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The 96th stated meeting of The Presbytery of Tres Rios, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was called to order by Moderator Bobbie Duncan at 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2013 with prayer. The presbytery was recessed to gather for worship, communion and the reading of the necrology. (See Exhibit A).

The presbytery was reconvened with prayer at 10:21 a.m. by Bobbie Duncan. A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk Kay Long.

Glenda Harbert welcomed the presbytery to St Paul Presbyterian Church. Guests and first time commissioners were introduced. Seated as corresponding members were: Rob Fohr, National Staff; John Sniffen, Mo-Ranch; Ted Wardlaw, President APTS and Eldon Sheffer, Schreiner University. Motion made and carried for them to be seated.

Those in attendance were:

Ministers: Lewis Allen; Tracy Spencer-Brown; Toby Brown; Jose Luis Casal; Lucretia Chew; Glenda Harbert; Cynthia Davenport-Herbst; Tim Davenport-Herbst; Wilma Harris; Craig Holstedt; Patty Lane; Neal Locke; Flynn Long; Jim Longstreet; Richard McFarlin; Jobeth McLeod; Craig Meyers; Jim Miles; Matt Miles; John Nelsen; Katherine Norvell; Bill Proctor; Jayne Ruiz; Steve Schorr; Eric Thompson; Caryn Thurman; Ed Wegele; Shannon Weisenfels.

Commissioned Ruling Elders: Gary Elmquist; Ann Hurt; Peggy Tharp.

Presbytery Council Voting Members: Don Carlton (Financial Services Sub Committee); Bobbie Duncan (Moderator); Kay Long (Stated Clerk); Joyce Sherrod (Nominating Committee); Jimmy Stevens (Treasurer).

Elder Commissioners: Chuck Dobbins (First, Alpine); Helen Glass (First, Big Spring); Michael Pumphrey (First, Ballinger); Rebecca Lenig (First, El Paso); Barbara Hejtmanek (Grace, El Paso); Ted Wehmeyer (University, El Paso); John Meli (First, Fort Stockton); Dan Foreman, Pat Hunter, Horace Griffin (First, Midland); Bob Alexander (Grace, Midland); Bill Warren (Trinity, Midland); Steve Ashley (First, Odessa); Cindy Duke (First, Pecos); Carolyn Mason, Warner Phillips (First, San Angelo); David Cooper, Bernadette Coffee (St Paul, San Angelo); Susan Harrison-Delano (St Mark, San Angelo); Dan Calfee (First, Seminole).

Visitors: Elaine Beeson (St Paul, San Angelo); Alberto Cordva (First, El Paso); Rob Fohr (Presbyterian Mission Agency); Bob Hamlen (First, San Angelo); Sara Hasty (St Paul, San Angelo); Sharon Longstreet (First, Odessa); Joel Moore (Associate Pastor Elect, First, San Angelo); Rebecca Nicholson (Presbytery Mission Committee); Janet Phillips (St Paul, San

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Angelo); Eldon Sheffer (Schreiner University); Cliff Sherrod (Grace, Midland); John Sniffen (Mo-Ranch); Doni Whigham (First, Fort Stockton).

Excused Ministers: Bill Schlesinger, Carol Schlesinger, Lawrence Hamrick, Todd Wyrick, Mary Beth Anton, Walter Thompson, Rebecca Whitaker, Cheryl Homsher

Excused Commissioned Ruling Elders: Bea Torres

Excused Elder Commissioners: None

Unexcused Ministers: Joe McGee, Amy Robinson

Unexcused Elder Commissioners: Andrews; Coahoma; Eldorado; Divine Savior; Faith; St Andrew; Fort Davis; Marfa; Westminster; Monahans; Nazareth; Sanderson; Sonora

Docket

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the docket be adopted. (See Exhibit B).

Presbytery Council Partial Report - Omnibus Motion

All matters of information and recommendations of a routine nature were adopted.

Communications

Report was presented by Stated Clerk, Kay Long.

Requests for excuse from the Revs. Bill Schlesinger, Carol Schlesinger, Lawrence Hamrick, Todd Wyrick, Mary Beth Anton, Walter Thompson, Rebecca Whitaker, Cheryl Homsher

Request for excuse from Commissioned Ruling Elder Bea Torres

That they be granted and the clerk authorized to add names as needed.

Minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Caryn Thurman as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Marfa.

That the minutes be admitted to record.

From Ernest R. Higginbotham (Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Sun)

“At its Assembly in Lubbock, Texas, October 30-31, 2012 the Synod of the Sun adopted this

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policy: The following changes will be recommended to the presbyteries: That the synod be reduced from the current size of 50 commissioners (four from each presbytery plus six at-large racial ethnic commissioners) to 26 commissioners (two from each presbytery plus four at-large racial ethnic commissioners).

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the recommendation be approved.

The deadline to submit statistical reports was February 20, 2013. After checking the system on February 21st the following churches **have not** submitted their reports:

Andrews; Coahoma; Eldorado; Pecos; First, San Angelo; Nazareth; Sanderson

If you would like for Theresa to submit your data you must have the information to her before March 6, 2013.

Report of the Minutes Audit Task Force for October 26, 2012

The minutes of the October 26, 2012 were approved as printed and distributed.

Appointment of Minutes Audit Task Force for February 22, 2013

Glenda Harbert, Pat Hunter, and Jobeth McLeod, were appointed to serve on the minutes audit task force for the February 22, 2013 meeting.

Panel discussion on Theological Education

Discussion was led by Ted Wardlaw

Presentation by Rob Fohr Presentation (General Assembly Mission Council)

Constitutional Amendments Vote

Discussion was led by Kay Long, Jim Miles, Toby Brown, Lucretia Chew, Jobeth McLeod, and Shannon Weisenfels.

Amendment 12-1 amending the Heidelberg Catechism in The Book of Confessions - Approved

12-A. Business Proper to Congregational Meetings – On Amending G-1.0503 - Approved

12-B. Gifts and Qualifications for Ordered Ministry – On Amending G-2.0104a - Failed

12-C. Presbytery Registers – On Amending G-3.0104 and G-3.0305 - Approved

- 12-D. Shared Synod Permanent Judicial Commission - Approved
 - 12-D.1. Judicial Commissions – On Amending G-3.0109a
 - 12-D.2. Administrative Commissions – On Amending 3.0109b(6)
 - 12-D.3. Reduced Function – On Amending G-3.0404
 - 12-D.4. Permanent Judicial Commissions – On Amending D-5.0101
 - 12-D.5. Permanent Judicial Commission Expenses – On Amending D-5.0106
 - 12-D.6. Permanent Judicial Commission Meetings – On Amending D-5.0203
 - 12-D.7. Permanent Judicial Commission Quorum – On Amending D-5.0206
 - 12-D.8. Initiating a Remedial Case – On Amending D-600101
 - 12-D.9. Filing a Complaint in a Remedial Case – On Amending D-6.0202a(6)
- 12-E. Enrolling Ruling Elders as Members of Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0301 - Approved
- 12-F. Concurrences for Overtures – On Amending G-3.0302d - Failed
- 12-G. Service of Ordination, Installation, or Commissioning – On Amending W-4.4002 - Approved
- 12-H. Jurisdiction in Judicial Process – On Amending D-3.0101b(2) - Approved
- 12-I. Administrative Leave – On Amending D-10.0106 - Approved
- 12-J. Investigating Committee Responsibilities – On Amending D-10.0202 - Approved

Nominating Committee

The report was presented by Joyce Sherrod

The Nominating Committee places in nomination the following persons, who have agreed to serve if elected, to the following positions:

Committee on Training and Nurture

Class of 2013	Jan Artley (Grace, Midland) Janet Thompson (Westminster, Odessa)
Class of 2014	Ted Wehmeyer (University, El Paso)
Class of 2015	Jayne Ruiz (Divine Savior, El Paso) Toby Brown (First, Sanderson) Emily Ware (First, Midland)
At Large:	Bradley Morgan (First, San Angelo)

Committee on Ministry

The report was presented by Jim Miles

I. Matters of Information

- A. Committee on Ministry met November 15, 2012 and January 25, 2013.
- B. Committee on Ministry continues to work with vacant churches as follows:
 - First PC, Monahans (CLP)
 - First PC, Odessa (Co-Pastor)
 - First PC, San Angelo (Associate Pastor)
 - Trinity PC, Midland
- C. Received report from Commissioned Ruling Elders.
- D. Board of Pensions conference will be held April 24-25, 2013. Four members to attend including Moderators of COPM, COM and Stated Clerk.
- E. CRE classes continue. Next class will be Pastoral Care taught by Glenda Harbert.
- F. Appointed Mary Beth Anton as Moderator of First, Odessa and Judia Foreman as Co-Moderator of First, Odessa.
- G. Appointed Wilma Harris as Moderator of St Mark, San Angelo effective April 1, 2013.
- H. Reappointed the following moderator for sessions: Craig Holstedt (Coahoma); Jim Miles (Pecos); Cheryl Homsher (Monahans); Lucretia Chew and Katherine Norvell as co-moderators for Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso.
- I. Approved the request for Grace, El Paso to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
- J. Appointed Tim Davenport-Herbst as Amigo for Joel Moore.
- K. Committee voted to communicate with the Board of Pensions concerning changes to the benefits plan.

II. Matters of a Routine Nature (actions taken on behalf of presbytery)
That the following be admitted to record

- A. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between Jim Longstreet and First Odessa as of February 22, 2013. Approved

III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration

- A. That the Rev. Jim Longstreet to be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective February 22, 2013 and proceed to the “Rite of Retirement” worship service celebrating his life in ministry.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.A be approved.

- B. That, at the request of Gary Elmquist, his commission as CRE to St Mark, San Angelo be dissolved March 31, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.B be approved.

- C. That at the request of Peggy Tharp, her commission as CRE to St Paul, San Angelo be dissolved January 1, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.C be approved.

- D. That pending successful further examination from the floor of presbytery, approval of sermon, and signing of the Book of Obligations, Joel Moore be received pending his ordination to accept a call to serve as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, San Angelo beginning April 2, 2013.

The following is a summary of the Examination Sub Committee report:

*Report of the Examination of Joel Moore
Candidate for First Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas
November 17, 2012*

Present:

Teaching elders: Glenda Harbert [chairperson and vice moderator of COM] – co-pastor, St. Paul, San Angelo; Tim Davenport-Herbst, co-pastor St. Paul, San Angelo, Texas; Wilma Harris, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger
Ruling elders: Bart Teeter, [member of COM], St. Paul, San Angelo; Bernie Coffee, St. Paul, San Angelo

The examination started with prayer and introductions. Mr. Moore, having submitted to and passed a Background Check through the Presbytery of Tres Rios, having all reference checks cleared through the COM liaison, the COM chair and the General Missioner, and having submitted his Personal Statement of Faith and Faith Journey; was examined as to his Christian Faith, his knowledge of theology, Bible, sacraments and worship and PCUSA polity. The examination and discussion was successful and enjoyable.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED, unanimously, that Mr. Moore’s examination be sustained in all its parts and as a whole.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the salary package offered to Mr. Moore by First, San Angelo be approved.

Permission was granted to Mr. Moore to move on to the field before the February stated meeting if both parties agree, or at a time best for both church and candidate.

Permission was also granted for First, San Angelo to call a congregational meeting to call Mr. Joel Moore as Associate Pastor.

Candidate Moore shall be presented to the presbytery at its February 22, 2013 stated meeting, with the report that the COM Examinations Committee approved his examination in all its parts and as a whole, including salary and permission for FPC to call a congregational meeting and for Mr. Moore to move onto the field. It was explained to Mr. Moore that the presbytery retains the right to further examine him after he presents a present a brief oral statement of faith journey. He also understands he will be asked to preach a sermon before presbytery.

The examination was closed with prayer [and handshakes / hugs].

*Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Harbert*

Joel Moore was introduced to the presbytery and shared his sermon and faith statement. Following questions from the floor it was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the sermon be approved. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the examination be sustained.

- E. That Greater Atlanta Presbytery be asked to ordain Joel Moore on behalf of Tres Rios Presbytery prior to June 23, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.E be approved.

- F. That the following terms of call for Joel Moore be approved.

Salary	\$36,055
Housing	\$12,000
Utilities	\$3,600
Car Allowance	\$2,400
Continuing Education	\$1,300
Total Package	\$55, 355

Additional benefits: Board of Pensions dues; 4 weeks vacation (including Sundays) and 2 weeks of study leave (including Sundays)

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III F be approved.

- G. That COM be authorized to name members of a commission to install Joel Moore on June 23, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.G be approved.

- H. That Ann Hurt's commission as Commissioned Ruling Elder to First Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton be renewed for a three year period from January 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016 with the authorization to perform all the functions described in G-14.0800c).

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.H be approved.

- I. That the following elders, being properly instructed, be authorized in 2013 to administer or preside at the Lord's Table: Gary Elmquist, Randy Farmer, Randy Foster, Dennis Haralson, Ann Hurt, TC Kincaid, Tom Koger, Bea Torres, Peggy Tharp, Jim Blischke, Judia Foreman, Karen Boozer.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III. I be approved. Committee on Ministry will meet with Bea Torres to commission her.

Divine Savior/St Andrew Administrative Commission

Report was presented by Jim Miles (See Exhibit C).

Grace, El Paso Administrative Commission

Report was presented by Jim Miles. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the report be admitted to record.

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of Tres Rios to constitute Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas, to receive petitioners as members, and conduct a congregational meeting to adopt the by-laws of the congregation; examine, ordain and install officers who shall all serve as trustee, and act on any other matters pertaining to the above met 9:36 a.m. on 28th day of October, 2012, in the church.

The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

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Teaching Elders: Rev. Dr. Jim Miles, First-Fort Stockton (Moderator)
Rev. Ed Wegele, First- Seminole
Rev. Jose Luis Casal, General Missioner, Tres Rios Presbytery

Ruling Elders: Don Carlton, Grace P.C., Midland
John Steinberger, University P.C., El Paso
Kay Long, St. Paul, San Angelo

The following persons invited by presbytery to sit with the commission were also present:

Ruling Elder: Bobbie Duncan, Tres Rios Moderator, Westminster, Odessa
Teaching Elders: Rev. Katherine Norvell, Grace P.C., Co-Moderator of Session
Rev. Lucretia Chew, Grace P.C., Co-Moderator of Session
Rev. Dr. Rebecca Whitaker (HR)

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Dr. Jim Miles, and opened with prayer by Rev. Jose Luis Casal. Kay Long, clerk of the commission declared a quorum was present. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to appoint Donna Crafton clerk of the congregation for the meeting. The following persons having been nominated by the legacy congregations as approved in the Plan of Union were presented as candidates for ruling elder to be examined, elected, ordained and/or installed as officers and trustees:

Three Year Term

Jane Sturgis
Bill Rose
George Hejzmanek

Two Year Term

Kurt Fenstermacher
Donna Crafton
Eric Hudson

One Year Term

Mark Norbeck
Kathy Patterson

Theresa Byrd, nominated for a one year term, was not present and will be examined and installed at a later date.

The commission examined the candidates as to their personal faith, knowledge of the doctrine, government and discipline contained in the Constitution of the church; and the duties of the ministry. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to sustain the examination of all. The candidates were then excused until the worship service began.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to adopt the order of worship as its docket. The Commission voted to authorize the Moderator and the Clerk to approve the minutes and to adjourn and dismiss the commission with the benediction at the close of the service. MSC that by the grace of God, the commission appointed by the Presbytery of Tres Rios now proceeds to constitute the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso with joy and thanksgiving. The commission proceeded to the sanctuary and led the assembled congregation in worship. Bobbie Duncan, Moderator of Tres Rios Presbytery welcomed those in attendance and stated the purpose of the worship service. A Petition listing the names of persons wishing to transfer their

membership by certificate was presented. Standing they were received as members of Grace Presbyterian Church, and covenanted together to be the church. The Rev. Jim Miles, moderator of the commission declared the congregation to be duly constituted.

Rev. Dr. Jim Miles preached the sermon using for the text (scriptures) Mark 10:46-52 and Matthew 28:16-20. Following the sermon, the moderator of the commission called the congregational meeting to order and opened with prayer. The moderator reported the action of the Administrative Commission to appoint Donna Crafton as clerk of the meeting. The clerk declared that a quorum was present.

The moderator then asked the clerk to place in nomination the elders presented by the nominating committee of the three legacy congregations. The clerk then read the names and classes of those nominated. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to elect the elders nominated by acclamation. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

Rev. Katherine Norvell and Rev. Lucretia Chew, co-moderators of the session, then proceeded to the ordination and installation of the elders and emphasized the importance and solemnity of the proceedings. The constitutional questions were propounded to the candidates for ordination/installation by Rev. Katherine Norvell, and to the congregation by Rev. Lucretia Chew and were answered in the affirmative by both. The prayer of ordination/installation was offered. The Co-Moderators declared that the candidates were duly elected and installed as Ruling Elders of Grace Presbyterian Church of El Paso, Texas.

Rev. Katherine Norvell then asked for a motion to approve the bylaws of Grace Presbyterian Church. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

The Lord's Supper was administered. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Rebecca Whitaker, and the congregation and the commission came forward to greet the elders.

I. Matters for Information

- A. The Administrative Commission held meetings on October 27, 2012 and January 19, 2013 to consider and ratify matters regarding the sale of the former Highland and Manhattan P. C. properties.
- B. The Administrative Commission meet on October 28, 2012 to constitute Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso, receive the petition of members, examine, elect, ordain and install ruling elders, and approve the Bylaws of the congregation.

II. Matters of a Routine Nature

- A. That the following additional records be delivered to the Stated Clerk, admitted into presbytery's records and files, and made available for inspection:

1. Minutes of Joint Administrative Commission and Steering and Real Estate Committees meeting 10-27-12
2. Report of the Commission to Constitute Grace Presbyterian Church 10-28-12
3. Minutes of Grace P.C Congregational Meeting 10-28-12
4. Minutes of Grace P.C. Congregational Meeting on 11-7-12 and Clerk of Session's attestation of votes.
5. Minutes of Administrative Commission meeting 1-19-22

B. That the following actions taken on behalf of presbytery be admitted to record:

1. On December 23, 2012 the Administrative Commission approved the request of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church on November 7, 2012 to sell the property at 9210 Dyer Street for the purchase amount of \$1,175,000 and authorized the presbytery's trustees to act on its behalf to execute any necessary legal documents to affect the sale and convey title to the property.
2. On December 23, 2012 the Administrative Commission approved the request of the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church on November 7, 2012 to sell the property at 1201 N. Piedras, El Paso for the purchase amount of \$1,100,000 and authorized the presbytery's trustees to act on its behalf to execute any necessary legal documents to affect the sale and convey title to the property.

Trinity, Midland Administrative Commission

The report was presented by Glenda Harbert.

The Administrative Commission has met and a contract has been signed with a realtor. The property has been listed for sale with some interest already.

Presbytery Council

The report was presented by Craig Meyers.

I. Matters of Information

A. The following people were elected to serve on various sub-committees of the presbytery:

Financial Services

Peggy Dean (Westminster, Odessa), George Hejtmanek (Grace, El Paso) and Martha Crump (First, Odessa)

Personnel

Barbara Koch (First, Midland) and Dan Foreman (First, Midland)

Worship

Barbara Hejtmanek (Grace, El Paso) and Brenda McClure (First, Midland)

- B. That the following be elected to serve as moderators of various sub-committees of presbytery (2013):

Worship & Meetings – Kay Long

Financial Services – Don Carlton

Personnel – Patty Lane

I. Recommendations of a Routine Nature

None

II. Recommendations Requiring More Careful Consideration

- A. That Joyce Sherrod (Grace, Midland) be elected to serve on the Nominating Committee Class of 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III. A be approved.

- B. That the 2013 Presbytery Budget be approved.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III. B be approved.
(See Exhibit D).

Report of the Worship Sub – Committee

Report was presented by Kay Long

I. Matters of Information

- A. At its regular meeting on January 17th, the Worship and Meetings Sub Committee finalized plans for the February 22, 2013 stated meeting of presbytery. Details of the presbytery meeting are as follows:

- Host – St. Paul Presbyterian Church – San Angelo
- Theme – “Theological Education Serving Our Congregations
- Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20
- Registration: begins at 8:30 a.m.
- New Commissioner Training: 9:00 p.m.

- Worship Service and Presbytery: begin at 10:00 a.m.
 - Worship Leaders – Teaching Elders: Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw, Rev. Glenda Harbert, Rev. Dr. Tim Davenport-Herbst, Shannon Weisenfels; Ruling Elders: Barbara Hejtmanek, Grace, EP; Chuck Dobbins, FPC, Alpine
 - Panel Participants: Rev. Dr. Ted Wardlaw (leader), Rev. Matt Miles, Rev. Lucretia Chew (HR), and Rev. Jim Longstreet.
 - Lunch: Provided by St. Paul Presbyterian Church
 - Hospitality – Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. - home of Kay and Flynn Long, 2621 Vista Del Arroyo, San Angelo, TX.
 - Housing – information to be included in the meeting packet.
- B. Committee discussed plans for the June 14, 2013 stated meeting and are as follows:
- Host – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Odessa
 - Theme – “Living Together Missionally”
 - Scripture: Acts 2:42,47
 - Guest preacher: Rev. Philip Lotspeich, Coordinator – Church Growth and Transformation, General Assembly Mission Council
 - Worship/Communion Leaders: TBA
- C. Next meeting dates
- October 18, 2013 – Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso
- D. The committee reviewed and approved the docket of the February 22, 2013 meeting to be recommended to Council for action.

Financial Services Sub – Committee

The report was presented by Don Carlton

- I. Matters of Information
- A. No request for the first call of the Builders Fellowship has been received to date.
 - B. The 2012 financial review of First Presbyterian Church, Seminole was received as information.
 - C. The Treasurer’s Report dated December 31, 2012 was reviewed by the committee
 - D. The Church Contribution Report dated December 31, 2012 was reviewed by the committee
 - E. The 2013 Benevolence Commitment report was reviewed by the committee
 - F. The 2013 Asking Budget for presbytery was reviewed by the committee

- G. Committee reviewed the insurance policy of the presbytery and voted to accept the proposal from Church Mutual Insurance.

Treasurers Report

The report dated December 31, 2012 was presented by Jimmy Stevens and received as information. (See Exhibit E).

FOG/VIS Task Force Report

The report was presented by Tim Davenport-Herbst

Committee presented a final copy of the presbytery bylaws for a first reading. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the first reading be approved. (See Exhibit F).

Mission Committee Report

The report was presented by Rebecca Nicholson

I. Matters of Information

- A. Walter Thompson will serve as moderator of the Mission Committee for 2013.
- B. The committee appointed the following to serve as liaisons to various mission projects:
 - Project Vida – Eddie Chew
 - Bob Lewis Mission – Jeff Laufer
 - Pasos De Fe – John Nelsen
 - Project Dignidad – Lewis Allen
 - St Andrews Mission – Pat Hunter
 - Colombia and Costa Rica – Rebecca Nicholson
 - Mexico and Border Ministry – John Nelsen
 - Africa – Walter Thompson
- C. Recipient of the Mission Worker Offering for 2013 will be Sarah Henken.
Offerings will be collected on Sunday, September 8, 2013.
- D. First Presbyterian Church, Midland has a mission trip planned for June 13-27 to Uganda. Applications will be available soon.
- E. Rebecca Nicholson will serve as the leader for the presbytery mission trip to Colombia. The trip will be November 30-December 7.
- F. Eddie Chew will write the 2014 Mission Yearbook article for the presbytery highlighting Project Vida.

Committee on Church Development Report

The report was presented by Craig Holstedt

The Church Development Committee met on January 22, 2013 in Midland at the Presbytery Office. We received updates on the following churches:

- El Paso Church Merger of Trinity, Highland and Manhattan Churches to form Grace Presbyterian Church.
- The joint ministry of St. Andrew and Divine Savior Churches in El Paso
- Midland Trinity
- Odessa Westminster
- Odessa First
- Seminole First

Many of these churches are presently working with the New Initiatives program and are in contact with our Church Growth Consultant Stan Wood. In addition, he will soon be probably be working with a growing number of churches which have already been identified, as well as taking on some more responsibilities with present churches.

The work of consultant Stan Wood was reviewed. This is the third year of a five year contract to work with our churches. As his work has been satisfactory and in line with the contract, and as much of the work is just now coming to fruition the CDC unanimously approved continuing his contract.

Jose Luis Casal reported on the continuing work of restructuring the Presbytery. For the time being we anticipate working in our present fashion at least through the end of the year.

Jose asked the CDC to become proactive in looking at future ministry options in the Midland/Odessa area as it is growing tremendously and we are closing one church at this time. A discussion on the work to study and survey the possibilities for and types of ministry which are appropriate for the community is scheduled for our May 14th meeting.

Committee on Training and Nurture Report

The report was presented by Horace Griffin

Matters of Information

- A. Tres Rios Youth Council (TRYC) Youth Event will be held February 1-3, 2013 at Prude Ranch. Rev. Ed Wegele will be the keynote speaker. Theme For this year will be "To Eternity and Beyond" using Proverbs 18:24 as the text.

- B. Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held July 16-20, 2013 at Purdue University. Applications have been received and participants will be notified soon. (24 students and 4 adults are registered.)
- C. Synod Youth Workshop will be held July 23-28, 2013 at the University of Tulsa with a cost of \$350 per participant. The Committee on Training and Nurture has reserved a bus for transportation to the event at a cost of \$110 per participant.
- D. Approved four applications for the Camp Chimney Spring Fund:
 - 1. To include ropes course for TRYC participants not to exceed \$900, which would allow a special team building event at the retreat.
 - 2. To include youth mission trip as a part of Triennium - \$4200. Triennium participants will do mission work the day before Triennium begins.
 - 3. To host a Global Partner for Triennium – up to \$3000. It is hoped that the student will be able to participate in the mission in item 2. After Triennium, the youth will be part of the Tres Rios Synod Youth Workshop and then remain in Tres Rios Presbytery to work with different projects within Tres Rios. The student will be in the States about a month.
 - 4. To make available scholarships for the Tres Rios Youth Workshop – \$2000. Deadline to apply will be April 15th.
- E. Approved changes to the By-Laws of the Youth Task Force.
Adult Representatives. B. 1. Travel with the task force to and from their own cluster to all meetings and retreats will require one (1) adult with two (2) adults recommended according to Presbytery insurance requirements. Churches with other policies will be responsible for meeting the additional requirements.
- F. The Training and Nurture Committee will update the Elder Training Manual, specifically, p. 38, the Constitutional Questions. . .changing “ruling elder” terminology and add the “pray for” part to question 7. The Committee will also look into the possibility of offering cluster training events using the new Book of Order for all ordained elders and deacons.

Report of the Presbyterian Women

The report was presented by Glenda Harbert on behalf of Bea Torres. (See Exhibit G).

Next Meeting Site

The 97th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios will be held on June 14, 2013 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Odessa, Texas.

The Presbytery of Tres Rios
96th Stated Meeting

February 22, 2013
St Paul Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Texas

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Long, Stated Clerk
Patty Lane, Recording Clerk

Exhibit A

The Presbytery of Tres Rios - Necrology – 2012

PASTOR: Richard A. (Dick) Braun	Birth: 04/20/1922	Death: 11/22/2012	
ELDER:	Birth:	Death:	Church:
Nadine Robinson	03/27/1916	04/16/2012	First, Ballinger
Joseph Bilodeau	11/24/1922	01/20/2012	First, El Paso
Mary Maxon	07/30/1950	04/16/2012	First, El Paso
Robert Smith *	08/24/1925	05/15/2012	First, El Paso
Helen Emery			Manhattan, El Paso
Robert Cooke			Manhattan, El Paso
Ruth Spearman			Manhattan, El Paso
Helen Hiatt			Manhattan, El Paso
Irvin Dennis Smith	02/22/1951	06/05/2012	St Andrew, El Paso
Dorcas Wilkinson			Trinity, El Paso
Hugh Connolly	05/03/1924	01/21/2012	University, El Paso
Doris Drow	01/08/1926	04/21/2012	University, El Paso
Harold Newson	11/07/1927	10/22/2012	University, El Paso
Katherine Steinberger	11/16/1932	01/09/2012	University, El Paso
Martha Ann "Tai" Gearhart	1943	09/29/2012	First, Marfa
Jane Montgomery Riddle	07/03/1917	01/06/2012	First, Midland
Wilkie Lee Miller	10/18/1932	01/11/2012	First, Midland
Mary Elizabeth Whitaker Hardie*	12/07/1921	02/19/2012	First, Midland
Richard S. "Dick" Prentice	09/20/1944	03/13/2012	First, Midland
Joann Magruder	09/21/1933	04/28/2012	First, Midland
Beverly Singley Junell	07/20/1947	05/05/2012	First, Midland
Jo Aline Collins *	04/18/1952	09/17/2012	First, Midland
Edward Gorence*	04/21/1921	09/22/2012	Trinity, Midland
James "Legs" Edington	08/21/1931	09/29/2012	First, Monahans
Harry Mitchell	06/07/1922	08/12/2012	First, Odessa
Rose Meise *	11/02/1937	07/12/2012	Westminster, Odessa

Terry Fowler	7/30/1948	05/02/2012	First, Pecos
Manuela Torres	08/08/1923	09/27/2012	Nazareth, San Angelo
Oscar Lock	02/16/1920	04/13/2012	St Mark, San Angelo
Carol Weaver		12/2012	St Paul, San Angelo
Jeanette Turner		07/12/2012	Good Shepherd, Sonora

DEACON:	Birth:	Death:	Church:
Irene Wright	10/20/1920	01/04/2012	First, El Paso
Dr John White	07/19/1923	08/30/2012	First, El Paso
Robert F. "Bob" Bailey	10/17/1932	02/02/2012	First, Midland
Arden Roy Grover	03/28/1926	10/18/2012	First, Midland
Barbara Creager	02/07/1930	02/23/2012	Trinity, Midland
Floyd Wheeler	10/30/1919	10/30/2012	Trinity, Midland
Dorothy Whitehead	05/23/1938	08/28/2012	Trinity, Midland
Harry Mitchell	06/07/1922	08/12/2012	First, Odessa
Andrew Hagelstein	01/22/1982	07/20/2012	First, Odessa

*Served as deacon and elder

**Exhibit B
Docket
96th Stated Meeting
February 22, 2013**

**Theological Education: Serving our Congregations
St Paul Presbyterian Church
San Angelo, Texas**

Friday, February 22, 2013

8:00 a.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. New Commissioner Orientation led by Rebecca Whitaker, Kay Long and Bobbie Duncan
9:00 a.m. Call to Order with worship and communion and the reading of the necrology

Welcome from the host church

Welcome guests - corresponding members

Adoption of the Docket

Omnibus Motion

Communications

Minutes Audit Task Force Report for October 26, 2012 meeting

Election of Minutes Audit Task Force for February 22, 2013 meeting

Bobbie Duncan

Bobbie Duncan

Craig Meyers

Kay Long

Panel discussion on Theological Education

Lunch Rob Fohr Presentation (General Assembly Mission Council)

Ted Wardlaw

Amendments

Committee on Ministry

Divine Savior/St Andrew Administrative Commission Report

Grace El Paso Administrative Commission Report

Trinity Midland Administrative Commission Report

Presbytery Council Report

Worship Sub-Committee

Financial Services Sub-Committee

Treasurer's Report

NFOG/VIS Task Force Report

First Reading of new ByLaws

Committee on Mission

Committee on Church Development

Committee on Training and Nurture

Presbyterian Women

Next Meeting will be June 14, 2013

Adjournment

Kay Long

Jim Miles

Jim Miles

Jim Miles

Glenda Harbert

Craig Meyers

Kay Long

Don Carlton

Jimmy Stevens

Tim Davenport-Herbst

Rebecca Nicholson

Craig Holstedt

Horace Griffin

Bea Torres

St. Andrew and Divine Savior Presbyterian Churches – El Paso, TX Presbytery Report – February 22, 2013

St. Andrew

St. Andrew has completed its first year with a new half-time pastor. The church and Pastor have worked to rebuild relationships and to begin to look at better connecting with the neighborhood, with the pre-school, and with organizations who meet at the church. Relationships are much more positive in the church than they were two or three years ago, and about one-third of those in worship regularly are Hispanic. Some of the activities of the past year include:

- Pastoral visits have been made to members, former members, and family and friends of members who requested pastoral care. Funerals were performed for one former member and the son of a member, both of which brought in a number of people, one of whom now regularly visits on Sundays.
- Every two weeks the Pastor provides worship and Christian Education opportunities for the Weekday Children's Program (WCP pre-school) children. Church members have also hosted activities to Meet the Parents, given out Trick or Treats at Halloween, and attended the children's graduation and Christmas programs.
- We have had three Bible Studies, two Soup and Sandwich Lenten Studies, and an Easter Worship service in partnership with the Samoan church with over 150 people in attendance.
- An Afternoon International Christmas Eve Service with guest musicians and performers attracted about three times as many people as regular worship.
- A Super Summer Saturday children's day provided a Bible lesson, music, movie, activities, and lunch for both children and parents.
- The majority of attendees at an Ash Wednesday noontime service were parents and children of the WCP, who do not attend our Church; 65% were Hispanic.
- We have connected with the Samoan and Korean congregations, the Lions Club, and other organizations.

St. Andrew, along with Divine Savior, has made a commitment to work with Stan Wood in 2013. Construction on the St. Andrew Apartments is almost complete, and the Church sees this as another opportunity to reach out to the greater community. St. Andrew is looking for a seminary intern to work with young people and has committed to sharing this Intern with Divine Savior.

St. Andrew doubled its financial commitment for benevolence and doubled its financial commitment for the Pastor to the Presbytery for 2013. St. Andrew has worked in partnership with Divine Savior and has been very generous and supportive of its sister church.

Divine Savior

The Pastor's other half-time responsibilities are with Divine Savior. The first year was one of rebuilding broken relationships, redoing the bylaws, forming a new Session, building leadership, pastoral care, placing stricter boundaries on spending, and doing much of the work of an Interim. One goal with Divine Savior, as with St. Andrew, is to help members to better connect with their neighborhoods and to help all of us to grow as disciples in Jesus Christ and to proclaim the good news. The Church received a \$4,000 grant from the National Church thanks to the support of Rev. Jose Luis Casal. We are in the process of selling a portion of the Church property to Project Vida, which we see as an opportunity for further outreach.

Some activities that were very successful were:

- The congregation has done three fundraisers, and two of which were the members' ideas, and all three raised money.
- Ash Wednesday had good attendance, and five people from the neighborhood came. Two of these live across from the church and have never attended, and were invited by one of our members.
- On Maundy Thursday we had a big crowd, with a number of people who generally did not attend church.
- We had a Beans, Bread, and Bible Study in the evenings for a number of weeks and had over 25 people attend.
- On All Saints Day the congregation lit candles for loved ones who had passed away, and many people who do not regularly come to church attended.
- On Epiphany, the young people dressed up as Mary, Joseph, the angels, shepherds, animals, and of course the Reyes Magos, the Three Kings.
- This Sunday, five people are joining the church.

Divine Savior's biggest concern is finances. Much of the reserves were spent prior to the new Pastor's arrival. This year we worked on Stewardship for the first time in a number of years. This is a beginning, and while we have very few people with deep pockets, we are committed to moving forward. The congregation hopes to have more fundraisers, to sell the property, and to obtain grants. We are the only bilingual church in El Paso.

Divine Savior deeply appreciates all the support of Tres Rios Presbytery, the Committee on Ministries, Church Development, Financial Services, the General Missioner, Rev. Jose Luis Casal, and Jimmy Stevens, the Presbytery Treasurer.

I believe that we need to be vital churches, connected with our communities -- and vitally connected first to Christ, who calls all of us to be accountable. In my opinion, as resources diminish, there is a tendency to equate the vitality of a church with how much money it has. We hope that churches with more resources than ours will build partnerships with churches such as Divine Savior. As Presbyterians we are a Connectional Church, so I challenge churches to pray and work to understand in a deeper way our call to those with less -- not only in other countries, or in charitable ministries, but in our own congregations that consist of talented, committed people who have fewer resources than others.

There is so much we can do together if we share resources, talents, and energy in deeper partnership as I believe Christ so calls us to do. I would invite churches in our Presbytery to work with me and others in developing these partnerships where we all learn and grow together in ministry.

Rev. Jayne L. Ruiz
St. Andrew/Divine Savior Presbyterian Churches

Presbytery of Tres Rios Proposed 2013 Budget

Receipts					
	Actual	Budget	Asking	Budget	Comments
Contributions from Churches					
For Presbytery	\$269,159	\$293,958	\$305,177	\$284,121	Based on per capita @\$6.87/member for 2013 and \$6.63/member for 2012. Reflects actual payment for GA
For Synod	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
For General Assembly	43,161	43,161	44,160	31,733	
Total church contributions	314,820	339,619	351,837	318,354	Church contributions based on correspondence with individual churches. See Benevolence commitments
Transfers from Restricted Funds					
Church Development	30,000	34,000	26,000	24,000	CDC recommended 2013 grants for church support and training
Second Harvest					
	44,149	37,093	23,541	33,464	Includes support for salary of minister at Divine Savior and St. Andrew plus CDC consultant costs. Increase from asking budget due to travel expense of consultant not included in asking and more support for Divine Savior/St Andrew than expected. That support is however, less than the 2012 budget.
Camp Chlmney Spring Funds					
	18,500	14,500	16,000	28,600	Additional \$10,100 for projects appr. by Training & Nurture, all relating to youth events. Also, an additional \$2,500 for the Youth Task Force based on 2012 actual costs.
Small Church	2,000	0	0	0	Transfers offset by expense for Church Support, CDC consultant and training and youth activities.
Income-Builders Fellowship					
Interest Income	0	0	0	0	
Rent-Maranatha properties	28	25	30	30	
Rent-McCarney property	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Donations	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,600	
Other Income	17,900	16,000	2,000	3,000	Confidential, unsolicited donations from individuals
Total Income	900	0	0	0	
	437,897	450,837	429,008	417,048	
Expenditures					
Support for Upper Gov Bodies					
Synod	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
General Assembly	43,161	43,161	44,160	31,733	

Presbytery of Tres Rios Proposed 2013 Budget

	<u>2012 Actual</u>	<u>2012 Budget</u>	<u>2013 Asking</u>	<u>2013 Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Church Development Committee					
CDC Conference & Training	45,661	45,661	46,660	34,233	
Consultant-Church Development	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	Funded from CDC funds
Meetings-CDC	14,056	10,000	10,000	14,000	Funded from Second Harvest funds. Additional from asking
Church Data Resources	617	1,250	1,250	1,250	includes travel expenses
Total Church Development Committee	1,302	0	0	0	
	15,975	15,250	15,250	19,250	
Church Support					
Nazareth Salary Support	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Divine Savior/St. Andrew Support	30,343	27,093	13,541	19,464	Reduction from 2012 budget due to St. Andrew ability to fund more of required amount
Highland Salary Support	2,000	0	0	0	
Total Church Support	52,343	47,093	33,541	39,464	
Committee on Ministry/Expense					
Administrative Personnel Support	1,012	1,000	1,000	1,000	
CLP Training	0	1,000	1,000	700	
Workshops & Conferences	0	600	600	600	
Committee on Ministry Meetings	6,046	8,500	8,500	7,500	Reduction from asking per committee
Total Committee on Ministry Expense	7,058	11,100	11,100	9,800	
Committee On Preparation for Min					
COPM Meetings	543	1,000	1,000	1,000	
COPM Pscy. Evaluations	0	500	500	500	
Candidate Travel	0	500	500	500	
Total Committee on Preparation	543	2,000	2,000	2,000	
Committee on Representation					
Committee on Representation	0	250	200	200	
Nominations Committee					
Nominations Committee	0	150	100	100	
Committee on Mission					
Mission Trip	0	0	1,000	0	Decrease from asking per committee
Presbytery Mission Network	0	0	1,000	500	

Presbytery of Tres Rios Proposed 2013 Budget

	2012 <u>Actual</u>	2012 <u>Budget</u>	2013 <u>Asking</u>	2013 <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Meetings	981	1,500	1,000	1,000	
Total Committee on Mission	981	1,500	3,000	1,500	
Committee on Trng and Nurture					
Leadership Dev/Training	1,259	2,400	2,000	1,000	No large training event in 2013
Meetings-Trng & Nurture	779	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Clergy Retreat	0	600	0	0	
Synod Youth Workshop	4,014	2,500	4,000	6,000	Funded from Camp Chimney Spring fund. Addl. \$2,000 for youth scholarships
Website	960	1,500	1,500	1,000	
Triennium	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	Reflects one-third of 2010 Triennium cost. Funded from Camp Chimney Spring fund
Triennium Mission Trip	0	0	0	4,200	Mission work before Triennium-funded from Camp Chimney Spring Fund
Triennium Global Partner	0	0	0	3,000	International student visit to Tres Rios after Triennium. Funded from Camp Chimney Spring fund
Youth Task Force	11,565	7,500	7,500	10,900	Funded from Camp Chimney Spring Fund. Addl. \$900 over asking for ropes course at Prude Ranch and additional \$2,500 over asking based on 2012 actuals
Total Committee on Trng and Nurture	23,077	20,000	20,500	31,600	
Mission Development					
Project Vida	13,000	13,000	13,000	12,000	
Bob Lewis Mission	750	750	1,000	750	
Project Dignidad	750	750	1,000	750	
Pasos de Fe	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Other mission projects	0	0	500	0	
St. Andrews Mission	8,000	8,000	8,000	7,000	
Total Mission Development	23,500	23,500	24,500	21,500	
Presbyterian Women	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	

Presbytery of Tres Rios **Proposed 2013 Budget**

	<u>2012</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Asking</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Presbytery Council					
Council Meetings	3,914	5,000	4,500	4,000	
Financial Services	324	600	600	400	
Presbytery Worship/Meetings	41	200	200	200	
Discernment Project	9,332	10,000	2,000	0	NFog expenses in task force budget
Task Forces/Commissions	6,020	1,500	2,000	2,500	2012 actual includes El Paso church merger task force, Divine Savior Admin. Commission and NFog task force. 2013 reflects Trinity Midland Ad. Comm and NFog costs
Personnel Comm	312	100	300	100	
Total Presbytery Council	19,943	17,400	9,600	7,200	
Operating Expenses-Building					
Insurance	7,973	7,750	8,000	7,750	
Janitorial Service	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Office Maintenance	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Utilities	6,188	6,200	6,200	6,200	
Total Operating Expenses-Occupancy	18,361	18,450	18,700	18,450	
Operating Expenses-Presbytery					
Back Page/Publications	25	250	250	100	
Communications	0	250	250	100	
Commissioners cost-Gen Assemb.	(186)	1,000	1,000	500	
Computer Operations	3,024	2,500	2,500	3,000	
Equipment Leases	9,068	9,400	9,400	9,400	
Equipment Maintenance	3,576	7,500	7,500	5,000	Decrease based on 2012 actual experience
Financial Review	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Postage	2,854	3,500	3,500	3,000	
Supplies	6,090	8,000	7,000	6,500	
Telephone	8,018	8,500	7,000	7,000	
Total Operating Expenses-Presbytery	37,469	45,900	43,400	39,600	

Presbytery of Tres Rios Proposed 2013 Budget

	2012 Actual	2012 Budget	2013 Asking.	2013 Budget	Comments
Staff Expense					
Admin. Assistant Cont Ed	840	800	800	800	
Admin. Assistant Pens/Medical	14,758	14,758	15,101	15,101	Increase due to BOP dues increase of 0.75% for 2013
Admin. Assistant Salary	45,761	45,761	45,761	45,761	
Gen Missioner Travel	11,960	12,000	12,000	9,000	
Gen. Missioner-Pens/Med	27,230	27,230	27,860	27,860	Increase due to BOP dues increase of 0.75% for 2013
General Missioner Housing	42,000	42,000	42,000	42,000	
General Missioner Salary	42,435	42,435	42,435	42,435	
General Missioner Cont Educ	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Payroll Taxes	3,501	3,500	3,500	3,500	
Stated Clerk Expense	495	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Staff Meeting/Travel	4,589	6,500	5,500	5,000	
Total Staff Expense	195,069	197,484	197,457	193,957	
Total Expense	442,980	448,738	429,008	421,854	
Net Receipts over (under) Expenditures	(\$5,083)	\$2,099	\$0	(\$4,806)	
Beginning of year surplus (deficit)	(\$8,639)	(\$8,639)	\$0	(\$7,182)	
Transfer from Operating Reserve	\$6,540	6,540	\$0	\$11,988	Transfer is amount required to cover 2012 ending deficit and 2013 budgeted loss
Ending of year surplus (deficit)	(\$7,182)	\$0	\$0	\$0	

Note: Asking is the asking budget approved by Presbytery in October 2012

Location/Church

Presbytery of Tres Rios

2013 Benevolence Commitments

Year	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Alpine, First	67	1800	1800	1200	1200	1200	1000	3000	1000	900
Andrews	42	2400	2400	2400	2160	2160	2100	1500	1500	1500
Baillinger, First	111	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1250	1000
Big Spring, First	177	12900	12900	12900	12600	12000	17008	10630	9664	7260
Coaltona, First	78	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	2700	1375	1500	1500
Eldorado, First	85	0	0	0	1000	1000	1000	800	1000	500
El Paso, Divine Savior	39	300	1000	1500	1800	1800	1800	900	1200	1800
El Paso, Faith	36	4000	4000	4000	5850	5665	5665	5500	5000	6000
El Paso, First	446	10500	10500	11500	11500	30000	35000	36000	40000	30000
El Paso, Grace		12000	12000							
El Paso, St. Andrew	45	2000	1000	1000	2000	3000	3780	3700	3625	3703
El Paso, University	229	48000	48000	44000	42000	39214	36236	36570	41200	38000
Fort Davis, First	104	4235	5200	4200	4200	4200	4235	3660	3850	3000
Fort Stockton First	388	4200	4200	4200	4200	4000	4000	4000	0	4000
Marfa, First	285	1000	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Midland, Grace	108	9000	7950	6000	4000	3650	750	545	0	19200
Midland, First	1524	112000	112000	112000	112000	112000	112000	112000	114000	102000
Midland, Trinity	277	8975	0	25573	25573	25573	22573	22573	22573	27000
Monahans, First	14	3000	3969	3969	3969	3969	3969	3969	3969	3969
Odessa, First	336	20000	20000	20000	20000	22179	22179	24111	22179	19179
Odessa, Westminster	378	12000	24000	24000	36462	36462	28680	28000	27000	24850
Pecos, First	44	420	420	420	300	300	300	3609	3610	3770
San Angelo, First	841	14000	17815	40000	40000	38250	38250	38250	38250	35750
San Angelo, Nazareth	86	3600	3600	3600	3300	3300	6600	3300	3000	3000
San Angelo, St. Mark	76	3600	9600	9000	8500	6000	7260	6600	6000	3500
San Angelo, St. Paul	636	16434	26775	28660	28500	38118	33000	31000	35000	35000
Sanderson, First	38	2000	2000	2000	2000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Seminole, First	85	2640	2640	2840	2500	2500	2400	2400	2000	1600
Seagraves Chapel		600	600							
Sonora, Good Shepherd	54	2500	2500	3000	3000	12500	12500	12000	11000	5000
Total Pledged	6629	318354	339619	373712	383364	415790	408935	398267	404545	397130
Total Paid										
Percentage Paid		311940	395695	392165	436971.51	404063.8	414926.11	415421	394322	426241
Difference		83.47%	103.27%	91.46%	106.86%	101.46%	102.57%	97.49%	99.29%	
		-27679	12531	-36633	28036.51	5796.77	10381.11	-10685	-2808	
Amount given in 2013 - no commitment for 2012 to date										

Presbytery of Tres Rios
Receipts and Expenditures
Year Ended 12/31/12

	<u>Actual</u> <u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>Budget</u> <u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Receipts				
Contributions from Churches				
For Presbytery	\$268,159	\$293,958	\$293,958	
For Synod	2,500	\$2,500	2,500	
For General Assembly	43,161	43,161	43,161	
Total church contributions	313,820	339,619	339,619	Down primarily due to two churches that did not meet original commitment
Transfers from Restricted Funds				
Church Development	30,000	34,000	34,000	
Second Harvest	44,149	37,093	37,093	Higher due to additional need for Divine Savior and higher consultant expenses than expected
Camp Chimney Spring	18,500	14,500	14,500	Additional \$4,000 approved in June meeting
Small Church	2,000	0	0	
	94,649	85,593	85,593	
Income-Builders Fellowship	0	0	0	
Interest Income	28	25	25	
Rent-Maranatha properties	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Rent-McCamey property	3,600	3,600	3,600	
Individual donations	17,900	16,000	16,000	
Other Income	900	0	0	
Total Income	436,897	450,837	450,837	
Expenditures				
Support for Upper Gov Bodies				
Synod	2,500	2,500	2,500	
General Assembly	43,161	43,161	43,161	
	45,661	45,661	45,661	
Church Development Committee				
CDC Conference & Training	0	4,000	4,000	Funded from CDC funds
Mission Insight Program	1,302	0	0	
Consultant-Church Development	14,056	10,000	10,000	Funded from 2nd harvest funds
Meetings-CDC	617	1,250	1,250	
Total Church Development Committee	15,975	15,250	15,250	
Church Support				
Nazareth Salary Support	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Divine Savior/St Andrew support	30,343	27,093	27,093	
Highland Salary Support	2,000	0	0	
Total Church Support	52,343	47,093	47,093	

Presbytery of Tres Rios
Receipts and Expenditures
Year Ended 12/31/12

	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Committee on Ministry Expense				
Administrative Personnel Assoc.	1,012	1,000	1,000	
CLP Training	0	1,000	1,000	
Consultations/Mediation	0	300	300	
Workshops & Conferences	0	300	300	
Committee on Ministry Meetings	6,046	8,500	8,500	
Total Committee on Ministry Expense	7,058	11,100	11,100	
Committee On Preparation for Min				
COPM Pscy. Evaluations	0	500	500	
COPM Meetings	543	1,000	1,000	
Candidate Travel	0	500	500	
Total Committee on Preparation	543	2,000	2,000	
Committee on Representation	0	250	250	
Nominations Committee	0	150	150	
Committee on Mission				
Mission Trips	0	0	0	
Meetings	981	1,500	1,500	
Total Committee on Mission	981	1,500	1,500	
Committee on Trng and Nurture				
Leadership Dev/Training	1,259	2,400	2,400	
Meetings-Trng & Nurture	779	1,000	1,000	
Clergy Retreat	0	600	600	
Synod Youth Workshop	4,014	2,500	2,500	Funded from CCS funds
Website	960	1,500	1,500	
Triennium	4,500	4,500	4,500	Funded from CCS funds
Youth Task Force	11,565	7,500	7,500	\$10,000 funded from CCS funds
Total Committee on Trng and Nurture	23,077	20,000	20,000	
Mission Development				
Project Vida	13,000	13,000	13,000	
Bob Lewis Mission	750	750	750	
Project Dignidad	750	750	750	
Pasos de Fe Border Ministry	1,000	1,000	1,000	
St. Andrews Mission	8,000	8,000	8,000	
	23,500	23,500	23,500	
Presbyterian Women	3,000	3,000	3,000	

Presbytery of Tres Rios
Receipts and Expenditures
Year Ended 12/31/12

	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Presbytery Council				
Council Meetings	3,914	5,000	5,000	
Financial Services	324	600	600	
Task Forces/Commissions	6,020	1,500	1,500	Grace merger commission and NFog committee
Presbytery Worship/Meetings	41	200	200	
Discernment Project	9,332	10,000	10,000	Funded from CDC funds
Personnel Comm	312	100	100	
Total Presbytery Council	19,943	17,400	17,400	
Operating Expenses-Building				
Insurance	7,973	7,750	7,750	
Janitorial Service	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Office Maintenance	1,200	1,500	1,500	
Utilities	6,188	6,200	6,200	
Total Operating Expenses-Occupancy	18,361	18,450	18,450	
Operating Expenses-Presbytery				
Back Page/Publications	25	250	250	
Communications Expense	0	250	250	
Commissioners Cost-Gen Assembly	(186)	1,000	1,000	
Computer Operations	3,024	2,500	2,500	
Equipment Leases	9,068	9,400	9,400	
Equipment Maintenance	3,576	7,500	7,500	
Financial Review	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Postage	2,854	3,500	3,500	
Supplies	6,090	8,000	8,000	
Telephone	8,018	8,500	8,500	
Total Operating Expenses-Presbytery	37,469	45,900	45,900	
Staff Expense				
Admin. Assistant Cont Ed	840	800	800	
Admin. Assistant Pens/Medical	14,758	14,758	14,758	
Admin. Assistant Salary	45,761	45,761	45,761	
Gen Missioner Travel	12,086	12,000	12,000	
Gen. Missioner-Pens/Med	27,230	27,230	27,230	
General Missioner Housing	42,000	42,000	42,000	
General Missioner Salary	42,435	42,435	42,435	
General Missioner Cont Educ	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Payroll Taxes	3,501	3,500	3,500	
Stated Clerk Expense	495	1,000	1,000	
Staff Meeting/Travel	4,589	6,500	6,500	
Total Staff Expense	195,195	197,484	197,484	
Total Expense	\$443,106	\$448,738	\$448,738	
Net Receipts over Expenditures	(\$6,209)	\$2,099	\$2,099	

Presbytery of Tres Rios
Receipts and Expenditures
Year Ended 12/31/12

	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>thru 12/31/12</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Beginning deficit 1/1/12	(\$8,639)	(\$8,639)	(\$8,639)	
Transfer from Operating Reserves	\$6,540	\$6,540	\$6,540	
Ending surplus (deficit) 12/31/12	(\$8,308)	\$0	\$0	

The Presbytery of Tres Rios
Church Contribution Report
January 1 - December 31, 2012

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	Total
PIN #	Church	Accept- ance	Current Quarter	YTD	% to Date	Pby.	Synod	GA	Mission Worker Off	Build Fellow	One Great Hr Sharing	Christmas Joy	Pentecost	Peace Making	Theological Education	Mission Worker	Other	Direct	Total
08723	Alpine	1800	881.87	1800.00	100%	1388.55	22.80	388.65			773.35						100.00		2573.35
21987	Andrews	2400	500.00	2200.00	92%	1723.40	26.40	450.20									675.00		2300.00
21998	Ballinger	1250	1102.00	1250.00	100%	968.71	15.92	285.37		50.00	335.00	485.00					1000.00		2925.00
22000	Big Spring	12900	3225.00	12900.00	100%	9951.27	163.41	2785.32	1428.00		3242.00						1000.00		18570.00
22002	Coahoma	3000	1500.00	3000.00	100%	2441.50	31.00	527.50		100.00									3100.00
22008	Eldorado	0		0.00															0.00
	El Paso:			0.00															0.00
08726	Divine Savior	1000	43.06	4000.00	0%	3161.99	47.34	790.67			43.06	195.00							43.06
22003	Faith	4000	666.67	10500.00	100%	8415.75	115.50	1968.75			203.04	1315.00							4398.04
08724	First	10500	3668.00	10500.00	100%	2033.00	55.00	912.00			1337.00						1043.00		14195.00
15020	Grace	4000	1000.02	3000.00	75%	2361.37	35.32	603.35			333.93	15.00					50.00		3000.00
08731	Highland	2000	30.00	750.00	38%	615.00	7.50	127.50			75								3609.97
22005	St. Andrew	1000	1000.00	1000.00	100%	875.00	25.00	100.00					30.00						855.00
22006	Trinity	6000	1500.00	3000.00	50%	2460.00	30.00	510.00											1000.00
22007	University	46000	12790.01	46000.00	100%	35485.14	582.65	9932.21			1790.00		797.40	640.00	1000		2582.61		52820.01
08727	Fort Davis	5200	1058.76	4235.04	81%	3268.95	53.64	914.45											4235.04
08728	Fort Stockton	4200	700.00	4200.00	100%	3236.15	53.35	910.50											4200.00
	Marfa	500		0.00	0%														0.00
	Midland:																		
22011	First	112000	27899.99	111999.96	100%	111999.96	107.25	1851.25			1056.98	5977.00		270.00			1000.00		114056.94
10551	Grace	7950	1370.00	8625.00	108%	6668.50			325		1961.28	726.00	484.00				100.00		17258.28
22012	Trinity	0	844.00	0.00														484.00	1693.00
08729	Monahans	3969	992.25	3969.00	100%	3039.95	51.94	877.11				25.00							3994.00
	Odesa:																		
22013	First	20000	8237.75	20000.04	100%	15428.38	253.35	4318.31			1398.12	2547.74	929.00				50.00		27294.90
22015	Westminster	24000	2000.00	16000.00	67%	12544.00	194.00	3262.00			2787.06	1672.41							20459.47
22017	Peccos	420	300.00	420.00	100%	323.98	5.33	90.69				195.00						200.00	815.00
	San Angelo:																		
22018	First	17815	4454.00	17816.00	100%	14279.52	195.98	3340.50			459.59	1288.30							19563.89
08652	Nazareth	3600	900.00	3600.00	100%	2777.10	45.60	777.30	200		100.00								3900.00
11530	St. Mark	9600	2950.00	8450.00	88%	6530.72	71.25	1848.03		550	161.84						200.00		9161.84
08651	St. Paul	26775	2631.84	12657.41	47%	9946.48	149.96	2560.97			618.00								13475.41
	Seagraves	600	150.00	600.00	100%	471.00	7.35	121.65											600.00
22021	Sanderson	2000	1000.00	2000.00	100%	1492.50	27.50	480.00			228.15								2228.15
22023	Seminole	2640	1128.96	4363.40	165%	3430.42	53.06	879.92			429.82		152.63	110.00					5055.85
22024	Sonora	2500	2500.00	2500.00	100%	1865.00	35.00	600.00											2500.00
	Total Dollars	339619	90124.18	313835.89		269179.29	2462.40	42194.20	1953	700	17303.22	14420.45	2393.03	1231.00	3550	0.00	6810.61	684.00	362197.20
	Presbyterian Women					1257.45	1045.00	50.00		333.01	2070	1000.00	986.00	735.00	10286.46				

New Form of Government - Visioning Task Force

Tres Rios Presbytery
Tim Davenport-Herbst, moderator
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January 30, 2013

Members of the Presbytery of Tres Rios

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The nFOG-VIZ Task Force has been diligently meeting since receiving our commission at the June, 2012 presbytery meeting. We have met at least once a month, producing a mission statement, general vision for presbytery structure, and bylaws. We have received feedback from sessions and individuals, prayerfully incorporating suggestions and concerns.

We are able to present to you at the February 22, 2013 meeting a final copy of the bylaws for a first reading. We have spent many hours considering the use of terms, functions of groups and what needs to be in the bylaws and what does not.

We anticipate presenting to you in June a copy of the Manual of Administrative Operations. Unlike the bylaws, this document does not require two readings to adopt. However, because it is such a significant document and will contain most of the changes to the way we live together as a presbytery, we are asking for two readings and a period of feedback and comment. We will vote on the final Manual of Administrative Operations at the October meeting. This timing will allow us to more smoothly transition to a new structure beginning on January 1, 2014.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

In Christ's Service,

Tim

**BYLAWS
PRESBYTERY OF TRES RIOS**

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this presbytery is: The Presbytery of Tres Rios of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is a council of the Synod of the Sun and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The Presbytery of Tres Rios shall exercise all of the rights, responsibilities, and authorities assigned to the presbyteries in the *Book of Order* and all other rights, responsibilities, and authorities granted by the Bylaws and the Manual of Administrative Operations not inconsistent with the *Book of Order*. This presbytery shall be missional and guided by the following mission statement:

“God calls and empowers the Presbytery of Tres Rios in our worship and work to invite, encourage and challenge all we encounter to seek what God is doing in the world and join God there”.

ARTICLE III. BOUNDARIES

The geographical area of the Presbytery of Tres Rios includes the following counties in the State of Texas, U.S.A.: Andrews, Brewster, Coke, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Ector, El Paso, Gaines, Jeff Davis, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Irion, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Ward, and Winkler.

ARTICLE IV. CONSTITUTION

The Constitution of the Presbytery of Tres Rios shall consist of the *Book of Confessions* (Part I) and the *Book of Order* (Part II) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

ARTICLE V. INCORPORATION

The Presbytery of Tres Rios of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act exclusively for charitable, religious, and benevolent purposes under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code. The management of the affairs of the corporation is vested in its members. The duties and responsibilities usually vested in officers of a non-profit organization are hereby vested in the presbytery.

The corporation's principal office is located at 1201 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701. The Corporation will maintain a registered office and registered agent in Texas. The registered office may, but need not, be identical with the Corporation's principal office in Texas, and the presbytery may change the registered office and agent as permitted in the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE VI. TRUSTEES

Three trustees shall be elected by presbytery for a three year term in annual classes. One trustee shall be elected at each fall stated meeting. Trustees may succeed themselves. Ordinarily the stated clerk shall be one of the trustees and one trustee shall be an attorney-at-law. Only teaching and ruling elders who are at least 18 years of age shall be eligible to be elected as trustees.

The trustees, as directed by presbytery, shall receive, hold, encumber, manage and transfer property and facilitate the management of its civil affairs according to the constitution of the church and the laws of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE VII. ALL PROPERTY HELD IN TRUST

All property of the Corporation, both real and personal, is held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as per the *Book of Order*.

ARTICLE VIII. MEMBERS

The members of the Presbytery of Tres Rios shall be: all the congregations and teaching elders of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) within its boundaries. When the presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by one or more ruling elder(s) commissioned by each session as allowed by the PC (U.S.A.) Constitution, and determined by the presbytery. In addition, the following persons shall be enrolled as voting members of the presbytery:

- A. All ruling elders who are chairs of their permanent teams or permanent commissions shall be enrolled as members for the tenure of their office;
- B. All ruling elders who are elected moderator or moderator-elect of presbytery, stated clerk, treasurer, General Missioner and the PW Moderator;
- C. All Certified Christian Educators;
- D. Those Commissioned Ruling Elders who by virtue of their commission are given voice and vote at presbytery meetings.

ARTICLE IX. PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

There shall be a General Missioner, moderator, stated clerk, and treasurer as officers of the presbytery.

ARTICLE X. MEETINGS AND QUORUM

Presbytery shall meet at least twice per year as required by the *Book of Order* and may call special meetings as necessary in accordance with the Manual of Administrative Operations. A quorum for stated meetings shall be: four (4) teaching elders who are members of presbytery; and four (4) ruling elder commissioners from four (4) different congregations. Presbytery shall only meet as a constituted body in a specific location and only those members physically present shall vote. Each stated meeting shall include worship with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Both ecclesiastical and corporate business may be conducted at the same meeting.

The presbytery shall use the most current addition of *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised* except where the Manual of Administrative Operations or the Constitution of the church shall provide otherwise.

ARTICLE XI. ELECTIONS AND TERMS OF OFFICE

Presbytery shall elect officers and new classes, fill vacancies to its permanent and required teams and commissions, and elect commissioners at the final stated meeting of each year upon nominations by the proper group in accordance with the Manual of Administrative Operations.

ARTICLE XII. PRESBYTERY STRUCTURE

All necessary business of the presbytery as defined by the *Book of Order* shall be accomplished through the work of teams, task forces and commissions as described in the Manual of Administrative Operations. They shall meet as required by the Manual including meeting and voting electronically. Commissions may be appointed by presbytery for specific purposes authorized by the presbytery.

ARTICLE XIII. PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

The Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) shall be established as provided in the *Book of Order*, and shall have all the rights, responsibilities, and powers designated in the Rules of Discipline. The commission shall consist of nine teaching and ruling elders, in as near equal numbers as possible. Members shall be elected for three year staggered terms. The PJC shall be accountable to the stated clerk of presbytery only for transmission of its decisions to the presbytery.

ARTICLE XIV. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Presbytery of Tres Rios will be January 1 through December 31.

ARTICLE XV. AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be sent to the stated clerk at presbytery office for distribution at least four weeks before a stated meeting of the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall include the proposed amendment in the report to the presbytery and may include an opinion.

If its consideration is approved by a majority of those present, it shall be docketed for the next stated meeting of the presbytery. If, at the second reading, the recommendation is passed by a majority, it shall become effective at that time.

ARTICLE XVI. SUSPENSION OF THE BYLAWS

Any Bylaw, except that providing for the amendment of the Bylaws, may be suspended for a particular meeting upon the consent of two-thirds of those present, provided the rule is specifically cited.

ARTICLE XVII. MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

The Manual of Administrative Operations shall establish rules for the internal organization, operating procedures and relationships of presbytery officers, staff, teams and agencies. It shall be adopted by a majority vote of presbytery at a stated meeting.

Exhibit G

The Tres Rios Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team met for their winter retreat January 24 thru 26, 2013 at Ft. Davis, Texas. Twelve members of the CT were in attendance for a week end of fellowship and worship.

Committee meetings were held with all CT members present at the Committee meetings. Ideas were shared with each committee.

The Search Committee discussed the offices with terms expiring in 2013. Possible nominees for each vacancy were discussed.

The Treasurer presented the financial reports. The investments of the Willie Hall Black-Barstow funds were discussed. The Treasurer will verify the investment distribution in the Willie Hall Black-Barstow Covenant Fund to determine if any of the funds need to be transferred to investments that are not market driven.

The Historian report was presented. Churches will be advised that histories are due February 20, 2013.

The Willie Hall Black-Barstow Committee advised there are no candidates for scholarships at the present time for the year 2013. With fewer applications being received from seminary students it was the decision of the CT to amend the by-laws to allow assistance to CLP's with their studies. The proposed amendment will be presented for approval at the Spring Gathering.

The Spring Gathering was discussed. There will be only one Spring Gathering in 2013 (there has been a West & East gathering the last few years). The Spring Gathering will be held on April 20, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church – Odessa, TX. The theme this year will be “Celebrating Mission by Presbyterian Women”. The Justice & Peace offering recipients this year will be Casa Hogar Orphanage and Marion Medical Mission (providing shallow water wells in Africa). Each organization will make a presentation at the gathering.

The CT discussed, at length, the future of Tres Rios Presbyterian Women. Attendance is declining at the gatherings and officers for CT are difficult to locate. The CT decided to continue to promote Presbyterian Women in Tres Rios with the hope of reviving the interest in Presbyterian Women. In an effort to create interest in Presbyterian Women the CT will:

- Open a facebook account to stay in touch with Tres Rios churches
- Offer scholarships for attendance to the Bible Study Conference and the Women's Conference at Mo Ranch in July
- Make the churches in Tres Rios aware of the Mission of Presbyterian Women
- Mona Rood, Treasurer, will be available to answer questions from the churches or will travel to the churches to answer any questions about Presbyterian Women and the distribution of Presbyterian Women's offerings.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order with prayer by appointed moderator Glenda Harbert at 1:40 p.m. on Saturday, December 1, 2012 in the fellowship hall of Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland.

Stated Clerk Kay Long declared a quorum present and read the call for the meeting. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the Call for the meeting be approved. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the docket be approved.

Minister members present were: Mary Beth Anton, Tracy Spencer Brown, Jose Luis Casal, Glenda Harbert, Craig Holstedt, Cheryl Homsher, Flynn Long, Joe McGee, Craig Meyers, Jim Miles, Matt Miles, Jim Longstreet, Bill Proctor, Steve Schorr, Eric Thompson, Walter Thompson, Ed Wegele, Shannon Weisenfels, Todd Wyrick,

Elder commissioners present were: Janet Moss (First, Alpine); Susan Holstedt (First, Big Spring); Peggy Williams (First, Eldorado); John Meli (First, Fort Stockton); Glenn Rogers, Judia Foreman, Dan Foreman (First, Midland); Kay Brockman (Grace, Midland); Bill Warren (Trinity, Midland); Bob Hamblen and Lee Puckitt (First, San Angelo); Bart Teeter (St Paul, San Angelo)

Presbytery Council Voting Members: Don Carlton (Financial Services); Kay Long (Stated Clerk), Bobbie Duncan (Moderator)

Guests were: Frances Carlton (Grace, Midland – Committee on Ministry member); Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk);

Committee on Ministry

Rev. Jim Miles presented the report of the Committee on Ministry

- A. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the presbytery approve the Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy.

Members of the Committee on Ministry shared the process that was used to develop this policy. Discussion then followed.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the following amendment be approved.

- Page 7 – add 12.
At the time of dismissal all original records, minutes, rolls, or church documents become the property of Tres Rios Presbytery. The congregation may keep copies of those records as they so wish.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the following amendment be approved.

- Page 6
A congregation that is approved for dismissal may take its name with it, but must remove the PC(USA) seal from all property and documents.

It was MOVED and SECONDED that the following amendment be approved. Discussion followed.

- On page 3 and 6.
To require 51% of the congregation to be present on a vote to leave the denomination.
The motion failed.

It was MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the policy be adopted as amended. (See Exhibit "Reconciliation and Dismissal Process").

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Theresa Wright, Recording Clerk

Presbytery of Tres Rios

Reconciliation and Dismissal Process

Scripture

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. John 4:18 NSRV

The Presbytery's commitment to this passage in how we dialogue with each other means that we are committed to engage either the leaders of the congregation or the congregation as a whole, as circumstances dictate, with a listening ear. We encourage congregations wrestling with issues to share their concerns with Presbytery leadership and know that the response will be one of prayerful dialogue and a commitment to act in love and in the best interest of the congregation.

The Presbytery of Tres Rios believes God calls us to work together in unity,

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore. Psalm 133: 1 – 3 NRSV

with humility, gentleness, patience, and love to keep the Spirit through the bond of peace.

I therefore, ... beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:1-6 NRSV

GA Statement

The 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) urged that presbyteries and synods develop and make available to councils and local congregations a process that exercises the responsibility and power “to divide, dismiss, or dissolve churches in consultation with their members: (New Book of Order 2011 – 201(NBOO), G-3.0301 a, page 51) “ *Provide that the Word of God may be truly preached and heard.* This responsibility shall include organizing, receiving, merging, dismissing, and dissolving congregations in consultation with their members;” [NBOO - G-3.0301 a, page 51)]with consistency, pastoral responsibility, accountability, gracious witness, openness, and transparency. Believing that trying to exercise this responsibility and power through litigation is deadly to the cause of Christ, impacting the local church, other parts of the Body of Christ and ecumenical relationships, and our witness to Christ in the world around us, it urges congregations

considering leaving the denomination, presbyteries and synods to implement a process using the following principles:

- Consistency: The local authority delegated to presbyteries is guided and shaped by our shared faith, service, and witness to Jesus Christ.
- Pastoral Responsibility: The requirement to consult with the members of a church seeking dismissal highlights the presbytery's pastoral responsibility, which must not be submerged beneath other responsibilities.
- Accountability: For a governing body council now called council, accountability rightly dictates fiduciary and connectional concerns, raising general issues of property (G-3.0303 b, page 53) and specific issues of schism within a congregation (G-4.0207, pages 62, 63). But, full accountability also requires preeminent concern with "caring for the flock."
- Gracious Witness: Scripture and the Holy Spirit require a gracious witness from us rather than a harsh legalism.
- Openness and Transparency: Early, open communication and transparency about principles and process of dismissal necessarily serve truth, order, and goodness, and work again seeking civil litigation as a solution.
- Trust and Confidentiality: All matters will be held in confidence in the Reconciliation and Dismissal process. (NBOO – G 4.0301, page 63)

The Presbytery of Tres Rios seeks to uphold one another, respect each other's integrity, and affirm freedom of conscience, even as we acknowledge significant differences in our views on what the Bible teaches about a number of issues. We desire to encourage peace and unity while minimizing confrontation between and among our congregations and member as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. In all that we do, it is our prayer to strive to be a church modeled on the body of Christ, a church made up of many different parts, all of which are necessary for its mission to the world, for its building up, and for its service to God and our own organic spiritual unity found in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

DISCERNMENT PROCESS

A session wishing to initiate this process shall put the matter to a vote. If at a duly noticed meeting with appropriate quorum, the session votes by two-thirds majority to initiate the discernment process, the Clerk of Session shall contact the Presbytery office, General Missioner, and inform the Stated Clerk of this desire. Once Tres Rios Presbytery has been notified, the Committee On Ministry (COM) shall present its internal Reconciliation and Dismissal Process to be approved by the Presbytery. The session shall then call a congregational meeting for the purpose of approving participation in the discernment process. At that meeting, the congregation shall vote to establish a quorum of 30% for any future meeting to vote on requesting dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) If approved, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery and the Clerk of Session (or their designated representative) shall sign a Covenant Agreement (see page 9).- Committee On Ministry (COM) and session shall then select member representatives for the Discernment Team.

The Discernment Team shall consist of four representatives from the church and four representatives from the Presbytery. The session of the congregation shall select the representatives from the church, one from the church staff, one from the session and two at large active members of the congregation. COM shall select two Ruling Elders and two Teaching Elders from the Presbytery (at least one of these four from COM). Moderator of COM shall inform Presbytery Council of progress and actions. The Discernment Team shall covenant to meet together a minimum of five times.

First Meeting

The first meeting of the Discernment Team shall be convened by the COM Representative. During this meeting, the process shall be reviewed and a facilitator/moderator will be selected. A majority of the Presbytery representatives and a majority of the congregation representatives shall concur in the selection of a facilitator/moderator. The facilitator/moderator shall not be one of the eight members of the Discernment Team and shall have voice but not vote during the discernment process. The Discernment Team will engage in extended time of prayer and introductions. Following the first Meeting, the Discernment Team will meet at least four more times. The expected content of the meetings is outlined below.

Second Meeting

The Discernment Team members will share their faith stories, their understanding of the spiritual and theological issues at stake between the congregation and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and pray for God's guidance. This meeting will primarily be a listening and sharing session.

Third Meeting

The facilitator of the Discernment Team will guide a prayerful dialogue on foundational theological issues. The purpose of this discussion is to determine how much common theological and ecclesiastical ground exists between the congregation and the denomination.

Fourth Meeting

The Discernment Team will create a process of prayer and discernment to listen to the concerns, sensitivities and questions of congregation members.

Fifth Meeting

Upon completion of the listening process, the Discernment Team will address the concerns, sensitivities and questions of congregation members.

Additional Meetings

The content of additional meetings will be determined mutually by members of the Discernment Team.

Upon completion of the above meetings and time committed to prayer, the Discernment Team will make a report with recommendations to the congregation in one or more “town hall” meetings.

If the session determines the congregation is still called by God to remain in covenant relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), both parties will work together to heal any broken relationships (see “Guidelines for Restoration of Fellowship and Recommitment to Presbytery-Congregational Relationship” page 5).

If the session votes to call a congregational meeting to recommend dismissal to another Reformed body, the session shall follow the “Procedure for Seeking Dismissal”. These policies and procedures shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Presbytery.²

NOTE: It is understood that if a reorganization plan of presbytery’s committee structure is adopted, the committees or teams charged with carrying out the function or responsibilities of this committee shall be the successor entities for the purposes of this policy.

² *NOTE: If a congregation or its leadership preemptively files suit in a civil court against the Presbytery, the Presbytery of Tres Rios will answer and defend the suit. If suit is filed, the Presbytery of Tres Rios also reserves the right to apply the Alternative Process for a Church Considering or Seeking Dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Likewise, if a congregation or its leadership abandons this Reconciliation and Dismissal Process before completion, the Alternative Process for a Church Seeking Dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will apply.*

GUIDELINES FOR RESTORATION OF FELLOWSHIP AND RECOMMITMENT TO PRESBYTERY- CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONSHIP

If the Session or congregation determines that it is called into a continued or transformed relationship with the Presbytery of Tres Rios, the Discernment Team will create and conduct a process for continuation/transformation of fellowship and reaffirmation to the Presbytery-congregational relationship. The following are presented as minimal guidelines for marking and sealing that reaffirmation:

1. The Discernment Team will assist the Session in writing a covenant of reaffirmation articulating the nature and specifics of the future relationship between the congregation, Presbytery and the PC (U.S.A.). (page 9 Covenant Agreement offered as a place to begin.)
2. Conducting a public service of worship and reaffirmation to shared fellowship and ministry, with participation from Presbytery and congregation.
3. Sharing of story and testimony from members of the Discernment Team and congregation at the congregational and Presbytery level (and beyond, if appropriate).
4. Blessing and commissioning of any minority that leaves the local congregation (to the extent possible), in the hope of maintaining bonds of peace.

PROCEDURE FOR SEEKING DISMISSAL

Upon completion of the discernment process described in the “Commitment to Reconciliation,” a session and congregation desiring to enter into the process of seeking dismissal shall follow this procedure:

1. The session shall call for a meeting of the congregation. Advance notice for the meeting shall be by written letter to each member on the active roll of the congregation who is eligible to vote at the meeting, as well as through three Sunday worship announcements. The letter shall be mailed at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting date and shall include:
 - a. the motion from the session to be dismissed to a particular Reformed body
 - b. a written statement from the Discernment Team majority and minority (if applicable)Public announcements of the congregational meeting shall be made at all worship services between the date of the call and the actual congregational meeting. Representatives of the Presbytery (which may include members of the Discernment Team, Presbytery Council, Stated Clerk, General Missioner, and representative of COM shall also be invited to the meeting, with the right to address the body-gathered.
2. Members eligible to vote at the congregational meeting shall be those listed on the roll of Active members of the church (G-1.0402, page 22) as of the date of the letter calling the congregational meeting. The quorum for the congregational meeting shall be the designated quorum of the congregation or 30%, whichever is higher.
3. All members present, as well as the representatives of Presbytery, shall have the right to speak. When the discussion is concluded, the vote shall be taken by written ballot. At least two-thirds of those present voting must vote in favor of requesting dismissal to another Reformed body in order for the proposal to pass.
4. If at least two-thirds of those voting request dismissal, the Presbytery shall agree to the dismissal. Prior to a dismissal, the session and representatives of the Presbytery will enter into a legal agreement regarding the disposition of property. Presbytery’s decision of whether or not to release its claim to real and personal property used or held by a particular congregation will take into account many issues such as the spiritual needs of the congregation and community as well as the Marks, Notes and Great Ends of the Church (See F-1.0302; F-1.0303; F-1.0304). The presbytery must also consider a congregation’s financial position and valuation of property and take into consideration the PC (USA)’s use and benefits of the property in every decision concerning disposition of property. The Trust Clause, Book of Order (G-4.0203) evidences the interconnected relationship existing between the PC (USA) and its congregations, as well as, our unity in the covenant of common mission. It also reflects our understanding of the church as a communion of saints across time, with responsibilities both to those who came before and those who will follow.
5. The Presbytery recognizes that “the church” in a particular area is not its building or financial assets, but the people of the congregation. When the required two-thirds of those votes are to join another Reformed body, and when a minority of at least 10% vote to remain in the PC (U.S.A.), a separate meeting shall be convened at a separate time to discern interest, if any, in starting a PC (U.S.A.) congregation. If 25 or more members of the active membership sign a letter expressing intent to begin another PC (U.S.A.) congregation, the Church Development Committee (CDC)¹ of Presbytery, or its agent, shall determine if the leadership, mission, and resources exist to organize a new church. If the Church Development Committee or its agent makes that determination, an amount of money shall be made available for the new church development before dismissal of the majority with property.³ The formula used to determine the amount is as

follows: An amount of money at least equal to the fair market value of the property minus loans, multiplied by the percentage of its active membership signing a petition to organize a new church.

6. A congregation that is approved for dismissal may take its name with it, but must remove the PC(USA) seal from all property and documents.
7. In the event that any congregation's request for dismissal is approved under the terms of this Process, the Presbytery shall, in conjunction with the congregation, hold a final worship service of commissioning, to celebrate our common life in Jesus Christ and to pray for the effectiveness and well-being of both the congregation and the Presbytery. Those departing the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be commissioned by the Presbytery to further their work for the kingdom as they go forward in ministry. The service will be jointly planned by members of the Committee on Worship and the session, and all congregations of the Presbytery of Tres Rios shall be invited.
8. A congregation being dismissed shall be required to remove the Presbytery of Tres Rios from any outstanding loan guarantees and to pay off any loans outstanding to any entity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
9. A congregation being dismissed will be required to take a roll of its membership as of the official date of dismissal, to transfer the memberships of all those on the roll who request transfer to another congregation, and to file all reports required by the Presbytery for statistical record-keeping.
10. A congregation being dismissed will be required to work with the Presbyterian Board of Pensions to determine the effective date of the dismissal.
11. There are some practical considerations to be addressed, should a congregation be approved for dismissal. These are listed for information, and are not all-inclusive or binding for the purposes of this Procedure.
 - a) The status of the minister(s) currently called by the congregation: whether they shall remain with the congregation and transfer their ministerial status to the new denomination, or whether they choose to remain within the PC (U.S.A.), and thus need to look toward seeking a new call.
 - b) The status of any insurance policies held by the congregation with instrumentalities of the PC (U.S.A.) may need to be changed.
 - c) The corporate status of the congregation shall be revised to reflect its dismissal.
 - d) The presbytery agrees to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer of all assets or property pursuant to this procedure.
12. At the time of dismissal all original records, minutes, rolls or church legal documents become the property of Tres Rios Presbytery. The congregation may keep copies of those records as they so wish.

³ The intent of this section is to help a minority of the congregation who wish to remain in the PC (U.S.A.) by undertaking and supporting the initiation of a new PC (U.S.A.) congregation. Given the commercial value of much church land is many times the value of the buildings, this minimum formula (which can be exceeded) gives members wishing to start a new PC (U.S.A.) congregation significant funds to do so and asks a departing congregation to make significant contribution without unrealistically burdening the departing congregation.

Approval and Amendment of this Process

This Process shall be effective after approval of Presbytery of Tres Rios Reconciliation and Dismissal Process at the next stated or called meeting. Amendments to the Procedure are in order at the Presbytery meeting where the vote takes place.

Subsequent to the adoption of this Process, it may only be amended or rescinded by the same Process stated above: after a preliminary reading/discussion of the Process at a Presbytery meeting and ratification by a majority of those voting at a subsequent Presbytery meeting.

The Process in effect on the date of the covenant agreement between the session and the Presbytery shall remain in effect throughout the process for that particular congregation even if the Process is amended or rescinded by the Presbytery during the process.

Covenant Agreement

In order to: promote the ongoing faithfulness of our members in the work of the Mission of God through Jesus Christ; exercise “mutual forbearance”; treat others with respect regardless of theological and ecclesiological differences; and work for fairness to all parties in our decisions, therefore, the Council of the Presbytery of Tres Rios and the congregation of the

_____ Church of

_____, Texas, covenant to follow the Reconciliation and Dismissal Process and abide by its terms as a way of discerning God’s will for the relationship between the congregation and the Presbytery of Tres Rios.

Date _____

Pastor

Moderator - Presbytery of Tres Rios

Clerk of Session

Stated Clerk – Presbytery of Tres Rios

THE PRESBYTERY OF TRES RIOS ALTERNATIVE PROCESS FOR A CHURCH CONSIDERING OR SEEKING DISMISSAL FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

The Presbytery of Tres Rios has established a Reconciliation and Dismissal Process for member churches considering dismissal from the denomination and strongly encourages pastors, sessions and congregations to engage in the process outlined.

Recognizing that there may be churches that either choose to seek dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) without covenanting to abide by the Reconciliation and Dismissal Process or that may choose to abandon that process before completing it while continuing to seek dismissal from the denomination, the Presbytery establishes this Alternative Process for Churches Seeking Dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.).

The intent of this Alternative Process is to provide guidelines for a gracious, decent, and orderly interaction between the Presbytery and churches seeking dismissal outside of the guidelines defined in the Reconciliation and Dismissal Process.

ALTERNATIVE PROCESS

When the Presbytery is notified that a church has taken steps to request dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) without complying with the Reconciliation and Dismissal Process or that a church that was proceeding under the Reconciliation and Dismissal Process fails to complete it but is requesting dismissal, then the Presbytery will respond by following these guidelines.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

1. Pursuant to G-3.0109b page 46-47 (5), the Moderator of Presbytery shall nominate and the Presbytery shall elect, an Administrative Commission ("AC"). The primary task of the AC is to "attempt to inquire into and settle the difficulties" of the church in question. The authority of the AC will be specifically defined for the situation. Powers of the AC may include authorization for the AC to assume jurisdiction in whole or in part over the affairs of the church with the power to act in place of the session.
2. The Stated Clerk of Presbytery will conduct a training session for members of the AC to apprise them of the powers that are delegated to the AC, and the facts and circumstances that prompted the formation of the AC.
3. Powers granted to the AC by the Presbytery may include the authority for the AC:
 - a. to determine whether a schism exists within the congregation (G-4.0207, pages 62 - 63);
 - b. If schism exists, to determine if one of the factions of the congregation represents *the true church within the PC (U.S.A.)* (G-4.0207, pages 62 - 63);
 - c. to make recommendations to the Presbytery to dissolve pastoral relationships or to place pastors on administrative leave. When requisite authority is given by the Presbytery, the AC may dissolve pastoral relationships (G-3.0109b, page 46);

- d. to request records of the session (G-3.0108b, page 45), “*If a higher governing body learns at any time of any irregularity or delinquency by a lower governing body, it may require the governing body to produce any records and take appropriate action.*”;
- e. to examine and copy whatever records of the congregation that may be relevant (e.g., how money is held, title to property, title policies, surveys, insurance documents, financial statements and records, budgets, tax returns, bank and account statements, mortgages or other loan documents, corporate articles, bylaws, and charters – especially changes in any of these).
- f. to assume original jurisdiction (in whole or in part) in any case in which it determines that the session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely the affairs of its church (, G-3.02 and G-3.0201, pages 48 - 49);
- g. to freeze the assets of the congregation and approve expenditures;
- h. to secure the building, grounds and other property of the congregation for the use and benefit of the PC (U.S.A.);
- i. to determine if and when a meeting of the congregation is appropriate for the purpose of voting to seek dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.);
- j. to call that congregational meeting, and provide the moderator and clerk for that meeting and to report results of the congregational vote to the Presbytery;
- k. to authorize oversight of the church, its ministry and its property by a group within the congregation that has been identified as “*the true church within the PC (U.S.A.)*” (G-4.0207, pages 62 - 63);
- l. to propose to the Presbytery any recommendation for the disposition of the property held by or for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the assumption of the liabilities of the church, if there is no group within the congregation that has been identified as *the true church within the PC (U.S.A.)*, or if such group cannot or does not assume responsibility for the church, or its property or liabilities;
- m. to consider the conformity with the PC (U.S.A.) (in matters of doctrines and order) of the proposed receiving body or denomination to which a congregation has, or may, request dismissal, and to propose to the Presbytery any recommendation regarding same for the Presbytery’s consideration and action.
- n. to fulfill any other responsibilities as assigned by the Presbytery, or as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith or in connection with those set forth above.

B. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

1. The AC shall keep the Presbytery informed of significant actions taken and shall make recommendations directly to the Presbytery for all actions that require the Presbytery's approval.
2. One of the powers of the AC is to determine when or if a meeting of the congregation is appropriate for the purpose of voting to seek dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.) to another Reformed denomination. Prior to any such vote, the leadership of the church shall furnish to the AC written verification that they will receive the church upon dismissal from the PC (U.S.A.). The Presbytery or AC may request any other written information about that denomination, such as doctrine, governance and permanence. The call for the congregational meeting shall be in accordance with the notice and quorum requirements of that congregation.
3. A request for withdrawal shall be by two-thirds vote of the active membership of the congregation as recorded in the Annual Statistical Report for the immediately preceding year. By such vote the congregation must adopt a resolution requesting that the Presbytery dismiss the church to a specified Reformed denomination that is in correspondence with the General Assembly of the PC (U.S.A.) and is a member of ecumenical bodies in which the PC (U.S.A.) is also a member. The resolution shall specify whether dismissal is sought with all or part the church's property or without the church's property. If dismissal is sought with part of the property then the resolution shall specify the property to be retained.

C. DISPOSITION OF CHURCH PROPERTY

1. Disposition of the property of the church shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of G-4.0207, pages 63 – 62 (Property of Congregation in Schism) and G-4.020, pages 61 – 63 (Exceptions) of the Book of Order.
2. A minority of the church congregation may choose to elect new church leadership and assume responsibility of the property subject to the jurisdiction of the AC or sell the property to the majority with the approval of the Presbytery (if required).

If the minority does not or cannot assume responsibility for the property within a reasonable period of time (as determined by the AC), then the AC may recommend that the Presbytery dismiss or dissolve the congregation, or dispose of the property, or take other appropriate action.

3. The AC may consider the following options for the disposition of the church property if there is no faction of the congregation that can or does assume responsibility for the church property as a continuing congregation of the PC (U.S.A.):
 - a. Sell, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of the property to a third party;
 - b. Retain the property for a new church development, or hold, use and apply the property for another mission of the Presbytery;
 - c. Sell, lease or transfer the property to the membership of the dismissed congregation upon terms acceptable to the Presbytery on condition that the church is dismissed to another Reformed denomination.



THE PRESBYTERY OF TRES RIOS

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November 15, 2012

To: All Ministers and Clerks of Session
From: Bobbie Duncan, Moderator Tres Rios Presbytery
Subj: Notice of Special Called Meeting of Presbytery

The prior constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Tres Rios to meet at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, December 1, 2012 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas in accordance with the attached petition.

Dear Friends,

The Stated Clerk has received a letter from the session of First Presbyterian Church, Eldorado informing the presbytery that they have unanimously voted to recommend to the congregation that they withdraw its membership from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and pursue membership in the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians.

As recommended by the 219th General Assembly, each synod and presbytery should develop and make available to councils and local congregations a process that exercises the responsibility and power "to divide, dismiss, or dissolve churches in consultation with their members" (G-3.0301).

The Committee on Ministry has worked many months with numerous meetings to prepare a process for presbytery's consideration and approval should the occasion arise (copy attached). In order for presbytery to respond in a timely manner, it is necessary to call a special meeting to consider and adopt this policy.

In Christ's Service,

Bobbie Duncan
Moderator, Presbytery of Tres Rios

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PETITION FOR A PRO RE NATA (SPECIAL CALLED) MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TRES RIOS

We the undersigned, request the Moderator to call a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios for Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 1:30 P.M. at Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.

The purpose is:

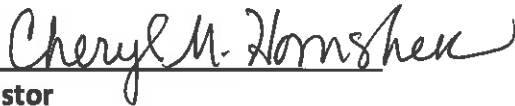
To hear and act upon the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to adopt a Reconciliation and Dismissal Process regarding congregations seeking to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (USA). A copy of the proposed document is attached.




Pastor



Elder



Pastor



Elder

Docket

Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas

1:30 p.m.

Bobbie Duncan, Moderator

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Committee on Ministry

Jim Miles

- A. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the presbytery approve the Reconciliation and Dismissal Policy.**

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

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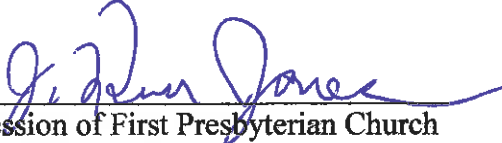
November 5, 2012


Mrs. Kay Long
Stated Clerk
Tres Rios Presbytery
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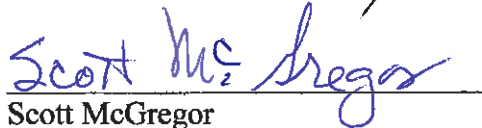
Dear Mrs. Long:

We, the members of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, are writing to notify you, as the Stated Clerk of Tres Rios Presbytery, of our unanimous vote on November 1 to recommend to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado that the congregation withdraw its membership from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and pursue membership within the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

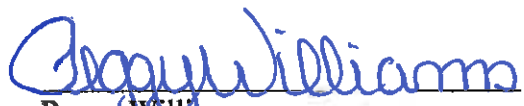
Respectfully,

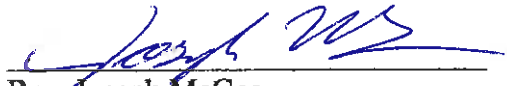

Session of First Presbyterian Church
By Kirk Jones,
Clerk of Session


Mike Lux


Scott McGregor


Chris Phillips


Peggy Williams


Rev. Joseph McGee

11-05-2012
November 5, 2012

cc: Rev. Jose Luis Casal, General Missioner

Minutes

The meeting was called to order with prayer by moderator Craig Meyers at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2013 in the fellowship hall of Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland.

Stated Clerk Kay Long declared a quorum present and read the call for the meeting. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the Call for the meeting be approved. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the docket be approved.

Minister members present were: Mary Beth Anton, Tracey Spencer-Brown, Jose Luis Casal, Glenda Harbert, Craig Holstedt, Cheryl Homsher, Richard McFarlin, Jobeth McLeod, Craig Meyers, Jim Miles, and Ed Wegele

Elder commissioners present were: Marie Burton (First, Alpine); Paula Farquhar (First, Big Spring); John Meli (First, Fort Stockton); Judia Foreman, Dan Foreman, Pat Hunter (First, Midland); Kay Brockman (Grace, Midland); Bill Warren (Trinity, Midland); Martha Crump (First, Odessa); Pam Keel (Westminster, Odessa)

Presbytery Council Voting Members: Don Carlton (Presbytery Financial Services Moderator); Kay Long (Presbytery Stated Clerk)

Guests were: Dave Boes (Trinity, Midland); Frances Carlton (Grace, Midland); David Entzminger (Trinity, Midland); VerNelle Fidler (Trinity, Midland); Brian Fultz (Trinity, Midland); Lori Fultz (Trinity, Midland); Jim Miles; Robert Pena (First, Odessa); Joe Petersen (Trinity, Midland); Joan Rice (Trinity, Midland); Kathy Wagner (Trinity, Midland); Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk)

The Church Development Committee, Committee on Ministry and Financial Services Committee recommend the following:

Glenda Harbert (Trinity Session Moderator) presented the report.

- A. That the presbytery concur with the request of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas that the presbytery dissolve the congregation effective on or before May 31, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation A be approved.

- B. Appoint an Administrative Commission to guide and support the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas in their request that presbytery dissolve the congregation effective on or before May 31, 2013.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation B be approved.

- C. Elect the following as members of the Administrative Commission: Teaching Elders: Craig Holstedt, Church Development Committee; Glenda Harbert and Cheryl Homsher, Committee on Ministry; Jose Luis Casal, General Missioner; Ruling Elders: Martha Crump, First Odessa -

Financial Services Committee; Bill Warren Trinity, Midland - session; and Kay Long, St. Paul, San Angelo - Stated Clerk.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation C be approved.

D. The duties of the Administrative Commission shall be as follows:

1. Authority to declare the final date of dissolution of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.
2. Work with the session to conclude the affairs of the church and develop a workable time-line, plan for interim pulpit supply and pastoral care of the congregation, and in providing a fair separation policy and letters of reference for the employees of the church. Assist the session in making plans for a final worship service celebrating the life and ministry of the congregation giving thanks to God, transferring members to other area churches; and filing Articles of Dissolution of the Corporation with the Secretary of State in Texas.
3. Explore with members of the congregation the possibilities of beginning a new Presbyterian witness and ministry in Midland in consultation with the Church Development Committee.
4. As per the Book of Order G-4.0203 all property of Trinity Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission shall assume original jurisdiction at the appropriate time to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, bank accounts, investment accounts, trusts and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Trinity Presbyterian Church.
5. Authority to consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other personal property of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and from the date of the action to approve the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery.
6. Authority to enter into listing agreements with licensed real estate professionals, employ the services of appraisers, and attorneys as needed, and approve the sale and/or encumbrance of property in consultation with the presbytery trustees, and authorize the trustees to accept and execute deeds of title to the property.
7. The Administrative Commission and the presbytery trustees are authorized to assert claim on behalf of presbytery to any property of Trinity Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to Trinity Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.
8. Authority to consult with the Financial Services Committee and determine where proceeds from the sale of property and the liquidation of assets should be deposited, establishing banking or investment accounts as needed.
9. Authority to obtain adequate insurance on any real property not sold at the time of dissolution.
10. Authority to receive Session Records to be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery who will then forward them to the Presbyterian Historical Society for safekeeping.

11. Authority to receive the rolls of membership, grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the roll for up to one year.
12. Report to presbytery on a regular basis and keep thorough and accurate minutes of all meetings to be delivered to the Stated Clerk.
13. Give a full accounting of the transfer of members and a listing of those remaining on the roll to the Stated Clerk, and the distribution of the assets.
14. The Stated Clerk shall report the dissolution of the congregation to the Office of General Assembly once completed.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation D be approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Long (Stated Clerk)

Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk)



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To: All Clerks of Session, Teaching Elder Members and Ruling Elder Commissioners

From: Bobbie Duncan, Moderator Tres Rios Presbytery

Subj: Notice of Special Called Meeting of Presbytery

The prior constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call the Presbytery of Tres Rios to meet at 1:30 p.m., January 19, 2013 at Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas in accordance with the attached petition.

Dear Friends,

At the request of petitioners, I must once again call us to gather together to conduct urgent and important business of the presbytery.

After almost a year of prayerful consideration, the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland has come to the conclusion that God is calling them to His service in a different place, and have voted to request that presbytery dissolve the congregation. They have made the determination that the small number of members can no longer financially support the very large facilities and programs, and feel they need to be relieved of the burdens. They have asked for the dissolution to be effective May 31, 2013 in order to allow the Children's Learning Center, which is under the legal umbrella of the church, to finish the school year.

As there are many pastoral and legal aspects to this request, and it is of extreme importance that presbytery appoint, as quickly as possible, an Administrative Commission to walk beside the congregation through this process. It is our wish to offer our love and support of the congregation with our prayers and pastoral care during this difficult period, and provide them with guidance in concluding the affairs of the church, and assisting them in finding new communities of faith in which to live out their call to ministry.

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PETITION FOR A PRO RE NATA (SPECIAL CALLED) MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TRES RIOS

We the undersigned, request the Moderator to call a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios for January 19, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.

The purpose is:

To concur with the request of the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas that the presbytery dissolve the congregation effective on or before May 31, 2013.

To appoint an Administrative Commission to guide and support the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas in their request that presbytery dissolve the congregation effective May 31, 2013.

To elect the following as members of the Administrative Commission: Teaching Elders: Craig Holstedt, Church Development Committee; Glenda Harbert and Cheryl Homsher, Committee on Ministry; Jose Luis Casal, General Missioner; Ruling Elders: Martha Crump, First Odessa - Financial Services Committee; Brian Fultz, Trinity, Midland - session; and Kay Long, St. Paul, San Angelo - Stated Clerk.

To establish the powers of the Administrative Commission as follows:


- 1. Authority to declare the final date of dissolution of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas.**
- 2. Work with the session to conclude the affairs of the church and develop a workable timeline, plan for interim pulpit supply and pastoral care of the congregation, and in providing a fair separation policy and letters of reference for the employees of the church. Assist the session in making plans for a final worship service celebrating the life and ministry of the congregation giving thanks to God, transferring members to other area churches; and filing Articles of Dissolution of the Corporation with the Secretary of State in Texas.**
- 3. Explore with members of the congregation the possibilities of beginning a new Presbyterian witness and ministry in Midland in consultation with the Church Development Committee.**
- 4. As per the Book of Order G-4.0203 all property of Trinity Presbyterian Church is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Administrative Commission shall assume original jurisdiction at the appropriate time in order to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, bank accounts, investment accounts, trusts and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of Trinity Presbyterian Church.**
- 5. Authority to consult with the session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other personal property of Trinity Presbyterian Church, and from the date of the action to approve the disposition of**


property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the presbytery.

6. Authority to enter into listing agreements with licensed real estate professionals, employ the services of appraisers, and attorneys as needed, and approve the sale and/or encumbrance of property in consultation with the presbytery trustees, and authorize the trustees to accept and execute deeds of title to the property.
7. The Administrative Commission and the presbytery trustees are authorized to assert claim on behalf of presbytery to any property of Trinity Presbyterian Church not known at this time or property which may come to Trinity Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.
8. Authority to consult with the Financial Services Committee and determine where proceeds from the sale of property and the liquidation and transfer of assets should be deposited, establishing banking or investment accounts as needed.
9. Authority to obtain adequate insurance on any real property not sold at the time of dissolution.
10. Authority to receive Session Records to be delivered to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery who will then forward them to the Presbyterian Historical Society for safekeeping.
11. Authority to receive the rolls of membership, grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the roll for up to one year.
12. Report to presbytery on a regular basis and keep thorough and accurate minutes of all meetings to be delivered to the Stated Clerk.
13. Give a full accounting of the transfer of members and a listing of those remaining on the roll to the Stated Clerk, and the distribution of the assets.
14. The Stated Clerk shall report the dissolution of the congregation to the Office of General Assembly once completed.


Pastor


Elder - First Pres., Odessa


Pastor


Elder - St Paul, San Antonio

Docket
Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios
Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas
January 19, 2013
1:30 p.m.

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Craig Meyers, Vice Moderator

Declaration and Quorum

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Reading and Approval of the Call for Meeting

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Adoption of the Docket

Church Development Committee
Committee on Ministry
Financial Services

Glenda Harbert

The Church Development Committee, Committee on Ministry and Financial Services Committee recommend the following:

- A. That the presbytery concur with the request of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas that the presbytery dissolve the congregation effective on or before May 31, 2013
- B. Appoint an Administrative Commission to guide and support the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas in their request that presbytery dissolve the congregation effective on or before May 31, 2013.
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