ligon Duncan, Phillip Palmertree, Hunter Brewer, Randy Rhea, Merle Messer, Ken Elliott, Jeff Jordan, Elbert McGowan, Tim Dryden, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Os Barnes and Charles Douglas.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 83.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

83.1003

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 6**).

83.1004

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **83.1002, e.** above.

83.1005

WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Chris Wright welcomed the members to North Park Presbyterian Church.

83.1006

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Roger Collins, TE Robert Hays, and RE Charlie Dykes.

83.1007

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported that the following men requested excused absences: TEs Chuck Frost, Bill Wymond, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Ken Pierce, Bob Penny, Charles Rodriguez, Reddit Andrews, Joseph Wheat, Wilson Shirley, Brad Mercer and Josh Rieger. Presbytery agreed.

The stated clerk reported that the citation to TE Oswald Barnes was read and the stated clerk certified that he had placed it in his hands on Thursday, August 9, 2012. TE Barnes signed a document certifying receipt of the citation. TE John Reeves was present at that meeting.

An attempt was made to ascertain whether TE Barnes was present for this meeting. He was not.

83.1008 REPORT OF THE PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor RE Niles McNeel moved that presbytery enter into executive session. New RE nominees Robert Culpepper and Oliver Shearer Jr. of the Raymond Presbyterian Church were given permission to attend the proceedings. Presbytery concurred and moved into executive session.

83.1009 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes of executive session are on file with the clerk.

83.1010 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The court rose from executive session with prayer. The following motions adopted in executive session are here recorded as the action of presbytery.

1. TE Os Barnes, having not attended the meeting, was found guilty of contumacy.
2. TE Oswald G. Barnes was declared indefinitely suspended from the sacraments and from the exercise of his office in the words of BCO 36-5.
3. TE Barnes is to be advised, encouraged, and admonished to communicate with the presbytery through the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
4. TEs Bill Wymond, Richard Wiman, and John Reeves were asked to assist the committee in reaching out to and encouraging TE Barnes to move toward repentance and restoration.
5. A report of the response of TE Barnes is to be given at the November 6, 2012 stated meeting of presbytery with a view toward bringing a recommendation to the stated meeting of February 5, 2013.
6. The stated clerk was instructed to notify TE Barnes of the decision of the court. The stated clerk said he would communicate with him by certified mail.

83.1011 THANKS

Thank you to the session of the North Park Presbyterian Church for your gracious provision of your church facility to meet the needs of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on short notice. Thank you to all who have provided refreshment and so wonderfully met our needs.

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May the Lord be pleased to bless you for your faithful support and involvement in our presbytery.

Sincerely,

Thanks Committee: TEs Roger Collins, Robert Hays and RE Charles Dykes

83.1012

READING OF THE MINUTES

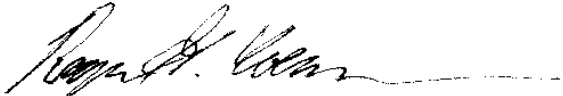
The recording clerk read the minutes which were approved as read.

83.1013


ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 6, 2012**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

82.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Retiring Moderator RE Charles Dykes called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

82.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
		Joseph Sasser
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Brian Gault
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
		Jerry Hunter
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	Noel Toler
	Brister Ware	Bill May
	Ligon Duncan	David Felker
	Ralph Kelley	Jim Moore
		Tom Rise
		Jim Tohill
		Arthur Davis
		William Cook
		Barry Vickery
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mark Muncie

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Mike Campbell	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Rob Hill	John Williams
Kosciusko, First	Ken Pierce	A
Kosciusko, Smyrna	Paul Long, Jr.	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale	Phillip Palmertree	A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	John McKenzie	Brooke Worrell
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Jimmy Davidson
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Randy Rhea	David Goldman
Newton, Newton	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Pearl, Pearl	Gavin Breeden	A
Philadelphia, First	A	A
Pickens, Pickens	Merle Messer	A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Ken Elliott	A
Ridgeland, Highlands		Oliver Shearer
	Joseph Wheat	Bob Culpepper
	Wilson Shirley	Scott Jones
	Lee Hutchings	Ford Mosby
	Carl Kalberkamp	Monty Simpkins
	Tim Dryden	Ken Haynes
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluice
Winona	Grover Gunn	E
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
	Elliott Everitt	
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson
		Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Bob Penny, Chad Scott, Don Malin, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Rick Holbert, Jeff Jordan, Charlie Douglas, Doug McCullough, Paul Nasekos, Elbert McGowan and Clay Quarterman.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Eric Mabbott.

d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: RE Doyle Moorhead.

- e. **The following visitors were registered:** TE Larry Mills, RE Cecil Ferguson, Ryan Biese and Joshua Drake.
- f. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Ed Hartman, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- g. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John McKenzie, James Stewart, Josh Rieger, Guy Richardson, Troy Milliken, Gary Johnson, Chris Shelt, Ricky Glenn, Billy Dempsey and Reddit Andrews.
- h. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Bill Smith and Paul Zetterholm .
- i. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dale Hollenbeck, Bassam Chedid, Os Barnes, Jimmy Turner, Don Caviness and Brad Mercer.
- j. **Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 82.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

82.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Mark Smith was elected moderator by acclamation.

82.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as amended (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

82.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **82.1002, e.** above.

82.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Ralph Kelley of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson introduced Director Mark Magee. He welcomed presbytery to the Twin Lakes Retreat Center on behalf of the staff and First Presbyterian Church.

82.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Don Malin, RE Watson Marsalis and RE Wayne Morrison.

82.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests from TEs John McKenzie, Jim Stewart, Guy Richardson, Troy Milliken, Gary Johnson, Chris Shelt, Ricky Glenn, Josh Rieger, Billy Dempsey, Redditt Andrews and REs for the Winona and Tchula Churches for excused absences were presented to presbytery and approved. **(82.1002 e.)**.
2. The commission reports for the ordinations and/or installations of TE Elliott Everitt **(Appendix B, p. 16)**, TE Lee Hutchings **(p. 17)**, TE Ralph Kelly **(p. 18)** and TE David Felker **(p. 19)** were received and ratified as the actions of presbytery.
3. The report of the commission to read and approve the minutes of the August 7, 2012 meeting of presbytery was approved.
4. Communications:
 - a. The stated clerk reported that the following communications had been received and referred to the appropriate committee.

Credentials Committee

- Call from Bailey Presbyterian Church for Eric Mabbott **(Appendix C, pp. 20f.)**,
- Call from Trinity Presbyterian Church for TE Earl Adams **(p. 22)**,
- Call from Edwards Presbyterian Church for TE John Wagner **(pp. 24f.)**,
- Communication from Presbytery of Inverness re TE John Wagner **(pp. 25f.)**,
- Request for TE Charlie Douglas to be stated supply from Newton Presbyterian Church **(p. 26)**.

Shepherding and Advisory Committee

- Request from TE Charlie Rodriguez for honorable retirement **(Appendix D, p. 28)**,
- Report from TE Rick Holbert **(p. 29)**,
- Letter from Raymond Presbyterian Church **(p. 30)**,
- Letter from John Knox Presbyterian Church indicating desire to disassociate themselves from the PCA and this presbytery **(p. 31)**,
- Annual reports from TE Charlie Douglas **(p. 32)** and TE Josh Rieger **(p. 33)**.
- Request from TE Grover Gunn for the dissolution of his relationship with the First Presbyterian Church of Winona **(p. 34)**. Communication from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Winona together with congregational minutes reflecting their concurrence in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship **(pp. 35 ff.)**.

A missions report from TE Gary Johnson was received as information **(p. 37)**.

5. Randy Stair, President of the PCA Foundation, was given the privilege of addressing the court.
6. Rachel Reese reported on her now completed missionary activity in Peru.
7. RE Brian Gault reported on the African American Leadership Initiative of Reformed Theological Seminary.
8. The stated clerk reported that he had received information from TE Phillip Palmertree that The

Smyrna Presbyterian Church was no longer meeting. That was verified in a phone conversation with Annette Pinkert who is the contact person for those responsible for the church and cemetery. Presbytery concurred to remove the Smyrna Presbyterian Church from our roll of churches.

82.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Tim Muse presented the Administration Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix F, p. 43**). Presbytery extended an invitation to RE Dr. Will Thompson to speak on the subject of "Elder, a Ruler and a Shepherd." RE Thompson made that presentation.

82.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed briefly to prepare for worship.

82.1011

WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Charles Dykes led presbytery in worship. After a call to worship and prayer he preached from Psalm 73. The whole was concluded with prayer.

82.1012

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was postponed until the end of the meeting. Presbytery adjourned to take a group photo of the presbytery on the rear deck.

82.1013

LUNCH AND THANKS

Convener TE Don Malin presented the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

On behalf of the presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, we give thanks to God for First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and the staff of Twin Lakes Conference Center for their hospitality and lunch.

Thanks Committee: TE Don Malin - chairman, REs Watson Marsalis and Wayne Morrison.

82.1014

RECONVENED

Presbytery reconvened with prayer by Moderator TE Mark Smith.

82.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix G, pp. 50f.**).

Oral reports from candidates and interns were heard from Aaron Halbert, Wiley Lowry, Josh Squires and Peter Whitney.

Candidacy and Internship

Presbytery conducted the following examinations:

Mr. Scott Lucky was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Lucky is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Delhi Presbyterian Church with TE Redditt Andrews as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jemar Tisby was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Tisby is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the moderator, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with TE Mike Campbell as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

TE Transfer

TE Earl Adams was presented for transfer from Warrior Presbytery. Since he was previously a member of this presbytery, he was examined as to whether any of his views had changed since his membership in this presbytery. He affirmed that his views remained the same and that he did not take any exceptions to the Westminster Confession, Larger and Shorter Catechisms or the BCO. Presbytery approved his transfer pending dismissal from Warrior Presbytery and signing of the Book of Obligations.

Presbytery approved TE Adams's call (**Appendix C, p. 22**). His installation commission was established for January 27, 2013, at 6:00 PM, at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Participants are to be TEs Richard Wiman, John McKenzie and Ken Pierce, and REs Joe Goodwin, Tom Young and Steve Morrison. TE Gordon Reed is to be an invited guest. The quorum is to be two REs and two TEs.

TE John Wagner was presented for transfer from the Presbytery of Iverness, the Free Church of Scotland. Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE John Wagner** is an ordained minister in good standing within The Free Church of Scotland (**Appendix C, pp. 25f.**). He is also already a licentiate in this presbytery, and his previous licensure sermon was accepted in lieu

of any further exam in that area. He was examined in sacraments and church government and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal (BCO 21-4). TE Wagner declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer.

TE Wagner's call to Edwards Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix C, pp. 24f.**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands. TE Wagner's installation was set for November 11, 2012 at Edwards Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TEs Ligon Duncan, Kenneth Pierce, Scott Reiber, REs Russell Cannada, Ken Haynes, Ronnie Noble and Lindsey Noble was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure

RE James D. (Bebo) Elkin was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. RE Elkin had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO.

A sermon was not required by presbytery for the following 'extraordinary' reasons per BCO 19-2.

1. RE Elkin has preached before presbytery several times already, most recently on May 5, 2009, at Louisville. His sermon was on Luke 18:9-14, in which he exhorted the court to humility in his exposition of the parable of the Pharisee and the publican.
2. RE Elkin has served this presbytery since the early 1980s, and served as RUF MS Area Coordinator, teaching and preaching in this presbytery and in churches far and wide, as well as teaching in several seminaries.
3. While presbytery would certainly be edified by hearing him preach again, to do so as a trial sermon is not necessary, though we anticipate future opportunities to hear him in various venues in years to come.

The motion was passed unanimously.

RE Elkin's examination was approved by the presbytery. RE Elkin was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3. He answered all in the affirmative. Moderator TE Mark Smith offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. RE Bebo Elkin's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Eric Mabbott is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a licentiate and an intern of this presbytery. Having been already examined in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, church history, the history of the PCA and church government per BCO 21-4, he was examined this time in sacraments and church government. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Mabbott's licensure sermon had been approved as part of his licensure examination, and he was not required to preach again. Mr. Mabbott stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Mabbott's call to Bailey Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix C, pp. 20f.**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Mabbott's ordination and installation was set for November 11, 2012 at 6:00 PM at Bailey Presbyterian Church. The following members were approved: TEs Palmertree, Perry McCall and Schwanebeck, and REs Tommy McDonald, Mike Ellis, and Perry Davis. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the internship of Eric Mabbott be approved pending the intern sub-committee's meeting with his mentor TE Palmertree.
2. That TE Brad Mercer be approved as Josh Drake's new mentor for internship.
3. That Jack Coetsee be removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his request.
4. That Matt Stevens be removed from the list of candidates because of his ordination to the ministry in Calvary Presbytery on October 28, 2012.
5. That Earl Adams's call be approved (**Appendix C, pp. 22f.**).

82.1016

ADMINISTRATION

TE Tim Muse continued the Administration Committee report beginning again with prayer (**Appendix F, p. 43**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the Financial Statements of Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead be received as information.
2. That presbytery amend the 2013 Budget by adding a line item for Shepherding and Advisory Committee Expenses in the amount of \$2,500.00.
3. By unanimous vote presbytery approved the committee's request to suspend the Standing Rules (VIII. D.) to carry over the following funds to the new calendar year pending Administration's year end review of receipts: \$10,000 for hosting General Assembly in the future (Administrative Committee), \$5,000 for Reserve for Mission to the Military (Mission to the Military Committee) and \$1,000 for Kaz Yaegashi's USA Trip (Mission To The World Committee).
4. That the treasurer open a new presbytery checking account for the use of the Mississippi Valley Women's Ministry (see the Christian Education Committee Report on pp. ? ff.).
5. Presbytery approved the treasurer's distribution of designated gifts for Sarah Barnes when they come in.

TE Scott Phillips presented the Administration Subcommittee Report on Sessional Records. Session Minutes which had been received at this meeting were approved without exception from Providence Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church. Minutes were approved with exceptions of form from Newton Presbyterian Church and North Park Presbyterian Church. Presbytery acted as recommended. Sessional minutes that were not presented for approval this year include: Bethesda; Carthage; Dekalb; Edwards; First, Lexington; Forest Grove; Lakeland;

Lauderdale; Madison Heights; Mt. Carmel; Northpointe; Old Madison; Pear Orchard; Pearl; Pickens; Raymond; Redeemer; Scooba; Shiloh; St. Paul and Tchula.

82.1017

TIME OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer.

82.1018

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Robert Schwanabeck presented the report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the Presbytery honor the request of the new session at the Raymond Presbyterian Church to allow the previous borrowed session to serve in an advisory capacity until it is felt that their services are no longer needed **(Appendix D, p. 30)**.
2. That TE Charlie Rodriguez be granted the status of honorable retirement upon his request **(Appendix D, p. 28f.)**.
3. That the annual reports of TE Charles Douglas and TE Josh Rieger be approved **(Appendix D, pp. 32f.)**.
4. That presbytery approve the reimbursement of travel expenses for TE Robert Hays as he contacts small churches in the presbytery.
5. That the pastoral relationship between TE Grover Gunn and the Winona Church be dissolved effective upon receipt of the minutes of the congregational meeting and that he be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call **(Appendix D, pp. 34ff.)**.
6. That presbytery postpone action on the letter from John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston **(Appendix D, p. 31)** until this committee is able to meet with them as requested by their Moderator RE Jeff Harper.

82.1019

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman TE Tim Dryden presented the Christian Education report beginning with prayer **(Appendix I, pp. 53ff.)**.

He introduced Mrs. Shelli Robison who is the Preswick Team Leader for the coming year. She reported on the recent E-Three Woman's Conference sponsored by MS Valley Presbytery Women's Ministry and held at Lakeland Presbyterian Church on October 26, 27th.

Presbytery approved opening a new checking account for the use of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley Women's Ministry. Signatories are to include the stated clerk, treasurer and key current leadership of Women's Ministry.

Presbytery received the following as information:

1. TE Tim Dryden has been elected chairman of CE Committee.
2. TE John Duke has been elected secretary of CE Committee.
3. The committee has approved disbursement of allocated funds to PresWIC (\$2800)

4. The committee has approved disbursement of allocated funds to Twin Lakes Scholarship Fund (\$5500),
5. The committee has set 2013 committee meetings for 6:00 PM on February 21 and September 19, 2013.

82.1020

NOMINATIONS

TE Billy Joseph presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, p. 56**). The following men were elected to their respective offices and classes:

Administration: TE Bob Penny to replace TE George Felton on Class of 2014; TE Tim Muse, RE Alan Futvoye, TE Ralph Kelly and RE Wayne Morrison on the Class of 2015; TE Chad Scott and RE Kelly Simpkins as Alternates for 2013.

Campus Ministry: RE Paul Hurst, TE Chris Shelton and TE Randy Rhea to the Class of 2015; TE Billy Dempsey and RE Tim Threadgill as Alternates for 2013.

Christian Education: TE Jeff Jordan, RE Julius Murray and TE Joseph Wheat to the Class of 2015; TE Troy Milliken and RE Gabe Green as Alternates for 2013.

Credentials: TE David Gilbert, TE Philip Palmertree, RE Harper Keeler and RE Paul Adams to the Class of 2015; RE Doug Welch and TE Matt Giesman as Alternates for 2013.

Mission to North America: TE Ryan Dean, RE Mark Henry, TE Wislon Shirley and RE John Spears to the Class of 2015; TE Gavin Breeden and RE Alan Walters as Alternates for 2013.

Mission to the Military: RE Bill Penn to the Class of 2014 to replace RE Wayne Morrison; TE Don Malin and RE Tom Bowen to the Class of 2015; TE Rick Holbert and TE Doug McCullough as Alternates for 2013.

Mission to the World: RE Barry Vickery, TE Don Caviness and RE Danny Story to the Class of 2015; TE David Felker and RE David Tigrett as Alternates for 2013.

Nominations: TE Ligon Duncan and RE Gene McRoberts to the Class of 2015; RE Mike Ellis and TE John Reeves as Alternates for 2013.

Shepherding and Advisory: Alternate RE Ford Mosby had replaced TE Dean Rydbeck on the Class of 2013; RE Bill May, TE Elbert McGowan, RE Phil McDade and TE Paul Lipe to the Class of 2015; TE Brister Ware and RE Steve McNair as Alternates for 2013.

The following men were approved to be presbytery's nominees to serve on these respective General Assembly permanent committees:

Administrative: TE Ralph Kelley
CE & Publications: TE Chris Wright
Interchurch Relations: TE Rob Hill
Standing Judicial Commission: TE Grover Gunn and RE Will Thompson
Theological Examining: TE David Gilbert
Covenant College: TE Gavin Breeden
Covenant Seminary: TE Perry McCall
PCA Foundation: Deacon Hank Remington

PCA Retirement and Benefits: TE Billy Dempsey
Ridge Haven: TE Wilson Shirley and RE David Goldman

Presbytery approved a commission composed of TE Roger Collins, TE Billy Dempsey, RE Watson Marsalis and RE Richard Cobb to fill other slots if people volunteered.

82.1021 MISSION TO THE WORLD

RE Cecil Ferguson introduced the Mission to the World Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix K, p. 58**). Missionary and Presbyterian TE Clay Quarterman reported on his work in Ukraine which was received as information. There were no recommendations for action.

82.1022 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

RE Wayne Morrison presented the report (**Appendix L, p. 59**). Presbytery suspended the Standing Rule, VIII, D. and approved the holding of unused Mission to the Military and Chaplain budgeted funds for future works pending the availability of those funds.

82.1023 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Hunter Brewer presented the Mission to North America Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix M, p. 60**). There were no recommendations for action and the report was received as information.

82.1024 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Voting on the Book of Church Order Amendments was postponed until the February 5, 2013 Stated Meeting (**Appendix E, pp. 39ff.**).

82.1025 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bill May of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

82.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held on February 5, 2013 at Madison Heights Church in Madison. TE Tim Muse volunteered Brandon Presbyterian Church for the May 7, 2013 stated meeting.

82.1027 READING OF THE AFTERNOON MINUTES

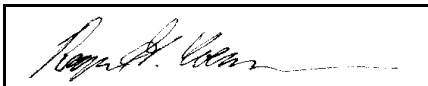
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, RE Will Thompson and RE Wayne Morrison were appointed a commission to read the minutes for approval after the meeting.

82.1028

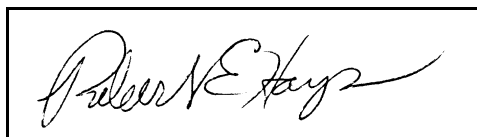
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P.M. with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 5, 2013**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Madison Heights Church, Madison, Mississippi**

83.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Scott Reiber, upon the delay of the retiring moderator, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

83.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
	Matt Giesman	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Troy Richards
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	Jerry Grantham
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Joseph	William Cook
	Brister Ware	Bill May
	Ligon Duncan	Barry Vickery
	Ralph Kelley	Jim Moore
	Billy Dempsey	Forrest Bratley
	David Felker	Doyle Moorhead
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mabry Lynn
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
	Mike Campbell	
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
	Troy Milliken	
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Patrick McDowell
	Paul Long, Jr.	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First Lauderdale, Lauderdale Learned, Lebanon	Earl Adams Phillip Palmertree	A A Watson Marsalis Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First Louisville, First Macon, Center Point Macon, Macon Madden, Carolina Madison, First Madison, Madison Heights	Scott Phillips Ricky Glenn Perry McCall Robert Lane Hunter Brewer Randy Rhea	A A A A Dale White A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck Gavin Breeden	Gary Morrow
Newton, Newton Pearl, Pearl Philadelphia, First Pickens, Pickens Pickens, Shiloh Raymond, Raymond Ridgeland, Highlands	Merle Messer Don Caviness Ken Elliott Wilson Shirley	A Neil Downing A A A Bob Culpepper Carroll Dew David Fowler Bryan Kerr
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Tim Dryden	
Ruston, John Knox Scooba, Scooba Tchula, Tchula Terry, Wynndale Union, First Vicksburg, Westminster Winona, First Yazoo City, First Yazoo City, Second	Chris Shelton Scott Reiber Sam Smith David Gilbert	A A E A A James Harrison Terry Howard A Will Thompson Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Chad Scott, Don Malin, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Rick Holbert, Grover Gunn, Jeff Jordan, Charlie Douglas, Paul Nasekos, Elbert McGowan, Guy Richardson, Jimmy Turner, Paul Zetterholm and Gary Johnson.

c. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: RE Doyle Moorhead.

d. The following visitors were registered: Robert Dieckman, Davis Lindsey, Kyle Parker, Larry Mills, Shelli Robison, Jo Sanford, David Irving, David Tigrett, Matthew Bryant, Cecil Ferguson and Arkie Hooten.

e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery: Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hartman, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger and Joey Wright.

- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bob Penny, Lee Hutchings, Joseph Wheat, Brad Mercer, John McKenzie, and Jason Housewright.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough and Bill Smith.
- h. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Oswald Barnes, Reddit Andrews, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Elliott Everitt, Steve Jussely and Dale Hollenbeck.
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 83.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

83.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Bill May was elected moderator by acclamation.

83.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as amended (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

83.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **83.1002, d.** above.

83.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Hunter Brewer, pastor of the host church, welcomed presbytery to the new Madison Heights Church facility.

83.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Billy Joseph, TE Rob Hill and RE Bob Culpepper. The moderator appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator TE Mark Smith, RE Watson Marsalis and TE Matt Giesman.

83.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences had been received from TEs Lee Hutchings, Robert Penny, John McKenzie, Brad Mercer, Joseph Wheat and Jason Housewright. They were approved. Also approved were the requests of Ken Elliott and Eric Mabbott to miss part of the day. In addition, the excuse requests for the ruling elders from Tchula and Bethesda were approved (**83.1002 a., e.**).

2. The commission reports for the ordinations and/or installations of TE John Wagner (**Appendix B, p. 15**), TE Eric Mabbott (**p. 16**), and TE Earl Adams (**p. 17**) were received and ratified as the actions of presbytery.
3. The report of the commission to read and approve the minutes of the November 6, 2012 meeting of presbytery was approved as the action of presbytery.

4. Communications:

- a. The stated clerk reported that the following communications had been received and referred to the appropriate committee:

Campus Ministry Committee

- An overture from Grace Presbytery recognizing the work of RE Bebo Elkin during his time as MS Coordinator of Reformed University Ministries (**Appendix C, p. 18**),

Overtures Committee

- An overture from North Park Presbyterian Church (**Appendix D, p. 20**),
- An overture from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix D, p. 21**),

Shepherding and Advisory Committee

- A request from TE Don Caviness for a leave of absence (**Appendix E, p. 22**),
- A request for honorable retirement from TE Bob Penny (**Appendix E, p. 23**),
- A request from TE Penny for support to serve with African Bible Colleges (**Appendix E, p. 23**),
- A request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Elliott Everitt and First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix E, p. 25**),
- A request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE John McKenzie and First Presbyterian Church, Lexington (**Appendix E, p. 26**),
- A report on his work in Japan from Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix E, pp. 27ff.**),

Credentials Committee

- A request to approve a change of call to TE Ed Hartman (**Appendix F, p. 33**),
- Exceptions of substance to our minutes from the 40th General Assembly (**Appendix G, p. 34**),

Past Moderator

- A memorial in memory of RE Wynn Kenyon (**Appendix H, pp. 35f.**).

- b. TE Chris Wright gave a report on the status of North Park Presbyterian Church. He announced that the church is voting next Sunday, February 10, 2013 to consider an offer to sell the church, and that if the offer is accepted by the church, its last day will be April 28th. A commission was established by presbytery composed of RE Bebo Elkin, TE Brister Ware, TE Roger Collins and RE Doyle Moorhead to create a Resolution of Praise to God for the North Park Presbyterian Church to be read to the congregation before its dissolution.
- c. Matthew Bryant of Covenant College was given the privilege of the floor to address presbytery.
- d. Shelli Robison brought a report about presbytery's PresWic ministry. She announced an upcoming spring conference featuring Nancy Guthrie as the primary speaker to be held at First Presbyterian Church. It was received as information.

- e. Presbytery voted on proposed BCO amendments (**Appendix I, pp. 36ff.**) The results were as follows.

Item	For	Against	Abstain
1	71	0	1
2	70	0	1
3	75	2	1
4	12	60	4
5	74	1	1
6	74	5	1

83.1009**RECESS**

Presbytery recessed briefly to prepare for worship.

83.1010**WORSHIP**

Past Moderator TE Mark Smith led presbytery in worship. TE Robert Hays read a memorial recognizing the life and service of RE Wynn Kenyon (**Appendix H, p. 35**).

After a call to worship and prayer TE Smith preached from Mark 6. Then presbytery celebrated the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with prayer.

83.1011**THANKS COMMITTEE AND LUNCH**

TE Billy Joseph presented the report of the Thanks Committee. The report was read as follows:

Whereas God in His sovereign providence has brought The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to convene for its stated meeting on this, the fifth day of February, 2013, and,

Whereas God in His sovereign providence has provided the congregation of Madison Heights Church (MHC) with its wonderful new beautiful sanctuary and facility, and,

Whereas God in His sovereign providence has enabled MHC to host this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, with refreshments through the day and arrangement and use of the facility for the benefit of the presbytery and to facilitate its benefit, and,

Whereas the stated meeting had been ably led by RE Bill May, guided by our stated clerk TE Roger Collins, and recorded faithfully by TE Robert Hays,

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Therefore, we the members of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley give thanks to God for MHC, its session, WIC, and staff, and for RE May, TE Collins, and TE Hays.

Respectfully submitted by the thanks committee,

/S/ Billy Joseph, Rob Hill, and Bob Culpepper.

After he led in prayer, presbytery broke for lunch in local restaurants.

83.1012

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

83.1013

SPECIAL ORDER

Presbytery heard a report from a special foreign guest whose name is best kept confidential.

83.1014

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, pp. 53f.**).

It was announced that internship reports (**p. 55**) are online at the presbytery website.

Presbytery conducted the following examinations:

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Devin Kahan was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Kahan is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately as propounded by the moderator and being briefly charged with prayer by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Highlands Presbyterian Church with TE Brad Mercer as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. William Meenan was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Meenan is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately as propounded by the moderator and being briefly charged with prayer by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Highlands Presbyterian Church with TE Brad Mercer as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Josh Darsant was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Darsant is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately as propounded by the moderator and being briefly charged with prayer by TE Sam Smith, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with TE Mike Campbell as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That TE Tim Dryden be allowed to serve as Josh Sullivan's new mentor,
2. That Stephane Jeanrenaud be removed from the rolls of candidates and interns per his request,
3. That the following response be made to the GA Review of Presbytery Records Committee (**Appendix G, p. 34ff.**):

Exception: February 1, 2011; May 3, 2011; and November 1, 2011 (BCO 15-1 and BCO 21-1) A court appoints a commission, yet the Credentials Committee acted as a commission on their own to allow TEs to move onto the field prior to presbytery exam and approval. MVP Standing Rules VII.E.3.b(5), page 15, does not permit this process but it bypasses the exception of "ordinarily" in BCO 21-1 and makes it a routine.

Response: The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley admits that our Standing Rules do not refer to the Credentials Committee as a commission. We will either amend our Standing Rules [MVP Standing Rules VII.E.3.b(5)] so that the Credentials Committee is clothed with the powers of a commission (BCO 15-1) or cease to refer to this in our minutes as the action of a commission.

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley would request the Committee on Review of Presbytery Records to give clarity concerning its language, "MVP Standing Rules VII.E.3.b(5), page 15, does not permit this process but it bypasses the exception of 'ordinary' in BCO and makes it routine." Our standing rules, in the portion cited above, do authorize the Credentials Committee to grant permission for a man to move onto the field prior to the Presbytery's approval of his licensure or ordination examination (see BCO 21-1), as you note. Is the issue that a Committee cannot be authorized to grant permission to a man to move onto the field? Or is the issue that the Credentials Committee, authorized by Presbytery, took this action on three occasions, thereby

bypassing “ordinarily” in BCO 21-1 and making it routine. If the later, The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley respectfully disagrees. In 2011 we received 4 transfers, examined and approval 4 licentiates, and examined and approved 7 men for ordination. In three of those fourteen cases Credentials Committee, acting with appropriate pastoral wisdom and jurisdiction, permitted a man to move onto the field. Three out of fourteen is not routine.

Exception: May 3, 2011 (BCO 13-6 and BCO 21-4) No record that transferring minister had been examined on the sacraments and church government.

Response: The Presbytery agrees with the exception. The clerk and recording clerk have corrected the problem, and created a template to ensure no such errors occur in this area in the future.

Exception: August 2, 2011 (BCO 21-4) No record of candidates having been examined in rules of the government and discipline of the church.

Response: The Presbytery agrees with the exception. The clerk and recording clerk have corrected the problem, and created a template to ensure no such errors occur in this area in the future.

Exception: General (BCO 18-2) No record of endorsement of candidates by their sessions or a record of having been a church member for 6-months under care of the session for candidates.

Response: The Presbytery agrees with the exception. The clerk and recording clerk have corrected the problem, and created a template to ensure no such errors occur in this area in the future.

Presbytery approved.

83.1015

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery broke from its routine business to enter into a season of prayer.

83.1016

ADMINISTRATION

TE Tim Muse presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 40ff.**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead’s presented the financial report. The following recommendations of the committee were adopted:

- a. That presbytery receive the revised proposed budget for 2013 (based on 2012 receipts plus 10%) as information and approve the Administration Committee’s Modified 2013 Budget (**pp. 43f.**),
- b. That the financial report of the treasurer be received as information (**pp. 47ff.**).

83.1017**NOMINATIONS**

Chairman Guy Waters presented the Nominations Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix ?, p. ?**). The following men were elected to serve on the Committees of Commissioners.

2013 General Assembly Committees of CommissionersTeaching Elders

Administration	Ralph Kelley
Christian Education	Scott Reiber
Covenant Seminary	Scott Phillips
Interchurch Relations	Rob Hill
Mission to North America	Wilson Shirley
PCA Foundation	Tim Muse

Ruling Elders

Covenant College	—
PCA Retirement and Benefits	—
Mission to the World	Ford Mosby
Ridge Haven	—
Reformed University Ministries Bill	May or Neil Barnes

Overtures	TE David Gilbert, RE Will Thompson
Floor Clerk	TE Chris Wright
RE for Communion	RE Will Thompson

A commission approved at the last stated meeting to fill unfilled slots was reassigned. That commission includes: TE Roger Collins, TE Billy Dempsey, RE Watson Marsalis and RE Richard Cobb.

83.1018**SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY**

Chairman RE James Elkin presented the report beginning with prayer. After reporting on all unanswered attempts to contact and minister to TE Oswald Barnes since his conviction and suspension from office and the sacraments at the August 21, 2012 Stated Meeting, TE Elkin recommended that the presbytery approve the censures of deposition from the office of teaching elder and excommunication from the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Presbytery voted to depose and excommunicate TE Oswald G. Barnes for contumacy. The BCO pronouncements of 36-6 were read in his absence.

Whereas, Oswald Gray Barnes, a teaching elder of this presbytery, has been proved by sufficient evidence to be guilty of the sin of contumacy, we The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, do adjudge him disqualified for the office of the Christian ministry, and therefore we do hereby, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, depose from the office of a teaching elder the said Oswald Gray Barnes, and do prohibit him from exercising any of the functions thereof.

Whereas, Oswald Gray Barnes, a member of this church has been by sufficient proof convicted of the sin of contumacy, and after much admonition and prayer obstinately refuses to hear the Church, and has manifested no evidence of repentance: Therefore, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, we, The

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Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, do pronounce him to be excluded from the Sacraments and cut off from the fellowship of the Church.

Chairman RE Elkin presented other committee recommendations. Presbytery approved the following.

1. The pastoral relationship between the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington and TE John McKenzie is to be dissolved upon his being received by Tennessee Valley Presbytery to become pastor of the West Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.
2. The call of TE Bob Penny to work with Reformed Theological Seminary is dissolved effective February 1, 2013 per his request (**Appendix E, p. 23**). Presbytery also approved TE Penny's request to be granted honorable retirement.
3. Presbytery concurred with First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia in the approval of TE Don Caviness' request to be allowed a six month leave of absence from the his ministerial duties to hike the Appalachian Trail (**Appendix E, p. 22**).
4. TE Robert Hays was approved to serve as stated supply of the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia during the absence of TE Don Caviness.
5. That the minutes of this presbytery should have reflected that the dissolution of the call to TE Dale Hollenbeck was approved at the February 7, 2012 meeting and that he was permitted to remain on the roll of presbytery without a call. The minutes are hereby corrected.
6. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City and Rev. Elliott Everitt was approved pending his reception by Central Georgia Presbytery. The stated clerk was instructed to send a pastoral letter to TE Everitt since he left the field without permission of presbytery. The clerk is to explain the impropriety of his leaving as he did and to send a copy of that letter to RUM Coordinator TE Rod Mays in Atlanta.

The chairman concluded his report with prayer.

83.1019

CAMPUS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the report beginning with prayer. TEs Elbert McGowan, Chad Scott, and Jeff Jordan presented reports on their campus ministries at Belhaven University, Jackson State University, and Mississippi College respectively.

Presbytery approved the 2012-2013 RUF Midsouth Report and the 2013 RUF Midsouth Budget (**Appendix M, pp. 56f.**).

83.1020

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin presented the report (**Appendix N, p. 58**).

- a. The committee requested presbytery to determine that, for the purposes of examining and recommending persons to serve as chaplains of the armed forces, it be instructed whether it is to work as a committee or a commission. Presbytery referred the matter to the Administration Committee.

- b. At the request of the committee, the stated clerk is to inform our churches that a fund has been created to receive contributions to further the work of the chaplaincy from their congregational members. Those churches are requested to inform their members of such.

83.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The report of the Administration Committee continued. Sub-committee Chairman TE Scott Phillips brought the report of the Sessional Records subcommittee.

Presbytery approved the 2012 session minutes of Carolina Presbyterian Church, Carthage Presbyterian Church, Delhi Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church - Belzoni, First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, First Presbyterian Church - Kosciusko, First Presbyterian Church - Louisville, First Presbyterian Church - Madison, First Presbyterian Church - Philadelphia, First Presbyterian Church- Yazoo City, First Presbyterian Church - Winona, Lakeland Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved the 2011 session minutes without exception for Lakeland Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved the 2010 session minutes without exception for St. Paul Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved the 2010 session minutes with exceptions of form: North Pointe Presbyterian Church, Wynndale Presbyterian Church, and Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery approved the 2008 - 2011 session minutes with exceptions of form for Raymond Presbyterian Church.

TE Mark Smith of the Overtures Committee presented their report on the Overtures from North Park Presbyterian Church (**Appendix D, p. 20**) and from Second Presbyterian Church (**p. 21**) regarding the creation of a special committee to study the issue of ruling elder participation in the presbytery. Presbytery answered the overtures in the affirmative and appointed the moderator and the stated clerk to appoint an ad hoc committee to implement the overtures.

83.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Paul Lipe of Delhi Presbyterian Church was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

83.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Brandon Presbyterian Church on May 7, 2013 convening at 9:00 AM.

83.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

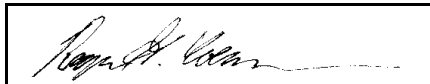
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, RE Will Thompson and RE Wayne Morrison were appointed a commission to read the minutes for approval after the meeting.

83.1025

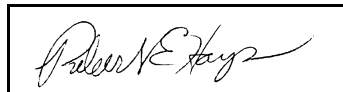
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**CALLED MEETING
April 1, 2013**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, Mississippi**

84.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Bill May called the called meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM, opening with prayer.

84.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	Ron Saltsman
	Matt Giesman	Brian Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, LA	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin
	David Felker	Doyle Moorhead
	Billy Dempsey	Don Breazeale
	Ralph Kelley	Jim Tohill
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mabry Linn
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	Barry McCay
	Mike Campbell	Bryant Taylor
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dyke
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long, Jr.	Phillip McDade
	Earl Adams	Bruce Baugus
Kosciusko, First		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
		Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Louisville, First		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck Gavin Breeden	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Bob Culpepper Oliver Shearer
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings Brad Mercer Joseph Wheat Wilson Shirley	Kent Meadows Ford Mosby Bill McDonald
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Tim Dryden	Rod Russ Brian Kerr
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First		Terry Howard George Weaver
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Rick Holbert, Charles Douglas, Guy Richardson, Don Malin, Josh Rieger, Elbert McGowan, Chad Scott, Grover Gunn, and Reddit Andrews.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: None.

d. Non-voting officer of presbytery who was present: None.

e. The following visitors were registered: None.

f. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the bounds of presbytery: Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Fred Marsh, Ed Hartman, Mark Lowery, Clay Quarterman, Bassam Chedid, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Troy Milliken, Jae Hyuk Yoo, and Joey Wright.

g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery: Hunter Brewer, Philip Palmertree, Paul Nasekos, John Dawson, Ken Pierce, Bob Penny, and the Ruling Elder from Tchula.

- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charles Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charles Rodriguez, Bill Smith, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Brister Ware, Billy Joseph, Chuck Frost, Bill Wymond, Chris Shelt, John Duke, Ken Elliott, Steve Jussely, Randy Rhea, Jeff Jordan, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Dale Hollenbeck, and Richard Wiman.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 84.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

84.1003 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 6**).

84.1004 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors present.

84.1005 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Roger Collins welcomed the presbytery to Grace Presbyterian Church in Byram.

84.1006 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported. The clerk reported that the following men had asked for excused absences: TEs Hunter Brewer, Philip Palmertree, Paul Nasekos, John Dawson, Ken Pierce, Bob Penny, and the Ruling Elder from Tchula (**see 84.1002, g.**). Presbytery approved.

The clerk reported that the purpose for the meeting is as follows: Presbytery is called in order to deal with all appropriate matters related to the moral failure of one of our teaching elders.

84.1007 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin took the floor to conduct the meeting. The first action approved was to enter into executive session.

84.1008 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Presbytery entered into executive session. Minutes are on file with the stated clerk.

Presbytery rose from executive session with prayer by the stated clerk.

84.1012

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

TE Reddit Andrews, who had been excused during executive session, returned.

1. TE Andrews was indefinitely suspended from all ministerial and professorial functions immediately, and
2. An ad hoc committee of up to five men was appointed to meet regularly with TE Andrews and to report regularly to presbytery during the time of his suspension. TE Elbert McGowan, RE Don Breazeale, RE Bill May, RE Bruce Baugus, and TE Mike Campbell were appointed to serve on this ad hoc committee. TE Campbell was appointed convener and the quorum is to be two TEs and two REs.

The pronouncement of BCO 36-5 was read:

Whereas you, TE Reddit Andrews are guilty by your own confession of the sin of adultery, we The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, in the name and by the authority of the Lord, Jesus Christ, do now declare you suspended from the exercise of your office, until you give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Advice and admonition from Hebrews 12 was given TE Andrews by TE Carl Kalberkamp, a member of the court.

84. 1013

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

84.1014

READING OF THE MINUTES

The recording clerk read the minutes which were approved as read.

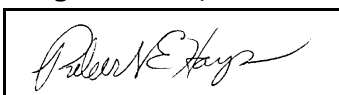
84.1014

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with prayer by TE David Gilbert.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 7, 2013**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon, Mississippi**

85.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Bill May, called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

85.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		A
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Nat Whitten David Tigrett
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis Harry Sasser
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek Jerry Hunter Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Bethesda	John Wagner	A
Edwards, Edwards	Steve Jussely	A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Bill Wymond	Noel Toler
	David Felker	William Cook
	Ligon Duncan	Bill May
	Billy Dempsey	Barry Vickery
	Ralph Kelley	Jim Moore Forrest Bratley Doyle Moorhead Arthur Davis L.H. Fulcher, Jr. Jim Tohill
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams Mabry Lynn
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
	Mike Campbell	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	A
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Gene Davis
		Mike Forrester
		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina		Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Dale White
Madison, Madison Heights	Hunter Brewer	A
	Randy Rhea	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Bob Culpepper
Ridgeland, Highlands	Wilson Shirley	Monty Simpkiins
	Joe Wheat	David Fowler
	Brad Mercer	
	Lee Hutchings	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes
	Tim Dryden	Rod Russ
		A
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First		George Weaver
		Terry Howard
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** James Baird, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Charlie Douglas, Chad Scott, Don Malin, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Josh Rieger, Rick Holbert, Grover Gunn, Paul Nasekos, Chris Shelt, Troy Milliken, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, and Doug McCullough.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Ryan Biese, Josh Sullivan, Zach Owens, Cory Brock, and Sean Morris.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Trey Owens, Rob Allen, Roy McDaniel, David Strain, Brad Bradley, Brent Kooi, and Larry Mills.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter,

Bassam Chedid, Ed Hartman, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, and Joey Wright.

- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Richard Wiman, Tim Muse, Matt Giesman, Billy Joseph, Brister Ware, Ken Pierce, Paul Long Jr., Perry McCall, Gavin Breeden, Sam Smith, Elbert McGowan, Jimmy Turner and Jim Stewart.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Bob Penny, Charlie Rodriguez, Bill Smith and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ken Elliott, Jeff Jordan, Reddit Andrews, and Dale Hollenbeck.
- i. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 85.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

85.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Paul Lipe was elected moderator by acclamation.

85.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as presented (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

85.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **85.1002, d.** above.

85.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

Assistant Pastor TE John Dawson welcomed presbytery to Brandon Presbyterian Church.

85.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Paul Lipe appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Convener TE Scott Reiber, TE Chris Wright, and RE Bill May. He also appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Doug McCullough, RE Bob Culpepper, and Convener TE Chris Shelt.

85.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences had been received from TEs Brister Ware, Ken Pierce, Billy Joseph, Sam Smith, Elbert McGowan, Richard Wiman, Paul Long, Gavin Breeden, Perry McCall,

Jimmy Turner, Tim Muse, and Jim Stewart. They were approved. In addition, the excuse requests for the ruling elders from Tchula and RE James Elkin of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson were approved (**85.1002 a., e.**). TEs Billy Dempsey, David Felker, Guy Waters, Bob Schwanebeck, Ligon Duncan, and Chad Scott were approved to leave early.

2. Communications:

a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 5, 2013 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.

b. The report of the commission to present a Resolution of Praise to the Lord Jesus Christ for the North Park Presbyterian Church on the occasion of their last worship service held on April 28, 2013 was unanimously approved as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 15**).

c. A response from the Standing Judicial Commission in the case of former member Jeremy Smith was reported to presbytery by TE Ligon Duncan. TE Duncan recommended that the action taken by the SJC requires no further action (**Appendix C, p. 17**). Presbytery received this report as information.

d. In the excused absence of TE Kenneth Pierce, TE Josh Rieger presented an overture calling for General Assembly to instruct the Standing Judicial Commission to revisit a case concerning Pacific Northwest Presbytery and TE Peter Leithart. It was referred to the Overtures Committee as appointed by the moderator (**Appendix D, p. 28**).

85.1009

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

Chairman TE Tim Dryden of the Christian Education Committee, introduced Honorably Retired TE James Baird who addressed the court concerning leadership. He sought to encourage REs and TEs who labor in the church. Afterward the floor was opened for questions for Dr. Baird.

85.1010

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer in preparation for worship.

85.1011

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes to prepare for worship.

85.1012

WORSHIP SERVICE

At the request of Past Moderator RE Bill May, TE Bob Schwanebeck led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns and prayer, he preached from 1 Timothy 6:11-16.

85.1013

LUNCH AND THANKS

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Chris Shelt gathered the volunteers from Brandon to join with presbytery and presented the report of the Thanks Committee.

Whereas, the Brandon Presbyterian Church has graciously hosted The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, and

Whereas, the Women of the Church have labored industriously and shown great kindness in extending hospitality to the presbytery, and

Whereas, the officers of Brandon Presbyterian Church have disproved through their generosity the adage, "There is no such thing as a free lunch," and

Whereas, like the gospel, what has been free to us has been costly to you,

We, of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, give heartfelt thanks to God as we sing together the Doxology.

Presbytery sang the Doxology and applauded those who served us with thanksgiving to God.

85.1014

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

85.1015

STATED CLERK'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported that the following communications had been received and referred to the appropriate committee.

Credentials Committee

- A ministerial call to TE Trey Owens from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko (**Appendix E, p. 36**).
- A ministerial call to Ryan Biese from First Presbyterian Church, Winona (**Appendix E, p. 37**).
- A ministerial call to TE David Strain from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix E, p. 39**).

Shepherding Committee

- TE Chad Scott's request for the dissolution of his call with RUF Belhaven and his transfer to Grace Presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 40**).
- TE Ed Hartman's request for the dissolution of his call and remain on roll without call (**Appendix F, p. 41**).
- A letter from John Knox Presbyterian Church (**Appendix G, p. 42**)
- A resolution requesting dissolution on August 6, 2013 from the congregation of North Park Presbyterian Church (**Appendix H, p. 43**).
- A thank you note and an April 2013 Report from TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix I, p. 44**).

85.1016

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix J, pp. 48f.**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**pp. 51ff.**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Oral reports were received from interns Josh Sullivan, Zach Owens, Cory Brock, and Sean Morris.

Presbytery conducted the following examinations.

Candidacy

Mr. Christopher Brown was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Brown is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by Moderator TE Paul Lipe, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Danillo Santos was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Santos is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Lipe, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

TE Transfer

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE David Strain** is a PCA minister in good standing in Covenant Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Strain declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. He signed the book of obligations.

TE Strain's call as an Assistant Minister to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix E, p. 39**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

TE Strain's installation was set for May 19, 2013 at 6:00 PM. A commission including TE Ligon Duncan - convener, TE Ralph Kelley, TE Guy Waters, TE Guy Richardson, RE Tom Rice, RE Alan Walters, RE Mark Windham, RE Crane Kipp, and RE Barham McCay was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

TE Trey Owens was presented for transfer from South Texas Presbytery to serve at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko. Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Owens is a PCA minister in good standing in South Texas Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Owens declared an exception to WLC 109, "the making of any representations of God, of all or any of the persons of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image," and WCF 21.8, "do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts, about their worldly employments and recreations, but are also taken up the whole time in the public and private exercises of His worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy."

In his own words, Mr. Owens's explanation of his exceptions follow:

Contained below are my stated differences with the Westminster Confession of Faith and catechisms.

WLC: Question 109

I differ with the Larger Catechism in its condemning "...the making **any** representation of God, of all or of **any** of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever..."

My View: I believe the second commandment has primarily to do with the *worship* and *eneration* of images ("you shall not bow down to them nor serve them"), not the creation of art or illustration. I do not believe it is sin to depict Jesus Christ in his humanity—as long as those images are not used for inspiration in worship or veneration. I particularly have in mind images of Jesus in children's literature, such as *The Jesus Storybook Bible*. That being said, if we want to see God, he has made abundant provision for us in his Holy Word. Looking to images made by human hands—for worship, veneration, or knowledge of God—is a rejection of the means provided by God, and it is thusly idolatry.

WLC: Questions 117 & 119

I differ with the Standards in their forbiddance of "recreation" on the Sabbath. In particular, I take objection to the language "...but even from such worldly employments and **recreations** as are on other days lawful..." and, ""by all needless works, words, and thoughts, about our worldly employments and **recreations**."

My View: I believe that the Sabbath is a day in which we should cease from our daily employments and responsibilities primarily so that we can find rest in communion with God and with one another. Sunday, which is the Christian Sabbath, is thus a taste of heaven; we are focused on glorifying God and enjoying him. Assuming that this primary rest is being enjoyed, it is fully appropriate to enjoy the fruits of one's labors on Sunday through appropriate entertainments and recreations. However, such entertainments and recreations need facilitate rather than detract from communion with God and his people.

Presbytery instructed him not to teach, preach, or inculcate his exceptions to the Standards. With that caveat, the presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer from South Texas Presbytery. He signed the book of obligations.

TE Owens' call as an Assistant Pastor to First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix E, p. 36**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

TE Owens' installation was set for May 19, 2013 at 5:00 PM. A commission including TE Phillip Palmertree - convener, TE Elbert McGowan, TE Matt Giesman, RE Johnny Boswell, RE Hugh Potts, RE James Boyd, and the session of the church was approved. In addition, TE David Smith from Covenant Presbytery was approved as an invited guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure

Mr. Ryan Biese was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Biese had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a.,b.,and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and the government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Psalm 24. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Biese was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. Moderator TE Paul Lipe offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Biese's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Scott Lucky was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Lucky, a candidate of this presbytery, had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a.,b.,and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Matthew 9:35-38. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Lucky was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Lucky's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That **TE Trey Owens** be allowed to move on the field as Assistant Minister of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko as of April 1, 2013.
2. That candidate **Chandler Rowlen** be transferred to Grace Presbytery and removed from the roll of candidates and interns as requested (BCO18-7).
3. That **Scott Lucky's** mentor be TE Paul Lipe.
4. That **Ben Ratliffe's** internship be approved as complete.
5. That presbytery suspend the Standing Rules, Article IV, C. which defines preaching on a "regular basis" and that we approve Rev. Bruce Willson to preach at the John Knox Presbyterian Church of Ruston, LA on a regular basis between now and August 6th. He has had a preliminary examination by the Credentials Committee. He is to be fully examined by the committee and presbytery in order to become a member at the August 6, 2013 Stated Meeting. The Credentials

Committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to examine and license him for this purpose. Presbytery approved this with the necessary two thirds vote as required.

6. That the theological papers of **Mr. Scott Lucky** and **Mr. Ryan Biese** be approved.

Chairman TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Report with prayer.

85.1017 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Wilson Shirley presented the report beginning with prayer.

1. Karen Stewart of Bethany Christian Services addressed presbytery.
2. A report was received from TE Michael Campbell concerning Redeemer Presbyterian's Church Planting Committee.
3. An update report of a "Four Presbytery Church Planting Network" was presented by TE Hunter Brewer.
4. A report was received on disaster relief efforts subsequent to the February tornadoes in Mississippi.

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. The contribution received from the Lost Rabbit Church Plant donor be transferred to the donor's PCA Foundation account as requested. \$1000.00 already spent will be transferred from the General Fund in order to return the full amount.
2. To support Brad Bradley, PCA Church Plant Ministries Coordinator, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Support is for the 2013 budget year only.

Chairman TE Shirley concluded the report with prayer.

85.1018 ADMINISTRATION

In the absence of Chairman TE Tim Muse, the stated clerk presented the Administration Committee report beginning with prayer (**Appendix L, pp. 53ff.**).

1. Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the financial report (**pp. 55ff.**) . It was received as information.
2. That presbytery approve the revised budget for 2013 (**p. 58**)
3. The updated 2013 Ministers' Salary Guidelines were received as information (**pp. 59ff.**).

TE Roger Collins concluded the report with prayer.

85.1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

In the place of Chairman RE James (Bebo) Elkin, TE Carl Kalberkamp presented the report beginning with prayer. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That Ed Hartman's call be dissolved and that he remain on our roll without call (**Appendix F, p. 41.**).
2. That TE Chad Scott's call from this presbytery to serve at RUF Belhaven be dissolved and that he be transferred to Grace Presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 40.**).
3. The letter from John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA was read by the stated clerk in which the church reported that they had rescinded an earlier action to ask to be dismissed from the PCA. It was received as information (**Appendix G, p. 42.**).
4. TE Robert Hays gave a report on the information he had uncovered concerning churches which presbytery had not heard from in a long time. He advised the court that a report should be forthcoming at the next meeting along with recommendations. It was received as information.
5. TE Mike Campbell gave a report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee Te Reddit Andrews. It was received as information.
6. TE Chris Wright read a resolution from the congregation of North Park Presbyterian Church requesting presbytery to dissolve the church at our August 6, 2013 Stated Meeting. Presbytery approved the request of the North Park Church (**Appendix H, p. 43.**).

The report was concluded with prayer.

85.1019

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix M, pp. 62ff.**).

The following revision in our Standing Rules was presented with regard to Article VII, E. 5. b. 4).

Recommended changes are the addition of sections a-f as follows:

- a. The committee shall keep a roll of presbytery candidates for the ministry who desire to serve in the chaplaincy.*
- b. The committee shall pray for and assist all those interested in pursuing military chaplaincy within our presbytery.*
- c. Men pursuing chaplaincy must be interviewed and examined by the Mission to the Military committee prior to being examined for candidacy by the Credentials Committee and presbytery.*
- d. Chaplains transferring into the presbytery to pursue a call as a chaplain must meet and be recommended by this committee before being examined by the Credentials Committee.*
- e. Any areas of weakness exposed in the interviews or examination shall be reported to the Credentials Committee and to the presbytery before their examinations begin.*
- f. The committee shall maintain regular communications with all our presbytery chaplain candidates.*

And the addition of a sentence under the Credentials Committee as follows (missing paragraphs are unchanged):

Article VII, E 4. Credentials Committee:

- 3) This committee shall examine all applicants for candidacy, licensure, and ordination, as well as all ministers seeking admission to presbytery. *Men seeking chaplaincy or transferring in to serve as chaplains will always come by way of the recommendation of the Mission to the Military Committee.* Before presenting men to the presbytery, the committee shall conduct examinations as follows:

The recommended revision was approved as the first reading with the two thirds majority needed. It was referred to the Administration Committee for their evaluation per our Standing Rules before this comes back for a second reading in August.

The chairman reported that the committee had voted to request the Administration Committee to reinstate the \$5,000 into the 2014 budget for the Mission to the Military Committee to be divided as \$2,500 to facilitate the teaching and assisting returning veterans and \$2,500 to facilitate planting new churches near military bases overseas. No action was taken by presbytery.

Further, the committee developed a flyer to encourage churches to invest in Mission to the Military over and above the budgeted presbytery askings. It was approved for distribution and handed out.

The chairman concluded his report with prayer.

85.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

In the place of RE Will Thompson, RE Paul Adams presented a report on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Increase Ruling Elder Participation. He began with prayer. Presbytery extended the time for the committee to work until the August meeting.

TE Scott Phillips presented the Administration's Review of Sessional Minutes Subcommittee Report. Session minutes approved without exception were from Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Presbyterian Church, and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church (2011 and 2012 for POPC). Session minutes approved with exceptions of form were from Bailey Presbyterian Church, Brandon Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Union, Highlands Presbyterian Church, and Macon Presbyterian Church. Presbytery concurred.

RE Bill May of the Overtures Committee reported on the proposed overture presented by TE Josh Rieger in the place of TE Kenneth Pierce (**Appendix D, pp. 28ff.**). Presbytery approved the Overture as presented and directed the stated clerk to forward it on Dr. Roy Taylor immediately. That overture calls for the following:

That General Assembly assume original jurisdiction and direct the Standing Judicial Commission (SJC) to hear "Pacific Northwest Presbytery vs Peter Leithart," because PNWP has "refused to act," per the provision found in BCO 34-1 by not declaring a mistrial in this case because of its chief prosecutor's conflict of interest, stemming from his transition into membership of the Roman Catholic Church.


That the SJC not fail to take into consideration the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms in hearing the case.

85.1021 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Hugh Potts of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

85.1022 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Delhi Presbyterian Church on August 6, 2013.

85.1023 READING OF THE MINUTES

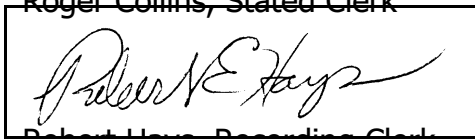
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Moderator TE Paul Lipe, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read the minutes for approval after the meeting.

85.1024 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

~~Roger Collins, Stated Clerk~~



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 6, 2013**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, Louisiana**

86.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE Paul Lipe called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

86.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
		Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	Tim Muse	Gary Morrison
	John Dawson	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves	John Spears
	Matt Giesman	Bryan Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
		Bruce McEachern
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	E
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelley	Bebo Elkin
	David Felker	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Bill May
	Billy Dempsey	Forrest Bratley
Jackson, North Park	Chris Wright	Paul Adams
		Mabry Lynn
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
Jackson, St. Paul	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	A
	Paul Long	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Lauderdale, Lauderdale Learned, Lebanon		A Watson Marsalis Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First Louisville, First Macon, Center Point Macon, Macon	Scott Phillips	A A A A
Madden, Carolina Madison, First Madison, Madison Heights	Perry McCall Robert Lane Hunter Brewer	Larry McMillan Bill McNeese David Byrd Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe Newton, Newton Pearl, Pearl Philadelphia, First Pickens, Pickens Pickens, Shiloh Raymond, Raymond	Bob Schwanebeck Merle Messer	A A A A A A Bob Culpepper Oliver Shearer Hap Farber
Ridgeland, Highlands	Wilson Shirley Lee Hutchings Brad Mercer Tim Dryden	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard Ruston, John Knox Scooba, Scooba Tchula, Tchula Terry, Wynndale Union, First Vicksburg, Westminster Winona	Jason Housewright Chris Shelton Scott Reiber	Rod Russ Mark Jonker A E A A James Harrison George Weaver Terry Howard A
Yazoo City, First Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bob Penny, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Charlie Douglas, Don Malin, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Rick Holbert, Grover Gunn, Chris Shelt and Guy Richardson.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Jamar Tisby and Scott Lucky.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Bruce Wilson, Ryan Biese, Roy McDaniel, Jerry Hunter, David Irving, Troy Richards and David Dise.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.

- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Carl Kalberkamp, Troy Milliken, Mark Smith, Ligon Duncan, Billy Joseph, Ryan Dean, Ricky Glenn, Don Caviness, Ken Elliott, Lee Hutchings, David Gilbert, Elbert McGowan, Paul Nasekos and David Gilbert.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Bill Smith and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Reddit Andrews, Steve Jussely, Bill Wymond, Earl Adams, Randy Rhea, Brad Mercer, Gavin Breeden, Sam Smith, Joseph Wheat, Jeff Jordan, Jimmy Turner and Jim Stewart.
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 86.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

86.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Hugh Potts was elected moderator by acclamation.

86.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as amended (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

86.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **86.1002, d.** above.

86.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

Pastor TE Paul Lipe welcomed presbytery to Delhi Presbyterian Church.

86.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The moderator appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE David Strain, TE Trey Owens, and TE Richard Wiman.

86.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

- 1. Requests for excused absences had been received from TEs Carl Kalberkamp, Troy Milliken, Mark Smith, Ligon Duncan, Billy Joseph, Ryan Dean, Ricky Glenn, Don Caviness, Ken Elliott, Lee Hutchings, David Gilbert, Elbert McGowan, Paul Nasekos, and David Gilbert (**86.1002 a., e.**). TEs Merle Messer and Grover Gunn were approved to leave early.

2. Commissions Reports:

- a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
- b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Trey Owens and TE David Strain were received and their actions were adopted as the actions of presbytery **(Appendix B, pp. 15, 16)**.

3. Communications:

- a. Calls to Wiley Lowry from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and to Roy McDaniel from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville were referred to the Credentials Committee for later report **(Appendix C, pp. 17, 18)**.
- b. A stated supply request for TE Rob Allen from Carthage Presbyterian Church was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report **(Appendix D, p. 20)**.
- c. A letter from the Bailey Presbyterian Church session was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix E, pp. 21f.)**.
- d. Requests for honorable retirement status from TE Charlie Douglas and TE Jimmy Turner were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix F, pp. 23, 30)**.
- e. Requests for dissolution of relationship were received from TEs Tim Muse, Hunter Brewer, Tim Dryden, Reddit Andrews, and Jimmy Turner. Congregational minutes concurring with requests for dissolution were received from Brandon, Madison Heights and Pear Orchard. The calls to TEs Andrews and Turner are from the presbytery to work with Reformed Theological Seminary and the Christian Medical Dental Association respectively. All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix G, pp. 24-30)**.
- f. A report from TE Kaz Yaegashi on his work in Japan was received as information **(Appendix K, pp. 31ff.)**.
- g. Reports of honorably retired pastors TEs John Allen, Dan Gilchrist, John Kyle, Robert Penny, Charles Rodriguez and were received as information **(Appendix L, pp. 35-40)**.
- h. Annual reports of men serving out-of-bounds were received from TEs Jim Carter, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josh Kines, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Kaz Yaegashi, Bassam Chedid, Chuck Frost, Gary Johnson, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Jimmy Turner, and Guy Waters **(Appendix M, pp. 41ff.)**. Men who are without call who reported are TEs Charlie Douglas, Rick Holbert, Dale Hollenbeck, and Jae Yoo **(Appendix N, pp. 70ff.)**. All were referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- i. Chaplain reports were received from TEs Don Malin, Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems, and Joey Wright and referred to the Mission to the Military Committee **(Appendix O, pp. 76ff.)**.
- j. The resolution regarding the dissolution of the North Park Presbyterian Church as approved at our last stated meeting was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory committee for report later **(Appendix W, p. 101)**.

- k. A second reading of changes to the Standing Rules from the Mission to the Military Committee was referred to the Administration Committee for their advice per our Standing Rules **(See May 7, 2013, 85.1019)**.

86.1009

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE James Elkin presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee report. On recommendation of the committee, presbytery approved the following motions:

1. That the recent report of TE Kaz Yeagashi be received as information.
2. That the annual reports for teaching elders laboring out of bounds for Jim Carter, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josh Kines, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Kaz Yaegashi, Bassam Chedid, Chuck Frost, Gary Johnson, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelt, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Jimmy Turner, and Guy Waters be approved and that they be granted permission to continue to labor out of bounds in their present capacity for one year per their request **(Appendix M, pp. 41-69)**.
3. That the annual reports for men who are without call for TEs Charlie Douglas, Grover Gunn, Rick Holbert, Dale Hollenbeck, and Jae Yoo be approved with the request that presbytery remember to pray for Rick, Grover, Dale and Jae as they seek a regular call **(Appendix N, pp. 70ff.)**.
4. That TE Tim Muse and the congregation of Brandon Presbyterian Church's requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship be approved effective today **(Appendix G, pp. 24)**. He was allowed to remain on the roll without call. The church announced that TE Muse will receive full salary and benefits until the end of the calendar year.
5. That TE Hunter Brewer and Madison Heights Presbyterian Church's request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship be approved effective today **(Appendix H, pp. 26, 27)**. The church announced that TE Brewer will receive full salary and benefits until the end of the calendar year.
6. That TE Tim Dryden and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church's request that their pastoral relationship be dissolved was approved effective August 31, 2013 and that TE Dryden be transferred to James River Presbytery pending their request **(Appendix I, p. 28, 29)**.
7. That presbytery's call to TE Reddit Andrews to teach at Reformed Theological Seminary be dissolved effective immediately. All parties are in concurrence.
8. That presbytery's call to TE Jimmy Turner to serve with Christian Medical Dental Association be dissolved with our thanksgiving for his faithful service.
9. That the requests of TE Charles Douglas and TE Jimmy Turner for Honorable Retirement be granted.
10. That the requested dissolution of the North Park Presbyterian Church as of the end of this meeting today be approved and that remaining members of the church be placed under the care of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee until they can transfer them to an appropriate church. Presbytery entered into prayer with thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the North Park congregation and session.

11. That the request of TE Chris Wright be allowed to remain on the roll without call be granted.
12. TE Robert Hays reported on progress concerning the information he had compiled about the churches which presbytery has not heard from in a long time. It was received as information.
13. That the letter from the Bailey Church Session be received with thanksgiving and acknowledged by the stated clerk as being a source of joy and gratitude to the presbytery.

Presbytery entered into executive session upon motion of Chairman RE Bebo Elkin. Minutes are on file with the stated clerk. Presbytery exited executive session and passed the following motions:

14. That TE Reddit Andrews be suspended from the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, based upon new information that he has acknowledged in writing to the Shepherding Committee.
15. Presbytery established the Shepherding and Advisory Committee as a judicial commission to meet with TE Andrews. The stated clerk is instructed to cite him to appear and answer questions regarding admissions he made in writing to the committee. The commission is to meet with TE Andrews at Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, Mississippi on Tuesday, September 17th at 9:00 AM. The purpose of this meeting is in accord with TE Reddit Andrews' expressed desire to proceed directly to censure as a case without process and his acknowledgment to the "Ad Hoc Shepherding Committee" in writing that he has not, heretofore been "forthright" or "transparent" with his brothers in presbytery, but rather committed himself to a "path of deception" and "deceit." It is therefore important, before moving to further censure that TE Andrews give a full account of the facts wherein he misled the presbytery in person and in writing so that we may proceed to an appropriate censure in accord with BCO 38-1.
16. That the ad hoc committee which had been assigned to deal with TE Andrews be dissolved immediately with our thanks.

Chairman RE Elkin concluded his report with prayer.

86.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

86.1011

WORSHIP SERVICE

Past Moderator TE Paul Lipe led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns and prayer, he preached from II Corinthians 5:4. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated and the whole concluded with prayer.

86.1012

THANKS COMMITTEE AND LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, TE Strain gathered the volunteers from Delhi to join with presbytery and he then presented the report of the Thanks Committee.

On behalf of The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, we wish to express our deepest gratitude to Almighty God for the wonderful hospitality of Delhi Presbyterian Church shown to us as we gathered to do the business of Christ's church. We are especially thankful for all who have made the church ready to receive us and prepared a delicious meal. Additionally, we praise God for the faithful work of the session and the fifty years of Christ-centered preaching that has characterized the ministry of our brother, TE Paul Lipe. Amen.

Convener TE David Strain, TE Trey Owens, and TE Richard Wiman

86.1013

RECONVENE

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

86.1014

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix Q, pp. 80**). The Treasurer's Report was received as information (**Appendix R, pp. 81ff.**).

RE Wayne Morrison presented the 2014 Budget (**Appendix S, pp. 86f.**). Presbytery adopted the budget as presented.

Chairman TE Kelley presented Administration Committee's recommendation regarding the amendment of our Standing Rules as proposed by the Mission to the Military Committee and approved as a first reading at our May 7, 2013 Stated Meeting (**pp. 99f.**). The Administration Committee recommended several changes. Mission to the Military Chairman TE Don Malin was given the floor to respond to the changes. Presbytery retained the wording as originally proposed when it approved the first reading and adopted the amendment by the required two thirds majority on its second reading.

86.1015

CREDENTIALS

In the absence of Chairman TE David Gilbert, TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix ?, pp. ?f.**). The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 93**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org. An oral report was received from Intern Matt Elliott.

Candidacy

Mr. Kyle Brent was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Brent is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church of Clinton and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by Moderator RE Potts, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Licensure

TE Rob Allen was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. TE Allen is a member in good standing in North Texas Presbytery. He had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a.,b.,and d.). TE Allen testified of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Joshua 1:1-9. These examinations were approved by the presbytery.

Mr. Allen stated that he had several scruples with our constitutional standards. Presbytery noted them in his own words and responded as follows.

WCF VII.4: "This covenant of grace is frequently set forth in Scripture by the name of a testament, in reference to the death of Jesus Christ the Testator, and to the everlasting inheritance, with all things belonging to it, therein bequeathed." Presbytery agreed with the committee's recommendation that this scruple be considered merely semantic. RAO 16-3, 5b.

WLC XXI.8: "This Sabbath is then kept holy unto the Lord, when men... do not only observe an holy rest all the day from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in the public and private exercises of His worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy." Presbytery agreed with the committee that "the stated difference is considered more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental system of doctrine." RAO 16-3, 5c.

WLC Q/A 50: Wherein consisted Christ's humiliation after his death? Christ's humiliation consisted in his being buried...; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell. Presbytery agreed with the committee that "the stated difference is considered more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental system of doctrine." RAO 16-3, 5c.

Mr. Allen was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. TE Allen was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination

Mr. Ryan Biese, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a licentiate and an intern of The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Already a licentiate of this presbytery, Mr. Biese's sermon had been approved as part of his licensure examination and he was not required to preach again. Mr. Biese stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Biese's call to First Presbyterian Church, Winona as pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix C, p. 19**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Biese's ordination and installation was set for August 11, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church,

Winona. A commission including Convener TEs David Gilbert, Rob Hill, Guy Waters, and REs James Elkin, William May, George Weaver, John Rigby, John Sumner, Terry Howard, James Hunger, Jerry Hoover, and Jerry Ellis was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Wiley Lowry, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, is a candidate and an intern of presbytery. He was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. His internship was declared completed.

Mr. Lowry preached on 1 Peter 5:11 and it was found satisfactory. Mr. Lowry stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Lowry's call to First Presbyterian Church of Jackson as an assistant pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix C, p. 17**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Lowry's ordination and installation was set for August 11, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. A commission including TEs Convener Ligon Duncan, Phillip Palmertree, Brister Ware, Billy Joseph, and James Baird and REs Wiley Lowry Jr., Sidney Robinson, Bill Moore, Mabry Lynn, and George May was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Roy McDaniel, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, is a candidate and an intern of Central Florida Presbytery. They have communicated that his internship was approved as complete. Mr. McDaniel was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. McDaniel preached on sections from 1 Peter 1 and 2, and it was found satisfactory. He stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. McDaniel's call to First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix C, p. 18**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. McDaniel's ordination and installation was set for September 1, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville. A commission including TEs Convener Scott Phillips, John Dawson, Sam Smith, Allen Stanton of Grace Presbytery and REs Mike Triplett, Charley McCool, and Sam Suttle was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That **TE Robert Allen** be approved to serve as stated supply at Carthage for a period of one year, per BCO 22-5,6.

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2. That **TE Charles Douglas** be approved to serve another year as stated supply at Newton Presbyterian Church per BCO 22-5,6.
3. That the internships of **Mr. Wiley Lowry** and **Mr. Peter Whitney** be approved as completed.
4. That **Mr. Josh Darsant** be removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his own request.

Chairman TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Report with prayer.

86.1016

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report. Presbytery elected TE Steve Jussely to the Administration Committee Class of 2015 to replace TE Tim Muse as requested; RE Watson Marsalis as an Administration Committee Alternate replacing RE Kelley Simpkins as requested; TE John Duke as an Administration Alternate replacing TE Chad Scott because of his transfer to Grace Presbytery; and TE John Wagner to the Christian Education Committee Class of 2013 replacing TE Josh Kines who is serving in Peru.

86.1017

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Richard Wiman presented the report beginning with prayer. He gave a brief report on the work and progress of missionary Lisa Repair. He presented TE Robert Penny who reported on his work with African Bible College and appealed for churches and presbytery to support students attending the college.

86.1018

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RE PARTICIPATION

RE Will Thompson presented the report of the special committee (**Appendix U, pp. 94ff.**).

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That both the teaching elders and ruling elders rethink the calling of elders and what it means to be Presbyterian; and, that usually teaching elders are to take the role of leader as the first among equals in their sessions and congregations by discipling, encouraging, instructing, and exhorting each body in the nature of Presbyterianism, the nature of the sacred office of elder and its requirements, not only on a local level but in the broader church as well (i.e. presbytery and General Assembly). Furthermore, ruling elders likewise should assume leadership in the exhorting and encouraging of other elders - ruling and teaching alike.
2. That both teaching elders and ruling elders be encouraged to have ongoing discipling of current ruling elders in their calling as elders and presbyters, and that future elder training would include the study of ecclesiology and polity. Suggested materials are: How Jesus Runs the Church by Guy Prentiss Waters (P&R Publishing); The Elder and His Work by David Dickson (P&R Publishing); The Shepherd Leader by Timothy Z. Witmer (P&R Publishing); With a Shepherd's Heart by John R. Sittema (Reformed Fellowship Inc.).
3. That teaching elders (or in the case of their absence, the clerk of session) be encouraged to inform their session of the White Book's contents, and particularly of pertinent issues to be handled at each meeting of presbytery.

4. That teaching elders instruct their ruling elders in at least basic Robert's Rules of Order and in The Book of Church Order.
5. That this ad hoc committee prepare a packet of information regarding the work of presbytery which would be sent to all our churches to assist sessions and especially new elders.

Item number six of the committee's report was presented and voted upon. It was not approved. Presbytery voted to postpone the rest of this committee's report so that sessions could study the remainder of the recommendations and agreed that it is to be docketed for debate at 10:00 AM of our November 5, 2013 stated meeting. This was approved by a two thirds majority to satisfy the requirements of our Standing Rules regarding the scheduling of reports.

86.1019 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin of the Mission to the Military Committee presented the report beginning with prayer (**Appendix V, pp. 99ff.**).

Presbytery approved the annual chaplain reports of TEs Don Malin, Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems, and Joey Wright and granted them permission to continue serving as chaplains for another year.

TE Malin called attention to the prayer requests included in the White Book (p. ?) and asked the elders to encourage their churches to pray for our chaplains. The report was concluded with prayer.

86.1020 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Chairman TE Scott Phillips gave the report of the Administration Subcommittee on Sessional Records. The sessional minutes up through the end of 2012 for North Park Presbyterian Church, North Point Presbyterian Church, and Pearl Presbyterian Church were approved without exception and the minutes of Newton Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions of form only.

Presbytery also approved North Park Presbyterian Church's sessional minutes through August 6, 2013 which is the day that the church was officially dissolved.

86.1021 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

86.1022 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Rob Hill of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Jackson was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

86.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Twin Lakes Retreat Center, Florence, Mississippi on November 5, 2013.

86.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

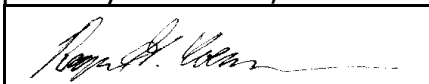
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, the Moderator RE Hugh Potts, and RE Doyle Moorhead were appointed a commission to read the minutes for approval after the meeting.

86.1025

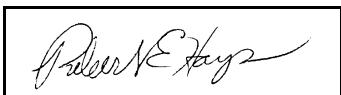
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 5, 2013**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

87.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

In the place of Moderator RE Hugh Potts, Past Moderator TE Paul Lipe called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

87.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Robert Fredrick Pete Moore
Clinton, Providence	John Reeves Matt Giesman	Steve McNair Bryan Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	Earl LeMasters
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	Lamar Hester
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelley David Felker Brister Ware Billy Dempsey Bill Wymond Billy Joseph Ligon Duncan	Bebo Elkin Doyle Moorhead Jim Moore Forrest Bratley Barry Vickery Arthur Davis Jim Tohill William Cook Wiley Lowery Harry Fulcher
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell Ryan Dean	A

Church

Jackson, St. Paul
Jackson, Trinity

Kosciusko, First

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Ruston, John Knox

Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, Winona

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Rob Hill
Ken Pierce
Earl Adams
Paul Long
Phillip Palmertree
Trey Owens

Scott Phillips
Roy McDaniel

Perry McCall
Robert Lane
Randy Rhea

Bob Schwanebeck
Gavin Breeden

Merle Messer
Don Caviness
Ken Elliott

Joseph Wheat
Lee Hutchings
Brad Mercer
Wilson Shirley
Carl Kalberkamp

Jason Housewright

Chris Shelton
Scott Reiber
Ryan Biese

Sam Smith
David Gilbert

Ruling Elder

E
Patrick McDowell
John Marchetti

Hugh Potts
Johnny Boswell
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Watson Marsalis
Brooke Worrell
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Larry McMillan
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Jeffrey Sones
Rod Henderson
Matt Vines
Trey Biggs
Michael Brown
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Oliver Shearer
David Fowler
Mac McGhee
William Mounger

Craig Stockmeier
Steve Morris
Volney Price
Rob Pierce
A
Sam Hutton
A
A
Terry Warren
Jerry Ellis
Terry Howard
A
Will Thompson
Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jim Stewart, Paul Nasekos, Grover Gunn, Mark Lowery, Don Malin, Guy Richardson, Jeff Jordan, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Tim Muse, Chris Wright, Rick Holbert and Douglas McCullough.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Jamar Tisby, Danillo Santos, Josh Squires, Bruce Baugus and Scott Lucky.
- d. **The following visitors were registered:** Brad Bradley, Paul Adams, David Irving, Michael Herrin, Bill Stone, Lonn Oswalt and Bruce Willson.
- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Fred Marsh, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Ed Hartman, Dale Hollenbeck, Josh Kines, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Hunter Brewer, Ricky Glenn, Chuck Frost, Gary Johnson, Elbert McGowan, Troy Milliken, Bob Penny, Chris Shelt and David Strain.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:**
- i. **Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 87.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

87.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Rob Hill was elected moderator by acclamation.

87.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as amended (**Appendix A, p. 16**).

87.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **87.1002, d.** above.

87.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

Mr. Tuan La welcomed presbytery to Twin lakes Conference Center.

87.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Rob Hill appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Earl Adams, TE Grover Gunn, and RE Brooke Worrell.

87.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences were approved from TEs Hunter Brewer, Ricky Glenn, Chuck Frost, Gary Johnson, Elbert McGowan, Troy Milliken, Bob Penny, Chris Shelt and David Strain **(87.1002 f)**.
2. Commissions Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
 - b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Ryan Biese **(p. 17)**, Wiley Lowery **(p. 18)**, and Roy McDaniel **(p. 19)** were received and their actions were adopted as the actions of presbytery **(Appendix B)**.
 - c. The actions of the judicial commission that convened on September 17, 2013 to meet with TE Reddit Andrews as recorded in their minutes were received and adopted as the action of presbytery **(Appendix C, p. 20)**.
3. Communications:
 - a. Calls to TE Randy Rhea from Madison Heights **(p. 21)**, TE Ligon Duncan from Reformed Theological Seminary **(p. 22)** and TE Seth Starkey to Reformed University Fellowship at Belhaven University **(p. 23)** were referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix D)**.
 - b. Requests for dissolution of pastoral relationship received from TE Ligon Duncan and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson **(pp. 24ff.)**; and from TE John Reeves and Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton **(p. 29)** were forwarded to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. A resolution of thanks and congregational minutes from both churches concurring with requests for dissolution were received **(Appendix E)**.
 - c. A request for honorable retirement status from TE John Reeves was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix E, p. 29)**.
 - d. A request from TE Larry Wissel, a member of Grace Presbytery, to labor within our bounds at the West Union Presbyterian Church, Louisville was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix F, p. 31)**.
 - f. A stated supply request for Rev. Bruce Willson from John Knox Presbyterian Church **(p. 32)** and a stated supply renewal request for RE Bebo Elkin from Raymond Presbyterian Church **(p. 33)** were referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix G)**.
 - h. A communication that St. Paul Presbyterian Church has changed its name to Pinehaven Presbyterian Church and is now located in Clinton was received as information **(Appendix H, p. 34)**.
 - i. A communication that TE Bill Smith has joined the Reformed Episcopal Church was received and referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix I, p. 35)**.

- j. A request from TE Grover Gunn that he be allowed to serve out of bounds as the stated supply of the McDonald Presbyterian Church in Collins pending approval of Grace Presbytery for one year was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix J, p. 36)**.
 - i. EPC TE Michael Herrin of Port Gibson addressed presbytery about Chamberlain-Hunt Academy **(Appendix K, p. 37)**.
 - k. Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel TE Don Malin was recognized on the occasion of his retirement as a chaplain of the Mississippi National Guard for over 25 years and Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel TE Ken Elliott was recognized on the occasion of his retirement as a chaplain in the Air National Guard for over 29 years. A prayer of thanksgiving for both men was offered to the Lord **(Appendix L, pp. 38ff.)**
 - l. TE Mark Lowery addressed presbytery briefly concerning the publication of a child's edition of Pilgrim's Progress by Great Commission Publications.
4. BCO Amendments
- a. Presbytery voted on BCO amendments from the 2013 General Assembly **(Appendix M, pp. 43ff.)**.

Item 1: For 79	Against 0	Abstain 1
Item 2: For 79	Against 0	Abstain 2
 - b. Changes in the Rules for Assembly Operations, Manual of Operations for the Standing Judicial Commission and a new Appendix J for the BCO were received for information **(Appendix N, pp. 46ff.)**.

87.1009 RULING ELDER PARTICIPATION REPORT

The order of the day came for consideration of the Ruling Elder Participation Report as directed at our August stated meeting **(Appendix O, pp. 50)**. Chairman RE Will Thompson continued his presentation which had been halted after recommendation. RE Thompson reminded presbytery that the first five recommendations were approved and the sixth failed to win approval.

- 7. Presbytery approved the recommendation that all committees which report via the White Book record each vote of its recommendations, and that a brief explanatory note regarding any negative votes be provided when requested by the dissenter.
- 8. Presbytery concurred that committee reports do not have to be opened or closed with prayer.
- 9. Presbytery failed to approve the recommendation that moderators of presbytery be elected for one year, and alternate yearly between TEs and REs.
- 10. Presbytery voted to establish the office of Parliamentarian to assist the moderator and stated clerk in the rules of discussion. This person will be elected by the presbytery every three years. The chairman indicated that Standing Rule revisions would be presented after the report recommendations were voted on.

11. The assembly voted to instruct the stated clerk to inform all of our churches of the requirement of the Standing Rules (Article III,G,1-2) that not only TEs but sessional representatives also must provide an excuse to presbytery concerning the rationale for their absence from a meeting of presbytery.
12. Presbytery voted to reschedule the February stated meeting to a Friday, commencing at 6:00 pm, and concluding at the end of its business the following Saturday. The stated clerk is to arrange this according to when Twin Lakes is available. This is to be done on a trial basis for three years.

The explanation given was that there is to be an emphasis on fellowship, instruction, preaching and prayer, as well as presbytery's usual business. The theme of this first meeting will be a 'fleshing out' of this ad hoc committee's findings and proposals. All REs in PMV would be encouraged to attend these meetings; however, only those so commissioned by their sessions would be voting.

13. The recommendation that committee classes be extended to six years with one year hiatus was postponed until our next stated meeting because of time constraints.
14. The recommendation that future budgets of presbytery be amended to include an amount of \$5,000 for the benefit of churches which request up to \$1,000 toward their expenses in sending ruling elders to General Assembly was referred back to the committee for further consideration.
15. The recommendation that this ad hoc committee remain in existence for three years in order to facilitate and assist the stated clerk in the implementation of these recommendations was also referred back to the committee.

Presbytery voted to suspend the Standing Rules with the requisite two thirds required in order to allow for our February 2014 stated meeting to be held on Friday evening and Saturday morning and enable the clerk to make appropriate arrangements with Twin Lakes.

87.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes to prepare for worship.

87.1011

WORSHIP SERVICE

At the request of Past Moderator RE Hugh Potts Jr., TE Phillip Palmertree led presbytery in worship. After TE Trey and Zack Owens led in the singing of hymns and in prayer, TE Palmertree preached from Acts 13.1-3. The whole was concluded with prayer.

87.1012

READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The morning minutes were read and approved.

87.1013

THANKS COMMITTEE AND LUNCH

Presbytery broke for lunch at noon. During the lunch hour, the Thanks Committee gathered the staff from Twin Lakes to join with presbytery and TE Earl Adams then presented the report of the Thanks Committee, to wit:

Psalm 103: 1,2 says, "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and forget not His benefits."

And whereas the Thanks Committee is the best committee of presbytery, it is our great desire to thank God for sovereignly bringing us to this gorgeous part of His creation on this day of November 5, 2013 so that we might add to our thank you note to Him for even more of His benefits by enjoying His creation, enjoying fellowship with fellow believers, encouraging one another, singing hymns of praise to the one great God, for His blessing of musicians to accompany us, and for the special blessing of hearing his preached word so that our souls have been nourished and edified by it, and for the tremendous hospitality of all the staff at Twin Lakes, including breakfast snacks and a delicious meal.

We do hereby thank the Lord for all of you here at Twin Lakes as we have seen the Lord once again heap up our plates with his excellent benefits.

/s/ Convener TE Earl Adams, TE Grover Gunn and RE Brooke Worrell.

87.1014

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix P, pp. 54f.**). The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 55**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org. Oral intern reports were given by Nick Bullock, Aaron Halbert, Scott Lucky, Josh Squires, Jemar Tisby, and Josh Williams.

Candidacy

RE Bruce Baugus was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Baugus is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately (BCO 18-3), being charged by TE John Reeves, and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Internship

Mr. Kyle Brent was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Brent gave an oral statement of his inward call to the ministry of the Word. Mr. Brent is a candidate in this presbytery and a member of Providence Presbyterian Church. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry. He will be working under Plan D with TE Matt Giesman serving as his mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, but counting no more than 50%.

Licensure

Rev. Bruce Willson was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Rev. Willson is a minister in good standing of the Southern Baptist Church and a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. He had submitted written papers to the committee, as well as a sermon on Psalm 51, which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a.,b., and d.). Rev. Willson testified of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Psalm 51 before the presbytery. These examinations were approved by the presbytery.

Rev. Willson stated that he had no scruples with our constitutional standards. He was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Rev. Willson was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Transfer

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Seth Starkey is a PCA minister in good standing in Calvary Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government of his views. TE Starkey declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer on January 1, 2014.

TE Seth Starkey's call to Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister at Belhaven University meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix D, p. 23**). Upon his signing the Ministerial Obligation, presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That **TE Guy Waters** be approved to fill the pulpit at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church between the first Sunday in March and the middle of April 2014 in order to assist Pastor Kalberkamp.
2. That **RE Bruce Baugus's** previous ministry experience as a Baptist pastor and as a ruling elder be considered as an equivalent to internship per BCO 19-16. The motion received the requisite three fourths vote of presbytery.
3. That **Mr. Ben Ratliff** and **Mr. Joshua Drake** be removed from the roll of interns and candidates per their request.
4. That the call to **TE Randy Rhea** as pastor of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church be approved (**Appendix D, p. 21**).
5. That the commission be approved to install **TE Randy Rhea** on January 5, 2014 at 9:30 AM at Madison Heights Church. Commission members include Teaching Elders Wilson Shirley, Jeff Jordan, Chuck Frost, and Jean Larroux as a guest from Providence Presbytery. The Ruling Elders included are Trey Briggs, Rod Henderson, and Matt Vines. A quorum of two teaching and two

ruling elders is required with the moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint additional members or substitutes if needed.

7. That the call to **TE Seth Starkey** as Reformed University Fellowship Campus Minister at Belhaven University be approved (**Appendix D, p. 23**).
8. That the following commission be approved to install **TE Seth Starkey** on January 5, 2014 at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church. The Ruling Elders are Scott Jones, Mark Windam and Bill Penn. Teaching Elders include Convener David Felker, Billy Dempsey and Jeff Jordan. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint additional members or substitutes if needed.
9. That the call to **TE J. Ligon Duncan** to become Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary be approved (**Appendix D, p. 22**). Prayer was offered by TE Earl Adams for TE Duncan with thanksgiving for his labors at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and for the Lord's blessing upon his new work as Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary.

Chairman TE David Gilbert concluded the Credentials Report with prayer.

87.1015

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley presented the Administration Committee report (**Appendix Q, pp. 56ff.**). He asked RE Doyle Moorhead to present the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 58ff.**). It was received as information.

TE Scott Phillips presented the report of the sub-committee on sessional minutes. St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, Second Presbyterian Church, Tchula Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church 2012 session minutes were approved without exception. The minutes of Edwards Presbyterian Church, Providence Presbyterian Church and Trinity Presbyterian Church 2012 minutes were approved with exceptions of form. Presbytery concurred.

TE Kelley concluded the report with prayer.

87.1016

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The stated clerk introduced presbytery's Women's Ministry Team Leader Shelli Robison who reported on their activities and goals. Thanks was expressed and prayer was offered for their work.

The stated clerk indicated that the Christian Education Committee will be convened by TE Jeff Jordan soon and should be able to report at a later meeting.

87.1017

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE James Elkin presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix R, p. 62**). On recommendation of the committee, presbytery approved the following motions:

1. That the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Ligon Duncan and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson be approved effective December 31, 2013.

2. That the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE John Reeves and Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton be approved effective December 31, 2013.
3. That the request of TE John Reeves for Honorable Retirement be approved.
4. That TE Ken Elliott be retained on the roll without call since he has retired from Air National Guard chaplaincy.
5. That TE Don Malin be retained on the roll without call since he has retired from Mississippi Army National Guard chaplaincy.
6. That TE Larry Wissel, upon approval of Grace Presbytery, be given permission to labor within the geographical bounds of this presbytery at West Union Presbyterian Church in Louisville for one year.
7. That the request of TE Grover Gunn to serve out of bounds as stated supply of McDonald Presbyterian Church, Collins, Mississippi be approved pending approval of Grace Presbytery for a period of one year.
8. That the notification given by TE Bill Smith that he has been received by the Reformed Episcopal Church be received as information and that he be removed from the rolls of this presbytery.

TE Robert Hays, at the request of the chairman, made a report and presented recommendations from the Shepherding and Advisory Committee with regard to a few churches which presbytery has not heard from in a long time. Presbytery approved the following actions:

Scooba and Lauderdale Churches

- That Rev. Robert Horel, a member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and presently serving as stated supply at the Scooba and Lauderdale Presbyterian Churches, be asked to appear before presbytery and be examined for licensure. He was examined some six to seven years earlier by Warrior Presbytery to serve a church in their jurisdiction, but not in this presbytery.
- That the Scooba and Lauderdale churches be reminded that they need to ask the permission of presbytery for Rev. Horel to serve as their stated supply for a period of one year, renewable upon request annually.
- That TE Bob Schwanebeck be requested to make contact with Rev. Horel and the ruling elders at these two churches and to meet with them to encourage, help in decision making, etc. on a regular basis as available, such as quarterly, and at other times as necessary. Such meetings would require the request of the churches.
- The stated clerk is instructed to communicate these actions to the churches and Rev. Horel.

Old Madison Church

- That TE Sam Riddell, member of Covenant Presbytery and licensed by The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as stated supply on August 7, 2001, be requested to appear before this presbytery to be reexamined for licensure, and that the Old Madison

Presbyterian Church be requested to ask the permission of presbytery for him to serve as their stated supply for a period of one year, renewable upon request annually.

- The stated clerk is requested to communicate this to the church and TE Riddell.

Dekalb and Pleasant Springs Churches

- That TE Perry McCall of the Carolina Presbyterian Church be requested to make contact with RE Jimmy Spinks and meet to encourage, help in decision making, etc. on a regular basis as available, such as quarterly, and at other times as necessary. This would require the request of RE Spinks.
- The stated clerk is requested to communicate this to RE Spinks and TE McCall.

Forest Grove

- That the session be notified that presbytery is available to be of service as they may request. The stated clerk should encourage them to attend presbytery. This church looks to be the healthiest of those surveyed.
- The stated clerk is requested to convey this to RE Charles McClain.

TE Robert Hays concluded this portion of the Shepherding and Advisory Report.

Chairman RE James Elkin reviewed the work done by the Shepherding and Advisory Committee as well as the Special Oversight Committee established by presbytery to work with TE Andrews. Attempts to contact and minister to TE Reddit Andrews before and after his conviction and suspension from office and the sacraments at the August 6, 2013 Stated Meeting were summarized for the presbytery. Furthermore, TE Reddit Andrews' unwillingness to appear before the presbytery after having been duly cited to appear before a Judicial Commission on September 17, 2013 and today was established by the stated clerk.

RE Elkin explained that the Shepherding and Advisory Committee recommends that the presbytery proceed to censure TE Andrews with deposition from the office of teaching elder and excommunication from the church of the Lord Jesus Christ for contumacy. Presbytery was led in prayer by TE Carl Kalberkamp for TE Reddit Andrews. Concurring with the Shepherding and Advisory recommendation, presbytery voted to depose and excommunicate TE Reddit Andrews for contumacy.

Moderator TE Rob Hill read the BCO pronouncements of 36-7:

Whereas, Reddit Andrews, a teaching elder of this presbytery, has been proved, by sufficient evidence to be guilty of the sin of contumacy, we, The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, do adjudge him disqualified for the office of the Christian ministry, and therefore we do hereby, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, depose from the office of a teaching elder the said Reddit Andrews, and do prohibit him from exercising any of the functions thereof.

We do moreover, by the same authority, exclude the said Reddit Andrews from the Sacraments, and cut him off from the fellowship of the Church (BCO 36-7).

The whole of the matter was concluded with prayer by the chairman.

87.1018

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Nominations Committee report beginning with prayer. The following men were elected to the Class of 2016 except where otherwise noted:

Administration: TE John Duke was elected to the Class of 2015 to replace TE Tim Muse. RE O.B. Triplett, RE Watson Marsalis, TE Scott Phillips, and TE Billy Joseph were elected to the Class of 2016. RE Brooke Worrell and TE Ryan Biese were elected as Alternates for 2014.

Campus Ministry: RE Scott Jones, TE Michael Campbell and RE Rob Jones were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Billy Dempsey and RE Tim Threadgill were elected Alternates for 2014.

Christian Education: TE John Wagner, RE Gabe Green, and TE Trey Owens were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Troy Milliken and RE Neil Barnes were elected Alternates for 2014.

Credentials: RE Ken Haynes, RE John Kwasney, TE Ken Pierce, and TE David Strain were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Matt Giesman and RE Troy Richards were elected Alternates for 2014.

Mission to North America: TE Gavin Breeden was elected to the Class of 2014 to replace TE Chad Scott. RE Rod Russ was elected to the Class of 2015 to replace RE John Spears. RE Mac McGehee, TE Chris Wright, TE Elbert McGowan and RE Alan Walters were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Hunter Brewer and RE John Williams were elected Alternates for 2014.

Mission to the Military: TE Ken Elliott was elected to the class of 2014 to replace TE Tim Muse. TE Sam Smith and RE Ken Fairley were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Rick Holbert and TE Doug McCullough were elected Alternates for 2014.

Mission to the World: RE Steve Morris, TE David Felker and TE Earl Adams were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Eric Mabbott and RE Phil McDade were elected Alternates for 2014.

Nominations: RE Bebo Elkin and TE Guy Waters were elected to the Class of 2016. TE John Reeves and RE Mike Ellis were elected Alternates for 2014.

Shepherding and Advisory: TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Paul Lipe, RE Ford Mosby and RE Kevin Simpson were elected to the Class of 2016. TE Robert Hays and RE Steve McNair were elected Alternates for 2014.

The following men were elected to be presbytery's nominees for GA permanent committees to be sent up to the GA Nominations Committee.

Administrative Committee: RE Rod Russ
Christian Education and Publications: TE Joseph Wheat, RE John Kwasney
Constitutional Business Committee: TE Roger Collins, RE Brian Gault
Interchurch Relations: TE David Strain, RE Bruce Baugus
Mission to North America: TE Rob Hill, RE Alan Walters
Mission to the World: TE Richard Wiman, RE Danny Story
Reformed University Ministries: TE Ligon Duncan, RE Neil Barnes
Standing Judicial Commission: n/a
Theological Examining Committee: TE Guy Waters, RE Charles Dykes
Covenant College: TE Ralph Kelley, RE Al Chestnut

Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Michael Campbell, TE Scott Phillips
PCA Foundation: DE Doug McDaniel
PCA Retirements and Benefits: RE Don Breazeale, RE Doyle Moorhead
Ridge Haven: (None)

The following men were appointed for the 2014 General Assembly.

Communion Elder: RE Lee Owens
First Floor Clerk: TE Perry McCall
Second Floor Clerk: TE Wiley Lowry
Review of Presbytery Records: TE Scott Phillips (the unexpired term of TE Chris Wright)

87.1019 MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman TE Richard Wiman presented the Mission to the World report beginning with prayer. He informed the presbytery that RE Barry Vickery would be the new chairman. There were no items for action.

87.1020 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin presented the Mission to the Military report beginning with prayer (**Appendix S, pp. 64f.**). Presbytery approved the recommendation that churches be requested to provide the committee with the names and email addresses of those in their membership rolls who have served in the military or would be willing to assist this committee.

87.1021 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

87.1022 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bruce Baugus of Trinity Presbyterian Church was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

87.1023 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi on February 21-22, 2014. Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton is approved for our May 6, 2014 stated meeting and First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko is approved for our August 5, 2014 stated meeting.

87.1024 READING OF THE MINUTES

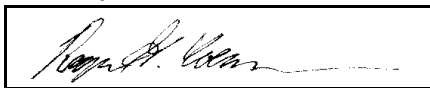
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Moderator TE Rob Hill, RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the afternoon minutes.

87.1025

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "Robert Hays".

Robert Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 4, 2014**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS**

87.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE Robert Hill called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

87.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
		Paul Townsend
		Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Robert Fredrick
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	Bob Lewis
Clinton, Providence	Matt Giesman	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	Scott Cannada
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelley	James "Bebo" Elkin
	David Felker	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler, Jr.
	Wiley Lowrey	Longstreet Minor
		Marvin Stockett
		Barry Vickery
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	Kelly Simpkins
	Ryan Dean	
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	Patrick McDowell
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	John Reeves
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Gene Davis
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Joseph Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
	Gavin Breeden	
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	E
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Oliver Shearer
		Bob Culpepper
Ridgeland, Highlands	Wilson Shirley	David Fowler
	Lee Hutchings	Monty Simpkins
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Bryan Kerr
		Tom Young
Ruston, John Knox		Rob Pierce
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		George Hand
		Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
Winona	Ryan Biese	E
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
Yazoo City, Second	David Gilbert	Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Grover Gunn, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Elbert McGowan, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Ligon Duncan, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, John Reeves, Chris Wright and Paul Zetterholm.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Danillo Santos and Scott Lucky.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Larry Wissel, Paul Adams, Earl LeMasters, Bud Bratley, Caleb Cangelosi, Nathan Lee, Greg Meyers, Justin Pillsbury and David Irving.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Mark Smith, William Wymond, Billy Dempsey, Ken Pierce, Jason Housewright, Tim Muse, Troy Milliken, Gary Johnson, Jim Stewart and Recording Clerk Robert Hays.

- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Bob Penny, Charlie Rodriguez and Jimmy Turner.
- h. The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** John Duke, Paul Lipe and Paul Long.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Joseph Wheat, Brad Mercer, Dale Hollenbeck, Chris Shelt and Ken Elliott.
- j. Ruling elder representatives from the churches in paragraph 87.1002a marked with the letter "E" were excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

87.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Bruce Baugus was elected moderator by acclamation.

87.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

87.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

The Honorable Richard White, Mayor of Byram, was introduced by TE Roger Collins. Mayor White addressed the presbytery, welcoming us to Byram. See **87.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

87.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Roger Collins, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery on behalf of Grace Presbyterian Church. While lunch would be at area restaurants, lunch meetings would be on site and lunch brought in for committees as needed.

87.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Bruce Baugus appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Lee Hutchings, TE Paul Nasekos and RE Bob Lewis. He also appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator TE Rob Hill, TE Philip Palmertree and RE Patrick McDowell.

87.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

- 1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See **87.1002 a.** and **f.**

2. Commission Reports:

- a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
- b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Seth Starkey and TE Randy Rhea were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery **(Appendix B, pp. 15ff.)**.
- d. Present officers were reelected to another three year term beginning immediately per our Standing Rules (Article VI, B.). Relected were TE Roger Collins, stated clerk, TE Robert Hays, recording clerk, and RE Doyle Moorhead, treasurer. Further, presbytery voted to elect TE John Reeves as parliamentarian in anticipation of the approved change to our Standing Rules that is in process **(p. 5)**.

3. Communications:

- a. Requests from the Shongalo and Blackmonton Presbyterian Churches of Covenant Presbytery for their transfer to this presbytery and that we would overture the 42nd General Assembly to that end were received and referred to the Administration Committee **(Appendix C, pp. 17ff.)**.
- b. A communication from Grace Presbytery regarding the membership status of TE Larry Wissel was received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for their advice **(Appendix D, pp. 21ff.)**.
- c. Requests for the dissolution of relationship received from TEs Billy Joseph, Wilson Shirley and David Gilbert were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later report. Congregational minutes requesting the same were received from First Presbyterian Church - Jackson, Highlands Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church **(Appendix E, pp. 23ff.)**.
- d. Calls from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church for TE Caleb Cangelosi, Wynndale Presbyterian Church for TE Mark Spellman and Brandon Presbyterian Church for TE John Dawson were referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix F, pp. 31)**.
- e. A proposed call from this presbytery for TE Hunter Brewer to serve with the Mid South Church Planting Network was referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix G, p. ?.)**.
- f. A year end report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was referred to Shepherding and Advisory for their annual review and was received as information **(Appendix H, pp. 35ff.)**.
- g. A memorial resolution was received expressing gratitude for the faithful service of RE Ronnie Noble of the Edwards Presbyterian Church. Presbytery approved the memorial to be read during the worship service and recorded in presbytery minutes **(Appendix I, p. 42)**.
- h. An overture to amend BCO 15-5 regarding the Standing Judicial Commission as adopted by Grace Presbytery was received via TE Grover Gunn **(Appendix J, pp. 43f.)**. It was referred to the Standing Overtures Committee.
- i. A communication that First Presbyterian Church had agreed to host the Friday/Saturday meeting on February 6th and 7th in 2015. Presbyters were asked to set that date aside.

87.1009

RULING ELDER PARTICIPATION

RE Will Thompson resumed the Ad Hoc RE Participation Committee Report from our previous meeting on number thirteen (**Appendix K, pp. 45ff.**).

13. The committee's recommendation that standing committee classes be for six years with a year hiatus before serving on that same committee failed.
14. The committee brought a revised recommendation number fourteen as instructed by presbytery.

That PMV establish a special fund for the purpose of assisting those churches in our presbytery who request financial assistance of up to \$1,000 toward their RE's expense in attending GA. This fund shall be funded through designated giving and administered by the Administration Committee. Unused money in this fund shall be allowed to accumulate for future use.

The motion was approved.

15. The motion "that this ad hoc committee remain in existence for three years in order to facilitate and assist the Stated Clerk in the implementation of these recommendations" failed.
16. The motion that the Ad Hoc RE Participation Committee explore concerns raised in committee questionnaire responses concerning "a 'safe place' for our TEs to turn to when struggling with various issues, both personally and ecclesiastically" as well as concerns related to "a better measure of pastoral care for our churches" failed.

The committee then proceeded to present the needed amendments to the Standing Rules as required by committee motions which were approved by presbytery. The following were approved as amended by the presbytery as first readings.

1. That Article III, E. 2. Be amended to read: "Distribution: The White Book is to be distributed two weeks prior to each stated meeting."
2. That Article VI, A. be amended to read: "This presbytery shall have five officers – the moderator, the stated clerk, the recording clerk, the treasurer, and the parliamentarian."
3. That Article VI, B. be revised to include: "5. Parliamentarian: a. Duties: To assist the moderator and the stated clerk with advice concerning the BCO and Robert's Rules of Order for the proper administration of presbytery meetings. b. Remuneration: The salary and office/travel expense allowances shall be determined annually by presbytery."
4. That Article VII, D. 1. f. be amended to include the additional paragraph: "Committee reports with recommendations to be presented to presbytery for approval and the minutes of meetings are to record the committee votes. A brief explanation of negative votes shall be provided by the committee upon request of those that dissent."

87.1010

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for fifteen minutes to prepare for worship.

87.1011

WORSHIP SERVICE

Past Moderator TE Robert Hill led presbytery in worship. He began with the reading of the memorial of thanksgiving for RE Ronnie Noble. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, TE Hill preached from 1 Corinthians 2. He then led presbytery in the celebration the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

87.1012

RECESS FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch in area restaurants at 11:30 AM.

87.1013

RECONVENE AND THANKS REPORT

Moderator RE Bruce Baugus reconvened presbytery with prayer at 12:30 AM. TE Paul Nasekos presented the Thanks Committee Report expressing gratitude to God for the hospitality of Grace Presbyterian Church. He particularly thanked Dar Ingwerson for her sacrificial labors on behalf of presbytery. The report was received and a prayer of thanks was offered.

87.1014

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelly presented a partial report (**Appendix L, pp. 50f.**).

1. Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the committee's overture requesting General Assembly to transfer Carroll County, MS, south of US highway 430, into our geographical bounds to provide for the transfer of Shongalo and Blackmonton Presbyterian Churches (**p. 51, see also pp. 17ff.**). It was approved and the stated clerk was requested to send it to GA.
2. It was further approved to constitute the Administration Committee as a commission take care of all details related to this overture with regard to Covenant Presbytery and the 42nd General Assembly.
3. Presbytery constituted the Credentials Committee as a commission to examine and receive the ruling elders in the Shongalo and Blackmonton Presbyterian Churches.

87.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Gilbert presented the Credentials Committee Report beginning with prayer (**Appendix M, pp. 57f.**). The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**pp. 60**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org. Oral reports were given by Interns Devin Kahan and William Meenan.

Candidacy

Mr. David Irving was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Irving, a middler at RTS, is a member of Raymond Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by RE Baugus, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Justin Pillsbury was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Pillsbury, a senior at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by RE Baugus, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Greg Meyer was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Meyer, a junior at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by RE Baugus, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Nathan Lee was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Lee, a senior at RTS, is a member of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church of Clinton and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by RE Baugus, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Internship

Mr. David Irving was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Having given his testimony upon his candidacy examination, he was not required to repeat it. He answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry. He will be working under Plan D at Raymond Presbyterian Church with RE James "Bebo" Elkin serving as his mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, but counting no more than 50%.

Mr. Justin Pillsbury was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Having given his testimony upon his candidacy examination, he was not required to repeat it. He answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry. He will be working under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Ralph Kelly serving as his mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, but counting no more than 50%.

Mr. Greg Meyer was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Having given his testimony upon his candidacy examination, he was not required to repeat it. He answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the

form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry. He will be working under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Billy Dempsey serving as his mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, but counting no more than 50%.

Mr. Nathan Lee was examined and approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Having given his testimony upon his candidacy examination, he was not required to repeat it. He answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry. He will be working under Plan A at Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton with TE Rob Hill serving as his mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, but counting no more than 50%.

Licensure

Mr. Nathan Lee was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Lee had submitted written papers to the committee, as well as a sermon on the return of our Lord Jesus, which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a., b., and d.). Having just testified of his Christian experience, he was not required to repeat it. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on 2 Timothy 4:8. These examinations were approved by the presbytery.

Mr. Lee stated that he had one scruple with our constitutional standards. In his own words, he stated in writing, "I have read the standards in their entirety. I subscribe to the Confession without any exception of substance. My only scruple is with the phrase found in the chapter on the covenant, where covenant is said to be 'frequently set forth in Scripture by name of testament', which I do not believe to be the case." The court judged the scruple to be merely semantic. He was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Lee was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Transfer

TE Mark Spellman, a member in good standing of Rocky Mountain Presbytery, was examined for transfer. Mr. Spellman is the pastor-elect of the Wynndale Presbyterian Church. He was examined in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Spellman declared his embrace of the constitutional standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. Upon his signing of the Book of Obligations, he is recognized as a member of presbytery pending his release from Rocky Mountain Presbytery and his installation.

TE Mark Spellman's call to as the pastor of Wynndale Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix F, p. 30**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

The installation commission of TE Mark Spellman was approved to meet at Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry on March 23, 2014, at 6:00 PM. Commission members are Convener TE Roger Collins, TE Joseph Wheat, TE Chuck Frost, RE Sonny Smathers, RE George 'Butch' Hand and RE Gabe Green. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the Moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint additional members or substitutes if needed.

TE Caleb Cangelosi, a member in good standing, was examined for transfer from Nashville Presbytery. Mr. Cangelosi has received a call as Associate Pastor from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. He was examined in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Cangelosi declared his embrace of the constitutional standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. Upon his signing of the Book of Obligations, he is recognized as a member of presbytery pending his release from Nashville Presbytery and his installation.

TE Cangelosi's call as Associate Pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix F, p. 31**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

The installation commission for TE Caleb Cangelosi was approved to meet at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland on April 13, 2014 at 6:00 PM. Commission members are Convener TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Scott Phillips, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Rob Hill, RE John Kwasny, RE Ken Smith and RE James "Bebo" Elkin. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the Moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint additional members or substitutes if needed.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. The internship of Mr. Sean Morris was declared complete.
2. TE Carl Kalberkamp was approved as mentor for Intern Josh Sullivan's internship in the place of TE Tim Dryden.
3. Mr. Matthew Elliott was removed from the roll of candidates and interns at his request.
4. TE Guy Waters was approved to serve as Stated Supply for 2nd PCA, Yazoo City for a period of one year beginning March 16th. His previous supply relationship with Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church has been cut short.
5. The Standing Rules were suspended and TE Iain Hamilton was approved, without examination, to serve as stated supply for Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for six weeks, from May 31st to July 7th. Passed unanimously.
6. The call from Brandon Presbyterian Church to Assistant Pastor TE John Dawson to become Senior Pastor was approved by the congregation by the required 4/5 vote. Presbytery approved this call by the required 3/4 vote (**Appendix F, p. 32**).

The installation commission for TE Dawson was approved to convene on March 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM at Brandon Presbyterian Church. Members are Convener TE Billy Dempsey, TE Brad Mercer, TE Ryan Dean, RE Walt Herrington, RE Garry Morrison, RE Nat Whitten and RE Jackie Thompson with RE Mikell Peed of First Presbyterian Church, Macon Georgia as a guest.

7. The call to TE Hunter Brewer was referred to the Credentials and Mission to North America Committees for further study and report back to the presbytery.
8. The Credentials and Mission to North America Committees were excused from the floor of presbytery in order to fulfill the intent of the previous approved motion.

87.1016

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer.

87.1017

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead continued the Administration Committee Report. He presented the 2013 year end financial reports (**p. 52**). These were received as information. Treasurer Moorhead also called attention to the PMV Salary Guidelines as updated for 2014. Presbytery approved the updated guidelines which will be posted on the website (www.msvalley.org).

87.1018

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Christian Education Committee submitted their committee minutes for presbytery's review (**Appendix N, p. 61**). No further report was given at this time.

87.1019

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the report of the Nominations Committee.

Presbytery approved the following changes to PMV committees:

TE Ryan Biese to fill the Administration Class of 2016 term of TE Billy Joseph with TE John Dawson to replace TE Biese as an Alternate, TE Matt Giesman to fill Credentials Class of 2015 term of TE David Gilbert with TE Perry McCall replacing TE Giesman as Alternate, and TE Eric Mabbott to fill the Mission to North America Class of 2015 term of TE Wilson Shirley.

Committees of Commissioners approved to serve at the 42nd General Assembly, Houston, Texas:

Administration: RE Alan Futvoye - First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Christian Education: RE Al Chestnut, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Covenant Seminary: RE Will Thompson, Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Interchurch Relations: RE Buz Lowery, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Mission to North America: RE Larry McMillian, Carolina Presbyterian Church, Maddon
PCA Foundation: RE Bob Culpepper, Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond
Covenant College: TE Scott Reiber, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg
PCA Retirement and Benefits: TE Scott Phillips, First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
Mission to the World: TE Rob Hill, Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton
Ridge Haven: TE Wiley Lowry, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Reformed University Ministries: TE Phillip Palmertree, First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko
Overtures: RE Bill Stone, First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and TE Caleb Cangelosi, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland

Approved that TE Jeff Jordan replaces TE Wiley Lowry as our additional Floor Clerk.

87.1020

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Scott Reiber presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix O, p. 62**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. The action of the committee, acting as a commission (Standing Rules VII. D. 8. B.4.a.), to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Billy Joseph and First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and to transfer him to Southeast Alabama Presbytery to serve as the Stated Supply of the Eastwood Presbyterian Church in Montgomery pending their reception,
2. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE David Gilbert and Second Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City, having received their mutual requests, and that TE Gilbert be transferred to Northwest Georgia Presbytery pending their reception,
3. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Wilson Shirley and Highlands Presbyterian Church of Ridgeland, having received their mutual requests, and that TE Shirley be transferred to Providence Presbytery pending their reception,
4. That presbytery offer up prayer for TE Tim Muse as he continues to seek God's will and work as he now resides in North Carolina,
5. A special presbytery fund was set up to assist the Macon Presbyterian Church and TE Ricky Glenn during his wife Jenny's chemo treatments which are expected to last several months.

87.1021

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the Campus Ministry Committee Report. He updated presbytery on the work of Reformed University Fellowship. He then presented TE Seth Starkey and TE Jeff Jordan and they reported on their RUF Campus Ministries at Belhaven University and Mississippi College respectively.

87.1022

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

TE Don Malin presented the Mission to the Military Committee Report (**Appendix P, p. 63**). There being no actionable recommendations, presbytery received the report as information.

87.1023

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Chairman TE Scott Phillips of the Sessional Records Sub-committee of the Administration Committee gave its report. Presbytery approved the minutes of Brandon Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Churches of Belzoni, Kosciusko, Louisville, Winona and the Wynndale Presbyterian Church without exception. Presbytery approved the minutes of Bailey Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Churches of Jackson, Philadelphia and the Raymond Presbyterian Church with exceptions of form.

87.1024

OVERTURES

Past Moderator TE Rob Hill presented the report of the Standing Overtures Committee. The overture which calls for a revision to BCO 15-5 with reference to how the General Assembly may deal with judicial decisions of the Standing Judicial Commission is an overture of Grace Presbytery. It is before us for our adoption by request of TE Grover Gunn (**Appendix J, pp. 43f**). The committee's recommendation was that we should not send the overture to General Assembly. Chairman TE Rob Hill represented the majority and spoke to the recommendation. A minority report was given by TE

Phillip Palmertree. A substitute was offered from the floor, adopted and passed as the main motion that we will send the overture to the 42nd General Assembly.

87.1025 CREDENTIALS REPORT (Continued)

The call to TE Hunter Brewer was amended by adding the following language at the end of the call: "Hunter will be engaged in the work of preaching and teaching (BCO 8-7) and be encouraged to do so at every opportunity."

The presbytery voted to lay the following language on the minutes:

"The presbytery considers this a valid ministry (BCO 20-11) for the following reasons: it involves the preaching of the Word, the equipping of church planters, and the assistance offered in the matter of encouraging effective means of planting churches within the bounds of our presbytery."

We bring this motion with the intent that MNA will report on the structural relationship of the Network and our Mission to North America Committee at our next presbytery meeting."

87.1026 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Perry McCall was elected the first nominee to moderate the next stated meeting.

87.1027 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Pinehaven Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 as previously approved.

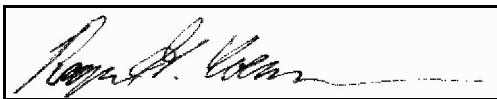
87.1028 READING OF THE MINUTES

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Substitute Recording Clerk TE Paul Zetterholm, Moderator RE Bruce Baugus, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

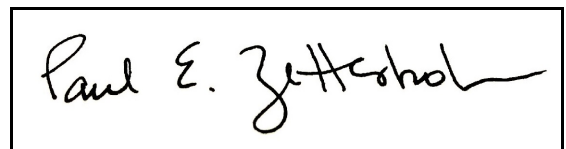
87.1029 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Paul E. Zetterholm, Temporary Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 6, 2014**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS**

88.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Bruce Baugus called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

88.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Robert Fredrick Alvie "Pete" Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	
Clinton, Providence	Matt Giesman	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelley	James "Bebo" Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler, Jr.
	Wiley Lowrey	Longstreet Minor
	Billy Dempsey	Marvin Stockett
	David Felker	Barry Vickery
		L.H. Fulcher, Jr.
		Bud Bratley
		Buddy Bartling
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	Barry McCay
	Ryan Dean	Raymond Hall

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	Brian McGee
	Ken Pierce	
	Paul Long, Jr.	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	A
	Trey Owens	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
		Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Roy McDaniel
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Bill McNease
		Joe Davis
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	E
	Gavin Breeden	
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Oliver Shearer
		Bob Culpepper
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer	Will Watson
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes
	Caleb Cangelosi	Tom Young
Ruston, John Knox		Mark Jonker
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	E
Winona	Ryan Biese	Terry Howard
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	A
Yazoo City, Second		Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Larry Wissell, Chuck Frost, Hunter Brewer, Ken Elliott, Grover Gunn, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Ligon Duncan, Guy Waters, John Reeves, Jeff Jordan, Christopher Shelt, Jimmy Turner Chris Wright and Paul Zetterholm.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Kevin Phipps, Danillo Santos and Scott Lucky.

d. The following visitors were registered: James Goode, Chris Rehers, Bruce Willson, Tag Reed, Philip McRae, Bob McEachern, Bob Lewis, Nathan Lee, Tyler Millien, Seth Duhs, Chad Watkins and Charles Dykes.

- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Gary Johnson, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Guy Richardson, Don Malin, Elbert McGowan, Troy Milliken, James Stewart, Ricky Glenn, Don Caviness and Lee Hutchins.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Bob Penny and Charlie Rodriguez.
- h. **The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** David Fowler, Ken Elliott and Ligon Duncan.
- i. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Steve Jussely, Joey Wheat, Seth Starkey, Dale Hollenbeck and Tim Muse.
- j. **The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 89.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.** Jimmy Harrison of Westminster Presbyterian Church, M.J. Hubbard of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Tommy McDonald of Bailey Presbyterian Church and the ruling elders of Wynndale Presbyterian Church.

88.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Perry McCall was elected moderator by acclamation.

88.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

88.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **88.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

88.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Rob Hill, pastor of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery on behalf of the church.

88.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE McCall appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener RE Larry McMillan, TE Ryan Biese, and TE John Dalton.

88.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See **88.1002 a.** and **f.**
2. Presbyters were asked to pick up their copy of the 2013 Bound Minutes and, where appropriate, a copy for their church.
3. Commission Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 4, 2014 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
 - b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Mark Spellman (**p. 13**), TE John Dawson (**p. 14**) and TE Caleb Congelosi (**p. 15**) were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery (**Appendix B**).
4. Communications:
 - a. A letter from Brad Bradley announcing his retirement and thanking presbytery for our financial support was received as information (**Appendix C, p. 16**).
 - b. Calls from the presbytery for RE Bruce Baugus (**p. 17**) and TE Charlie Wingard to serve at Reformed Theological Seminary (**p. 18**), from West Union Presbyterian Church for TE Larry Wissell (**p. 19**), from Madison Heights Presbyterian Church for TE Chuck Frost (**p. 20**), from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, for TE David Strain (**p. 21**) and from the Blackmonton and Shongalo Presbyterian Churches for TE Phillip McRae (**pp. 22f**) were referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix D**).
 - c. The stated clerk introduced Jim Goode who is a new representative of Belhaven University. He was given a few minutes to introduce himself and his work to the presbytery.
5. The clerk distributed a report of missionaries supported by this presbytery from the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix E, p 23**).

88.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelly presented the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix F, pp. 24ff**). He informed presbytery that a fund had been established to help defray the expenses of ruling elders who go to General Assembly.

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the financial report (**pp. 25ff**).

TE Kelly reported that the Administration Committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Standing Rules as presented by the Special Ruling Elder Participation Committee and approved for a first reading at our last meeting.

1. That Article III, E. 2. Be amended to read: "Distribution: The White Book is to be distributed two weeks prior to each stated meeting."
2. That Article VI, A. be amended to read: "This presbytery shall have five officers – the moderator, the stated clerk, the recording clerk, the treasurer, and the parliamentarian."
3. That Article VI, B. be revised to include: "5. Parliamentarian: a. Duties: To assist the moderator and the stated clerk with advice concerning the BCO and Robert's Rules of Order for the proper administration of presbytery meetings. b. Remuneration: The salary and office/travel expense allowances shall be determined annually by presbytery."
4. That Article VII, D. 1. f. be amended to include the additional paragraph: "Committee reports with recommendations to be presented to presbytery for approval and the minutes of meetings are to record the committee votes. A brief explanation of negative votes shall be provided by the committee upon request of those that dissent."

The Administration Committee found that these changes are not in conflict with our Standing Rules and recommended that they be presented for a second reading. Presbytery approved the second reading with a unanimous vote satisfying the required two thirds required for amendment.

88.1010

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

TE Jeff Jordan presented the Christian Education Committee report. He introduced TE Bill Whitwer, a member of Providence Presbytery, who addressed presbytery on the subject of church planting and Christian ministry.

88.1011

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan presented the Campus Ministry Committee Report. He invited TE Jeff Jordan to introduce to the presbytery two RUF students from Mississippi College who have been impacted by his ministry. Missy Minor and James Richie addressed presbytery briefly about the significance of RUF in their lives as students at Mississippi College.

Dr. Duncan presented the RUM 2014-2015 Budget (**Appendix G, p. 30**). It was approved.

88.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

88.1013

WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Bruce Baugus led presbytery in worship. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, RE Baugus preached from John 15:26 - 16: 11. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

88.1014

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Scott Reiber presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report.

1. Presbytery went into executive session. No action was taken during executive session and no minutes were recorded. Rising from executive session, presbytery approved the restoration of TE Larry Wissel as a member of this court without call. TE Larry Wissel requested transfer to Grace Presbytery to take a call to the Oldenburg Presbyterian Church in 2005. We approved the transfer and assumed that it was completed. Recently, upon the communication of our approval that TE Wissel may labor within our bounds at the West Union Presbyterian Church of Louisville with the approval of Grace Presbytery, we received a communication informing us that TE Wissel was never actually received into their membership after his call to Oldenburg was vacated **(Appendix I, pp. 32ff)**.
2. TE Reiber reported that the committee acted as a commission per the Standing Rules to approve the dissolution of presbytery's call to TE Chuck Frost to serve at Reformed Theological Seminary in order that he might accept a call to Madison Heights Church as Assistant Pastor. Presbytery approved the action of the commission as its own action.

88.1015

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the minutes of the morning session were postponed. Presbytery broke for lunch with prayer.

88.1016

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE John Dawson presented the Thanks Committee Report to presbytery and the ladies from the church expressing gratitude to God for the hospitality of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church.

Whereas, Pinehaven Presbyterian Church comes from a long legacy, going back through the St. Paul Presbyterian Church and the Mt. Salus Presbyterian Church, one of the original churches of this presbytery, and has been blessed with a beautiful, God-glorifying facility and a growing and welcoming congregation; we do give thanks and glory to God and for the ladies who willingly and happily sacrificed their time, energy, and resources to serve and facilitate the workings of Christ's court by serving us wonderful snacks, coffee, and water, and for a delicious meal of red beans and rice, salad, garlic bread & (oh, yes!) banana pudding.

Therefore, we the members of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley wish to express our deepest gratitude for Pinehaven Presbyterian Church's service to the May 6, 2014 meeting of presbytery.

/S/ RE Larry McMillan, TE Ryan Biese, and TE John Dawson

The report was received and a prayer of thanks was offered.

88.1017

CREDENTIALS

After lunch, Moderator TE Perry McCall reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Credentials Committee Report (**Appendix J, pp. 34ff**).

The chairman reported that the ruling elders of Shongelo and Blackmonton Churches of Vaiden (Covenant Presbytery) had been examined, per BCO 13-6 and 13-8, and had been received by the committee, acting as a commission, upon concurrence of Covenant Presbytery and pending the concurrence of General Assembly. The committee examined the REs in the areas of their views in theology, sacraments and church government. Presbytery approved the action of the committee acting as a commission as its own.

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. ?**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org. Oral reports were given by Interns Kevin Phipps and Daniello Santos.

Candidacy

Mr. Aaron Suber was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Suber, a senior at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by TE Waters, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Licensure

Mr. David Irving was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Irving had submitted written papers to the committee, as well as a sermon, which had been approved per BCO-19-2 (a., b., and d.). Having testified of his Christian experience when he became a candidate at the last meeting, he was not required to repeat it. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Phil. 2: 1-12 and it was accepted.

Mr. Irving stated that he had a scruple concerning WCF 7:4. He supplied his scruple's argument in writing to the court, to wit: "Regarding WCF 7.4, I do not believe that the covenant of grace is frequently set forth in scripture by the name of a testament. Further, I am open and sympathetic to the possibility that the covenant of grace is to be universally understood as a covenant rather than a last will and testament (see for example see ROBERTSON, O. Palmer. The Christ of the Covenants. Phillipsburgh, NJ: Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co., 1980, p. 138-144)." Per RAO 16-3.d.5.b the court judged his scruple to be merely semantic.

The examination was approved by the presbytery. Upon his answering the constitutional questions found in the BCO, he was declared a licentiate of this presbytery.

Transfer

TE Phillip McRae, an attested member in good standing of Covenant Presbytery, was examined for transfer. TE McRae is the pastor of the Shongelo and Blackmonton Churches of Vaiden. He was examined in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE McRae declared his embrace of the constitutional standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. Upon his signing of the Book of

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Obligations, he is recognized as a member of presbytery pending his release from Covenant Presbytery. His call was approved (**Appendix D, p. 22**).

TE Charlie Wingard, an attested member in good standing of Providence Presbytery, was examined for transfer. TE Wingard has been called by this presbytery to serve on the faculty of RTS. He was examined in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Wingard declared his embrace of the constitutional standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. Upon his signing of the Book of Obligations, he is recognized as a member of presbytery pending his release from Nashville Presbytery and his installation.

TE Wingard's call from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to be the Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at RTS meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix D, p. 18**). Presbytery approved and placed it in his hands.

Ordination

RE Bruce Baugus, of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson and a member of the faculty of RTS, was examined and approved for ordination per BCO 21-4. Dr. Baugus, already a licentiate in PMV, was examined in Sacraments and Church History. Dr. Baugus's internship has previously been approved as complete. RE Baugus declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His examination was approved as a whole.

The call to Dr. Baugus to from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as Associate Professor of Philosophy and Theology at RTS was approved (**Appendix D, p. 17**). The installation commission for TE was approved to meet at Trinity Presbyterian on May 11, 2014 2014 at 6:00 PM. Commission members are Convener TE Ken Pierce (Convener), TE Earl Adams, TE Guy Waters, RE Harry McNease, RE Dennis Watts, and RE Will Murray. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the Moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint additional members or substitutes if needed.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That the call of TE Chuck Frost as Assistant Pastor of Teaching and Shepherding to Madison Heights Presbyterian Church be approved (**Appendix D, p. 20**). Terms meet presbytery guidelines.
2. That presbytery approve the action of the Credentials Committee, acting as a commission, to allow TE Chuck Frost to move onto the field at Madison Heights PC, effective March 15, prior to May 6 Presbytery meeting be approved [Standing Rules VII.E.3.b).(5)].
3. That the following commission be approved to install TE Chuck Frost as an assistant minister of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church on May 18, 2014 at 9:30 AM consisting of Teaching Elders James Baird, Jim Stewart, Randy Rhea and Ruling Elders Rod Henderson, Matt Vines, and Trey Biggs.
4. That Josh Squires be taken off the roll of candidates at his own request, per BCO 18-7.

5. That the call of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to TE David Strain be approved **(Appendix D, p. 21)**.
6. That the following commission be approved to install TE David Strain as Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson on May 18, 2014 at 6:00 PM consisting of Teaching Elders Ralph Kelley (convenor), Ligon Duncan, James Baird and Ruling Elders Paul Stephenson, Paul Hurst, Bill Stone, Jerry Shivers, Danny Story, and Wayne Morrison. TE Jon Payne from Palmatto Presbytery was approved as a guest.
7. That presbytery grant the request of Lebanon Church in Learned to have TE Chris Wright serve as their stated supply, beginning retroactive to March 16, 2014.
8. That TE Larry Wissel's call to labor out of the bounds at the West Union Independent Presbyterian Church be approved **(Appendix D, p. 19)**.

88.1018

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer.

88.1019

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Ryan Dean presented the Mission to North America Report **(Appendix K, pp. 37f)**.

Kurt Moore with MNA Disaster Response addressed presbytery concerning the recent tornadoes in Louisville, Mississippi and the recovery efforts underway at present.

Tag Reed with *Hope for Kids*, a ministry partnered with *Evangelism Explosion* and *One Hope* which seeks to equip children to share their faith, was given five minutes to address presbytery.

TE Dean reported on the committee's discussion of their relationship to the newly formed Mid South Church Planting Network. The committee approved the following as their response to the February's presbytery request that MNA "report on the structural relationship of the Network and our Mission to North America Committee at our next presbytery meeting."

"It is your MNA Committee's commitment to fulfill the charge given to it by the body to 'encourage, oversee, and coordinate the planting of mission churches within the bounds of presbytery.' We will refuse to abrogate this responsibility to any outside party, as it would be out-of-accord with this charge. We anticipate that the newly formed Mid-South PCA Church Planting Network will be of benefit to us in fulfilling this duty, not as a controlling entity but as a helpmate, assisting in our own efforts to proliferate new PCA churches within our bounds."

TE Rob Hill moved that the MNA committee be charged with developing a plan to create a joint committee for church planting with the presbyteries of Covenant, South Louisiana, and Grace which are currently participating in the Mid-South Church Planting Network and bring a recommendation to the next meeting. The motion failed 29 to 21.

88.1020

RULING ELDER PARTICIPATION

RE Will Thompson presented the report (**Appendix M, pp. 40ff**). The committee provided a "packet" of reading material for the use of sessions in training elders as previously approved (**pp. 43ff**). This report represents the final report of the committee. The committee was recognized for its arduous and time-consuming, but extremely beneficial work, and the committee was dismissed with the thanks of presbytery.

88.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Chairman TE Scott Phillips of the Sessional Records Sub-committee of the Administration Committee gave its report. Presbytery approved the minutes of Delhi Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City; and Highlands Presbyterian Church without exception. Presbytery approved the minutes of Carolina Presbyterian Church, Lebanon Presbyterian Church, and Providence Presbyterian Church with exceptions of form. The committee approved the minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Union with exceptions of substance, to wit:

From the minutes: "The moderator states that a man at the nursing home who is a recent convert had discussed the possibility of coming here to a worship service to be baptized. He belongs to a Southern Baptist church but health issues may preclude him (sic) being immersed. The session was amenable to the request and the moderator said he would let the man know this was an option for him."

The sub-committee makes the following statement: To be baptized as an adult, a person must make public profession of faith (BCO 57-4 and 5) and make vows of membership (BCO 57-5) which the man who intends on being a member at a Baptist church could not fulfill.

88.1021

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

A committee made up of TE Bruce Baucus, TE Perry McCall and TE Roger Collins was established to select a RE first nominee for moderator for the August 5, 2014 Stated Meeting.

88.1027

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko on August 5, 2014 and at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville on November 4, 2014.

88.1028

READING OF THE MINUTES

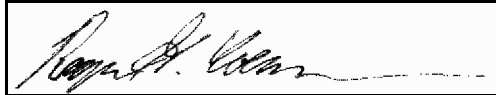
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert E. Hays, Moderator TE Perry McCall, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

88.1029

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 5, 2014**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS**

89.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE Perry McCall called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

89.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	John Ingwerson
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	Bob Lewis
Clinton, Providence	Matt Giesman	Bryan Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Felker	James "Bebo" Elkin
	Bill Wymond	Doyle Moorhead
	Brister Ware	Noel Toler, Jr.
	Wiley Lowrey	Longstreet Minor
	Billy Dempsey	Marvin Stockett
		Barry Vickery
		Bud Bratley
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
	Ryan Dean	
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	John Williams
	Paul Long, Jr.	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	High Potts
	Trey Owens	Lester Patton
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Learned, Lebanon		Brooke Worrell
Lexington, First		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Roy McDaniel
		Mike Forster
		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	Gray Morrow
	Gavin Breeden	
		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	Otho Jackson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Oliver Shearer
		Bob Culpepper
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer	Kevin Simpson
	Lee Hutchings	Kent Meadows
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Caleb Congelosi	John Kwasney
		A
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongelo		Bob McEacharn
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	Jerry Ellis
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second		Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Grover Gunn, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Ken Elliott, Larry Wissel, Chris Wright, Paul Nasekos, Chris Shelt, Guy Waters, Gary Johnson, Charles Douglas, Robert Hays, John Reeves, Bob Penny, Jeff Jordan, Elbert McGowan, and Seth Starkey.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Nathan Lee, Zack Owens, and Jemar Tisby.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Cyril Chavis, Mike McKelvey, Bruce Willson, Scott Huber, Davis Morgan, James Brignac, Luke Bert, and Bill May.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.

- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Jim Stewart, Rob Hill, Guy Richardson, Mark Spellman, Troy Milliken, Randy Rhea, Chuck Frost, Charles Wingard, Ken Pierce, Tim Muse, Ralph Kelley, David Strain, and John Wagner.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. No elders requested to be excused for part of the day.**
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Hunter Brewer, Dale Hollenbeck, Fred Marsh, Ligon Duncan, Steve Jussely, Joe Wheat, and Sam Smith.
- j. The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 89.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.** M.J. Hubbard of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Donald Dennis and David Crane of Pearl Presbyterian Church, Sam Hutton of Tchula Presbyterian Church and the ruling elders of Blackmonton Presbyterian Church.

89.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Dennis Watts was elected moderator by acclamation.

89.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

89.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **89.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

89.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Phillip Palmertree, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, welcomed presbytery on behalf of the church.

89.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Dennis Watts appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener RE Paul Adams, TE Jeff Jordan, and TE Oliver Shearer.

89.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved. See **89.1002 a. f.** and **j.**
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
 - b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Bruce Baugus, and TE David Strain were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery (**Appendices B, pp. 12ff**).
4. Communications:
 - a. Calls from First Presbyterian, Lexington to TE Scott Huber I (**Appendix C, p. 14**). A report from honorably retired Robert Penny (**Appendix D, p. 15**) and Annual Reports from TEs Trey Adams, Don Malin, Paul Nasekos, Guy Waters, Clay Quarterman, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, Josh Reiger, Bassam Chedid, James Stewart, Nate Bonham, Guy Richardson, Yakub Susabda and Kaz Yeagashi were received (**Appendix E, pp. 17ff**). All were referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Chaplain Annual Reports from TEs Joseph Wright, Troy Milliken, and Leonard Siems were referred to the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix F, pp. 42ff**). Reports from men who are without call were received from TEs Tim Muse, Grover Gunn, Rick Holbert, Jae Yoo and Chris Wright (**Appendix G, pp. 45ff**). These were referred to Shepherding and Advisory.
 - b. A request from Lauderdale Presbyterian Church for a supply relationship with Rev. Robert Horel of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was received in response to the clerk's inquiry per the presbytery's previous instructions (**Appendix H, p. 49**).
 - c. A response to the sessional minutes exception from First Presbyterian Church, Union (**Appendix I, p. 50**).
 - d. Presbytery voted on BCO amendments from the 2014 General Assembly as follows: **Item 1:** For 59, Against 0, Abstain 1; **Item 2:** For 62, Against 0, Abstain 2; **Item 3:** For 58, Against 1, Abstain 1; **Item 4:** For 59, Against 0, Abstain 1 (**Appendix J, pp. 51ff**).
 - e. Changes in the Rules for Assembly Operations and the Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission changes were provided presbyters for their information (**Appendix K, p. 56f**).
 - f. Memorial resolutions for REs Jack Liddell and Robert Smathers were received and approved as submitted to be read during worship (**Appendix L, pp. 58f**).
 - g. Lakeland Presbyterian Church presented a recognition resolution for Honorably Retired RE Gabe Green (**Appendix M, p. 60**).
 - h. A request from Newton Presbyterian Church for the continued services of TE Charlie Douglas as Stated Supply was received and referred to Shepherding and Advisory.
 - i. French Camp Academy representative Mr. Tom Dixon presented a report on the boarding school.

89.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Scott Phillips presented the Administration Committee Report in the absence of Chairman TE Ralph Kelley (**Appendix N, pp. 63ff**). Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 64ff**).

RE Wayne Morrison presented the 2015 Budget. Presbytery approved \$700 for the Parliamentarian's salary for 2015. Mission to North America was increased to \$39,100 and the total budget was amended to \$201,730. Presbytery approved the amended 2015 budget (**Appendix N, p. 69**).

The Administration Committee will conclude its report at the end of the day upon the examination of sessional records (**p. 9**).

89.1010

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Ryan Dean presented the Mission to North America Committee Report (**Appendix O, pp. 70**). Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That \$10,000 be allocated from the fund for New Church Work to *Redeemer Hybrid Apprenticeship Program* (**pp. 71f**).
2. RE John Williams of Trinity Presbyterian Church was permitted to address the presbytery regarding the ministry of Sons of the Kingdom.
3. Intern Jemar Tisby addressed presbytery regarding *Redeemer Hybrid Apprenticeship Program*.

89.1011

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

89.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

89.1013

WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE Phillip Palmertree led presbytery in worship. TE Robert Hays read memorial resolutions honoring the lives and work of RE Jack Liddell of Lebanon Presbyterian Church and RE Robert Smathers Jr. of Wynndale Presbyterian Church. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, TE Ed Hartman preached from Isaiah 61. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated as led by TE Palmertree. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

89.1014

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Presbytery broke for lunch with prayer.

89.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Jeff Jordan gave the Thanks Committee Report expressing gratitude to God for the hospitality of First Presbyterian Church of Kosciusko.

The report was received and a prayer of thanks was offered.

89.1016

CREDENTIALS

After lunch, the Moderator RE Dennis Watts reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus presented the Credentials Committee Report (**Appendix P, pp. 73f**). The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided as part of their report. Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy

Mr. Luke Bert was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Bert, a middler at RTS, is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Davis Morgan was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-3. Mr. Morgan, a middler at RTS, is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. James Brignac was examined for candidacy per BCO-18-7 upon his dismissal from Southeast Louisiana Presbytery. Mr. Brignac, an RTS graduate, is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Yazoo City and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Chris Brown, a candidate in this presbytery, was approved for internship per BCO 19-9 under Plan D at First Presbyterian of Jackson with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Upon prayer and constitutional pronouncement, he was entered on the roll of interns.

Licensure

Mr. James Brignac was examined for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Brignac had submitted written papers to the committee, as well as a sermon, which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). Having testified of his Christian experience when he became a candidate, he was not required to repeat it. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Luke 5: 1-11 and it was accepted.

The examination was approved by the presbytery. Upon his answering the constitutional questions found in BCO 19-3, he was declared a licentiate of this presbytery.

Transfer

That **TE Scott Huber**, a member in good standing of the Presbytery of the Southwest of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and 21-4, pending dismissal. Presbytery examined him in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments, and church government. He preached a sermon as required by BCO 21-4. TE Huber declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. His examination was approved by unanimous vote. Upon his signing of the Book of Obligations, and answering the questions of BCO 21-5, he was recognized as a member of presbytery pending his release from the OPC. His call was approved.

The call from First Presbyterian Church of Lexington to TE Huber meets presbytery's salary guidelines. It was approved and placed in his hands (**Appendix C, p. 14**).

TE Huber's installation commission, which is to meet on September 21, 2014 at 4:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, shall consist of Convener TE Phillip Palmertree, TE Sam Smith, TE Jason Housewright, REs Rolan Westbrook, Wayne Rhea, Charles Campbell, Jack Yates and Gene Austin.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the following recommendations.

1. That RE Will Thompson is to be the new mentor for Intern Aaron Halbert.
2. That TE Matt Giesman is to be the new mentor for Intern Nick Bullock.
3. Candidate Josh Sullivan was removed from the roll of candidates upon his request.

89.1017

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

TE Scott Reiber presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

1. That the annual reports of TEs Jim Stewart, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Josh Reiger, Bassam Chedid, Gary Johnson, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, and Jakub Susabda be approved and their requests to continue to labor out of bounds be approved (**Appendix E, pp. 17ff**) .

2. That the reports of TEs Rick Holbert, Grover Gunn, Chris Wright and Jae Yoo be approved and they be allowed to remain on the roll without call for another year.
3. A request from Newton Presbyterian Church for TE Charlie Douglas to be stated supply for another year was approved.

Chairman TE Reiber moved that presbytery enter into executive session and presbytery concurred for the purpose of meeting as a committee of the whole.

Presbytery came out of executive session and approved the following.

That The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley respond to the request of Mrs. Jackie Shelt seeking permission to be released from her marriage to TE Christopher Shelt by declaring that it does not have jurisdiction over her. Her session at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church is the proper court with jurisdiction over her.

That the request of TE Shelt to demit the ministry without censure be denied.

That presbytery proceed as a case without process (BCO 38-1) to depose TE Christopher Shelt from the office of a Teaching Elder (BCO 30-1), and admonish him concerning his violation of his ordination vows, and that he be indefinitely suspended (BCO 36-5) from the Lord's Supper.

Moderator RE Dennis Watts read the following to TE Christopher Shelt:

Whereas, you, Mr. Christopher Shelt, are guilty by your own confession of Violation of Ordination Vow 7., "...and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?"; I Timothy 3:2, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior..."; Titus 1:7,8, "For a bishop must be blameless...a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled..."; LC 139, "What are the sins forbidden in the seventh commandment? The sins forbidden in the seventh commandment, besides the neglect of the duties required, are...all unclean imaginations, thoughts, purposes, and affections; all corrupt or filthy communications, or listening thereunto; ...lascivious songs, books, pictures, dancings, stage plays; and all other provocations to, or acts of uncleanness, either in ourselves or others"; we, The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, do adjudge you disqualified for the office of the Christian ministry, and therefore we do hereby, in the name and by authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, depose from the office of a teaching elder the said Christopher Shelt, and do prohibit him from exercising any of the functions thereof and do further now admonish you to flee all sexual uncleanness.... We do moreover, by the same authority, suspend the said Christopher Shelt from the Sacraments of the Church, until he shall exhibit satisfactory evidence of sincere repentance.

The censure was concluded with prayer.

Presbytery approved the Shepherding and Advisory Committee be given powers of commission to find a suitable church where Mr. Shelt could become a member and be under the oversight of the session (BCO 46-8).

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89.1018

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

TE Don Malin presented the report (**Appendix Q, p. 76**).

The annual reports from Chaplain TEs Joseph Wright, Troy Milliken, and Leonard Siems were approved (**Appendix F, pp. 42ff**).

89.1019

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

TE Scott Phillips reported on the Administration Committee's examination of session minutes submitted to this meeting. The minutes of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Lexington were approved without exception. The minutes of Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Newton Presbyterian Church and Pearl Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions of form. Presbytery concurred.

The First Presbyterian Church, Union session's response to the presbytery's exception of substance to their September 8, 2013 minutes was approved as satisfactory (**Appendix I, p. 5**).

89.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

89.1020

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Bob Schwanebeck was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

89.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville on November 4, 2014. The February 6th & 7th, 2015 meeting is to be at Twin Lakes Retreat Center.

89.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES

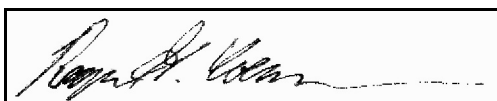
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead and Moderator RE Dennis Watts were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

89.1023

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 4, 2014**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS**

90.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Dennis Watts called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

90.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	A
Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	A
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain Ralph Kelly Brister Ware David Felker Billy Dempsey	James "Bebo" Elkin Doyle Moorhead Barry Vickery Longstreet Minor Marvin Stockett McNeill Bartling
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell Ryan Dean	A
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	Brian McGee Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree Trey Owens	Hugh Potts Keith Patton
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Roy McDaniel
		Samuel Suttle
		A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	Larry McMillan
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
	Gavin Breeden	
		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	Otha Jackson
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		Oliver Shearer
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
		A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	A
	Caleb Cangelosi	
		Mark Jonker
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		E
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	A
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	E
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vaiden, Shongelo	Phillip McRae	Ken McDougal
		Jerry Hoover
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Jerry Ellis
Winona	Ryan Biese	John Pillow
Yazoo City, First	Sam Smith	Jamie Peaster
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Jeff Jordan, Grover Gunn, Ligon Duncan, Guy Waters, James Stewart, Ed Hartman, Bruce Baugus, Guy Richardson, Charles Wingard, Bob Penny, John Reeves, and Robert Hays.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Davis Morgan, Seth Duhs, Jemar Tisby, Addison Canevaro, Zach Owens, Nathan Lee, Anthony Forrest, Ian Hammond, David Irving and Luke Bert.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Bruce Willson, Gene Davis, Larry Howell, John Fair, Jim Goode, and Wayne Morrison.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.

- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Eric Mabbot, Matt Giesman, John Wagner, Steve Jussely, Mark Smith, Bill Wymond, Wiley Lowrey, Paul Long Jr., Ken Pierce, Don Caviness, Mark Spellman, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Ken Elliott, Chris Wright, Troy Milliken, Hunter Brewer, Larry Wissel, Paul Nasekos and Joseph Wheat.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** Ralph Kelley, David Strain, Oliver Shearer, Bebo Elkin and Paul Adams.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dale Hollenbeck, Elbert McGowan, Brad Mercer, Tim Muse, and Gary Johnson.
- j. The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 89.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.** M.J. Hubbard of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Sam Hutton of Tchula Presbyterian Church, Art Self of Grace Presbyterian Church, RE Jimmy Harrison of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the elders of the Blackmonton Presbyterian Church.

90.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Bob Schwanabeck was elected moderator by acclamation.

90.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

90.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **90.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

90.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

TE Scott Phillips, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, welcomed presbytery on behalf of the church.

90.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Schwanebeck appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Gavin Breeden, TE Chris Shelton, and RE Longstreet Minor.

90.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. **See 90.1002 a. f. and j.**
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 5, 2014 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
 - b. The minutes of the installation commission for TE Scott Huber was received and adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendices B, p. 13**).
4. Communications:
 - a. Calls from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Ric Cannada to serve as Chancellor Emeritus with Reformed Theological Seminary, from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley for Aaron Halbert to serve with MTW in Honduras and from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for James Brignac as Assistant Pastor were received and referred to Credentials (**Appendices C, pp. 14ff**).
 - b. A request from Raymond Presbyterian Church for Bebo Elkin to serve as stated supply for another year was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix D, p. 18**).
 - c. A notification from Grace Presbytery granting permission for TE Grover Gunn to serve as Stated Supply of Collins Presbyterian Church was received as information (**Appendix E, p. 19**).
 - d. Minutes from the Mission to the Military Committee were received and distributed for the information of presbytery (**Appendix G, p. 21**).

90.1009

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee in order to examine TE Ric Cannada via Zoom from Jakarta, Indonesia at a reasonable hour (**Appendix I, pp. 23ff**). TE Ric Cannada was examined to transfer into PMV from Central Georgia Presbytery to accept a call from presbytery to RTS as Chancellor Emeritus. Confirmation of TE Cannada's good standing in Central Georgia Presbytery was received by the stated clerk. He was examined in Christian experience, and his views in theology, sacraments and church government. He declared his embrace of the Westminster standards without exception. His transfer from Central Georgia Presbytery was approved and his examination was approved as a whole. His call was approved (**Appendix C, p. 14**). He answered the questions of BCO 21-5 in the affirmative, and will be recognized as a member upon his signing of the Book of Obligations.

90.1010 STATED CLERK'S REPORT (continued)

TE Wayne Herring was to be given the floor to represent the Administration Committee of GA, but a family medical situation precluded his attendance. The stated clerk read a communication requesting support of the GA Administration Committee (**Appendix F, p. 20**). RE Bebo Elkin led in prayer for Joyce and Wayne Herring.

90.1011 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Ryan Dean presented the Mission to North America Committee report (**Appendix J, p. 28**). TE Rob Hill gave information about the possibility of a new church plant in the Richland/Florence area. Lynn Downing addressed presbytery on the Embers to a Flame program. There were no actionable recommendations. The report was received as information.

90.1012 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Scott Reiber presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix K, p. 29**). Presbytery approved the action of the committee, acting as a commission, and transferring the membership of Chris Shelt to First Presbyterian Church, Madison, as the action of presbytery.

90.1013 NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters presented the Nominations Committee recommended nominees. The following men were elected to their respective presbytery offices and the revised roster is attached (**Appendix L, pp. 30ff**).

Administration: TE John Dawson, TE Ken Elliot, RE Matt Vines and RE Buddy Mardis for the Class of 2017. RE Brooke Worrell replaced RE OB Triplett in the Class of 2016. Alternates for 2015 are RE James Clarke and TE Phil McRae.

Campus: TE Scott Phillips, RE Hugh Potts, and TE Ligon Duncan for the Class of 2017. Alternates for 2015 are TE Billy Dempsey and RE Tim Threadgill.

Christian Education: RE Mark Muncie, TE Paul Nasekos and RE Jerry Sheldon for the Class of 2017. RE Martin Magee replaced RE Julius Murray in the Class of 2015. Alternates for 2015 are TE Troy Milliken, and RE Neil Barnes.

Credentials: RE Kirk McDaniel, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Guy Waters and TE Chris Shelton for the Class of 2017. Alternates for 2015 are RE Doug Welch and TE Perry McCall.

Mission to North America: TE Gavin Breeden, TE Rob Hill, RE Mark Baird and RE Will Thompson for the Class of 2017. RE John Williams replaced RE Rod Russ in the Class of 2015. Alternates for 2015 are TE Hunter Brewer and RE Larry McMillan.

Mission to the Military: TE Ken Elliott and RE Bill Penn for the Class of 2017. Alternates for 2015 are TE Rick Holbert and TE Scott Huber.

Mission to the World: RE Steve Edwards, TE Eric Mabbot and RE Phil McDade for the Class of 2017. Alternates for 2015 are TE Ed Hartman and RE Trey Toler.

Nominations: TE David Strain and RE Mike Ellis for the Class of 2017. Alternates for 2015 are TE John Reeves and RE Paul Adams.

Shepherding and Advisory: RE Charles Dykes, TE Wiley Lowery, TE John Reeves and RE Steve McNair for the Class of 2017. TE Brad Mercer is to replace TE Elbert McGowan in the Class of 2015. Alternates for 2015 are: TE Robert Lane and RE Bryant Taylor.

The following men were approved as our nominees to the following GA Committees (**p. 32**):

Administration	TE Caleb Congelosi	RE Kevin Russell
Discipleship Ministries	TE David Felker	RE Bill Stone
Constitutional Business	TE Roger Collins	RE Paul Hurst
Interchurch Relations	TE Bruce Baugus	RE Billy Munger
Mission to North America	TE Hunter Brewer	RE Tim Threadgill
Mission to the World	TE Earl Adams	RE Barry Vickery
Reformed University Ministries	TE Sam Smith	RE Scott Jones
Standing Judicial Committee	TE Grover Gunn	RE Will Thompson
Theological Examining	TE Guy Waters	RE Charles Dykes
Covenant College	RE Bill Penn	TE Perry McCall
Covenant Theological Seminary	TE John Dawson	TE Randy Rhea
PCA Foundation	RE Mark McGehee	RE Bill May
Retirement and Benefits	DE Doug McDaniel	RE Ron Veazey
Ridge Haven	TE Jeff Jordan	RE Harper Keeler

The following men were appointed to serve in these GA capacities (**p. 33**):

GA Nominating Committee	RE Paul Adams
GA Review of Presbytery Records	TE Scott Phillips

90.1014 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer at 10:30 am.

90.1015 RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

90.1016 WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Dennis Watts led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns, prayer of confession and reading of scripture, RE Watts preached from Psalm 32 on repentance. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and with prayer.

90.1017 READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the minutes of the morning session was postponed. Presbytery agreed to revise the Docket so as to move the reconvening of our meeting to 1:15 pm. This was done to allow the Christian Education Committee to present a special speaker during the lunch hour. The change in the order of the day was approved unanimously.

90.1018 LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Gavin Breeden gave the Thanks Committee Report expressing gratitude to God for the hospitality of First Presbyterian Church of Louisville, to wit:

Scripture says to give thanks in all circumstances. Some circumstances are easier to give thanks in than others.

It is with great thanks to God that we find ourselves in Louisville, MS doing the Lord's work enjoying First Presbyterian Church's hospitality with a wonderful meal and other conveniences. We thank God for those who labored over the food and are thankful for all other preparations made by Scott Phillips, Roy McDaniel, and the ladies of the church.

The report was received and a prayer of thanks was offered.

90.1019 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During the lunch hour Chairman TE Jeff Jordan gave the report of the Christian Education Committee (**Appendix H, p. 22**). He drew attention to the \$4000 disbursed to Twin Lakes to go to a scholarship fund to help pay for camp fees for those families unable to afford it, especially for ministers' families. He then introduced TE Tom Elkin, Ph.D., who addressed the presbytery on the subject of ministers and their marriages.

90.1020 CREDENTIALS

After lunch, Moderator TE Bob Schwanebeck reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:15 AM.

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus continued the Credentials Report (**Appendix I, pp. 23ff**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**Appendix I, p. 27**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidates Kyle Brent, Aaron Halbert, and Jemar Tisby gave oral reports which were received as information with appreciation.

The Standing Rules were suspended without objection, since Mr. Halbert's mentor, Dr. Will Thompson, had been precluded by injury from presenting his mentor report in person to the committee. He did report by phone. Mr. Halbert's internship was declared complete.

Candidate Scott Lucky's name was removed from the roll of candidates at his own request.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Ian Hammond was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Hammond, a junior at RTS, is a member of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church of Clinton and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery. He was also examined for internship. He was approved under Plan D at Pinehaven with TE Rob Hill as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Mr. Addison Carnevaro was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Carnevaro, a senior at RTS, is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Seth Duhs was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Duhs, a middler at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Madison, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery. He was also examined for internship. He was approved under Plan B at First, Madison with TE Robert Lane as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Mr. Anthony Forrest was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Forrest, a middler at RTS, is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by the moderator, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery. He was also examined for internship. He was approved under Plan D at Redeemer with TE Mike Campbell as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Internship

Mr. Zach Owens, a candidate in PMV, was approved for internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, per BCO 19-9 with TE Ryan Dean as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Mr. Luke Bert, a candidate in PMV, was approved for internship under Plan A at Trinity Presbyterian Church per BCO 19-9 with TE Ken Pierce as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Licensure

Rev. Robert Horel, a retired minister in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and a graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in all areas required by the BCO. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without

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exception. He preached a sermon on Psalm 34 and it was accepted. Upon answering the questions of BCO 19-3 and upon the pronouncement of BCO 19-4, he was licensed to preach regularly in the churches of this presbytery.

Dr. Michael McKelvey, a graduate of RTS and an Assistant Professor of OT there, had been granted permission by the committee, acting as a commission, to preach regularly for the next quarter in the churches of presbytery until the next regular meeting. Dr. McKelvey was not present due to a medical emergency. That action was adopted as the action of the presbytery. The Rules were suspended by the requisite 2/3 vote to allow this action.

Ordination

Mr. James Brignac, a candidate and a licentiate of PMV, whose internship had previously been declared completed, was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Since he had previously been examined and approved in Christian experience and inward call to the ministry, English Bible, theology, and church government, these parts were waived with the requisite 3/4 vote of PMV. His sermon was waived, also for the same reason. He was examined in sacraments, Church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an examination on original languages. His theological paper and exegesis paper were approved on recommendation of the committee. The exam was accepted in whole.

He signed the Book of Obligations and is to be a member of PMV upon his ordination.

His call to be Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City was approved and placed in his hands (**Appendix C, p. 15**). His ordination/installation is to be at 6:00 PM, November 23, at First Pres., Yazoo City. His commission is to be composed of Convener TE Sam Smith, TEs Lee Hutchings, Paul Long, and REs Phil McDade, Bob Bailey, William Bridgeforth, William Carroll, Wesley Everett, Steven Nott, John Michael Pillow, and Jimmy Sullivan. In addition, recognized guests are to be TE Richard Davies and RE R.J. Richard, both of Metairie, LA.

Mr. Aaron Halbert, a candidate and a licentiate of PMV, was examined for ordination per BCO 21-4. His internship was declared completed. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Since he had previously been examined in Christian experience and inward call to the ministry, English Bible, theology, and church government, these parts were waived with the requisite 3/4 vote of PMV. His sermon was waived, also for the same reason. He was examined in sacraments, Church history, and PCA history. His seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an examination on original languages. His theological paper and exegesis paper were approved on recommendation of the committee. The exam was accepted in whole.

He signed the Book of Obligations and is to be a member of PMV upon his ordination.

His call to be an Evangelist to plant churches in Honduras with Mission to the World was approved and placed in his hands (**Appendix C, p. 17**). His ordination/installation is to be at 6:00 PM, December 7, at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. His commission is to be composed of TEs Ryan Biese, Rob Hill, Convener Guy Waters, David Felker, and REs Will Thompson, Wayne Morrison, and Sam Hutton. In addition, TE David Gilbert is to be a recognized guest.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the request of Lauderdale Presbyterian Church to have **Rev. Robert Horel** as their Stated Supply for a period of 12 months.

90.1021

ADMINISTRATION

Treasurer Doyle Moorhead introduced the Administration Committee Report by presenting his Treasurer's Report for the presbytery's information (**Appendix M, pp. 35ff**).

TE Scott Phillips presented the sub-committee report on Sessional Records. Records for Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City were recommended to be approved without exception. Records for John Knox Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church and Tchula Presbyterian Church were recommended to be approved with exceptions of form. Presbytery concurred.

TE Phillips read the list of churches which had not submitted minutes this year and need to submit them to the February 2015 meeting. That list includes: Mt. Carmel, Old Madison, Carthage, Forest Grove, Pinehaven, DeKalb, Pleasant Springs, Edwards, Bethesda, Lakeland, Forest, Redeemer, Lauderdale, Macon, Madison Heights, Pickens, Scooba, Shiloh, Trinity, Westminster, and Wynndale. Some of these submitted electronic copies of their minutes which were reviewed; however, they were not approved by the presbytery because the hard copies were not signed by the moderator.

90.1022

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business brought before presbytery.

90.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Matt Vines of Madison Heights Presbyterian Church was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

90.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at Twin Lakes Retreat Center at 6:00 PM on Friday, Feb. 6th and Saturday, February 7th, 2015 as previously approved. Presbytery approved that the May 5th, 2015 meeting is to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

90.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES

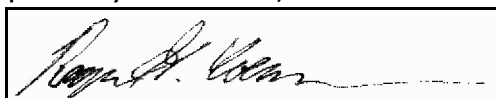
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Moderator Robert Schwanebeck, RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Dennis Watts were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

90.1023

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, enclosed in a rectangular box. The signature appears to read "Robert E. Hays".

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 6 & 7, 2015**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

91.1001 DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley (PMV) began its Winter 2015 meeting with dinner and fellowship at 6:00 PM in the Twin Lakes Dining Room.

91.1002 CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE Robert Schwanebeck called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 7:00 PM by opening with prayer.

91.1003 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	Leon Hemphill
		Bob Lewis
Clinton, Providence	Matt Giesmann	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Troy Richards
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Doug Welch
	John Duke	Addison Hall
		Paul Collins
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	Bill Blossom
		OB Triplett
Jackson, First	David Strain	Marvin Stockett
	Ralph Kelly	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	Noel Toler
	Ed Hartman	Longstreet Minor
		William Payne Sr.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer		Forrest Bratley
Jackson, Trinity	Kenneth Pierce	A
	Paul Long Jr.	Dennis Watts
		Brian McGee
Kosciusko, First	Trey Owens	Ben McLain
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		Keith Patton
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	Watson Marsalis
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Wayne Rhea
	Roy McDaniel	Glenn Peters
		Samuel Suttle
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Bill McNeese
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
	Chuck Frost	
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
	Gavin Breeden	
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Merle Messer	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		Oliver Shearer
		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands		Bill Meenan
		Jim Pettis
		Max Yates
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
		James Clark
Ruston, John Knox		Rob Pierce
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	E
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First		A
Vaiden, Blackmonton		A
Vaiden, Shongalo		A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Gordon Sluis
		Terry Warren
Winona		A
Yazoo City, First	James Brignac	A
Yazoo City, Second		Will Thompson
		Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: John Reeves, Paul Nasekos, Jeff Jordan, Elbert McGowan, Seth Starkey, Ric Cannada, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Clay Quarterman, Gary Johnson, Charlie Wingard, Grover Gunn, Rick Holbert, Don Malin and Doug McCullough.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Davis Morgan, Seth Duhs, Nathan Lee, Greg Myer, Ian Hammond, Devin Kahan, Addison Canevaro, James Ritchey, Jonathan Hunt and Jason Wegener.
- d. **The following visitors were registered:** Bruce Willson, Chris Shelt, Clarke Stewart, Rob Coker, Jamie Peaster, Dave Collipp, Phil McDade, Jon Henry, Mike McKelvey and Martin McGee.
- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Nat Bonham, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Tim Muse, Eric Mabbot, Richard Wiman, William Wymond, Brister Ware, Billy Dempsey, Wiley Lowry, Earl Adams, Chris Wright, Chris Shelton, Sam Smith, Jim Stewart, Troy Milliken and Larry Wissel.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dale Hollenbeck, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Michael Campbell, Ryan Dean, Joseph Wheat, Brad Mercer, Lee Hutchings, Ryan Biese, Ligon Duncan, Phillip Palmertree, Phil McRae and Don Caviness.
- i. **The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 89.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.** Russell Moffett of Bailey, Art Self of Grace, MJ Hubbard of Bethesda and Sam Hutton of Tchula.

91.1004 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE William M. "Matt" Vines was elected moderator by acclamation.

91.1005 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

91.1006 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **91.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

91.1007 WELCOME FROM HOST

Grant Lyons welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Retreat Center on behalf of the staff and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

91.1008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Matt Vines appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Charles Wingard, TE John Dawson, and RE Dennis Watts.

91.1009 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were postponed until the end of the meeting **(91.1023 (p. 9) and 91.1003 a. - i.)**.
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action.
 - b. The minutes of the installation commissions for TE Charles Frost at Madison Heights **(Appendix B, p. 15)**, James Brignac at First Presbyterian Church **(Appendix B, p. 16)**, Yazoo City and Aaron Halbert to serve with Mission to the World in Honduras **(Appendix B, p. 17)** were received and adopted as the actions of presbytery.
4. Communications:
 - a. A communication was received from Covenant Presbytery indicating that they have approved TE Hunter Brewer's Church Planting Ministry and therefore approved his living and working within their geographical bounds in Oxford, Mississippi **(Appendix C, p. 18)**. Presbytery approved his request to live outside our geographical bounds in Oxford.
 - b. A communication from GA Stated Clerk's office reminding presbytery that RE Hugh Potts is serving on the MTW Committee and is eligible for reelection and that RE Paul Adams is an alternate on the MNA Committee and also eligible for reelection. Presbytery approved replacing our previous nominees with the renomination of these men.
 - c. An overture from First Presbyterian Church, Madison requesting that presbytery lift the censure of suspension from the Lord's Supper and restore former teaching elder Christopher Shelt to the sacrament was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee for report later **(Appendix D, p. 19)**.
 - d. The 2015 PCA "Askings" were provided for churches and presbyters **(Appendix E, p. 20)**.
 - e. Invitations were received from Raymond Presbyterian Church for the May 2015 Stated Meeting, from Madison Heights Presbyterian Church for the August 2015 Stated Meeting, from the Wynndale Presbyterian Church for the November 2015 Stated Meeting **(p. 22)**, and from French Camp for the May 2016 Stated Meeting **(p. 21)**. These were accepted with the approval that the November 3rd Stated Meeting be changed to November 10th to accommodate the needs of Wynndale Presbyterian Church. This change was approved unanimously.

- f. Presbytery approved requests to allow Licentiate Bruce Willson to supply the John Knox Presbyterian Church, Rustin and TE Chris Wright to supply the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned for a period of one year (**Appendix G, pp 23ff**).
- g. Calls to TE Ed Hartman from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix H, p. 25**) and TE Robert 'Ric' Cannada from presbytery (**p. 26**) were referred to Credentials Committee for report later.
- h. Written reports from TE Ric Cannada (**Appendix I, p. 27**), TE Jakub Susabda (**p. 33**), TE Gary Johnson (**p. 37**) and TE Kaz Yaegashi (**p. 39**) were received.
- i. Memorials for RE Ronnie Noble of Edwards (**Appendix J, p. 47**) and RE Robert Smathers of Wynndale (**p. 4**) were approved as provided. Their reading was deferred to the time of worship.
- j. Upon the resignation of the Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, TE Robert Schwanebeck was elected to fill the remainder of this current term to begin after this meeting.
- k. Presbytery approved a request from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia for TE Don Caviness to be granted leave from March 15 to September 15, 2015 to hike the Appalachian Trail (**Appendix K, p. 49**).

91.1010

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by the Past Moderator TE Robert Schwanebeck. TE Robert Hays read resolutions in memory of RE Ronnie Noble of Edwards and RE Robert Smathers of Wynndale. TE Schwanebeck led in worship with the singing of several hymns, scripture, prayer and preaching from John 21:15-19. He then led in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The whole was closed with singing and prayer.

91.1011

BREAK

Presbytery broke for five minutes to prepare for a panel discussion.

91.1012

PANEL DISCUSSION

A panel discussion moderated by TE Ed Hartman was held to enable presbytery to consider the challenges of shepherding one another as TEs and REs. Panelists included TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Rod Russ, TE Bob Schwanebeck, and RE Wayne Morrison who came prepared to discuss issues that were drawn from Paul Tripp's book *Dangerous Calling* and the book *Resilient Ministry* by authors Bob Burns, Tasha Chapman and Donald Guthrie concerning the pressures of being an elder. Questions were asked by presbyters as well.

91.1013

SMALL GROUP PRAYER

After the panel discussion, presbytery broke into small groups for a season of prayer.

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91.1014

ADJOURN

Presbytery adjourned at 10:00 PM until the next morning.

91.1015

BREAKFAST

Presbytery enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the dining hall of the facility at 7 AM.

91.1016

MORNING SESSION

Moderator RE Matt Vines opened the morning session with prayer at 7:45 AM. TE Rob Hill led presbytery in a devotional, following up on the horizontal issues raised in the previous evening's panel discussion. He specifically addressed the importance and ministry of friends in the kingdom of God.

91.1017

RECESS

Presbytery broke for ten minutes to prepare for morning committee reports.

91.1018

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelly presented the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix L pp. 50**). Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead gave his report and answered questions from the floor (**pp. 51**). Stewardship and Finance Subcommittee Chairman RE Wayne Morrison presented the 2015 Budget as revised after the year end reports were complete. He indicated that the budget was reduced to the level of 2014 actual receipts plus ten percent as is our custom. Presbytery approved the Revised 2015 Budget as presented (**p. 57**).

91.1019

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters gave the Nominations Committee Report. Presbytery approved clothing the Nominations Committee with powers of a commission to fill all slots for Committees of Commissioners, Floor Clerk and RE for Communion for the 2015 General Assembly so that the stated clerk may submit them before the deadline.

9.1020

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE John Reeves presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report. The overture from First Presbyterian Church, Madison concerning TE Chris Shelt was referred to the committee for a recommendation (**Appendix D p. 19**) Upon recommendation the presbytery deferred the overture to the May 5, 2015 Stated Meeting with the instruction that Shepherding and Advisory is to meet with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Madison and Dr. Christopher Shelt to determine his readiness to be restored to the sacrament, to clarify the language of the overture and the procedures that are appropriate.

91.1021

CREDENTIALS

In the place of Chairman TE Bruce Baugus, who was ill, TE Guy Waters presented the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix N pp. 58ff**).

Presbytery approved the recommendation to ratify action of the committee, acting as a commission, to grant TE Ed Hartman permission to move onto the field at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson prior to the approval of his call at this meeting.

Oral candidate and internship reports were received with appreciation from David Irving, Devin Kahan, Nathan Lee, Billy Meenan, and Greg Myer. Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Dr. Mike McKelvey was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Dr. McKelvey, a professor at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by TE Ralph Kelley, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Kelly Jackson was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Jackson, a junior at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by TE Ralph Kelley, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery. He was also examined for internship. He was approved under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Ralph Kelley as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Mr. James Ritchey was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Ritchey, a junior at RTS, is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by TE Ralph Kelley, and with prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery. He was also examined for internship. He was approved under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Ralph Kelley as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Internship

Mr. Addison Canavaro, a candidate in this presbytery, was approved for internship under Plan E at Trinity Presbyterian Church per BCO 19-9 with TE Ken Pierce as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Mr. Davis Morgan, a candidate in this presbytery, was approved for internship under Plan D at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church per BCO 19-9 with TE Caleb Cangelosi as his mentor. Presbytery agreed to allow previous work done to count for up to 50% of his requirements.

Licensure

Dr. Mike McKelvey, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary and a professor of Old Testament there, was examined for licensure per BCO 19-2. He was examined in all areas required by the BCO. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. He preached a sermon on Mark 4:35-41 and it was accepted (see below). Upon answering the questions of BCO 19-3 and upon the pronouncement of BCO 19-4, he was licensed to preach regularly in the churches of this presbytery.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved the following actions upon recommendation by the committee.

1. TE Robert Cannada was called by presbytery to labor as a part time church planter in Indonesia in addition to his call to serve Reformed Theological Seminary as approved at our November 4, 2014 Stated Meeting. Presbytery approved clothing him with the powers of an evangelist for one year **(BCO 8-6, Appendix H, p. 26)**.
2. The call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to TE Ed Hartman to serve as Assistant Pastor of Mission and Outreach was approved **(Appendix H, p. 25)**.
3. The commission to install TE Ed Hartman on Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson includes: Convener TE David Strain, TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Joseph Wheat, RE Stuart Clarke, RE Rob Cunningham, RE Ken Fairly, RE Richard Ridgeway, RE Alan Walters and RE Johnny Boswell. A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.
4. The internship of Nathan Lee was approved as completed with the exception of the committee meeting with his mentor. Presbytery approve unanimously.
5. Licentiate Mike McKelvey was approved as stated supply for one year at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City.
6. The request from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia that TE Don Caviness be able to take a leave of absence from his work from March 15th to September 15th **(Appendix K p. 49)**.
7. TE Robert Hays was approved as stated supply at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia during Don's absence.

91.1022

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

Subcommittee chairman TE Scott Phillips presented the report on the review of sessional records.

The minutes of Westminster Presbyterian Church; Brandon Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Louisville were approved without exception.

The minutes of Delhi Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; Carolina Presbyterian Church; Forest Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Winona; First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko; and Pinehaven Presbyterian Church 2013 minutes were approved with exceptions of form.

91.1027

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Billy Dempsey of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

91.1028

ARRANGEMENTS

Presbytery is to meet for its next meeting on May 5, 2015 at Raymond Presbyterian Church.

91.1029

READING OF THE MINUTES

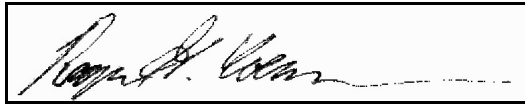
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays, Moderator RE Matt Vines, RE Doyle Moorhead and TE John Reeves were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

91.1030

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM with the singing of a hymn and prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert E. Hays, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 5, 2015**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond, MS**

92.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Matt Vines called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

92.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Bill Allen
		Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Rob Hill	Charles Dykes
Clinton, Providence	Matt Giesman	Brian Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi		John Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland		Paul Collins
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bebo Elkin
	Ralph Kelly	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	John Smith
	Billy Dempsey	Longstreet Minor
	Ed Hartman	Noel Toler
	Bill Wymond	Barry Vickery
	Brister Ware	Marvin Stockett
		William Payne Sr.
Jackson, Redeemer	Mike Campbell	A
	Ryan Dean	
Jackson, Trinity	Ken Pierce	Brian McGee
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Learned, Lebanon	SS Chris Wright	Watson Marsalis Brooke Worrell A
Lexington, First Louisville, First	Scott Phillips Roy McDaniel	A
Macon, Center Point Macon, Macon Madden, Carolina Madison, First	Ricky Glenn Robert Lane	A A A Jesse Leverette Bill McNeese A
Madison, Madison Heights	Chuck Frost Randy Rhea	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck Gavin Breeden	A
Newton, Newton Pearl, Pearl Philadelphia, First Pickens, Pickens Pickens, Shiloh Raymond, Raymond	Merle Messer Ken Elliott	A A A A A Oliver Shearer Paul Adams A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings Brad Mercer Joseph Wheat	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Caleb Cangelosi	Tom Young John Kwasny A A E
Ruston, John Knox Scooba, Scooba Tchula, Tchula Terry, Wynndale Union, First Vaiden, Blackmonton Vaiden, Shongelo	Mark Spellman Chris Shelton Phillip McRae Phillip McRae	George Hand A Marion Jones Bob McEachern Ken McDougal James Harrison Jerry Hoover A Jamie Peaster Will Thompson
Vicksburg, Westminster Winona Yazoo City, First Yazoo City, Second	Scott Reiber Ryan Biese James Brignac	A A A A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Doug McCullough, Hunter Brewer, Jeff Jordan, Paul Nasekos, Fred Marsh, Don Malin, Larry Wissel, Seth Starkey, Grover Gunn, Ligon Duncan, Guy Waters, Trey Adams, Bruce Baugus, Guy Richardson, Charles Wingard, John Reeves, and Robert Hays.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Bruce Willson, Mike McKelvey, Aaron Suber, David Irving, and Chris Rehers.

d. The following visitors were registered: Daniel Kim, Guy Sinclair, Jason Wagner, Mike McKelvey, Bill May and Clarke Stewart.

- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Aaron Halbert, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Gary Johnson and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** James Stewart, Ric Cannada, Paul Long Jr., Wiley Lowry, Jason Housewright, Paul Lipe, Scott Huber, Earl Adams, Steve Jussely, John Duke, Perry McCall, Troy Milliken, Trey Owens, Don Caviness (sabbatical - 9/15) and Rick Holbert.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Robert Penny, and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. **The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** Chris Wright.
- i. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dale Hollenbeck, Elbert McGowan, Sam Smith and Tim Muse.
- j. **The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 92.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.** M.J. Hubbard of Bethesda Presbyterian Church and Sam Hutton of Tchula Presbyterian Church.

92.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Billy Dempsey was elected moderator by acclamation.

92.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

92.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **92.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

92.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

RE Bebo Elkin, Stated Supply of the Raymond Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbytery on behalf of the church.

92.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Billy Dempsey appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Scott Reiber, RE Jamie Peaster, and RE Hugh Potts.

92.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the following report.

1. Excused Absences: Requests from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved as given in paragraph **92.1002 a. f. and j.**

Presbytery granted excused absences for the February 6-7, 2015 Stated Meeting to TE Phillip McRae and the ruling elders of Vaiden Presbyterian Church after receiving clarification on their absence.

2. Commission Reports:

- a. The minutes of the installation commission for TE Ed Hartman were received and adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 15**).
- b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 6 & 7, 2015 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 16**). Presbytery approved this as its own action.

3. Communications:

- a. First Presbyterian Church, Madison submitted a slightly revised version of their overture from the February 2015 stated meeting regarding the removal of censure from Dr. Shelt (**Appendix D, p. 17**). It was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for later report.
- b. Correspondence regarding presbytery's exceptions to the minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington (**Appendix E, p. 18**) and the Edwards Presbyterian Church (**p. 19**) was referred to the Administration Committee.
- c. TE Michael Campbell and Redeemer Presbyterian Church requested the dissolution of their pastoral relationship. Congregational minutes were provided requesting presbytery's concurrence were received. TE Campbell requested he be transferred to South Florida Presbytery (**Appendix F, pp. 20ff**). TE Rob Hill and Pinehaven Presbyterian Church requested the dissolution of their pastoral relationship. Congregational minutes were provided requesting presbytery's concurrence were received. TE Hill requested to be transferred to Southern New England Presbytery (**pp. 22ff**). TE Josh Kines requested the dissolution of his relationship with MTW and that he be transferred to South Louisiana Presbytery to plant a church (**pp. 24**). All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- d. Potential presbytery calls to Rev. Michael McKelvey to teach at Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson (**Appendix G, p. 25**) and to TE Rick Holbert to serve with the Christian Medical and Dental Association (**p. 26**) were drawn up in consultation with those parachurch organizations and presented for consideration. Raymond Presbyterian Church submitted a call to David Irving to become their pastor. All were referred to the Credentials Committee (**p. 27**).

- e. Ministry reports were sent in by TE Clay Quarterman (**Appendix G, pp. 28ff**) and TE Kaz Yaegashi (**pp. 31ff**). These were put before the members for their information and referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee for their work.
- f. A memorial of RE Bob Culpepper was submitted by the Raymond Presbyterian Church (**Appendix H, pp. 35f**). Presbytery approved the memorial and scheduled to have it read at this meeting since family would be present here in Raymond.
- g. James Linton of Wellspring sent a report of their work in providing water drilling rigs to North Korea to build ties of Christian compassion and future gospel ministry (**Appendix I, p. 37**).

92.1009

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Barry Vickery presented the report from the Mission to the World Committee.

The committee’s list of presbytery supported missionaries includes:

MISSIONARY	LOCATION	SUPPORT ENDS	AMOUNT
Josh Rieger	MTW England	November 2015	\$250.00 per month
Trey Adams	MTW Thailand	November 2015	\$250.00 per month
Tony Cooper	MTW Mexico	November 2015	\$250.00 per month
Nate Bonham	MTW Columbia	November 2017	\$250.00 per month
Rachel Reese	MTW Japan	January 2016	\$250.00 per month
Kaz Yaegashi	OPC Japan/PMV	Retirement	\$1900.00 per month

Upon learning of TE Josh Kines' decision to return from his MTW assignment, the committee agreed to support TE Josh Kines as previously promised through January 2015. His January 2015 check to MTW was returned to the presbytery with the explanation that TE Kines' MTW account had been closed. On March 5, 2015 your MTW Committee unanimously resolved that the \$250 check for January 2015 be redirected to TE Kines new MNA account. The presbytery concurred with that decision.

Missionary TE Trey Adams reported on his work in Thailand.

92.1010

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Ryan Dean presented the Mission to North America Committee report (**Appendix J, p. 38**). Several matters were presented for information, including a focus on ministries of mercy and local church renewal and revitalization, but no action was required.

TE Eric Mabbot gave a report on the Embers to a Flame conference he attended and on an upcoming conference to be held at Reformed Theological Seminary in September 2015.

Mrs. Karen Stewart, Director of Bethany Christian Services, gave her annual report on the work of that ministry which was started in this area by presbytery.

92.1011

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin presented the report of the Mission to the Military Committee. The presbytery approved sending \$200 to Crosswind Foundation from the committee's reserve account.

The chairman indicated that a scheduled video call to Chaplain Major TE Lenny Siems during the lunch hour would enable him to report to presbytery on his work as a chaplain in Germany.

92.1012

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley presented the report of the Committee on Administration (**Appendix L, pp. 42ff.**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented financial reports (**pp. 43ff**).

The Administration Committee presented presbytery a communication they recommended concerning the PCA's distinct stand on gay marriage to be sent to media outlets for publication. After debate, presbytery deferred action on the letter (**p. 49**) regarding same sex marriage to the August meeting.

92.1013

NOMINATIONS

Dr. Guy Waters presented the report of the Nominations Committee.

He presented the appointees to the Committee of Commissioners to the 43rd General Assembly of the PCA which were approved by the committee serving as a commission. Presbytery concurred.

TEACHING ELDERS

Administration	TE Eric Mabbot	Bailey Presbyterian Church
Discipleship Ministries	TE Scott Reiber	Westminster Presbyterian Church
Covenant Seminary	TE Scott Phillips	First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
Interchurch Relations	TE Ryan Biese	First Presbyterian Church, Winona
Mission to North America	TE Caleb Cangelosi	Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church
PCA Foundation	TE Charlie Wingard	Reformed Theological Seminary

RULING ELDERS

Covenant College	RE Brian Gault	Providence Presbyterian Church
Retirement and Benefits	RE Jim Tohill	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Mission to the World	RE Alan Waters	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Ridge Haven	RE Tom Young	Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church
Reformed University Ministries	RE Buzz Lowry	First Presbyterian Church, Jackson

OVERTURES COMMITTEE

RE Will Thompson	Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
TE Ken Pierce	Trinity Presbyterian Church

The committee was authorized to serve as a commission in filling any vacant slots that arise before General Assembly next month.

The presbytery approved the following recommended replacements for presbytery committees.

RE David Fowler to replace RE Mac McGehee in the Class of 2016 and TE Scott Reiber to replace TE Rob Hill in the Class of 2017 on the Mission to North America Committee.

RE Bebo Elkin to replace RE Bryant Taylor as an Alternate on the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for 2015.

92.1014

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE John Reeves presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery entered into executive session in order to hear the report of the committee on the resolution presented by First Presbyterian Church, Madison regarding Dr. Christopher Shelt (**Appendix D, p. 17**) and to hear from Dr. Shelt himself so that he could speak to the reality of his repentance per BCO 37-3.

No action was taken in executive session and separate minutes were not kept.

After coming out of executive session, presbytery approved the following motions of the committee.

1. Presbytery thanks the session of First Presbyterian Church, Madison for the interest and oversight exercised when presbytery assigned Dr. Shelt to their care. Presbytery commends Dr. Shelt for his willingness to submit to the discipline of the presbytery, and his diligence in fulfilling the ongoing relationship with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Madison.
2. Presbytery regards Dr. Shelt's previous statements of confession and repentance before presbytery, his further evidences of a repentant attitude expressed in his ongoing relation with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Madison and his reiteration of repentance and statements concerning the spiritual benefits God has graciously given him during the time of church discipline all taken together to fulfill the requirement of Book of Church Order 37-3 that "When the court shall be satisfied as to the reality of the repentance of an indefinitely suspended offender, he shall be admitted to profess his repentance, either in the presence of the court or publicly."
3. Presbytery removed the censure of indefinite suspension of Dr. Christopher Shelt from the Lord's Table in accord with the language and procedure given in the Book of Church Order 37-3.

Moderator Billy Dempsey declared to Dr. Shelt in the presence of the court:

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Whereas, you, **Christopher Shelt**, have been debarred from the Sacraments of the Church but have now manifested such repentance as satisfies the church, we, **The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley** do hereby, in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, absolve you from the said sentence of suspension from the Sacraments and do restore you to the full communion of the Church.

TE Robert Hill led the presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Transfers

Presbytery approved the transfers of TE Mike Campbell to South Florida Presbytery, TE Rob Hill to Southern New England Presbytery, and of TE Josh Kines to Louisiana Presbytery. Prayer was offered for each of these men.

92.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus presented a partial report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, p. 50**).

Presbytery approved the first reading of proposed amendments to the Standing Rules on mentor responsibilities.

The first recommendation is to change Appendix A.5.d which currently reads:

He will, in person and just prior to the completion of the intern's training program, relate to the Credentials Committee – or a designated subcommittee of the Credentials Committee – an account of the development of the internship and give his final assessment of the intern's gifts and graces for ministry (according to 1 Timothy 3:1-7).

The requirement for a face-to face final interview with the committee or intern subcommittee is often difficult to satisfy, resulting in repeated requests to suspend this rule at presbytery. The committee would like to have more options for satisfying this requirement, so the requested change reads as follows:

He will, just prior to the completion of the intern's training program, relate to the intern's subcommittee or designated member thereof an account of the development of the internship and give his final assessment of the intern's gifts and graces for ministry (according to I Timothy 3:1-7).

A second amendment would be to change Appendix A.7.d.(1) which currently includes this requirement: "At least one sermon and one teaching class must be observed and evaluated by a designee of the Credentials Committee." The phrase "designee of the Credentials Committee" is ambiguous and frequently confuses interns. We request that the parenthetical clause, "(ordinarily the intern's mentor)" be added to the end of this sentence as a matter of clarity.

92.1016

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer at 10:30 am.

92.1017

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

92.1018

WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Matt Vines led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns, a prayer of confession and the reading of scripture, RE Vines preached from Romans 15:14 on the "Marks of a Healthy Church." The whole was concluded with a hymn and prayer.

92.1019

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The morning reading of the minutes was postponed until the afternoon.

92.1020

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Scott Reiber gave the Thanks Committee Report expressing gratitude to God for the hospitality of the Raymond Presbyterian Church, to wit:

"In everything give thanks" (1 Thess. 5:18). Our God is good and having given us his son, "how shall he not with Him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

We give thanks to the Lord for His rich grace in building, preserving and keeping his church, particularly Raymond Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley gives heartfelt thanks to the Lord for the gracious hospitality of the Pastor, Session, and Congregation of the Raymond Presbyterian Church. We give thanks for their support of the work of Christ's Church in sponsoring this stated meeting of the presbytery.

We thank the women of Raymond Presbyterian Church for gracious refreshments and smiling greetings. We appreciated a delicious lunch so willingly served and greatly enjoyed in the Immanuel Center. Your hours of planning, preparing, and giving of yourselves for the service of your brethren in Christ has been accomplished "in a manner worthy of God" (3 John 6, 7). We thank you as "fellow workers for the truth."

We pray that the Lord will uphold, bless, and advance the work of His grace and gospel among you. May He enable you to thrive in Christ producing abundant fruit to His glory. We pray for the Lord's rich blessing upon you as you reach Raymond with its student population at Hinds Community College, reaching all with the Gospel of His free and sovereign grace.

Afterwards TE Reiber led presbytery in singing the Doxology.

Signed by TE Scott Reiber, RE Hugh Potts, and RE Jamie Peaster

92.1021

CREDENTIALS (Continued)

After lunch, Moderator TE Billy Dempsey reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM. Chairman TE Bruce Baugus continued the Credentials Committee Report (**Appendix M, pp. 50ff.**).

A list of interns on roll was provided (**p. 52**) and required Internship Reports were posted on the presbytery website at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Chris Rehers was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Rehers is a member of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Billy Dempsey and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Lebanon Presbyterian Church with TE Chris Wright as his mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Chris Rehers was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Ordination Examinations

Mr. David Irving, a May 2015 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a licentiate and an intern of The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in his knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Presbytery approved the internship of Mr. David Irving as complete.

Already a licentiate of this presbytery, Mr. Irving's previous examination in experiential religion was accepted for this examination and since his sermon had been approved as part of his licensure examination he was not required to preach again. Mr. Irving declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with one scruple previously noted and judged to be semantic at the May 6, 2014 meeting of presbytery, in accordance with RAO 16-3.d.5.b. Mr. Irving previously declared in his own words, "I do not believe covenant is frequently set forth as testament / see WCF 7.4 - clerk's note /, and I'm open to the possibility that it is always to be considered covenant as opposed to testament." He noted that his views have not changed. The presbytery ruled that this scruple be judged semantic in accordance with RAO 16-3.d.5.b. His examination was approved as a whole.

Mr. Irving's call to Raymond Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix G, p. 27**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Irving's ordination and installation was set for June 28, 2015 at Raymond Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TEs Jimmy Turner, Guy Waters, and Billy Dempsey, and REs Oliver Shearer, Paul Adams, Clarke Stewart, Cade Ferguson, James Elkin, William May, James Peaster III, and James Peaster IV was approved. Visitors approved to participate were TE Neil

Stewart and TE Nathan Lee. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

He signed presbytery's Book of Obligations and will become a member of presbytery upon his ordination.

Dr. Mike McKelvey, a candidate and licentiate of The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in his knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Presbytery approved Dr. Michael McKelvey's previous pastoral experience to be equivalent to an internship, per BCO 19-16.

Already a licentiate of this presbytery, Dr. McKelvey's previous examination in experiential religion was accepted for this examination and since his sermon had been approved as part of his licensure examination and he was not required to preach again. Dr. McKelvey stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Dr. McKelvey's call from the presbytery to labor out of bounds, per BCO 8-7, as Assistant Professor of Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary was approved. Terms are within presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix G, p. 25**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

At the conclusion of the Credential's Committee report, the presbytery proceeded to ordain Dr. Michael McKelvey. The service included the sermon by TE Guy Waters, the constitutional questions from BCO 21-5 by the moderator, the prayer of ordination led by TE Ligon Duncan, the charge to the ordinand by TE Charles Wingard, and the charge to the presbytery by TE David Strain. TE McKelvey then signed the presbytery's Book of Obligations and was received as a member of presbytery.

The Credentials Committee was charged by presbytery to reevaluate our current practice regarding the reordination of ministers entering our presbytery from denominations with which we do not have fraternal relations as a denomination.

Transitions

Presbytery gave permission for **TE Richard Holbert** to labor out of bounds per BCO 8-7, as Area Director of Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA). Presbytery called him to serve in this work approving the terms as provided by CMDA, but requiring further clarification about the provision of health insurance. The stated clerk and the Credentials Committee are asked to seek clarification from CMDA and TE Holbert. They are to report to the August 4, 2015 stated meeting.

Presbytery approved the change of call for **TE Chuck Frost** from Assistant Pastor to Associate Pastor at Madison Heights Presbyterian Church. There are no other changes in the terms of his call. The installation service and commission was approved. The service is to be held on May 31, 2015 at 9:30 am with a commission composed of TE Randy Rhea, TE Bob Penny, Convener TE Billy Dempsey, RE Rod Henderson, RE Matt Vines, and RE Trey Biggs.

TE Charles Wingard was approved to serve as stated supply at the Pinehaven Presbyterian Church during the months of June and July 2015 as requested.

92.1022

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Subcommittee Chairman TE Scott Phillips presented the committee's report on their review of Sessional Records. The following churches submitted their sessional records for approval: Lebanon Presbyterian Church, John Knox Presbyterian Church, Carthage Presbyterian Church for 2013 and 2014, First Presbyterian Church - Belzoni, First Presbyterian Church - Madison, First Presbyterian Church - Philadelphia, First Presbyterian Church - Yazoo, First Presbyterian Church - Union, Lakeland Presbyterian Church for 2013 and 2014, and Bailey Presbyterian Church were recommended to be approved without exception. Macon Presbyterian Church was recommended to be approved with exception of form. Presbytery approved the subcommittee's recommendation.

TE Phillips reported upon the response of the First Presbyterian Church, Lexington (**p. 18**) and the Edwards Presbyterian Church (**p. 19**). He recommended that the response of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington which agreed with the error and promised to correct the problem be found satisfactory. Presbytery agreed. He then recommended that the response of the Edwards Presbyterian Church be found unsatisfactory. Presbytery heard from Pastor TE John Wagner. The matter dealing with the fact that there is no record of either instruction or examination of ruling elders elected to office was referred back to the session for further consideration. They are to report to the August 4, 2015 stated meeting. Again, presbytery concurred.

92.1023

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Mike McKelvey was approved to replace TE Michael Campbell on the Campus Committee.

92.1024

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Rod Russ of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

92.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery approved the invitation of Madison Heights Church to hold our next stated meeting at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 4, 2015.

92.1026

READING OF THE MINUTES

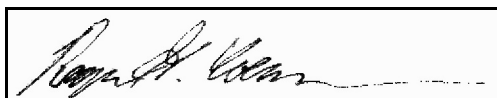
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Schwanebeck, RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

92.1027

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 4, 2015**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Madison Heights Church, Madison, Mississippi**

93.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator TE William Dempsey called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

93.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Bailey, Bailey

Eric Mabbott

Tommy McDonald

Bailey, Mt. Carmel

A

Belzoni, First

Harry Townsend

Brandon, Brandon

John Dawson

Gary Morrison

Byram, Grace

Roger Collins

E

Canton, Old Madison

A

Carthage, Carthage

Mike Ellis

Carthage, Forest Grove

A

Clinton, Pinehaven

Charles Dykes

Dale Nutt

Clinton, Providence

Matt Giesman

Brian Gault

DeKalb, DeKalb

A

DeKalb, Pleasant Springs

A

Delhi, Delhi

Paul Lipe

John Cheek

Walter Huffmann

Edwards, Bethesda

Melvin Hubbard

Edwards, Edwards

A

Flowood, Lakeland

John Wagner

Steve Jussely

John Duke

Forest, Forest

Mark Smith

A

Jackson, First

David Strain

Forrest Bratley

Ralph Kelley

Doyle Moorhead

David Felker

Marvin Stockett

Billy Dempsey

Longstreet Minor

Bill Wymond

William Payne Jr.

Brister Ware

Barry Vickery

Jackson, Redeemer

Ryan Dean

A

Jackson, Trinity

Ken Pierce

John Marchetti

Paul Long Jr.

Earl Adams

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree Trey Owens	Hugh Potts
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	A
Louisville, First	Roy McDaniel	A
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea Chuck Frost	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Robert Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		E
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	Ken Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings Brad Mercer Joseph Wheat	Max Yates
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Tom Young Bobby Cochran Bryan Kerr Mark Jonker
Ruston, John Knox		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula	Jason Housewright	Sam Hutton Jr.
Terry, Wynndale		E
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	
Vaiden, Shongelo	""	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona	Ryan Biese	E
Yazoo City, First	James Brignac	A
Yazoo City, Second		Wayne Morrison Will Thompson

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Jeff Jordan, Elbert McGowan, Seth Starkey, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Chris Wright, Troy Milliken, Hunter Brewer, Larry Wissel, Fred Marsh, Bruce Baugus, Ligon Duncan, Charlie Wingard, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Jim Stewart, Charlie Douglas, Robert Hays, Bill Hughes, Doug McCullough, Robert Penny and John Reeves.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Bruce Willson, Jamar Tisby, Luke Bert, Seth Duhs, Addison Canevaro, Devin Kahan, Davis Morgan, Ian Hammond and Aaron Suber.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Gabe Fluhrer, Diane Johnston (CEF), Bill Stone, Andrew Triolo, Jesse McCallister and John McDonald.

- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Aaron Halbert, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Gary Johnson and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Ric Cannada, Scott Phillips, Grover Gunn, Wiley Lowry, Caleb Cangelosi, Mark Spellman, Ed Hartman, Tim Muse and Richard Wiman.
- g. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Merle Messer, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. **The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** John Dawson, Robert Lane, Paul Nasekos, Douglas McCullough, Sam Hutton and Chris Wright.
- i. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Dale Hollenbeck.
- j. **The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 93.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

93.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Rod Russ was elected moderator by acclamation.

93.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted with suspension of our Standing Rules for the adjustment of the Credentials Committee docketed time which is normally an order of the day. The vote was unanimous (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

93.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **93.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

93.1006 WELCOME FROM HOST

Pastor TE Randy Rhea welcomed presbytery on behalf of Madison Heights Church.

93.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Rod Russ appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Paul Nasekos, TE Earl Adams, and RE Will Thompson.

93.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the following report.

1. Excused Absences: Requests from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved as given in paragraph **93.1002 a. f. and j.**
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 Stated Meeting reported that they had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 15**).
 - b. The minutes of the installation commission for TE David Irving were received as the action of presbytery (**Appendix C, p. 16**).
 - c. Commission reports regarding the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of TE Merle Messer and Pearl Presbyterian Church (**Appendix D, pp. 17f.**), the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Assistant Pastor TE Gavin Breedan and Northpointe Presbyterian Church session together with TE Breedan's transfer to Nashville Presbytery (**Appendix E, pp. 20f**) and the dissolution of TE Samuel Smith and the First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City were received (**Appendix F, pp. 22f**). All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix V, p. 109**).
3. Communications:
 - a. The congregation of Pearl Presbyterian Church and TE Merle Messer requested the dissolution of their pastoral relationship effective June 30, 2015 (**Appendix D, p. 17**). Congregational minutes were received. TE Messer requested honorable retirement. It was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for later report.
 - b. The session of Northpointe Presbyterian Church and TE Gavin Breeden requested the dissolution of their relationship (**Appendix E, p. 20**). TE Breeden requested transfer to Nashville Presbytery to become an RUF minister. It was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for later report.
 - c. The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and TE Sam Smith requested the dissolution of their pastoral relationship effective June 16, 2015. Congregational minutes were received (**Appendix F, pp. 22ff**). It was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for later report.
 - d. The congregation of Tchula Presbyterian Church and TE Jason Housewright requested the dissolution of their pastoral relationship. Congregational minutes were received (**Appendix H, p. 25**). It was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for later report.
 - e. TE Dale Hollenbeck wrote to the presbytery indicating that he had been received by Missouri Presbytery pending transfer. Presbytery approved his transfer upon that presbytery's request (**Appendix I, p. 28**).
 - f. First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City requested the approval of a stated supply relationship with TE Charles Wingard for one year (**Appendix J, p. 31**). It was assigned to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- g. Pinehaven Presbyterian Church requested the approval of a stated supply relationship with TE Guy Waters (**Appendix J, p. 30**). It was assigned to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- h. Newton Presbyterian Church requested the approval of another year of stated supply relationship with TE Charles Douglas (**Appendix J, p. 32**). It was assigned to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- i. First Presbyterian Church, Jackson called TE Gabe Fluhrer, who is a member in good standing in the Presbytery of the Southeast, Orthodox Presbyterian Church (**Appendix K, p. 33**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee.
- j. The call of this presbytery to TE Richard Holbert was updated and resubmitted for the information of presbytery (**Appendix K, p. 34**).
- k. Tchula Presbyterian Church requested that presbytery establish a borrowed session with elders from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix L, p. 35**). This was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- l. Edwards Presbyterian Church Clerk of Session RE Scott Cannada responded to the exception of substance taken to their session minutes (**Appendix M, p. 36**).
- m. TE Ricky Glenn's wife Jenny sent a thank you note with an update on her health (**Appendix N, p. 37**).
- n. TE Kaz Yaegashi submitted a second quarter report of his ministry in Japan (**Appendix O, pp. 38ff.**)
- o. Annual Chaplain Reports were received from TEs Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems and Joseph Wright (**Appendix P, pp. 43ff**). These were referred to the Mission to the Military Committee.
- p. Annual Reports from men who are without call were received from TEs Ken Elliot, Grover Gunn, Don Malin, Tim Muse, Chris Wright and Jae Yoo (**Appendix P, pp. 46ff**). All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- q. Annual Reports from men serving out of bounds were received from TEs Hunter Brewer, James Carter, Fred Marsh, Bassam Chedid, Gary Johnson, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Jim Stewart, Jakub Susabda, Larry Wissel, Trey Adams, Nathan Bonham, Clay Quarterman and Kazuhiko Yaegashi (**Appendix P, pp. 52ff**). All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- r. Reports from Honorably Retired TEs Robert Hays, Robert Penny and John Reeves were received with thanks (**Appendix Q, pp. 85ff**).
- s. Memorials for RE William Jesse Hammond, III was submitted by First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, RE William Everitt, Jr. of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and RE Ronnie Noble of Edwards Presbyterian Church were received (**Appendix R, pp. 89ff**). Presbytery approved these memorials as submitted and scheduled to have them read during worship today.

- t. Changes to the Rules of Assembly Organization and the Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission were provided to presbyters (**Appendix S, pp. 92ff**).

RE Hugh Potts gave a report on his trip to Uganda to teach in the African Bible College.

93.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley presented the report from the Administration Committee (**Appendix T, p. 99**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the financial report (**p. 101**). RE Wayne Morrison presented the 2016 Budget (**pp. 107f**). The 2016 Budget was approved as submitted.

The recommendation to establish a special committee to guide the presbytery in matters relating to the recent Supreme Court decision on homosexual marriage was discussed. The moderator and the stated clerk are to appoint the committee as they deem appropriate. Presbytery approved the recommendation.

The committee recommended that a special committee be set up to guide the presbytery in the consideration of the racial reconciliation resolution put before 43rd General Assembly by TE Ligon Duncan and TE Sean Lucas. Again, the moderator and the stated clerk are to appoint members to this committee. Presbytery concurred with the recommendation.

The amendment to the Standing Rules as recommended by the Credentials Committee at our May 5, 2015 Stated Meeting was presented to the presbytery without change for a second reading. Presbytery voted to approve the amendment by the required two thirds majority (unanimous).

SR Appendix A.5.d, on mentor responsibilities, be amended as follows:

He will, ~~in person and~~ just prior to the completion of the intern's training program, ~~relate to the Credentials Committee – or a designated~~ relate to the intern sub-committee of the Credential Committee or designated member thereof ~~– of~~ an account of the development of the internship and give his final assessment of the intern's gifts and graces for ministry (according to I Timothy 3:1-7).

Rational: The requirement for a face-to face final interview with the committee or intern subcommittee is often difficult to satisfy, resulting in repeated requests for to suspend this rule at presbytery. The credential committee would like to have more options for satisfying this requirement, so we request the rule be changed to read,

He will, just prior to the completion of the intern's training program, relate to the intern subcommittee or designated member thereof an account of the development of the internship and give his final assessment of the intern's gifts and graces for ministry (according to I Timothy 3:1-7).

SR Appendix A..7.d.(1) includes this requirement: "At least one sermon and one teaching class must be observed and evaluated by a designee of the Credentials Committee (ordinarily the intern's mentor)."

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Rational: The phrase 'designee of the Credentials Committee' is ambiguous and frequently confuses interns. We request that the parenthetical clause, "(ordinarily the intern's mentor)" be added to the end of this sentence as a matter of clarity.

Chairman TE Kelley referred the presbytery to the summary of our last stated meeting (**p. 100**).

93.1010 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Ryan Dean presented the Mission to North America Committee report. He introduced TE Ligon Duncan to remind the presbytery of the Embers to a Flame conference to be held at Reformed Theological Seminary, September 10-12th. TE John Dawson gave a report on the Hunter's Harvest project through the MS Wildlife Federation to assist the poor.

93.1011 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin presented the report of the Mission to the Military Committee. He presented a certificate of appreciation to TE Doug McCullough for his service to the presbytery on this committee.

The chairman introduced Chaplain TE Troy Milliken who addressed the presbytery about his work.

93.1012 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE John Reeves presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix V, pp. 109ff**).

The committee served as a commission of presbytery per our Standing Rules, Article VII, 9. 4) a). in the following matters referred to them:

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Pearl Presbyterian Church and TE Merle Messer and granted him honorable retirement effective June 28, 2015 (**Appendix D, p. 17**).

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and TE Sam Smith effective July 19, 2015 and his transfer to Central Georgia Presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 22**).

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation with Northpointe Presbyterian Church and TE Gavin Breeden effective July 5, 2015 and his transfer to Nashville Presbytery (**Appendix E, p. 20**).

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relation with Tchula Presbyterian Church and TE Jason Housewright and his transfer to Warrior Presbytery (**Appendix H, p. 25**).

Presbytery approved the stated supply relationships between Pinehaven Presbyterian Church and TE Guy Waters (**Appendix J, p. 30**), between First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and TE Charlie Wingard (**Appendix J, p. 31**), and between the Newton Presbyterian Church and TE Charles Douglas (**Appendix J, p. 32**) as requested for up to one year.

Presbytery approved the request of Tchula Presbyterian Church for a borrowed session to include ruling elders from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix L, p. 35**).

The presbytery approved the annual reports of Chaplains TEs Troy Milliken, Leonard Siems, and Joey Wright, and allowed them to continue to labor in that capacity (**Appendix P, pp. 43ff.**).

Presbytery concurred with the committee's recommendation that the annual reports from men who are without call - TEs Ken Elliot, Grover Gunn, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Tim Muse, Chris Wright, and Jae Yoo be approved (**Appendix P, pp. 46ff.**).

Reports from men serving out of bounds including TEs Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Rick Cannada, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Gary Johnson, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman Guy Richardson, Jim Stewart, Jakub Susabda, Guy Waters, Charles Wingard, Larry Wissel, and Kaz Yaegashi were received and approved by presbytery. The presbytery granted permission to each one to continue serving out of bounds for one year (**Appendix P, pp. 52ff.**).

Men who did not submit reports included TEs Ligon Duncan, Mark Lowery, and Josh Rieger. Presbytery granted permission for these to continue to labor out of bounds until our November 2015 stated meeting and the submission of their annual reports.

Presbytery approved a motion to request TE Jim Carter to attend the November meeting of presbytery to give a report on the progress of his work in Fort Lauderdale and his efforts to join South Florida Presbytery.

Presbytery joined in prayer for these brothers. This concluded the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

93.1013

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Ralph Kelley concluded the Administrative Report by giving a report on the review of Sessional Records. The minutes of Newton Presbyterian Church, Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, and Raymond Presbyterian Church were approved without exception. The minutes of Providence Presbyterian Church were approved with exception of form.

TE Kelley reported upon the response of the Edwards Presbyterian Church to presbytery's exception of substance regarding the examination of new ruling elders (**p. 36**). He recommended that their recent response with the promise to be more careful be found satisfactory. Presbytery agreed.

93.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer.

93.1015

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

93.1016

WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE William Dempsey led presbytery in worship. After the singing of hymns, prayer the reading of memorials and the reading of scripture, TE Dempsey preached from Zechariah 4 on the Olive Branch Leaders. After the message TE Randy Rhea led the presbytery in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with a hymn and prayer.

93.1017

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was deferred until later in the day.

93.1018

LUNCH

Presbytery adjourned to go to lunch at area restaurants.

93.1019

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 pm with prayer by Moderator RE Russ.

93.1020

THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee report was given by TE Paul Nasekos.

The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley thanks Madison Heights Church for hosting the summer meeting of presbytery, for giving us shelter from the heavy heat of summer, for giving us a comfortable room to be together to conduct our heavenly Father's business, to be refreshed with delightful food and drink; and we thank the ladies for these refreshments, for their hospitality that we may pray, sing, and worship to one, true, living God and Lord of the church and do the work of this day for which we are thankful.

TE Paul Nasekos, RE Paul Adams, and RE Will Thompson

93.1021

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix W, pp. 110f.**).

A list of interns on roll was provided (**p. 113**) and required Internship Reports were posted on the presbytery website at www.msvalley.org.

Presbytery heard reports from Luke Bert and Davis Morgan about their candidacy and internship.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Aaron Suber was approved for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Suber is a candidate in this presbytery and a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). His internship is approved under plan B at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Caleb Cangelosi as mentor. Work done

previously is to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Aaron Suber was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Hyoun (Jon) Jung was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Jung is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the Moderator and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with TE Ryan Dean as his mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Hyoun Jung was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jonathan McGuire was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. McGuire is a member of Lakeland Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a graduate of RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the Moderator and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni with TE Richard Wiman as his mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Jonathan McGuire was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jason Wegener was examined for transfer of candidacy pending dismissal by Heartland Presbytery, per BCO 18-7 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Wegener is an associate member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and is seeking to transfer his candidacy from Heartland Presbytery. He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary (RTS). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the Moderator and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Ed Hartman as his mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Jason Wegener was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transferring Minister

TE Gabe Fluhrer was examined in experiential religion, his theological views, and his knowledge of the Bible per BCO 13-6 and 21-4. His exam was approved in full.

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TE Greg Fluhrer's call to be an Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix K, p. 33**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Fluhrer's installation was set for August 16, 2015 at First Presbyterian Church at 6:00 pm. A commission including Convener TE Ralph Kelley, TE David Strain, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Matt Vines, RE Don Cannada, RE Steve Rosenblatt, RE David Cleland, RE Sam Hensley, and RE William Harper was approved. TE Rick Phillips from Calvary Presbytery was approved to participate. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

He signed presbytery's Book of Obligations and is received pending his transfer from Southeast Presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Miscellaneous

Presbytery approved the revised call of **TE Richard Holbert** with clarification provided about the amount of salary used for health insurance per presbytery's instruction to the Credentials Committee and the stated clerk (**Appendix K, p.34**).

TE Charles Wingard was approved to serve as stated supply at the First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City for up to one year as requested (**Appendix J, p. 31**).

93.1022

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Motion was approved to transfer TE Dale Hollenbeck to Missouri Presbytery upon acknowledgment of his reception (**Appendix I, p. 28**).

93.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Robert Penny was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

93.1024

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery previously approved the invitation of Wynndale Presbytery Church to hold our next stated meeting at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

93.1025

READING OF THE MINUTES

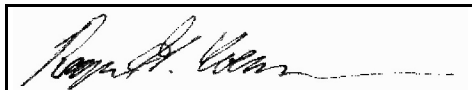
Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Schwanebeck, RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Rod Russ were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

93.1026

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to be "Robert G. Schwanebeck" written in a cursive style.

Roger G. Collins
Stated Clerk

Robert G. Schwanebeck
Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 10, 2015**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS**

93.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Rod Russ called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM opening with prayer.

93.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Charles Dykes
		Bob Lewis
Clinton, Providence		Brian Gault
		John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Paul Lipe	Walter Huffman
		Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bebo Elkin
	Ralph Kelley	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	John Smith
	Billy Dempsey	Longstreet Minor
	Bill Wymond	Noel Toler Jr.
	Brister Ware	William Payne Jr.
	Wiley Lowry	Marvin Stockett
	Ed Hartman	
	Gabe Fluhrer	
Jackson, Redeemer		A
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	A

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Kosciusko, First

Paul Long Jr.
Phillip Palmertree
Trey Owens

Hugh Potts Jr.

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

SS Chris Wright

A
Watson Marsalis
Wayne RheaLexington, First
Louisville, FirstScott Huber
Scott Phillips
Roy McDanielA
AMacon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison HeightsPerry McCall
Robert Lane
Chuck Frost
Randy Rhea
Bob SchwanebeckA
A
E
Bill McNeese
Matt VinesMeridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, HighlandsDavid Irving
Lee Hutchings
Brad Mercer
Joseph Wheat
Carl Kalberkamp
Caleb CangelosiA
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Paul Adams
Scott Jones
Bill McDonald
Hap Farber
Ken Haynes

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Ruston, John Knox
Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale

Mark Spellman

E
A
Sam Hutton
Billy Fenwick
Sonny SmathersUnion, First
Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, ShongeloChris Shelton
Phillip McRae
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Bob McEachernVicksburg, Westminster
Winona
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, SecondScott Reiber
Ryan Biese
James BrignacJames Harrison
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A
Rob Coker
Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Jeff Jordan, Elbert McGowan, Seth Starkey, Grover Gunn, Bruce Baugus, Ligon Duncan, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Robert Hays, Robert Penny, Gary Johnson and John Reeves.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Nicholas Bullock, Jonathan McGuire, Davis Morgan, Jemar Tisby, Ian Hammond, Aaron Suber, Seth Duhs, Anthony Fores, Chris Rehers, Zack Owens and Addison Canevaro.

- d. The following visitors were registered:** Anthony Degani, David Sun, Michael Butterfield, Lonni Oswald, Shelli Robison, Nick Robison, Montre and Karlin Brooks, Ashley Williams and Cyril Chavis.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring or living outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Aaron Halbert, Nate Bonham, Bassam Chedid, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo, Tim Muse, Ric Cannada and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** James Carter, Charles Wingard, Troy Milliken, Jim Stewart, Larry Wissel, Rick Holbert, Don Caviness, Doug McCullough, Ricky Glenn and Ryan Dean.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, James Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Long Sr., Martin Marshall, Merle Messer, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. The following elders requested to be excused for part of the day:** Billy Dempsey, Bruce Baugus, Paul Long, Paul Nasekos, Wayne Rhea and Chris Wright.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Steve Jussely, John Duke, Hunter Brewer, Ken Elliot and Don Malin.
- j. The following ruling elder representatives requested to be excused. They are marked in 93.1002a with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.**

95.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Robert Penny was elected moderator by acclamation.

95.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted as amended.

93.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **95.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

95.1006

WELCOME FROM HOST

Pastor TE Mark Spellman welcomed presbytery on behalf of the Wynndale Church.

95.1007

STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Robert Penny appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Scott Reiber, TE Gabe Fluhrer, RE Paul Adams, and RE Ken Hayes.

95.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented the following report.

Excused Absences: Requests from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved as given in paragraph **95.1002 a. f. and j.**

2. Commission Reports:

- a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 4, 2015 Stated Meeting reported that they had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 15**).
- b. The transfer of TE Matt Geisman to Rocky Mountain Presbytery was approved by the Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix J, p. 36**).
- c. The transfer of Kenneth Pierce to the Highlands Presbyterian Church by Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix J, p. 36**).
- d. The minutes of the installation commission for TE Gabe Fluhrer were received as the action of presbytery (**Appendix C, p. 16**).
- e. Past Moderator RE Rod Russ and Stated Clerk Roger Collins appointed the following committees as instructed by the August 4, 2015 presbytery.

Racial Reconciliation Special Committee (RRSC): Ruling Elders Hugh Potts (First, Kosciusko), Kelly Menogan (Redeemer), Will Thompson (Second, Yazoo City), Kevin Simpson (Highlands), Gene McRoberts (First, Jackson) and Teaching Elders Elbert McGowan (Campus Ministry), Jim Baird (Honorably Retired), Ligon Duncan (RTS), Ricky Glenn (Macon), Robert Hays (Honorably Retired) and Alternate RE Al Arnold (Redeemer). RE Potts was elected chairman. The stated clerk will serve as an ex-officio non voting member to facilitate the work of the committee.

SCOTUS Special Committee re Obergfell (SSC): Ruling Elders Matt Vines (Madison Heights), Charles Dykes (Pinehaven), Scott Jones (Highlands) and Watson Marsalis (Learned) and Teaching Elders David Irving (Raymond), Ralph Kelley (First, Jackson), Phil McRae (Vaiden) and Ryan Dean (Redeemer). RE Vines was elected chairman. The stated clerk will serve as an ex-officio non voting member to facilitate the work of the committee.

3. Communications:

- a. The call of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to candidate Nick Bullock (**Appendix D, p. 17**). It was referred to the Credentials Committee for later report.
- b. The request from Delhi Presbyterian Church and TE Paul Lipe for the dissolution of their pastoral relationship and TE Lipe's request for Honorable Retirement (**Appendix E, p. 20**). It was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee for their report.

- c. The request of TE John Reeves to resign his office as Parliamentarian (**Appendix F, p. 22**). It was referred to the Administration Committee for later report.
- d. The changes in the OPC Japan Mission from TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix G, p. 23**).
- e. The clerk received a communication from Brad Bumgarten requesting presbytery to enter into a BCO 40-5 investigation. It was referred to the Administration Committee for later report.
- f. The clerk read a communication from TE Jim Carter regarding his work as a member of this presbytery who labors as the pastor of New Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale an independent congregation within the bounds of South Florida Presbytery. He asked to be excused because of illness and indicated that he intends to attend the February stated meeting (**Appendix H, p. 24**). The court granted TE Carter discretion on whether he attends the February meeting or not.
- g. Annual Reports from TEs Ligon Duncan, Josh Rieger and Mark Lowery were received and referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix J, pp. 37ff.**).

95.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley presented the report from the Administration Committee (**Appendix I, p. 25**) beginning with prayer.

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the financial report (**p. 27**).

Upon TE John Reeves resignation (**p. 22**), TE Guy Waters was appointed to the office of Parliamentarian. TE Waters will complete TE Reeves unexpired term.

Presbytery unanimously denied Brad Bumgarner's BCO 40-5 request for an investigation for the following reasons:

1. that Mr. Bumgarner's "Section 40-5 Request and Notification" dated July 13, 2015 is out of order in that it clearly regards the matter of deposition from the office of elder which is always a judicial matter and as such is explicitly excluded in BCO 40-5, and
2. Mr. Bumgarner submitted a letter to Stated Clerk Roger Collins on November 1, 2012 when he withdrew his original complaint indicating that he fully understood that the matters of his complaint could not be brought back to the presbytery once his complaint was withdrawn (**p. 33**).

Presbytery authorized the stated clerk to send appropriate documents to the Standing Judicial Commission that will enable them to see that such a request is clearly contrary to the provisions of BCO 40-5. He is further authorized to send whatever documents the SJC requests.

TE Kelley concluded his report with prayer.

95.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE John Reeves presented the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix J, p. 36**) beginning with prayer.

- a. TE Reeves reported on the committee's futile attempts to contact TE Sam Riddell, who is a member of Covenant Presbytery, regarding his lapsed licensure and ongoing labors as the Stated Supply at the Old Madison Presbyterian Church in Canton. The stated clerk was instructed to contact TE Riddell and the church to tell them that TE Riddell is to cease preaching immediately until authorized to do so by the Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee was constituted a commission for this purpose and may grant him permission to continue to preach if they are satisfied that arrangements are in place for his immediate relicensure.
- b. The yearly reports of TE Ligon Duncan, TE Josh Rieger, and TE Mark Lowrey were approved as were their requests to labor out of bounds for another year (**pp. 37ff.**).
- c. The report of the committee acting as a commission to transfer the membership of TE Matt Giesman to Rocky Mountain Presbytery was received (**p. 36**).
- d. The report of the committee acting as a commission to assign the membership of Ken Pierce to Highlands Presbyterian Church was received (**p.36**).
- e. The request of TE Paul Lipe that the pastoral relationship between himself and the Delhi Presbyterian Church be dissolved was approved and he was granted honorable retirement (**p. 20**). Presbytery took note of and gave thanks for his unusually long and fruitful ministry of fifty four years in that pastorate at Delhi. Prayer was offered by TE Brister Ware in praise to God for TE Lipe's long useful ministry to the church and to the city of Delhi, LA.

TE Reeves concluded his report with prayer.

95.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Scott Reiber presented the report of the Mission to North America Committee for Chairman Ryan Dean. He began the report with prayer. The chairman directed the attention of presbytery to the MNA Report in the Whitebook (**Appendix K, pp. 44**).

Presbytery approved a one time gift of \$5,000 to the church planting work of TE Josh Kines in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The moderator instructed the TE Reiber to continue his report after the Credentials Report.

95.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a time of prayer after several readings by Moderator TE Robert Penny.

95.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

95.1014

WORSHIP

TE Caleb Cangelosi led presbytery in worship for outgoing Moderator RE Rod Russ. After the singing of hymns, prayer, and the reading of scripture, TE Cangelosi preached from II Chronicles 16 on "Finishing Well." The whole was concluded with a hymn and prayer (**Appendix L, p. 46**).

95.1015

READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was deferred until later in the day.

95.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery adjourned for lunch which was graciously provided by the women of Wynndale Presbyterian Church. The moderator led the presbytery in prayer giving thanks for dinner.

95.1017

THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee report was given by TE Scott Reiber at the end of the lunch hour in the company of the women of the church.

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praise to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving kindness in the morning, and Your faithfulness every night," (Psalm 92:1-2) We, The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley, find it particularly good to give thanks to the Lord for His continuing faithfulness and merciful provision through the bountiful hospitality of the Wynndale Presbyterian Church. We are particularly thankful for spotless grounds, and the attractive beauty of the sanctuary, Reynolds Hall, including the Ladies Parlor! We return thanks to the Lord for our delicious and healthful lunch served with such delight. And particularly we give thanks to the Lord for His grace so evident in the greetings at the door, in the service of breakfast refreshments, the individually served lunch, and in the afternoon refreshments. We thank the Lord for the servant's heart and attitude exemplified by the men and women — our brothers and sisters in Christ — of the Wynndale Presbyterian Church. We pray that our Lord may grant continuing bountiful sustaining graces to the pastor, session, deacons, women's ministry, and all the members of Wynndale, that they with abounding fruitfulness may continue to worship, serve, and in holiness bear witness to the great gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Scott Reiber, TE Gabe Fluhrer, RE Paul Adams, and RE Ken Hayes.

95.1018

AFTERNOON SESSION

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 pm with prayer by TE David Irving.

95.1019

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee beginning with prayer (**Appendix M, pp. 47f.**).

A list of interns on roll was provided (**p. 49**) and required Internship Reports were posted on the presbytery website at www.msvalley.org.

Presbytery heard oral reports from Anthony Forrest, Addison Canevaro, Zack Owens, Ian Hammond, Jemar Tisby, and Seth Duhs about their candidacy and internship.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Nick Robison was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Robison is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by the moderator and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Presbytery also approved internship under Plan D per BCO 19-9 at First Presbyterian Church, Lexington with TE Scott Huber as mentor. Work done previously is to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, Mr. Nick Robison was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Nick Bullock was examined for ordination. Mr. Bullock is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary and is a candidate and intern of Mississippi Valley Presbytery. He was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Bullock preached from John 6:16-21 and it was found satisfactory. Mr. Bullock stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination was approved as a whole.

Administrative Recommendations

The internships of Seth Duhs and Nick Bullock were approved as complete per BCO 19-13.

The call of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to Mr. Bullock as pastor was approved per BCO 20-1. Terms meet presbytery guidelines. The call was placed in Mr. Bullock's hands.

Mr. Bullock's ordination and installation was set for January 10, 2016 at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. A commission including Convener TE Guy Waters, TE John Reeves, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Thomas Peaster, RE Will Thompson, RE Wayne Morrison, RE Robert Coker, RE Chris Govero, and RE Steve McNair. TE Terry Johnson from the Savannah River Presbytery was invited as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unavailable to serve.

The Credentials Committee acting as a commission authorized Mr. Bullock to preach at Second Presbyterian Church between his examination and his ordination at the pleasure of the Session.

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Mr. Kevin Phipps was removed from the roll of candidates as he has been ordained and is a member of the Gulf Coast Presbytery.

TE Baugus concluded the report with prayer.

95.1020 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

TE Scott Reiber continued the committee report beginning again with prayer.

Presbytery approved the transfer of the balance of the Church Planting line item in the MNA Budget up to \$5000 to the Designated Church Planting Fund with the caveat that such a transfer be from 2015 receipts, and only to the extent that receipts for 2015 exceed disbursements.

TE Reiber concluded the report with prayer.

95.1021 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairman TE Trey Owens began the Christian Education Committee report with prayer. He introduced Mrs. Shelli Robison, the Presbytery WIC President, who gave an update on the ministry of the WIC (**Appendix P, p. 57**).

95.1022 NOMINATIONS

TE Guy Waters gave the report of the Nominations Committee beginning with prayer (**Appendix N, pp. 50ff.**).

Presbytery approved the slate of nominees for the class of 2018 as it was offered.

Administration Committee for the Class of 2018: TE John Duke, RE Alan Futvoye, TE Ralph Kelley, RE William Carroll with 2016 Alternates being RE Paul Adams and TE Phil McRae. RE Rod Russ was elected to fill a vacancy for the Class of 2017.

Campus Committee for the Class of 2018: RE Randy Rhea, TE Billy Dempsey, RE Tim Threadgill with 2016 Alternates being TE Guy Richardson and RE Dale Nutt.

Christian Education Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Jeff Jordan, RE Martin McGee, TE Joseph Wheat with 2016 Alternates being TE Ryan Biese and RE Johnny Boswell. RE Neil Barnes was elected to fill a vacancy for the Class of 2016.

Credentials Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Phillip Palmertree, RE Dennis Watts, TE Guy Waters, RE Scott Jones with the 2016 Alternates being RE Paul Stephenson and TE Caleb Cangelosi. TE Perry McCall was elected to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2016 and RE Niles McNeel to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2017.

Mission to North America Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Ryan Dean, RE Mark Henry, TE Eric Mabbott, RE John Williams with 2016 Alternates being TE Hunter Brewer and RE Larry McMillan. TE Roy McDaniels was elected to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2017.

Mission to the Military Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Don Malin, RE Wayne Morrison with the 2016 Alternates being TE Troy Milliken and RE Paul Townsend. TE Scott Huber was elected to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2016.

Mission to the World Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Ed Hartman, RE Trey Toler, RE Danny Story with the 2016 Alternates being TE David Irving and RE Gordon Sluis.

Shepherding and Advisory Committee for the Class of 2018: TE Brad Mercer, RE Robert Lane, RE Bebo Elkin, RE Hugh Potts with the 2016 Alternates being TE Mark Spellman and RE Todd Barrett. TE Richard Wiman was elected to fill a vacancy for the Class of 2017.

In addition to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, presbytery elected the Nominating Committee Class of 2018 to include TE Ligon Duncan, RE Gene McRoberts with 2016 Alternates being TE John Reeves and RE Paul Adams.

Presbytery chose the following men as our nominees for GA permanent committees:

Reformed University Ministries	TE Elbert McGowan
Mission to the World	RE Alan Walters
Covenant College	RE Gordon Sluis
Covenant Seminary	RE Matt Vines
Discipleship Ministries	RE Ford Mosby
Standing Judicial Commission	TE Grover Gunn

The Nominating Committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to choose nominees to fill the remaining vacant slots for General Assembly permanent committees.

Chairman TE Guy Waters concluded the Nominations Report with prayer.

95.1023

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Chairman RE Hugh Potts gave the report of the Special Committee on Racial Reconciliation beginning with prayer. He gave an update on the work of the special committee to date and distributed the primary talking points that they are using to guide their work (**Appendix O, p. 53**). Mr. Potts advised that the committee will have an open meeting on November 17, 2016 in Hutton Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson at 5:30 pm at which members of the presbytery can address the committee and ask questions.

RE Potts concluded his report with prayer.

95.1024

SCOTUS

Chairman RE Matt Vines gave the report of the SCOTUS Special Committee beginning with prayer. Mr. Vines discussed the purpose and goals of this special committee, giving an update on their progress in the assignment given to them and identifying some of the issues they will be covering. TE Vines concluded with prayer.

95.1025

CAMPUS WORK

TE Elbert McGowan began with prayer and then gave a report on his ministry at Jackson State University as he leaves RUF to serve as Senior Pastor of the Redeemer Presbyterian Church in Jackson. He introduced several of the interns including Ashley Williams, Montre and Karlin Brooks and Cyril Chavis who will be carrying on the RUF work at Jackson State.

95.1026

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Continued)

Chairman TE Trey Owens continued the report of the Christian Education Committee beginning with prayer (**Appendix P, pp. 54f.**).

TE Owens gave an update on the work of the CE Committee, reminding presbytery of some of their primary responsibilities and goals.

Presbytery approved unanimously the committee's motion to change their name Discipleship Ministries Committee in the Standing Rules of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

This was the first reading for the change in the Standing Rules. It is referred automatically to Administration for their review and approval. Committee members volunteered to make these changes for the stated clerk. TE Owens concluded his report with prayer.

95.1027

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Scott Phillips gave the report of the Sub Committee on Review of Sessional Records beginning with prayer (**Appendix I, pp. ?ff**).

- The minutes of Highlands Presbyterian Church, Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, and Wynndale were approved without exception.
- The minutes of Tchula Presbyterian Church were approved with exceptions of form.
- The minutes of Second Presbyterian in Yazoo City were approved with an exception of substance to which they must respond: The Session called a congregational meeting to elect new officers with fewer than the required 30 days notice per BCO 24-1.
- The minutes of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg were approved with two exceptions of substance to which they must respond: The Session called a congregational meeting to elect new officers with fewer than the required 30 days notice per BCO 24.1. Secondly, there is no record of training men presented to the congregation for election per BCO 24-1.
- The following churches did not submit their minutes for review for 2014: Bailey Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni; First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; First Presbyterian Church, Union; First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City; Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram; Madison Heights Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland; Pearl Presbyterian Church; Blackmonton Presbyterian Church and Shongalo Presbyterian Church.
- The following churches have not submitted their minutes for 2013 or 2014: Carthage

Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Madison and Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

- The following churches have not submitted their minutes for many years: Dekalb Presbyterian Church (1997); Forest Grove Presbyterian Church (2001); Lauderdale Presbyterian Church (1999); Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church (1996); Old Madison Presbyterian Church (2004); Pickens Presbyterian Church (1996); Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church (1995); Scooba Presbyterian Church (1994); and Shiloh Presbyterian Church (1996).

The Shepherding and Advisory Committee was directed to communicate with these churches to provide whatever shepherding or encouragement they may need.

95.1028 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved a few additional excuse requests from the stated clerk. They also approved the inclusion of the special committees appointed by the moderator and stated clerk under the Stated Clerk's Report (p.4).

95.1029 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Paul Adams was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

95.1030 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Presbytery previously approved the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to meet at Twin Lakes Conference Center on Friday evening and Saturday morning, February 5 and 6, 2016. We also reaffirmed our plans to meet at French Camp Academy on May 3, 2016.

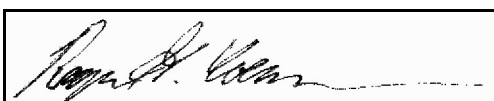
95.1031 READING OF THE MINUTES

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Schwanebeck, RE Doyle Moorhead and RE Paul Adams, and TE Robert Penney were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

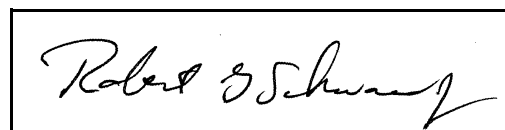
95.1032 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm with prayer by RE Bebo Elkin.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 5-6, 2016**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

96.1001 DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley (PMV) began its Winter 2016 meeting with dinner and fellowship at 6:00 PM in the Twin Lakes Dining Room.

96.1002 CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Rod Russ called the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 7:00 PM by opening with prayer.

96.1003 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

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Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Arthur Self
Canton, Old Madison		James Sowell
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence		Brian Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Troy Richards Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	John Wagner	Scott Cannada
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	Addison Hall
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelly	Robert Mims
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Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	
Jackson, Trinity	Ryan Dean	
Kosciusko, First	Paul Long	
	Earl Adams	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale	Philip Palmertree	
Learned, Lebanon	Trey Owens	
Lexington, First	A	Watson Marsalis
Louisville, First	Scott Huber	A
	Scott Phillips	A
	Roy McDaniel	
Macon, Center Point	A	
Macon, Macon	Ricky Glenn	
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	A	
Madison, Madison Heights	Chuck Frost	Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Newton, Newton	A	
Pearl, Pearl		David Crane
Philadelphia, First	A	
Pickens, Pickens	A	
Pickens, Shiloh	A	
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams Cade Ferguson Kevin Simpson David Fowler Rod Russ Ken Haynes Bob Pierce Steve DeFreese
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Caleb Cangelosi	
Ruston, John Knox		
Scooba, Scooba	A	
Tchula, Tchula	A	
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Phillip McRae	Bob McEachern Ken McDougal Gordon Sluis Jerry Ellis Bob Bailey John Michael Pillow Will Thompson Wayne Morrison
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	
Winona	Ryan Biese	
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	
	James Brignac	
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Rob Coker

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Douglas McCullough, Don Malin, Rick Holbert, Guy Waters, Jeff Jordan, Ric Cannada, Jim Baird, Mike McKelvey, Larry Wissel, Nate Bonham, Ligon Duncan, Seth Starkey, Bruce Baucus, Guy Richardson, Paul Nasekos, Hunter Brewer, Grover Gunn, and Robert Hays.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Bruce Willson, John Wegener, Chris Rehers, James Ritchey, Kelly Jackson, Ed Ludt, Jonathan McGuire, and Heath Cross.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Lenden Fleeman, Craig Jones, Andrew Triolo, Gene McRoberts, Bebo Elkin, Clarke Stewart, and Mark Jonker.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Bassam Chedid, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Steve Jussely, Robert Lane, Brad Mercer, Troy Milliken, Randy Rhea, James Stewart, David Strain, Brister Ware, and Joseph Wheat.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** Robert Moffett and Wayne Rhea from Shongalo Presbyterian Church. They are marked in 96.1003 with the letter "E" as excused.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Gabe Fluhrer, Jeff Jordan, Carl Kalberkamp, Phil McRae, and Scott Reiber.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Tim Muse, Don Caviness and Bill Wymond.

96.1004

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Paul Adams was elected moderator by acclamation.

96.1005 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

96.1006 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **96.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

96.1007 WELCOME FROM HOST

Ralph Kelley welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Retreat Center on behalf of the staff and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

96.1008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Paul Adams appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Chris Wright, TE Robert Hays, and RE Dennis Watts.

96.1009 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported.

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were postponed until the end of the meeting for action on Saturday morning. See **96.1025**.
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The minutes of the installation commission for TE Nicholas Bullock at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix B, p. 15**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 17**).
3. Communications:
 - a. A communication was received from Dr. Roy Taylor for the Standing Judicial Commission regarding Case 2015-09 (Brad Bumgarner vs. The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley) indicating the case was found to be administratively out of order (**Appendix D, p. 18**).

- b. The following calls were received and referred to the Credentials Committee: TE Elbert McGowan from Redeemer Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 20**), Jonathan McGuire from First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni (**p. 21**), Rev. Bruce Willson from John Knox Presbyterian Church (**p. 22**), TE Charles Wingard from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**p. 23**), and TE Chris Wright from the Delhi Presbyterian Church (**p. 24**), and TE Perry McCall from Carthage Presbyterian Church (**p. 25**).
- c. A communication was received from TE James Carter requesting transfer to South Florida Presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 26**) and from TE Merle Messer requesting transfer to the Presbytery of the Southwest (**p. 27**). Both requests were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- d. A motion to transfer TE Jae Hyuk Yoo to the International Presbyterian Church was approved (**Appendix G, p. 28**).
- e. A communication was received from TE John Wagner and the congregational minutes from Edwards Presbyterian Church requesting the dissolution of the pastoral relationship and was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix H, p. 29**).
- f. Responses to the exceptions of substance to session records approved by presbytery were received from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix I, p. 31**) and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg (**p. ?**). Both responses were referred to the Administrative Committee.
- g. The second reading to a change to the Standing Rules from the Christian Education Committee regarding changing their name to "Discipleship Ministries Committee" was referred to the Administrative Committee for their report (**Appendix J, p. 33**).
- h. A written report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received (**Appendix K, p. 34**).
- i. A memorial for RE Joe Davis of First Presbyterian Church, Madison was approved as provided (**Appendix L, p. 40**). The memorial is to be read during morning worship.
- j. A motion to extend the status of evangelist for another year for TE Ric Cannada as requested was approved (**Appendix M, p. 42**).

96.1010

WORSHIP

Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by the TE Chuck Frost for the Past Moderator TE Robert Penny. TE Frost read a resolution in memory of RE Joe Davis of First Presbyterian Church, Madison. TE Frost led in worship with the singing of several hymns, scripture, prayer and preaching from Isaiah 41:10. He then led in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The whole was closed with singing and prayer.

96.1011

BREAK

Presbytery broke for five minutes to prepare for the report of the Racial Reconciliation Committee.

96.1012

MISSIONARY REPORT

TE Ric Cannada was given five minutes to report on his work in Indonesia (**Appendix M, p. 42f.**).

96.1013

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

Presbytery moved into a committee of the whole.

RE Hugh Potts gave the report from the Racial Reconciliation Committee. He called attention to a paper the committee prepared and distributed to presbytery of "Actions and Obstacles" (**Appendix N, pp. 44ff.**). Committee members were given the opportunity to answer specific questions about the committee's work that the chairman prepared for each of them. Five minutes was allotted for each committee member. The floor was then opened for questions to the committee which committee members answered. After considerable time, the chairman closed the report with prayer.

96.1014

ADJOURN

Presbytery adjourned at 10:00 PM until the next morning.

96.1015

BREAKFAST

Presbytery enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the dining hall of the facility at 7 AM.

96.1016

MORNING SESSION

Moderator RE Paul Adams opened the Saturday morning session with prayer at 7:50 AM.

96.1017

RACIAL RECONCILIATION (Continued)

Chairman RE Hugh Potts continued the report of the Racial Reconciliation Committee. There were additional questions asked, discussion was held, and then presbytery entered into a time of prayer regarding these matters.

Presbytery rose from the committee of the whole.

96.1018

RECESS

The presbytery broke for ten minutes to prepare for the morning committee reports.

96.1019

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelly presented the Administration Committee report (**Appendix R, p. 62**).

A motion that presbytery accept the explanations for the exceptions taken to the minutes of Second Presbyterian Church (**Appendix I, p. 31**), Yazoo City and of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg as satisfactory was approved (**p. 32**).

The committee recommended that presbytery rescind its action taken on November 10, 2015 in which presbytery "approved the transfer of the balance of the Church Planting line item in the MNA budget up \$5,000 to the Designated Church Planting Fund with the caveat that such a transfer be from 2015 receipts, and only to the extent that receipts for 2015 exceed disbursements" was approved. This action was taken because that motion was contrary to presbytery's Standing Rules and created a precedent which is detrimental to the operation of presbytery.

A second reading of the motion to change the name of the Christian Education Committee to Discipleship Ministries Committee was approved along with all needed amendment of our Standing Rules unto that end (**Appendix J, p. 33**). This was the second reading of that motion and the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead gave the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 53ff.**). He presented the revised 2016 budget. By motion, the revised budget was approved.

91.1020

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters gave the Nominations Committee Report (**Appendix P, p. 59**).

The Nominations Committee was clothed with the powers of a commission to complete the roster for Committee of Commissioners.

9.1021

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin presented the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report (**Appendix Q, p. 60**). The following recommendations were approved.

- TE James Carter is transferred to South Florida Presbytery upon his request and reception by that presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 26**).

- TE Merle Messer is transferred to The Presbytery of the Southwest as requested by Dr. Messer and that presbytery (**p. 27**).
- The pastoral relationship between TE John Wagner and the Edwards Presbyterian Church was dissolved upon request of the pastor and the congregation. Minutes of the congregational meeting were received (**Appendix H, pp. 29ff**).
- TE Wagner is to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.
- RE Bebo Elkin, TE Robert Hays, and RE Bill May were approved to serve as a borrowed session for the Old Madison Church should the congregation request it.

96.1022

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix R, pp. 62ff.**).

TE Baugus presented a "Report on the Question of Re-Ordination" as requested by presbytery (**pp. 67ff**). The report was approved by the presbytery.

Interns **Kelly Jackson** and **James Ritchey** gave oral reports. **Greg Meyer** was unable to attend so he submitted a written report. Their reports were received and posted to presbytery's website.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Heath Cross was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Cross is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2.) He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being charged by Moderator RE Paul Adams and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Transfer

Rev. Bruce Willson is a licentiate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6. He was examined in the areas of sacraments and church history. TE Wilson declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer as a Southern Baptist Minister.

Licensure

Rev. Ed Ludt was examined for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Rev. Ludt is a minister in good standing without call in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church. Rev. Ludt had submitted papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 1-2- (a., b., and d.) He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. A letter was read from the Presbytery of the Southwest of the OPC where Mr. Ludt is a member, explaining some of the difficulties he had during his pastoral ministry during his time serving a church in Ft. Worth. Mr. Ludt shared with the presbytery his personal struggles in the past but reported that he had been through counseling, believed himself to be in a better place emotionally and spiritually, and that he was eager to resume

pastoral ministry. He was examined orally in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content, and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Since he was already ordained in the OPC and had already demonstrated his gifts in preaching as a licentiate in this presbytery in 1997, by unanimous vote the presbytery did not require him to preach a sermon as a part of his examination. These examinations were approved by presbytery. Rev. Ludt was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Rev. Ludt's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Rev. Ludt declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following difference with WCF 21.8:

"I fully agree with that there is a perpetual moral obligation to observe one day in seven as a day of rest and worship, and that Sunday is the day set apart by God to observe as the Lord's Day or Christian Sabbath, and that it is appropriate to refrain from worldly employments and recreations on this day in order to give priority to the worship and fellowship of God's people. However, I have questions about the proper manner of observing the Sabbath in light of the coming of Christ, and therefore hesitate to affirm that Christians must observe a rest that includes resting 'from their own works, words, and thoughts about their worldly employments and recreations, but also are taken up, the whole time, in public and private exercises of worship, and in the duties of necessity and mercy.'" (WCF 21.8.)

"To be as specific as possible, I would question whether or not physical recreation, work around the home, or even work required by an employer would be a matter of sin if carried out on the Sunday. I do believe that Christians ought to exercise themselves, as much as possible, to discuss with their employers their need to reserve Sunday for God's worship and Christian fellowship. Further, I would hold that any activity carried out on Sunday (recreational or otherwise) ought to be filled with a more than usual amount of devotion and conscious awareness of our rest in Jesus. But I do believe that the kinds of activities in which we may participate under the New Testament are more broad than what was allowable in the Old Testament."

Presbytery judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine", per RAO 16-3.5.c and BCO 21-4.

Ordinations

Mr. Jonathan McGuire is a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a licentiate and an intern of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. He was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Greek and Hebrew (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4.

Mr. McGuire declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards,, with the following difference with WCF 7.4, stated in his own words:

"I do not think the concept of covenant is 'frequently' set forth in scripture by the name 'testament,' but that the idea of inheritance conveys the ordinary meaning of a last will/testament and is present in places."

Presbytery judged the stated difference to be "merely semantic" per RAO 16-3.5.b and BCO 21-4.f.

Mr. McGuire preached on Exodus 20:13 on the Sixth Commandment and it was found satisfactory.

Administrative Actions

Presbytery approved the following actions upon recommendation by the committee.

1. Jonathan McGuire's previous experience was approved as equivalent to internship per BCO 19-16. This motion passed by a 3/4 vote of the Presbytery.
2. The following calls were approved per BCO 20-1.
 - A. Redeemer Presbyterian Church to TE Elbert McGowan as pastor (**Appendix E, p. 20**).
 - B. First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni to Jonathan McGuire as assistant pastor (**p. 21**).
 - B. John Knox Presbyterian Church to Rev. Bruce Willson as pastor in a bi-vocational call (**p. 22**).
 - C. First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to TE Charles Wingard as pastor, while continuing teaching responsibilities at RTS (**p. 23**).
 - D. Delhi Presbyterian Church to TE Chris Wright as pastor (**p. 24**).
 - F. Carolina Presbyterian Church and Carthage Presbyterian Church (dual call) to Perry McCall as pastor (**p. 25**).
3. The presbytery transferred the internships of the following men and removed them from the roll of candidates per BCO 18-7:
 - A. Justin Pillsbury to Evangel Presbytery.
 - B. Danillo Santos to Eastern Pennsylvania Presbytery.
 - C. The candidacy of Chris Brown was transferred to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, pending official request, per BCO 18-7.
4. The commission to install TE Perry McCall on Sunday, February 28, 2016 at 5:30 PM at Carthage Presbyterian Church includes: Convener TE Brister Ware, TE Chris Shelton, TE Eric Mabbott, RE Larry McMillan, RE Jimmy Davidson, RE Neil Barnes, RE Mike Ellis, and RE Harry Sasser. A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.
5. The commission to install TE Elbert McGowan on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 5:00 PM at Redeemer Church, Jackson includes Convener TE Brad Mercer, Convener TE Seth Starkey, TE Jeff Jordan, RE Scott Jones (Highlands), RE Barry McCay, RE Bryant Taylor, RE Kelly Menogan, and RE Trey Watkins. Invited guests include TE Scott Moore (Gulf Coast Presbytery), TE Seth Still (Covenant Presbytery), TE Russ Whitfield (Potomac Presbytery), and TE Wy Plummer (Chesapeake Presbytery). A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.
6. The commission to install TE Bruce Wilson on February 28, 2016 at 6:30 PM at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, Louisiana includes TE Scott Reiber, Convener TE Roger Collins, TE Chris Wright, RE Mark Jonker, RE John Richmond, and RE Troy Richards. TE John Mabry is invited as a guest. A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.
7. The commission to install TE Charles Wingard on Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City includes TE James Brignac, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Guy Richardson, Convener TE Guy Waters and RE Bob Bailey, RE William Barbour, RE Billy

Bridgeforth, RE William Carroll, RE John Michael Pillow, RE Jimmy Sullivan, and RE Wayne Morrison. Invited guests include TE Eric Zellner (Covenant Presbytery), and Miles Van Pelt (Grace Reformed Church, Madison). A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.

8. The commission to install TE Chris Wright on February 24, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA includes TE Paul Lipe, Convener TE Paul Long Jr. TE Rick Holbert, RE Don Cheek, RE Walter Huffman, RE Bruce McEacharn, RE Albert Christman, and RE Bebo Elkin. A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.
9. The commission to ordain and install Jonathan McGuire on February 28, 2016 at 6:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni includes Convener TE Richard Wiman, TE Guy Waters, TE Ryan Biese, RE Bill Allen, RE Addison Hall, and RE Bebo Elkin. Guest TE James McGuire (Midwest Presbytery of EPC) is invited. A quorum consists of two REs and two TEs.

96.1023

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan gave the report of the Campus Committee. He called on TE Scott Phillips to give a report on the search for a new campus minister at Jackson State University.

96.1024

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Subcommittee Chairman TE Scott Phillips presented the report on sessional records.

The minutes of Bailey Presbyterian Church; Brandon Presbyterian Church; Carolina Presbyterian Church, Carthage Presbyterian Church, Delhi Presbyterian Church, Edwards Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, First Presbyterian Church, Grace Presbyterian Church, and Shongalo Presbyterian Church were approved without exception.

The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni were approved with exceptions of form.

The session minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, which reflected no record of training for candidates approved to stand election as officers (BC) 24-1), were not approved because of an exception of substance.

The session minutes of Pearl Presbyterian Church which showed no record of session meetings after July, 2015 (BCO 12—6) were not approved. Presbytery requested that they bring the full set of minutes for 2015 to the next meeting.

The session minutes of Trinity Presbyterian Church, which did not reflect a thirty day notice for the congregational meeting to elect officers (BCO 24-1), were not approved because of an exception of substance.

96.1025

STATED CLERK'S REPORT (Continued)

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins presented requests for excused absence. Ruling Elders Robert Moffett and Wayne Rhea from Shongalo Presbyterian Church and Teaching Elders Steve Jussely, Robert Lane, Brad Mercer, Troy Milliken, Randy Rhea, James Stewart, David Strain, Brister Ware, and Joseph Wheat were excused. Teaching Elders Gabe Fluhrer, Jeff Jordan, Carl Kalberkamp, Phil McRae, and Scott Reiber were excused for a portion of this Friday/Saturday meeting. See paragraphs **(f. and g. above)**.

96.1026

THANKS

Convener TE Chris Wright presented the Thanks Committee Report as follows:

Whereas The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley had the privilege of meeting at Twin Lake's Camp and Conference Center and whereas we have enjoyed three meals together in fellowship, joy and refreshment and whereas we have met in comfort during the Friday night and Saturday morning sessions and where as we've enjoyed a night of rest in the lodges and took full of advantage of these excellent facilities, therefore be it resolved but The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley does thank the staff of Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center for their dedication and preparation in the service to our presbytery.

TE Chris Wright, TE Robert Hays, and RE Dennis Watts

96.1027

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Caleb Cangelosi of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church of Jackson was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

96.1028

ARRANGEMENTS

Presbytery is to meet for its next meeting on May 3, 2016 at French Camp Academy.

96.1029

READING OF THE MINUTES


Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Recording Clerk TE Robert Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Paul Adams, and RE Doyle Moorhead were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

96.1030

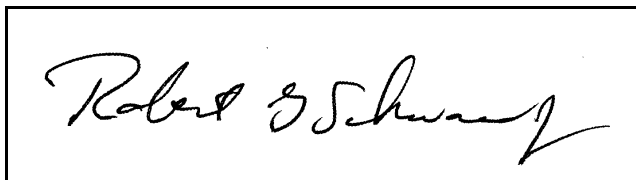
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM with prayer by RE Will Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**CALLED MEETING
April 25, 2016**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS**

97.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Paul Adams called this called meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (MVP) to order at 1:35 PM by opening with prayer.

The call for this meeting was to receive the report with an Overture for the 44th General Assembly from the Racial Reconciliation Special Committee for discussion, debate, and prayer. Presentation of the overture for debate and action is scheduled for our regular Stated Meeting of May 3, 2016.

97.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman Jonathan McGuire	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Canton, Old Madison		James Sowell
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence		Brian Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	E
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain Ralph Kelley Gabe Fluhrer	Robert Mims John Lowe Smith John Crawford

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	Ed Hartman	L.H. Fulcher
	David Felker	Longstreet Minor
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	Wiley Lowrey	Noel Toler
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A
	Ryan Dean	
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Philip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
	Roy McDaniel	
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	E
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Lee Hutchings	Bill McDonald
	Brad Mercer	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Jason Miller
	Caleb Cangelosi	
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Will Thompson
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongalo	Phillip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona	Ryan Biese	George Weaver
Yazoo City, First	Charles Wingard	A
	James Brignac	
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	A

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery were:** Douglas McCullough, Rick Holbert, Jeff Jordan, Ric Cannada, John Reeves, Jim Baird, Mike McKelvey, Ligon Duncan, Seth Starkey, Guy Richardson, Paul Nasekos, Robert Hays, John Wagner, and Bill Hughes.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates, and interns were present:**
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Mason Kiple, Kevin Simpson, J. W. Neal, Nick Purvis, Tom Young, Andrew Triolo, Jesse McCallister, Barry McCay, Paul Rankin, and James (Bebo) Elkin.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, James Carter, Basson Chedid, Mark Lowrey, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegahsi, and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Mark Spellman, Guy Waters, Troy Milliken, Jim Stewart, Bill Wymond, and Bruce Baugus.
- g. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, and Paul Zetterholm.
- h. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:**
- i. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** Bill Payne from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; Art Self from Grace Presbyterian Church; Albert Christman and Bruce McEacharn from the Delhi Presbyterian Church; Ruling Elders representatives from Blackmonton Presbyterian Church and Northpointe Presbyterian Church. They are marked in 99.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

97.1003

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 5**).

It was moved and passed that the Stated Clerk would write a letter to the Lakeland Church thanking them for hosting presbytery in lieu of appointing a Committee of Thanks (**Appendix B, p. 6**).

97.1004

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **97.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

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97.1005

WELCOME FROM THE HOST

TE Steve Jussely welcomed presbytery to Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

97.1006

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported on those who had asked for an excused absence. See 97.1002,f.

97.1007

REPORT OF THE RACIAL RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

It was moved and passed that presbytery move into a committee of the whole to hear the report of the committee.

RE Hugh Potts gave the report of the Racial Reconciliation Committee handing out a proposed overture to be presented for debate and a vote at our Stated Meeting of May 3, 2016 (**Appendix C, pp. 7ff.**).

RE Potts gave introductory comments giving the background and the purpose of the committee, detailing especially the composition of the members and the work they had done in getting to this place.

The floor was then opened for comments and questions.

Presbytery rose from the committee of the whole.

97.1008

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

97.1009

READING OF MINUTES

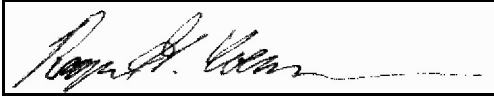
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck read the minutes and they were approved as read.

97.1010

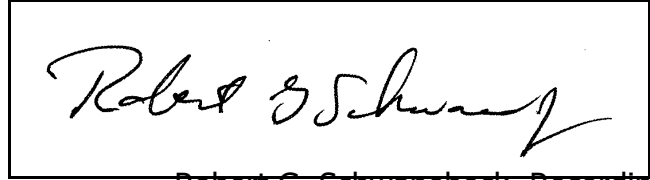
ADJOURN WITH PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Paul Adams.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording
Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 3, 2016**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
French Camp Academy, French Camp, MS**

98.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Paul Adams called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

98.1002 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	A	A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	Bill Allen
	Richard Cobb	
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison	A	A
Carthage, Carthage	A	Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove	A	A
Clinton, Pinehaven	A	A
Clinton, Providence	A	Brian Gault
	Chris Govero	
DeKalb, DeKalb	A	A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs	A	A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Walter Huffman
Edwards, Bethesda	A	Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	A	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest	A	A
Jackson, First	Ralph Kelley	John Lowe Smith
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	Ed Hartman	William Payne
	Gabe Fluhrer	Longstreet Minor
	Wiley Lowry	Marvin Stockett
	David Felker	Claude Harbarger

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer	Bill Wymond Elbert McGowan Ryan Dean	Bebo Elkin A
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long Jr.	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Trey Owens	Hugh Potts
Lauderdale, Lauderdale	A	A
Learned, Lebanon	A	Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips Roy McDaniel	Mike Forster
Macon, Center Point	A	A
Macon, Macon	A	A
Madden, Carolina	A	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Bill McNeese
Madison, Madison Heights	A	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	E
Newton, Newton	A	A
Pearl, Pearl	A	E
Philadelphia, First	A	A
Pickens, Pickens	A	A
Pickens, Shiloh	Kenneth Elliott (SS)	A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat Lee Hutchings Brad Mercer	Kevin Simpson Monty Simpkins Hap Fowler
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	A
Scooba, Scooba	A	A
Tchula, Tchula	A	Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	A	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	Marion Jones Joe Don Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Phillip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Jimmy Harrison
Winona	Ryan Biese	James Hunger
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, James Brignac, Ligon Duncan, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Gary Johnson, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Mike McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, James Stewart, Brister Ware, Guy Waters and Larry Wissel.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Devin Kahan and Chris Rehers.
- d. **The following visitors were present:** Andrew Harwell, Wayne Herring, Frank Howell, Mason Kiple, Max Sudduth, Andrew Triolo and Bill Whitwer.
- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Josh Kines, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, Jae Hyuk Yoo and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Earl Adams, Ric Cannada, Ricky Glenn, Rick Holbert, Perry McCall, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Phillip Palmertree, Randy Rhea, Mark Smith, Mark Spellman, David Strain, John Wagner and Richard Wiman.
- g. **The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** Ruling Elders from Shongalo Presbyterian Church and Northpointe Presbyterian Church. They are marked in 96.1003 with the letter "E" as excused.
- h. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Doug McCullough, Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. **The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Eric Mabbot and Trey Owens.
- j. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Don Caviness and Chuck Frost.

98.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Caleb Cangelosi was elected moderator by acclamation.

98.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

98.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **98.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

98.1006

WELCOME FROM THE HOST

Mr. Stewart Edwards, President of French Camp Academy, welcomed presbytery to their campus. Director of Development Mr. Tom Dickson, who set up this meeting, gave additional words of welcome and instruction.

98.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Caleb Cangelosi appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Phil McRae, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Longstreet Minor.

98.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins gave his report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See 98.1002. a. f. and j.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install Candidate Jonathan McGuire were received and adopted as the action of presbytery **(Appendix B, p. 13)**.
 - b. The minutes of the commissions to install TE Perry McCall at Carthage Presbyterian Church **(Appendix B, pp. 14ff.)**, TE Elbert McGowan at Redeemer Church **(pp. 15ff.)**, TE Bruce Willson at John Knox Carthage Presbyterian Church **(p. 17)**. TE Charlie Wingard at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City **(pp. 18ff.)**, and TE Chris Wright at Delhi Presbyterian Church **(p. 20)** were received and adopted as the action of presbytery.
 - c. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 5 & 6, 2016 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action **(Appendix C, p. 21)**.
3. Communications
 - a. A communication from the Standing Judicial Commission of General Assembly regarding Brad Bumgarner's complaint against presbytery was received indicating that they ruled in favor of the presbytery **(Appendix D, pp. 22ff.)**.
 - b. A letter of thanks from TE James Carter expressing appreciation for presbytery's love and support during the process of his transfer to South Florida Presbytery was received as information **(Appendix E, p. 25)**.

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- c. The call as assistant pastor for Highlands Presbyterian Church to Candidate Devin Kahan was referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix F, pp. 26ff.)**.
- d. PCA Administration's call to TE Wayne Herring was received **(Appendix G, p. 28)** and referred to Credentials.
- e. The minutes of the congregational meeting of the Macon Presbyterian Church requesting that presbytery dissolve their pastoral relationship with TE Ricky Glenn and a related letter from TE Glenn were received **(Appendix H, pp. 29ff.)**. TE Glenn also requested transfer to South Louisiana Presbytery.

A written request was received from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the session and Assistant Pastor TE James Brignac **(Appendix I, pp. 31ff.)**.

All requests were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- f. The response of First Presbyterian Church in Kosciusko to the Exception of Substance to their minutes was referred to the Administration Committee **(Appendix J, p. 33)**.
- g. The report from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information **(Appendix K, p. 34)**.
- h. TE Paul Nasekos was given time to report on his ministry with Child Evangelism Fellowship.

98.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley presented the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix L, p. 39)**.

The response of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko to the Exception of Substance presbytery took to their minutes was deemed acceptable **(Appendix J, p. 33)**.

RE Doyle Moorhead gave the Treasurer's Report for the presbytery's information. He reported on the revised year end financial reports **(Appendix M, p. 41)** and on the current 2016 reports **(p. 45)**.

Chairman TE Kelley concluded the report with prayer.

98.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Macon Presbyterian Church and TE Ricky Glen was approved. Congregational Minutes were received by the clerk (**Appendix H, pp. 29ff.**).

TE Glen was transferred to South Louisiana Presbytery upon their request.

The request of the session of the First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and of TE James Brignac to dissolve his assistant pastor relationship was approved (**Appendix I, pp. 31ff.**).

It was approved to allow TE Brignac to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.

RE Elkin gave an update on the situation with the Old Madison Presbyterian Church in Canton. It is anticipated that the church will request soon to withdraw from this presbytery.

Chairman RE Elkin concluded his report with prayer for the Old Madison congregation and thanking Christ for these two men while seeking his favor upon their future work.

98.1011

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin updated presbytery on the work of the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix N, p. 51**). The report was received as information and concluded with prayer by TE Malin.

98.1012

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Guy Waters gave the report of the Nominations Committee.

The report of the committee acting as a commission to appoint men to serve on the Committee of Commissioners for the 44th General Assembly was received as the action of presbytery (**Appendix O, p. 53**). Those appointments are as follows:

Administration	TE David Irving
Discipleship Ministries	TE Chris Wright
Covenant Theological Seminary	TE Lee Hutchings
Interchurch Relations	TE Charles Wingard
Mission to North America	TE Trey Owens
PCA Foundation	TE Eric Mabbott
Covenant College	TE Bob Schwanebeck
PCA Retirement and Benefits	RE Eric Crane
Mission to the World	RE Alan Walters
Ridge Haven	RE Mark Windham
Reformed University Ministries	RE Bill Moore
Overtures	RE Will Thompson, TE David Strain

98.1020

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of RE Longstreet Minor, RE Doyle Moorhead, and TE Phillip McRae, joyfully presents this report to the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley as follows:

Whereas our Lord in His mercy has given us a beautiful day and safe travel to this "One Fine Place," and

Whereas the Lord has greatly blessed French Camp Academy in expanding their facilities and strengthening them with spiritual growth as well as in taking care of thousands of children over the years in the school and summer camps, and

Whereas the Lord has allowed French Camp Academy to provide church and Sunday School retreats for all of our churches and their families, and

Whereas French Camp Academy provides preachers for churches in our area, and

Whereas French Camp Academy has been very gracious to us in allowing us to use their Lodge today, and

Whereas our Lord has greatly ministered to us through the generosity of French Camp Academy's President Stewart Edwards, Vice President Lance Ragsdale, Director of Development Tom Dickson, and particularly Jamie Senyard for putting together the refreshments that we enjoyed and the students who helped her, and

Therefore be it resolved that since our Lord teaches us always to be thankful to Him and to others for His blessings to us, we do thank our Lord and thank everyone at French Camp Academy for their wonderful refreshments during our meeting, the beautiful, spacious, and comfortable facility in which we conducted our presbytery meeting, and for the delicious meal that we have all enjoyed for our dinner, and

Be it further resolved that it is proper for us to continue to encourage our churches to give to the ongoing ministries of French Camp Academy, and

Be it finally resolved that we commit ourselves to continue to pray for and appreciate the ministry of French Camp Academy and to continue to be thankful to our Lord for the good work which French Camp Academy is doing for the ongoing of God's Kingdom in ministering to the community at large and to thousands of at-risk children in our area.

98.1021

CREDENTIALS

After lunch, TE Caleb Cangelosi reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:10 PM.

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix Q, p. 56**).

Transferring Ministers

TE Wayne Herring and TE Bill Whitwer were examined for transfer in the areas of Christian experience and views. Their well known history of witness to Christ and service to the church was considered evidence of their Christian experience. They stated that no change had taken place in their views since they were previously members of this presbytery. The stated clerk reported receiving confirmation that both were on the roll in good standing. TE Herring is transferring from

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Nashville Presbytery and TE Whitwer from Evangel Presbytery. Both men were received pending transfer.

TE Herring's current call to serve with the PCA Administrative Committee as Church Relations Officer was approved (**p. 28**).

Interns

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 58**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Martin Antoon was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Antoon is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by Moderator TE Caleb Cangelosi and prayer by TE Ed Hartman, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Billy Dempsey as his mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. John Prabhakar was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Prabhakar is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by Moderator TE Caleb Cangelosi and prayer by TE Ed Hartman, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Ed Hartman as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Chris Rehers was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Rehers had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He

was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on James 1:1. Mr. Rehers stated that he had no differences with our confessional standards.

These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Rehers was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Chris Wright offered prayer for him, and the moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Reher's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Devin Kahan, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate and intern of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Kahan preached on Hebrews 12:1-2. Mr. Kahan stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Joseph Wheat prayed for Mr. Kahan.

Mr. Kahan's call to serve as Assistant Pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands. Mr. Kahan's ordination and installation was set for 10:15 AM, May 15, 2016 at Highlands Presbyterian Church in Ridgeland. A commission including Convener TE Joseph Wheat, TE Bradford Mercer, TE Lee Hutchings, TE Ryan Dean, RE Scott Jones, RE Richard Dixon, and RE Brian Gault. TE Wilson Shirley from Providence Presbytery and TE Clay Walkup from Tennessee Valley Presbytery were invited to join the commission as guests was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the request of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church for Candidate Chris Rehers to serve as student supply for a period of one year per BCO 22-6 (renewable upon request.)

The action of the committee acting as a committee to allow Candidate Chris Rehers to move to the field at Lebanon Presbyterian Church immediately was accepted as the action of presbytery.

Presbytery removed Josh Williams from the roll of interns, due to no progress made in more than twelve months and no communication with the committee over that time per BCO 19-13. Presbytery instructed the chairman or stated clerk to inform him that this action was taken. Presbytery removed Josh Williams from the roll of candidates due to the same reasons listed above.

98.1022

RACIAL RECONCILIATION

RE Hugh Potts gave the report of the Racial Reconciliation Committee (**Appendix S, pp. 60ff.**).

Mr. Potts moved the Overture to the 44th General Assembly. That overture includes the Pastoral Letter and the Bibliography and Resources which had been distributed to the presbytery be approved.

A motion to call the question on the resolved clauses was approved. The resolve clauses were approved by a unanimous vote.

A motion to call the question on the whereas clauses was approved. The whereas clauses were approved by a unanimous vote.

It was approved that the overture on Racial Reconciliation to the 44th General Assembly, the Pastoral Letter (**pp. 65ff.**) and the Bibliography and Resources (**pp. 78ff.**) be forwarded to the Clerks of Sessions of the churches of this presbytery with the encouragement to consider and study the issue of racial reconciliation. In addition, that the same would be forwarded to Stated Clerks of PCA presbyteries for their information and consideration.

The Racial Reconciliation Committee was dismissed with thanks for their hard work.

98.1023

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Scott Phillips gave the report of the Sub Committee on Review of Sessional Records. The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Madison, First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and First Presbyterian church, Union were approved without exception.

The minutes of Lebanon Presbyterian Church were approved with exception of form.

98.1024

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Robert Hays was approved as the stated supply at the Pearl Presbyterian Church.

98.1025

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Bebo Elkin was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

98.1026

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at the Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 2.

98.1027

READING OF MINUTES

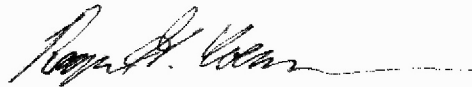
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck read the minutes and they were approved as read.

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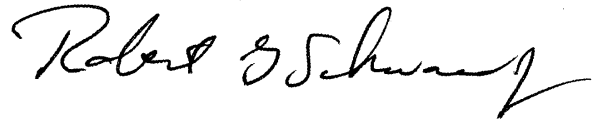
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 2, 2016**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS**

99.1001 CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Paul Adams, in the stead of Moderator TE Caleb Cangelosi, called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

99.1000 DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot Tommy McDonald	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman Jonathan McGuire	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Canton, Old Madison		A
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence		Brian Gault Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain Ralph Kelley Gabe Fluhrer Bill Wymond	John Lowe Smith Doyle Moorhead William Payne Longstreet Minor Marvin Stockett

Joel Payne

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer	Ryan Dean	A
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long Jr.	A
Kosciusko, First	Philip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Gene Davis
Macon, Center Point		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	David Goldman
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
	Devin Kahan	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Rod Russ
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongalo	Phillip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Jimmy Harrison
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	Will Thompson

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Fred Marsh, Robert Penny, Guy Richardson, Seth Starkey, John Wagner, and Guy Waters.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Kyle Brent, Hyoun Jung, Kelly Jackson, and Jason Wegener.

- d. The following visitors were registered:** Bentley Crawford, Mason Kiple, Wesley Presnall, Bill Schweitzer, and Andrew Triolo.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi, and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Earl Adams, Caleb Cangelosi, John Dawson, Billy Dempsey, Ligon Duncan, David Felker, Chuck Frost, Ed Hartman, Lee Hutchings, Jeff Jordan, Robert Lane, Wiley Lowery, Richard Malin, Michael McKelvey, Brad Mercer, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Randy Rhea, Mark Smith, Jim Stewart, Brister Ware, and Larry Wissel.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** Ruling Elders from Blackmonton Presbyterian Church. They are marked in 99.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** John Allen, Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Bill Hughes, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Gabe Fluhrer and Ralph Kelley.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ric Cannada, James Brignac, Don Caviness, John Duke, Kenneth Elliott, Steve Jussely, Roy McDaniel, Elbert McGowan, Tim Muse, and Randy Rhea.

99.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Bebo Elkin was elected moderator by acclamation.

99.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

99.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **99.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

99.1006

WELCOME FROM THE HOST

TE Bob Schwanebeck welcomed presbytery to the Northpointe Presbyterian Church facility.

99.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Bebo Elkin appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE David Irving, TE Jonathan McGuire, and TE Scott Reiber.

99.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins gave the Stated Clerk's report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See **99.1002. a. f. and j.**
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install Devin Michael Kahan at Highlands Presbyterian Church were received and adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 13**).
3. Communications:
 - a. Calls from Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian to Mason Kiple (**Appendix C, p. 14**) and from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to Andrew Triola (**p. 15**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
 - b. Annual reports of the following Teaching Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix D**):
 - Chaplains: Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems and Joseph Wright (**pp. 16ff.**)
 - Misc: Fred Marsh and Mark Lowery (**pp. 19ff.**)
 - Missions: Trey Adams, Nathan Bonham, Gary Johnson, Clay Quarterman, Robert Penny and Kaz Yaegashi (**pp. 22ff.**)
 - Out of Bounds: Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Ric Cannada, Bassam Chedid, Ligon Duncan, Rick Holbert, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Charlie Wingard, and Larry Wissel (**pp. 34ff.**)
 - Without Call: Ken Elliott, Grover Gunn, Don Malin and Tim Muse (**pp. 51ff.**)
 - c. Book of Church Order Amendments from the 44th General Assembly were presented to the presbytery for a vote (**Appendix E, pp. 56ff.**).
 - The amendment to BCO 5-3 passed 58-0 with no abstentions.
 - The amendment to BCO 13-2 passed 61-0 with no abstentions.

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- d. Rules of Assembly Operation Amendments from the 44th General Assembly were presented to the presbytery for information **(pp. 58ff.)**.
- e. Memorial Resolutions for RE Jack Laws and RE Guerrant Smathers were approved to be presented during morning worship Appendix **(Appendix F, pp. 61ff.)**

TE Guy Richardson addressed presbytery on activities planned for the 50th anniversary of the founding of Reformed Theological Seminary.

99.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley presented the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix G, p. 63)**.

RE Doyle Moorhead gave the Treasurer's Report for the presbytery's information **(pp. 64ff.)**.

Motion approved to allow the remaining money left over from the printing of the 2014 minutes to be applied to the Stated Clerk's expenses for 2016.

TE Bobby Penny presented the following motion that was received:

PMV resolves to "bring forth the fruits of repentance" from our sins of neglect and racism, as appropriate, by charging the appropriate standing committee to recommend ways and means of joint ministry with and to African-Americans as its sees glorifying to the Head of the Church, Christ Jesus our Lord, in fulfilling our Great Commission, for example, in the areas of evangelism, discipleship, or church planting.

Furthermore, that the determination of the appropriate committee be committed to our Administration Committee, for recommendation and perhaps even an amendment to our standing rules.

The above motion was referred to the Administration Committee.

The report as a whole was received as information.

99.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Moderator RE Bebo Elkin asked former moderator RE Paul Adams to take the chair while he gave the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report.

Chairman RE Elkin gave the Shepherding and Advisory Committee Report.

The Annual Reports of the following Teaching Elders were approved as fulfilling the reporting requirements of our Standing Rules (**Appendix D, pp. 16ff.**). They were granted permission to continue to labor out of bounds or to remain on the roll of without call per their request.

Chaplains: Troy Milliken, Lenny Siems, and Joseph Wright

Miscellaneous: Fred Marsh and Mark Lowery

Missions: Trey Adams, Nathan Bonham, Gary Johnson, Clay Quarterman, Kaz Yaegashi

Out of Bounds: Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Ric Cannada, Bassam Chedid, Ligon Duncan, Rick Holbert, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters, Charlie Wingard, Larry Wissel, and Bobby Penny.

Without Call: Ken Elliott, Grover Gunn, Don Malin, and Tim Muse

By committee motion, Old Madison Presbyterian Church's request to be released from the membership of presbytery was approved with regret. The congregation has chosen to retain Sam Riddell as their pastor even after he chose to leave the Presbyterian Church in America and return to his Southern Baptist roots.

99.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee.

The committee recommended the ministry of Jack and Tollie Nail for the consideration of the churches in the presbytery for prayer and possible support.

The committee's recommendation to pursue investigating a possible church plant in Monroe, Louisiana was approved by presbytery.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SCOTUS

RE Matt Vines gave a preliminary report of the Special Committee on SCOTUS (**Appendix I, pp. 73ff.**).

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RECESS

The presbytery recessed for ten minutes to prepare for worship.

99.1014

WORSHIP

TE Seth Starkey led worship in the place of past moderator TE Caleb Cangelosi. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Starkey preached from Luke 15:11-32 on "The Prodigal Son." The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was conducted by TE Gabe Fluhrer. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

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READING OF MORNING MINUTES

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting.

99.1016

LUNCH

Presbytery adjourned for lunch as graciously provided by the Northpointe Church family.

99.1017 After lunch, RE Bebo Elkin reconvened the presbytery with prayer

99.1018

THANKS REPORT

TE David Irving gave the report from the Thanks Committee as follows:

Whereas The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley met on August 2, 2016 at Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian, MS, and;

Whereas The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley has been warmly received by the Session and members of Northpointe PCA with Christian fellowship, hospitality, and rich food, and;

Whereas Northpointe PCA regularly drives a great distance to attend the meetings of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley;

Therefore be it resolved that Northpointe be commended for their diligent participation in presbytery, and;

Be it further resolved that Northpointe be thanked for their bountiful hospitality, and;

Therefore be it finally resolved that The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley praise God for His faithfulness to the church and commend Northpointe to the care and prosperous blessing of King Jesus.

The report was received with warm applause.

99.1019

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix J, pp. 78ff.**).

Candidate and Internship Reports

Kyle Brent, Hyoun Jung, and Jason Wegener gave their oral reports on their candidacy and internship.

Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Craig Jones was examined for transfer of candidacy per BCO 18-7, pending receipt of a certificate of dismissal from Covenant Presbytery, and for internship per BCO 19-9. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Mr. Jones is a member of Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session having been a member there for at least six months (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Phillip Palmertree and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Raymond Presbyterian Church with RE Bebo Elkin as mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to be applied toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Wil Nettleton was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Nettleton is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session having been a member there for at least six months (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Phillip Palmertree and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE David Felker as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done previously to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Bentley Crawford was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Crawford is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session having been a member there for at least six months (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Phillip Palmertree and prayer he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Elbert McGowan as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done previously to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Haruaki Odate was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Odate is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session having been a member there for at least six months (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged by TE Phillip Palmertree and prayer, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with TE Elbert McGowan as mentor. Presbytery allowed work done previously to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Brian Gault was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Gault had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Isaiah 43:1-2. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Gault was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator offered prayer for him and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Gault's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Mason Kiple, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate and intern of Central Carolina Presbytery, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. He had presented to the committee his college diploma and seminary transcripts. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Kiple preached from I Thessalonians 1:9-10. Mr. Kiple stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Bebo Elkin prayed for Mr. Kiple.

Mr. Kiple's call to serve as Assistant Pastor at Northpointe Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands. He signed the book of obligation.

Mr. Kiple's ordination and installation was set for 6:00 PM, August 21, 2016 at Northpointe Presbyterian Church in Meridian. A commission including Convener TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Eric Mabbott, and TE Chris Shelton, RE Kary Whitehead, RE David Goldman, RE Gary Morrow, RE

Howard Secrest, and RE Russell Moffett. TE Sean McCann from Western Carolina Presbytery was invited to join the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Andrew Triolo, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate and intern of Central Carolina Presbytery, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. He had presented to the committee his college diploma and seminary transcripts. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Triolo preached on Ezekiel 37:1-14. Mr. Triolo stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Bebo Elkin prayed for Mr. Triolo.

Mr. Triolo's call to serve as Assistant Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets Presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands. He signed the book of obligation.

Mr. Triolo's ordination and installation was set for 6:00 PM, August 7, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson. A commission including Convener TE Ralph Kelly, TE David Strain, TE Trey Owens, RE David Elkin, RE Brian Gault, and RE Wayne Morrison. TE Kris Decker from Central Carolina Presbytery was invited to join the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

The call of Northpointe, Meridian to Mason Kiple was approved per BCO 20-1.

The call of First, Jackson to Andrew Triolo was approved per BCO 20-1.

Greg Meyer was removed from the roll of candidates and interns in view of his transfer to Missouri Presbytery.

Presbytery approved TE Billy Dempsey replacing TE Ed Hartman as mentor for Jason Wegener.

Davis Morgan was removed from the roll of candidates and interns since the Credentials Committee had word that Mr. Morgan had been ordained by Westminster Presbytery.

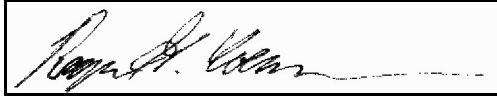
Aaron Suber was dismissed to Heartland Presbytery.

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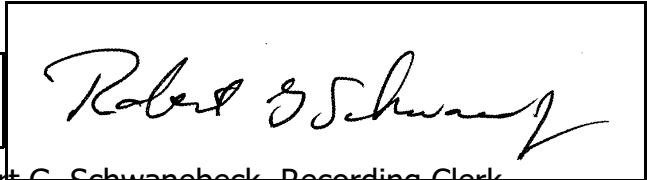
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 1, 2016**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi**

100.1001

CALL TO ORDER

RE Bebo Elkin called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

100.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence		John Spears
		Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Don Cheek
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards		Melvin Hubbard
Flowood, Lakeland		E
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	John Lowe Smith
	Ralph Kelley	Doyle Moorhead
	Gabe Fluhrer	Wayne Rhea
	Bill Wymond	Noel Toler
	Ed Hartman	Marvin Stockett
	Billy Dempsey	Joel Payne
	Andrew Triolo	Barry Vickery
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A

Church

Jackson, Trinity
Kosciusko, First

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Macon, Center Point
Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Meridian, Northpointe

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Ruston, John Knox
Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo

Vicksburg, Westminster

Winona, First
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Earl Adams
Philip Palmertree
Trey Owens

Scott Huber
Scott Phillips
Roy McDaniel

Robert Lane
Randy Rhea
Chuck Frost
Bob Schwanebeck
Mason Kiple

David Irving
Lee Hutchings
Caleb Congelosi

Mark Spellman

Phillip McRae
Phillip McRae

Scott Reiber

Ryan Biese
Charlie Wingard
Nick Bullock

Ruling Elder

Dennis Watts
Bill Lacey

A
Sam Robison
A
Mike Triplett

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Matt Vines

David Goldman

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Paul Adams
A
Ken Haynes
Will Montgomery

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Sam Hutton
Nick Purvis

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Bob McEachern
Ken McDougal
Mark Monroe
Gordon Sluis

James Hunger
A
Will Thompson
Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders present who on the roll of presbytery were: Bruce Baugus, Ligon Duncan, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Mark Lowrey, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Seth Starkey, Jim Stewart, and Guy Waters.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Kyle Brent, Cyril Chavis, Bentley Crawford, Ian Hammond, Zack Owens, John Prabhakar, Jemar Tisby, and Jason Wegener.
- d. **The following visitors were registered:** Michael Cannon, Raymond Clary, Scott Edburg, Bebo Elkin, Stephen Estock, Doug Finley, Mary Gunn, Lisa Hellier, Thomas Li, Adam Parker, Ike Reeder, Shelli Robison, Robert Walker, and Oleo Yen.
- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Ric Cannada, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Josh Kines, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Kaz Yaegashi, and Joey Wright.
- f. **The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Hunter Brewer, John Duke, Ken Elliott, David Felker, Rick Holbert, Gary Johnson, Steve Jussely, Carl Kalberkamp, Doug McCullough, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Chris Shelton, Brister Ware, and Larry Wissel.
- g. **The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** Art Self from Grace Presbyterian Church; Bill Payne from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; Doug Welch from Lakeland Presbyterian Church and the representatives from Blackmonton Presbyterian Church. They are marked in **99.1002** with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. **The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist,, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. **The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Gabe Fluhrer, Paul Long, Jr., and Wiley Lowry.
- j. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** James Brignac, Jeff Jordan, Perry McCall, and John Wagner.

100.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE David Strain was elected moderator by acclamation.

100.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

100.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

Visitors were introduced. See **97.1002,d.** above for the list of visitors who registered.

100.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Scott Reiber welcomed presbytery to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

100.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE David Strain appointed a Thanks Committee composed of TE Grover Gunn, Convener, RE Noel Toler, and RE Steve McNair.

Moderator TE David Strain appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator RE Bebo Elkin, TE Trey Owen, and TE Ralph Kelley. The personal resolution from TE Bobby Penny was referred to the Overtures Committee which was to report before the end of the day.

100.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See 100.1002. a. f. and g.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commissions to ordain and install for Andrew Triolo (**Appendix B, p. 12**) and Mason Kiple were received (**p. 13**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 2, 2016 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 14**).
3. Communications
 - a. Request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Ryan Dean and Redeemer Church was referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix D, p. 15**).
 - b. Calls from the Pearl Presbyterian Church to Adam Parker (**Appendix E, p. 17?**) and from Providence Presbyterian Church to TE Michael Cannon (**p. 18**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.

- c. Memorial resolutions for TE John Allen from Westminster Presbyterian Church **(Appendix F, pp. 19ff.)** and from presbytery **(pp. 21ff.)** were approved and were assigned to be read during worship.
- d. An overture from TE Robert Penny requesting a change in our Standing Rules to incorporate assignment of Racial Reconciliation responsibility to the Discipleship Ministries Committee **(Appendix G, p. 23)**.
- e. The annual report from TE Robert Penny submitted in May 2016 which was not included with other reports for our August 2 Stated Meeting's White Book **(Appendix H, p. 24)**.
- f. A request for prayer from TE Kaz Yaegashi was referred to the Shepherding & Advisory and Mission to the World Committees **(Appendix I, pp. 26ff.)**.

Covenant College Representative Ike Reeder was introduced. He addressed presbytery concerning the college's commitment to its on campus teaching model and strong emphasis upon a Reformed "World and Life View" education.

100.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley introduced the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix J, p. 28)**. RE Doyle Moorhead presented the Treasurer's Report **(pp. 29ff.)**.

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MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Eric Mabbott presented the report of the Mission to North America Committee **(Appendix L, p. 35)**.

RE Will Thompson was called on to introduced Bethany Director Karen Stewart and her husband Bill. RE Thompson presented her a framed resolution that honored her 29 years of service to Bethany Christian Services upon her retirement from her position as Director on October 31, 2016 **(p. 36)**. After RE Thompson read the resolution, Mrs. Stewart expressed her appreciation for the love and support from the presbytery. RE Thompson closed that portion of the report with a prayer of thanks for her ministry **(Appendix M, p. 36)**.

It was approved that \$10,000 be given to church planning efforts in the Baton Rouge area.

Chairman TE Mabbott encouraged the presbytery to be involved in disaster relief efforts and introduced Mrs. Sherry Lanier who works with PCA Disaster Relief. She thanked the presbytery for their support and involvement.

100.1011

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix N, p. 37**).

TE Owens introduced Women's Leadership President Mrs. Shelli Robison who gave a report on the Presbytery's Women's Ministries.

TE Owens introduced Coordinator TE Stephen Estock of the Committee on Discipleship Ministries of the PCA who gave a report on the work of that committee.

100.1012

NOMINATIONS

TE Guy Waters presented the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix P, pp. 42ff.**).

The following slate was approved for presbytery committees for the Class of 2019 and Alternates:

Administration: RE Paul Adams, TE Phil McRae, RE Watson Marsalis, TE Ryan Biese.
Alternates: TE David Felker, RE Wayne Morrison.

Campus Committee: RE Scott Jones, TE Michael McKelvey, RE Rob Jones. Alternates: TE Guy Richardson, RE Dale Nutt.

Discipleship Ministries: TE Hunter Brewer, RE Neil Barnes, TE Trey Owens. Alternates: TE Paul Long, RE Bill Stone.

Credentials: RE Ken Haynes, TE Caleb Cangelosi, RE John Kwasney, TE David Strain.
Alternates: RE Paul Stephenson, TE Wayne Herring.

Mission to North America: RE Addison Hall, TE Charlie Wingard, TE Elbert McGowan, RE Alan Walters. Alternates: TE Rick Holbert, RE Larry McMillan. TE Mason Kiple was elected to replace TE Ryan Dean for the Class of 2018.

Mission to the Military: TE Scott Huber, RE Mike Triplett. Alternates: TE Troy Milliken, RE Paul Townsend.

Mission to the World: TE David Irving, TE David Felker, RE Steve Morris. Alternates: TE Earl Adams, RE Gordon Sluis.

Nominations: TE John Reeves, RE Bebo Elkin. Alternates: TE Caleb Cangelosi, RE Paul Adams.

Shepherding and Advisory: TE Scott Phillips, TE Mark Spellman, RE Kevin Simpson, RE Ford Mosby. Alternates: TE Robert Hays, RE Todd Barrett.

Nominations was clothed with the powers of a commission to fill any vacant committee positions

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and to approve a slate of nominations for GA Permanent Committee slots.

100.1013 SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer at 10:30 AM.

100.1014 RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

100.1015 WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Bebo Elkin led worship. After the singing of hymns, reading of Scripture and prayer, RE Elkin preached on III John on "Encouraging Commendations." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

100.1016 READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting.

100.1017 LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Grover Gunn, RE Steve McNair, and RE Noel Toler presented the following:

We, The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley give thanks to the Westminster Presbyterian Church located in the historic southern city of Vicksburg on the banks of the majestic Mississippi River, for hosting it's November, 2016 stated meeting. We give thanks for the use of your sanctuary with its dignified and uncluttered décor so conducive to heartfelt worship, informative reporting, and brotherly deliberation. We give thanks to the members of your church who took time out from their routine responsibilities to give assistance to us as visitors in the spirit of Christian hospitality. We give thanks for the delicious meal and invigorating dinner, to use the traditional southern designation for the noon meal. Thank you, Westminster, for your ministry to us your presbytery on this day. God bless you and keep you, Westminster. May your light continue to shine forth to the glory of God.

100.1018 ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

After lunch, TE David Strain reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:10 PM.

TE Ralph Kelley gave the remainder of the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix J, p. 28**). He explained that the resolution from TE Bobby Penny had been withdrawn. Thus, the Resolutions Committee which had been appointed earlier in the day would have no report.

Presbytery approved the committee's recommendation to send TE Penny's overture of August 2, 2016 to the Discipleship Committee.

TE Scott Phillips gave the report of the Session Records sub-committee as follows:

Minutes of the Wynndale Presbyterian Church were approved without exception. Minutes of Tchula Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, were approved with exceptions of form.

Minutes of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church were approved with the following exception of substance: November 16, 2015 indicate that candidates for office were approved for election without the required 30 days' notice.

Minutes of Second Presbyterian Church were approved with the following exception of substance: The session received and approved a recommendation of a search committee but did not record the call of a congregational meeting to elect a pastor. The minutes of the congregational meeting were also not included.

100.1019

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee. The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided.

Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Candidates Anthony Forest, Ian Hammond, Zach Owens, Nick Robison, and Jemar Tisby gave their oral candidacy and internship reports.

Mr. Chad Graeber was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Graeber is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a 2002 graduate from Reformed Theological Seminary with a Masters of Theological Studies. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, being briefly charged and prayer by Moderator TE Strain, he was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Cyril Chavis was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Chavis is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He

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was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE David Strain. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and offered prayer. Mr. Chavis was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with Reformed University Fellowship at Jackson State University with RE Paul Rankin as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was enrolled as an intern in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk that TE Michael Cannon is a PCA minister in good standing in Central Carolina Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Cannon declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his reception pending transfer. TE Cannon's call from Providence Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines. It was approved and placed it in his hands (per BCO 20-1). He signed the book of obligation.

TE Cannon's installation was approved for November 20, 2016 at 6:00 PM. A commission including Convener TE David Irving, TE Don Malin, TE Ken Elliott, RE Paul Adams, RE Lester Harrison, RE Steve McNair, and RE Chris Govero was approved. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Kyle Brent was examined for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Brent had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. He preached a sermon on Psalm 116 on "Our God Reigns." These examinations were approved as satisfactory. Mr. Brent was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Chris Wright offered prayer for him, and the moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Brent's name was entered on the Roll of Licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Adam Parker, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary and a candidate and intern of Heartland Presbytery, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in

Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. He had presented to the committee his college diploma and seminary transcripts. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Parker preached from Matthew 28:18-20 on "What Is the Mission of the Church?" Mr. Parker stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Bebo Elkin prayed for Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker's call to serve as pastor at Pearl Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands (per BCO 20-1). He signed the book of obligation.

Mr. Parker's ordination and installation was approved for 6:00 PM, November 6, 2016 at Pearl Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TE Guy Waters, TE Robert Hays, TE Bruce Baugus, and TE Charlie Wingard, RE Rolan Westbrook, RE David Powe, RE David Crane, RE Donald Dennis, and RE Dennis Watts was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the renewal of the licensure of RE Bebo Elkin for four years per BCO 19-6.

Presbytery approved the request of Bethesda Presbyterian Church for Mr. Kyle Brent to serve as student supply for a period of one year (BCO 22-5,6).

Actions of the Committee Functioning as a Commission

It was reported that Credentials had granted permission for TE Michael Cannon to move onto the field at Providence Presbyterian Church prior to presbytery upon their approval of his transfer exam. Likewise, they granted permission for Mr. Adam Parker to move onto the field at Pearl Presbyterian Church prior to the meeting of presbytery upon approval of his ordination exam.

100.1020

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Presbytery approved TE Ryan Dean and Redeemer Presbyterian Church Session's request for dissolution of his call and his transfer to Covenant Presbytery upon their reception.

100.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

100.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Wayne Morrison was elected first nominee for moderator of the next stated meeting.

100.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Twin Lakes Conference Center. The scheduled overnight meeting as previously approved could not meet due to a schedule conflict at Twin Lakes.

100.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

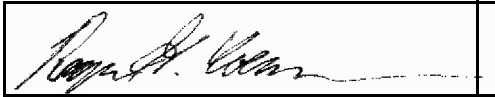
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator TE David Strain, TE Roger Collins, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

100.1025

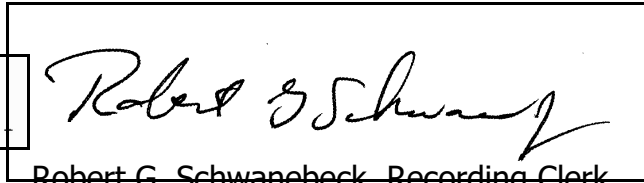
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM with prayer by Moderator TE David Strain.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 7, 2017**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

189.1001 *See footnote

CALL TO ORDER

TE David Strain called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

189.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie "Pete" Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven		Charles Dykes
Clinton, Providence	Michael Cannon	A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Troy Richards
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		Scott Cannada
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	Addison Hall
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Barry Vickery
	Andrew Triolo	Doyle Moorhead
	Ed Hartman	William Payne
	Bill Wymond	Bill Penn
	Wiley Lowry	Forrest "Bud" Bratley
	Billy Dempsey	Robert Mims

* Paragraph numbering has been revised to reflect our actual meeting number. The previous meeting paragraphs began with #100. This meeting begins with #189 which is the actual number of the meeting itself.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
	David Felker Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin
Jackson, Redeemer		A
Jackson, Trinity	Earl Adams	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Philip Palmertree Trey Owens	Hugh Potts Charlie Newman
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Watson Marsalis
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips Roy McDaniel	Glenn Peters
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	E
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea Chuck Frost	Matt Vines John Windham
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck Mason Kiple	E
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	SS Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer Lee Hutchings Devin Kahan	Billy Newman Hap Farber Mac McGehee
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Caleb Cangelosi	Tom Young Will Montgomery
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	Steve DeFreese Chuck Murphy
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton Jamie Peaster
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	Nick Purvis
Union, First		A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Phillip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongalo	Phillip McRae	Marion Jones
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Terry Warren
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	Terry Howard George Weaver
Yazoo City, First		James Sullivan

Church

Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Nick Bullock

Ruling Elder

Will Thompson

Rob Coker

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Ligon Duncan, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Guy Waters and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Heath Cross, Kelly Jackson, Billy Meenan, John Prabhakar and James Ritchey.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Nicholas Barnes, Scott Edburg, Brian Gault, Josh Johnson, Curt Moore and John Windham.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Ric Cannada, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stan Bean, Charles Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Sr., Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Charles Rodriquez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer and Paul Zetterholm.
- g. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Don Caviness, Gabe Fluhrer, Rick Holbert, Scott Huber, Steve Jussely, Ralph Kelley, Paul Long, Jr., Troy Milliken, Chris Shelton, Seth Starkey, John Wagner and Charles Wingard.
- h. The following members were absent without excuse:** Elbert McGowan, Tim Muse and Joseph Wheat.
- i. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 189.1002 (a) with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

189.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Wayne Morrison was elected moderator by acclamation.

189.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, pp. 12ff.**).

189.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 189.1002 (d.) above for a list of visitors who registered.

189.1006

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE David Strain and Mark Magee welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Conference Center.

189.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Wayne Morrison appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Don Malin, RE Watson Marsalis and TE David Irving.

189.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave his report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved. See 189.1002. a., f. and g.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 1, 2016 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 14**).
 - b. The report of the commission to ordain and install TE Michael Cannon as pastor at Providence Presbyterian Church was received (**Appendix C, p. 15**).
3. Communications
 - a. The request for the transfer of TE James Brignac to North Florida Presbytery was referred to Shepherding and Advisory (**Appendix D, p. 16**).
 - b. The call from the Edwards Presbyterian Church to Heath Cross was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix E, p. 17**).

- c. The response from Second Presbyterian Church to the exception of substance to their minutes was referred to the Administrative Committee **(Appendix F, p. 18)**.
- d. The response from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to the exception of substance to their minutes was referred to the Administrative Committee **(Appendix G, p. 19)**.
- e. The minutes of the Mission to the World Committee were received and presented to presbytery for their information **(Appendix H, p. 20)**.
- f. The Memorial Resolution for RE Sidney Atkinson Robinson, Jr. was received, approved and assigned to be read publicly during worship **(Appendix I, pp. 21ff.)**.
- g. The annual report of Teaching Elder Kaz Yaegashi was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix J, pp. 23ff.)**.

4. Election of Officers

The following men were reelected to serve as officers of the presbytery another three year term:

Stated Clerk:	TE Roger Collins
Recording Clerk:	TE Bob Schwanebeck
Treasurer:	RE Doyle Moorhead
Parliamentarian:	TE Guy Waters

- 5. The question of whether presbytery should continue meeting with an overnight meeting each February was brought up by the stated clerk after three years for a vote as originally planned. Presbytery voted to discontinue our overnight meetings.

Presbytery approved holding the August Stated Meeting each year on Saturday. The Administration Committee will recommend the needed amendment for the Standing Rules. Hence we will move our August Stated Meeting to Saturday, August 5, 2017.

189.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ryan Biese reported for the Administration Committee in the stead of Chairman TE Ralph Kelley beginning with prayer **(Appendix K, p. 25)**.

Presbytery approved the response of the Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City to the exception of substance to their minutes taken by presbytery at our last meeting **(Appendix F, p. 18)**.

Presbytery approved the response of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to an exception of substance to their minutes taken by presbytery at our November Stated Meeting **(Appendix G, p. 19)**.

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RE Doyle Moorhead gave the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix K, pp. 27ff.**). The revised budget for 2017 was approved (**p. 33**).

An updated "Guidelines for Ministerial Call Packages" was presented and is available on our website.

189.1010 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix M, p. 38**).

Presbytery approved a projected amount of \$350,000 to plant a new church in Monroe, LA. Such funds would be forthcoming from PMV churches and/or designated funds from outside sources. All such funds would be under the direct oversight of PMV through the MNA committee.

Presbytery approved entering into a relationship with the Mid-South Church Planting Network for the purpose of assisting the MNA committee in planting a church in Monroe, LA.

TE Mabbott introduced TE Curt Moore who talked about Disaster Relief and the needs of Hattiesburg and Petal Mississippi.

RE Will Thompson read a thank you note from Karen Stewart for the recognition the presbytery gave her at the November 2016 meeting and for the presbytery's continued support for Bethany Christian Services.

189.1011 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix N, p. 39**).

TE Owens introduced Chase Maxey from Biblical Counseling and Training Ministries who gave a presentation on the importance of Biblical Counseling for the shepherding ministry of the church. The partial report was suspended for the Season of Prayer that was scheduled on the docket.

189.1012 SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

189.1013 RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

189.1014

WORSHIP

Past moderator TE David Strain led the presbytery in worship. The memorial for RE Sidney Robinson, Jr. was read. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Strain preached from Ezekiel 37:1-14, "Can These Dry Bones Live?." TE David Irving and TE David Strain led the presbytery in observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of the Doxology and prayer.

189.1015

MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. Announcements and directions for lunch arrangements were given.

189.1016

LUNCH AND THANKS

The Thanks Committee presented the following report to the staff of Twin Lakes:

We would like to give thanks to our great God – who gives us all things to enjoy. Thanks to First Presbyterian Church for their hospitality in the use of Twin Lakes; thanks to the staff who makes our time here enjoyable, taking care of the needs of Presbytery—for refreshments, for lunch! Thank you!

TE Don Malin, RE Watson Marsalis and TE David Irving

189.1017

CREDENTIALS

After lunch, Moderator RE Wayne Morrison reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

TE Phillip Palmertree gave the report of the Credentials Committee in the stead of Chairman TE Bruce Baugus who has been in China (**Appendix O, pp. 40ff.**). The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 43**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Heath Cross, Kelly Jackson, Billy Meenan, and James Ritchey gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. Nick Barnes was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Barnes is a member of Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a 2016 graduate of RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His

examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Wayne Morrison. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Barnes was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Delhi Presbyterian Church with TE Chris Wright as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Scott Edburg was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Edburg is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Wayne Morrison. The Moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Barnes was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City with TE Charlie Wingard as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Joshua Johnson was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Johnson is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Wayne Morrison. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Barnes was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland with TE Lee Hutchings as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. John Prabhakar was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Prabhakar had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Prabhakar

declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards, stating the following differences in writing in his own words:

1. The Westminster Confession of Faith, 7-4: I believe that (Greek) is better translated as a covenant rather than a testament. A testament, meaning will, seems to be void of stipulations, rewards when the stipulations are fully satisfied, and sanctions when they are not. These are commonly associated with covenant. Hence, I think the theology of the confession is better reflected in the usage of the language of 'covenant' rather than 'testament'.
2. Westminster Larger Catechism 112: In the closing of the canon, I am not certain if the casting of lots is any longer a valid means by which God makes Himself or His will known. Hence, Christians are to be discouraged to seek God's will through the casting of lots in the name of the Triune God. They are rather to be encouraged to seek His will by meditating upon His Word, fasting, and praying, all the while earnestly seeking the Spirit of Wisdom and revelation in our knowledge of Him as we follow Christ.

Per BCO 16-3.d.5.b. the presbytery judged Mr. Prabhakar's differences to be semantic. He preached a sermon on Galatians 5:16-26 on "Union with Christ." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Prabhakar was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative.

Moderator RE Wayne Morrison offered prayer for him, and made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Prabhakar's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Heath Cross appeared before the presbytery for an ordination examination. Mr. Cross was not an intern of the presbytery but the presbytery credited previous experience to satisfy the internship requirements (per BCO 19-16.) That motion passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the presbytery.

Mr. Heath Cross, a 2016 graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. He had presented to the committee his college diploma and seminary transcripts. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Cross preached from Ecclesiastes 9-14 on "The Word as a Goad and a Nail."

Mr. Cross stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Chris Wright prayed for Mr. Cross. Mr. Cross's call to serve as pastor at the Edwards Presbyterian Church was approved per BCO 20-1 even though it does not meet presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery placed it in his hands. He signed the book of obligation.

Mr. Cross's ordination and installation was set for 5:00 PM, February 12, 2017 at the Edwards Presbyterian Church in Edwards. A commission including Convener TE Ed Hartman, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Guy Waters, RE Al Cannada, RE Russell Cannada, RE Scott Cannada, RE Dave Harpole,

PCA Foundation

PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.
Ridge Haven

Deacon Doug McDaniel
TE Ryan Biese, TE Perry McCall

The Nominations Committee was established as a commission to complete the unfilled slots and report to our May stated meeting.

TE Roy McDaniel and RE John Lewis Smith were elected to be Floor Clerks at the General Assembly.

TE Kevin Simpson resigned from the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Presbytery approved moving the RE Alternate Todd Barrett into his position.

189.1020

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. Presbytery affirmed the action of the committee acting as a commission to transfer TE James Brignac to North Florida Presbytery.

189.1021

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

TE Don Malin gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix R, p. 47**).

Presbytery was informed that the committee plans to reimburse TE Scott Huber \$500 when he travels to Germany to assist during the absence of a minister serving at a military base church. He is planning, upon return, to report to the committee about such base church plants.

189.1022

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Chairman TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records Subcommittee.

Minutes approved without exception: Brandon Presbyterian Church; Carthage Presbyterian Church; Edwards Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni; First Presbyterian Church, Jackson; First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko; First Presbyterian Church, Louisville; First Presbyterian Church, Winona; Forest Presbyterian Church.

Minutes approved with exceptions of form: First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City; Madison Heights Church (2015); Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance: Carolina Presbyterian Church: No Session meeting was held during the 4th quarter of the year. Lakeland Presbyterian Church (2015): There was less than a 30 day notice given for officer elections.

189.1023

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Ligon Duncan reported on the work of the Campus Ministry Committee and the work of Reformed University Ministries in the Mid South Region.

189.1024

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Robert Hays was elected first nominee for moderator of the May 2, 2017 Stated Meeting.

RE Kelly Menogan of Redeemer Church was elected as first nominee for moderator of the August 6, 2017 State Meeting.

189.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Belhaven University.

189.1026

READING OF THE MINUTES

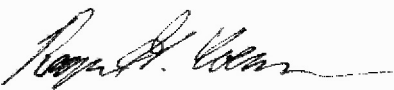
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Wayne Morrison, TE Roger Collins, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

189.1027

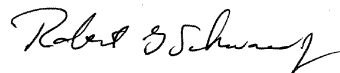
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM with prayer by the moderator.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 2, 2017**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Belhaven University, Jackson, Mississippi**

190.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Wayne Morrison called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

190.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence		Brian Gault
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	Don Cheek
		Nicholas Barnes
		Walter Huffman
		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Bethesda		A
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	William Payne
	Gabe Fluhrer	Robert Mims
	Ed Hartman	Wayne Husband

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	Ralph Kelley	William K. Harper
	Wiley Lowry	Barry Vickery
	Andrew Triolo	Bill Penn
	Brister Ware	
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Paul Long, Jr.	Dennis Watts
	Earl Adams	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	Bill Lacey
		A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		Watson Marsalis
Learned, Lebanon		
Lexington, First	Scott Huber	A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	A
	Roy McDaniel	A
		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	E
	Mason Kiple	
		A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	A
Philadelphia, First	Don Caviness	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
	Lee Hutchings	
	Devin Kahan	
	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes
		Steve Morris
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	Mark Jonker
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
		Will Thompson
		Nick Purvis
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	James Hunger
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bruce Baugus, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, John Reeves, Guy Waters and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Martin Antoon, Kyle Brent, Cory Brock, John Prabhakar and Chris Rehers.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Joe Bynum, Italo Furieri, David Groendyk, Arklie Hooten, Gary Sinclair, Stephen Speaks and John Windham.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Hunter Brewer, Ric Cannada, Caleb Cangelosi, Ligon Duncan, Chuck Frost, Wayne Herring, Perry McCall, Brad Mercer, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Guy Richardson, Mark Smith, Seth Starkey and John Wagner.
- g. Ruling elders representing churches who requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 190.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Sr., Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Doug McCullough and Paul Nasekos.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Cannon, Ken Elliott, Rick Holbert, and Bill Wymond.

190.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Robert Hays was elected moderator by acclamation.

190.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

190.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 190.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

190.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Dr. Roger Parrot, President of Belhaven University, welcomed presbytery to Belhaven and to the newly completed Dr. Billy Kim International Center.

190.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Robert Hays appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE David Irving, RE Adam Parker, and RE Will Thompson.

190.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

- Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See 190.1002. a. f. and j.
- Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install TE Heath Cross as pastor at Edwards Presbyterian Church were received and adopted as the action of presbytery (**Appendix B, p. 13**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved. Presbytery approved this as its own action (**Appendix C, p. 14**).
- 3. Communications
 - a. The call from the Trinity Presbyterian Church to TE Stephen Speaks was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix D, p. 15**).
 - b. An update on the ministry of TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, pp. 16ff.**).
 - c. A letter from the Honorable Dawn H. Beam, Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi, about opportunities for churches to help protect children and their families was received as

information (**Appendix F, pp. 22ff.**).

- d. The response of the Lakeland Presbyterian Church to the exception of substance in their minutes was referred to the Administration Committee (**Appendix G, p. 25**).
- e. The request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationships between TE Andrew Triolo and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix H, p. 26**) and between TE Roy McDaniel and First Presbyterian Church, Louisville (**Appendix I, p. 28**) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

190.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix J, pp. Jff.**).

Upon review of the proposed change to our Standing Rules regarding presbytery meeting on Saturdays for our August meeting as approved at our February 7, 2017 Stated Meeting (**189.1008**), the Administration Committee recommended that presbytery meet the first Saturday in August for 2017 and 2018. Afterwards attendance patterns will be evaluated and discussions held on the merit of meeting on Saturday in the future.

Presbytery approved the explanation from the Lakeland Presbyterian Church to an exception of substance to their minutes as outlined in the attached letter (**Appendix G, p. 25**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead began his financial report (**pp. 31ff.**). It was completed later in the day (**see 190.1021**).

190.1010

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix K, p. 37**).

The committee showed a 3-minute film clip on "Honoring the Code" which addresses problems faced by soldiers returning home after serving in combat areas which the committee recommends to be shown in churches desiring to minister to veterans.

TE Scott Huber gave a report on his recent visit to Vilsek, Germany where he sought to encourage the local Mission to the Military pastor and taught for TE Doug Hudson.

After resolving technical difficulties, presbytery received a video call from Chaplain Captain USAF TE Joseph Wright who is serving in England. He addressed presbytery together with his wife Summer of his work serving the needs of the soldiers there. Questions from presbytery were answered. The report was concluded with prayer by TE Don Malin for TE Wright and his family.

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190.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix L, p. 38**).

PCA Disaster Relief Director Arkley Hooten gave a report of the work of PCA Disaster Response Ministries in Mississippi and nationally, thanking presbytery for our involvement and encouraging churches to become involved.

190.1012

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call between TE Andrew Triolo and the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix H, p. 26**). TE Triolo to remain on the roll without call.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call between TE Roy McDaniel and the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, effective July 31, 2017 (**Appendix I, p. 28**). TE McDaniel will remain on the roll without call as he pursues a graduate degree at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

190.1013

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

190.1014

WORSHIP

Presbytery was led in worship by TE Nick Bullock for Past Moderator RE Wayne Morrison. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Bullock preached from John 21:15-19 on "Love for Christ and the Work of Ministry." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

190.1015

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. Instructions for lunch were provided by the host.

190.1016

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE David Irving, TE Adam Parker, and RE Will Thompson

presented the following report:

Whereas The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was graciously welcomed by Belhaven University for its May Stated Meeting;

And, whereas Belhaven University provided excellent meeting space in her newly constructed Dr. Billy Kim International Center;

And, whereas Belhaven University has educated numerous Presbyterian elders, deacons, and church members engaged in faithful service throughout our presbytery;

And, whereas Belhaven University is home to a thriving Reformed University Fellowship led by our own Rev. Seth Starkey;

Therefore be it resolved that The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley thank Belhaven University and her staff for hosting our meeting and receiving us with Christian friendship and hospitality.

190.1017

AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator TE Robert Hays asked TE Ralph Kelley to reconvene presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

190.1018

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 39ff.**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 42**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Martin Antoon, Cory Brock, John Prabhakar, and Chris Rehers gave oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. John Windham was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Windham is a member of Madison Heights Church, and submitted the required endorsement from their Session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Robert Hays. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Chris Wright prayed. Mr. Windham was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Gary Sinclair was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Sinclair is a member of First

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Presbyterian Church, Jackson and a former minister in the Uniting Presbyterian Church of Southern Africa (divested from office without censure in 2013). He submitted the required endorsement from the session of First Presbyterian Church (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Robert Hays. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Chris Wright prayed. Mr. Sinclair was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Joe Bynum was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Bynam is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Robert Hays. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Chris Wright prayed. Mr. Bynum was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE David Strain as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. David Groendyk was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Groendyk is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Robert Hays. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Chris Wright prayed. Mr. Groendyk was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Wiley Lowry as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Stephen Speaks is a PCA minister in good standing within Calvary Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Calvary Presbytery. Presbytery examined TE Speaks in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Speaks declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Scott Reiber.

Mr. Speaks' installation was set for 6:00 PM, June 25, 2017 at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Jackson. A commission including Convener TE Caleb Cangelosi, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Paul Long, TE Earl Adams, TE Seth Starkey, RE Will Murray, RE John Henry, RE David Collip, RE John Williams, RE Martin McGee, RE Ben McLain, RE Patrick McDowell, RE James Logan, RE Dennis Watts, RE Robert Jones (all of Trinity) and RE Bryant Taylor from Redeemer Presbyterian Church was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Gary Sinclair was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Sinclair had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Sinclair declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

He preached a sermon from Isaiah 46:1-4. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Sinclair was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Jonathan McGuire offered prayer for him, and the moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Sinclair's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. John Windham was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Windham had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Windham declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

He preached a sermon from Psalm 126. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Windham was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Jonathan McGuire offered prayer for him, and the moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Windham's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the call to TE Stephen Speaks from Trinity Presbyterian Church (per BCO 20-1) (**Appendix D, p. 15**). The call meets presbytery's guidelines.

Presbytery removed Addison Canevaro and Jemar Tisby from the roll of candidates and interns at their request per BCO 18-7. Mr. Canevaro is no longer convinced of an internal sense of call to the gospel ministry and was recently elected to serve as a deacon at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Mr. Tisby is now living in Helena, Arkansas; has entered a doctoral program at the University of Mississippi; and is unable to pursue ordination at this time or for the foreseeable future.

Presbytery approved the internships of Kelly Jackson, Luke Bert, and Jason Wegener as complete

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per BCO 19-13.

Presbytery approved the previous ministry experience, including remedial work assigned by the committee, of John Windham as previous work equivalent to internship per BCO 19-16. Mr. Windham has met the requirements of: (a) at least one (1) year of experience in comparable ministry; (b) satisfactory performance of the full scope of ministerial duties; and (c) the manifest approbation of God's people in Madison Heights Church as having the requisite gifts for the pastoral ministry. Presbytery approved this motion by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

Presbytery approved TE Gabe Fluhrer as the new mentor for Anthony Forrest.

Presbytery approved TE Elbert McGowan as the new mentor for Zack Owens.

A personal motion was made to suspend the Standing Rules to allow TE Bruce Baugus to serve another term on the Credentials Committee even though he has served two previous terms. He began his assignment as a Ruling Elder and has since been ordained as a Teaching Elder.

190.1019

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Nominations Committee's work acting as a commission to appoint men for General Assembly's Committees of Commissioners (**Appendix N, p. 43**):

Administration	TE Guy Waters
Discipleship Ministries	TE David Irving
Interchurch Relations Committee	TE Caleb Cangelosi
Mission to North America	TE Ralph Kelley
Covenant Theological Seminary	TE Roger Collins
PCA Foundation	TE Chris Wright
Mission to the World	RE Kevin Russell
Reformed University Ministries	RE Paul Hurst
Covenant College	RE David Elkin
PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.	RE Bill Moore
Ridge Haven	RE Mark Windham
Overtures	RE Will Thompson, TE David Strain

With regard to presbytery committees, the committee recommended and presbytery approved TE Adam Parker to replace TE Eric Mabbott on the Mission to the World Committee. TE Rick Holbert was moved from the alternate slot to replace TE Roy McDaniel on the Mission to North America Committee. TE Jonathan McGuire was elected to replace TE Rick Holbert as the alternate.

190.1020

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix O, p. 44**).

Candidate John Prabhakar gave a report on his desire to serve as a missionary to his own country of India.

In the light of the Mission to the World Committee's desire to plan for the transition of support from TE Kaz Yeagashi to other worthy mission opportunities, TE John Reeves gave the presbytery a survey of the history of our relationship with TE Kaz Yaegashi who has been church planting in Japan as a minister of our presbytery.

190.1021

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead completed his presentation of the Treasurer's Report (**Appendix J, pp. 31ff.**).

Subcommittee Chairman TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records (**Appendix P, pp. 49ff.**).

Minutes approved without exception:

First Presbyterian Church, Louisville; First Presbyterian Church, Union; Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned; and Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood.

Minutes approved with exceptions of form:

John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA; Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA.

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance:

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington: Lack of proper notice for a congregational meeting.

First Presbyterian Church, Madison: No record or notice of a congregational meeting to elect deacons; and no record of the ordination and installation of deacons.

First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia: No record of a Session meeting in the fourth quarter; and due to the Clerk of Session's death some of the minutes were not signed.

190.1022

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

190.1023

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

Previously nominated RE Kelly Menogan withdrew his name for moderator for our August 5th Stated

**STATED MEETING
August 5, 2017**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi**

191.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Robert Hays called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

191.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	SS Charlie Rodriguez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Richard Cobb
	Jonathan McGuire	
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Charles Dykes
		Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence		John Spears
		Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	O. B. Triplett
		Mark Henderson
Jackson, First	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	Bebo Elkin
	Gabe Fluhrer	Bill Penn
	Ralph Kelley	Joel Payne

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, Trinity

Wiley Lowry
Bill Wymond

Stephen Speaks
Earl Adams
Paul Long, Jr.

Bud Bratley
Don Cannada
Al Arnold
John Williams
Dennis Watts

Kosciusko, First
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Trey Owens

Scott Huber
Scott Phillips

E
A
Sam Robison
A
Charley McCool
Mike Triplett

Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Robert Lane
Randy Rhea
Chuck Frost
Bob Schwanebeck
SS Charlie Douglas
Adam Parker

A
A
Bill McNeese
Matt Vines

Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

SS Kenneth Elliott
David Irving
Joseph Wheat
Brad Mercer
Lee Hutchings

A
Doug Whittle
David Crane
David Poe

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

Devin Kahan
Carl Kalberkamp
Caleb Congelosi

A
A
A
Paul Adams

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Mark Spellman

A
Rod Russ
Neil Barnes
Robert Austin
Tom Young

Ruston, John Knox
Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula
Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo
Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First

Philip McRae
Philip McRae
Scott Reiber
Ryan Biese

E
A
Sam Hutton
Nick Purvis

Marion Jones

Mark Monroe
A

Church

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Nick Bullock

Ruling Elder

A
Will Thompson
Rob Coker

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Ric Cannada, Grover Gunn, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Seth Starkey and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Nicholas Barnes, Luke Bert, Cyril Chavis, Bentley Crawford, Brian Gault, Craig Jones, Haruaki Odate, Chris Rehers and Jason Wegener.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Sebastian Bjernegard, Brice Davis, Johan Kim, Jesse McCallister, Karl McCallister, Carolyn McRae, Mary Gunn, Matt Miller, John Yelverton and Leo Yen.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Bassam Chedid, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Dawson, John Duke, Ed Hartman, Mason Kiple, Roy McDaniel, Elbert McGowan, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Philip Palmertree, David Strain, Andrew Triolo, John Wagner, Guy Waters, Bruce Willson and Charles Wingard.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in **191.1002** with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Sr., Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Ralph Kelley, David Irving and Bill Wymond.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Cannon, Don Caviness, Ligon Duncan, Jeff Jordan, Steve Jussely, Perry McCall, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelton and Brister Ware.

191.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Will Thompson was elected moderator by acclamation.

191.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, pp. 14ff.**).

191.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **191.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

191.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

RE Harold Miller welcomed presbytery to Providence Presbyterian Church.

191.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Will Thompson appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Wiley Lowry, RE Sam Hutton and TE Nick Bullock.

Moderator RE Thompson also appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator TE Robert Hays, RE Rob Coker and RE Al Arnold. Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins was appointed to serve as an ex officio member.

191.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave his report as follows:

1. Due to the heavy docket and potential items that would require discussion, it was approved by 2/3 vote to limit a speaker's time to five minutes with an unlimited number of times to speak to an issue.
2. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See **191.1002. a. f. and j.**
3. Commission Reports:

- a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 5, 2017 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 16**).
 - b. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install TE Stephen Speaks as pastor at Trinity Presbyterian Church were received (**Appendix C, p. 17**).
4. Communications:
- a. A response from the First Presbyterian Church, Madison was received and referred to the Review of Presbytery Records Committee (**Appendix D, pp. 18ff.**).
 - b. A communication from TE John and Lois Kyle regarding the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary was received as information (**Appendix E, p. 21**). A prayer of thanksgiving was offered for the Kyles.
 - c. The call from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to Cory Brock (**Appendix F, p. 22**), the call from Madison Heights Church to John Windham (**p. 24**), and the call from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to John Prabhakar (**p. 25**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
 - d. The requests for transfer from TE Grover Gunn (**Appendix G, p. 26**) and TE John Wagner (**p. 27**) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - e. The request from the Newton Presbyterian Church for the extension of the stated supply relationship with TE Charles Douglas was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix H, p. 28**).
 - f. Requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationships between TE Scott Huber and the Lexington Presbyterian Church (**Appendix I, pp. 29, 30ff.**) and between TE Michael Cannon and Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton (**pp. 31ff.**) from each teaching elder and their respective congregations were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - g. A judicial appeal was received from Mrs. Katie Almy regarding disciplinary actions of the session of the Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton (**Appendix J, p. 33**). While the barest aspects of the appeal are here attached, the stated clerk indicated that the full appeal had been received within the 30 days time frame of BCO 42-4. The Shepherding and Advisory Committee was appointed as a Judicial Commission to deal with all matters related to the Judicial Appeal from Mrs. Katie Almy verses the Pinehaven Presbyterian Church with the addition of TE Guy Waters and the exclusion of RE Charles Dykes who is an elder at Pinehaven and a member of Shepherding and Advisory.
 - h. The annual reports that had been received were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix K, pp. 35ff.**). Chaplain reports were received from TE Troy Milliken, TE Leonard Siems and TE Joseph Wright (**pp. 34ff.**). Miscellaneous reports were

received from TE Wayne Herring, TE Mark Lowrey, Rick Holbert, Fred Marsh and Larry Wissell **(pp. 37ff.)**. Out of Bound reports were received from TE Bruce Baugus, TE Hunter Brewer, TE Ric Cannada, TE Bassam Chedid, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Wayne Herring, TE Michael McKelvey, TE Paul Nasekos, TE Guy Richardson, TE James Steward, TE Yakub Susabda, TE John Wagner, TE Charles Wingard and TE Guy Waters **(pp. 42ff.)**. Mission reports were received from TE Trey Adams, TE Nate Bonham, TE Aaron Halbert, TE Gary Johnson, TE Clay Quarterman and TE Kaz Yaegashi **(pp. 62ff.)**. Without call reports were received from TE Ken Elliott, TE Grover Gunn, TE Don Malin and TE Tim Muse **(pp. 74ff.)**. Honorably retired reports were received from TE Robert Hays, TE John Kyle and TE Bob Penny **(pp. 78ff.)**.

- i. Information about the 45th General Assembly from Stated Clerk Dr. Roy Taylor was received as information **(Appendix L, pp. 82ff.)**.
- j. BCO Amendment of 25-3 passed: 77 for, 6 against, and 0 abstentions **(Appendix M, pp. 83ff.)**.
- k. The amendments to the Operating Manual of the Standing Judicial Commission adopted by the 45th General Assembly were received as information **(Appendix N, pp. 84ff.)**.
- l. The amendments to the Rules of Assembly Operation adopted by the 45th General Assembly were received as information **(Appendix O, pp. 88ff.)**.
- m. The Overture offered by TE Bobby Penny was referred to the Overtures Committee that had been appointed earlier in the day **(Appendix P, pp. 92ff.)**.

191.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix Q, pp. 93ff)**.

A motion to appoint the Administration Committee as a commission to deal with some exceptions of substance in the minutes of the Madison Heights Church from the past 10 years failed by a voice vote.

A substitute motion was offered by TE Chuck Frost from the Madison Heights Church but the substitute was defeated by a vote of 50-18.

A substitute motion that the moderator appoint a special committee to deal with this matter of the minutes of Madison Heights Church was defeated by a voice vote.

The matter of the minutes of Madison Heights Church will continue to be handled in regular order by the Administration Committee.

RE Doyle Moorhead gave the Treasurer's Report **(pp. 94ff.)**.

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It was approved that the askings from Presbytery for 2018 be \$27.00 per communing member.

The partial report was received pending completion later in the day.

191.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

TE Ric Cannada gave a report on his ministry in Indonesia.

TE Don Malin, chairman of the Mission to the Military Committee, moved that the annual reports of Chaplains in the presbytery be approved for TE Troy Milliken, TE Lenny Siems, TE Joseph Wright. He offered prayer for the military chaplains, for those in the military, and for our country.

The following Annual Ministerial Reports were received and approved **(Appendix K, pp. 35ff.)**:

Miscellaneous: TE Wayne Herring, TE Rick Holbert, TE Mark Lowery, TE Fred Marsh, TE Larry Wissell **(pp. 37ff.)**.

Missions: TE Nathan Bonham, TE Gary Johnson, TE Clay Quarterman, TE Kaz Yaegashi **(pp. 62ff.)**.

Out of Bounds: TE Bruce Baugus, TE Hunter Brewer, TE Ric Cannada, TE Bassam Chedid, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Wayne Herring, TE Michael McKelvey, TE Paul Nasekos, TE Guy Richardson, TE James Steward, TE Yakub Susabda, TE John Wagner, TE Charles Wingard and TE Guy Waters **(pp. 42ff.)**.

Without Call: TE Ken Elliott, TE Grover Gunn, TE Don Malin, TE Tim Muse **(pp. 74ff.)**.

Honorably Retired: TE Robert Hays, TE John Kyle and TE Bob Penny **(pp. 78ff.)**.

Presbytery approved the transfer of TE Grover Gunn to Grace Presbytery and TE John Wagner to Houston Metro Presbytery pending notification of reception **(Appendix G, p. 26 & 27)**.

Presbytery approved the continuation of the stated supply relationship between TE Charles Douglas and the Newton Presbyterian Church for another year effective October 1, 2017 **(Appendix H, p. 28)**.

Presbytery approved the continued service of Teaching Elders as requested for men serving out of bounds and continued the powers of an Evangelist for TE Ric Cannada for another year (BCO 8-6).

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationships between TE Scott Huber and the Lexington Presbyterian Church **(Appendix I, p. 29,30)** and TE Michael Cannon and Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton **(p. 31)**. TE Huber and TE Cannon will remain on the roll of presbytery without call. TE Huber reported that he will serve as an interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church (EPC) in Hillsdale, Michigan. TE Cannon informed the chairman that he plans to continue his chaplain work in the military while returning to South Carolina.

191.1011

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

191.1012

WORSHIP

TE Robert Hays led the presbytery in worship. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Hays preached from Numbers 20:1-13 on the necessity of doing what God says, giving particular attention to the keeping of ordination vows. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed and the whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

191.1013

MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting.

It was approved unanimously to suspend the Standing Rules and delay the start of the report of the Credentials Committee for ten minutes to hear a partial report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee which will be the address from RE Al Arnold on racial reconciliation.

191.1014

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

During lunch, TE Bruce Baugus spoke to presbytery on ministry in a sexually deviant culture on behalf of the SCOTUS Committee.

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Wiley Lowry, TE Nick Bullock, and RE Sam Hutton, presented the following report:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever. We give thanks to God for his goodness in gathering us today as the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. We thank him for the ministry of Providence Presbyterian Church across the street and around the world. We thank God for the hospitality and generosity which the members of Providence have extended to us and for providing us this lunch meal. We thank the women of the church for their service and kindness to us, and we commit to pray that God would provide continued blessing on Providence, especially in leading them to their next pastor.

After lunch RE Sam Hutton reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

191.1015

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix S, p. 102**).

RE Al Arnold addressed the presbytery. He spoke of his own story of coming to know Christ. Specifically, he told of the great joy that was his in learning of the Doctrines of Grace as a black American. He encouraged presbytery to make the glorious message of God's sovereign grace known to everyone.

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CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix T, pp. 103ff.**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 108**). Written internship reports are online at <http://www.msvalley.org/credentials>

Candidacy and Internship

Luke Bert, Bentley Crawford, Craig Jones, Haruaki Odate, and Jason Wegener gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. Sebastian Bjernegard was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Bjernegard is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their Session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Karl McCallister, who is a TE and the father of Jesse McCallister (see below). The Moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then RE Will Thompson prayed. Mr. Bjernegard was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. John Yelverton was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Yelverton is a member of Shangalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Karl McCallister. The moderator read the pronouncement from CO 19-10 and then RE Will Thompson prayed. Mr. Yelverton was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Johan Kim was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Kim is a member of Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a 2017 graduate of RTS. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was

briefly charged by TE Karl McCallister. Moderator RE Will Thompson read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Kim was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood where he will inter with TE Steve Jussley as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jesse McCallister was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. McCallister is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by his father TE Karl McCallister, a member of Palmetto Presbytery. Moderator RE Will Thompson read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then led in prayer. Mr. McCallister was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan E at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Stephen Speaks as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Leo Yen was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Yen is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a 2015 graduate of RTS. He was examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Karl McCallister. The Moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then an appropriate prayer was offered on his behalf. Mr. Yen was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson where he will intern with TE Ed Hartman as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Nick Barnes was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Barnes had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and

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government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Barnes declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following exception: re WCF 21.8; WLC 117,119; WSC 60-61, here stated in his own words: "I take issue with the Sabbath/Lord's Day of the Westminster Standards, as I believe you can have lawful recreation on the Sabbath, the rest of the position on the Lord's Day I am in agreement with." Mr. Barnes' exception was judged to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine, per RAO 16-3.5.c and BCO 21-4.f.

He preached a sermon from Romans 8:31-39 on The Assurance of the Believer. These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Barnes was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. RE Will Thompson offered prayer for him, and the Moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Barnes name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. John Prabhakar, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate, intern, and licentiate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Presbytery approved the internship of John Prabhakar as complete per BCO 19-13.

Mr. Prabhakar stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Will Thompson prayed for Mr. Prabhakar.

Mr. Prabhakar's call (**p. 25**) from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as a MTW missionary to India (per BCO 20-1) meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Prabhakar's ordination service was set for 6:00 PM, August 6, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. A commission including Convener TE Guy Waters, Convener, TE David Strain, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Ed Hartman, RE Daniel Story, RE Wayne Husband, RE Steve Edwards, RE Noel Toler, RE Dale Nutt, RE Leon Hemphill, and RE Charlie Dykes. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Cory Brock, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of this presbytery who has completed his internship, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Brock stated he had no differences with our confessional standards except the following stated difference: I affirm that God created in the space of six days and that Genesis 1 is simultaneously historical and poetic. I do not think making statements about time measurements is allowed exegetically, however, since the way to measure the length of a day did not exist until the fourth day. My own view most closely aligns with the Framework view.”

Mr. Brock’s stated difference was judged to be more than semantic, but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine, per ROA 16-3.e.5.c and 21-4 and that Mr. Brock be requested not to teach, preach, or otherwise inculcate this view as a TE of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

Mr. Brock preached sermon from II Samuel 9:1-13 on “David and Mephibosheth.” His sermon was approved.

Mr. Brock’s examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Will Thompson prayed for Mr. Brock.

Mr. Brock’s call from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to labor out of bounds as pastor at St. Columbia’s Free Church of Scotland in Edinburgh (per BCO 20-1) meets presbytery’s salary guidelines (**p. 22**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Brock’s ordination service was set to take place immediately following the report of the Credential’s Committee today.

Mr. John Windham, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate, intern, and licentiate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Windham stated he had no differences with our confessional standards. His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Will Thompson prayed for Mr. Windham.

Mr. Windham’s call from Madison Heights Church to serve as Assistant Pastor meets presbytery’s salary guidelines (**p. 24**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Windham’s ordination service was set for Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 9:30 AM at Madison Heights Church. A commission including Convener TE Randy Rhea, TE Chuck Frost, and TE Devin Kahan, RE Matt Vines, RE Daniel Rowland, and RE John Perritt. TE Seth Duhs, a member of Grace Presbytery, was invited as a guest on the commission. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

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ORDINATION SERVICE

Presbytery entered into a worship service for the ordination of Cory Brock. RE Will Thompson presided. TE Billy Dempsey preached a sermon from Luke 7:36-48.

RE Will Thompson explained the significance of ordination to the office of elder. He then asked Mr. Brock the questions for ordination found in BCO 21-5 and the presbytery the questions to the church found in BCO 21-6.

Mr. Brock was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel ministry by the laying on of hands of the presbytery with prayer led by RE Will Thompson. Presbytery extended to Mr. Brock the right hand of fellowship. RE Will Thompson made the pronouncement of ordination to Mr. Brock.

TE Bruce Baugus gave a charge to Mr. Brock and offered prayer for him.

TE Brock pronounced the Benediction to conclude the service.

191.1018

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records subcommittee.

The response of First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS to the exception to their minutes was approved (**Appendix D, p. 18**).

Minutes approved without exception: Raymond Presbyterian Church, Northpointe Presbyter Church, Providence Presbyterian Church and Bailey Presbyterian Church.

Minutes approved with exceptions of form: Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and Highlands Presbyterian Church.

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance:

Pearl Presbyterian Church: non-members of Session are making and/or seconding motions.

Pinehaven Presbyterian Church: Failure to attach minutes of congregational meeting.

Newton Presbyterian Church: New members were not asked the constitutional questions of BCO 57-5.

It was noted that the minutes of the following churches are overdue: Pickens, Pleasant Springs, and Redeemer.

191.1019

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix V, p. 112**). No presbytery action was taken.

191.1020

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris of the Mission to the World Committee submitted a written report that detailed recent actions taken by the committee (**Appendix U, pp. 109ff.**). No oral report was given.

191.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The report of the Overtures Committee regarding the proposed overture from TE Robert Penny (**Appendix P, p. 92**) was postponed until our November Stated Meeting.

191.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Gabe Fluhrer was elected as the First Nominee so serve as moderator for the November Stated Meeting.

191.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center.

191.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

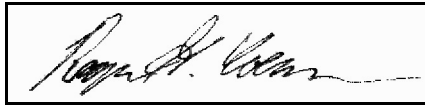
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Will Thompson, TE Roger Collins, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

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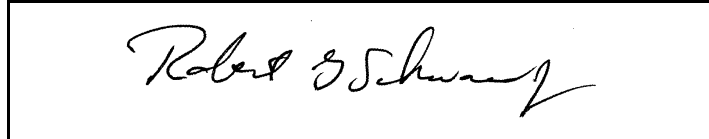
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM with prayer by RE Rod Russ.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 7, 2017**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, MS**

192.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Past Moderator RE Will Thompson called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

192.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Bob Lewis Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
Forest, Forest	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	Bebo Elkin
	Ed Hartman	Barry Vickery
	Ralph Kelley	Joel Payne
	Wiley Lowry	Noel Toler
	Bill Wymond	Bill Stone
		Bill Payne

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, Trinity

Elbert McGowan
Stephen Speaks
Earl Adams
Paul Long, Jr.

Robert Mims
Wayne Husband
A
Martin McGee
Dennis Watts

Kosciusko, First

Trey Owens

Hugh Potts
Billy Lacey

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Scott Phillips

A
Watson Marsalis
Wayne Rhea
Sam Suttle
Will Hill

Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights

Perry McCall

A
A
A
Matt Vines

Meridian, Northpointe

Randy Rhea
John Windham
Bob Schwanebeck
Mason Kiple

A

Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl

Adam Parker

A
A

Philadelphia, First
Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh

A
A
A

Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands

David Irving
Joseph Wheat
Brad Mercer
Lee Hutchings

Paul Adams
Carroll Dew
Kevin Russell
Kent Meadow
Hap Farber

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Carl Kalberkamp
Caleb Cangelosi
Bruce Willson

Tom Young
Ken Hughes
Steve DeFreese

Ruston, John Knox
Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula

A
Will Thompson

Terry, Wynndale
Union, First

Mark Spellman
Chris Shelton

Nick Purvis
A

Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo

Philip McRae
Philip McRae

Ken McDougal
Bob McEachern

Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First

Scott Reiber
Ryan Biese

A
A

Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Charles Wingard
Nick Bullock

A
Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Bill Hughes, Gary Johnson, Jeff Jordan, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Prabhakar, Clay Quarterman, Seth Starkey, Guy Waters and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Nick Barnes, Kyle Brent, Sebastian Bjernegard, Cyril Chavis, Anthony Forrest, Brian Gault, David Groendyk, Haruaki Odate and Zack Owens.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Craig Brown, Jeremy Lueck, Les Newsom, Shelli Robison, Allen Stanton and Jonathan Yelverton.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Ric Cannada, Bassam Chedid, Cory Brock, Aaron Halbert, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** John Duke, Ligon Duncan, Chuck Frost, Scott Huber, Devin Kahan, Robert Lane, Jonathan McGuire, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Phillip Palmertree, Guy Richardson, David Strain and Andrew Triolo.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 192.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Paul Long, Sr., Martin Marshall, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:**
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Cannon, Don Caviness, Heath Cross, Ken Elliott, Don Malin, Roy McDaniel and Brister Ware.

192.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Ralph Kelley was elected moderator by acclamation.

192.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

192.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **192.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

192.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Moderator TE Ralph Kelley welcomed the presbytery to Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center on behalf of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

192.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Ralph Kelley appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Ryan Biese, RE Wayne Morrison, and RE Paul Adams.

192.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave his report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See 192.1002. a. f. and j.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install TE John Prabhakar as a MTW missionary to his home country of India and TE John Windham as assistant pastor at Madison Heights Church were received (**Appendix B, pp. 12ff.**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 5, 2017 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 14**).
 - c. The Judicial Commission appointed to deal with the appeal of Mrs. Katie Almy vs. Pinehaven Presbyterian Church Session reported the following judgment:

"The Pinehaven Presbyterian Church Session erred when it decided to convict Katie Almy of charges without having conducted a trial that resulted in a guilty verdict, and subsequently to inflict a censure on her without following the

express provisions of the BCO for judicial process. The matter is reversed in a whole per BCO 42-9.”

Mrs. Almy’s appeal, the records submitted by the Pinehaven Presbyterian Church Session together with the minutes of the commission make up the record of the case and are on file with our stated clerk.

3. Communications

- a. Requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationships from TE Gabe Fluhrer and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix E, p. 15**) and TE Don Caviness and First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (**p. 17**) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. The request from TE Caviness to be granted Honorable Retirement was also sent to Shepherding and Advisory, **p. 17**).
- b. Calls from Pinehaven Presbyterian Church to TE Allen Stanton (**Appendix F, pp. 21ff.**), from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville to Matt Miller (**p. 23**), and from Highlands Presbyterian Church to Billy Meenan (**pp. 24ff.**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- c. A prayer note from TE Kaz Yaegashi was received as information (**Appendix I, pp. 26ff.**).
- d. A communication from Mrs. Anna Louis regarding a BCO 40-5 filing was received by the stated clerk (**Appendix J, p. 28**). Presbytery appointed the Shepherding and Advisory Committee together with Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins and Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters as a Judicial Commission to ascertain whether presbytery should receive the communication as appropriate and if so, to deal with all matters related to the adjudication of it. They are to report, if possible, to the February 6, 2018 Stated Meeting.
- e. The stated clerk appealed to the presbytery on behalf of the PCA Administrative Committee for presbyters and churches to include the work of the PCA Stated Clerk’s office in their giving and church budgets.

192.1009

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix L, pp. 41ff.**).

TE Owens discussed the committee’s work on the matter of racial reconciliation. He introduced RE Bill Stone, who spoke of the steps First Presbyterian Church, Jackson has taken in dealing with this matter. The committee encourages sessions to engage this discussion and apply themselves to racial reconciliation as they see appropriate.

192.1010

PENNY OVERTURE

TE Bobby Penny was given the floor to speak to his overture to amend the Standing Rules regarding the duties of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 43ff.**). Chairman TE Robert Hays of the Overtures Committee appointed by Moderator RE Will Thompson at the August 5, 2017 Stated Meeting, informed presbytery that they recommend that presbytery consider the Penny overture. After being seconded, the overture was debated and voted upon. It failed.

192.1011

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix Q, pp. 53ff.**).

A motion to increase the MNA budget by \$500 for Engaging Disability for 2018 was approved. It will be sent to the Administration Committee for approval per the Standing Rules.

TE Hunter Brewer gave a report on his work with the Mid-South Church Planting Network.

RE Will Thompson introduced Mr. Craig Brown as the new Director of Bethany Christian Services. Mr. Brown addressed presbytery concerning his new appointment as Director and encouraged continued support for the work of Bethany.

192.1012

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

192.1013

WORSHIP

Past Moderator RE Will Thompson led the presbytery in worship. After singing hymns, reading of Scripture and prayer, RE Thompson preached from Matthew 5:3 on the importance of emptiness before God and others. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

192.1014

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. Arrangements for lunch were explained and thanksgiving was given for the meal.

192.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Ryan Biese, RE Wayne Morrison, and RE Paul Adams

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presented the following report:

Whereas, in 1970 the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Jackson voted to purchase land in Simpson County, Mississippi within the bounds of Grace Presbytery for the formation of a campgrounds to disciple and evangelize young people in summer camp as well as to foster fellowship among Christian believers, and

Whereas, the First Presbyterian of Jackson has faithfully hosted the presbytery at its Simpson County conference center on numerous occasions, and

Whereas, on this day November 7, 2017 the stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley met at Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center enjoying loving, brotherly discussion, delicious food, and warm hospitality from the staff of Twin Lakes Camp,

Therefore be it resolved that the presbytery gives thanks and praise to God through Christ our King for the hospitality, food, drink, fellowship at Twin Lakes Camp, and

Therefore be it further and finally resolved that we give praise and thanks to God for the ministry we have received and express our gratitude to the staff of Twin Lakes and the Session and Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson.

After lunch, the moderator asked RE Bryan Gault to reconvene presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

192.1016

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix N, pp. 44f.**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 47**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Kyle Brent, Cyril Davis, Anthony Forrest, Chad Graeber, Zack Owens, and Nick Robison gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. Sebastian Bjernegard was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Bjernegard is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson where he will intern under Plan D with TE Wiley Lowry as mentor. Work done previously is to be applied toward internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Mr. Biernegard is a candidate in PMV. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Allen Stanton is a PCA minister in good standing in Grace Presbytery. He was examined and approved for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal. His examination was in the areas of Christian experience, and his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Stanton declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer.

The call from Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, meets presbytery guidelines and was approved (**pp. 21ff.**). The call was placed in TE Stanton's hands.

TE Stanton's ordination service to ordain and install him as pastor of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, was set for 6:00 PM Sunday, November 19, at Pinehaven. A commission including Convener TE Guy Waters, TE David Irving, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Leon Hemphill, RE Charlie Dykes, RE Dale Nutt, RE Bob Lewis, and RE Dennis Watts was appointed. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Ordination Examinations

Mr. Matt Miller, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate in Potomac Presbytery has completed his internship in that presbytery. He was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Miller stated he had no differences with our confessional standards.

Mr. Miller preached a sermon from 1 Peter 5:6-11 on "Submitting to God in Suffering." His sermon was approved.

His examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Ralph Kelley prayed for Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller's call from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Miller's ordination service to ordain and install him as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville was set for 6:00 PM, November 26, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville. A commission including Convener TE Scott Phillips, TE Phillip Palmertree, TE Stephen Speaks, RE Mike Triplett, RE Charlie McCool, and RE Steve Morris was appointed. Rev. Steve Miller, Matt's father who is a CMA minister in Langley, WA, was invited to participate. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

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Mr. Billy Meenan, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of this presbytery who has completed his internship, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Meenan stated he had no differences with our confessional standards.

Mr. Meenan preached sermon from James 5:7-11 on "The Gift of Patience." His sermon was approved.

Mr. Meenan's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Ralph Kelley prayed for Mr. Meenan.

Mr. Meenan's call from Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Meenan's ordination service to ordain and install him as assistant pastor at Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, was set for 10:30 am Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Highlands Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TE Joseph Wheat, TE Brad Mercer, TE Lee Hutchings, TE Devan Kahan, TE Billy Dempsey, RE Kent Meadows, RE Scott Jones, and RE John Perritt was appointed. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

The internship of Mr. Craig Jones was approved as complete.

192.1017

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix O, pp. 48ff**).

The following men were elected to serve on the Class of 2020 on presbytery committees as follows:

Administration Committee: TE John Dawson, RE Wayne Morrison, RE John Pillow, TE David Felker, Alternate TE Jonathan McGuire.

Campus Committee: TE Guy Richardson, RE Dale Nutt, TE Lee Hutchins, Alternates TE Stephen Speaks and RE Rob Coker.

Discipleship Ministries Committee: TE Paul Long, Jr., RE Al Arnold, RE David Grave, Alternate TE Chris Shelton.

Credentials Committee: RE Paul Stephenson, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Wayne Herring, RE Kirk

McDaniel, Alternate TE Mark Smith.

Mission to North America Committee: TE Rick Holbert, RE Larry McMillan, TE Scott Reiber, RE Will Thompson, Alternates TE Chris Wright and RE Jamie Peaster.

Mission to the Military Committee: TE Ken Elliott, RE Bill Penn, Alternates TE John Reeves and RE Gary Morrison.

Mission to the World Committee: TE Earl Adams, RE Gordon Sluis, RE Steve Edwards, Alternates TE Adam Parker and RE Bill Lacey.

Nominations Committee: TE David Strain.

Shepherding and Advisory Committee: TE Robert Hays, RE Noel Toler, TE Richard Wiman, RE Steve McNair, Alternates TE Wiley Lowry and RE Brian Gault.

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to choose Alternates or fill vacancies for those committees where vacancies remain with the exception of the Nomination Committee vacancies. The Administration Committee was appointed as a commission to fill the vacancies on the Nominations Committee.

TE Ligon Duncan was elected to serve on the General Assembly Nominating Committee for a three year term beginning immediately **(p. 50)**. TE Chris Wright was elected to serve a three year term on the Review of Presbytery Records Committee beginning immediately **(p. 50)**.

A partial slate of men for the General Assembly Permanent Committees was approved **(p. ?)** with the request that Nominations be assigned the task of completing this task as a commission and reporting back at our February 6, 2018 Stated Meeting.

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to fill the slots for GA Permanent Committee nomination slots.

192.1018

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix P, p. 52)**.

RE Elkin reported that the committee had acted as a commission dissolving the pastoral relationship between TE Gabe Fluhrer and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson **(pp. 15ff)**, and that TE Fluhrer was transferred to Catawba Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to serve at the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, South Carolina.

The pastoral relationship between TE Don Caviness and First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, was dissolved as of December 25, 2017. TE Don Caviness requested and was granted the status of Honorable Retirement upon the dissolution of his call **(p. 17)**.

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The pastoral relationship between TE Paul Long and Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was dissolved effective July 31, 2017 pending the proper communication from the session **(pp. 19ff.)**.

192.1019

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

192.1020

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix K, pp. 29ff.)**.

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented the financial reports of presbytery **(pp. 30ff.)**.

TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records. Presbytery approved the following recommendations:

Minutes approved without exception: Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Shongalo Presbyterian Church, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg.

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance: Tchula Presbyterian Church: Apparently no meeting held in the first quarter of 2016.

It was noted that the minutes of the following churches are overdue: Pickens, Pleasant Springs, Redeemer (multiple years,) Scooba Presbyterian Church, and Shiloh Presbyterian Church. It was requested that the stated clerk send a letter to these delinquent churches.

Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, and Newton Presbyterian Church are overdue in their responses to exceptions taken to their minutes.

Presbytery took up the matter of exceptions of substance that had been found with the minutes of the Madison Heights Church from 2007 through 2016.

Presbytery approved of the report of the Administration Committee regarding the Sessional records from Madison Heights which included many exceptions of substance over many years **(pp. 36ff.)**.

RE Matt Vines, clerk of session of Madison Heights, distributed a letter detailing their session's response to the exceptions of substance taken to their minutes **(pp. 40ff.)**.

A motion was approved to commit all matters on this issue before the court to the Administration Committee with a report to be brought to the February 6, 2018 stated meeting.

192. 1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Gary Johnson, MTW missionary to Sweden, gave a report the current status of his ministry. The Mission to the World Committee submitted a written report that was received as information.

192.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Doyle Moorhead was elected as the first nominee to serve as moderator for the February 6, 2018 Stated Meeting.

192.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at the Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA.

192.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

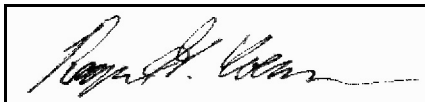
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator TE Ralph Kelley, TE Roger Collins, RE Doyle Moorhead, RE Paul Adams and RE Will Thompson were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

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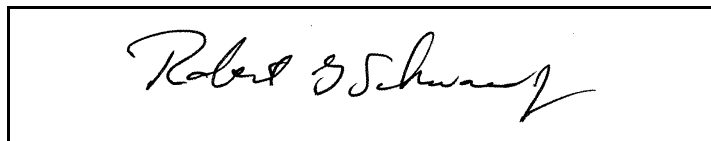
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM with prayer by RE Will Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 6, 2018**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, Louisiana**

193.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Ralph Kelley called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 am by opening with prayer.

193.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Russell Moffett Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Mark Nixon
Jonathan McGuire		
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	A
Clinton, Providence		John Spears
	Steve McNair	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright Troy Richards	Walter Huffman
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	Scott Cannada
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain Billy Dempsey David Felker Ralph Kelley	Bebo Elkin Doyle Moorhead Bill Moore Noel Toler

<u>Church</u>	<u>Wiley Lowry</u> <u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Joel Payne</u> <u>Ruling Elder</u>
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A
Jackson, Trinity	Stephen Speaks	A
Earl Adams		
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Bill Lacey
Trey Owens		
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Mike Forster
Matt Miller		
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Chuck Frost	Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Bob Schwanebeck	A
Mason Kiple		
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	Todd Robinson
Philadelphia, First		Stephen Emerson
		Dan Cumberland
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	SS Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Devin Kahan	Josh Johnson
Billy Meenan		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Ken Haynes
Caleb Cangelosi		Neil Barnes
		Steve Morris
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	Steve DeFreese
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	James Harrison
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Ken Elliott, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Paul Lipe, Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Guy Richardson, Seth Starkey, and Guy Waters.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Nicholas Barnes, Luke Bert, Sebastian Bjernegard, Cyril Chavis, Scott Edburg, Brian Gault, David Groendyk, Haruaki Odate, James Ritchey, Gary Sinclair, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Reuben Antvelink, Ashley Belknap, Italo Furieri, Bruce McEacharn, Hunter Nicholson, Charles Simmons, Wilson Van Hooser, Kevin Vollema, Larry Wilkes, and Dean Williams.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Cory Brock, Ric Cannada, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Michael Cannon, John Duke, Ligon Duncan, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Scott Huber, Steve Jussely, Paul Long, Troy Milliken, Tim Muse, Mark Smith, Richard Wiman, and Bill Wymond.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 193.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Stanwood Bean, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Martin Marshall, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Wiley Lowry, Michael McKelvey, Philip McRae, and John Scott Phillips.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Lee Hutchings, Roy McDaniel, Brad Mercer, Randy Rhea, Brister Ware, Joseph Wheat, John Windham, and Larry Wissel.

193.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Doyle Moorhead was elected moderator by acclamation.

- b. Requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Lee Hutchings and Highlands Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, pp. 21ff.**) and between TE Seth Starkey and this presbytery (**pp. 23ff.**) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- c. The request from TE Tim Muse that presbytery rule that his divorce was according to biblical grounds so that he might transfer to Piedmont Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix H, p. 26**).
- d. The request for the transfer of TE Bassam Chedid to the Rocky Mountain Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix G, pp. 24ff.**).
- e. The call from Madison Heights Church to TE Seth Starkey (**Appendix I, p. 27**), the call from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to TE Dean Williams (**p. 28**), and the call from RUF to Cyril Chavis (**p. 29**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- f. Responses from Pearl Presbyterian Church (**Appendix L, p. 30**) and Tchula Presbyterian Church (**pp. 31ff.**) regarding the exceptions to their minutes were referred to the Administration Committee.
- g. The request from Evangel Presbytery for The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to allow TE Mark Hunter to labor out of bounds within our presbytery at Belhaven University was approved with the expectation that it will be requested annually (**Appendix M, p. 32**).

193.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix N, pp. 33ff.**).

Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead yielded the Chair to Past Moderator TE Ralph Kelley while he gave the Treasurer's Report (**pp. 33ff.**).

RE Wayne Morrison presented a revised 2018 PMV Budget due to the deficit in budgeted giving in 2017. The revised budget was approved (**p. 39**).

The partial report was received pending completion later in the day (**p. 12**).

RE Moorhead resumed the Moderator's Chair.

193.1010

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix O, pp. 40ff.**). He introduced TE Paul Nasekos, Director of Child Evangelism Fellowship, who spoke about "Children's Ministry as a Multi-ethnic Outreach".

193.1011

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain presented the Nominations Committee report.

The Nominations Committee reported its commission action naming RE Art Self to the Class of 2020 Administration Committee and RE Bob McEachern as an alternate; TE Stephen Speaks to the Class of 2020 Campus Committee; RE John Spears serve as an alternate on the Discipleship Ministries Committee; and TE Mark Smith was appointed an alternate on the Credentials Committee.

Again, reporting commission actions, the Nominations committee approved the following to be our nominees for the Permanent Committees of General Assembly:

Administration Committee:	TE Brad Mercer
Discipleship Ministries Committee:	TE Bobby Penny
Committee on Constitutional Business:	TE Roger Collins
Interchurch Relations Committee:	TE Chris Wright
Mission to North America Committee:	TE Eric Mabbott
Mission to the World Committee:	TE Ed Hartman
Reformed University Fellowship:	TE Nick Bullock, RE Niles McNeel
Standing Judicial Commission:	RE Matt Vines
Theological Examining Committee:	TE Bruce Baugus, RE Paul Stephenson
Covenant College:	TE Ralph Kelley
Covenant Theological Seminary:	TE John Reeves
PCA Retirement and Benefits:	RE Doug McDaniel
Ridge Haven:	RE Mark Windham

TE Mason Kiple was appointed to serve as a Floor Clerk at the General Assembly.

The Nominations Committee is to continue to serve as a commission to approve a ruling elder to serve communion and fill General Assembly level vacancies as needed.

193.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

193.1013

RECESS

The Presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

193.1014

WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE Ralph Kelley led the presbytery in worship. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Kelley preached from Judges 6:11-16 on "The Mighty Men of Valor". TE Chris Wright led the presbytery in the observance of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

193.1015

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott reported for the Mission to North America Committee. He introduced Mrs. Ashley Belknap, who directs the Engaging Disability with the Gospel Ministry of the PCA, and she spoke on ministering to those with disabilities and their families at churches.

193.1016 READING OF THE MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. TE Billy Dempsey closed the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

193.1017

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee composed of TE Scott Reiber, RE Barry Vickery, and TE Paul Nasekos presented the following report:

"We give humble and grateful thanks to the Lord for His great mercy to us in our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His Spirit poured out upon us which binds us to Himself and to each other. We give particular thanks to the Pastor TE Chris Wright; to the Session composed of REs Don Cheek, Walter Huffman, Albert Christman, Bruce McEachern, and Troy Richards; to the Deacons composed of Jack O'Neil, Steve Britton, Mike Martin, Frank Maxwell, Tom Redd, Larry Sanches, Brant Mathieu, Brad Terral, Francis Thompson, Sonny Vidrine, and Claude Williams; to the men and women of Delhi Presbyterian Church. It is one of the oldest continually surviving Presbyterian Churches in NE Louisiana (since 1870). They have graciously and warmly welcomed and provided for us. What an evidence and standing memorial to the faithfulness of the Lord by the power of His Spirit! We thank them for their gracious provision

for breakfast and the outstanding dinner. We are overwhelmed with such generosity and hospitality. This gracious hospitality and support we acknowledge with humble thanks to our hosts and the supreme Lord and King of His church, Jesus Christ.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! Because His mercy endures forever. Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures forever" (Psalm 118:1-2).

193.1018

CREDENTIALS

After lunch Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix P, pp. 43ff.**).

A list of our interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 46**). Full written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Nicholas Barnes, Scott Edburg, Joshua Johnson, and James Ritchey gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. Reuben Antvelink was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr Antvelink is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Madison and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Scott Phillips. The moderator read the pronouncement fro BCO 19-10 and then TE Scott Phillips prayed. Mr Antvelink was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Hunter Nicholson was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Nicholson is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session(BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Scott Phillips. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Scott Phillips prayed. Mr. Nicholson was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson where he will intern with TE Wiley Lowry as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was enrolled as an intern at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Wilson Van Hooser was examined for candidacy pre BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9.

Mr. Van Hooser is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Scott Phillips. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Scott Phillips prayed. Mr Van Hooser was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was enrolled as an intern at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Kevin Vollema was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Vollema is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Scott Phillips. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE Scott Phillips prayed. Mr Vollema was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson where he will intern with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was enrolled as an intern at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk that **TE Dean Williams** is a PCA minister in good standing in South Florida Presbytery. He was examined in the areas of Christian experience, his views in theology, the sacraments and church government. TE Williams declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and his transfer. Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead prayed for TE Williams.

His call from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to serve as Associate Pastor meets presbytery's guidelines. TE Williams signed the Ministerial Book of Obligation as required. His call was approved and was placed in his hands **(p. 28)**.

His installation service was set for 6:00 PM on May 27 at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with a commission composed of Convener TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Caleb Cangelosi, TE Elbert McGowan, RE Neil Barnes, RE Ken Haynes, RE Jason Miller, RE Johnny Williams, and RE Bryant Taylor. Mr. Steve Lanier, who is not an officer but is on staff at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, was invited to participate as a guest.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Italo Furieri was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Furieri is a member of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), is a candidate in the EPC, and is a junior at RTS. Mr. Furieri had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a, b, and d). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Furieri declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. These examinations were approved.

He preached a sermon from Psalm 122:1-5 on "Joy in the Journey". His sermon was approved.

Mr. Furieri was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The Moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4 and offered prayer for Mr. Furieri.

Mr. Furieri's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Cyril Chavis, a graduate of Reformed Theological Seminary, a candidate of this presbytery who has completed his internship, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Chavis declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Chavis preached a sermon from John 4:27-43 on "The Harvest's Joy!". His sermon was approved.

Mr. Chavis' ordination examination was approved as a whole. RE Doyle Moorhead prayed for Mr. Chavis.

Mr. Chavis' call as Campus Minister at Jackson State University with RUF meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands (**p. 29**). Mr. Chavis signed the Ministerial Book of Obligation.

Mr. Chavis' ordination service was set for Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 3:00 PM at Redeemer Church with the following commission: RE Paul Rankin, RE Brian Gault, RE Bryant Taylor, RE Neil Barnes, Convener TE Elbert McGowan, TE Billy Dempsey, and TE Jeff Jordan. Guests invited to serve with the commission include TE Russ Whitfield (Potomac Presbytery), TE Les Newsome (Covenant Presbytery), and TE Wy Plummer (Chesapeake Presbytery). A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the internships of Cyril Chavis, Scott Edburg, and James Ritchey as complete per BCO 19-13.

Presbytery approved the call of TE Seth Starkey as Assistant Minister to Madison Heights Church (**p. 27**). The call was placed in his hands pending dissolution of his current call as Campus Minister with RUF at Belhaven University.

The installation service for TE Starkey was set for June 24, 2018, at 9:30 AM at Madison Heights Church. Presbytery approved the following commission: Convener TE Randy Rhea, TE Ligon Duncan, TE James Turner, RE Matt Vines, RE Daniel Rowland, and RE William McNeil Moore. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the moderator or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

193.1020

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris reported for the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix Q, pp. 47ff.**) introducing the following speakers.

TE Luke Bert gave a report on his work in Eastern Canada.

TE and Mrs. Larry Wilkes gave a report on their work in England.

TE Aaron Albert gave a report on his work in Honduras.

TE David Irving prayed for these missionaries and their work.

193.1021

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report on the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Chairman RE Elkin reported that the committee, acting as a commission, transferred TE Andrew Triolo, a presbyter without call, to South Texas Presbytery (**Appendix D, p. 20**).

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Lee Hutchings and Highlands Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, p. 21**). TE Hutchings membership was transferred to the Ohio Presbytery per his request pending their reception.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of our call to TE Seth Starkey to serve as Campus Minister at Belhaven University (**Appendix F, p. 23**). TE Starkey will remain, as approved above, in this presbytery serving at Madison Heights Church.

Presbytery transferred TE Bassam Chedid to Rocky Mountain Presbytery as requested by that presbytery (**Appendix G, p. 24**).

Judicial Commission re: Mrs. Anna Lewis BCO 40-5 Request

The judicial commission appointed to deal with the BCO 40-5 filing from Mrs. Anna Lewis regarding session action removing her from the roll of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church gave the following report:

Regarding the question of whether the BCO 40-5 filing from Mrs. Anna Lewis was in order, the commission ruled that it was in order at its first meeting on December 12, 2017.

In accord with BCO 40-5 the Judicial Commission then set up a hearing with session representatives of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church on January 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm to adjudicate the matter. Upon receiving appropriate session records and a written response to Mrs. Lewis' communication distributed on January 12, 2018, the Judicial Commission convened and heard from Clerk of Session RE Ken Haynes, TE Carl Kalberkamp and TE Caleb Cangelosi concerning Mrs. Lewis' communication. Members of the commission questioned these representatives as desired.

The judgment of the Judicial Commission is that the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church Session acted constitutionally when it removed Mrs. Anna Lewis from the rolls of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church per BCO 38-4.

The communication of Mrs. Anna Lewis requesting a BCO 40-5 hearing, the response of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and the minutes of this Judicial Commission make up the record of the case and are on file with our stated clerk.

Presbytery approved the judgment of the judicial commission. The judicial commission's work being completed, presbytery dismissed it with thanks.

193.1022

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Ryan Biese gave the report on the Review of Sessional Records (**Appendix L, p. 30**).

The responses of Pearl Presbyterian Church (**p. 30**) and Tchula Presbyterian Church (**p. 31**) to the exceptions to their minutes were approved.

It was approved that the stated clerk continue to communicate with the Newton Presbyterian Church which has not responded to an exception of substance, and with the Madison Heights Church which continues to work with the Committee on Administration.

It was approved that the Stated Clerk send notices to the following churches whose minutes are overdue or who neglected to bring bound minutes for the moderator's signature:

2016 Minutes: Redeemer Church, Jackson

2017 Minutes: Bethesda Presbyterian Church

Carolina and Carthage Presbyterian Churches

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DeKalb Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington
First Presbyterian Church, Union

The following minutes were approved without exception:

Brandon Presbyterian Church
Edwards Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
First Presbyterian Church, Winona

The following minutes were approved with exceptions of form:

Delhi Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
2016 Minutes from Delhi Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance:

First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko
Session approved an activity taking place on the Lord's Day that is out of accord with our standards (WCF 21.47.0).

Blackmonton Presbyterian Church
2014 No meeting in the first or fourth quarter
2015 No meeting in the fourth quarter; a number of minutes not read or approved
2016 No meeting in the fourth quarter
2017 No meeting in the fourth quarter

First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
No elders present at meetings on 4/23 and 5/21; congregational meeting called on 5/21 (WCF 12.1)

7/9 congregational meeting elects elders who were apparently not examined by the Session (BCO 23.1)

First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Minutes from January 19 not included

193.1023

CAMPUS MINISTER

TE Mike McKelvey gave the report on the Campus Committee.

TE Seth Starkey reported on his work at Belhaven University as his final semester of ministry begins.

193.1024 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business to be brought before the court.

193.1025 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Charlie Wingard was elected as the first nominee to serve as Moderator for the May meeting.

193.1026 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bailey, Mississippi.

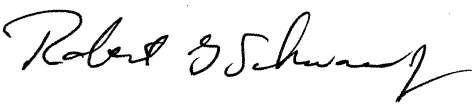
193.1027 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, and RE Paul Adams were appointed as a commission to read and approve the minutes.

193.1028 ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery adjourned at 4:05 PM with prayer by Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead.

Respectfully submitted,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert G. Schwanebeck".

Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 1, 2018**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bailey, Mississippi**

194.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Ralph Kelley called this stated meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM for outgoing Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead, by opening with prayer.

194.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott Tommy McDonald	Perry Davis
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend Mark Nixon
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence		Steve McNair
	John Spears	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	E
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest-Covenant		E
Jackson, First	David Strain Billy Dempsey Ed Hartman Ralph Kelley Wiley Lowry	Wayne Husband Doyle Moorhead Bud Bratley Barry Vickery Don Cannada

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, Redeemer
 Jackson, Trinity
 Kosciusko, First
 Trey Owens
 Lauderdale, Lauderdale
 Learned, Lebanon
 Lexington, First
 Louisville, First
 Matt Miller
 Macon, Macon
 Madden, Carolina
 Madison, First
 Madison, Madison Heights
 Meridian, Northpointe

 Newton, Newton
 Pearl, Pearl
 Philadelphia, First

 Pickens, Pickens
 Pickens, Shiloh
 Raymond, Raymond
 Ridgeland, Highlands

 Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

 Ruston, John Knox
 Scooba, Scooba
 Tchula, Tchula

 Terry, Wynndale
 Union, First
 Vaiden, Blackmonton
 Vaiden, Shongalo
 Vicksburg, Westminster
 Winona, First
 Yazoo City, First
 Yazoo City, Second

Brister Ware

 Stephen Speaks
 Phillip Palmertree

 Scott Phillips

 Chuck Frost
 Bob Schwanebeck
 Mason Kiple
 David Goldman

 Adam Parker

 David Irving
 Joseph Wheat
 Brad Mercer
 Devin Kahan
 Billy Meenan
 Caleb Cangelosi
 Dean Williams
 Bruce Willson

 Chris Shelton
 Philip McRae
 Philip McRae
 Scott Reiber
 Ryan Biese
 Charlie Wingard
 Nick Bullock

Otis Pickett
 Dennis Watts
 Hugh Potts
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 Watson Marsalis
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 Gary Morrow

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 Stephen Emerson
 Dan Cumberland
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 Paul Adams
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- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Ric Cannada, Cyril Chavis, Robert Hays, Rick Holbert, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, and Guy Waters.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Sebastian Bjernegard, Brian Gault, David Groendyk, Robert Horrell, Chris Rehers, John Revell, Gary Sinclair, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Joseph Barnes Jr., Luke Bert, Zach Byrd, Bruce Davis, Henry Flowers, Drew Gunn, Steven Holman, Doug Hudson, Steve Morris, Rhonda Morrow, and Johnny Williams.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Cory Brock, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Earl Adams, Hunter Brewer, John Duke, Wayne Herring, Carl Kalberkamp, Paul Nasekos, Perry McCall, Jonathan McGuire, Troy Milliken, Mark Smith, Mark Spellman, and Larry Wissel.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 194.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Bruce Baugus, Ralph Kelley, David Strain, and Paul Long.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Cannon, Ligon Duncan, Ken Elliott, David Felker, Scott Huber, Steve Jussely, Robert Lane, Roy McDaniel, Elbert McGowan, Tim Muse, Randy Rhea, Guy Richardson, Seth Starkey, John Windham, and Bill Wymond.

194.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Charlie Wingard was elected moderator by acclamation.

1. Communications

- a. Requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Cory Brock and The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (**Appendix E, p. 19**) and between TE Bob Schwanebeck and Northpointe Presbyterian Church were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix F, pp. 20ff.**).
- b. The requests from TE Bob Schwanebeck (**Appendix G, p. 22**) and TE Scott Huber (**Appendix H, p. 23**) to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- c. The request of TE Michael Cannon to demit the ministry was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix I, p. 24**).
- d. The overture from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City was referred to the Overtures Committee (**Appendix J, p. 25**).
- e. The call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to TE Cory Brock (**Appendix K, p. 26**), the call from Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, to TE Mason Kiple (**Appendix L, p. 27**), and the change in call for TE Ric Cannada (**Appendix M, p. 28**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- f. The responses from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix N, p. 30**); Madison Heights Church, Madison (**Appendix O, pp. 31ff**); First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (**Appendix P, p. 38**); First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko (**Appendix Q, pp. 39ff**) and Blackmonton Presbyterian Church, Vaiden (**Appendix R, pp. 42ff**) regarding the exceptions of substance to their minutes were referred to the Administration Committee.
- g. A commission of Administration Committee Chairman TE Ralph Kelley, Shepherding and Advisory Committee Chairman RE Bebo Elkin, and Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins was appointed to deal with a request from former Teaching Elder Ken Pierce. He asked to be given any documentation the presbytery might have regarding the role that the impact that the revelation of his usage of the Ashley Madison website might have played in his discipline and deposition from the ministry (**Appendix S, p. 44**).
- h. The Memorial Resolutions for TE Paul Long, Sr. (**Appendix T, pp. 44ff**) and TE Stanwood Bean (**Appendix U, pp. 46ff**) were received and approved to be read during worship.

194.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix V, p. 48**).

Presbytery approved the responses to the exceptions of substance from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City (**Appendix N, p. 30**) and Madison Heights Church, Madison (**Appendix O, p. 31**).

The presbytery approved with thanks the response from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia and appointed a borrowed session composed of TE Chris Shelton and RE Dale White from First Presbyterian Church, Union (**Appendix P, p. 38**).

Presbytery debated the committee's recommendation regarding the response of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko presbytery's exception of substance (see minutes Feb 6, 2008, p. 12) and then approved a substitute motion that the response of the session to the exception of substance regarding approval of the use of church facilities for a piano recital on the Lord's Day (**Appendix Q, pp. 39ff**) be found satisfactory. The motion was approved as a whole.

The partial report was received pending completion later in the day.

194.1010 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

TE Roger Collins gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for Chairman RE Bebo Elkin who had been excused to conduct the funeral for David Tigrett.

The dissolution of the pastoral relationships between TE Cory Brock and The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (**Appendix E, p. 19**) and TE Bob Schwanebeck and Northpointe Presbyterian Church effective June 30, 2018 (**Appendix F, pp. 20ff**) were approved.

The requests to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement from TE Bob Schwanebeck (**Appendix G, p. 22**) and TE Scott Huber (**Appendix H, p. 23**) were approved.

The request of TE Michael Cannon to demit the ministry was approved pending a second vote at our next stated meeting (**Appendix I, p. 24**).

TE Collins reported that the call to TE Mason Kiple to transition from Assistant Pastor to Pastor of Northpointe Presbyterian Church had been by an 80% vote. Credentials will present his new call for presbytery's approval (**Appendix L, p. 27**).

The presbytery approved TE Ric Cannada serving out of bounds as the interim pastor of Karawici Presbyterian Church in Lippo Karawici, Indonesia (**Appendix M, p. 28**). He will serve in an advisory capacity of the presbytery there.

The report was received as a whole.

194.1011 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

TE Trey Owens gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix W, p. 56**).

TE Cyril Chavis was given ten minutes to speak on the topic of Racial Reconciliation, especially as it relates to his work as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University.

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Tag Reed was given ten minutes to speak about his ministry of evangelism to children, TAG Kid's Club.

194.1012

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

194.1013

WORSHIP

TE Robert Hays read the Memorial Resolutions for TE Paul Long Sr. and TE Stanwood Bean.

TE Wiley Lowry led the presbytery in worship for the outgoing Moderator, RE Doyle Moorhead. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Lowry preached from I Peter 5:1-11 on "The Glory of Christ."

The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

194.1014

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting.

Moderator TE Charlie Wingard closed the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

194.1015

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Bruce Willson, convener, RE Sam Hutton, and TE Chris Shelton presented the following report:

"We, The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, give thanks to Bailey Presbyterian Church located in the beautiful eastern region of the Mississippi Valley Presbytery, for hosting its May 1, 2018 stated meeting.

We give thanks for the members of your church who sacrificed this day for the service of the courts of our Lord.

We give thanks for the abundant and delicious breakfast, snacks, and lunch you have graciously shared with us. We are cognizant of the great effort exerted in preparation, serving, and cleaning up and we are grateful to you.

We give thanks for your love of our Lord Jesus Christ and for you to be blessed

with continued fruitful ministry to His name in the Bailey community and areas.”

For Christ’s glory, The Thanks Committee

TE Bruce Willson, RE Sam Hutton, TE Chris Shelton

After lunch, Moderator TE Charlie Wingard reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

194.1016

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix X, pp. 59ff**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 61**). Written internship reports are online at <http://www.msvalley.org/credentials>.

Candidacy and Internship

Martin Antoon, Joe Bynum, David Groendyk, Chris Rehers, and Gary Sinclair gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

Mr. Bryce Davis was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Davis is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at Reformed Theological Seminary. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Charlie Wingard followed by prayer. Mr. Davis was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Matthew Pinckard was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Pinckard is a member of Raymond Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Charlie Wingard. The moderator then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and offered prayer. Mr. Pinckard was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Raymond Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE David Irving as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. John Revell was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Revell is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of

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experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Charlie Wingard. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then offered prayer. Mr. Revell was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Wes Strebeck was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Strebeck is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Charlie Wingard. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then offered prayer. Mr. Strebeck was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson where he will intern with TE David Strain as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Haruaki (Ochan) Odate was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Odate is a member of Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC), is a candidate in the EPC, and is a junior at RTS. Mr. Odate had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Odate declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. These examinations were approved.

He preached a sermon from John 19:23-30 on "The Purpose of the Cross." It was approved.

Mr. Odate was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4 and offered prayer.

Mr. Odate's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the internships of Nick Barnes and Josh Johnson as complete per BCO 19-13.

Presbytery approved the call of TE Mason Kiple from Northpointe Presbyterian Church. The call was placed in his hands.

The installation service for TE Kiple was set for July 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM at Northpointe Presbyterian Church. Presbytery approved the following commission: Convener TE Eric Mabbott, TE Bob Schwanebeck, TE Chris Shelton, RE Kary Whitehead, RE David Goldman, RE Gary Morrow, RE Russell Moffett (Bailey PCA), and RE Bebo Elkin (First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.) A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Presbytery approved the call of TE Cory Brock from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson. The call was placed in his hands.

The installation service for TE Cory Brock was set for June 10 at 6:00 pm with the following commission: Convener TE David Strain, TE David Felker, TE Billy Dempsey, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Barry McKay (Redeemer PCA), RE Bill Stone, RE Sam Hensley, and RE Mark Baird. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

The report of the Credentials Committee was received as a whole.

194.1017

SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

194.1018

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix Y, p. 62**).

RE Will Thompson gave a brief update on Bethany Christian Services.

RE Johnny Williams gave a report on the ministry Sons of the King.

Presbytery approved a borrowed session for the Lauderdale Presbyterian Church consisting of RE Brent Loftin (Lauderdale) and RE Russell Moffett (Bailey).

Presbytery approved the Disaster Response Policy (The Plan) and one sheet summary (Quick Start Guide) which will aid the MNA Committee in fulfilling the responsibilities for Disaster Relief set forth within the presbytery Standing Rules.

The report was received as a whole.

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194.1019

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix Z, p. 74**).

Mr. Morris gave an update on the missionaries the presbytery supports, giving special attention to Kaz Yaegashi's ministry in Japan.

The report was received as a whole.

194.1020

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix BB, p. 83**).

Presbytery engaged in a video call with TE Jim Carter, the new head of the Presbyterian and Reformed Commission on Chaplains and Personnel.

TE Doug Hudson gave an update on Ministry to the Military International.

The report was received as a whole.

194.1021

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Michael McKelvey gave the report of the Campus Ministry Committee (**Appendix CC, p. 84**).

TE McKelvey reported that the RUF MidSouth Joint Committee had approved the recommendation of Bentley Crawford to be the candidate to serve as the RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University. Mr. Bentley is a candidate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and will be examined for ordination at the August meeting.

The report was received as a whole.

194.1022

ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

TE Ryan Biese gave the remainder of the Administration Committee report since Chairman TE Ralph Kelley had to leave the meeting of presbytery early (**Appendix V, p. 48**).

TE Guy Waters addressed presbytery as the Parliamentarian. He covered the first principles of the Presbyterian Form of Government in a brief address as requested by the Administration Committee.

TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records.

It was approved that the stated clerk correspond with the Newton Presbyterian Church about their failure to respond to the presbytery's exception of substance.

It was approved that the stated clerk send notices to the following churches whose minutes are overdue:

1. 2011 - 2017 Minutes:
Redeemer Presbyterian Church

2. 2017 Minutes:
Bethesda Presbyterian Church
DeKalb Presbyterian Church
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
Forest Presbyterian Church
Highlands Presbyterian Church
John Knox Presbyterian Church
Lakeland Presbyterian Church
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church
Macon Presbyterian Church
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church

The following minutes were approved without exception:

Grace Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington
Carthage Presbyterian Church
Lebanon Presbyterian Church

The following minutes were approved with exception of form:

None

Minutes approved with exception of substance:

First Presbyterian Church, Union - Minutes not signed by the Clerk of Session
Madison Heights Church - No record of ordination and installation of deacons elected at the congregational meeting of March 26, 2017.

The report of the Administration Committee was received as a whole.

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TE Scott Reiber reported for the Overtures Committee.

A motion was passed to approve the formation of a special study committee on the role of women in ministry which will be appointed by the stated clerk and the past four moderators. This committee will be funded by \$2,500 from the presbytery budget and designated gifts from churches.

194.1024 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee will be determined by the stated clerk who will seek a ruling elder to serve as moderator for the August 4th stated meeting.

194.1025 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting it to be held at 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 4, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni.

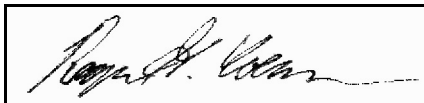
194.1026 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

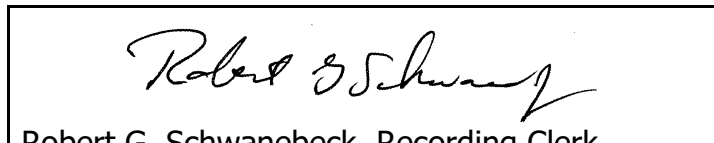
194.1027 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM with prayer by TE Nick Bullock.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 4, 2018**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Mississippi**

195.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE Doyle Moorhead called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order with prayer at 9:00 AM in the absence of Moderator TE Charlie Wingard.

195.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
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Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman Jonathan McGuire	Huey Townsend Bill Allen Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence		John Spears Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest-Covenant		E
Jackson, First	David Strain Cory Brock Billy Dempsey Ralph Kelley	Doyle Moorhead Bebo Elkin Barry Vickery Bill Penn
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A

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Jackson, Trinity	Stephen Speaks	A
Kosciusko, First	Earl Adams Phillip Palmertree Trey Owens	Billy Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Matt Miller	Sam Suttle Mike Triplett
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		E
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	David Crane David Powe Dan Cumberland
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh	SS Kenneth Elliott	A
Raymond, Raymond	David Irving	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Devin Kahan	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp Caleb Cangelosi Dean Williams	Rod Russ Ken Haynes Will Montgomery
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	Rob Pierce
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton Will Thompson
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	E
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Mark Monroe Gordon Sluis
Winona, First	Ryan Biese	A
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second	Nick Bullock	A

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Ken Elliott, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Jeff Jordan, Paul Long, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Bob Schwanebeck, Jim Stewart, and Guy Waters.

- c. **The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Sebastian Bjernegard, Montre' Brooks, Zach Byrd, Bentley Crawford, Bryce Davis, Anthony Forrest, Brian Gault, Craig Jones, Jesse McCallister, Zach Owens, Gary Sinclair, Kevin Vollema, and John Yelverton.
- d. **The following visitors were registered:** John Browne, Michael Butterfield, Stephen Emerson, Henry Flowers, Chris Govero, Lester Harrison, Robert Higginbotham, Steven Holman, Josh Hutson, Ian Kayser, Harold Miller, Chuck Murphy, Josue' Pineda, and Tom Young.
- e. **The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
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195.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Jamie Peaster was elected moderator by acclamation.

195.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

195.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **195.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

195.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Richard Wiman welcomed presbytery to Belzoni and to First Presbyterian Church.

195.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Jamie Peaster appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Chris Wright, RE Ken Haynes, and RE Rod Russ.

195.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved (see **195.1002. a. f. and j**).
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commissions to install TE Corey Brock at First Presbyterian Church , Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 14**); TE Mason Kiple at Northpointe Presbyterian Church (**p. 17**); and TE Dean Williams at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church were received (**p. 18**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix D, p. 22**).
 - c. The commission appointed to approve the February 6, 2018 minutes reported a needed correction to those minutes. The report of the Judicial Commission set up to adjudicate the BCO 40-5 Request from Mrs. Anna Lewis as received by presbytery and approved was mistakenly left out of the minutes as reviewed. That approved commission report was inserted into the minutes by the stated clerk. The corrected minutes were reviewed and approved by e-mail on May 14, 2018. The presbytery approved these actions as its own action (**Appendix I, p. 27**).
 - d. The commission set up to advise the stated clerk regarding the request from former TE Ken Pierce for documentation that linked him with Ashley Madison reported that there was only one presbytery document that fit that description. It was found in the minutes of the Called Meeting of September 25, 2015 in his own written confession of sin

submitted to the presbytery. The commission concurred with the clerk that Mr. Pierce be given access to those minutes and that document online (**Appendix E, p. 23**).

- e. The commission of the most recent four past moderators set up to establish a study committee on the Role of Women in the Church reported the men selected to serve on the committee. Those members are: TE Guy Waters, TE David Strain, RE Otis Pickering, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Paul Stevenson, RE Jamie Peaster, RE Trey Watkins, and TE Caleb Cangelosi. TE Guy Waters convened the committee and was elected chairman. He gave a report on the work of the committee to date (**Appendix F, p. 24**).

3. Communications

- a. Calls to TE Ian Kayser from Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton (**Appendix C, p. 19**); to Gary Sinclair from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**p. 20**), and to TE Michael Butterfield from Macon Presbyterian Church (**p. 21**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- b. The request from TE Ric Cannada to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix G, p. 25**).
- c. The request of TE Michael Cannon to demit the ministry was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee to be voted on for the second meeting (**Appendix H, p. 26**).
- d. The communication from the PCA Stated Clerk TE Roy Taylor re SJC Case 2018-02, regarding Mrs. Anna Lewis' BCO 40-5 Request against PMV was received (**Appendix I, p. 27**).
- e. The annual reports from teaching elders serving out of bounds were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix M, p. 38**).
- f. Responses from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (**Appendix J, p. 30**); First Presbyterian Church, Union (**p. 32**); and Madison Heights Church, Madison (**p. 33**) to the exceptions of substance to their minutes were referred to the Administration Committee.
- g. The report from TE Robert Penny regarding the ministry of African Bible Colleges was received as information (**Appendix M, p. 37**).
- h. Memorial Resolutions for RE Bobby Gerald Cochran (**Appendix N, p. 39**), RE David Tigrett (**p. 41**), and RE Jim McBrayer (**p. 41**) were received and approved to be read during worship today and included in presbytery minutes.
- i. Presbytery voted on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order with the following results:

Item 1 – Amend BCO 8-1 and 8-3, Regarding Qualifications for Officers: Passed 41 Yes,

19 No, 1 Abstention

Item 2 – Amend BCO 25-11 to Require 30 Days' Notice to Withdraw from the PCA: Failed
10 Yes, 48 No, 2 Abstentions

Item 3 – Amend BCO 30-1 Regarding Definite Suspension:
Passed 58 Yes, 2 No, 2 Abstentions

Item 4 – Amend BCO 30-3, final paragraph, Regarding Indefinite Suspension: Passed 62
Yes, 1 No, 2 Abstentions

Item 5 – Amend BCO 32-19 to Allow Counsel by any Communing Member in all Levels of
Courts: Passed 36 Yes, 22 No, 4 Abstentions

Item 6 – Amend BCO 35-11 Not to Disqualify Automatically a Member of a Court who
Was Called as a Witness: Passed 58 Yes, 3 No, 1 Abstention

Item 7 – Amend BCO 59 to Clarify that Marriages Are to be Performed Between One
Man and One Woman Only: Passed 62 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention

195.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix R, p. 56**)

Presbytery approved with thanks the responses from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia (**Appendix J, p.30**) First Presbyterian Church, Union (**p.32**); and Madison Heights Church, Madison (**p. 33**) to the exception of their minutes.

Presbytery approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote the following changes to the Standing Rules upon a first reading.

Delete Article 4 Section B and replace with the following: The bound, official recordings of the proceedings of each church session shall be submitted annually for inspection of the Presbytery (BCO 12-7) at the May stated meeting. If possible, the records for the previous year should be submitted via electronic means to the chairman of the Records and Archives Subcommittee by January 31. All churches who are unable to submit their records electronically shall bring to Presbytery two (2) copies for examination by the Records Committee to the February stated meeting of presbytery. The Chairman will report at the February meeting of presbytery which sessions have not submitted their minutes for review.

Also, **Revise Article 7 Section E.1.c.2** as follows: b) evaluate each Session's records of its proceedings noting any exception of form or of substance not in compliance with the Book of Church Order. A report will be presented to the Administration Committee and thus presented to presbytery for their approval.

195.1014

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

During lunch, TE John Browne, who works with Mission to North America, gave a presentation to the presbytery on the Sheds of Hope Disaster Relief Program.

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Chris Wright, RE Ken Haynes, and RE Rod Russ presented the following report:

"Whereas The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley met on Saturday, August 4, 2018 in the 'Catfish Capital of the World,' Belzoni, MS; and,

Whereas the meeting was hosted in the historic First Presbyterian Church; and,

Whereas the men of presbytery were treated to a marvelous meal for lunch as well as multiple breakfast dishes prepared by the women of First Presbyterian Church;

Therefore be it resolved that The Presbytery of Mississippi Valley thanks the Session, Diaconate, the Women in the Church, and the members of First Presbyterian Church for their hospitality in welcoming presbytery to their church."

TE Chris Wright, Convener; RE Ken Haynes, and RE Rod Russ

After lunch, Moderator RE Jamie Peaster reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

195.1015

CREDENTIALS

TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix T, p. 64.**)

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 67.**)

Written internship reports are online at <http://www.msvalley.org/credentials> .

Candidacy and Internship

Sebastian Bjernegard, Bentley Crawford, Craig Jones, Jesse McCallister, John Yelverton, and Leo Yen gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved.

RE **Brian Gault** was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. RE Gault is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson. He is a licentiate of PMV, and has served as a Ruling Elder at Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, from 2006 to 2016. RE Gault submitted the required endorsement from the Session of Redeemer PCA (BCO 18-2). He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Jamie Peaster then RE Peaster prayed. Mr. Gault was enrolled as a candidate

of presbytery.

Mr. Montre' Brooks was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Brooks is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Jamie Peaster. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Brooks was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Redeemer Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Elbert McGowan as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Zach Byrd was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Byrd is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Jamie Peaster. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Byrd was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Edwards, MS, with TE Wayne Herring as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Michael Butterfield** is a PCA minister in good standing within Covenant Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Covenant Presbytery. Presbytery examined TE Butterfield in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Butterfield declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by RE Jamie Peaster.

Mr. Butterfield's installation was set for 6:00 PM, August 19, 2018 at Macon Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TE Phillip Palmertree, TE Chris Shelton, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Bill Bell, RE Walter Riddell, and RE Sam Hutton from Tchula was approved. RE Matt Beyur from Covenant Presbytery was invited to serve with the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

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Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Ian Kayser** is a PCA minister in good standing within Covenant Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Covenant Presbytery. Presbytery examined TE Kayser in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Kayser declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following stated difference: "I agree that the Sabbath should be kept holy for public and private worship. However, I am unconvinced that Scripture prohibits every form of recreation." Presbytery judged the stated difference to be more than semantic, but "not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine." Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by RE Jamie Peaster.

Mr. Kayser's installation was set for 6:00 PM, August 12, 2018 at Providence Presbyterian Church in Clinton. A commission including Convener TE John Reeves, TE David Irving, TE Alan Stanton, RE John Spears, RE Chris Govero, and RE Bebo Elkin was approved. TE Richard Owens from Covenant Presbytery was invited to serve with the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Zach Byrd was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Byrd is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, was earlier today approved as a candidate and intern of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, and is a junior at RTS. Mr. Byrd had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Byrd declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. These examinations were approved.

He preached a sermon from Philippians 2:1-8 on "How-To for Humility." His sermon was approved.

Mr. Byrd was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator made the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4 and TE Bruce Baugus offered prayer for Mr. Byrd.

Mr. Byrd's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

The presbytery approved the previous experience of **Mr. Gary Sinclair** as equivalent to internship per BCO 21-4. Mr. Sinclair was ordained as a ruling elder in 1996 in Kempton Park Presbyterian Church, and ordained to the gospel ministry as a Teaching Elder of the Uniting Presbyterian Church of South Africa in 2002. He has served as solo/senior pastor of three congregations; the most recent was in Pretoria, South Africa (about 380 communing members). He has been active in the congregational, presbytery, and general assembly levels in South Africa and was exposed to the full range of pastoral responsibilities. Presbytery determined that Mr. Sinclair clearly satisfies the

requirements of BCO 19-16.

Mr. Sinclair, a candidate and an intern of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Sinclair declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Sinclair's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. RE Jamie Peaster prayed for Mr. Sinclair.

Mr. Sinclair's call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Sinclair's ordination service was set for Sunday, August 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson with the following commission: Convener TE Ralph Kelley, TE David Strain, TE Guy Waters, RE Kyle Ball, RE Bill Stone, and RE Wayne Morrison from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the calls of TE Michael Butterfield to Macon Presbyterian Church (**Appendix C, p. 21**), to TE Ian Kayser from Providence Presbyterian Church (**p. 19**), and to Gary Sinclair from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS as Assistant Pastor (**p. 20**). Presbytery noted that the call to TE Butterfield falls below presbytery guidelines and that the call to Mr. Sinclair is bi-vocational.

Presbytery approved the request of the session of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Edwards, MS for Zach Byrd to serve as student supply for a period of one year (renewable upon request.)

Presbytery approved the internship of Bentley Crawford as complete per BCO 19-13.

Presbytery appointed RE Brian Gault as mentor for Anthony Forrest.

Presbytery approve removing Kyle Brent and Hyoun Jung from the roll of candidates and transferred the internship of Mr. Brent to the Associate Presbyterian Church and the internship of Mr. Jung to the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The report was received as a whole.

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195.1016

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The requests to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement from TE Ric Cannada and TE Ken Elliott were approved. Prayer was offered for each of these men.

The request of TE Michael Cannon to demit the ministry was approved upon a second reading **(Appendix H, p. 26)**.

The request of the Newton Presbyterian Church for TE Charlie Douglas to continue as stated supply for another year was approved.

The annual reports from the following teaching elders laboring out of bounds or honorably retired were received:

Honorably Retired: TE Robert Hays, and TE Robert Penny;

PCA Agencies: TE's Wayne Herring, Mark Lowery, and Fred Marsh;

Missionaries: TE's Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Aaron Halbert, John Prabhaker, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, and Kaz Yaegashi;

Parachurch Ministries: TE's Bruce Baugus, Hunter Brewer, Ric Cannada, Ligon Duncan, Ken Elliott, Rick Holbert, Gary Johnson, Mike McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, and Guy Waters;

Other Denominations: TE Larry Wissel.

Without call: TE's Michael Cannon, Paul Long, Jr., Don Malin, Roy McDaniel, and Tim Muse.

Presbytery appointed Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins to represent the presbytery before the Standing Judicial Commission in the BCO 40-5 case brought against PMV by Ms. Anna Lewis.

The report was received as a whole.

195.1017

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

195.1018

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee.

Presbytery approved the annual reports of Chaplains TE Troy Milliken, TE Lenny Siems, and TE Joey Wright and approved their requests to continue to labor out of bounds.

The report was received as a whole.

195.1019 **MISSION TO THE WORLD**

TE Richard Wiman gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee for the Chairman, RE Steve Morris.

At the request of the committee, TE Wiman spoke about the work of Mission to the World.

195.1020 **ADMINISTRATION** (Continued)

Subcommittee Chairman TE Ryan Biese gave the report of the Administration Committee's Subcommittee on the Review of Sessional Records.

The following minutes were approved without exception:

- Pearl Presbyterian Church
- Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland
- Raymond Presbyterian Church
- Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian
- John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA
- Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, with a notation regarding irregularities surrounding the matters addressed by the way of appeal by PMV judicial commission.

The following minutes were approved with exceptions of form:

- Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland -- minutes not signed by the clerk.

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance:

- Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton – Deacon nominees approved for election without apparent mention of training, and no record of deacons elected being ordained and/or installed.

195.1021 **OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

195.1022 **ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE**

TE Elbert McGowan was approved as first nominee to moderate our November 6, 2018 Stated Meeting.

**STATED MEETING
November 6, 2018**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

196.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator TE Charlie Wingard called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM for outgoing Moderator RE Jamie Peaster, by opening with prayer.

196.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Russell Moffett Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel	SS Charlie Rodriquez	A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise
	Jonathan McGuire	Richard Cobb
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Charles Dykes
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	Lester Harrison John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	SS Zach Byrd	Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland		A
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Noel Toler
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	Bebo Elkin
	Ralph Kelley	Joel Payne
	Wiley Lowry	Robert Mims
	Gary Sinclair	Bill Harper

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

Jackson, Redeemer
Jackson, Trinity

Bill Wymond
Elbert McGowan
Stephen Speaks
Earl Adams

A
A

Kosciusko, First

Phillip Palmertree
Trey Owens

Hugh Potts
Billy Lacey

Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon

A

Watson Marsalis

Lexington, First

A

Louisville, First

Scott Phillips
Matt Miller

Sam Suttle

Macon, Macon

Michael Butterfield

A

Madden, Carolina

A

Madison, First

Robert Lane

A

Madison, Madison Heights

Chuck Frost

A

Seth Starkey

Meridian, Northpointe

Mason Kiple

A

Newton, Newton

SS Charlie Douglas

A

Pearl, Pearl

Adam Parker

A

Philadelphia, First

Stephen Emerson

Pickens, Pickens

A

Pickens, Shiloh

A

Raymond, Raymond

David Irving

Paul Adams

Ridgeland, Highlands

Brad Mercer

Kent Meadows

Devin Kahan

Jim Pettis

Billy Meenan

Carroll Dew

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Carl Kalberkamp

Will Montgomery

Caleb Cangelosi

Ken Haynes

Dean Williams

Ruston, John Knox

Bruce Willson

A

Scooba, Scooba

A

Tchula, Tchula

Sam Hutton

Will Thompson

Terry, Wynndale

Mark Spellman

A

Union, First

Chris Shelton

A

Vaiden, Blackmonton

Philip McRae

Bob McEachern

Vaiden, Shongalo

Philip McRae

Marion Jones

Vicksburg, Westminster

Scott Reiber

Jimmy Harrison

Winona, First

E

Yazoo City, First

Charlie Wingard

A

Yazoo City, Second

Nick Bullock

Rob Coker

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Hunter Brewer, Bruce Baugus, Cyril Chavis, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Paul Long, Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Bob Schwanebeck, and Guy Waters.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Zach Byrd, Chad Graeber, Bryce Davis, Anthony Forrest, Zach Owens, Matthew Pinckard, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Julia Ashley, Harris Bond, Wright Busching, Matthew Carter, Brent Corbin, Bentley Crawford, Henry Flowers, Franky Garcia, Brian Gault, Steven Holman, Steven McCarter, James McGovern, Scott Miller, Larry Mills, Jeremiah Ornelas, Johnson Rhett, and Shelli Robison.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, John Prabhakar, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Ryan Biese, Cory Brock, John Duke, Ligon Duncan, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Steve Jussely, Perry McCall, Troy Milliken, and Jim Stewart.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 106.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Don Malin, Roy McDaniel, Randy Rhea, Guy Richardson, Brister Ware, Joseph Wheat, John Windham, and Larry Wissel.

196.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Elbert McGowan was elected moderator by acclamation.

196.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket was amended to allow the Nominations Committee to report at 1:00 pm and for the Credentials Committee to report right after. There was a two thirds vote to suspend the Standing Rules for that to take place. The amended docket was adopted (**Appendix A p. 14**).

196.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **196.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

196.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Senior Pastor TE David Strain of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Conference Center.

196.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Elbert McGowan appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Brad Mercer, TE Carl Kalberkamp, and RE John Spears.

196.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were received and approved. See **196.1002. a. f.** and **j.**

2. Commission Reports:

The minutes of the commissions to install TE Gary Sinclair as an Assistant Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson (**Appendix B, p. 16**), and TE Michael J. Butterfield at Macon Presbyterian Church (**p. 17**) were received.

Commission for the Review of the Minutes of the August 7, 2018 Stated Meeting (see **p. 12 and Appendix C, p. 18**).

3. Communications:

- a. Requests for dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Chuck Frost and Madison Heights Church (**Appendix D, p. 19**), between TE Ryan Biese and First Presbyterian Church, Winona (**p. 21**), and between TE Hunter Brewer and PMV (**p. 24**) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- b. Calls to RE Brian Gault from Redeemer Presbyterian Church to become an Assistant Pastor (**Appendix E, p. 25**), to Bentley Crawford from PMV to become an RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven (**p. 26**), and to TE Seth Starkey of Madison Heights Church to change from an Assistant Pastor to an Associate Pastor (**p. 27**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.

- c. A request from TE Chuck Frost to labor out of bounds was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix F, p. 28**).
- d. The Mission to the Military Minutes were provided to presbytery to inform them on the ongoing work of the committee (**Appendix L, p. 49**).
- e. Overture to revise Standing Rules re: Review of Session Records (second reading) (**Appendix G, p. 29**).
- f. TE Wayne Herring was given five minutes to present the work of the Stated Clerk and the Administration Committee of the PCA.

196.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley presented the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix H, pp. 30ff.**).

Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead presented his report (**pp. 31ff.**).

Chairman TE Kelley announced that Treasurer RE Doyle Moorhead had submitted his resignation effective December 31, 2018. Upon motion of the committee, RE Wayne Morrison was elected to serve as the new presbytery treasurer. Both RE Moorhead and RE Morrison will be paid through the end of the year to allow for a smooth transition.

The chairman informed presbytery that the names of Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison and Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins shall be on all bank accounts of PMV as has been our practice. Presbytery concurred.

The second reading of proposed changes to the Standing Rules regarding the review of session records (**Appendix G, p. 29**) was put before the presbytery for a vote. Presbytery approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote the following changes to the Standing Rules as its second required vote (Standing Rules, Article III, B, 3):

Delete Article IV, Section B and replace with the following:

The bound, official recordings of the proceedings of each church session shall be submitted annually for inspection of the presbytery (BCO 12-7) at the May stated meeting. If possible, the records for the previous year should be submitted via electronic means to the chairman of the Records and Archives Subcommittee by January 31. All churches who are unable to submit their records electronically shall bring to presbytery two (2) copies for examination by the Records Sub-Committee to the February stated meeting of presbytery. The chairman will report at the February meeting of presbytery which sessions have not submitted their minutes for review.

Also, Revise Article 7 Section E.1.c.2 as follows:

b) evaluate each Session's records of its proceedings noting any exception of form or of

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substance not in compliance with the Book of Church Order. A report will be presented to the Administration Committee and thus presented to presbytery for their approval.

Also delete Appendix E.

Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters addressed presbytery for five minutes concerning the Preliminary Principles of Presbyterianism as given in the preface to the BCO.

The partial report was received pending completion later in the day.

196.1010

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman TE Trey Owens gave the Discipleship Ministries Committee report **(Appendix I, p. 39.)**.

Church Planter TE Mike Winebrenner of Covenant Presbytery spoke on the topic of Racial Reconciliation.

Women's Ministry Leader Mrs. Shelli Robison gave a report on their work **(Appendix I p. 41.)**.

The following changes to the Standing Rules were approved as a first reading. They will be sent to the Administration Committee for review and advice before being presented at our February 2019 Stated Meeting for their second reading per Standing Rules, Article III, B, 3. and VII, E,1, c:

Article VII, Section E.3 be changed as follows:

b. Business:

- 1) The responsibility of this committee is to promote the work of Christian education (and discipleship) among the churches of presbytery. Any Christian Education materials or discipleship opportunities to be presented at presbytery shall be approved by this committee.
- 2) The committee shall organize, support, promote, and administer seminars for the education and training of church leaders.
- 3) It is the duty of this committee to assist and encourage the work of youth and children's ministry within the Presbytery.
- 4) It is the duty of this committee to assist, encourage, and oversee the regional work of the Presbytery Women's Ministry. The yearly report of the Presbytery Women's Ministry is to be included in this committee's annual report.
- 5) [Vacated]

That first reading was approved by a 2/3 vote.

196.1011

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Earl Adams gave the report for Chairman RE Steve Morris. He introduced PMV member and missionary TE Josh Reiger who then gave a report on his work of church planting in England.

196.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

196.1013

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 10 minutes to prepare for worship.

196.1014

WORSHIP

TE David Irving led the presbytery in worship at the behest of Past Moderator RE Jamie Peaster. After singing hymns and reading of scripture and prayer, TE Irving preached from I Corinthians 13:12 on "Seeing Christ". The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

196.1015

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. Moderator TE Elbert McGowan closed the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

196.1016

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Brad Mercer, TE Carl Kalberkamp, and RE John Spears, presented the following report:

"In I Corinthians 14, Paul writes, "I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." We are grateful and thankful for the gift and the ministry of Twin Lakes. We are grateful for your time, hard work, great food, and faithfulness not only today, but year in and year out in all the ways you serve our churches and communities – Summer camps, weekend conferences, rental opportunities, and much more. Thank you."

After lunch, Moderator TE Elbert McGowan reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:06 PM.

196.1017

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix K , p. 46.**).

Men were elected to presbytery committees as follows:

Administration

Class of 2019: TE Jonathan McGuire;

Class of 2020: RE Rod Henderson;

Class of 2021: TE Adam Parker, RE Alan Walters, TE Bruce Willson, RE Mark Windham;

Alternates: TE Michael Butterfield, RE Ken Meadows;

Campus Ministry

Class of 2021: TE Perry McCall, RE Rob Coker, TE Seth Starkey;

Alternates: TE Billy Dempsey, RE Jim Threadgill;

Discipleship Ministries

Class of 2019: TE Dean Williams;

Class of 2021 TE Chris Shelton, RE John Spears, TE Heath Cross;

Alternate: RE Danny Story;

Credentials

Class of 2021: TE Mark Smith, RE Scott Jones, TE David Irving, RE Matt Vines; Alternates: TE Mike McKelvey, RE Dennis Watts;

Mission to North America

Class of 2021: TE Chris Wright, RE Jamie Peaster, TE Eric Mabbott;

Alternates: TE Mason Kiple, RE Will Montgomery;

Mission to the Military

Class of 2021: TE John Reeves; Alternates: TE John Duke, RE John Michael Pillow;

Mission to the World

Class of 2021: TE Ed Hartman, RE Bill Lacey, RE Paul Nasekos;

Alternates: RE Trey Toler, TE Jeff Jordan;

Nominations

Class of 2021: TE Guy Waters, RE Will Thompson;

Alternates: TE Chris Wright, RE Doyle Moorhead;

Shepherding and Advisory

Class of 2021: TE Wiley Lowry, TE Robert Lane, RE Bebo Elkin, RE Hugh Potts; Alternates: RE Phil McDade, TE Allen Stanton.

The following men were selected as our nominees for General Assembly permanent committees:

Administrative Committee: TE David Strain, RE Bebo Elkin
Committee on Discipleship Ministries: TE Phillip Palmertree, RE John Kwasney
Committee on Constitutional Business: TE Roger Collins, RE Will Thompson
Interchurch Relations Committee: TE Scott Reiber, RE JoJo Payne
Mission to North America Committee: TE Eric Mabbott, RE Alan Walters
Mission to the World Committee: TE Billy Dempsey
Reformed University Fellowship Committee: TE Ligon Duncan
Theological Examining Committee: TE Mike McKelvey, RE Dennis Watts
Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Stephen Speaks, TE Scott Phillips
PCA Foundation: TE Richard Wiman, TE Bruce Willson
PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.: TE Mark Spellman, Deacon Jason Branning
Ridge Haven: TE Allen Stanton, TE Adam Parker

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to fill the open spots for both presbytery committees and nominations for General Assembly committees.

196.1018

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix J, pp. 42ff.**).

The roll of candidates and interns together with internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 45**).
Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Candidates Anthony Forrest, Chad Graeber, Zach Owens, and Nick Robison gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. Presbytery approved.

Mr. Wright Busching was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Busching is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Elbert McGowan. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE McGowan prayed. Mr. Busching was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church where he will intern with RE Brian Gault as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Henry Flowers was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Flowers is a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, and submitted the required

endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Elbert McGowan. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE McGowan prayed. Mr. Flowers was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, with TE Roger Collins as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jeremiah Ornelas was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Ornelas is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Elbert McGowan. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE McGowan prayed. Mr. Ornelas was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Caleb Cangelosi as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Franky Garcia was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Garcia is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Elbert McGowan. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then Moderator TE McGowan prayed. Mr. Garcia was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with RE Brian Gault as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Scott Miller was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Miller is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he

was briefly charged by TE Elbert McGowan. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then TE McGowan prayed. Mr. Miller was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Chad Graeber was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Graeber is a candidate of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, and is a graduate of RTS, finishing classes for his Master of Divinity. He was thoroughly examined in his motives for seeking the ministry and his inward call of ministry. His examination was found satisfactory.

The presbytery approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, with TE Charlie Wingard as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Bentley Crawford was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Crawford declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Crawford preached a sermon from Ephesians 3:14-19 on "God's Power for Christian Growth." His sermon was approved.

Mr. Crawford's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Elbert McGowan prayed for Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Crawford's call from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley through the RUF Midsouth Joint Committee meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands (**Appendix E, p. 26**).

Mr. Crawford's ordination service was set for Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convener TE Elbert McGowan, TE Cyril Chavis, TE Jimmy Turner, TE Jeff Jordan, TE Billy Dempsey, RE Brian Gault, RE Otis Pickett, RE Bryant Taylor, and RE Mac McGehee. Visitors included were TE Tim Fortner. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Brian Gault, a licentiate of PMV was examined for ordination. Since he had already been examined in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, history of the PCA and church government, he was only examined in the sacraments and church history, per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Gault declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Mr. Gault's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. TE Elbert McGowan prayed for Mr. Gault.

Mr. Gault's call from the Redeemer Presbyterian Church meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands (**Appendix E, p. 25**).

Mr. Gault's ordination service was set for Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convene TE Elbert McGowan, TE David Felker, TE Guy Richardson, RE Otis Pickett, RE Bryant Taylor, and RE Hal Martin (Highlands PCA). Visitors TE Steve Froehlich (NY State Presbytery), TE John Fikkert (OPC, Midwest Presbytery) TE Benjie Slaton, (TN Valley Presbytery), and RE Charles Gault (NY State Presbytery). A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the call of RE Brian Gault from Redeemer Presbyterian Church (**p. 25**).

Presbytery approved the call of Bentley Crawford to serve as RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley through the RUF Midsouth Joint Committee (**p. 26**).

Presbytery appointed TE David Strain as the mentor for Intern Joe Bynum and appointed TE Steve Jussely as the mentor for Intern John Revell.

Presbytery approved the call of Madison Heights Church to TE Seth Starkey as Associate Pastor (**Appendix E, p. 27**). [****Because of the stated clerk's oversight, TE Starkey's installation commission was approved retroactively at the February 5, 2019 Stated Meeting.**]

Presbytery approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote previous experience by RE Brian Gault being counted as equivalent to internship per BCO 20-1.

196.1019

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The pastoral relationships between TE Chuck Frost and Madison Heights Church (**Appendix D, pp. 19.**), TE Ryan Biese and First Presbyterian Church, Winona (**pp. 21ff.**), and TE Hunter Brewer and this presbytery's call to serve with the Mid South Church Planting Network were dissolved (**pp. 23ff.**).

TE Chuck Frost was granted permission to labor out of bounds for a period of one year to serve as Interim Senior Pastor of Evangelical Presbyterian Church (PCA), in Newark, DE with the permission of Heritage Presbytery **(p. 28)**.

TE Ryan Biese was transferred to Tennessee Valley Presbytery pending reception and TE Hunter Brewer was transferred to Covenant Presbytery per their request **(pp. 23ff.)**.

It was reported that the Shepherding Committee, acting as a commission appointed at our February 6, 2018 Stated Meeting, completed the transfer of the membership of TE Tim Muse to Piedmont Triad Presbytery. The pending transfer had previously been reported at our May 1, 2018 Stated Meeting.

It was reported that the GA Standing Judicial Commission has delayed rendering judgment in the case of Mrs. Anna Lewis vs. The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and intends to take up the case again before the full SJC at their February 2019, meeting.

196.1020 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee.

Upon a personal motion from TE Mabbott, presbytery approved changing the MNA designated giving line item "Bethany Christian Services" to "Lifeline Children's Services" effective January 1, 2019 with the amount to remain at \$13,000 per year.

196.1021 ADMINISTRATION (Continued)

Chairman TE Ralph Kelley gave the report of the Review of Sessional Records and provided the year end list of churches submitting minutes for review **(Appendix H, pp. 37ff.)**.

The following minutes were approved without exception:

- Forest-Covenant Presbyterian Church
- Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
- Newton Presbyterian Church

The following minutes were approved with exceptions of form:

- Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg
- Tchula Presbyterian Church
- Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Minutes approved with exceptions of substance: None

The report of the Administration Committee was received as a whole.

196.1022 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 4, 2018 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 18**).

196.1023 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the February 5, 2019 Stated Meeting was RE Dr. William Harper.

196.1024 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Ruston, LA.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of the Madison Heights Church, Madison, to host the May 7, 2019 stated meeting.

Presbytery accepted the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, to host the August 6, 2019 stated meeting.

196.1025 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator TE Elbert McGowan, RE Doyle Moorhead, RE Wayne Morrison, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the morning and afternoon minutes.

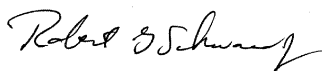
196.1026 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM with prayer by Moderator TE Elbert McGowan.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 5, 2019**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, Louisiana**

197.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Paul Adams called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order for outgoing Moderator TE Elbert McGowan at 9:05 AM by opening with prayer.

197.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	Scott Cannada
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	William Payne
	Cory Brock	Don Cannada
	Billy Dempsey	Barry Vickery
	David Felker	Bebo Elkin
	Wiley Lowry	William Harper
	Bill Wymond	Bud Bratley
		John Buchanan
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Otis Pickett
	Brian Gault	

Church

Jackson, Trinity
Kosciusko, First
Lauderdale, Lauderdale
Learned, Lebanon
Lexington, First
Louisville, First

Macon, Macon
Madden, Carolina
Madison, First
Madison, Madison Heights
Meridian, Northpointe
Newton, Newton
Pearl, Pearl
Philadelphia, First

Pickens, Pickens
Pickens, Shiloh
Raymond, Raymond
Ridgeland, Highlands
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard

Ruston, John Knox

Scooba, Scooba
Tchula, Tchula

Terry, Wynndale
Union, First
Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo
Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Stephen Speaks
Trey Owens

Scott Phillips

Michael Butterfield

Seth Starkey
Mason Kiple

Adam Parker

David Irving

Caleb Cangelosi
Dean Williams
Bruce Willson

Scott Reiber

Nick Bullock

Ruling Elder

Dennis Watts
Billy Lacey
A
Chipper Gibbes
A
Steven Holman
Robert Higginbotham
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A
Stephen Emerson
Dan Cumberland
A
A
Paul Adams
Carroll Dew
Tom Young

John Richmond
Chuck Murphy
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Sam Hutton
Will Thompson
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Mark Monroe
Terry Howard
Scott Edburg
Rob Coker
Wayne Morrison

b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were: Bruce Baugus, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, Robert Penny, Robert Schwanebeck, and Guy Waters.

c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present: Nicholas Barnes, Tre' Brooks, Zachery Byrd, Bryce Davis, Scott Edburg, Adam Kowalczyk, James Logan, Chris Rehers, Machen Strawbridge, Kevin Vollema, and Leo Yen.

- d. The following visitors were registered:** Harris Bond, Wally Bumpas, Steve DeFreese, Grant Gilliam, Mark Jonker, and Bill McGoken.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Clay Quarterman, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Earl Adams, Bentley Crawford, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Carl Kalberkamp, Ralph Kelley, Paul Long, Perry McCall, Philip McRae, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelton, Gary Sinclair, Mark Smith, Mark Spellman, Allen Stanton, and Charles Wingard.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 197.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Cyril Chavis, Ligon Duncan, Steve Jussely, Devin Kahan, Robert Lane, Roy McDaniel, Billy Meenan, Brad Mercer, Matt Miller, Jonathan McGuire, Phillip Palmertree, Randy Rhea, Brister Ware, Joseph Wheat, John Windham and Larry Wissel.

197.1003

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Dr. William Harper was elected moderator by acclamation.

197.1004

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

197.1005

INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 197.1002, d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

197.1006

WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Bruce Willson welcomed presbytery to Ruston, Louisiana and to John Knox Presbyterian Church.

197.1007

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE William Harper appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Seth Starkey, RE Will Thompson, and RE Tom Young.

197.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported the following:

1. Requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were received and approved. See **197.1002. a. f. and j.**
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The minutes of the commissions to ordain and install Bentley Crawford as RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University, and to ordain and install RE Brian Gault as Assistant Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS were received (**Appendix B, p. 9**).
 - b. Due to the error of the stated clerk, presbytery approved retroactively the commission to install Assistant Pastor TE Seth Starkey as Associate Pastor at Madison Heights Church, Madison. [The call itself was approved by presbytery at our November 6, 2018 Stated Meeting.] The commission was composed of Convener TE Randy Rhea, TE Chuck Frost, TE Jeff Jordan, RE Trey Biggs, RE Matt Vines, and RE Bebo Elkin. Presbytery then approved the minutes of that commission to install TE Seth Starkey as Associate Pastor at Madison Heights Church (**Appendix B, p. 10**).
 - c. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 6, 2018 Stated Meeting reported that they were reviewed and approved as corrected (**Appendix C, p. 11**).
3. Communications:
 - a. A request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Nick Bullock and Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix D, p. 12**).
 - b. Calls to TE Wally Bumpas, of Covenant Presbytery, from Madison Heights Church to serve as Assistant Pastor, and to TE Harris Bond, of Evangel Presbytery, from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as a church planter were referred to the Credentials Committee

(Appendix E, p. 13).

- c. Ministry reports from TE Bobby Penny **(Appendix F, p. 15)**, TE Kaz Yaegashi **(Appendix G, p. 17)**, and TE Gary Johnson **(Appendix H, p. 23)** were received as information.
- d. The Memorial Resolution for RE Thomas Bowen, Jr. was received and approved to be read during worship **(Appendix I, p. 25)**.
- e. The Overture from the Discipleship Ministries Committee for changes in the Standing Rules was referred to the Administration Committee for a second reading **(Appendix J, p. 27)**.

197.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix K, pp. 28ff.)**.

Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters spoke to presbytery on the final two Preliminary Principles of the BCO.

RE Wayne Morrison gave the Treasurer's report. That report was received as information. Presbytery approved the 2019 budget as presented **(Appendix K, pp. 28ff.)**.

Chairman TE Adam Parker of the Administration's Sub Committee on the Review of Sessional Records, gave instructions on the new way of submitting Sessional Minutes as approved at the November 6, 2018 Stated Meeting and now a part of our Standing Rules.

Chairman TE Bruce Willson continued the Administration Committee Report. Presbytery approved by $\frac{3}{4}$ vote the following changes to the Standing Rules as edited by Administration **(Appendix K, p. 28)**. These were presented as the second reading of the original overture with the concurrence of the Discipleship Ministries Committee **(Appendix J, p. 27)**.

Article VII. Section E.3.

a. Business

- 1) The responsibility of this committee is to promote the work of Christian education and discipleship among the churches of presbytery.
- 2) The committee shall organize, support, promote, and administer seminars for the education and training of church leaders.
- 3) It is the duty of this committee to assist and encourage the work of youth and children's ministry within the presbytery.
- 4) It is the duty of this committee to assist, encourage, and oversee the work of the Presbytery Women's Ministry. The yearly report of the Presbytery Women's Ministry is to be included in this committee's annual report.
- 5) [Vacated]

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The report was received as a whole.

197.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The pastoral relationship between TE Nick Bullock and Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, was dissolved at his request and with concurrent request of the congregation (**Appendix D, p. 12**). It was approved that TE Bullock be allowed to remain on the roll of presbytery without call.

TE Wayne Herring encouraged the TEs and REs in the central Mississippi area to visit TE Buck and Betty Mosal who are in an assisted living facility in Madison.

The report was received as a whole.

197.1011

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Nominations Committee. TE Strain reported that the committee acted as a commission and approved the following changes and additions to presbytery committees:

ADMINISTRATION: RE Ken Meadows will move from Alternate to full member (class of 2020).

RE Leon Hemphill accepted the nomination to serve as Alternate to replace Ken.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES: TE Cory Brock accepted the nomination to serve as an Alternate, filling a vacant slot.

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA: RE Will Montgomery will move from Alternate to full member, Class of 2021. RE Rob Coker was nominated as Alternate to replace Will.

MISSION TO THE MILITARY: RE Sam Hutton accepted his nomination to membership in the Class of 2021. RE Kelle Menogan was nominated as an Alternate.

In addition, Nominations as a commission approved moving RE JoJo Payne from the Interchurch Relations Committee nomination slot to the Reformed University Fellowship nomination slot. In his place, RE Ken Haynes was approved to fill the vacated slot for Interchurch Relations.

Chairman TE David Strain submitted the committee's recommendations for the Committee of Commissioners for the 2019 General Assembly:

Administration	TE Charlie Wingard
Discipleship Ministries	TE Bruce Baugus
Covenant Theological Seminary	TE Roger Collins
Interchurch Relations	TE Chris Wright
Mission to North America	TE Scott Reiber
PCA Foundation	TE Bruce Willson

Covenant College	RE Otis Puckett
PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.	RE Bill Stone
Mission to the World	RE Paul Hurst
Ridgehaven	RE Mark Windham
Reformed University Fellowship	RE JoJo Payne

Overtures RE Will Thompson; TE Guy Waters.

The Nominations Committee was approved to continue as a commission to fill any vacant places of service on the various committees at both the presbytery and the General Assembly level.

The report was received as a whole.

197.1012 CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Mike McKelvey reported on the work of the Campus Ministry Committee.

TE McKelvey announced that TE Cyril Chavis RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University, has accepted a call to serve in the same capacity at Howard University. A search committee has been formed to fill the vacancy at Jackson State.

The report was received as a whole.

197.1013 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix L, p. 36**).

The Standing Rules were suspended by 2/3 vote to allow the following changes to the Standing Rules without a second reading: Presbytery approved changing all references to Bethany Christian Services in our Standing Rules and/or budget be changed to Lifeline or Lifeline Children's Services as appropriate.

Presbytery approved enrolling the Monroe Church Plant as a Mission Church of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley. The following were appointed as a Commission to provide temporary oversight of this mission church, per BC0 5-3: TE Chris Wright, RE Troy Richardson, TE Jeff Jordan, RE Chuck Murphy, with TE Harris Bond serving as moderator (pending his dismissal from Evangel Presbytery and transfer into The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (**Appendix E, p. 14**).

Presbytery approved transferring the remaining funds from MNA Church Planting account to TE Harris Bond's MNA account.

The report was received as a whole.

197.1014

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

197.1015

WORSHIP

Moderator RE Dr. William Harper read the Memorial Resolution for RE Thomas Bowen, Jr. **(Appendix I, p. 25)**.

TE Elbert McGowan led presbytery in worship. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE McGowan preached from John 1:1-14 on "God's Amazing Grace for Astonished Sinners." TE McGowan led presbytery in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

197.1016

READING OF MORNING MINUTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The reading of the morning minutes was delayed until the end of the meeting. Announcements regarding the lunch hour were given by Host TE Bruce Willson.

197.1017

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Bruce Willson concluded the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

The Thanks Committee, composed of Convenor TE Seth Starkey, RE Will Thompson, and RE Tom Young, presented the following report:

"The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley has gathered across the river in our neighboring Louisiana, And whereas we have gathered in the warm fellowship of the John Knox Presbyterian Church, an original member of the PCA, And whereas we were treated to Cajun food, including a mud bug rouse, homemade cider, and a delicious lunch,

Therefore, be it resolved that we offer our thanks to God for the faithful service of TE Bruce Willson, The Session, and the wonderful ladies who made our day so enjoyable."

After lunch, Moderator RE William Harper reconvened presbytery with prayer at 12:45 PM.

197.1018

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 36ff.**).

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Harris Bond is a PCA minister in good standing within Evangel Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Evangel Presbytery. Since TE Bond was previously a member of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and thus had been examined thoroughly in the past, he was asked if there was any change in his views in the areas of theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Bond said there had not been any changes in his views and declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer.

The examination was closed in prayer by Moderator RE William Harper.

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE Wally Bumpas is a PCA minister in good standing within Covenant Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Covenant Presbytery. Since TE Bumpas was previously a member of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley and thus had been examined thoroughly in the past, he was asked if there was any change in his views in the areas of theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Bumpas said there had not been any changes in his views and declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by Moderator RE William Harper.

Mr. Bumpas's installation was set for 9:30 AM, June 16, 2019, at Madison Heights Church in Madison. A commission including Convener TE Seth Starkey, TE Randy Rhea, TE Robert Hays, RE Bebo Elkin, RE Trey Biggs, RE Aaron Edward, RE Paul Gregory, RE John Laws, RE Rod Little, RE Ken Primos, RE Daniel Rowland, and RE Matt Vines was approved. TE Steve Burton from the EPC was invited to serve with the commission as a guest and preach the sermon. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

197.1019

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR TE HARRIS BOND

RE William Harper presided for the installation of TE Harris Bond to presbytery's Church Planting work in Monroe, LA.

TE David Strain preached a sermon from 1 Corinthians 3:1-15.

RE William Harper asked TE Harris Bond the questions found in BCO 21-5.

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RE William Harper asked the presbytery the questions found in BCO 21-6.

RE William Harper prayed for TE Bond and his ministry.

RE William Harper made the pronouncement of installation to TE Bond.

TE Richard Wiman gave a charge to TE Bond and offered prayer for him.

TE Eric Mabbott gave a charge the presbytery and offered prayer.

TE Mabbott pronounced the benediction to conclude the service.

197.1020

CREDENTIALS (Continued)

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus continued the report of the Credentials Committee (**pp. 36ff.**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 39**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Candidacy and Internship

Nicholas Barnes, Scott Edburg, Hunter Nicholson, Wilson Van Hooser, Leo Yen, and Kevin Vollema gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. These reports were approved (**Appendix M, p. 39**).

Mr. Machen Strawbridge was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Strawbridge is a member of Madison Heights Church, Madison and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE William Harper. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Strawbridge was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Madison Heights Church where he will intern with TE Seth Starkey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. James Logan was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Logan is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE William Harper. The moderator read the pronouncement from

BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Logan was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson with TE Stephen Speaks as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Adam Kowalczyk was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Kowalczyk is a member of Madison Heights Church, Madison and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE William Harper. The Moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then RE Harper prayed. Mr. Kowalczyk was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Madison Heights Church where he will intern with TE Jimmy Turner as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Bryce Davis was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Davis is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, and is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His internship will be under Plan D at Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, with TE Ian Kayser as mentor. Presbytery allowed previous work done to apply toward internship requirements, with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. Moderator RE William Harper prayed for him and then addressed him from BCO 19-10.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the calls of TE Wally Bumpas from Madison Heights Church to serve as Assistant Pastor and to TE Harris Bond from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as a church planter in Monroe, Louisiana.

Presbytery approved removing Joshua Johnson and James Ritchey from the roll of candidates and interns due to the fact that they have been ordained by other presbyteries.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of David Groendyk pending the completion of his report on Robert's Rules of Order.

The report was received as a whole.

197.2021 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott continued the report of the Mission to North America Committee.

By personal motion, TE Mabbott moved that TE Harris Bond be allowed to labor out of bounds in an interim role at his current pastorate with approval of Evangel Presbytery until the end of May, at which time he will assume his full responsibilities in Monroe.

197.1022 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

197.1023 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

197.1024 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

Presbytery chose TE Guy Waters as the first nominee to serve as moderator for our May 7, 2019 Stated Meeting.

197.1025 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at Madison Heights Church in Madison.

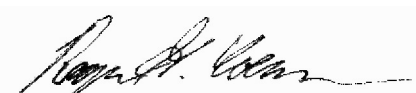
197.1026 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Dr. William Harper, RE Wayne Morrison, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

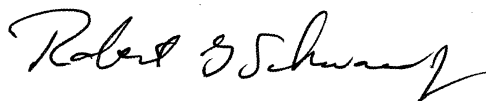
197.1027 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM with prayer by Moderator RE William Harper.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
May 7, 2019**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Madison Heights Church, Madison, Mississippi**

198.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE William Harper called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

198.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Dale Nutt
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
		Lester Harrison
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		E
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bill Penn
	Cory Brock	Bill Payne
	Billy Dempsey	Bebo Elkin
	David Felker	Marvin Stockett
	Ed Hartman	William Harper
	Ralph Kelley	Wayne Husband
	Wiley Lowry	Bud Bratley

Church

Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Scott Reiber

Charlie Wingard

Ruling Elder

Jimmy Harrison
Terry Howard
A
Rob Coker

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bruce Baugus, Nick Bullock, Ken Elliott, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Rick Holbert, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Paul Long, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Joe Bynum, Bruce Davis, David Groendyk, Matt Pinckard, Chris Rehers, John Revell, Wesley Strebeck and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Chris Accardy, Steven Carter, Tim Crist, Charles Dykes, Sherry Lanier, Charles Marchman, Larry Mills, James McGovern, Rick Morton, Roger Parrott, Zezhou Qi (Roger), Cheryl Reese, Shelli Robison and Clint Wilcke.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bentley Crawford, Devin Kahan, Eric Mabbott, Elbert McGowan and Phillip Palmertree.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 198.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Trey Owens and David Irving.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Cyril Chavis, Ligon Duncan, Steve Jussely, Perry McCall and Roy McDaniel.

198.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Dr. Guy Waters was elected moderator by acclamation.

198.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 14**).

198.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 198.1002, d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

198.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

Pastor TE Randy Rhea welcomed presbytery to Madison and to Madison Heights Church.

198.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Guy Waters appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Phil McRae, RE Ken Haynes and TE Earl Adams.

Moderator TE Guy Waters appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator and Convener RE William Harper, RE Will Thompson and TE Caleb Cangelosi.

198.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**p. 9**).
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The commission appointed to review the minutes of the February 5, 2019 Stated Meeting reported that they had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 15**).
3. Communications
 - a. Requests for the dissolution of the pastoral relationships between TE John Windham and Madison Heights Church (**Appendix C, pp. 16ff**) and between TE David Irving

and the Raymond Presbyterian Church were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix D, pp. 21ff**).

- b. The call to TE Zack Owens from Redeemer Church to serve as Assistant Pastor was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix E, p. 22**).
- c. The ministry report from TE Bentley Crawford, RUF Campus Minister at Belhaven University, was received as information (**Appendix F, pp. 23ff**).
- d. John Knox Presbyterian Church submitted an overture Affirming The PCA's Commitment To The Sanctity Of Biblical Human Sexual Relationships was referred to the Overtures Committee appointed by the moderator earlier in the day (**Appendix G, pp. 30ff**).
- e. Dr. Roger Parrott, President of Belhaven University, was introduced and given an opportunity to address the presbytery on the work of Belhaven University.
- f. Dr. Rick Morton, Vice President of Engagement for Lifeline Ministries, was given five minutes to introduce that ministry to the presbytery.
- g. A communication from GA Stated Clerk TE Roy Taylor concerning the ruling of the Standing Judicial Commission on Case 2018-02 and the proposed recommendation from Review of Presbytery Records Committee were reported for the information of the presbytery (**Appendix H, pp. 35ff**).

198.1009

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix I, O, pp. 37, 53ff**).

TE Chris Accardy, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church in Grenada, MS, addressed the presbytery concerning the revitalization of that church through prayer and community ministry.

198.1010

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

TE Ralph Kelley, immediate past chairman of the Administration Committee, presented certificates of appreciation to former officers of presbytery: Past Treasurers RE Rod Russ and RE Doyle Moorhead; Past Recording Clerk TE Robert Hays. TE John Reeves could not attend this meeting and presbytery will recognize him when he is present. TE Kelley offered a prayer of thanksgiving for their faithful service to presbytery (**Appendix Q, pp. 57ff**).

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198.1011 SPECIAL COMMITTEE: ROLE OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY

TE Guy Waters gave the report of the Study Committee on the Role of Women in Ministry (**Appendix Q, pp. 57ff**).

Past Moderator RE William Harper assumed the chair while TE Waters gave this report.

TE Waters introduced the committee and gave an overview of its work. He then called on TE Bruce Baugus and TE David Strain to take the presbytery through the recommendations found in the report. He called on RE Otis Pickett to explain to the presbytery how sessions and churches can benefit from the report. TE Waters called on Sherry Lanier, one of the women who served in an advisory capacity to the committee, to speak to the issue addressed in the report. Sherry spoke specifically about how women can assist the ministry of the church on the presbytery level.

Due to the hour of the day, a motion was approved to allocate 10 minutes for questions to the committee.

Recommendations 1-6 presented in the report were moved as a whole and they were approved.

Recommendation 7 that the presbytery dismiss the committee with thanks was approved and the women who assisted the committee were given special thanks from the presbytery.

TE Guy Waters resumed the moderator's chair following the Role of Women in Ministry report.

198.1012 RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

198.1013 WORSHIP

TE David Strain led the presbytery in worship for Past Moderator RE William Harper. After singing hymns and the reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Strain preached from Zechariah 12:10-13:7 on "The Pattern of Revival". The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

198.1014 LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Guy Waters concluded the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

During the lunch hour, the Thanks Committee, composed of Convener TE Phil McRae, RE Ken Haynes, and TE Earl Adams presented the following report:

WHEREAS God our Father in His mercy and grace because of His love has called

us to Himself through Christ Jesus our Lord; and

WHEREAS He has called us as elders in His church in the PCA; and

WHEREAS the Madison Heights Church, PCA, has graciously invited us to enjoy their facilities today for our Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley meeting; and

WHEREAS their ladies and gentlemen have been so gracious and hospitable to us with refreshments and use of their entire facilities; and

WHEREAS we praise the Lord for this meeting that we have been able to have today, in great comfort;

THEREFORE be it resolved that we thank this church for their hospitality and love demonstrated to us and that we visibly show them our thanks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, as a presbytery, thank our Lord for the ministry of the Madison Heights Church, PCA, their ministers, ruling elders, deacons, ladies, and children and that you, Lord, would give them spiritual and numerical growth according to your will; and

THAT you would allow them all, always, to reflect the love of Christ Jesus and Lord in all of their words and works!

The Resolution of the Thanks to our Lord Committee,
Convener TE Philip McRae, TE Earl Adams, RE Ken Haynes

After lunch, moderator TE Guy Waters reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:15 PM.

198.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE Bruce Baugus gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix L, pp. 40ff**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports (www.msvalley.org) submitted were provided **Appendix L, p. 42**).

Candidates Joe Bynum, Bryce Davis, David Groendyk, Matthew Pinckard, Chris Rehers, John Revell, and Wes Strebeck gave their oral candidate and internship reports. These were approved.

Mr. Roger Qi was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Qi is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their

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session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Charlie Wingard. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Qi was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Caleb Cangelosi as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Charles Marchman was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Marchman is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Charlie Wingard. The moderator read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Marchman was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Zack Owens, a candidate and an intern of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Owens declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Owens preached a sermon from John 7:37-39 on "Rivers of Living Water". Mr. Owens' sermon was approved.

Mr. Owens' examination for ordination was approved as a whole. Moderator TE Guy Waters prayed for Mr. Owens.

Mr. Owens' call from Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Owens' ordination and installation service was set for Sunday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with the following commission: TE Elbert McGowan, Convener, TE

J.M. Owens III, TE Bentley Crawford, RE Otis Pickett, RE Kelle Menogan, and RE McNeill Bartling III. TE Richard Bailey from Canning Vale Community Church, Perth, Australia, and a member of South Louisiana Presbytery was invited to sit with the commission as a visitor. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the convener or the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Zack Owens and his call to Zack Owens from Redeemer Presbyterian Church to serve as Assistant Pastor.

Presbytery approved removing Reuben Antvelink from the roll of candidates and interns per his request, believing he is no longer called to gospel ministry.

The report was received as a whole.

198. 1016

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Nominations Committee.

The following updates were made for the presbytery committees.

Discipleship Ministries Committee: TE Ian Kayser to serve in the Class of 2021 filling the spot of David Graves who was mistakenly nominated and elected as he is a deacon.

Credentials Committee: TE Mike McKelvey was moved from Alternate to fill the spot vacated by TE David Irving in Class of 2021. TE Heath Cross will serve as alternate.

MNA: TE Brian Gault replaced TE Elbert McGowan in the Class of 2019.

Mission to the Military: TE Dean Williams to fill an Alternate position.

Mission to the World: TE Jeff Jordan to move from Alternate to fill the spot vacated by TE David Irving in the Class of 2019. TE Billy Dempsey will serve as the Alternate.

General Assembly and Committees of Commissioners appointments.

RE Otis Pickett was appointed to serve as Communion Elder.

TE Ian Kayser was appointed to serve as Floor Clerk.

RE Rob Coker appointed to serve on the RBI Committee of Commissioners.

The report was received as a whole.

198.1017

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The pastoral relationships between TE John Windham and Madison Heights Church (**Appendix C, pp. 16ff**) and between TE David Irving and the Raymond Presbyterian Church were dissolved (**Appendix D, pp. 22ff**).

TE John Windham was transferred to Covenant Presbytery with the understanding that they voted to receive him on May 15, 2018 (**Appendix C, p. 20**). TE Nick Bullock was transferred to Southeast Alabama Presbytery pending their reception (**Appendix E, pp. 23ff**). TE Paul Long was transferred to Covenant Presbytery pending their reception of him, and TE David Irving was transferred to Grace Presbytery pending their reception of him.

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave a summation of the status and expected ruling in the SJC Case 2018-02 which is was referred to the GA Review of Presbytery Records Committee. The Presbytery expressed its appreciation to TE Collins for his hard work as Respondant for presbytery in this process.

A motion was passed to approve the requests for excused absences as submitted. **See 198.1002. a. f. and j. (p. 3).**

The report was received as a whole.

198.1018

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix J, p. 38**).

TE Nick Bullock was given the opportunity to share with the presbytery his call to serve as pastor of Covenant Fellowship Church (PCA) in Stuttgart, Germany through MMI and Southeast Alabama Presbytery.

198.1019

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Ken Elliott gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee.

TE Troy Milliken gave a report on his work as chaplain with the Army Reserve.

TE Don Malin spoke to the presbytery on the subject of PTSD.

The report was received as a whole and the moderator offered prayer for our military chaplains.

198.1020

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee for Chairman TE Eric Mabbott (**Appendix K, p. 39**).

TE Harris Bond gave the presbytery an update on the new church planting work in Monroe, LA.

The report was received as a whole.

198.1021

SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

198.1022

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson reported for the Administration Committee (**Appendix N, pp. 45ff**).

TE Willson gave the financial report for Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison (**pp. 45ff**).

TE Adam Parker gave the report of the Sessional Records Subcommittee (**pp. 45ff**). He noted that session records had not been received and or reviewed for the following churches:

Carolina Presbyterian Church

Delhi Presbyterian Church

DeKalb Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Louisville*

(*First, Louisville submitted minutes, stated clerk erred in not forwarding for review.)

First Presbyterian Church, Madison

Forest Grove Presbyterian Church

Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest

Lauderdale Presbyterian Church

Macon Presbyterian Church

Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church

Newton Presbyterian Church

Pickens Presbyterian Church

Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church

Scooba Presbyterian Church

Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Churches with Minutes Approved without Exception:

Carthage Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

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Lakeland Presbyterian Church
Raymond Presbyterian Church
Shongalo Presbyterian Church
Wynndale Presbyterian Church
Edwards Presbyterian Church
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Lebanon Presbyterian Church

Churches with Minutes Approved with Exceptions of Form Only:

Bailey Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko
First Presbyterian Church, Union
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Highlands Presbyterian Church
Northpointe Presbyterian Church
Pearl Presbyterian Church
Providence Presbyterian Church
Tchula Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Grace Presbyterian Church

The minutes of First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia; John Knox Presbyterian Church; Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Madison Heights Church, and Bethesda Presbyterian Church were not submitted physically so their review will need to be completed at our August meeting.

Churches with Exceptions of Substance:

Brandon Presbyterian Church

Churches with Exceptions of Substance and Form:

Bethesda Presbyterian Church: 5/18, 11/18; BCO 12-6 says Session should meet quarterly.

First Presbyterian Church, Winona:

4/30/18 Called congregational meeting for 6/3/18 no minutes included.

No evidence of deacons being nominated by membership of the church.

No record of deacons being present or examined by Session.

10/14/18 Reference to existing pulpit committee, but no record of one being elected.

6/3/18 Congregational meeting to elect deacons - no minutes included of this meeting.

10/28/18 No minutes of this meeting.

The report was received as a whole.

198.1023

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Past Moderator RE William Harper gave the report of the Overtures Committee concerning the Overture of John Knox Presbyterian Church (**Appendix H, pp. 35ff**).

The moderator ruled that the Overtures Committee had raised a point of order. His ruling was that, "Without prejudice to the contents of the overture, the point of order is well taken".

Grounds: "Similar overtures were found to be out of order by the General Assembly. From the 2014 Minutes of the General Assembly: 'RE James W. Wert, Chairman, led the Assembly in prayer and presented the report...on a point of order by TE David Coffin, the Moderator ruled that the point of order was well taken and therefore Recommendation 2 and 5 were out of order, as requesting reaffirmation of previously adopted positions (RONR [11th Ed.], p. 104, II. 24-31. The ruling was challenged, and the Moderator's ruling was sustained.' M42GA (2014), p. 55.

The portion of RONR cited reads, "Motions to 'reaffirm' a position previously taken by adoption a motion or resolution are not in order. Such a motion serves no useful purpose because the original motion is still in effect; also, possible attempts to amend a motion to reaffirm would come in conflict with the rules for the motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted (35); and if such a motion to reaffirm failed, it would created an ambiguous situation."

The report was received as a whole.

198.1024

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the August 6th Stated Meeting was RE Rob Coker from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City.

198.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS.

198.1026

READING OF THE MINUTES

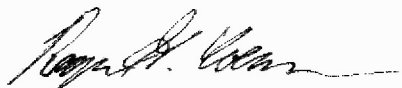
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, RE Dr. William Harper, RE Doyle Moorhead, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Moderator TE Guy Waters and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

198.1027

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM with prayer by TE Guy Waters.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 6, 2019**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

199.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator TE Guy Waters called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

199.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Huey Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Mike Ellis
	Alvie Moore	
	Brad Gomillion	
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Dale Nutt
	Kevin Burns	
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
	Lester Harrison	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	SS Zach Byrd	Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards	Heath Cross	A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	William Harper
	Cory Brock	Barry Vickery
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead

Church

Teaching Elder

Ruling Elder

	David Felker	Wayne Husband
	Ralph Kelley	Marvin Stockett
	Wiley Lowry	Don Cannada
	Brister Ware	John Buchanan
	Bill Wymond	Bill Penn
		Bebo Elkin
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A
	Brian Gault	
	Zack Owens	
Jackson, Trinity	Stephen Speaks	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Bill Lacey
	Trey Owens	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Gene Davis
	Matt Miller	Charles McCool
		A
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
	Wally Bumpas	
	Seth Starkey	
Meridian, Northpointe		A
Monroe Church Plant	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton	SS Charlie Douglas	A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	A
Philadelphia, First		Stephen Emerson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer	A
	Devin Kahan	
	Billy Meenan	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
	Dean Williams	Robert Waltzer
	Eddie Moran	
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	Steve DeFreese
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
	Will Thompson	
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill

Church

Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo
Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First

Teaching Elder

Philip McRae
Philip McRae
Scott Reiber

Charlie Wingard

Ruling Elder

Marion Jones
Bob McEachern
Mark Monroe
Terry Howard
James Hunger

Rob Coker
Wayne Morrison

Yazoo City, First

Yazoo City, Second

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bentley Crawford, Charlie Douglas, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Sebastian Bjernegard, Tony Doggett, Graham Guo, John Lane, Jackson Lin, Matthew Pinckard, John Revell, Wes Strebeck, Wilson Van Hooser, and Kevin Vollema.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Scott Bridges, Steven Carter, George Fair, Jim Goode, Tom Kelley, Bill Lash, Steve McNair, David Storumt, and Alan Walters.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Jim Stewart, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Earl Adams, Bruce Baugus, Michael Butterfield, John Dawson, Ligon Duncan, Ed Hartman, Rick Holbert, Carl Kalberkamp, Mason Kiple, Robert Lane, Troy Milliken, Guy Richardson, and Gary Sinclair.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 199.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Charlie Rodriguez, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Roy McDaniel, Mark Smith, and Joseph Wheat.

199.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Rob Coker was elected moderator by acclamation.

199.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 16**).

199.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **199.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

199.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE David Strain and TE Ralph Kelley welcomed presbytery to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

199.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Rob Coker appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener RE Will Thompson, TE Jonathan McGuire, and TE Cory Brock.

199.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**see p. 14 and 199.1002 f. and g. on p. 3, 4**).
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the May 7, 2019 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix B, p. 17**).
 - b. Minutes of the commission to ordain and install Zach Owens as Assistant Pastor at Redeemer Presbyterian Church were received (**Appendix C, p. 18**).
 - c. Minutes of the commission of the Nominations Committee approving TE Jeff Jordan as an additional floor clerk at the General Assembly in Dallas were received (**Appendix D, p. 19**).

3. Calls

- a. The call from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia to TE David Storment (ARP) was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix E, p. 20**).

4. Dissolutions and Transfers

The following were all referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for their recommendations (**p. 8**):

- a. The dissolution of the call from this presbytery to TE Rick Holbert to serve with the Christian Medical and Dental Society and his requested transfer to Southeast Alabama Presbytery (**Appendix F, p. 21**);
- b. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Stephen Speaks and Trinity Presbyterian Church and his transfer to Central Florida Presbytery (**Appendix G, pp. 22ff**);
- c. The dissolution of the presbytery's call to TE Cyril Chavis as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University and his transfer to Potomac Presbytery (**Appendix J, pp. 28ff**);
- d. The requests from TE Jim Stewart and TE Clay Quarterman to dissolve their present out of bounds calls and to be granted Honorable Retirement (**Appendix ?, pp. ?, Appendix N, p. 74**);
- e. The dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Heath Cross and the Edwards Presbyterian Church and his request to remain on the roll of presbytery as he serves as an assistant pastor of the Stephens Valley Church (non-denominational) until Nashville Presbytery works through the process of receiving him (**Appendix I, pp. 26ff**).

5. Communications

- a. The session response of the Brandon Presbyterian Church to the exception of substance taken to their minutes by presbytery was referred to the Administration Committee (**Appendix L, p. 32**).
- b. The notifications of a change of views received from TE Roy McDaniel (**Appendix M, p. 33**) and Candidate Nick Barnes (**p. 34**) were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- c. Annual reports from Teaching Elders who labor out of bounds or are without call were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. It was noted that reports were received from all teaching elders who were required to submit them (**Appendix N, pp. 35ff and pp. 37ff**) as well as from several Honorably Retired and RUF Campus

Ministers.

- d. The minutes and/or reports of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix O, p. 69**), the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix P, p. 70**), the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix Q, p. 72**), and the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix R, pp. 76ff**) were received as information.
 - e. Stated Supply requests were received from Trinity Presbyterian Church for TE Bruce Baugus (**Appendix K, p. 30**) and from Newton Presbyterian Church for TE Charles Douglas for another year (**p. 31**). Both were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
6. Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins provided a brief update on the BCO 40-5 case against presbytery from Anna Lewis that is once again before the Standing Judicial Commission following the recent GA decision.
 7. Book of Church Order Amendments: Presbytery voted on the proposed amendments to the Book of Church Order sent down by the 2019 General Assembly. The results of the vote were as follows:
 - a. Item 1: Amend BCO 42-4, 43-2, and 43-3 regarding Method and Deadlines of Filing Cases: 72 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstained
 - b. Item 2: Amend BCO 32-8, 32-13, and 35-10 to Allow for Video Testimony by Witnesses: 72 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstained
 - c. Amendments to the Rules of Assembly Operation were received as information.
 8. Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins made a personal motion that PMV Standing Rules be suspended so that TE David Strain be allowed to serve a third term on the Credentials Committee without the required year off so that he may be eligible to serve as committee chairman. That personal motion was seconded and approved without objection.

199.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix S, p. 81**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report and presented the proposed 2020 PMV Budget (**pp. 83ff**). Presbytery approved (**p. 89**) and adopted the recommended askings of \$28.00 per member. Due to the current financial shortfall, presbytery instructed committee chairmen not to plan on spending monies from the 2020 approved budget until after the February 2020 stated meeting when the budget will be updated and finalized.

TE Adam Parker gave the report of the sub-committee on the Review of Sessional Records (**pp. 92ff**). That report is as follows:

Churches Whose Minutes were Approved without Exception

Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest

Churches Whose Minutes were Approved with Exception of Form Only

First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton

Churches Whose Minutes were Approved with Exceptions of Substance Only

Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Edwards

Churches Whose Minutes were Approved with Exceptions of Substance and of Form

Madison Heights Church, Madison
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson

Exceptions of Substance Details:

Madison Heights: 3/25/18 No record of Session voting to call congregational meeting. 3/5 minutes certify congregation was notified in time, but no minutes reflect that the session voted to call such a meeting.
5/21/18 Session approved minutes of 4/15/18 as the installation of John Windham, However the meeting of that date was for the ordination of Ruling Elders and Deacons. There are no minutes reflecting the call of John Windham. No record of his call in the minutes.
10/14/18 Congregational Meeting, but no record of the session calling a congregational meeting. See BCO 25-2.

Redeemer: 1/3/18 BCO 25-2 says session must vote to call a congregational meeting, but no record of such a vote is recorded. The congregational meeting is only mentioned in the Pastor's report but not voted on by session.
4/13/18 Motion to approve 27 people to membership. No indication given if session examined and approved per BCO 57-5.
11/28/18 BCO 24-1 says session must act to open nominations for the membership regarding election of officers and candidates. No indication in minutes of any sessional action to open nominations.
12/3/18 53 names put forward to be received as members, but no indication in the minutes if they made public professions of faith or answered 5 questions of membership.

Bethesda: 5/18, 11/18 BCO says session should meet at least quarterly.

Churches from Whom Minutes Have not Been Received:

Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden
DeKalb Presbyterian Church, DeKalb
First Presbyterian Church, Madison
First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, Carthage
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church, Lauderdale
Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey
Newton Presbyterian Church, Newton
Pickens Presbyterian Church, Pickens
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, DeKalb
Scooba Presbyterian Church, Scooba.
Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Pickens (Statistical report received, but no minutes)

The 2019 Salary Guidelines were presented and approved with the amendment that the word "expected" in the first line be changed to "recommended" (**Appendix S, pp. 94ff**).

TE John Reeves was recognized for his faithful service to presbytery, especially in his service as Recording Clerk from 1982-1988 and as Parliamentarian from 2014-2015. It was noted that he served as an unofficial Parliamentarian for many years before the office became official (**Appendix T, p. 97**).

The report was received as a whole.

199.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

1. The following annual reports were received as information:

- a. RUF Campus Ministers: TE Jeff Jordan and TE Bentley Crawford.
- b. TE's Without Call: TE Don Malin and TE Roy McDaniel
- c. TE's Serving as Missionaries Out of Bounds: TE Trey Adams, TE Nate Bonham, TE Aaron Halbert, TE John Prabhakar, TE Clay Quarterman, TE Josh Reiger and TE Kaz Yaegashi.
- d. TE's serving Out of Bounds with Para Church Ministries: TE Bruce Baugus, TE Ligon Duncan, TE Gary Johnson, TE Mike McKelvey, TE Paul Nasekos, TE Guy Richardson, TE Jim Stewart, TE Yakub Susabda and TE Guy Waters.
- e. TE's serving Out of Bounds with miscellaneous ministries: TE Chuck Frost, TE Wayne Herring, TE Rick Holbert, TE Mark Lowery, TE Fred Marsh and TE Larry Wissel.

- f. TE's serving as Military Chaplains: TE Troy Milliken, TE Leonard Siems and TE Joey Wright.
 - g. TE's who are Honorably Retired (not required): TE Ric Cannada, TE Robert Penny and TE Bob Schwanebeck.
2. TE Jim Stewart's request to be granted Honorable Retirement was approved (**Appendix H, p. 25**). Prayer was offered giving thanks for his years of ministry and asking God's blessing on him during retirement.
 3. Chairman RE Elkin made a personal motion that TE Clay Quarterman's request to be granted Honorable Retirement as of December 31, 2019 be approved (**Appendix N, p. 74**). It was seconded and approved. Prayer was offered giving thanks for his years of ministry and asking God's blessing on him during retirement.
 4. Presbytery approved the dissolution of TE Rick Holbert's call from presbytery to serve with the Christian Medical and Dental Association and transferred his membership to Southeast Alabama Presbytery upon their request (**Appendix F, p. 21**).
 5. Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Stephen Speaks and Trinity Presbyterian Church per his request and congregational vote and transferred his membership to Central Florida Presbytery upon their request (**Appendix G, pp. 22ff**).
 6. Presbytery approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Heath Cross and the Edwards Presbyterian Church per his request and the Edwards congregational vote. Presbytery also approved his transfer to Nashville Presbytery upon their request (**Appendix I, pp. 26ff**).
 7. Presbytery affirmed the action of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee serving as a commission in dissolving the RUF call to TE Cyril Chavez as Campus Minister at Jackson State University and transferred his membership to Potomac Presbytery as requested (**Appendix J, p. 28**).
 8. Presbytery approved the request of Trinity Presbyterian Church to have TE Bruce Baugus serve as Stated Supply beginning immediately (**Appendix K, p. 30**).
 9. Chairman RE Elkin made a personal motion that TE Charlie Douglas be allowed to serve as the Stated Supply at the Newton Presbyterian Church for another year (**Appendix K, p. 31**). That motion was seconded and approved.

The partial report was received.

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The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

199.1012

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

199.1013

WORSHIP

TE Guy Waters led presbytery in worship. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Waters preached a sermon from Romans 5:1-5. TE David Strain and TE Guy Waters then led the presbytery in observing the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer. (No memorial resolutions were submitted.)

199.1014

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

Moderator RE Rob Coker concluded the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

The Thanks Committee, composed of Convener RE Will Thompson, TE Jonathan McGuire, and TE Cory Brock presented the following report:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSON
MISSISSIPPI ON THE OCCASION OF HOSTING THE PRESBYTERY OF THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ON AUGUST 6, 2019

WHEREAS First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, in the providence of Almighty God was established in 1837 and was an original member of the Presbyterian Church in America when it was organized in 1973, and

WHEREAS the LORD has been pleased to use this Church in the extending of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ not only in their local sphere of Jackson, the State of Mississippi and our country yea, even to the uttermost ends of the earth, and

WHEREAS First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, has been the gracious host of Presbytery at their beautiful site of Twin Lakes for many years, and

WHEREAS First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, has desired to host presbytery at their home campus, and

WHEREAS this body of presbytery recognizes that the hosting of such a gathering as our presbytery requires the involvement of many people, and

WHEREAS we were greeted very hospitably and directed to our appointed destinations and provided with sustenance even by their own branded coffee,

THEREFORE The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses its thanks to Jesus Christ the King and Head of His church for the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson,

And the presbytery likewise thanks the officers, staff and members of First Presbyterian for their gracious hospitality in attending to all our needs as we conducted the business of Jesus' church including the beautiful space of their worship hall and a sumptuous meal"

After lunch, Moderator RE Rob Coker, reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

198.1015

CREDENTIALS

Credentials Clerk TE Caleb Cangelosi gave the report of the Credentials Committee in the absence of Chairman TE Bruce Baugus (**Appendix U, pp. 98ff**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 101**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Sebastian Bjernegard, Zach Byrd, Jesse McCallister, and John Yelverton gave their oral Candidate and Internship reports. TE Charlie Wingard prayed for them and these reports were approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. John Michael Lane was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Lane is a member of Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Alabama and an Associate member at Redeemer Church and submitted the required endorsement from the Southwood PCA session (BCO 18-2). He is a Senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Wayne Herring. Moderator RE Coker prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Lane was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Redeemer Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Brian Gault as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Jackson Lin was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Lin is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Wayne Herring. Moderator RE Coker prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Lin was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

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The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D with Reformed University Fellowship with TE Seth Starkey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Richard (Tony) Doggett was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Doggett is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Wayne Herring. Moderator RE Coker prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Doggett was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Graham Guo was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Guo is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Wayne Herring. Moderator RE Coker read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10 and then prayed. Mr. Guo was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Matthew Pinckard was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Pinckard had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Pinckard declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following state exception:

"I have one minor doubt concerning Chapter 7 on the covenant, when it says that covenant of grace is frequently' set forth as a testament. With perhaps an exception or two in Hebrews, I believe that diathiki should virtually always be translated and understood as covenant. With that being said, I agree with the substance of the point being made, as the one exception in Hebrews affirms what the Confession says concerning the significance of thinking of the covenant as a testament."

Presbytery judged this difference to be merely semantic.

Mr. Pinckard preached a sermon from Hebrews 2:1-4 on "Pay Attention!". These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Pinckard was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. Moderator RE Rob Coker offered prayer for him, and gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Pinckard's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Wison Van Hooser was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4.

Mr. Van Hooser had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Van Hooser declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Van Hooser preached a sermon from Mark 7:14-23 on "The Diagnosis of the World." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Van Hooser was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. Moderator RE Rob Coker offered prayer for him, and then gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Van Hooser's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that TE David Storment is a minister in good standing within Mississippi Valley Presbytery in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6. Presbytery examined TE Storment in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Storment declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer pending dismissal from the ARP. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Charlie Wingard.

Mr. Storment's installation was set for 5:00 PM, August 25, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia. A commission including Convener TE Robert Hays, TE Adam Parker, TE Roger Collins, RE Steve Emerson, RE O.D. Jackson, RE Dan Cumberland, RE Don Smith, and RE Willie Ray Smith was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the call to TE David Storment from First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia **(Appendix E, p. 20)**.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Montre' Brooks.

Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Anthony Forrest, pending completion of presbytery meetings.

Presbytery approved removing Craig Jones from the roll of candidates, as he has already transferred to another presbytery.

Presbytery approved recording in its minutes that Nick Barnes, a candidate and licentiate of presbytery, has declared, "I no longer hold a Sabbath recreation exception to the Westminster Standards."

The report was received as a whole.

199. 1016

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Seth Starkey gave the report of the Campus Ministry Committee (**Appendix V, pp. 102ff**).

Presbytery approved Reformed University Fellowship's affiliation agreements for the campuses of Belhaven University and Jackson State University (**pp. 103ff.**). Apparently these agreements could not be found at the Atlanta RUF offices, though the agreement for the campus of Mississippi College was on hand.

Attention was directed to the included Campus Ministry report and the Area Coordinator's report in the White Book (**Appendix V, pp. 109ff**).

The report was received as a whole.

199.1017

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott of the Mission to North America Committee drew attention to the minutes of the committee and introduced TE Scott Bridges of the PCA Unity Fund. He distributed promotional information and presented the work of the PCA Unity Fund (**Appendix P, p. 70**).

The report was approved as a whole.

199.1018

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Administration Committee completed their report with presbytery approving the response of the session of the Brandon Presbyterian Church to presbytery's exception of substance taken to their minutes at the May (**Appendix L, p. 32**).

Shepherding and Advisory Committee Chairman RE Elkin continued their report with the following recommendations and information:

- that presbytery approve all requests for excused absence as submitted.
- that presbyters take to heart the duty of presbytery attendance and consider whether they can in good conscience accept their pay when they do not do the work clearly required of their office;
- the committee informed the court that it needed more time and information to make a recommendation on TE Aaron Halbert's request that presbytery grant him the powers of an evangelist for the ordination of ruling elders in Honduras per BCO 8-6 (**p. 47**).

Presbytery approved excuse requests **(see 199.1002 f. and g. on p. 3)**.

199.1019 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

TE Mark Spellman was elected to be the first nominee for moderator for the November 5, 2019 stated meeting.

199.1020 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to convene at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence.

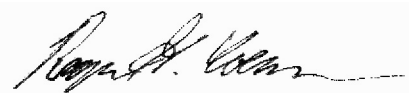
199.1021 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Rob Coker, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

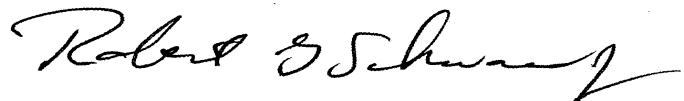
199.1022 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM with prayer by TE Charlie Wingard.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 5, 2019**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

200.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE Rob Coker called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

200.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Paul Townsend
	Jonathan McGuire	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage	Perry McCall	A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Brad Gomillion
Clinton, Pinehaven		Larkin Chapman
	Dale Nutt	
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
		Steve McNair
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Wayne Husband
	Cory Brock	Bebo Elkin
	Billy Dempsey	Doyle Moorhead
	David Felker	William Payne

Church**Teaching Elder****Ruling Elder**

Jackson, Redeemer	Ed Hartman Ralph Kelley Wiley Lowry Gary Sinclair Briester Ware Bill Wymond Elbert McGowan Brian Gault	Barry Vickery Noel Toler William Harper Bill Payne Bud Bratley Marvin Stockett Otis Pickett Herb Sanders Zack Owens
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus Earl Adams	James Logan Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree Trey Owens	Hugh Potts Bill Lacey A
Lauderdale, Lauderdale Learned, Lebanon		Walter Gibbes E
Lexington, First Louisville, First	Scott Phillips Matt Miller	Steve Holman Samuel Suttle
Macon, Macon Madden, Carolina Madison, First Madison, Madison Heights	Michael Butterfield Perry McCall Robert Lane Randy Rhea Wally Bumpas	A A A A
Meridian, Northpointe Monroe Church Plant Newton, Newton Pearl, Pearl	Mason Kiple Harris Bond	A A A A
Philadelphia, First Pickens, Pickens Pickens, Shiloh Raymond, Raymond Ridgeland, Highlands	Adam Parker David Storment	Steve Emerson A A Paul Adams Kent Meadows
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Joseph Wheat Devin Kahan Billy Meenan Carl Kalberkamp Caleb Cangelosi Dean Williams	Eddie Moran Ken Haynes Tom Young Steve Morris
Ruston, John Knox Scooba, Scooba Tchula, Tchula	Bruce Willson	A A Sam Hutton Will Thompson
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A

Church

Union, First
Vaiden, Blackmonton
Vaiden, Shongalo
Vicksburg, Westminster
Winona, First
Yazoo City, First
Yazoo City, Second

Teaching Elder

Chris Shelton
Philip McRae
Philip McRae
Scott Reiber

Charlie Wingard

Rob Coker

Ruling Elder

William Hamill
Marion Jones
Bob McEachern
Jimmy Harrison
James Hunger
A
Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bruce Baugus, Bentley Crawford, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Zach Byrd, Henry Flowers, John Michael Lane, Haruaki Odate, Chris Rehers, and Wes Strebeck.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Matthew Carter, Charlie Dykes, Franky Garcia, Chris Govero, Daniel Iverson, Step Morgan, Jon Noblin, James Peipon, Jan Werson, and William Yount.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** None.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 200.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Jim Baird, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Ed Johnson, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Robert Penny, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Cory Brock, Billy Dempsey, David Felker, and Wiley Lowry.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ligon Duncan, Roy McDaniel, Brad Mercer, Troy Milliken, and Allen Stanton.

200.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Mark Spellman was elected moderator by acclamation.

200.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

200.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **200.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

200.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Pastor TE David Strain welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Conference Center.

200.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Mark Spellman appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convenor TE Trey Owens, RE John Spears, and RE Lester Harrison.

200.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. See **200.1002. a. f. and j. (p. 3)**.
2. Commission Reports:
 - a. The minutes of the commissions to install TE Wally Bumpas as Assistant Pastor at Madison Heights Church, Madison and TE David Stormont as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia were received (**Appendix B, p. 14**) .
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 6, 2019 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes were approved (**Appendix D, p. 16**).
3. Communications:

- a. Requests for the dissolution of calls:
 - TE Perry McCall and the Carthage Presbyterian Church (**Appendix E, pp. 17ff.**);
 - TE Carl Kalberkamp, TE Caleb Cangelosi and the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church in their exchange of roles and calls (**Appendix G, pp. 21ff.**);
 - TE Paul Nasekos and PMV:Child Evangelism Fellowship (**Appendix H, p. 26.**);All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
- b. The request of TE Perry McCall and the Carolina Presbyterian Church to return to the previous arrangement as a solo pastor of the Carolina congregation was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, p. 17.**).
- c. Calls from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland to TE Caleb Cangelosi to become the Senior Pastor and to TE Carl Kalberkamp to change to Associate Pastor were referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix G, pp. 21ff.**).
- d. A call to candidate Haruaki Odate from The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as a church planter in Japan and work with MTW-Japan was referred to the Credentials Committee (**Appendix K, pp. 28ff.**).
- e. A request from the Raymond Presbyterian Church for a ruling or teaching elder to serve as a borrowed elder was received and referred to the Shepherding & Advisory Committee (**Appendix M, p. 31.**).
- f. A request from the Lauderdale Presbyterian Church with the minutes of their congregational meeting to receive the property of the church upon transfer of the deed and to dissolve the congregation was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix N, p. 32.**).
- g. A request from TE Heath Cross to be removed from our membership per BCO 38-3a together with a communication from the Nashville Presbytery was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix O, pp. 33.**).
- h. A communication from TE Roy Taylor regarding SJC 2019-06 dealing with the Anna Lewis Case was received (**Appendix P, pp. 36ff.**). Respondent TE Roger Collins updated PMV on the current status the BCO 40-5 filing against PMV and his appearance before the SJC in Atlanta on October 17, 2019.
- i. The responses from the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Redeemer Presbyterian Church, and from Madison Heights Church to the exceptions of substance taken by presbytery were referred to the Administration Committee (**Appendix M, p. 31.**).
- j. A request from TE Paul Nasekos that he be granted Honorable Retirement was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix H, p. 26.**).

4. Special Presentations

- a. TE Jan Werson presented the work of Equipping Leaders International (ELI).
- b. TE Wayne Herring gave a brief report from the PCA Administration Committee.

200.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix T, p. 45**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report and reminded PMV of the 2020 budget as approved at the August Stated Meeting (**pp. 46ff.**).

TE Adam Parker gave the report of the Sub-committee on Sessional Records report (**p. 53**).

Churches Whose Minutes were Approved without Exception:

Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest

Churches Approved with Exceptions of Form:

Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, Carthage

Churches from Whom Minutes Have not Been Received:

Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden
DeKalb Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Madison (Note: The Clerk of Session, Bill McNeese, passed away on June 24. We should expect FPC Madison to be delayed in getting their records to the Presbytery.)
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church
Macon Presbyterian Church
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey
Pickens Presbyterian Church
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, DeKalb
Scooba Presbyterian Church
Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Pickens (Received Statistical Report, but no Minutes)

The responses from the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Redeemer Church, and Madison Heights Church to the exceptions to their minutes were approved.

The report was received as a whole.

200.1010

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE David Strain presented the recommendations of the Nominations Committee to serve on Presbytery Committees (**Appendix U, p. 54**). The following were approved for the class of 2022:

Administration: TE Philip McRae, RE Paul Adams, TE Jonathan McGuire, RE Leon Hemphill, and Alternates TE Michael Butterfield and RE Ken Haynes.

Campus Ministry: TE Billy Dempsey, RE Tim Threadgill, RE Neil Barnes, and Alternates TE Harris Bond and RE Chuck Murphy. TE Elbert McGowan was elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 2020 for TE Stephen Speaks.

Discipleship Ministries: RE Danny Story, TE Cory Brock, TE Dean Williams, and Alternate TE Scott Reiber. TE Matt Miller was elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 2021 left by TE Heath Cross.

Credentials: TE David Strain, TE Caleb Cangelosi, RE Dennis Watts, RE Otis Pickett, and Alternate TE Guy Waters.

Mission to North America: TE Brian Gault, TE Trey Owens, and Alternate RE Alan Futvoye. TE Mason Kiple was elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 2020 left by TE Rick Holbert.

Mission to the Military: TE Don Malin, RE Rob Pierce, and Alternate TE Troy Milliken.

Mission to the World: RE Trey Toler, TE Billy Dempsey, and Alternate RE Rob Jones.

Nominations: TE Chris Wright, RE Doyle Moorhead, and Alternates TE John Reeves and RE Hugh Potts.

Shepherding and Advisory: TE Mark Spellman, RE Todd Barrett, RE Steven Holman, TE Allen Stanton, and Alternates RE Phil McDade and TE Ralph Kelley.

The following men were elected to be nominated for the permanent committees and agencies of the PCA (**Appendix U, p. 54**).

Administrative Committee: TE Roger Collins

Committee on Discipleship Ministries: TE Dean Williams and RE Alan Walters

Committee on Constitutional Business: TE Scott Phillips

Interchurch Relations Committee: TE Charlie Wingard and RE David Elkin

Mission to North America Committee: TE Eric Mabbott and RE Mark Windham

Mission to the World Committee: TE Richard Wiman and RE Hugh Potts

Reformed University Fellowship: TE Seth Starkey

Standing Judicial Commission: None

Theological Examining Committee: None

Covenant College: None

Covenant Theological Seminary: TE John Dawson and RE Otis Pickett

PCA Foundation: TE Bruce Willson

PCA Retirement and Benefits: None

Ridge Haven: TE Zack Owens

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to fill any vacant slots for both presbytery committees and PCA Permanent Committees.

200.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery approved empowering TE Aaron Halbert with the powers of an evangelist (BCO 8-6) to "examine, ordain and install ruling elders and deacons and organize churches" as requested in his 2019 Annual Report. ("I would like to request to have the full powers of an evangelist (BCO 8-6) in order to ordain Rudy in the coming months.")

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the dual field call from the Carthage and Carolina Presbyterian Churches to TE Perry McCall as requested by all parties (**Appendix E, p. 17**). Presbytery approved the request of Carolina Presbyterian Church to restore TE Perry McCall's original call as their pastor (**Appendix F, p. 20**).

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call from the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church to TE Caleb Cangelosi as Associate Pastor and the call from Pear Orchard to TE Carl Kalberkamp as Senior Pastor in anticipation of the approval of new calls and their pastoral roles being reversed (**Appendix G, p. 21**).

Presbytery approved the request of TE Heath Cross to be removed from the roll of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley per BCO 38-3a. TE Cross accepted a call to a non-PCA church within the bounds of Nashville Presbytery, but the presbytery refused to receive him due to their relationship with that particular church (**Appendix O, pp. 33ff**).

Presbytery approved TE Wayne Herring to be assigned to the session of the Raymond Presbyterian Church in order to constitute a "borrowed session" for that church. This request comes from the Session of the Raymond Presbyterian Church with the concurrence of the congregation (**Appendix M, p. 31**).

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call from presbytery to TE Paul Nasekos to serve out of bounds with Child Evangelism Fellowship (**Appendix H, p. 26**).

Presbytery approved the request of TE Paul Nasekos to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement (**Appendix I, p. 27**).

Presbytery approved that a commission of TE Eric Mabbott, RE Russell Moffett, TE Mason Kiple, RE

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Kary Whitehead, Presbytery Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, and Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins be established to determine if it is legally feasible to receive the deed of the Lauderdale Presbyterian Church and if so, to handle all matters related to the transfer of the Lauderdale Presbyterian Church property to presbytery. Furthermore, upon such transfer, this commission is empowered, after seeking the advice of the PMV MNA Committee, to dispose of said property on behalf of the presbytery with the stated preference of seeking a congregation that will use it for Christian worship.

Presbytery approved with sorrow the request of the Lauderdale Presbyterian Church (est. 1876) to be dissolved upon the completed transfer of the property deed to presbytery with the understanding that the BCO 13-10 required notification period will begin with this action and conclude with the dissolution of the church no earlier than the required sixty days.

The partial report was received.

200.1012

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

200.1013

WORSHIP

TE Caleb Cangelosi led presbytery in worship at the request of Past Moderator RE Rob Coker. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Cangelosi preached a sermon from Colossians 1:28-29 on "Equipment for Ministry." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

200.1014

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

Moderator TE Mark Spellman concluded the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

The Thanks Committee, composed of Convenor TE Trey Owens, RE John Spears, and RE Lester Harrison presented the following report:

To the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, the staff of Twin Lakes, the kitchen staff who have served us so richly, and to the most high God we give thanks: both for your hospitality and encouragement in the Spirit today, and also for the generations of faithful gospel witness, loving discipleship, and encouragement in ministry to God's children that have taken place here at Twin Lakes.

We the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley do hereby magnify and proclaim the grace of God to us through this place and pray that many generations yet unborn will be

brought to faith and be encouraged unto Gospel ministry through the labors of the saints and the working of the Holy Spirit through the ministry of Twin Lakes.

After lunch, Moderator TE Mark Spellman, reconvened presbytery with prayer at 1:00 PM.

200.1015

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix V, pp. 57ff**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided. Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Wright Busching, Henry Flowers, Scott Miller, and Jerry Ornelas gave their oral Candidate and Internship reports. TE Guy Waters offered prayer for them and these reports were approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. James Peipon was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Peipon is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by the moderator, TE Mark Spellman. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Peipon was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, where he will intern with TE David Felker as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Bryce Davis was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Davis had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Davis declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Davis preached a sermon from Genesis 11:1-9 on "The Name Jesus Gives". These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Davis was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator, TE Mark Spellman, offered prayer for him,

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and then gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Davis's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. William Yount was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Yount had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Yount declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Yount preached a sermon from II Timothy 4:6-8 on "An Interview with Paul." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Yount was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator, TE Mark Spellman, offered prayer for him, and the moderator gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Yount's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Presbytery approved the request of the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey, for William Yount to serve as Stated Supply for the period of one year, renewable upon request.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Haruaki Odate was examined for ordination per his call from the presbytery to serve as a church planter in Japan alongside Mission to the World. Since Mr. Odate is a licentiate of the presbytery and had already been examined by the presbytery; he was only examined in the areas of sacraments and church history. Both portions of those examinations were approved.

The call of presbytery to Mr. Odate to plant a church in Japan alongside Mission to the World Japan was approved.

Presbytery approved Mr. Odate's installation service to be held on December 1, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Presbytery appointed a commission composed of Convenor TE Elbert McGowan, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Paul Nasekos, RE Otis Pickett, RE Bebo Elkin, and RE Ken Haynes.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the call of TE Caleb Cangelosi to serve as Senior Pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, and the call of TE Carl Kalberkamp to serve as Associate Pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church per BCO 20-1. This motion was approved by a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the presbytery.

Presbytery approved the following commission to install TE Caleb Cangelosi as Senior Pastor of POPC and TE Carl Kalberkamp as Associate pastor of POPC at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church on March 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm: Convenor TE Guy Waters, TE Roger Collins, TE Dean Williams, RE Bebo Elkin, RE John Kwasny, RE Craig Stockmeier and RE Tom Young. TE Ralph Davis was approved as an invited guest.

Presbytery approved the following men be assigned the following new mentors:

James Logan – Bruce Baugus
Jesse McCallister – Paul Long, Jr.
Matthew Pinckard – Allen Stanton

Moderator TE Spellman offered a prayer of thanks for the work of TE Baugus as past Credentials chairman and for the continued work of the Credentials Committee.

200.1016 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix W, p. 60**).

Mr. Jon Noblin, the State Director of Lifeline Children's Services, gave a presentation on their work.

200.1017 MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Steve Morris presented the report of the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix X, p. 61**).

Frankie and Alaina Garcia gave a report on their vision for their work in Eastern Canada.

Candidate Henry Flowers gave a report on his vision for work with the Peru Mission.

Prayer was offered for these missionary candidates and their ministries.

200.1018 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Shepherding and Advisory Committee completed their report to presbytery by recommending the approval of the requests for excused absences for the meeting except one. Those requests were approved (**p. 3**).

The excuse of TE Troy Milliken was not approved and the chairman of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee was directed to write a letter to TE Milliken exhorting and encouraging him to be more faithful in attendance to the meetings of presbytery.

TE Caleb Cangelosi offered prayer for TE Paul Nasekos upon his being granted the status of Honorable Retirement.

TE Roger Collins moved that the Shepherding and Advisory Committee be appointed as a commission to appoint an elder to serve on the session of the Shongalo Church as a borrowed session upon the request of the congregation.

200.1019

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

RE Steve McNair was elected to be the first nominee for moderator for the February 4, 2020 stated meeting.

200.1020

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 in Yazoo City as the guests of First Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church.

200.1021

READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator TE Mark Spellman, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

200.1022

SEASON OF PRAYER

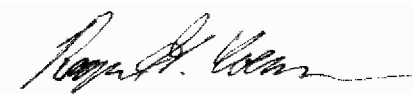
The presbytery entered into a season of prayer before the conclusion of the meeting.

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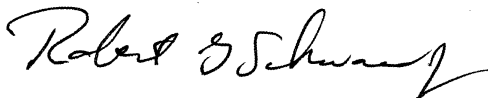
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM with prayer by Moderator TE Mark Spellman.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 4, 2020**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, Mississippi**

201.1001**CALL TO ORDER**

Previous Moderator TE Mark Spellman called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

201.1002**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey		E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman Jonathan McGuire	Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven		Larkin Chapman
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely John Duke	A
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain Cory Brock Billy Dempsey David Felker Ed Hartman	Ned Currie Bebo Elkin Doyle Moorhead William Payne Barry Vickery

	Wiley Lowry	
	Gary Sinclair	
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Bryant Taylor
	Brian Gault	Kelly Simpkins
	Zack Owens	
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	John Marchetti
	Earl Adams	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
		Culley Newman
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		E
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Charles McCool
	Matt Miller	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	Jesse Leverette
Madison, Madison Heights	Wally Bumpas	
	Seth Starkey	
Meridian, Northpointe		A
Monroe Church Plant	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Adam Parker	A
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	Stephen Emerson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Billy Meenan	Kent Meadows
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Carl Kalberkamp	Eddie Moran
	Caleb Cangelosi	Phil Ethridge
	Dean Williams	
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
		Will Thompson
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Mark Monroe
Winona, First		James Hunger
		Terry Howard
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	James Sullivan
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker

Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bruce Baugus, Nate Bonham, Bentley Crawford, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Fred Marsh, Michael McKelvey, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Prabhakar, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Nicholas Barnes, Sebastian Bjernegard, Bryce Davis, Tony Doggett, Chad Graeber, Graham Guo, James Logan, Charles Marchman, Jamie Peipon, Machen Strawbridge, Wes Strebeck, and Kevin Vollema.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Andy Coburn, John Fesko, Brent Kooi, Erick Kruger, Evan Lenow, Niles McNeel, Reuben Oates, Otis Pickett, Josue' Pineda, John Rigby, Shelli Robison, Colton Underwood, and George Wean.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowery, Haruaki Odate, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Devin Kahan, Ralph Kelley, Mason Kiple, Eric Mabbott, Troy Milliken, and Mark Smith. In addition to these listed excused absences, licentiate TE Bill Yount requested an excused absence.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 201.1000 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Clay Quarterman, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, and Paul Zetterholm
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** None.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Ligon Duncan, Don Malin, Perry McCall, Roy McDaniel, Brad Mercer, Trey Owens, Randy Rhea, Allen Stanton (in treatment for cancer), Brister Ware, Joseph Wheat, and Bill Wymond.

201.1003**ELECTION OF A MODERATOR**

First nominee RE Steve McNair was unable to serve. RE Bebo Elkin was nominated, seconded and elected moderator by acclamation.

201.1004 **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

201.1005 **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS**

See **201.1002,d.** above for a list of visitors who registered (**p. 3**).

201.1006 **WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH**

TE Charlie Wingard welcomed presbytery to First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City on behalf of First and Second Presbyterian Churches who combined their efforts and resources to host.

201.1007 **APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moderator RE Bebo Elkin appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Ian Kaiser, TE Chris Wright, and RE Barry Vickery.

Moderator RE Bebo Elkin appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Past Moderator TE Mark Spellman, RE Paul Adams, and TE John Reeves.

201.1008 **STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Stated Clerk Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved. See **201.1002. a. f. and j. (p. 3)**.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commission to ordain and install TE Haruaki Odate as Church Planting Missionary with Mission to the World in Japan received (**Appendix B, p. 13**).
 - b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November 5, 2019 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 14**).
3. Communications
 - a. The request from TE Larry Wissel for the dissolution of presbytery's call for him to serve the

independent West Union Presbyterian Church in Louisville and subsequently to be granted honorable retirement was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix D, pp. 15ff.**).

- b. The calls from First Presbyterian Church, Winona, MS to TE Andy Coburn (**Appendix E, p. 17**) and from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to Rev. Josue' Manuel Pineda Cruz (**Appendix F, p. 18**) to serve as a church planter in Honduras were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- c. The request from the session of the John Knox Presbyterian Church in Ruston, LA for assistance in securing supply preachers during the three month sabbatical of TE Bruce Willson and for guidance for their pulpit search committee was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix G, p. 22**).
- d. The ministry reports from TE Bobby Penny (**Appendix H, p. 23**) and TE Kaz Yaegashi (**Appendix O, pp. 46ff**) were received as information.
- e. The Overture from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, concerning the endorsement for Lifeline Ministries, was referred to the Overtures Committee appointed earlier in the day (**Appendix N, p. 45**).
- f. The Memorial Resolutions from First Presbyterian Church, Madison for RE William Felton McNeese, Sr. (**Appendix I, p. 25**) and for TE Ed Johnson (**p. 26.**) were received and appointed to be read before worship.
- g. The following men were elected to serve as officers for The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley for the next three year term per our Standing Rules:
 - Roger Collins, Stated Clerk
 - Bob Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk
 - Guy Waters, Parliamentarian
 - Wayne Morrison, Treasurer

201.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix J, p. 28**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report (**pp. 30ff.**).

The 2020 PMV Budget which was approved at the August meeting was represented without change after the 2019 income was taken into account. The Askings for each communing member is now \$28.00.

201.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery dissolved the call it had issued to TE Larry Wissel to labor out of bounds at West Union Presbyterian Church in Louisville. As requested, he was granted the status of Honorable Retirement **(Appendix D, pp. 15ff.)**.

201.1011

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee **(Appendix K, pp. 36ff)**.

The following men were approved to serve on the Committees of Commissioners for the 48th General Assembly in Birmingham:

Administration: RE Rob Coker.

Discipleship Ministries: RE John Spears

Covenant Theological Seminary: RE Otis Pickett

Interchurch Relations Committee: RE Chuck Murphy

Mission to North America Committee: RE Ned Currie

PCA Foundation:

Covenant College: TE Adam Parker

PCA Retirement and Benefits: TE Bruce Willson

Mission to the World Committee: TE Ralph Kelley

Ridge Haven: TE Zach Owens

Reformed University Fellowship: TE Chris Wright

Overtures Committee: RE Will Thompson, TE David Strain

Ruling Elder for Communion: RE Mark Windham

Floor Clerk: TE Jeff Jordan

The following men were elected to fill vacancies on presbytery committees:

Discipleship Ministries: Alternate RE James Logan

Credentials Committee: Alternate RE Will Thompson

Mission to the World: RE Tom Young and Alternate RE Eddie Moran

Mission to North America: RE Chuck Murphy and Alternate TE Bobby Penny

201.1012

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Earl Adams, in the place of newly elected Chairman RE Trey Toler, gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee.

TE John Rakshith Prabhakar gave a report on his MTW ministry as a church planter in India. Prayer was offered for TE Prabhakar.

RE Brent Kooi gave a report on his MTW ministry in Australia.

201.1013

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix L, pp. 38ff**).

RE Spears informed the presbytery that the Discipleship Ministries Committee is planning a "World View Conference" to be held in July of 2021 and requested a church that had the ability to host this conference to volunteer for that opportunity.

Shelli Robison, Women's Ministry Chairperson, gave a report to the Presbytery on the work of the Women in the Church and submitted a written report as well (**pp. 39ff**).

201.1014

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Seth Starkey reported for the Campus Ministry Committee.

TE Jeff Jordan gave a report on his ministry as Campus Minister at Mississippi College.

TE Bentley Crawford gave a report on his ministry as Campus Minister at Belhaven College.

201.1015

RECESS

The presbytery recessed for 15 minutes to prepare for worship.

201.1016

WORSHIP

Past Moderator TE Mark Spellman led presbytery in worship. He began by reading memorials for TE Ed Johnson and RE William McNeese, Sr. (**Appendix I, pp. 25ff**). After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Spellman preached a sermon from Ezekiel 2:1-3:15 titled "Called to Serve." TE Spellman then led the Presbytery in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

201.1017

LUNCH AND THANKS REPORT

TE Scott Phillips concluded the morning session with prayer and gave thanks for the meal.

The Thanks Committee, composed of TE Ian Kaiser, Convener, TE Chris Wright, and RE Barry Vickery presented the following report:

“Whereas, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley has gathered for a meeting on this day February 4, 2020 in Yazoo City; and,

Whereas, First Presbyterian Church hosted at their wonderful facilities that the Lord has provided; and,

Whereas, Second Presbyterian Church provided breakfast and snacks with their talented hosts and cooks; and,

Whereas, it is always good to be with our brothers and it pleases the Lord when brothers live in unity; and

Whereas, many fathers and brothers ate too much while living in unity;

Therefore, we want to thank the churches of First and Second Presbyterian Churches for their great hospitality to us as we meet to do the work of this church. Thank you to all the cooks, all the greeters, and to everyone else who helped make this happen.”

After lunch, the moderator asked TE Wayne Herring to reconvene presbytery with prayer.

201.1018

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 41ff.**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 43**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Nicholas Barnes, Adam Kowalczyk, James Logan, Hunter Nicholson, Machen Strawbridge, Wilson Van Hooser, and Kevin Vollema gave their oral candidate and internship reports. TE Billy Dempsey offered prayer for them and these reports were approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Colton Underwood was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Underwood is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS and submitted the

required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Bebo Elkin. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Underwood was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS where he will intern with TE Charlie Wingard as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Erick Kruger was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Kruger is a member of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Bebo Elkin. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Kruger was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS where he will intern with RE Charlie Dykes as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Graham Guo was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Guo is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS. He is a junior at RTS, and has been a candidate of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley since August 6, 2019. He will intern under Plan D at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, where he will intern with TE Caleb Cangelosi serving as mentor. Mr. Guo's internship was approved. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Tony Doggett was examined for internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Doggett is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. He is a middler at RTS, and has been a candidate of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley since August 6, 2019. He will intern under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, where he will intern with TE David Strain serving as mentor. Mr. Doggett's internship was approved. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examinations

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Andy Coburn** is a PCA minister in good standing within Covenant Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Covenant Presbytery. Mr. Coburn was examined on his Christian experience and call to the ministry, and his views in theology, sacraments, church history, and church government. TE Coburn declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by RE Bebo Elkin.

Presbytery approved the call from First Presbyterian Church, Winona, MS to TE Coburn. TE Coburn accepted the call and it was placed in his hands.

Presbytery approved TE Coburn's installation service to be held on February 16, 2020 at 10:00 am at First Presbyterian Church, Winona. Presbytery appointed a commission composed of TE Bob Schwanebeck, Convener, TE Jeff Jordan, TE Trey Owens, TE Trey Adams, RE Bebo Elkin, RE James Hunger, and RE John Rigby.

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Josue' Manuel Pineda Cruz** is a minister in good standing within Impacto Church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Impacto Church in Tegucigalpa. Mr. Cruz was examined on his Christian experience and his call to the ministry, and his views in theology, English Bible, sacraments, church history and church government. TE Cruz declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by RE Bebo Elkin.

Presbytery approved the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Cruz. TE Cruz accepted the call and it was placed in his hands.

Presbytery approved TE Cruz's installation service to be held on April 26, 2020 at Iglesia Presbiteriana Gracia Soberana (English: Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Presbytery appointed a commission composed of TE Guy Waters, Convener, TE David Strain, TE Cory Brock, TE Aaron Halbert, RE Will Thompson, RE Rob Coker, and RE Sam Hutton. Guests invited to sit with the Commission were TE Josh Johnson from Evangel Presbytery and TE Ross Hodges from Southeast Alabama Presbytery.

Licensure Examination

Dr. John Fesko was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Dr. Fesko had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO (**Appendix M, p. 44**).

Dr. Fesko declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following exceptions:

"I only have one scruple as it relates to WCF 7,4, specifically, that the covenant of grace is frequently stated as a testament. I fully agree that Jesus is the testator as our covenant surety (Heb.7:22), but I do not believe this is something that occurs frequently in the Scriptures." Presbytery judged that scruple to be merely semantic (per RAO 16-3. e. 5. b.).

"With regard to WCF 4:1, I hold to the Framework view for exegetical reasons, not because I believe God could not have created in 6-24 days." Presbytery judged that scruple to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine (per BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3. E. 5. b.).

Presbytery requested that Dr. Fesko refrain from preaching, teaching, or otherwise inculcating this second difference within our bounds.

Dr. Fesko preached a sermon from Acts 27:39-44 on "God's Providence." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Dr. Fesko was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. The moderator, RE Bebo Elkin, offered prayer for him and then gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Dr. Fesko's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Administrative Recommendations

Wes Strebeck's previous experience was approved as equivalent to internship per BCO 19-16.

The internship of John Michael Lane was found to be complete and in good order.

Franky Garcia and Nick Robison were removed from the roll of candidates pending their reception by another presbytery.

201.1019

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Overtures Committee recommended that the Overture from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, that Lifeline Ministries be endorsed by GA be sent up by the presbytery (**Appendix N, p. 45**).

Presbytery instructed the stated clerk to send the overture to the other PCA presbyteries for their consideration.

201.1020

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the May 5 Stated Meeting is TE Philip McRae.

201.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Louisville, MS at First Presbyterian Church.

201.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES

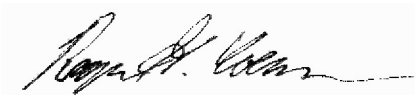
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Bebo Elkin, RE Treasurer Wayne Morrison, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, RE Doyle Moorhead, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

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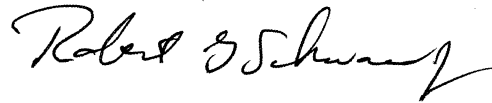
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM with prayer by TE Scott Reiber.

Respectfully submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
August 4, 2020**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Madison Heights Church, Madison, Mississippi**

PLEASE NOTE: The May 5, 2020 Stated Meeting did not meet due to the Covid 19 pandemic. This abbreviated August 4, 2020 Stated Meeting picked up essential business from May and dealt with matters directly affecting candidates, churches and the presbytery. All other business was postponed until a later date. The regular docket was reduced to matters that were absolutely essential, including the replacing of the worship service with a brief devotional given by the outgoing moderator. Those who were essential to the conducting of the meeting were encouraged to attend. All other members and church representatives were encouraged to ask to be excused because of the pandemic. All who attended were asked to adhere to the recommended Covid-19 protocol procedures.

202.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator RE Bebo Elkin called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

202.1002

DEVOTIONAL

RE Bebo Elkin led presbytery in a devotional from Mark 4 on Jesus and the disciples in the midst of a storm which focused on living life by faith in Jesus Christ during times of crises.

202.1003

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	Russell Moffett
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	Huey Townsend
	Bill Allen	
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Kevin Burns

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Clinton, Providence		A
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi		A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	Paul Collins
John Duke		
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bebo Elkin
Cory Brock	Mark Windham	
David Felker		Don Cannada
Jackson, Redeemer		A
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	Dennis Watts
Earl Adams		
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
Trey Owens		
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First		Mike Triplett
	Steve Holman	
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina		E
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	Matt Vines
Wally Bumpas		
Meridian, Northpointe		A
Monroe Church Plant	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		David Powe
Philadelphia, First		E
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands		Hap Farber
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
Carl Kalberkamp		
Dean Williams		
Ruston, John Knox	Bruce Willson	A
Scooba, Scooba		A

Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First		E
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	E
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Winona, First		A
Yazoo City, First		Chad Graeber
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Troy Milliken, Robert Penny, Bob Schwanebeck, and Guy Waters.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Levi Berntson, Zach Byrd, Matthew Carter, Anthony Forrest, Wilson Jamison, James Logan, John Revell, Wes Strebeck, and Sonny Walker.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Brent Corbin, John Crosby, James McGovern, Davis Morgan, Brian Sorgenfrei, Chris Stevens, and Ro Taylor.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Michael Butterfield, Andy Coburn, John Dawson, Billy Dempsey, Brian Gault, Ed Hartman, Ian Kayser, Mason Kiple, Robert Lane, Don Malin, Perry McCall, Elbert McGowan, Michael McKelvey, Billy Meenan, Matt Miller, Zack Owens, Adam Parker, Scott Phillips, Guy Richardson, Chris Shelton, Gary Sinclair, Mark Smith, Allen Stanton, David Storment, Richard Wiman, Charlie Wingard, Chris Wright, and Bill Wymond.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 202.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, John Kyle, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** None

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- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Devin Kahan, Ralph Kelley, Wiley Lowry, Roy McDaniel, Brad Mercer, Brister Ware, and Joseph Wheat.

202.1004 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Philip McRae was elected moderator by acclamation.

202.1005 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

By personal motion by Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins and 2/3 vote of the presbytery the Standing Rules were suspended to replace the scheduled worship service with the devotional just presented by RE Elkin in order to shorten the meeting because of the pandemic.

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 16**).

202.1006 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See **202.1002, d.** above for a list of visitors who registered.

202.1007 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Randy Rhea welcomed presbytery to Madison and to Madison Heights Church.

202.1008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Philip McRae appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Robert Hays, RE Art Self, and RE Marion Jones.

202.1009 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved due to the Covid 19 pandemic instead of referring them to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee. See **202.1003. a. f.** and **j.**

2. Commission Reports

- a. The minutes of the commission to install TE Andy Coburn as pastor of First Presbyterian

Church, Winona, were received (**Appendix B, p. 17**).

- b. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the February 4, 2020 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes have been reviewed and approved (**Appendix C, p. 18**).
- c. The date to install TE Caleb Cangelosi and TE Carl Kalberkamp to their respective calls to the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was changed from March 22, 2020 (November 5, 2019 Minutes) to August 16, 2020 with TE Curt Presley from Covenant Presbytery replacing TE Ralph Davis as a guest on the previously approved commission by the Stated Clerk as needed because of the pandemic.
- d. The date set to install TE Josue Manuel Pineda Cruz in Honduras was delayed from April 26, 2020 (February 4, 2020 Minutes) due to the Covid 19 pandemic. A new date will be set by the commission when it is feasible to travel.

3. Communications

- a. Requests for dissolution, etc:
 - of the pastoral relationship between TE Seth Starkey and Madison Heights Church and his transfer to Covenant Presbytery (**Appendix D, pp. 19f.**);
 - of the pastoral relationship between TE Earl Adams and Trinity Presbyterian Church and that he be granted the status of honorable retirement (**Appendix E, pp. 21f.**);
 - of the call to TE Adam Parker from Pearl Presbyterian Church and his transfer to Pacific Northwest Presbytery (**Appendix F, pp. 23ff.**);
 - of the pastoral relationship between TE Richard Wiman and First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni and that he be granted honorable retirement (**Appendix G, p. 25**);
 - and of the pastoral relationship between TE Bruce Willson and the John Knox Presbyterian Church and his request to be granted honorable retirement (**Appendix K, p. 29**).

All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- b. Calls:
 - The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to Anthony Forrest to serve as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University (**Appendix H, p. 26**);
 - First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS to TE Jonathan McGuire as Pastor (**Appendix I, J, p. 27, 28**);
 - John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA, to TE Chris Stevens (**Appendix K, pp. 29f.**);
 - Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, MS to TE Chris Rehers as Pastor (**Appendix N, p. 33**);
 - The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to Wes Strebeck as a Church Planter Associate with 20schemes (**Appendix L, p. 31**);
 - and Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS to John Revell as Assistant Pastor

(Appendix M, p. 32).

All were referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix Y, pp. 112f.)**.

c. Supply requests:

- Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS for TE Guy Waters **(Appendix O, p. 34)** and TE Robert Hays **(p. 35)**;
- Trinity Presbyterian Church for TE Bruce Baugus **(Appendix P, p. 36)**;
- Bethesda and Raymond Presbyterian Churches for Zach Byrd **(Appendix Q, pp. 37f.)**;
- Pearl Presbyterian Church for TE Robert Hays **(Appendix R, p. 39)**.

All were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

- d. The Decision from the Standing Judicial Commission in the Anna Lewis vs. Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix S, pp. 40ff.)**.
- e. An endorsement request from TE Ric Cannada was approved as recommended by PMV's Mission to the World Committee **(Appendix T, p. 55)**.
- f. Chaplain Reports **(Appendix U)** from TEs Joseph Wright **(p. 57)**, Lenny Siems **(p. 58)** and Troy Milliken, **(p. 59)** were referred to the Mission to the Military Committee.
- g. Annual Reports **(Appendix V)** from Clay Quarterman **(p. 60)**, TE's Robert Penny **(p. 61)**, Harris Bond **(p. 64)**, Wayne Herring **(p. 66)**, Fred Marsh **(p. 63)**, Trey Adams **(p. 82)**, Nate Bonham **(p. 80)**, Haruaki Odate **(p. 68)**, Josue Manuel Pineda **(p. 83)**, Kaz Yaegashi **(p. 72)**, Bruce Baugus **(p. 87)**, Ligon Duncan **(p. 93)**, Michael, McKelvey **(p. 95)**, Guy Richardson **(p. 90)**, Jakub Susabda **(p. 97)**, Guy Waters **(p. 91)**, Charlie Wingard **(p. 88)**, John Probhaker **(p. 70)**, Gary Johnson **(p. 67)**, Don Malin **(p. 98)**, and Roy McDaniel **(p. 99)** were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

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ADMINISTRATION

TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix X, p. 100)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report **(pp. 105ff.)**.

The 2021 proposed budget was presented. That proposed budget was approved.

TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Sessional Records Subcommittee.

Churches whose 2019 minutes were approved without exception:

Bailey Presbyterian Church
Brandon Presbyterian Church
Carthage Presbyterian Church
Delhi Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram
Monroe Church Plant, Monroe, LA
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton
Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Shongalo Presbyterian Church
Tchula Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg

Churches from whom no minutes were received:

Bethesda Presbyterian Church
DeKalb Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Forest
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church
Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey, MS
Newton Presbyterian Church
Pickens Presbyterian Church
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church
Scooba Presbyterian Church
Shiloh Presbyterian Church

Churches whose minutes were approved with exceptions of form only:

Blackmonton Presbyterian Church
Edwards Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington
First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
First Presbyterian Church, Union
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood
Macon Presbyterian Church

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Madison Heights Church, Ridgeland
Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian
Pearl Presbyterian Church
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton
Raymond Presbyterian Church
Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Wynndale Presbyterian Church

Churches whose minutes were approved with exception of substance and form:

Carolina Presbyterian Church
-No Session Meetings in Quarter 1 or Quarter 2

First Presbyterian Church, Madison
-12/19/2019 Session examined and approved two elders for election, however BCO requires 30 day prior notice before the election. Congregational meeting was already scheduled for 1/5/2020.

First Presbyterian Church, Winona
- No Session Meetings for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2

It was approved that the physical copies of the Session Minutes do not have to be submitted until a suitable meeting determined by the Administration Committee when the threat of spreading Covid 19 has decreased.

202.1011 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Session of the Raymond Presbyterian Church and the Session of the Bethesda Presbyterian Church that Candidate Zack Byrd be permitted to serve both churches as Student Supply (**Appendix Q, pp. 37f.**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of Trinity Presbyterian Church and TE Earl Adams that the pastoral relationship be dissolved and he be granted the status of Honorable Retirement as requested (**Appendix E, pp. 21f.**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Session of the Trinity Presbyterian Church that TE Bruce Baugus be permitted to continue as Stated Supply of Trinity Presbyterian Church for another year (**Appendix P, p. 36**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Session of Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, that TE Guy Waters be permitted to serve as Stated Supply of Second Presbyterian Church. Furthermore it is approved that TE Robert Hays be permitted to preach two Sunday evenings a

month at Second Presbyterian Church (**Appendix O, pp. 34f.**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Pearl Presbyterian Church and TE Adam Parker that their pastoral relationship be dissolved and approved his transfer to Pacific Northwest Presbytery upon request (**Appendix F, pp. 23ff.**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Session of the Pearl Presbyterian Church that Honorably Retired TE Robert Hays be permitted to serve as Stated Supply of the Pearl Presbyterian Church beginning immediately (**Appendix R, p. 39**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni and TE Richard Wiman that the pastoral relationship be dissolved effective the end of 2020. Presbytery granted the status of Honorable Retirement to TE Richard Wiman effective at that time as requested. (**Appendix G, p. 25**).

Presbytery concurred with the request of John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA and TE Bruce Willson that the pastoral relationship be dissolved upon the installation of the new pastor and that he be granted the status of Honorable Retirement at that time (**Appendix K, p. 29**).

Presbytery received the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (acting as a commission) that they approved the request of TE Seth Starkey for the dissolution of his relationship with Madison Heights Church and transferred him to Covenant Presbytery which was completed on May 20, 2020 (**Appendix D, pp. 19f.**).

Presbytery received and approved the Annual Reports submitted by teaching elders who are serving out of bounds or are without call as listed in the Stated Clerk's Report (**Appendix V, pp. 60ff.**).

Presbytery received the decision of the Standing Judicial Commission of the PCA (Case 2019-06) dated February 7, 2020 with reference to the ruling of presbytery on the BCO 40-5 report submitted by Mrs. Anna Lewis against the Session of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. Presbytery acknowledged that the Standing Judicial Commission has overturned our ruling (Stated Meeting, February 6, 2018) and referred the decision of the Standing Judicial Commission to the Session of the Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church (**Appendix S, pp. 40ff.**).

Prayer of thanksgiving was offered for the three men who were granted Honorable Retirement and for God's blessing on their lives moving forward.

202.1012

CREDENTIALS

TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix Y, pp. 112f.**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided.

Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Sebastian Bjernegard, Zach Byrd, Richard Doggett, Graham Guo, Johan Kim, John Michael Lane, Jackson Lin, Jesse McAllister, John Yelverton, and Leo Yen were to give their oral Candidate and Internship reports but due to the Covid 19 pandemic the Credentials Committee asked them not to appear but to submit those reports in written form. Those written reports were received and approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Levi Berntson was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Berntson is a member of Pearl Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Philip McRae. The Moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Berntson was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Pearl Presbyterian Church where he will intern with a mentor yet to be determined. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Matthew Carter was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Carter is a member of Wynndale Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Philip McRae. The Moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Carter was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Wynndale Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Mark Spellman as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Wilson Jamison was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Jamison is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Philip McRae. The Moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Jamison was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Redeemer Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Brian Gault as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Sonny Walker was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Walker is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Senior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Philip McRae. The Moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Walker was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Ordination Examinations

Mr. Chris Rehers was examined for ordination per his call from the Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, MS, to serve as pastor. Since Mr. Rehers is a licentiate of the presbytery and had already been examined by the presbytery, he was only examined in the areas of sacraments and church history (BCO 21-4). Both portions of those examinations were approved. Mr. Rehers declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

The call of the Lebanon Presbyterian Church to Mr. Rehers meets Presbytery's guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Presbytery approved Mr. Rehers' installation service to be held at a date yet to be determined at Lebanon Presbyterian Church. Presbytery appointed a commission composed of TE Chris Wright, Convener, TE Guy Waters, RE Bebo Elkin, RE Walter Gibbes, RE Sam Robison, RE Brooke Worrel, and RE Brandon Morgan. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Rehers signed presbytery's Book of Obligation.

Mr. Anthony Forrest, a candidate of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Forrest declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

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Mr. Forrest preached a sermon from Joshua 24:1-13 on "Our Good God." Mr. Forrest's sermon was approved.

Mr. Forrest's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. Moderator TE Philip McRae prayed for Mr. Forrest.

Mr. Forrest's call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Forrest signed presbytery's Book of Obligation.

Mr. Forrest's ordination and installation service was approved at 6:00 pm on September 13 at Redeemer Presbyterian Church with the following commission: TE, Elbert McGowan, Convener, TE Zack Owen, RE Barry McCay, RE Kelle Menogan, and RE Danny Story. TE Brent Corbin, a member of Covenant Presbytery, was approved to sit as a guest. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Wes Strebeck, a candidate of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Strebeck declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Strebeck preached a sermon from Psalm 13 on "Prayer." Mr. Strebeck's sermon was approved.

Mr. Strebeck's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. Moderator TE Philip McRae prayed for Mr. Strebeck.

Mr. Strebeck's call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve as a Church Planter with 20 schemes in Inverness Scotland, meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Strebeck signed presbytery's Book of Obligation.

Mr. Strebeck's ordination and installation service was approved at 6:00 pm on August 9, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, with the following commission: TE David Strain, Convener, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Cory Brock, TE Gary Sinclair, RE Doyle Moorhead, RE John Crawford, and RE Dennis Watts. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. John Revell, a candidate and intern of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history

of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Revell declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Revell preached a sermon from Colossians 3:1-4 on "Knowing Christ and Desiring Christ." Mr. Revell's sermon was approved.

Mr. Revell's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. Moderator TE Philip McRae prayed for Mr. Revell.

Mr. Revell's call from the Lakeland Presbyterian Church as Assistant Pastor, meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Revell signed presbytery's Book of Obligation.

Mr. Revell's ordination and installation service was approved at a date to be determined at Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS, with the following commission: TE Steve Jussely, Convener, TE John Duke, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Bebo Elkin, RE Jason Witcher, and RE Paul Collins. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Chris Stevens** is a PCA minister in good standing within Great Lakes Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received pending his dismissal from Great Lakes Presbytery. TE Stevens was examined in the areas of Christian experience and his views on the Bible and theology. He declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by RE Bill Harper.

TE Stevens signed presbytery's Book of Obligation.

TE Steven's installation was set for 5:30 PM, October 10, 2020 at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Ruston, LA. A commission including Convener TE Bruce Willson, TE Roger Collins, TE Chris Wright, RE Chuck Murphy, RE Steve Defreese, RE Rob Pierce, Jr., RE John Richmond, and RE Wayne Morrison was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the call of TE Jonathan McGuire to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni. Presbytery approved Rev. McGuire's installation service to be held on December 27, 2020 at 6:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni. A commission will be determined at a later date.

The internships of Mr. Anthony Forrest, Mr. Chris Rehers, Mr. John Revell, and Mr. Leo Yen were

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found to be complete and in good order.

Scott Edburg was removed from the roll of candidates and interns.

202.1013 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix Z, pp. 116ff.**).

TE Mabbott commended the work of revitalization done by TE Bruce Willson at John Knox Presbyterian Church in Ruston, LA, leading them to the point where the congregation was ready to call a full time pastor.

Presbytery discontinued support of Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Presbytery approved supporting TE Paul Nasekos through Tag Kid's Ministry beginning in 2021 in the amount of \$3,000 per year as long as he remains in their employ.

Presbytery approved an appeal for churches and individuals to support TE Paul Nasekos' ministry with Tag Kids for the remainder of 2020.

202.1014 MISSION TO THE MILITARY

On behalf of TE Ken Elliott, the Chairman of the Mission to the Military Committee, the stated clerk moved that the annual reports of the Chaplains serving in the military be approved (**Appendix AA, pp. 119ff.**). The motion passed.

202.1015 THANKS COMMITTEE REPORT

TE Robert Hays gave the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

Whereas God in His providence has allowed us to meet together as part of His church on earth, and

Whereas God in His providence has given Madison Heights Church a lovely facility, and

Whereas Madison Heights Church is very generous in inviting Presbytery to use their facility for its meeting,

Therefore be it resolved that the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses its thanks to Madison Heights Church for its generosity and to God for His gracious providence,

And, may this expression of thanks be spread upon the pages of the minutes of presbytery,

And, may this expression of thanks be conveyed to the officers and congregation of Madison Heights Church.

Signed, Convener TE Robert Hays, RE Art Self, RE Marion Jones

202.1016 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

202.1017 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the November 3rd Stated Meeting is RE Dennis Watts.

202.1018 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in Jackson, MS at First Presbyterian Church.

It was approved that the meeting of August 3, 2021 be held at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS.

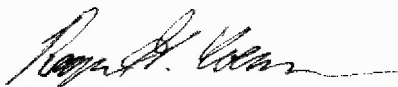
202.1019 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator TE Philip McRae, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

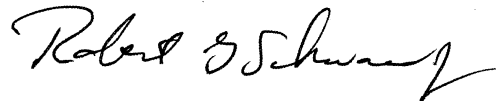
202.1020 ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with a season of prayer that was concluded by TE Philip McRae at 12:30 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 3, 2020**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, Mississippi**

PLEASE NOTE: This stated meeting was abbreviated due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. The presbytery adhered to all of the recommended protocol procedures. The regular docket was reduced to matters that were absolutely essential, including the replacement of the worship service with a devotional given by the outgoing moderator.

203.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator TE Philip McRae called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

203.1002

DEVOTIONAL

Moderator TE Philip McRae led the presbytery in a devotional from portions of Acts 4 and 5 on being bold in our preaching.

203.1003

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Richard Wiman	Larry Wise
	Jonathan McGuire	Paul Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven		Larkin Chapman
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A

DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Revell	A
	John Duke	
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bebo Elkin
	Cory Brock	Don Cannada
	Billy Dempsey	Barry Vickery
	David Felker	Robert Mims
	Ed Hartman	Bill Payne
	Ralph Kelley	Bill Penn
	Wiley Lowry	Joel Payne
	Gary Sinclair	
	Brister Ware	
	Bill Wymond	
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Scott Marshall
	Brian Gault	Trey Watkins
	Zack Owens	Tommy Dent
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	Dennis Watts
		John Marchetti
		Phillip McDade
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Mike Triplett
	Matt Miller	Samuel Suttle
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	E
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Wally Bumpas	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Monroe Church Plant	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		David Powe
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	Stephen Emerson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Devin Kahan	Hap Farber
	Billy Meenan	Kevin Russell

Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi Carl Kalberkamp Dean Williams	Ken Haynes Craig Stockmeier
Ruston, John Knox Scooba, Scooba Tchula, Tchula	Chris Stevens	Steven DeFroese A Sam Hutton Jamie Peaster
Terry, Wynndale Union, First Vaiden, Blackmonton Vaiden, Shongalo Vicksburg, Westminster Winona, First Yazoo City, First Yazoo City, Second	Mark Spellman Chris Shelton Philip McRae Philip McRae Scott Reiber Andy Coburn Charles Wingard	A A Marion Jones E A A Bob Bailey Rob Coker Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Robert Hays, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, and Guy Waters, and Bruce Willson.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Levi Berntson, Wright Busching, Zach Byrd, Tony Doggett, Chad Graeber, Erick Kruger, James Logan, and Jamie Peipon.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Eric Green, Chris Moody, Caleb Wilke, and Clint Wilke.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chuck Frost, Wayne Herring, and Michael McKelvey.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 203.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Earl Adams, Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.

- i. **The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:**
None

- j. **The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Anthony Forrest, Steve Jussely, Don Malin, Brad Mercer, Roy McDaniel, Randy Rhea, Allen Stanton, and Joseph Wheat.

203.1004 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Dennis Watts was elected moderator by acclamation.

203.1005 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

By personal motion of the moderator and 2/3 vote of the presbytery the Standing Rules were suspended to approve the devotional presented as a substitute for the worship service stipulated in our Rules.

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 1**).

203.1006 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 203.1003,d. above for a list of visitors who registered. We requested that visitors not attend because of COVID concerns.

203.1007 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE David Strain welcomed presbytery to Jackson and to First Presbyterian Church.

203.1008 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Dennis Watts appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Bobby Penny, TE Chris Stevens, and RE John Marchetti.

Moderator RE Dennis Watts appointed an Overtures Committee composed of Pastor Moderator and Convener TE Phil McRae, TE Guy Waters, and RE Paul Adams.

203.1009

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved
See **203.1003. a. f. and j. (p. 3)**.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The minutes of the commission to install TE Caleb Cangelosi as pastor and TE Carl Kalberkamp as Assistant Pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church were received **(Appendix B, p. 2)**.
 - b. The minutes of the commissions to ordain and install Wes Strebeck as Evangelist of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley **(Appendix C, p. 3)**; to ordain and install John Revell as Assistant Pastor at Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS **(Appendix D, p. 4)**; to ordain and install Chris Rehers as Pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, MS **(Appendix E, p. 5)**; to install TE Chris Stevens as Pastor at John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA **(Appendix F, p. 6)**; and to ordain and install Anthony Forrest as RUF Campus Minister at Jackson State University were received **(Appendix G, pp. 7f.)**.
 - c. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved **(Appendix H, p. 9)**.
3. Communications
 - a. The Annual Report of TE Aaron Halbert was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix I, p. 10)**.
 - b. The ministry report of TE Kaz Yeagashi was received as information **(Appendix J, p. 12)**.
 - c. An overture from Tchula Presbyterian Church concerning the number of times a man may preach at a particular church in a month was referred to the Overtures Committee appointed earlier in the day **(Appendix K, p. 15)**.
 - d. A request from Trinity Presbyterian Church that the church be dissolved effective December 31, 2021 was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee

(Appendix L, p. 16).

- e. A church planting petition from Trinity Presbyterian Church was referred to the Mission to North America Committee **(Appendix L, p. 17)**.
 - f. The commission to install TE Jonathan McGuire as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS composed of TE Richard Wiman, TE Guy Waters, RE James (Bebo) Elkin from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, RE Addison Hall from Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS, and the members of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS was approved. TE Jimmy McGuire was approved to sit on the commission as a guest and deliver the sermon. The commission will meet at First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, on December 27, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. The stated clerk was authorized to appoint replacements for any members who could not fulfill their responsibilities.
4. TE Carl Kalbercamp gave an update on and brought encouraging words from Step Morgan who was seriously injured in a recent bike accident. TE Kalbercamp then offered prayer for him and his family.
 5. Memorial Resolutions for TE James Baird **(Appendix M, p. 18)** and TE John Kyle **(Appendix N, p. 20)** were received and read by TE Phil McRae. TE David Strain offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives and ministries of these men. Moderator RE Dennis Watts, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, and the Chairman of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee RE Bebo Elkin, were appointed to deliver the Memorial Resolution to Jane Baird. The memorial to TE John Kyle will be mailed to his children.

203.1010

ADMINISTRATION

TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix O, pp. 22ff.)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report **(pp. 23ff.)**. See paragraph **203.1016**.

203.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery concurred with the request of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, that the church be dissolved effective December 31, 2021 with a final celebratory service to be held on Sunday, January 31, 2021. The session with their families will remain for the year to handle any

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congregational matters that are needed to conclude the work of the church. Presbytery gave thanks for Trinity's 70 years of faithful service to the kingdom. A memorial resolution will be coming at a later date.

Presbytery approved the annual report of TE Aaron Halbert (**Appendix I, pp. 10f.**).

203.1012

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix P, pp. 32ff.**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 34**).

Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Wright Busching, Henry Flowers, Chad Graeber, Scott Miller, Jerry Ornelas, and James Peipon were to give their oral Candidate and Internship reports but due to the COVID Pandemic the Credentials Committee asked them not to appear but to submit those reports in written form. Those written reports were received and approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Chris Moody was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Moody is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE Dennis Watts, who then offered prayer. Mr. Moody was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Eric Green was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Green is a member of First

Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE Dennis Watts, who then offered prayer. Mr. Green was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Licensure Examination

Mr. Levi Bernston was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Bernston had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content, and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Bernston declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Bernston preached a sermon from Romans 3:19-26 on "Standing or Falling." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Bernston was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. Moderator RE Dennis Watts offered prayer for him and gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Bernston's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. James Logan was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Logan had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content, and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Logan declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Logan preached a sermon from Colossians 4:2-6 on "Devoted to Prayer - Prepared to Proclaim." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Logan was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. Moderator RE Dennis Watts offered prayer for him and gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Logan's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Administrative Recommendations

Per BCO 18-7, John Michael Lane was removed from the roll of candidates, per his written request, due to the fact that he does not presently desire to pursue ordained gospel ministry.

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Levi Bernston's mentor was changed to TE Charlie Wingard.

David Groendyk was removed from the roll of candidates, having been ordained in Great Lakes Presbytery.

Matthew Pinckard's mentor was changed to TE Charlie Wingard.

Mack Strawbridge's mentor was changed to TE Ian Kayser, since he has changed his membership to Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS.

The internships of Mr. Chad Graeber and Mr. Hunter Nicholson were approved as complete and in good order.

The license of RE Bebo Elkin was renewed.

TE Guy Waters gave an update on the installation of TE Josuew Manuel Pineda Cruz at Sovereign Grace Presbyterian Church in Honduras. That commission was appointed earlier but has been unable to meet due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. TE Waters offered a personal motion that the stated clerk be authorized to appoint new members to the commission if some of those who had been appointed earlier are unable to serve and to adjust the date, time, and location of the commission if necessary. That motion was approved.

203.1013

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix Q, pp. 35f.**).

The following men were elected to serve on presbytery committees:

Administration: Class of 2023: TE David Felker, TE Chris Wright, RE Ken Haynes, RE Ken Meadows. Alternates: TE Zach Owen, TE John Revell. TE Mike Butterfield was elected to fill a vacant slot in the Class of 2021.

Campus Ministries: Class of 2023: TE Guy Richardson, RE Dale Nutt, RE Chuck Murphy. Alternate: TE Dean Williams. TE Harris Bond was elected to fill a vacant slot in the Class of 2021.

Discipleship Ministries: Class of 2023: RE Al Arnold, TE Ian Kayser, RE Johnny Williams. Alternates: TE Scott Reiber, RE James Logan.

Credentials: Class of 2023: TE Guy Waters, RE Paul Stephenson, TE Scott Reiber, RE Brandon Morgan. Alternates: TE Phillip Palmertree, RE David Elkin.

Mission to North America: Class of 2023: TE Mason Kiple, RE William Harper, TE Wally Bumpas, RE Kelle Menogan. Alternate: TE Bobby Penny.

Mission to the Military: Class of 2023: TE Troy Milliken, RE Danny Story. Alternates: TE Andy Coburn, RE Bob Bailey.

Mission to the World: Class of 2023: TE Earl Adams, RE Gordon Sluis, TE Chris Rehers. Alternates: RE Rob Jones, RE Eddie Moran.

Nominations: Class of 2023: TE John Reeves, RE Hugh Potts. Alternates: TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Bob Bailey. RE Bebo Elkin was elected to fill the empty slot for the Class of 2021.

Shepherding and Advisory: Class of 2023: TE Robert Hays, TE Richard Wiman, RE Phil McDade. Alternate: TE Ralph Kelley.

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to fill any vacant slots.

203.1014

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix R, p. 37**).

TE Phillip Palmertree gave a update on the work of the PCA Discipleship Ministries Committee.

203.1015

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix S, p. 38**).

TE Mabbott asked for prayer and patience as they consider the request of Trinity Presbyterian Church to plant a new church in the 39211 zip code of Jackson, MS with the purpose of reaching that area of Jackson with the gospel and regularly planting other churches within the Jackson metro area and around the world.

TE Harris Bond gave a report on the church plant in Monroe, Louisiana.

203.1016

ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Sessional Records Subcommittee.

Session Records approved with no exception:

- Bailey Presbyterian Church
- Brandon Presbyterian Church
- Carthage Presbyterian Church
- Delhi Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
- First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko
- First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
- Grace Presbyterian Church
- Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church
- Pearl Presbyterian Church
- Pinehaven Presbyterian Church
- Second Presbyterian Church
- Shongalo Presbyterian Church
- Tchula Presbyterian Church, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- Westminster Presbyterian Church
- Monroe Church Plant, Bound Session Records not yet submitted

Session Records approved with Exceptions of Form:

- Blackmonton Presbyterian Church, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
- Forest Grove Presbyterian Church
- Edwards Presbyterian Church, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
- First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
- First Presbyterian Church, Lexington
- First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
- First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
- First Presbyterian Church, Union
- Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
- Highlands Presbyterian Church
- John Knox Presbyterian Church
- Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Bound Session Records not yet submitted

Macon Presbyterian Church
Madison Heights Church
Northpointe Presbyterian Church
Providence Presbyterian Church
Raymond Presbyterian Church
Redeemer Church

Session Records approved with Exceptions of Substance and Form:

Carolina Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Madison, Bound Session Records not yet submitted
First Presbyterian Church, Winona

Churches from whom Session Records have not been received

Bethesda Presbyterian Church
DeKalb Presbyterian Church
Forest/Covenant Presbyterian Church
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church
Lauderdale Presbyterian Church
Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Macon Presbyterian Church
Newton Presbyterian Church
Pickens Presbyterian Church
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church
Scooba Presbyterian Church
Shiloh Presbyterian Church
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church
Scooba Presbyterian Church
Shiloh Presbyterian Church

Presbytery completed the work of the Sessional Records Committee by approving those churches who brought bound minutes to be signed and noting those who did not bring them to this meeting.

203.1017

OVERTURES

TE Phil McRae gave the report of the Overtures Committee (**Appendix K, p. 15**).

A motion was approved to refer the Overture from Tchula Presbyterian Church to the Credentials Committee for a report and recommendation at the February 2, 2021 meeting of Presbytery.

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Permission was granted to Tchula Presbyterian Church and Lexington Presbyterian Church to have a man preach twice a month as needed between this meeting and the February meeting.

203.1018

THANKS REPORT

TE Bobby Penny gave the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

Resolution of thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, on the occasion of hosting the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on November 3, 2020:

WHEREAS First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, in the providence of Almighty God was established in 1837 and was an original member of the Presbyterian Church in America when it was organized in 1973, and;

WHEREAS the Lord has been pleased to use this church in extending the Kingdom of Jesus Christ not only in their local sphere of Jackson, the state of Mississippi and our country, yea, even to the uttermost ends of the earth, and;

WHEREAS First Presbyterian Church has desired to host presbytery at their home campus, and;

WHEREAS this body of presbytery recognizes that the hosting of such a gathering as our presbytery requires the involvement of many people, and;

WHEREAS we were greeted very hospitably and directed to our appointed destinations and provided with sustenance, and;

THEREFORE the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses its thanks to Jesus Christ the King and Head of His church for the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson,

AND the presbytery likewise thanks the officers, staff, and members of First Presbyterian for their gracious hospitality in attending to all our needs as we conducted the business of Jesus' church including the beautiful space of their worship hall,

AND special thanks to Karen Crawford, the secretary for the stated clerk, Roger Collins, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS for her assistance and help in preparing for the meeting and the bound minutes which were distributed at this meeting.

Submitted by Convener TE Bobby Penny, TE Chris Stevens, and RE John Marchetti.

203.1019 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

203.1020 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the February 2, 2021, meeting was TE Scott Philips.

203.1021 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, in Jackson, MS at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

203.1022 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Moderator RE Dennis Watts, RE Treasurer Wayne Morrison, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, and RE Paul Adams were appointed a commission to read and approve the minutes.

203.1023 SEASON OF PRAYER

The Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

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203.1024

ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Phil McRae, at 1:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Roger G. Collins, Clerk

Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
February 2, 2021**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS**

PLEASE NOTE: This stated meeting was abbreviated due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Presbytery adhered to all of the recommended protocol procedures. The regular docket was reduced to matters there were essential. Visitors were discouraged from attending the meeting.

204.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE Dennis Watts called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

204.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	Huey Townsend Larry Wise
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie "Pete" Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven		Kevin Burns
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears Reuben Oates
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A

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Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	
	John Revell	
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	William Payne
	Cory Brock	Barry Vickery
	Billy Dempsey	Tom Rice
	David Felker	Bebo Elkin
	Ed Hartman	Robert Mims
	Ralph Kelley	Joel Payne
	Wiley Lowry	
	Gary Sinclair	
	Bill Wymond	
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Paul Rankin
	Brian Gault	Herbert Sanders
	Zack Owens	Kelle Menogan
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	Dennis Watts
		Phil McDade
		John Marchetti
		John Williams
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
	Trey Owens	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		Walter Gibbes, III
Lexington, First		E
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Steven Holman
	Matt Miller	
Macon, Macon		A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Wally Bumpas	Matt Vines
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Monroe Church Plant	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A

Pearl, Pearl		David Powe
Philadelphia, First		Stephen Emerson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands		A
	Brad Mercer	Hap Farber
	Billy Meenan	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
	Dean Williams	
Ruston, John Knox	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First		A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marian Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	Colton Underwood
Yazoo City, Second		Wayne Morrison
		Rob Coker

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, Richard Wiman, and Bruce Willson.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Zach Byrd, Erick Kruger, Chris Moody, Mack Strawbridge, and Kevin Vollema.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Austin Lenox, Josh Shideler, and James Post.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.

- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Anthony Forrest, Carl Kalberkamp, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Chris Rehers, Chris Shelton, Mark Smith, Mark Spellman, Allen Stanton, and David Storment.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 204.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Clay Quarterman, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bill Whitwer, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Michael Butterfield, Devin Kahan, Don Malin, Roy McDaniel, Randy Rhea, Brister Ware, and Joseph Wheat.

204.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Scott Phillips was elected moderator by acclamation.

204.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 9**)

204.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 204.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

204.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Bruce Baugus welcomed presbytery to Jackson and to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

204.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Scott Phillips appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Richard Wiman, TE Trey Owens, and RE Sam Hutton.

204.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. All requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved (see paragraph 204.102, f).
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The commission appointed to read and approve the minutes of the November, 2020 Stated Meeting reported that the minutes had been reviewed and approved **(Appendix B, p. 9)**.
 - b. The minutes of the commission to install TE Jonathan McGuire as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni were received **(Appendix C, p. 11)**.
3. Communications
 - a. A communication from RE John Williams with Sons of the King was received as information **(Appendix D, p. 12)**.
 - b. Ministry reports of TE Bobby Penny **(Appendix F, pp. 13)** and TE Kaz Yeagashi **(pp. 15ff.)** were received as information.
 - c. A Resolution of Gratitude for Trinity Presbyterian Church was received and assigned to be read as part of the worship service **(Appendix G, pp. 19ff.)**.

204.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix H, p. 22)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report **(pp. 23ff.)**. Presbytery approved the 2021 budget **(p. 29)**.

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First Presbyterian Church, Madison, Tchula Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni presented their bound minutes and presbytery approved those completing the approval process for 2019. (The committee reviewed digital records for 2019 and approved them at our November 3, 2020 Stated Meeting pending the presentation of their official bound minutes.)

204.1010

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix I, p. 31**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll (**p. 34**) and internship reports submitted were provided online at www.msvalley.org.

Erick Kruger, James Logan, Machen Strawbridge, Colton Underwood, and Kevin Vollema were to give their oral Candidate and Internship reports but due to the Covid pandemic the Credentials Committee asked them not to appear but to submit those reports in written form. Those written reports were received and approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Austin Lenox was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Lenox is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Scott Phillips, who then offered prayer. Mr. Lenox was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE David Strain as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Josh Shideler was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Shideler is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was

found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Scott Phillips, who then offered prayer. Mr. Shideler was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE David Felker as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Administrative Recommendations

Nick Barnes was removed from the roll of candidates, having been ordained in the Presbytery of the Dakotas.

Henry Flowers was removed from the roll of candidates, pending his ordination by a nondenominational Reformed Church in Tacoma, Washington.

The internships of Mr. Zach Byrd and Mr. James Peipon were found to be complete and in good order.

A report on the Tchula Overture, which had been referred to the Credentials Committee at the November meeting, regarding the number of times a man may preach in a month at a particular church was postponed until the May meeting.

The exception granted to the Tchula Presbyterian Church and Lexington Presbyterian Church at the November meeting regarding how many times a man may preach in a particular church in a month was extended to the May meeting.

204.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Mr. Elkin admonished the presbytery regarding the importance of attendance at the meetings of presbytery and reminded the presbyters that any absences should be accompanied by valid requests.

Presbytery approved the following motion: "That PMV hire TE Earl Adams to assist in shepherding the Trinity Presbyterian Church senior population into new church homes. This assignment is to

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begin on February 2, 2021 and be completed by December 31, 2021. Remuneration would be \$400 per month, plus mileage for not less than 20 hours per month. The cost is to be line itemed under the Shepherding and Advisory Committee with funds designated by the Trinity Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$3,000, Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$1,500, and other anticipated donations in the amount of \$1,500. The total cost is estimated to be \$6,000."

Prayer was offered for TE Adams and those senior members to whom he will be ministering.

204.1012

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee.

TE Wright reminded the presbytery that Nominations to the Committees for General Assembly made last year carry over to the 2021 General Assembly, if and when it is held.

204.1013

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Chairman TE Billy Dempsey gave the report of the Campus Committee (**Appendix J, p. 35**).

Presbytery approved the following Housing Allowance figures for Campus Ministers:

Bentley Crawford (Belhaven University)	\$20,000.00
Anthony Forrest (Jackson State University)	\$20,000.00
Jeff Jordan (Mississippi College)	\$39,974.64

TE Bentley Crawford gave a report on his ministry at Belhaven University.

204.1014

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

TE Richard Wiman presented the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.' While acknowledging the goodness and grace of God and the frowning providence of God in the final services of worship at Trinity Presbyterian Church, we, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, give thanks to God for the Spirit-filled service and hospitality extended to our presbytery as we met together to conduct God's business. Many thanks to the Session, the Board of Deacons, women, and members who have

ministered to us today. May God continue to work all things together for good for the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church."

Signed: TE Richard Wiman, TE Trey Owens, RE Sam Hutton

TE Earl Adams expressed gratitude to the Presbytery and to Reformed Theological Seminary for allowing TE Bruce Baugus to serve as their supply pastor and praised God for the blessing TE Baugus has been to Trinity Presbyterian Church.

204.1015 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as Moderator for the May 4, 2021 meeting is RE Hugh Potts.

204.1016 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 in Flowood, MS at Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

204.1017 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck read the minutes of the meeting and they were approved.

204.1018 WORSHIP SERVICE

Presbytery entered into a worship service led by previous Moderator RE Dennis Watts and assisted by TE Earl Adams and Mr. James Logan. TE Bruce Baugus read the Resolution of Gratitude from Trinity Presbyterian Church. After singing, the reading of Scripture, and prayer, RE Watts preached a sermon from Zechariah 4 on "A Church Encouraged." TE Bruce Baugus led the presbytery in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded by the singing of a hymn and prayer.

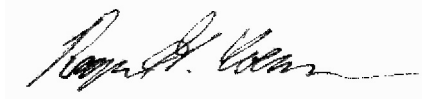
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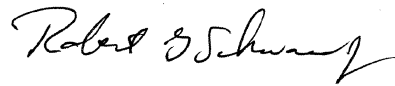
ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by TE Jeff Jordan at 11:45 AM.

Respectively submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert G. Schwanebeck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

May 4, 2021

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, Mississippi**

PLEASE NOTE: This stated meeting was abbreviated due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Presbytery adhered to all of the recommended protocol procedures. The regular docket was reduced to matters there were essential. Visitors were discouraged from attending the meeting.

205.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator TE Scott Phillips called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

205.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	A
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	A
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
	Brad Gomillion	
Clinton, Pinehaven		Larkin Chapman
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	Reuben Oates
	John Spears	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda		Melvin Hubbard

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Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	Addison Hall
John Revell	Hugh McCallum	
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	Cory Brock	William Payne
David Felker	Joel Payne	
Ralph Kelley	Robert Mims	
Wiley Lowry	Tom Rice	
Gary Sinclair	Bill Penn	
Brister Ware	Barry Vickery	
Bill Wymond	Ned Currie	
	Forrest Bratley	
	Bebo Elkin	
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Grant Callen
Brian Gault		
Zack Owens		
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	Dennis Watts
	James Logan	
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
Trey Owens		Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Steven Holman
Matt Miller	Will Hill	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		David Powe
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	E
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond		Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer	Hap Fowler

Devin Kahan	Trey Toler	
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
Carl Kalberkamp	Robert Waltzer	
Ruston, John Knox	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale	Mark Spellman	A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	A
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Winona, First		A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bruce Baugus, Bentley Crawford, Chuck Frost, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Bill Hughes, Jeff Jordan, Doug McCullough, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Bruce Willson.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Wright Busching, Zach Byrd, Kevin Vollema, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Abhishikth Babu, Josh Beck, John Kwasny, Joey McLeod, Larry Mills, and Step Morgan.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Leonard Siems, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Andy Coburn, John Dawson, Billy Dempsey, Ligon Duncan, Anthony Forrest, Ed Hartman, Billy Meenan, Allen Stanton, David Strain, and Dean Williams.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 205.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Clay Quarterman, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Richard Wiman, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:**
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Wally Bumpas, Steve Jussely, Don Malin, Roy McDaniel, Randy Rhea, Mark Smith, and Joseph Wheat.

205.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

RE Hugh Potts was elected moderator by acclamation.

205.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 11**).

205.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 205.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

205.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE John Duke welcomed presbytery to Flowood and to Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

205.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator RE Hugh Potts appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Troy Milliken, TE Mason Kiple, and RE Alvie Moore.

205.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins gave the Stated Clerk's report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved.
2. Communications
 - a. The call from the Pearl Presbyterian Church to TE Joey McLeod and the call from Raymond and Bethesda Presbyterian Churches to Zach Byrd were referred to the Credentials Committee **(Appendix B, p. 12)**.
 - b. The Ministry Reports from TE Bobby Penny **(Appendix C, pp. 15f.)** and TE Kaz Yaegashi **(pp. 17ff.)** were received as information.
 - c. The requests for the status of Honorable Retirement from TE Mark Spellman **(Appendix D, pp. 21f.)** and TE Guy Richardson **(p. 23)**, along with the request for the dissolution of their calls, were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - d. The response to the Exception of Substance from First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS was referred to the Administration Committee **(Appendix E, p. 24)**.
 - e. The response of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to the General Assembly Review of Presbytery Records for Exceptions of Substance was approved **(Appendix F, p. 25)**.
 - f. The Memorial Resolution for TE Bill Whitwer was presented to the presbytery to be read during worship was approved. That resolution will be read publicly during the worship service at the presbytery meeting in August due to our abbreviated meeting. The moderator, stated clerk, and the chairman of the shepherding and advisory committee were appointed to deliver a copy of the resolution to his widow, Carol Sue Whitwer **(Appendix G, p.26)**.

205.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix H, pp. 27ff.)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report **(pp. 29ff.)**.

RE Mark Windham presented the updated Ministerial Call Package **(pp. 38ff.)**.

The minutes of the following churches were approved without exception:

Bailey Presbyterian Church

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Brandon Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, MS
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, Carthage, MS
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram, MS
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS
Tchula Presbyterian Church
John Knox Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA

The minutes of the following churches were approved with Exceptions of Form:

Carthage Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Winona, MS
Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned, MS
Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS
Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry, MS

The response from First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS to the Exception of Substance in their minutes was approved (**Appendix E, p. 24**).

The proposed template as a guideline for the keeping of Session Minutes was approved upon a first reading as an addition to the appendix to the Standing Rules (**pp. 40f.**).

205.1010

CREDENTIALS

TE Guy Waters gave the report of the Credentials Committee in the place of Chairman TE David Strain, who was unable to attend the meeting (**Appendix I, pp. 42f.**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of candidates and interns on roll reflecting the submission of internship reports was provided (**p. 44f.**). Actual written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Levi Berntson, Joe Bynum, Bryce Davis, Wilson Jamison, Matthew Pinckard, and Roger Qi were to give their oral candidate and internship reports but due to the Covid Pandemic the Credentials Committee asked them not to appear but to submit those reports in written form. Those written reports were received and approved.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Abhishikth Babu was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Babu is a member of New City Fellowship in Bangalore, India and an associate member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE Hugh Potts, who then offered prayer. Mr. Babu was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Billy Dempsey as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Josh Beck was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Beck is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator RE Hugh Potts, who then offered prayer. Mr. Beck was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Carl Kalberkamp as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Transfer Examination

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Joey McLeod** is a PCA minister in good standing within Grace Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Grace Presbytery. The Presbytery examined TE McLeod in the areas of Christian experience, views in theology, sacraments, and church government. TE McLeod declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following exception:

"The only difference I have is in regards to WCF 7.4. It is not that I oppose what is stated here,

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but that it seems to me that the use of 'testament' is reading some more modern ideas back into our understanding. I prefer to keep the 'covenant' concept, which is how diatheke is typically translated, and the OT idea of cutting a covenant, and the shedding of blood, in this case Christ's blood, to cut a covenant."

TE McLeod's differences were judged to be semantic by the presbytery per RAO 16-3.d.5.b.

Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Bobby Penny.

TE McLeod signed the Book of Obligation.

TE McLeod's call meets presbytery guidelines. His wife has health insurance, and thus health insurance is not included in the call. His wife also has retirement benefits, and he has retirement benefits from his former work. Presbytery approved the call and placed it in his hands.

TE McLeod's installation was set for May 16, 2021 at Pearl Presbyterian Church. A commission including Convener TE Chris Shelton, TE Robert Hays, TE John Reeves, RE David Crane, RE David Bowen, and RE Don Dennis was approved. TE Dr. David Jussely from Grace Presbytery was invited to serve with the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Zach Byrd, a candidate, licentiate, and an intern of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Byrd declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Byrd's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Bobby Penny.

Mr. Byrd signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Byrd's call from Raymond and Bethesda Presbyterian Churches, meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Byrd's ordination and installation service was set for Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at

Raymond Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convener TE Wayne Herring, TE Bruce Baugus, TE Scott Reiber, RE M.J. Hubbard, RE Clarke Stewart, and RE James "Bebo" Elkin. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Charles Marchman was removed from the roll of candidates and interns because he was transferred to Southern Louisiana Presbytery.

Sonny Walker was removed from the roll of candidates and interns because he is being ordained by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Laurel, MS.

The internships of Mr. Graham Guo, Mr. James Logan, Matthew Pinckard, and Kevin Vollema were found to be complete and in good order.

It was reported that the Credentials Committee acted as a commission to allow TE Joey McLeod to move to the field at Pearl Presbyterian Church and transferred the internship of Jerry Ornelas to Southern New England Presbytery.

TE Waters expressed gratitude to RE Will Thompson for his years of service to the Credentials Committee through several rotations and their sorrow at his recent passing into heaven.

205.1011 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

RE Bebo Elkin gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call from the Wynndale Presbyterian Church to TE Mark Spellman effective June 30, 2021 and granted TE Spellman the status of Honorable Retirement.

Presbytery approved the dissolution of the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Guy Richardson to labor Out of Bounds at Reformed Theological Seminary effective June 1, 2021 and granted TE Richardson the status of Honorable Retirement.

205.1012 NOMINATIONS

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee.

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RE Jamie Peaster was elected to serve on the Overtures Committee for the General Assembly to replace RE Will Thompson who passed away.

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to replace any other positions for the Committees of Commissioners for General Assembly as the need may arise.

205.1013 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Eric Mabbott gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix J, pp. 45ff.**).

TE Harris Bond gave a report on his work as church planter in West Monroe, LA (**pp. 47ff.**).

205.1014 MISSION TO THE WORLD

Chairman RE Trey Toler gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee (**Appendix K, p. 49.**).

205.1015 DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix L, p. 50.**).

RE John Kwasny spoke to presbytery on the importance of Children's Ministry and resources that are available for children and parents through the denomination.

205.1016 OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Chairman TE Troy Milliken presented the report of the Thanks Committee as follows:

We are so thankful to Lakeland Presbyterian Church for hosting us today. It is an absolutely beautiful church and the refreshments the ladies prepared were delicious. We appreciate their hospitality. A prayer of thanksgiving was offered for the Lakeland Presbyterian Church.

Signed: TE Troy Milliken, TE Mason Kiple, and RE Alvie Moore.

The Overture from Tchula Presbyterian Church was answered in the negative, without prejudice to the Overture. The Overtures Committee reminds sessions of presbytery that they remain free to request presbytery to suspend the relevant Standing Rule with respect to specific circumstances of their congregations **(Appendix M, p. 51)**.

TE Bob Schwanebeck offered prayer for the small churches in our presbytery and the continuation of their ministries.

TE Carl Kalberkamp prayed for the family of TE Bill Whitwer, and especially his widow, Carol Sue.

205.1017 ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as Moderator for the August 3, 2021 meeting was TE Charlie Wingard.

205.1018 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 in Kosciusko, MS at First Presbyterian Church.

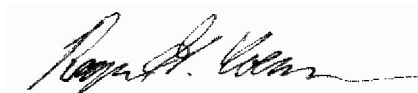
205.1019 READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck read the minutes of the meeting and they were approved.

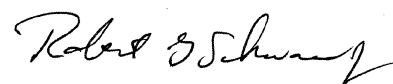
205.1020 ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by Moderator RE Hugh Potts at 12:05 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

August 3, 2021

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi**

206.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE Hugh Potts called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

206.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey		E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	Huey Townsend
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
	Brian Gomillion	
Clinton, Pinehaven		A
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
	Reuben Oates	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland		E

Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Barry Vickery
Cory Brock	Bill Penn	
Billy Dempsey	Wayne Husband	
David Felker		
Gary Sinclair		
Bill Wymond		
Jackson, Redeemer	Brian Gault	A
Jackson, Trinity		Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
Trey Owens		Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		E
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Roger Caperton
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Joey McLeod	David Powe
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	Paul Adams
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
Devin Kahan		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Neil Barnes
Carl Kalberkamp	Ben Sones	
Dean Williams	Eddie Moran	
Ruston, Covenant Reformed		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	E

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Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	A
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	E
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	Bob Bailey
	William Carroll	
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Robert Hays, Jeff Jordan, Doug McCullough, Troy Milliken, Robert Penny, Bob Schwanebeck, Bruce Willson, and Guy Waters.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Chad Graeber, Jamie Peipon, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Steven Dahl, Steven Holman, Step Morgan, Daniel Tortorici, and Clint Wilcke.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Pineda, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Wally Bumpas, Bruce Baugus, John Duke, Wayne Herring. Steve Jussely, Ralph Kelley, Wiley Lowry, Eric Mabbot, Don Malin, Elbert McGowan, Michael McKelvey, Billy Meenan, Matt Miller, Zack Owens, John Revell, Randy Rhea, Allen Stanton, Chris Stevens, and David Storment.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 206.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Charlie Rodriguez, Mark Spellman, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Richard Wiman, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:**

- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Anthony Forrest, Ed Hartman, Robert Lane, Roy McDaniel, Brad Mercer, and Brister Ware.

206.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Charlie Wingard was elected moderator by acclamation.

206.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, pp. 13f.**)

206.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 97.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

206.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Philip Palmertree welcomed presbytery to Kosciusko and to First Presbyterian Church.

206.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Charlie Wingard appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Troy Milliken, TE Joey McLeod, and RE Steven Holman.

206.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were approved (See **206.1002, f.**).
2. Communications

- a. A letter from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, regarding a gift of \$100,000 to the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley designated for church planting was referred to the MNA Committee **(Appendix B, p. 15)**.
- b. The reports from the commissions appointed to ordain TE Zach Byrd and install him as pastor of the Raymond and Bethesda Presbyterian Churches **(Appendix C, p. 16)** and to install TE Joey McLeod as pastor of the Pearl Presbyterian Church **(Appendix D, p. 17)** were received.
- c. Requests for dissolution of call from TE Cory Brock and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS **(Appendix E, p. 18)**; from TE Lenny Siems as a Chaplain and transfer to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church **(Appendix F, p. 20)**; and from TE Ralph Kelley and First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS **(Appendix G, p. 21)**.
- d. The report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee acting as a commission to approve the dissolution of the call to from PMV to TE Lenny Siems and his transfer to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was received **(Appendix H, p. 23)**.
- e. The report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee acting as a commission to approve the dissolution of the call of TE Ralph Kelley to the First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, was received **(Appendix I, p. 24f.)**.
- f. Calls from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Ralph Kelley to serve out of bounds as Director of Constituent Relations at Covenant College **(Appendix J, p. 25)**; from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS, to Charles Lewis Graeber III **(Appendix K, p. 26)**; and from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, to James Peipon **(Appendix L, p. 27)** were referred to the Credentials Committee.
- g. The following Annual Reports were received and referred to committees:
 - Mission to the Military**
Chaplains: TE's Troy Milliken, and Joey Wright **(Appendix M, pp. 28ff.)**
 - Shepherding and Advisory**
 - Reformed University Ministries TE's Anthony Forrest, Bentley Crawford, and Jeff Jordan Pineda **(Appendix N, pp. 31ff.)**
 - Out of Bounds: TE's Trey Adams, Bruce Baugus, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Gary Johnson, Guy Waters, Kaz Yaegashi, Ligon Duncan, Mark Lowery, Mike McKelvey, Nate Bonham, Wes Strebeck, Wayne Herring, Yakub Susabda, Harris Bond, Haruaki O-Chan,, John Prabhakar, and Josue Manuel Pineda **(Appendix O, pp. 36ff.)**
 - Without Call: TE Don Malin **(Appendix P, pp. 68ff.)**

Honorably Retired: TE's Earl Adams, Ric Cannada, Clay Quarterman, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Richard Wiman, and Larry Wissel (**Appendix Q, pp. 69ff.**).

- h. A memorial for RE Will Thompson from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS was approved to be read during today's worship service (**Appendix R, pp. 78f.**).
- h. Overtures from the 48th General Assembly were distributed online so that all ruling and teaching elders would have time to study them and be prepared to vote at our November 2, 2021 Stated Meeting.

206.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson reported for the Administration Committee (**Appendix S, pp. 80ff.**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report (**pp. 81ff.**).

The first reading of the 2022 budget was approved (**pp. 86f.**).

The Administration Committee report was concluded after completing the work of the Review of Session Records (**p. 10**).

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MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee for the excused Chairman TE Don Malin.

The annual reports of Chaplains TE Troy Milliken and TE Joseph Wright were received and approved (**Appendix M, pp. 28**).

Prayer was offered for our military chaplains.

206.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for the excused Chairman RE Bebo Elkin.

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The Shepherding and Advisory Committee, serving as a commission, dissolved presbytery's call to TE Lenny Siems to serve as an Army Chaplain for the past seventeen years and approved his transfer to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church as of June 30, 2021 where he intends to take honorable retirement and care for his wife Colleen. The commission minutes are attached **(Appendix H, p. 23)**.

The Shepherding and Advisory Committee, serving as a commission, dissolved the call of TE Ralph Kelley to serve at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson per his request and the appropriate concurrence of the session as communicated to the stated clerk. It was noted that a new call for TE Kelley is before the presbytery. The commission minutes are attached **(Appendix I, p. 24)**.

Presbytery approved the committee recommendation that the call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson to TE Cory Brock be dissolved per his and the session's request **(Appendix E, p.18ff.)**. TE Brock has been received into the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland as of July 21, 2021. Presbytery acted to remove TE Brock from our rolls.

The following annual reports received from teaching elders laboring in campus ministry, out of bounds or without call were recommended for approval.

Reformed University Ministries TE's Anthony Forrest, Bentley Crawford, and Jeff Jordan Pineda **(Appendix N, pp. 31ff.)**.

Out of Bounds: TE's Trey Adams, Bruce Baugus, Chuck Frost, Fred Marsh, Gary Johnson, Guy Waters, Kaz Yaegashi, Ligon Duncan, Mark Lowery, Mike McKelvey, Nate Bonham, Wes Strebeck, Wayne Herring, Yakub Susabda, Harris Bond, Haruaki O-Chan,, John Prabhakar, and Josue Manuel Pineda **(Appendix O, pp. 36ff.)**.

Without Call: TE Don Malin **(Appendix P, p. 68)**.

Presbytery approved and they were granted permission to continue to serve for another year in their respective callings.

Annual reports from the following retired teaching elders were received with gratitude.

TE's Earl Adams, Ric Cannada, Clay Quarterman, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Richard Wiman, and Larry Wissel **(Appendix Q, pp. 88ff.)**.

Prayer was offered for these brothers who submitted their reports.

TE Bobby Penny gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee for Chairman TE Eric Mabbott (**Appendix T, pp. 88ff.**).

TE Penny expressed thanks for the generous gift to the MNA Committee from Trinity Presbyterian Church and the following acknowledgment for their gift was adopted with gratitude.

"The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses its sincere gratitude to God for the generosity of Trinity Presbyterian Church. Their gift toward the work of church planting is a tremendous encouragement which we pray the Lord will use to advance his kingdom.

The MNA Committee asks that the presbytery continue to pray for Trinity Presbyterian Church as its members settle in other congregations and the session continues in their faithful work. Further, we would ask the presbytery to pray for a church to be planted in the future in the 39211 area code as the Lord wills."

Guest TE Clint Wilcke gave a report on the work of the Mid-South Church Planting Network.

206.1013

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix U, pp. 90ff.**).

Candidacy and Internship

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 92**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Mr. Steven Dahl was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Dahl is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Charlie Wingard, who then offered prayer. Mr. Dahl was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Caleb Congelosi as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more

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than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Mr. Daniel Tortorici was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Tortorici is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by Moderator TE Charlie Wingard, who then offered prayer. Mr. Tortorici was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE David Felker as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Ordination Examinations

Mr. Chad Graeber, a candidate of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. His internship had previously been approved as complete. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Graeber declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Jamie Peipon, a candidate of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. His internship had previously been approved as complete. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Peipon declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

The presbytery delayed the remainder of these exams until after lunch.

206.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer led by TE David Strain and TE Jonathan McGuire.

206.1015

RECESS

Presbytery recessed in order to prepare for worship.

206.1016

WORSHIP SERVICE

TE Phillip Palmertree led presbytery in worship for the Past Moderator RE Hugh Potts. TE Bob Schwanebeck read the Memorial Resolution from Second Presbyterian Church for RE Will Thompson. After singing hymns and reading of scripture and prayer, TE Chris Shelton preached from Ephesians 3:1-19. TE Palmertree led presbytery in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

206.1017

LUNCH

Presbytery recessed for lunch provided by the church.

206.1018

THANKS

TE Troy Milliken gave the report of the Thanks Committee.

Whereas, the Lord has blessed the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to gather together to do the business of His church, and

Whereas, the Lord has provided a wonderful facility at First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, and

Whereas, the Lord has provided wonderful snacks and a fabulous lunch through the labors of the gracious and talented ladies of First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, and

Whereas the Lord has provided a blessed time of fellowship and unity among His church in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley;

Therefore, be it resolved that we give thanks to First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, for being such gracious hosts, and

Therefore, be it resolved that we give thanks to the Lord for blessing our work and prospering His church in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley.

Convener TE Troy Milliken, TE Joey McLeod, and RE Steven Holman.

206.1019

CREDENTIALS (con't)

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Chairman TE David Strain continued the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix U, pp. 90ff.**).

Mr. Graeber preached a sermon from I Thessalonians 5:23-24 on "Faithful and Surely Able." His sermon was approved. Mr. Graeber's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by TE David Strain.

Mr. Graeber signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Graeber's bi-vocational call from First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS, to serve as Assistant Pastor was approved and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Graeber's ordination and installation service was set for September 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convener TE Charlie Wingard, TE Bill Hughes, TE Guy Richardson, RE Billy Bridgforth, RE William Carroll, RE John Michael Pillow, RE Robert Bailey, and RE Jimmy Sullivan. TE Charley Chase was invited to sit as a guest with the commission and preach the sermon. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the PMV stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Peipon preached a sermon from Hosea 2:14-23 on "The Certainty of God's Grace." His message was approved. Mr. Peipon's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by TE David Strain.

Mr. Peipon signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Peipon's call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, to serve as Assistant Pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Peipon's ordination and installation service was set for Sunday, August 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, with the following commission: Convener TE David Strain, TE David Felker, TE Charlie Wingard, RE Richard Ridgeway, RE Dennis Watts, and RE Sam Hensley. RE James Peipon, Jamie's father, was invited to sit with the commission as a visitor. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the PMV stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

The internships of Sebastian Bjernegard and Colton Underwood were found to be complete and in good order.

Presbytery approved the call to TE Ralph Kelley from this presbytery to serve as Director of Constituent Relations at Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, TN pending the permission of Tennessee Valley Presbytery (**Appendix J, p. 25**).

206.1020

ADMINISTRATION (con't)

Chairman TE Bruce Willson completed the Administration Committee Report (**Appendix S, pp. 80ff.**) with the Review of Session Records. Presbytery approving the following:

The full records of the following churches were approved without exception:

Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Edwards, MS
Blackmonton Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS
Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Union, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS
Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS
Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond, MS
Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon, MS
Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS
Madison Heights Church, Madison, MS
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS

The full records of the following churches were approved with exceptions of form:

None

The electronic minutes of the following were reviewed, but bound records were not received or signed:

Ouachita Presbyterian Church Plant, Monroe, LA
Redeemer Church, Jackson, MS
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington, MS
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS

Churches not submitting minutes:

Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, MS
DeKalb Presbyterian Church, DeKalb, MS
Edwards Presbyterian Church, Edwards, MS
Mt. Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey, MS
Newton Presbyterian Church, Newton, MS
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, Preston, MS
Scooba Presbyterian Church, Scooba, MS
Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Pickens, MS

206.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Presbytery approved a motion that the moderator appoint a commission with the stated clerk and parliamentarian as advisory members to act on behalf of PMV and communicate to Potomac Presbytery our concern regarding intemperate language in referring to TE Kevin DeYoung's views as expressing "white supremacy" by TE Duke Kwon in a recent public online exchange.

The moderator appointed TE David Strain, RE Mark Windham, RE Wayne Morrison, TE Charlie Wingard, and advisory members: Stated Clerk Roger Collins and Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters. The convener for the commission is TE David Strain. The moderator appointed himself to the commission at the request of the motion's mover.

206.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee elected to serve as moderator for the November 2, 2021 meeting is RE Steven Holman of First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS.

206.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Twin Lakes Retreat Center, Florence, MS per the invitation of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS.

206.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, RE Reuben Oats and Moderator TE Charlie Wingard were

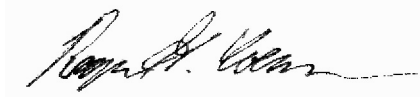
appointed as a commission to read and approve the minutes of the meeting.

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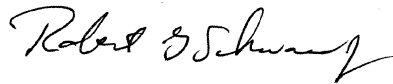
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Dean Williams at 1:57 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 2, 2021**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

207.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Scott Phillips called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

207.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	Tommy McDonald
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	Jeff Hughes
	Bill Allen	
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Gary Morrison
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		Brad Gomillion
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	A
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
	Harold Miller	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	Melvin Hubbard
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
John Duke		

John Revell		
Forest, Forest-Covenant	Mark Smith	A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bill Penn
Billy Dempsey	Ned Currie	
David Felker		Barry Vickery
Wiley Lowry	Joel Payne	
Jamie Peipon	Wayne Husband	
Gary Sinclair	Robert Mims	
Brister Ware	Bebo Elkin	
Bill Wymond		
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	E
Brian Gault		
Zack Owens		
Jackson, Trinity	SS Bruce Baugus	Dennis Watts
Kosciusko, First		Bill Lacey
	Michael Holman	
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon		A
Lexington, First		Wayne Rhea
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Glenn Peters
Matt Miller	John Fair	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
Wally Bumpas		
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl		David Powe
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	Stephen Emerson
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Devin Kahan	A
Billy Meenan		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Tom Young
Carl Kalberkamp	Eddie Moran	
Dean Williams	Ken Haynes	

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Ruston, Covenant Reformed	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	E
Vicksburg, Westminster	Scott Reiber	Jimmy Harrison
	Gordon Sluis	
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	James Hunger
Yazoo City, First		A
Yazoo City, Second		Wayne Morrison
	Rob Coker	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Anthony Forrest, Wayne Herring, Gary Johnson, Jeff Jordan, Ralph Kelley, Mark Lowrey, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Clay Quarterman, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, Bruce Willson, Richard Wiman, and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Abhishikth Babu, Steven Dahl, Bryce Davis, Tony Doggett, Jackson Lin, Scott Miller, Christopher Moody, Kevin Vollema, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Reni Bumpas, Tim Grider, Marie Holman, Frances Holman, George Holman, Brent Kooi, Kristi McGown, Niles McNeel, Reuben Oates, Fred Reid, Shelli Robison, Robin Stevens, and Marion Ware.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Ed Hartman, Michael McKelvey, Joey McLeod, Troy Milliken, Phillip Palmertree, Chris Rehers, and Charlie Wingard.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 207.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

207.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
2. Communications
 - a. The report of the commission to ordain James Peipon and install him as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS (**Appendix B, p. 16**), and the commission to ordain Chad Graeber and install him as assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS were received (**p. 17**).
 - b. The report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee acting as a commission (**Appendix C, p. 18**) to approve the dissolution of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko to TE Trey Owens and remove him from the roll (**pp. 19f.**).
 - c. The request for the dissolution of the call from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, to TE Scott Reiber and his request to be granted the status of Honorable Retirement, was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix D, pp. 21ff.**).
 - d. The request from TE Roy McDaniel to demit was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, p. 23**).
 - e. The calls from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS to Christian Brewer (**Appendix F, p. 24**), and from Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS to Kevin Vollema (**p. 25**) were referred to the Credentials Committee .
 - f. The communication from Tennessee Valley Presbytery indicating that TE Ralph Kelley had been granted permission to labor within their bounds while remaining a member of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley was received as information (**Appendix G, p. 26**).
 - g. The annual report from TE Aaron Halbert was received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix H, p. 27**).
 - h. TE Wayne Herring was given five minutes to speak on behalf of the GA Administration Committee and the stated clerk's office.
 - i. The PMV minutes of the November 3, 2020 are here corrected to add the session minutes of

the Wynndale Presbyterian Church to the list of those approved with exception of form.

j. The Overtures from General Assembly were voted on (**Appendix I, p. 28**) as follows:

Item 1 Amend BCO 12-4 and 13-4

For	78
Against	0
Abstain	1

Item 2 Amend BCO 16

For	86
Against	1
Abstain	0

Item 3 Amend BCO 20-4, 24-3, and 24-4

For	81
Against	2
Abstain	0

Item 4 Amend BCO 21-4, 24-1

For	84
Against	2
Abstain	1

Item 5 Amend BCO 22-2

For	79
Against	0
Abstain	1

Item 6 Amend BCO 24-1

For	82
Against	1
Abstain	0

Item 7 Amend BCO 32-20

For	83
Against	0
Abstain	0

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Item 8 Amend BCO 38-1

For	84
Against	0
Abstain	0

207.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman TE Bruce Willson gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix J, pp. 35ff.**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report (**pp. 36ff.**).

TE Willson closed the report in prayer.

207.1010

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Chairman RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix K, p. 45**).

Shelli Robison, Women's Ministry Coordinator and Ambassador to the SW Area Churches of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley gave a report on the PMV's Women's Ministry activities. She introduced Robin Stevens, Regional Advisor for the Mid-South covering four presbyteries: Covenant, Mississippi Valley, Grace, and Southern Louisiana, who briefly greeted the presbytery. She also introduced Kristi McCown, Ambassador to the NE Area Churches of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, who also spoke briefly to the presbytery.

TE Mark Lowery, Executive Director of Great Commission Publications, gave a report on his ministry.

RE Spears closed the report in prayer.

207.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Wiley Lowry gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix C, p. 18**).

TE Lowry reported that the Shepherding and Advisory Committee, serving as a commission

empowered by the presbytery, had acted in the following matters:

Dissolved the call from First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS, to TE Trey Owens in order for him to accept a call from River Community Church (EPC) in Prairieville, Louisiana. TE Owens was removed from the roll of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley since the PCA does not have fraternal relations with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Upon recommendation of the committee, presbytery approved:

The call from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS to TE Scott Reiber was dissolved effective December 31, 2021, upon the request of both parties (**Appendix D, pp.21ff.**).

TE Scott Reiber was granted the status of Honorable Retirement effective December 31, 2021 upon his request (**p. 21**). A prayer of thanksgiving was given for the faithful ministry of TE Reiber.

The request of TE Roy McDaniel to demit the ministry was approved as the first reading. His request will be considered again for the required second reading (BCO 38-2) at the February meeting (**Appendix E, p. 23**).

The annual report received from TE Aaron Halbert was approved (**Appendix H, p. 27**).

TE Lowry closed the report in prayer.

207.1012

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix L, pp. 47ff.**).

The following men were elected to serve on presbytery committees:

Administration Committee:

Class of 2022 TE Zach Owens

Class of 2024 RE Mark Windham, TE John Revell, TE Mike Butterfield, RE Alan Walters

Alternates TE John Reeves, RE Mark Jonkers

Campus Ministry Committee

Class of 2024 TE Perry McCall, RE Rob Coker, TE Harris Bond

Alternates TE Dean Williams, TE Randy Rhea

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Discipleship Ministries Committee

Class of 2022 TE Chris Stevens
Class of 2024 TE Chris Shelton, RE John Spears, TE Matt Miller
Alternates TE Scott Reiber, RE Scott Jones

Credentials Committee

Class of 2024 TE Mark Smith, RE John Kwasny, TE Phillip Palmertree, RE Matt Vines
Alternates: TE Charlie Wingard, RE David Elkin

Mission to North America Committee

Class of 2023 TE Troy Richards
Class of 2024 TE Robert Penny, RE Jamie Peaster, RE William Penn, TE Joey McLeod
Alternates TE Jeff Jordan, RE Hugh Potts

Mission to the Military Committee

Class of 2024 TE Ken Elliott, RE Sam Hutton
Alternates TE Robert Lane, RE Bob Bailey

Mission to the World Committee

Class of 2024 TE Andy Coburn, RE Bill Lacey, TE Paul Nasekos
Alternates RE Rob Jones, RE Eddie Moran

Nominations Committee

Class of 2022 RE Ken Haynes
Class of 2024 TE Bobby Penny, RE Mark Windham
Alternates TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Bebo Elkin

Shepherding and Advisory Committee

Class of 2023 RE Brooke Worrell
Class of 2024 TE Wiley Lowery, TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Rob Coker, RE Rod Russ
Alternates RE Scott Jones, TE Zach Byrd

The following men were nominated to serve on the various General Assembly Permanent Committees (**p. 49**) either by the committee or from the floor:

Administrative Committee	RE Alan Walters
Committee on Discipleship Ministries	TE Phillip Palmertree
Committee on Constitutional Business	
Inter Church Relations Committee	TE Scott Reiber, RE Dennis Watts

Mission to North America	RE Tim Threadgill
Mission to the World	
Reformed University Fellowship	
Standing Judicial Commission	TE Guy Waters, RE Ned Curry
Theological Examining Committee	
Covenant College	RE Gordon Sluis
Covenant Theological Seminary	
PCA Foundation	RE William Stone
PCA Retirement and Benefits	
Ridge Haven	RE Zach Owens

The following men were elected to serve as presbytery's appointee:

GA Nominating Committee	RE James D. (Bebo) Elkin
GA Review of Presbytery Records	TE Chris Wright

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to fill any slots that remain unfilled.

TE Wright closed the report in prayer.

207.1013

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

207.1014

RECESS

Presbytery recessed in order to prepare for worship.

207.1015

WORSHIP SERVICE

TE Zach Byrd led presbytery in worship for Past Moderator TE Charlie Wingard. After singing hymns and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Byrd preached from John 1:19-34 on "Hero Wanted." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

207.1016

LUNCH

TE Bruce Baugus recessed presbytery for lunch by offering a prayer of thanks.

207.1017

THANKS

TE Caleb Cangelosi gave the report of the Thanks Committee.

"Whereas, God in His providence has allowed the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to meet on this glorious day in November at the Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center in Florence, MS; and

Whereas, the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Jackson founded Twin Lakes camp fifty one years ago, and its ministry to children, youth, families, and churches has glorified God, led the elect to saving faith in Christ, and edified the saints; and

Whereas God has richly blessed Twin Lakes Camp with a gifted staff, including Mark Magee, who has served since 1990, and Warren Mitchell, who has served since 1989; and

Whereas, we have enjoyed a delicious breakfast and lunch, and fellowship amid the beauty of God's creation throughout the day;

Therefore be it resolved that the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley expresses its thanks to the officers of First Presbyterian Church, to Pastor David Strain, and to the staff of Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center for their generosity, hospitality, and faithful devotion to ministry, and to God for His kind providence to allow us to meet all day,

And, that this expression of thanks be spread upon the minutes of our presbytery and be conveyed to the officers of First Presbyterian Church and the staff of Twin Lakes Camp and Conference Center."

Convener TE Caleb Cangelosi, TE Jeff Jordan, and RE Michael Holman

207.1018

CREDENTIALS

TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, p. 51**).

The list of interns on roll (**p. 53**) is attached. The internship reports will be provided on our

website at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Levi Berntson, Wright Busching, Bryce Davis, Tony Doggett, Jackson Lin, Scott Miller, Christopher Moody, and John Yelverton gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. Those reports were approved.

Licensure and Ordination Examinations

Mr. Kevin Vollema, a candidate in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), views, knowledge in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. His internship had previously been approved as complete. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Vollema declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following exception:

"My only doubt with the Standards is with the word, "frequently," in WCF 7.4. It appears doubtful that underlying Hebrew and Greek words used to speak of God's covenanting with man should frequently be translated as "testament." The only place that this seems permissible is in Hebrews 9:16-17, which deals with Christ as testator by his death. His death bestows rich gifts to those in him, and thus it is proper here to speak of a testament. However, this one passage does not warrant the language of "frequently" in the Confession."

The stated difference was found to be "merely semantic" per RAO 16-3.5.b and BCO 21.4.F.

Mr. Vollema preached a sermon from Hebrews 10:1-18 on "Trust in the Accomplished Work of Christ." His sermon was approved.

Mr. Vollema's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by TE David Strain.

Mr. Vollema signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Vollema's call from Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS, to serve as Assistant Pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands (**Appendix F, p. 25**).

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Mr. Vollema's ordination and installation service was set for November 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at Northpointe Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convener TE Mason Kiple, TE David Felker, TE James Peipon, RE Charles Jones, RE Bill Stone, and RE Stuart Clarke. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Mr. Christian Brewer, a candidate in Nashville Presbytery, was examined for licensure and ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), views, knowledge in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. His internship had previously been approved as complete. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory.

Mr. Brewer declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following exceptions:

"I agree with the Standards that the Sabbath is both a continual command throughout redemptive history and that it is to be celebrated on the first day of the week as the Christian Sabbath (though I would want to allow for flexibility in regions with greater amounts of persecution). However, I do take exception with the recreation clause in WCF 21.8 and WLC 117 and 119. As a day of worship, we are called into the presence of the Lord in corporate worship, and as a day of rest we can enjoy the good things of creation and the fruit of our labors without the worry of work and constant toil. Worship is a priority on that day and should be attended to with care and intention, but there should be freedom to rest and enjoy God's creation, and to rest without the concern of work or keeping up with the rat-race of life. That may mean going to the park with friends in the afternoon, taking a nap, maybe watching a little football in the afternoon."

This stated difference was found to be more than semantic, but 'not out of accord with any fundamental of our system of doctrine' (per BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3, E.5.C).

"I agree in full with WLC 109 that the second commandment forbids the worship of God through images and the fashioning and worshiping of images of other deities. However, I take exception to the clause that the second commandment forbids "the making of any representation, of all or any of the three persons...outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creatures whatsoever." Thus, any image in the context of worship, whether divine or not, is disallowed. And as God himself is invisible, we should not seek to represent him through our own understanding. However, the context of the second commandment seems to me to be focused on worship, and so I find that images may be used for a didactic purpose."

This stated difference was found to be more than semantic, but 'not out of accord with any

fundamental of our system of doctrine' (per BCO 21-4, RAO 16-3, E.5.C). Presbytery asked him to refrain from 'teaching, preaching, or otherwise inculcating his view on the second commandment within our bounds.'

Mr. Brewer preached from II Samuel 12:1-15 on "Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall." His sermon was approved.

Mr. Brewer's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by the Moderator RE Steven Holman.

Mr. Brewer signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Brewer's call from Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS, to serve as Assistant Pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines (**Appendix F, p. 24**). Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Brewer's ordination and installation service was set for November 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with the following commission: TE Caleb Cangelosi, Convener, TE David Felker, TE Dean Williams, RE Phil Ethridge, RE Adam Adcock, and RE Mark Windham. TE Nate Shurden, of Nashville Presbytery, was invited to sit with the commission as a guest. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the requests of Austin Lenox to transfer his candidacy to Covenant Presbytery and of Roger Qi to transfer his candidacy to Wisconsin Presbytery.

Presbytery removed Jinwan Kim and Jesse McAllister from the roll of candidates and interns, per their request, as they are no longer pursuing ministry.

Presbytery removed James Logan from the roll of candidates and interns since he was ordained on May 23, 2021 by Grace Presbytery to serve the Hazlehurst Presbyterian Church.

Presbytery found the internships of Mr. Wright Busching and Mr. Levi Berntson to be complete and in good order.

Presbytery renewed the license to preach of RE James D. (Bebo) Elkin.

207.1019

ADMINISTRATION (continued)

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Review of Presbytery Records.

The minutes (including review of hard copies) of the Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, MS, and the Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, MS were approved.

207.1020

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Brent Kooi gave a report on Jackson Missions and an update on his plans to serve in Australia.

207.1021

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The commission appointed at the August Stated Meeting of PMV to consider concerns surrounding public accusations against a fellow TE of another presbytery was dismissed without any action having been taken.

TE Ralph Kelley addressed presbytery on behalf of Covenant College.

207.1022

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the February 1, 2022 meeting is TE Bruce Willson.

207.1023

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next stated meeting is to be held at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS.

207.1024

READING OF THE MINUTES

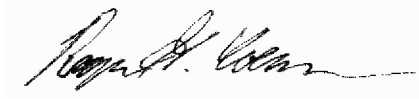
Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, and Moderator RE Steven Holman were appointed as a commission to read and approve the minutes of the meeting.

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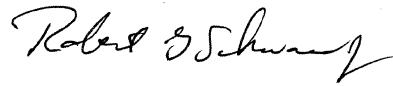
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Billy Dempsey at 2:55 PM.

Respectively submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

February 1, 2022

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Mississippi**

208.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Previous Moderator RE Steven Holman called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

208.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbott	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First	Jonathan McGuire	A
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Scotty Dickey
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	E
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis Brad Gomillion
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Larkin Chapman
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	Reuben Oates
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	E
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	Steve Jussely	A
	John Duke	

	John Revell	A
Forest, Forest		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Bud Bratley
	Billy Dempsey	Don Cannada
	David Felker	Alan Walters
	Ed Hartman	
	Wiley Lowry	
	Jamie Peipon	
	Gary Sinclair	
Jackson, Redeemer	Brian Gault	A
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Hugh Potts
		Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		E
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Samuel Suttle
	Matt Miller	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First		A
Madison, Madison Heights		A
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
	Kevin Vollema	
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Joey McLeod	David Powe
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	A
Ridgeland, Highlands		A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	E
	Christian Brewer	
	Carl Kalberkamp	
	Dean Williams	
Ruston, Covenant Reformed		A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		A

Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	E
Vicksburg, Westminster		Gordon Sluis
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	E
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker Wayne Morrison

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bruce Baugus, Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Anthony Forrest, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Ralph Kelley, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Robert Penny, Scott Reiber, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Bruce Willson.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Steven Dahl, Bryce Davis, Jackson Lin, Erick Kruger, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Steve Britton, Roger Caperton, Joshua Covington, Frankie Garcia, Chris Govero, Carol Higginbotham, Will Hill, Steven Holman, Charley McCool, Betty Triplett, Mike Triplett, Jermaine Van Buren, Dennis Watts, and Mark Windham.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue Cruz, Chuck Frost, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Wes Strebeck, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Chad Graeber, Robert Lane, Billy Meenan, Mark Smith, and Chris Stevens.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 208.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Paul Lipe, Martin Marshall, Doug McCullough, Paul Nasekos, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Guy Richardson, Charlie Rodriguez, Mark Spellman, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Richard Wiman, Larry Wissel, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the**

meeting: Phillip Palmertree and Guy Waters.

- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Wally Bumpas, Devin Kahan, Roy McDaniel, Elbert McGowan, Brad Mercer, Zack Owens, Randy Rhea, David Storment, Brister Ware, Joseph Wheat, and Bill Wymond.

208.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Bruce Willson was elected moderator by acclamation.

208.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 12**).

208.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 208.1002, d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

208.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Scott Phillips welcomed presbytery to Louisville and to First Presbyterian Church.

208.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Bruce Willson appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Michael Butterfield, TE Perry McCall, and RE Gordon Sluis.

208.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**p. 10**).

2. Commission Reports

- a. The report of the commission to ordain Christian Brewer and install him as assistant pastor of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS, was received **(Appendix B, p. 13)**.
- b. The report of the commission to review and approve the minutes of the stated meeting of November 2, 2021 was received **(Appendix C, p. 14)**.

3. Communications

- a. The request for the dissolution of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, to TE Ed Hartman **(Appendix D, p. 15)**, and the dissolution of the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Wes Strebeck **(Appendix E, p. 16)** and his transfer to Eastern Carolina Presbytery were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(p. 5)**.
- b. The calls from Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS to Bryce Davis **(Appendix F, p. 17)**, and from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Ed Hartman **(Appendix G, p. 18)** were referred to the Credentials Committee **(p. 8)**.
- c. Presbytery received a report on the status of the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church who had yet to transfer to a new church **(Appendix H, pp. 19f.)**. It was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(p. 5)**.
- d. Presbytery received a request of the congregation of Carthage Presbyterian Church for borrowed elders from the presbytery **(Appendix I, pp. 21f.)**. It was referred to Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(p. 5)**.
- e. The petition from the Florence Mission Church, Florence, MS **(Appendix J, p. 23)** was referred to the Mission to North America Committee **(p. 7)**.
- f. The communication from TE Perry McCall regarding his appointment from Reformed Theological Seminary to serve as the Regional Development Officer for the Jackson, MS Campus while he continues to serve as pastor of the Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden, MS was received as information **(Appendix K, p. 24)**.
- g. Ministry Reports from TE Bobby Penny **(Appendix L, p. 25)** and TE Kaz Yaegashi **(Appendix M, p. 27)** were received as information.

- h. The Memorial Resolution from Forest Grove Presbyterian Church regarding Charles Thomas McClain was received and approved to be read during the Worship Service and included in our minutes **(Appendix N, p. 34)**.

208.1009

ADMINISTRATION

Chairman RE Alan Walters gave the report of the Administration Committee **(Appendix O, p. 35)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the financial report **(pp.36ff.)**. The final budget for 2022 was approved **(pp. 42f.)**.

The new Pastoral Call Guidelines, which were updated according to the 2021 year end Consumer Price Index (CPI), were approved **(pp.44ff.)**.

RE Walters closed the report in prayer.

208.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Wiley Lowry gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS to TE Ed Hartman was dissolved effective March 31, 2022, so that he might accept the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to serve with Kingston Partners under the umbrella of International Xchange Organization (IXO) **(Appendix G, p. 18)**.

The call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Wes Strebeck to do ministry in Scotland was dissolved so that he might accept the call from Christ the King Presbyterian Church (PCA), Wilmington, North Carolina **(Appendix E, p. 16)**. Presbytery approved his transfer to Eastern Carolina Presbytery immediately as they had received him pending.

The request of TE Roy McDaniel to demit the ministry submitted to the November 2, 2021 Stated Meeting was approved without censure according to the provisions of BCO 38-2.

Presbytery received a report on the status of the members of Trinity Presbyterian Church who had yet to transfer to a new church **(Appendix H, pp. 19f.)** The work of TE Earl Adams to minister to those members of the Trinity which is now dissolved was continued for another two months .

RE Pete Moore and TE Bill Hughes were appointed to serve as a borrowed session for the Carthage

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Presbyterian Church as requested (**Appendix I, p. 21**).

TE Lowry closed the partial report in prayer.

208.1011

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix P, p. 47**).

TE Wright reported that the Nominations Committee, acting as a commission, nominated the following men to serve on PCA Committees and Boards:

Reformed University Fellowship: TE Jonathan McGuire

Mission to North America: TE Bobby Penny

PCA Foundation: TE Bruce Willson

TE Wright also reported that the Nominations Committee, acting as a commission appointed RE Paul Gregory to serve as the Alternate on the PMV Administrative Committee.

The following men were elected to serve on Committees of Commissioners for the General Assembly.

Administration: TE Chris Wright

Discipleship Ministries: TE Eric Mabbott

Covenant Theological Seminary: TE Caleb Cangelosi

Interchurch Relations: TE Harris Bond

Mission to North America: TE Charlie Wingard

PCA Foundation: TE Chris Stevens

Covenant College: RE Chuck Murphy

PCA Retirement and Benefits, Inc.: RE Claude Harbarger

Mission to the World: RE Alan Walters

Ridge Haven: RE Craig Flowers

Reformed University Fellowship: RE Ken Haynes

Overtures: RE Ned Currie, TE David Strain

The Nominations Committee was appointed as a commission to designate an elder to serve communion at the General Assembly and an elder to serve as a Floor Clerk.

TE Wright closed the report in prayer.

208.1012

REPORT OF CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Chairman TE Billy Dempsey gave the report of the Campus Ministries Committee.

TE Dempsey opened his report with prayer.

The following housing allowances were adjusted as follows:

TE Bentley Crawford, Belhaven University	\$20,000.00
TE Anthony Forrest, Jackson State University	\$20,000.00
TE Jeff Jordan, Mississippi College	\$39,974.64

The three campus ministers laboring within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, TE Jeff Jordan who serves at Mississippi College, TE Bentley Crawford who serves at Belhaven University, and TE Anthony Forrest who serves at Jackson State University, reported to presbytery on their respective campus ministries during the Covid pandemic.

Chairman TE Dempsey reported that TE Dean Williams was moved from an alternate position on the Campus Ministries Committee to the unexpired term of RE Dale Nutt who resigned for health reasons.

TE David Felker closed the report with prayer.

208.1013

MISSION TO THE NORTH AMERICA

Chairman TE Bobby Penny gave the report of the Mission to North America Committee (**Appendix R, p. 50**).

A motion was made by the committee to approve the petition to establish a Mission Church in the Florence, MS area of Southwest Rankin County (**Appendix J, p. 23**). By personal motion, the petition to establish a mission church in the Florence, MS area, in consultation with Mid-South Church Planting Network, was recommitted to the MNA Committee to be brought back to the presbytery during the afternoon session or at a later meeting. See **208.1020, p. 10**.

Guest TE Frankie Garcia gave a report on his work and training in Ottawa, Canada and the possibility of planting a sister church in November in French Canada.

Whereas our God is abundantly Gracious, Merciful, Good, Kind, and Generous, and;

Whereas our unity is with one another and by union with our Lord Jesus Christ, and;

Whereas our fellowship is empowered and enabled by God the Holy Spirit, we the members of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley met at their regularly stated meeting on February 1, 2022, and;

Whereas we met at the First Presbyterian Church of Louisville and experienced their Christian hospitality, and;

Whereas we are scattered across a geographical area, we by faith meet around a common mercy seat, and;

Whereas we have been accompanied in our singing by skilled accompaniment, and;

Whereas we have enjoyed a wonderful meal that was pleasant to the palate,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, gives hearty thanks to our mutual God for the loving and culinary delight we have partaken in, and;

Be it further resolved that we also give thanks to and for all the mutual members of the body of Christ from First Presbyterian Church of Louisville who have labored and contributed to the good of the bodily needs of this presbytery.

Signed, Convener TE Michael Butterfield, TE Perry McCall, and RE Gordon Sluis.

208.1019

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain opened the afternoon session in prayer and gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix Q, pp. 48f**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 49**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Erick Kruger and **Josh Shideler** gave their oral candidate and internship reports. Those reports were approved and the moderator offered prayer for these men.

Mr. Josh Covington was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Covington is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Bruce Willson. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 18-3. Mr. Covington was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Jermaine Van Buren was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-

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9. Mr. Van Buren is a member of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Bruce Willson. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 18-3. Mr. Van Buren was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan D at Redeemer Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE Brian Gault as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Licensure and Ordination Examinations

Mr. Bryce Davis, a licentiate in the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley, was examined for ordination. Since he had already been examined for licensure, he was examined only in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), the sacraments, church history, and the history of the PCA per BCO 21-4. His internship was approved as complete. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Davis declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Davis's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The examination was closed in prayer by TE David Strain.

Mr. Davis signed the Book of Obligation.

Mr. Davis's call from Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, MS, to serve as Assistant Pastor meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Davis's ordination and installation service was set for March 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Providence Presbyterian Church with the following commission: Convener TE Ian Kayser, TE Bruce Baugus, RE Chris Govero, RE Harold Miller, RE Steve McNair, RE John Spears, RE Reuben Oates, RE Jason Carter, and RE Kevin Burns. TE Seth Starkey from Covenant Presbytery was invited to sit as a visitor with the commission. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

Presbytery approved the request of Machen Strawbridge to transfer his candidacy to Piedmont Triad Presbytery.

Presbytery approved the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Ed Hartman to serve out of bounds with IXO (**Appendix G, p. 18**).

208.1020 MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA (Continued)

Chairman TE Bobby Penny continued the report of the Mission to North America Committee.

A motion passed to approve the petition of the Florence group to become a mission church pending the formation of a temporary government; and appoint the MNA Committee as a Commission to that end.

TE Penny closed the report with prayer.

208.1021 SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

208.1022 SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY (Continued)

Chairman TE Wiley Lowry continued the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The following men were granted excused absences from the meeting:

- TE Billy Meenan
- TE Robert Lane
- TE Chris Stevens
- RE Russell Moffett
- RE Bob McEachern
- RE Marion Jones
- TE Mark Smith
- TE Paul Nasekos
- RE Wayne Rhea
- RE M. J. Hubbard

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RE Art Self

TE Doug McCullough

Ruling Elders at Shongalo Presbyterian Church

Ruling Elders at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church

The request from TE Guy Waters to be absent from the afternoon session was granted.

The request for an excused absence from TE Wally Bumpas because of a conflict with a staff meeting at Madison Heights Church was denied. The Shepherding and Advisory Committee was directed to communicate with TE Bumpas and/or someone at Madison Heights in order to encourage them to prioritize presbytery meetings in the scheduling of church staff events.

TE Lowry closed the report in prayer.

208.1023

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

208.1024

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the May 3, 2022 meeting was RE Sam Hutton.

208.1025

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The stated clerk was empowered to find a location for the May 3, 2022 meeting.

208.1026

READING OF THE MINUTES

A motion passed to make it the practice of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to commit the minutes of each meeting to a commission composed of the officers of the presbytery and the moderator. Additional ruling elders will be added if needed to make sure the commission contains the balance of two teaching elders and two ruling elders.

Therefore, Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, RE Steven Holman, and Moderator TE Bruce Willson were appointed as a commission to read and approve the minutes of the meeting.

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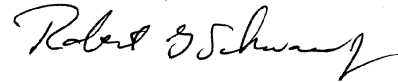
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Bruce Willson at 2:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

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Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk

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Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

May 3, 2022

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Mississippi**

209.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Steven Holman called the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

209.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
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	Carlton Gorton	
Brandon, Brandon		Scotty Dickey
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		Brad Gomillion
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Larkin Chapman
	Brandon Morgan	
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
Bryce Davis		
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Revell	A
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A

Jackson, First	David Strain	Wayne Husband
Billy Dempsey	Mark Windham	
David Felker		Bebo Elkin
Wiley Lowry		
Gary Sinclair		
Brister Ware		
Bill Wymond		
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	Otis Pickett
Brian Gault		
Zack Owens		
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		A
Louisville, First	Scott Phillips	Steve Holman
Matt Miller	Glenn Peters	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina		A
Madison, First	Robert Lane	David Reilly
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	A
Wally Bumpas		
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Kevin Vollema		
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Joey McLeod	A
Philadelphia, First		A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	E
Ridgeland, Highlands	Brad Mercer	A
Billy Meenan		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Ken Haynes
Christian Brewer	Phil Ethridge	
Carl Kalberkamp		
Dean Williams		
Ruston, Covenant Reformed	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton

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Terry, Wynndale		Nick Purvis
Union, First	Chris Shelton	William Hamill
Vaiden, Blackmonton		Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo		E
Vicksburg, Westminster		Jimmy Harrison
	Terry Warren	
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	Terry Howard
	James Hunger	
Yazoo City, First	Chad Graeber	A
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bruce Baugus, Chuck Frost, Ed Hartman, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Don Malin, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, John Reeves, Scott Reiber, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Richard Wiman.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Abhishikth Babu, Josh Beck, Matthew Carter, Steven Dahl, Wilson Jamison, Scott Miller, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Paul Adams, Stephen Biggs, Kevin Burns, Larry Ferris, John Fesko, Drew Gunn, Will Montgomery, Reuben Oates, and Dennis Watts.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Ralph Kelley, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Bentley Crawford, John Duke, Ligon Duncan, Perry McCall, Jonathan McGuire, Philip McRae, Mark Smith, Jamie Peipon, David Storment, and Charlie Wingard.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 209.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

209.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk Roger Collins gave reported as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(p. 1470)**.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The report of the commission to ordain Bryce Davis and install him as assistant pastor of Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton, was received **(Appendix B, p. 13)**.
 - b. The report of the commission to review and approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 2, 2022 was received **(Appendix C, p. 14)**.
 - c. The commission appointed to form a temporary session for the new church plant in Florence, MS reported that the following men had been appointed to serve in that capacity: TE Joey McLeod, TE Eric Mabbott, RE Steve Morris, RE Newell Simrall, RE Matt Vines, and RE William Harper. TE McLeod will serve as the moderator.
3. Communications
 - a. The request for the dissolution of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, to TE Jonathan McGuire as pastor **(Appendix D, p. 15)**, the dissolution of the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Bruce Baugus to teach at Reformed Theological Seminary **(Appendix E, p. 18)**, the dissolution of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Madison to TE Bob Lane as pastor **(Appendix F, p. 19)**, and the dissolution of the call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Kaz Yaegashi as a missionary to Japan **(Appendix G, p. 21)** were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - b. The requests for Honorable Retirement from TE Bob Lane **(Appendix F, p. 19)** and TE Kaz Yaegashi (pp. ?ff.) were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
 - c. The request from TE Jonathan McGuire to demit the ministry upon a first reading was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix D, p. 17)**.
 - d. The written report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee was received as information **(Appendix H, p. 37)**.

209.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Administration Committee for Chairman RE Alan Walters **(Appendix H, p. 25)**.

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report **(Appendix H, pp. 27ff)**.

TE Wright closed the partial report in prayer.

209.1010

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Wiley Lowry gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The call from First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, to TE Jonathan McGuire was dissolved effective March 13, 2022. TE Richard Wiman, at the request of First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, was approved to serve as Stated Supply until a new pastoral relationship is established.

TE McGuire's request to demit the ministry was approved upon a first reading **(Appendix D, p. 17)**. That matter will be considered again at the August 2, 2022 meeting per BCO .

The call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Bruce Baugus to teach at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS was dissolved effective June 1, 2022 so that he might accept a teaching position a Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan **(Appendix E, p. 18)**.

TE Baugus was granted permission to remain on the roll of presbytery without call until his membership is transferred to the Great Lakes Presbytery.

The call from First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS to TE Robert Lane was dissolved effective July 1, 2022 **(Appendix F, p. 19)**.

TE Lane was granted the status of Honorable Retirement effective July 1, 2022 upon his request.

The call from the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to TE Kaz Yaegashi to serve as a missionary-evangelist in Japan was dissolved effective August 31, 2022 **(Appendix G, p. 21)**.

TE Yaegashi was granted the status of Honorable Retirement effective August 31, 2022 upon his request.

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TE Lowry closed the partial report in prayer.

209.1011

NOMINATIONS

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee.

Elbert McGowan was appointed to the PMV Campus Committee as an alternate.

The Nominations Committee was appointed to secure a floor clerk and someone to assist in serving communion at the General Assembly.

TE Wright closed the report in prayer.

209.1012

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Chairman TE Don Malin gave the report of the Mission to the Military Committee (**Appendix H, p. 36**).

TE Malin opened the report with prayer.

TE Malin spoke on the ministry of our military chaplains and the Ministry to the Military International (MMI). Steven Dahl gave a testimony of how the ministry to the military ministered to him while he served in Germany and how it was used by God to assist in calling him to the ministry.

TE Malin closed the report with prayer.

209.1013

REPORT ON COVENANT SEMINARY

RE Otis Pickett, a member of the Covenant Seminary Board, gave a report on the seminary and the recent meeting of the board.

209.1014

SEASON OF PRAYER

Presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

209.1015

RECESS

Presbytery recessed in order to prepare for worship.

209.1016

WORSHIP SERVICE

TE Roger Collins and TE Allen Stanton led the presbytery in worship for Past Moderator TE Bruce Willson. After singing hymns, reading of scripture and prayer, TE Collins preached from I Peter 2:8ff., Colossians 4:17 on "Fulfill the Ministry." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

209.1017

LUNCH

RE Sam Hutton recessed the presbytery for lunch by offering a prayer of thanks.

The presbytery recessed for lunch, which was generously provided by Pinehaven Presbyterian Church.

209.1018

THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Robert Hays gave the report of the Thanks Committee.

In grateful thanks to the Pastor, the Session, the WIC, and the membership of Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, for hosting the meeting of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on May 3, 2022, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for their hospitality. The facilities, the refreshments, the noon meal, and the warm Christian hospitality all set the standard for hosting a meeting of presbytery. We are deeply grateful for your ministrations on our behalf and pray God's richest blessings upon this church in the future.

Signed, Convenor TE Robert Hays, TE Scott Reiber, and RE Rob Coker.

209.1019

AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator RE Sam Hutton opened the afternoon session with prayer.

209.1020

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix H, p. 40**).

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 42**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Wilson Jamison, Adam Kowalczyk, and Josh Beck, gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. Those reports were approved and TE David Strain offered prayer for these men.

Mr. Drew Gunn was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3. Mr. Gunn is a member of Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a Junior at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Bebo Elkin. The moderator prayed and Mr. Gunn was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

Mr. Stephen Biggs was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Biggs is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by RE Bebo Elkin. The moderator then prayed and Mr. Biggs was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan A at First Presbyterian Church where he will intern with TE David Felker as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Administrative Actions

Candidate Leo Yen was granted a certificate of dismissal to Gulf Coast Presbytery per BCO 18-7.

209.1021

ADMINISTRATION (con't)

Chairman TE Chris Wright gave the report of Review of Sessional Records (**Appendix H, p. 35**).

Presbytery approved the following committee recommendations.

A. Minutes Approved without Exception

Blackmonton Presbyterian Church, Vaiden
Covenant Reformed Presbyterian Church, Ruston, LA
Delhi Presbyterian Church, Delhi, LA
First Presbyterian Church, Madison
First Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
First Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, Carthage
Grace Presbyterian Church, Byram
Macon Presbyterian Church, Macon
Northpointe Presbyterian Church, Meridian
Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland
Pearl Presbyterian Church, Pearl
Pinehaven Presbyterian Church, Clinton
Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Vicksburg

B. Minutes Approved with Exception of Form

Bailey Presbyterian Church, Bailey
Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Edwards
Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon
Carolina Presbyterian Church (2020), Madden
First Presbyterian Church, Winona
First Presbyterian Church, Belzoni, MS
Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland
Madison Heights Church, Madison
Providence Presbyterian Church, Clinton
Raymond Presbyterian Church, Raymond
Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City
Tchula Presbyterian Church, Tchula
Wynndale Presbyterian Church, Terry

C. Minutes Approved with Exception of Substance

None

D. Committee reviewed, Bound Minutes needed:

First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko

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Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood
Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Learned
Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Shiloh
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Jackson
Union Presbyterian Church, Union

E. Committee not reviewed, Bound Minutes needed:

Carthage Presbyterian Church, Carthage
Redeemer Church
First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
First Presbyterian Church, Lexington

F. Minutes not submitted:

Carolina Presbyterian Church, Madden (2021)
DeKalb Presbyterian Church, DeKalb
Edwards Presbyterian Church, Edwards
First Presbyterian Church, Louisville
Forest Presbyterian Church, Forest
Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church, Bailey
Newton Presbyterian Church, Newton
Pickens Presbyterian Church, Pickens
Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church, DeKalb
Scooba Presbyterian Church, Scooba

209.1022

MISSION TO THE MILITARY (con't)

TE Troy Milliken gave a report on his ministry as a military chaplain.

Chairman TE Don Malin offered prayer for TE Milliken.

209.1023

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY (con't)

RE Steven Holman continued the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee for Chairman Wiley Lowry.

The following men were granted excused absences from the meeting:

TE David Storment

TE Mark Smith
RE Tommy McDonald - Bailey Presbyterian Church
TE Perry McCall
TE Charlie Wingard
TE Bentley Crawford
TE Jonathan McGuire
TE Ralph Kelley
TE Ligon Duncan
RE MJ Hubbard - Bethesda Presbyterian Church
RE Bob McEachern - Shongalo, Vaiden
RE's from Shongalo, Vaiden
TE Wiley Lowery - early departure
TE David Strain - early departure

TE John Dawson was not excused for being on vacation and the chairman was directed to send a letter to him.

RE Holman closed the report in prayer.

209.1024

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

209.1025

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the August 2, 2022 meeting was TE Scott Reiber.

209.1026

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The presbytery approved accepting the invitation from Reformed Theological Seminary to hold the August 2, 2022 meeting on their Jackson campus.

Presbytery will meet for our November 1, 2022 Stated Meeting at Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence, per the standing invitation from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.

Presbytery approved accepting the invitation from Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, for the February 7, 2023 meeting to be held at their facility.

209.1027

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were committed for review and approval to a commission composed of the officers of the presbytery and the moderator. The commission to approve the minutes of this meeting is composed of Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, and Moderator RE Sam Hutton.

209.1028

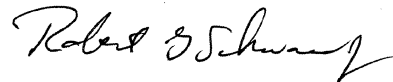
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Sam Hutton at 2:02 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

STATED MEETING

August 2, 2022

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Reformed Theological Seminary, Jackson, MS**

210.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator RE Sam Hutton called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

210.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	E
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Larry Wise
	Paul Townsend	
Brandon, Brandon	John Dawson	Scotty Dickie
	Gary Morrison	
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		Mike Ellis
Carthage, Forest Grove		Alvie Moore
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Kevin Burns
Clinton, Providence	Ian Kayser	John Spears
Bryce Davis	Reuben Oates	
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	E
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
John Revell		

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Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Mark Windham
Billy Dempsey	Bebo Elkin	
David Felker		Barry Vickery
Wiley Lowry	Ned Currie	
Jamie Peipon	Bill Stone	
Gary Sinclair	Wayne Husband	
	David Cleland	
	Alan Walters	
Jackson, Redeemer	Zack Owens	Herb Sanders
Kosciusko, First	Phillip Palmertree	Bill Lacey
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		E
Louisville, First		Steven Holman
	Robert Higginbotham	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First		Ron Gaines
	David Reilly	
Madison, Madison Heights	Wally Bumpas	A
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Kevin Vollema		
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Joey McLeod	David Powe
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Billy Meenan	A
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	E
Christian Brewer		
Carl Kalberkamp		
Ruston, Covenant Reformed	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton
Terry, Wynndale		A

Union, First	Chris Shelton	A
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	E
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vicksburg, Westminster		Terry Warren
Winona, First	Andy Coburn	John Rigby
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	Robert Bailey
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Chuck Frost, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Ralph Kelley, Robert Lane, Paul Lipe, Don Malin, Doug McCullough, Troy Milliken, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, John Reeves, Scott Reiber, Bob Schwanebeck, Guy Waters, and Larry Wissel.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Steven Dahl, Dylan Halter, Erick Kruger, Scott Miller, Daniel Tortorici, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Douglas Balor, David Bernard, Anne Michel Carter, Stuart Clarke, Larry Ferris, Horace Grantham, Stephen Griffin, Scott Humb, Weston Lauver, Wyatt Lieberman, Leonard Liu, Curtis Lynch, Larry Mills, Robert Mims, Wesley Presnall, Jim Scott, William Skinner, Nathan Stevenson, Bill Stone, Tyler Timessen, Sam Thoman, Dennis Watts, and Clint Wilke.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Bruce Baugus, Nate Bonham, Josue' Cruz, Aaron Halbert, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Fred Marsh, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Josh Rieger, Yakub Susabda, Joey Wright, and Kaz Yaegashi.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Brian Gault, Ed Hartman, Scott Phillips, Mark Smith, Dean Williams, and Bill Wymond.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** M. J. Hubbard (Bethesda Pres.), Russell Moffett (Bailey Pres.), Paul Rankin (Redeemer Pres.), and Wayne Rhea (First Pres., Lexington). They are marked in 210.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.

- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Martin Marshall, Clay Quarterman, Guy Richardson, Charlie Rodriguez, Mark Spellman, Jim Stewart, Jimmy Turner, Bruce Willson, and Paul Zetterholm.
- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:** Richard Wiman.
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** Anthony Forrest, Chad Graeber, Devin Kahan, Steve Jussely, Brad Mercer, Matt Miller, Jonathan McGuire, Michael McKelvey, Elbert McGowan, Randy Rhea, Brister Ware, and Joseph Wheat.

210.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Scott Reiber was elected moderator by acclamation.

210.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, pp. 12f.**).

210.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 210.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

210.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE Ligon Duncan welcomed presbytery to Jackson and to Reformed Theological Seminary.

210.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Moderator RE Scott Reiber appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Wayne Herring, RE Rob Coker, and TE Bobby Penny.

210.1008

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins gave his report as follows:

1. Requests for excused absences from Teaching and Ruling Elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The report of the commission to review and approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 3, 2022, was received **(Appendix B, p. 14)**.
3. Communications
 - a. The request for the dissolution of his call from TE Devin Kahan and from Highlands Presbyterian Church, Ridgeland, MS, and his transfer to Fellowship Presbytery **(Appendix F, pp. 18ff.)**; the request for the dissolution of his call from TE Scott Phillips and from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS and his transfer to Providence Presbytery **(Appendix G, pp. 22ff.)**; the request for the dissolution of his call from TE John Dawson and from Brandon Presbyterian Church, Brandon, MS and his request to remain on the roll of presbytery without call **(Appendix H, p. 23)**; and the request of TE Josh Rieger to transfer his membership to Houston Metro Presbytery **(Appendix I, p. 26)** were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory.
 - b. The call from First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS to TE Weston Lauver to serve as pastor **(Appendix J, p. 27)** and the call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS to Scott Miller **(Appendix K, p. 29)** were referred to the Credentials Committee.
 - c. The annual reports from the following men were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee **(Appendix L, pp. 30ff.)**:

TE's Serving Out of Bounds: Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Ligon Duncan, Wayne Herring, Gary Johnson, Ralph Kelley, Mark Lowery, Fred Marsh, Michael McKelvey, Troy Milliken, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Yakub Susabda, Guy Waters, and Joey Wright.

TE's Without Call: Bruce Baugus, Chuck Frost and Don Malin.

TE's Honorably Retired: Earl Adams, Paul Lipe, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Clay Quarterman, Mark Spellman, and Richard Wiman.

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- d. A note from Arklie and Katherine Hooten expressing thanks for the support The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley gives to MNA Disaster Response was received as information (**Appendix C, p. 15**).
- e. A letter from TE James Logan expressing thanks to The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley for assisting in his preparation for pastoral ministry was received as information (**Appendix D, p. 16**).
- f. The memorial resolution from First Presbyterian Church, Winona, MS, for RE John Morell "Nat" Sumner was received and approved to be read at the worship service (**Appendix E, p. 17**).

210.1009

ADMINISTRATION

RE Alan Walters gave the report of the Administration Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 70ff.**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the Financial Report (**pp. 71ff.**). The proposed 2023 Budget was approved (**pp. 78ff.**).

RE Morrison reminded presbytery that the asking for 2023 will be \$28 per member and that the asking for the General Assembly will be \$113.

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 80f.**). The following minutes were approved as noted:

Approved without exception:

- First Presbyterian Church, Union, MS
- Carthage Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church, Kosciusko, MS
- First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS

Approved with exception of form:

- First Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, MS

RE Walters closed the report in prayer.

210.1010

MISSION TO THE WORLD

RE Trey Toler gave the report of the Mission to the World Committee.

TE Leonard Liu, MTW Southeast Director, gave an update on the ministry of Mission to the World.

TE Liu closed the report in prayer.

210.1011

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

TE Wiley Lowry gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

The request from TE Jonathan McGuire to demit the ministry was approved upon a second reading pending his reception as a member of a local church.

The call from Highlands Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS to TE Devin Kahan was dissolved and his membership is hereby transferred to Fellowship Presbytery.

The dissolution of the call from First Presbyterian Church, Louisville, MS to TE Scott Phillips was approved, and TE Phillips was transferred to Providence Presbytery pending their reception of him today.

The membership of TE Josh Rieger was transferred to Houston Metro Presbytery pending their reception.

The call from the Brandon Presbyterian Church to TE John Dawson was dissolved effective August 2, 2022, and TE Dawson's request to remain on the roll of presbytery without call was approved.

The annual reports received from the men listed above in the Report of the Stated Clerk were approved with the exception of TE Mike McKelvey whose request was deferred until the November meeting, giving time for the committee to evaluate issues that have arisen in his life.

TE Lowry closed the report in prayer.

210.1012

SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer

210.1013

RECESS

Presbytery recessed in order to prepare for worship.

210.1014

WORSHIP SERVICE

TE Michael Butterfield led the presbytery in worship in the stead of Past Moderator RE Sam Hutton. After singing a hymn and reading of Scripture and prayer, TE Butterfield preached from I Corinthians 10:1-22 on "Communion: It Is Real Participation". TE Ligon Duncan then led the presbytery in the observance of the Lord's Supper. The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

210.1015

LUNCH

TE Ligon Duncan recessed the presbytery for lunch by offering a prayer of thanks. The presbytery recessed for lunch, which was generously provided by Reformed Theological Seminary.

210.1016

THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Wayne Herring gave the report of the Thanks Committee.

WHEREAS, God in His providence, has allowed The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley to meet this day, August 2, 2022 at Reformed Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, God has blessed Reformed Theological Seminary in marvelous ways for 50 years to prepare pastors, teachers, counselors, and servants of Christ for ministry in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, we have enjoyed gracious hospitality, a delicious lunch, and the joy of wonderful memories for many of us this day in Grace Chapel;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley offers its genuine thanks to Dr. Ligon Duncan and his staff for hosting and helping so much this day that the Lord has made.

Signed, TE Wayne Herring, Convenor, TE Bobby Penny, and RE Rob Coker.

210.1017

AFTERNOON SESSION

TE Scott Reiber opened the afternoon session with the reading of Scripture and prayer.

210.1018

CREDENTIALS

TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix M, pp. 82ff.**).

TE Strain opened the report with prayer.

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided.

Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Steven Dahl and Daniel Tortoricci gave their oral Candidate and Internship Reports. Those reports were approved, and TE David Strain offered prayer for these men.

Transfer Examinations

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Larry Ferris** is a PCA minister in good standing and is honorably retired within Calvary Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Calvary Presbytery. TE Ferris was examined in the area of Christian Experience and in his views in the areas of theology, sacraments, and church government. TE Ferris declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following difference:

"I lean toward Calvin's understanding of Christ's descent into hell – that He suffered the pangs of hell in His passion. That said, I do agree heartily with the Westminster Larger Catechism Question #50 that Christ's 'continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day' is included in His humiliation."

TE Ferris' exception was ruled to be "merely semantic" per RAO 16-3.e.5.b.

The presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer for him to be added to the roll of ministers who are honorably retired. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Scott Reiber.

Confirmation has been received by the stated clerk testifying that **TE Weston Lauver** is a PCA minister in good standing within Gulfstream Presbytery. He was examined for transfer per BCO 13-6 and received per his dismissal from Gulfstream Presbytery. TE Lauver was examined in the area of Christian Experience and in his views in the areas of theology, sacraments, and church

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government. TE Lauver declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception. The Presbytery approved his examination as a whole and approved his transfer. The examination was closed in prayer by TE Scott Reiber.

Mr. Lauver's call to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS, meets presbytery guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands. .

Mr. Lauver's installation was set for 6:00 PM, August 7, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church in Madison. A commission including TE David Strain, Convener, TE Dean Williams, TE Robert Lane, RE David Reilly, RE Curtis Lynch, and RE Ron Gaines was approved. A quorum of two teaching and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Licensure Examinations

Mr. Erick Kruger was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Kruger had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Kruger declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following stated difference:

"I embrace the Westminster Standards' position on the fourth commandment as faithfully representing the teaching of Scripture. I do not believe that playing a board game on Sunday afternoon is a violation of the fourth commandment. If used as an opportunity to foster Christian fellowship, I believe such an activity is morally permissible on the Lord's Day."

The presbytery judged this stated difference to be "merely semantic" per RAO 16-3.5.b and BCO 21.4.F.

Mr. Kruger preached a sermon from Job 1 on "Christian Suffering". These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Kruger was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Scott Reiber offered prayer for him, and the moderator gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Kruger's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Mr. Dylan Halter was examined by the presbytery for licensure per BCO 19-1 through 19-4. Mr. Halter had submitted written papers to the committee which had been approved per BCO 19-2 (a., b., and d.). He testified to the presbytery of his Christian experience and call to the ministry. He was examined in his knowledge and views in the areas of Bible doctrine, Bible content and government of the Presbyterian Church in America as defined in the BCO. Mr. Halter declared his

embrace of the Westminster Standards without exception.

Mr. Halter preached a sermon from I John 4:7-12 on "The Love of God." These examinations were approved by the presbytery. Mr. Halter was asked the constitutional questions of BCO 19-3, and he answered all in the affirmative. TE Scott Reiber offered prayer for him, and the moderator gave the pronouncement required in BCO 19-4. Mr. Halter's name was entered on the roll of licentiates.

Ordination Examination

Mr. Scott Miller, a candidate of PMV, was examined for ordination in experiential religion, knowledge of Hebrew and Greek (his seminary degree was accepted in lieu of an oral exam), knowledge and views in Bible content, theology, the sacraments, church history, the history of the PCA, and church government per BCO 21-4. The committee certified that his theological and his exegesis papers were found satisfactory. Mr. Miller declared his embrace of the Westminster Standards with the following difference:

"The catechism states that a proper understanding of the second commandment forbids 'the making any representation of God, of all or any of the three persons, either inwardly in our mind, or outwardly in any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever.' Pictures of Christ meant to visually teach us about His character or attributes would naturally influence our worship of Him, and thus would be problematic. However, there are basic about the person of Christ expressed in Scripture, such as His gender, age, place of origin, as well as more detailed facts such as the scars on His hands and sides, and occasionally His attire, which I believe allow for general mental pictures and basic, vague, cartoonish portrayals such as those in some popular children's story Bibles. Such portrayals and mental pictures do not, in my humble estimation, have the effect of teaching about Jesus beyond what we find in Scripture, and so would not improperly influence the way someone understands and worships Him. Therefore, my concern with the language of the catechism is that by using all-encompassing phrases such as 'any kind of image or likeness of any creature whatsoever' binds the conscience in a way that Scripture does not."

Presbytery judged this stated difference to be more than semantic but not out of accord with any fundamental principle of our system of doctrine per RAO 16-3.5.b and BCO 21.4.F.

Mr. Miller preached a sermon from Jonah 4 on "Where Grace and Justice Meet." Mr. Miller's sermon was approved.

Mr. Miller's examination for ordination was approved as a whole. The moderator, TE Scott Reiber,

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prayed for Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller's call from First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS meets presbytery's salary guidelines. Presbytery approved it and placed it in his hands.

Mr. Miller's ordination and installation service was set for Sunday, August 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS, with the following commission: Convenor TE David Felker, TE David Strain, TE Carl Kalberkamp, RE Jason Miller, RE John Perritt, and RE Harper Keeler. TE Claude McRoberts, a member of Southeast Alabama Presbytery was invited to sit with the commission as a visitor. A quorum of two teaching elders and two ruling elders is required with the stated clerk permitted to appoint substitutes if men become unable to serve.

Administrative Recommendations

1. Presbytery renewed the license of Mr. Bill Yount for four years.
2. Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Mr. Jackson Lin.
3. Presbytery approved the completion of the internship of Mr. Scott Miller.

TE David Strain closed the report in prayer.

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OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

There was no old or new business.

210.1020

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the November 1, 2022 stated meeting was TE Zachary Byrd.

210.1021

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reminded presbytery that the November 1, 2022 meeting will be held at Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence, MS and that the February 7, 2023 meeting will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS.

210.1022

READING OF THE MINUTES


The minutes were committed for review and approval to a committee composed of the officers of the presbytery and the moderator for its recommendation at the next stated meeting. The committee is composed of Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, Moderator TE Scott Reiber, and previous Moderator RE Sam Hutton.

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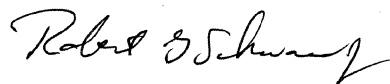
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Scott Reiber at 3:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

**STATED MEETING
November 1, 2022**

**The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PCA)
Twin Lakes Conference Center, Florence, Mississippi**

211.1001

CALL TO ORDER

Past Moderator TE Phil McRae called the meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley (PMV) to order at 9:00 AM by opening with prayer.

211.1002

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins declared a quorum to be present.

a. The following members were enrolled:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>	<u>Ruling Elder</u>
Bailey, Bailey	Eric Mabbot	A
Bailey, Mt. Carmel		A
Belzoni, First		Paul Townsend
	Larry Wise	
Brandon, Brandon		A
Byram, Grace	Roger Collins	Art Self
Carthage, Carthage		A
Carthage, Forest Grove		A
Clinton, Pinehaven	Allen Stanton	Larkin Chapman
Clinton, Providence	Bryce Davis	John Spears
DeKalb, DeKalb		A
DeKalb, Pleasant Springs		A
Delhi, Delhi	Chris Wright	A
Edwards, Bethesda	Zach Byrd	A
Edwards, Edwards		A
Flowood, Lakeland	John Duke	A
John Revell		
Forest, Forest-Covenant		A
Jackson, First	David Strain	Mark Windham

Billy Dempsey	Wayne Husband	
David Felker	Stuart Clarke	
Wiley Lowry	Bill Stone	
Scott Miller	Claude Harbarger	
Jamie Peipon	David Cleland	
Gary Sinclair		
Brister Ware		
Bill Wymond		
Jackson, Redeemer	Elbert McGowan	A
Brian Gault		
Zack Owens		
Kosciusko, First		Hugh Potts
Lauderdale, Lauderdale		A
Learned, Lebanon	Chris Rehers	A
Lexington, First		E
Louisville, First	Matt Miller	Robert Higginbotham
	Steven Holman	
Macon, Macon	Michael Butterfield	A
Madden, Carolina	Perry McCall	Larry McMillan
Madison, First	Weston Lauver	A
Madison, Madison Heights	Randy Rhea	Matt Vines
Wally Bumpas		
Meridian, Northpointe	Mason Kiple	A
Kevin Vollema		
Monroe, Ouachita	Harris Bond	A
Newton, Newton		A
Pearl, Pearl	Joey McLeod	David Powe
Philadelphia, First	David Storment	A
Pickens, Pickens		A
Pickens, Shiloh		A
Raymond, Raymond	Zach Byrd	A
Ridgeland, Highlands	Joseph Wheat	A
Brad Mercer		
Ridgeland, Pear Orchard	Caleb Cangelosi	Tom Young
Christian Brewer	Ken Haynes	
Dean Williams	Eddie Moran	
Ruston, Covenant Reformed	Chris Stevens	A
Scooba, Scooba		A
Tchula, Tchula		Sam Hutton

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Terry, Wynndale		A
Union, First	Chris Shelton	Dale White
	William Hamill	
Vaiden, Blackmonton	Philip McRae	Marion Jones
Vaiden, Shongalo	Philip McRae	Bob McEachern
Vicksburg, Westminster		Jimmy Harrison
	Gordon Sluis	
Winona, First		A
Yazoo City, First	Charlie Wingard	A
Chad Graeber		
Yazoo City, Second		Rob Coker
	Wayne Morrison	

- b. Other teaching elders on the roll of presbytery present were:** Earl Adams, Bentley Crawford, Ligon Duncan, Larry Ferris, Anthony Forrest, Robert Hays, Wayne Herring, Jeff Jordan, Ralph Kelley, Paul Lipe, Don Malin, Fred Marsh, Doug McCullough, Paul Nasekos, Robert Penny, Clay Quarterman, John Reeves, Scott Reiber, Bob Schwanebeck, Mark Spellman, Guy Waters, and Richard Wiman.
- c. The following candidates, licentiates and interns were present:** Matthew Carter, Steven Dahl, Tony Doggett, Christopher Moody, and John Yelverton.
- d. The following visitors were registered:** Horace Grantham, Dylan Halter, Kristi McCown, Jim Needham, Shelli Robison, Dennis Watts, and Christopher Zonea.
- e. The following members of presbytery were absent because they are laboring outside of the geographical bounds of presbytery:** Trey Adams, Nate Bonham, Josue Cruz, Aaron Halbert, Ed Hartman, Gary Johnson, Mark Lowrey, Haruaki Odate, John Prabhakar, Yakub Susabda, and Joey Wright.
- f. The following teaching elders requested and were granted excused absences by the presbytery:** Andy Coburn, Steve Jussely, Carl Kalberkamp, Troy Milliken, and Phillip Palmertree.
- g. The following ruling elders representing churches requested and were granted excused absences:** They are marked in 211.1002 with the letter "E" as excused. Those with the letter "A" were absent without excuse.
- h. The following members of presbytery were excused since they are honorably retired:** Ric Cannada, Don Caviness, Charlie Douglas, Ken Elliott, Dan Gilchrist, Scott Huber, Bill Hughes, Robert Lane, Martin Marshall, Guy Richardson, Charlie Rodriguez, Jim Stewart, Jimmy

Turner, Bruce Willson, Larry Wissel, Kaz Yaegashi, and Paul Zetterholm.

- i. The following teaching elders requested to be excused for a portion of the meeting:**
- j. The following teaching elders were absent without excuse:** John Dawson, Chuck Frost, Ian Kayser, Michael McKelvey, Billy Meenan, and Mark Smith.

211.1003 ELECTION OF A MODERATOR

TE Zachary Byrd was elected moderator by acclamation.

211.1004 ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The proposed docket for the meeting was adopted (**Appendix A, p. 13**).

211.1005 INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS

See 211.1002,d. above for a list of visitors who registered.

211.1006 WELCOME FROM THE HOST CHURCH

TE David Strain welcomed presbytery to Twin Lakes Conference Center, a ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. He introduced Andrew Vincent who is the newly appointed Twin Lakes Director replacing Mark Magee at the end of the year. A short video of Twin Lakes Camp ministry was shown.

211.1007 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Moderator TE Zachary Byrd appointed a Thanks Committee composed of Convener TE Earl Adams, RE Gordon Sluis, and TE Kevin Vollema.

211.1008 STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins reported as follows:

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1. Request for excused absences from teaching and ruling elders were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.
2. Commission Reports
 - a. The report of the Commission to Ordain and Install Scott Miller as Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS (**Appendix D, p. 17**) and the report of the Commission to Install TE Weston Lauver as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Madison, MS (**Appendix E, p. 18**) were received.
3. Communications
 - a. The report of the committee to review the minutes of the Stated Meeting of August 2, 2022 was received and PMV approved the minutes as recommended.
 - b. The communication from the PCA 50th Celebration Committee was referred to the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix B, pp. 14f.**).
 - c. The notice that Jonathan McGuire, upon demitting from the ministry, had been received into membership by Grace Presbyterian Church, Shreveport, LA was received as information (**Appendix C, p. 16**).
 - d. The communication from TE Michael McKelvey was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix E, p. 19**).
 - e. The transfer of the church membership of Leigh Faires McGee (a former member of the now dissolved Trinity Presbyterian Church) to First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS was received and approved per BCO 13.10 (**Appendix G, p. 20**).
 - f. The Memorial Resolution presented by the presbytery upon the retirement of TE Kaz Yaegashi was received and approved (**Appendix L, pp. 35f.**).
 - g. The ministry report from TE Bobby Penny was received as information (**Appendix M, pp. 37f.**).
 - h. The annual report from TE Josue Pineda was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee (**Appendix N, p. 39f.**).
 - i. The request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Christian Brewer and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church were referred to the Shepherding and Advisory

Committee (**Appendix O, pp. 41f.**).

- j. A communication regarding an accusation of abuse made against a teaching elder of PMV was referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee per BCO 31-2. This reference to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee is as a committee and not as a commission.
 - k. A communication regarding a “grossly unconstitutional proceeding” was received and referred to the Shepherding and Advisory Committee per BCO 40-5.
4. Book of Church Order Amendments send to us from the 49th General Assembly were presented for consideration (**Appendix I, pp. 21ff.**).

The votes of the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley on the proposed BCO Amendments were as follows:

Item 1 (Amend BCO 7)	Yes 77	No 4	Abstain 2
Item 2 (Amend BCO 8)	Yes 83	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 3 (Amend BCO 15)	Yes 83	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 4 (Amend BCO 16)	Yes 85	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 5 (Amend BCO 21 & 24)	Yes 85	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 6 (Amend BCO 33 & 34)	Yes 85	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 7 (Amend BCO 33 & 34)	Yes 80	No 5	Abstain 0
Item 8 (Amend BCO 35)	Yes 86	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 9 (Amend BCO 38)	Yes 85	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 10 (Amend BCO 38 & 42)	Yes 84	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 11 (Amend BCO 42)	Yes 85	No 0	Abstain 0
Item 12 (Amend BCO 43)	Yes 86	No 0	Abstain 0

5. Changes in the Rules of Assembly Operation (RAO) (**Appendix K, pp. 34ff**) and the operating of the Standing Judicial Commission (OMSJC) (**Appendix J, pp. 31ff**) were provided for information.

211.1009

ADMINISTRATION

TE David Felker gave the report of the Administration Committee for the chairman RE Alan Walters (**Appendix P, pp. 43ff.**).

Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison gave the financial report (**Appendix Q, pp. 45ff**).

It was announced that Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins had accepted a call to serve as Associate

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Pastor at Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church in Flintstone, Georgia and would be resigning his position as stated clerk following the meeting of presbytery on February 7, 2023. The committee recommended that presbytery proceed to elect someone to fill that position at this meeting so there would be an overlapping period of training during the transition.

TE Chris Wright, RE Dennis Watts, and RE Steven Holman had expressed interest in being the new stated clerk. Each of those men were given an opportunity to share their interest in the position to the presbytery and an opportunity to ask questions of the candidates was given. A vote was taken by secret ballot. TE Chris Wright was elected to serve as the next stated clerk.

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Sessional Records Committee. The following minutes were approved as noted:

Approved without exception:

Lexington Presbyterian Church

Lebanon Presbyterian Church

TE Chris Wright closed the report in prayer.

211.1010

NOMINATIONS

TE Chris Wright gave the report of the Nominations Committee (**Appendix R, pp. 51ff**).

The following men were elected to serve on the various presbytery committees:

ADMINISTRATION

Class of 2025

TE Zack Owens

TE John Reeves

RE Leon Hemphill

RE Paul Gregory

Alternates

RE David Cleland

TE Billy Meenan

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Class of 2025

TE Billy Dempsey

RE Tim Threadgill

RE Bill Stone

Alternates

TE Randy Rhea

TE Elbert McGowan

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

Class of 2025	Alternates
RE Danny Story	TE Wes Lauver
TE Dean Williams	
TE Brian Gault	

CREDENTIALS

Class of 2025	Alternates
TE Chris Stephens	RE Ken Haynes
TE Charlie Wingard	TE Perry McCall
RE David Elkin	
RE Dennis Watts	

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

Class of 2025	Alternates
TE Matt Miller	TE Jeff Jordan
TE Caleb Cangelosi	RE Hugh Potts
RE Chuck Murphy	
RE Todd Barrett	

MISSION TO THE MILITARY

Class of 2025	Alternates
TE Don Malin	TE Chuck Frost
RE Rob Pierce	

MISSION TO THE WORLD

Class of 2025	Alternates
RE Trey Toler	RE Rob Jones
TE Billy Dempsey	RE Eddie Moran
RE Tom Young	

SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Class of 2025	Alternates
TE Allen Stanton	TE Kevin Vollema
TE Zach Byrd	RE Alan Futvoye
RE Steven Holman	
RE Bebo Elkin	

NOMINATIONS

Class of 2025	Alternates
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TE Caleb Cangelosi

TE Joey McLeod

RE Ken Haynes

RE Bill Stone

The following men were approved as nominees to be submitted to the GA Nominating Committee for service on General Assembly Permanent Committees:

ADMINISTRATIVE

TE Joseph Wheat

RE Alan Walters

COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

RE Larkin Chapman

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL BUSINESS

TE Chris Wright

RE Steven Holman

INTERCHURCH RELATIONS

TE Brad Mercer

RE Dennis Watts

MISSION TO NORTH AMERICA

TE Eric Mabbott

RE Sam Suttle

MISSION TO THE WORLD

TE Joey McLeod

RE Craig Flowers

REFORMED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

TE David Felker

RE Jamie Peaster

STANDING JUDICIAL

TE Guy Waters presently serving

THEOLOGICAL EXAMINING

TE Chris Stevens

RE Bebo Elkin

The following men were nominated to serve on the various boards of the General Assembly:

COVENANT COLLEGE

TE Mason Kiple

COVENANT THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

RE Chuck Murphy

RE Scotty Dickey

PCA FOUNDATION

RE Bill Stone

RE Rob Coker

GENEVA BENEFITS, INC.

RE Huey Townsend

RE Matt Vines

RIDGE HAVEN

TE Zack Owens

TE Chris Wright closed the report with prayer.

211.1011

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

RE John Spears gave the report of the Discipleship Ministries Committee (**Appendix T, p. 59**).

RE Spears informed the presbytery of a planned youth retreat with First Presbyterian Church Jackson on April 14-16, 2023 called "Encounter." He invited the youth of all churches in the presbytery to attend.

Kristi McCown gave a report on the Women's Ministry of the Presbytery.

RE Spears closed the report with prayer.

211.1012

RECESS

Presbytery recessed in order to prepare for worship.

211.1013

WORSHIP SERVICE

Previous Moderator TE Scott Reiber led the presbytery in worship. After singing hymns, together with the reading of scripture and offering of prayer, TE Reiber preached from Luke 4:14-22 on "Blowing the Gospel Trumpet of Jubilee." The whole was concluded with the singing of a hymn and prayer.

211.1014

LUNCH

TE Phil McRae recessed the presbytery for lunch by offering a prayer of thanks.

The presbytery recessed for lunch.

211.1015

THANKS COMMITTEE

TE Earl Adams gave the report of the Thanks Committee.

Be it resolved we serve a majestic and glorious God, who is the Maker of heaven and earth. It is a joy for us to be able, by God's divine appointment, to be blessed to gather for this meeting of The Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley at this beautiful place of ministry called Twin Lakes Campground, a ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Jackson, MS. We thank God for His hand upon this ministry for over 50 years where it has pleased God to save many of the youth that have spent summers here and many others have been ministered unto and enabled to "grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord." The love of Christ has been demonstrated and the campers have seen the joy found in Christ Jesus.

We, as a presbytery, have also received the love of Christ, and you have enhanced our joy as we have experienced the grace found in Christ Jesus. Thank you for your gracious hospitality. You have been used by God to serve us and to cause us to give thanks to God for you as our fellowship has been sweetened. A special word of thanks should be given on our part to all the workers in the kitchen for preparing and serving this sumptuous meal. We give special thanks to Mark Magee for his 33 years of faithful service at Twin Lakes and pray for God's blessing on him in his retirement.

Signed, TE Earl Adams, Convener, TE Kevin Vollema, and RE Gordon Sluis

211.1016

AFTERNOON SESSION

TE Bryce Davis opened the afternoon session with prayer.

211.1017

CREDENTIALS

Chairman TE David Strain gave the report of the Credentials Committee (**Appendix S, p. 56**). TE Strain opened the report with prayer. He then informed presbytery that the committee had elected TE Phillip Palmertree to be the new chairman.

The list of interns on roll and internship reports submitted was provided (**p. 57**). Written internship reports are online at www.msvalley.org.

Examinations for Candidacy and Internship

Tony Doggett and Chris Moody gave their oral candidate and internship reports. Those reports were approved, and TE Jamie Peipon offered prayer for these men.

Mr. Dylan Halter was examined for candidacy per BCO 18-3 and internship per BCO 19-9. Mr. Halter is a member of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and submitted the required endorsement from their session (BCO 18-2). He is a middler at RTS. He was thoroughly examined in the areas of experiential religion and his motives for seeking the ministry. His examination was found satisfactory and, after answering the constitutional questions (BCO 18-3) appropriately, he was briefly charged by TE Zachary Byrd. The moderator prayed and then read the pronouncement from BCO 19-10. Mr. Halter was enrolled as a candidate of presbytery.

The presbytery also approved his internship under Plan B at Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church with TE Caleb Cangelosi as mentor. Work done previously was allowed to be applied toward his internship requirements with previous teaching/preaching counting no more than 50%. After prayer and being addressed by the moderator in the form of BCO 19-10, he was placed under internship at his request in order to test his gifts for the holy ministry.

Administrative Recommendations

The call from McGowan Global Institute to **TE Chuck Frost** to labor out of bounds was approved (**Appendix S, p. 58**).

TE David Strain closed the report in prayer.

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SHEPHERDING AND ADVISORY

Chairman TE Wiley Lowry gave the report of the Shepherding and Advisory Committee.

All requests for an excused absence were approved **(see 211.1002, f.)**.

The annual report from TE Josue Pineda was approved. The request of TE Pineda to continue to labor out of bounds in Honduras for another year was approved.

The presbytery was informed that the Shepherding and Advisory Committee was aware of the situation with TE Mike McKelvey and would pursue the matter when he was able to meet with the committee.

The request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between TE Christian Brewer and Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church and his transfer to Georgia Foothills Presbytery pending their reception was approved **(Appendix O, pp. 41f.)**.

The presbytery entered into executive session to deal with a matter of discipline.

Executive session minutes are on file with the stated clerk. Those minutes were read and approved in executive session. Presbytery rose out of executive session.

Moderator TE Zach Byrd administered the censure of indefinite suspension from office and from the sacraments according to BCO 36-5 to TE Larry Wissel in absentia. Though informed that he should be present he was absent and the stated clerk will communicate this censure to him personally and by mail.

Whereas, you, Larry Wissel, a teaching elder in this presbytery are guilty by your own confession of the sin of an unbiblical divorce, we the Presbytery of the Mississippi Valley in the name and by the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, do now declare you suspended from the Sacraments of the Church and from the exercise of your office, until you give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Moderator TE Byrd then led in prayer for TE Wissel.

TE Lowry closed the report in prayer.

211.1019

SEASON OF PRAYER

The presbytery entered into a season of prayer.

211.1020

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The minutes of Lakeland Presbyterian Church, Flowood, MS were approved without exception.

211.1021

ELECTION OF FIRST NOMINEE

The first nominee to serve as moderator for the February 7, 2023 meeting was RE Dennis Watts.

211.1022

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The stated clerk reminded the presbytery that the February 7, 2023 meeting will be held at Second Presbyterian Church, Yazoo City, MS.

211.1023

READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were committed for review and approval to a committee composed of the officers of the presbytery, and the moderator. The committee to review the minutes of this meeting is composed of Recording Clerk TE Bob Schwanebeck, Stated Clerk TE Roger Collins, Parliamentarian TE Guy Waters, Treasurer RE Wayne Morrison, and Moderator TE Zachary Byrd.

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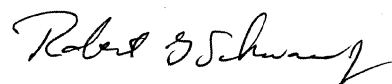
ADJOURNMENT

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by TE Zachary Byrd at 2:20 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Roger G. Collins, Stated Clerk



Robert G. Schwanebeck, Recording Clerk

