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# The Presbytery of Tres Rios The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) St Mark Presbyterian Church San Angelo, Texas June 6, 2014

The 100<sup>th</sup> stated meeting of The Presbytery of Tres Rios, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was called to order by Moderator Craig Meyers at 9:30 a.m. on June 6, 2014 with prayer. The presbytery was recessed to gather for worship and communion.

The presbytery was reconvened with prayer at 11:30 a.m. by Moderator Craig Meyers. A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk Kay Long.

Rev.Craig Meyers welcomed the presbytery to St Mark Presbyterian Church. Guests and first time commissioners were introduced.

Those in attendance were:

Teaching Elders: Lewis Allen; Tracy Spencer-Brown; Jose Luis Casal; Glenda Harbert; Wilma Harris; Cynthia Davenport-Herbst; Tim Davenport-Herbst; Craig Holstedt; Neal Locke; Flynn Long; Jessica Vaughan Lower; Dick McFarlin; Jobeth McLeod; Craig Meyers; Jim Miles; Joel Moore; John Nelsen; Walter Thompson; Caryn Thurman.

Commissioned Ruling Elder: Ann Hurt, Bea Torres

Ruling Elders: Nelson Sager, First, Alpine; Helen Glass, First, Big Spring; Rebecca Lenig, First, El Paso; Bill Rose, Grace, El Paso; Ted Wehmeyer, University, El Paso; Lawson Allen, First, Fort Davis; John Meli, First, Fort Stockton; Horace Griffin, Dan Foreman, Pat Hunter, First, Midland; Bob Alexander, Grace, Midland; Che Stone, Steve Boster, First, San Angelo; Susan Lauffer, St Mark, San Angelo; David Cooper, Sarah Stroh, St Paul, San Angelo; Dan Calfee, First, Seminole.

Ex Officio members present: Kay Long (Stated Clerk); Jimmy Stevens (Treasurer); Bart Teeter (Vice Moderator); Linda Allen (Presbyterian Women Moderator).

Visitors: John Allison, First, San Angelo; A.V. Alonzo, St Mark, San Angelo; Betty Alonzo, St Mark, San Angelo; Marj Carpenter, Former Moderator 207<sup>th</sup> General Assembly; Bernie Coffee, St Paul, San Angelo; Laurette Ernst, St Mark, San Angelo; Ray Ernst, St Mark, San Angelo; Carl Gulick, First, Midland; Emily Gulick, Young Adult Advisory Delegate 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly; Suzanne Gulick, Tres Rios Candidate; Susan Holstedt, First, Big Spring; Jan Kelsey, St Mark, San Angelo; Marvin Kelsey, St Mark, San Angelo; Cara Lanigan, First, El Paso; Frank Mayne, First, El Paso; Christina Mayne, First, El Paso; Bobby Shirley, St Paul, San Angelo; Debra Shirley, St Paul, San Angelo; Peggy Tharp, St Paul, San Angelo.

Corresponding Members: Sherry Kenney (Presbyterian Church Foundation); Valerie Young (Synod Stated Clerk)

Excused Teaching Elders: Mary Beth Anton; Lawrence Hamrick; Cheryl Homsher; Patty Lane; Matt Miles; Katherine Norvell; Bill Proctor; Jayne Ruiz; Bill Schlesinger; Carol Schlesinger; Steve Schorr; Shannon Weisenfels; Ed Wegele; Todd Wyrick

Excused Commissioned Ruling Elders: None

Excused Ruling Elders: Divine Savior, Monahans, Pecos

Unexcused Teaching Elders: Toby Brown; Amy Robinson; Eric Thompson

Unexcused Commissioned Ruling Elders: None

Unexcused Ruling Elders: Andrews; Ballinger; Coahoma; Faith; St Andrew; Marfa; First, Odessa; Westminster; Nazareth; Sanderson; Sonora.

#### **Docket**

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

#### **Omnibus Motion**

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that all matters of information and recommendations of a routine nature be adopted. Exception: Move Matter in II.E. of the Missional Ministries Team report be removed from the Omnibus Motion to be discussed during the report.

#### Communications

Report was presented by Stated Clerk, Kay Long and approved.

Requests for excuse from the Revs. Patty Lane, Jayne Ruiz, Matt Miles, Ed Wegele, Bill Proctor, Todd Wyrick, Mary Beth Anton, Cheryl Homsher, Steve Schorr, Lawrence Hamrick, Bill Schlesinger, Carol Schlesinger, Katherine Norvell, Shannon Weisenfels Granted and that the clerk be authorized to add names as needed.

Requests for excuse from elder commissioner from	n
Monahans, Divine Savior, Pecos	

Granted and that the clerk be authorized to add names as needed.

The minutes from the commission to install Mary Beth Anton as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Midland

That they be found in order and admitted to record. (See Exhibit B)

From the Presbyterian Association of Church Musicians.

To recognize the recertification of Gregory Pysh from First

Presbyterian Church, Midland as a Certified Church Musician.

From the General Assembly Committee on Ecumenical Relations recognizing Jose Luis Casal as one of four recipients of the Ecumenical Service Recognition by the General Assembly of the PC(USA).

From Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare recognizing
University Presbyterian Church for its Community Transformation
Award. The Presbytery presented a plaque to commemorate this award. John Nelsen accepted the recognition on behalf of University Presbyterian Church.

#### Report of the Minutes Audit Task Force for February 7, 2014

The minutes of the February 7, 2014 meeting were approved as printed and distributed.

Pat Hunter, Glenda Harbert and Jim Miles were appointed to serve on the minutes audit task force for the June 6, 2014 meeting.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk was received as information.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership 1/1/13 Membership Gains Membership Losses	5,918 221 352
Total Presbytery Membership 12/31/13	5787
Teaching elders on roll 1/1/13 Teaching elders received	60 2

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Teaching elders ordained	0
Teaching elders dismissed	2
Teaching elders deaths	3
Removal from roll	1
Teaching elders dismissed to other denominations	1
Teaching elders on roll 12/31/13	55
Commissioned Ruling Elders 12/31/13	2
Churches on roll 1/1/13	29
Churches organized	0
Churches dissolved	1
Churches dismissed	1
Churches on roll 12/31/13	27

The following churches did not submit sessional statistical reports for 2013: Big Spring; Coahoma; Nazareth; Sonora.

#### Stated Clerk's Parity Report

TOTAL Teaching Elders Members (active)	41
Total Ruling Elder Commissioner Members	32
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2
Ruling Elder Officers of Presbytery	2
Ruling Elder Team Moderators with Vote	5
TOTAL Ruling Elder Voting Members	41

The following congregations are to send total ruling elder commissioners based on size:

First, Midland 4 Ruling Elder Commissioners
St. Paul, San Angelo 2 Ruling Elder Commissioners
First, San Angelo 2 Ruling Elder Commissioners

### FORMER PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE IN ORDER TO MEET QUORUM

The stated clerk shall keep and annually report to presbytery an alphabetical roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission by classes who may be called upon when necessary to constitute a quorum (D-5.0206b).

Class of 2012
Dick McFarlin (HR)
Bob Sams (HR)
Lucretia Chew (HR)
Albert Sherman, Ruling Elder – First Midland

Class of 2010 None available

Class of 2008
None available

#### 221st GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS AND YAAD DELEGATE (2014)

In accordance with presbytery policy, the Nominating Committee has previously nominated the following as Teaching and Ruling Commissioners, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly to be held in Detroit, MI the week of June 14-21, 2014, and all were duly elected by the Presbytery at earlier meetings.

Teaching Elder Commissioner – Rev. Dr. John Nelsen, University, El Paso Ruling Elder Commissioner – Elder Dennis Haralson, First P.C., Seminole Young Adult Advisory Delegate – Emily Gulick, First P.C., Midland

#### Greetings from the Synod of the Sun

Valerie Knox Young brought greetings from the Synod of the Sun.

#### Greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation

Sherry Kenney brought greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation.

#### **General Assembly Commissioning Service**

Teaching Elder Commissioner John Nelsen, Ruling Elder Dennis Haralson, and Youth Advisory Delegate Emily Gulick were presented and given a service and prayer of commissioning.

#### Report of Presbyterian Women

Report presented by Linda Allen and received as information.

Christ the King Retreat Center in San Angelo was the site of the 2014 Women's Retreat. Presbyterian women from Tres Rios and Palo Duro Presbyteries joined on March 28 and 29<sup>th</sup> for a short 18 hour retreat entitled "Morning, Noon, and Night: The Fragrance of Christ Is Our Lives". We are the aroma of Christ to God – a fragrant offering that brings God pleasure and glory as we live in harmony with one another, love as Christ has loved us, and proclaim the Good News in all we say and do... morning, noon, and night. Over 60 women attended the retreat with 25 of them from Tres Rios. This was the first year that the women from Tres Rios were invited and we were as excited to be a part of this wonderful event as the Palo Duro ladies were to have us. We are already looking forward to next year's retreat! During the retreat, Tres Rios PW installed new officers, raised money and collected canned meat for Project Dignadad in San Angelo, and helped our Presbyterian Women's Global Exchange participant, Karen Bartholomeo, raise money for her upcoming mission trip to the Caribbean in November, 2014. If churches in the presbytery would like to offer financial support to Karen, please refer to the letter, payment form, and brochure that follows.

As I write this report, we are looking forward to the Bible Study Conference and Women's Conference at Mo-Ranch.

#### Report of the Missional Networking Team

Report was presented by Bart Teeter

- I. Matters of Information
  - A. Elected Bart Teeter as moderator and Bernie Coffee as clerk
- II. Matters of a Routine Nature

None

#### III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration

It was MOVED AND SECONDED to table the vote on Recommendation III.A,B and C for further study. Motion failed. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Presbytery concur with items A thru F as approved by the Missional Networking Team

- A. That Section 9.1 (Missional Resource Team Area of Responsibility) of the Manual of Administrative Operations be amended as follows:
  - 9.1 The Missional Resource Team shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the presbytery. Their work may be accomplished through task forces

that will be responsible for the fiscal operations of the presbytery, matters relating to personnel, property, and the review of session records. Any such task forces shall perform these functions in accordance with policies approved by the presbytery and presented to presbytery.

The Missional Resource Team shall serve as an administrative commission of presbytery for the purpose of fulfilling the presbytery's responsibility for Administrative Review as stated in the Book of Order G-3.108, including General Administrative Review, Special Administrative Review and Directed Response. The Missional Resource Team shall annually appoint members of their team to perform the assigned tasks.

- B. That Section 9.2 (Missional Resource Team Membership) of the Manual of Administrative Operations be amended as follows:
  - 9.2 Membership of this team shall be twelve (12) elected members with sufficient Ruling and Teaching Elders to perform their task as an Administrative Commission. The elected members shall be divided into three annual classes of four each. The term of office shall be three years. A person having completed two full terms (five years or more) shall not be eligible for re-election to the same team until a minimum of one or preferably two years have elapsed. They shall elect a chair and clerk from among their members. The general missioner, treasurer and stated clerk will be advisory members of the team.
- C. That Section 9.4 (A)5 & 6 and Section 9.4 (E) (Missional Resource Team Duties and Functions) of the Manual of Administrative Operations be amended as follows:
  - 9.4.A. 5. "Receive all applications for loans or grants from presbytery's restricted and designated funds. Investigate the worthiness of each proposal and make a recommendation to the presbytery. The Missional Resource Team and Treasurer shall act as a resource to other teams, task forces and commissions regarding financial matters."
  - 9.4.A 6. "Oversee all investments, endowments and designated funds of the presbytery. Propose to presbytery such measures as may be necessary or useful to increase or enhance these funds. Recommend to presbytery the amount to be maintained as the corpus in each fund, and the spending rate of earnings to be made available for grants, loans and gifts by the presbytery based on recommendations from the Missional Teams responsible for each specific fund. 5 such policies for the arrangements and use of these funds as are useful and prudent, Propose to presbytery such measures as may be necessary or useful to increase or

enhance these funds. The MRT will advise the other Missional Teams at the beginning of each year the amount in each fund available to be used for grants, loans or gifts"

- 9.4 E -E. In the review of session-records and the Manual of Administrative Operations:
- 1. Review annually the minutes and proceedings of each congregation and its session.
- 2. Review the Manual of Administrative Operations when necessary.

#### E. In Administrative Review Matters

The Missional Resource Team shall be empowered by presbytery to act as the Administrative Commission for Review for the following purposes:

All actions taken as the Administrative Commission for Review" shall be reported as actions taken on behalf of presbytery at the next stated meeting.

- 1. Review the presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations when necessary and propose any changes to the Missional Networking Team.
- 2. Review annually the minutes and proceedings of each congregation and its session and determine whether the proceedings have been correctly recorded, have been in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have been prudent and equitable, and been faithful to the mission of the whole church, and lawful injunctions of a higher body have been obeyed. It may require lower bodies to produce any necessary records.
- 3. Communicate to clerks of session the results of annual reviews in an informative manner.
- 4. Provide resources, information and training opportunities for clerks of session.
- 5. Provide resources for reviewing Bylaws and developing Manuals of Administrative Operations to sessions and congregations.
- 6. Consult with advisory personnel to clarify legal or constitutional questions when necessary.

- 7. The stated clerk will annually provide the Index Sheets and instructions to clerks of session for submitting records, and the guidelines for reviewers.
- D. That Section 10.2 (Missional Networking Team Membership) of the MAO be amended as follows:
  - 10.2 "The Missional Networking Team shall consist of eleven (11) members; the chairs of the Missional Ministries, Nurturing, Outreach, Nominations and Representation, and Resource Teams or a representative elected by the respective team, the moderator of Presbyterian Women, the presbytery moderator, moderator-elect, general missioner, stated clerk, and treasurer. They shall elect a chair from among their members yearly on a rotational basis. The team may appoint task forces and co-opt additional advisory members as needed to accomplish the work of the team."
- E. That Section 12.4.P.13 (Missional Ministries Team Duties and Functions) of the MOA be amended as follows:
  - 12.4.P.13 "Receive *inquirers on behalf of presbytery and* candidates under the care of presbytery, and upon successful completion of requirements, certify candidates ready for examination for ordination, pending a call."
- F. That Section 13.4.F & H (Missional Outreach Team Duties and Functions) of the MOA be amended as follows:
  - 13.4.F "Receive, evaluate and validate requests for short term grants not to exceeding five years and five thousand dollars and communicate that decision to the Missional Resource Team for budgeting purposes; Make recommendations to the presbytery regarding the policies governing the funds assigned to the team that are available for grants and loans. Receive, evaluate, and make recommendations to the presbytery regarding requests for grants and loans from funds designated by the presbytery for these purposes. The MOT will develop application and evaluation processes for grants and loans, and will annually report to presbytery the status of each. In the case of grants that extend over multiple years, the MOT will make recommendations to the presbytery for the continuance of such grants as per the terms of the grant."

Strike

13.4.H "Establish guidelines for mission support and an evaluation system to assess the effectiveness of mission projects and church grants;"

Renumber sections following 13.4.H

G. That presbytery elect the following slate to serve on the Missional Nominating and Representation Team for 2014, 2015, and 2016 as listed

Class of 2014:

Jessica Vaughn Lower – Teaching Elder – Grace EP Glenn Rogers – Ruling Elder – First Midland

Class of 2015:

James Longstreet – Teaching Elder (HR) Linda Paquian – Ruling Elder – Divine Savior El Paso

Class of 2016:

Marsha Monroe – Ruling Elder – First Sanderson Debbie Simpson – Ruling Elder – St. Mark San Angelo

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

H. That the Saturday, October 4, 2014 meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery be held at First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring, Texas; and co-hosted by First Presbyterian Church in Coahoma, Texas.

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

#### Report of the Missional Nurturing Team

Report was presented by Horace Griffin and was received as information.

#### **Items of Information:**

Team met March 27, 2014 in the Presbytery Office and via conference call on May 2, 2014.

Team co-opted Tracy Spencer-Brown as an advisory member.

Please submit a list of any available materials your church would be willing to share with other churches such as VBS, small group, or Sunday School materials to the Nurture Team. We will post a list as items become available.

We remain open for any nurture requests that churches may have. Officer Training? Events?

Carlos Talley of Palo Duro Presbytery said they would welcome Tres Rios Churches at the Buffalo Gap Camp near Abilene. Deadline: May 24 for guaranteed free t-shirt; late registration will be accepted, but do it asap so they can be prepared. Camps run from June 10 through July 3. Check the website: <a href="mailto:info@bgpml.org">info@bgpml.org</a> for dates and costs of specific camps.

Recommended website for church website development: www.mychurchwebsite.org

Presbytery bus policy was reviewed and unanimously approved. Please make arrangements with Midland Grace Presbyterian well in advance. There are requirements, and booking is required.

Prude Ranch has been reserved with deposit for the MLK, Jr. weekend January 2015. The budget for the TRYC event is \$11,000.

Rev. Matthew Miles (Ft. Davis) will act as Nurture's liaison to Youth Task Force and Jeri Vines (El Paso University) will be a co-leader for youth this year.

Quote for a charter bus to Synod Youth Workshop has been received. Synod Youth Workshop is July 21-26, 2014. Arrangements have been made for spending the night at FPC Sapulpa, OK. A limited number of scholarships are available for this event. Requests must be approved by the church's Session and forwarded to Theresa Wright at the Presbytery Office. The deadline is May 30, 2014.

Next meeting: September 4, 2014 12:00 PM (Central Daylight Saving Time) in the Presbytery Office.

#### Report of the Missional Resource Team

Report was presented by Lawson Allen

- I. Matters of Information
- A. Lawson Allen was elected as moderator of the Missional Resources Team.
- B. Tracy Spencer-Brown resigned from the team and was co-opted by the nurture team.
- Sub Groups were finalized as follows;
   <u>Finance</u>: Caryn Thurman (chair), Don Carlton, Jana Lanier, Jimmy Stevens (advisor).

Investments: David Byrd, Lawson Allen, Jimmy Stephens (advisor), (Steve Schorr was to ask a member of First Midland to join this group)

Operations: Don Carlton (chair), Lynn Fowler, Theresa Wright.

Personnel: Dick McFarland (chair), Steve Schorr, Wilma Harris, Cheryl

Truzsowski.

- D. A task force made up of Jimmy Stevens, Robert Rendall, Lawson Allen and Kay Long (moderator) was appointed to meet and make a recommendation as to how the Trinity Presbyterian Church's funds are to be handled and how the proceeds from the sale will be used. Their recommendation will be made at the next meeting.
- E. Property committee will review the status of the Maranatha Church property and report at the next meeting.
- F. CPA review should be completed in the next couple of months.
  - G. A discussion and recommendation was made that all the churches in the Presbytery be reminded about and asked to support the Builders Fellowship Fund.
  - H. Team is in the process of reviewing session minutes.
  - III. MATTERS REQUIRING MORE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION
  - A. That the Final 2014 Budget of Presbytery be approved.

It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.A be approved. (See Exhibit B).

#### **Treasurers Report**

Jimmy Stevens presented the report. The report dated April 30, 2014 was received as information. (See Exhibit C).

#### Report of the Missional Ministries Team

Report was presented by Craig Holstedt

- I. Items of Information
- A. The following were elected:

Mary Beth Anton and Cheryl Homsher - Co-Moderators

Craig Holstedt - clerk

Dennis Haralson - vice-moderator

Bernie Coffee – liaison to Networking Team

B. The following working groups were established:

Preparation for Ministry and Commissioned Ruling Elder Program:

Katherine Norvell, Ann Hurt and Bernie Coffee

Exams/Ordinations/Installations:

Barbara Chappell and Bill Rose

Pastor Nominating Committee/Ministry Information Forms/Vacancies:

Jim Miles and Donna Minear

Administration and Team Spiritual Development:

Mary Beth Anton, Cheryl Homsher and Craig Holstedt

Pastoral Support

Tim Davenport-Herbst and Dennis Haralson

C. The MMT continues to work with these churches in transition:

First, Odessa

First, Coahoma

St Mark, San Angelo

- D. The MMT agreed to read and study together "In the Name of Jesus" by Henri J.M. Nouwen
- E. The MMT members prayed for each congregation in Tres Rios Presbytery.
- F. The MMT budget for the remainder of 2014 was approved.
- G. Permission to labor

Outside the bounds – John Nelsen (wedding)

Inside the bounds – Jerry Hilton (pulpit supply)

- H. Recommend to the Networking Team to amend the Manual of Administrative Operations as follows: ...that the MMT be given the power to receive inquirers on behalf of the presbytery.
- I. Approved inquirer Lauren Heare Morris to do her psychological testing and candidate assessment at Princeton.

#### II. Recommendations of a Routine Nature

- A. The MMT will verify to the denomination that the Coahoma congregation meets the requirements for Seminary Debt Assistance Program. The MMT states its support to the Mission Outreach Team for the Coahoma congregation to request funds from the Second Harvest Fund.
- B. Members of MMT met with inquirer Suzanne Gulick regarding her move to candidacy.

C. Members of MMT met with inquirer Lauren Heare Morris regarding her move to candidacy.

#### Actions Taken on behalf of the presbytery

A. Appointed commission to install Mary Beth Anton as Associate Pastor of Administration for First Presbyterian Church, Midland:

Teaching Elders: Cheryl Homsher, Dick McFarlin, Shannon Weisenfels and Jose Luis Casal

Ruling Elders: Bart Teeter, Bobbie Duncan, Rob Junnel and Frances Carlton.

B. Approved call and terms of call for Neal Locke to move from designated pastor to pastor of First Presbyterian Church, El Paso effective July 1, 2014:

Salary	\$35,000
Housing	\$25,000
Automobile Expense	\$2,500
Business/Professional Expense	\$2,500

Four weeks vacation

Two weeks study leave

Full medical, pension, disability and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions

- C. At the request of Teaching Elder Todd Wyrick, with the concurrence of First, Midland, dissolved the pastoral relationship effective July 1, 2014 and closed the position effective, July 2, 2014.
- D. Approved Ruling Elders Suzanne Gulick (First, Midland) and Cindy Duke (First, Pecos) to be approved to administer the Lord's Supper in churches in Tres Rios Presbytery when requested.
- E. Suzanne Gulick was examined and received as a candidate. She will be presented at the June Presbytery Meeting. Recommendation was removed from Omnibus motion.

#### III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration

- A. Resources have been compiled concerning denominational issues and are available on the Tres Rios Presbytery website. Congregations are strongly encouraged to use these resources.
- B. That the following changes in Terms of Call: Spreadsheet attached.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation III.B be tabled and brought back to the next presbytery meeting after further clarification.

C. The following were elected to read standard ordination exams and that the MMT be approved to appoint an alternate Teaching Elder reader if necessary:

Ruling Elder Bill Rose (Grace, El Paso) & Bart Teeter (St Paul)
Teaching Elders Toby Brown (Sanderson) & Joel Moore (First, San Angelo)
Alternate Ruling Elder Bernie Coffee (St Paul, San Angelo)

It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.C be approved.

D. Suzanne Gulick was presented to the presbytery and shared her statement of faith (See Exhibit D) and progress at seminary. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Suzanne Gulick be examined and moved from Inquirer to Candidate. A brief service was held to recognize her candidacy.

#### Report of the Administrative Commission for Divine Savior/St Andrew

Report was presented by Jim Miles.

- I. Matters of Information
  - A. Commission has met twice and one time with both sessions.
- II. Recommendations of a Routine Nature
  - A. Admit to record the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting of the Administrative Commission.
- III. Recommendations Requiring More Careful Consideration
  - A. That the presbytery authorize the Administrative Commission for Divine Savior/St. Andrew to study and approve on behalf of presbytery if acceptable the proposal for the congregation of Divine Savior, to sell additional land to Project Vida/PV Community Development Corporation for a total sales price of \$102,010 pending the confirming vote of the congregation at a called meeting to be held on June 8, 2014, and formal request that presbytery approve the revised project.

The revision to the planned housing project requires selling a portion of the church parking lot, approx. 52 feet wide by the length of the lot, for an access street (ingress/egress) to the project as required by the City of El Paso. Final survey of

land is in progress. The Administrative Commission will include the legal description of the property in their report to presbytery if the way is clear and the revised project is approved.

It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.A be approved.

**B.** That the presbytery empower the Administrative Commission to study the proposed Land Lease Agreement between Divine Savior P.C., El Paso and Verizon Wireless for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a cell tower adjoining their facilities, and approve said contract as presented or any necessary revisions on behalf of the Presbytery of Tres Rios pending the vote of the congregation on June 8, 2014 and their formal request to presbytery to approve them entering into this legal contract.

It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.B be approved.

#### Administrative Commission for Trinity, Midland

Report was presented by Glenda Harbert

#### I. Matters of Information

At this presbytery meeting, we mark the one-year date of the sale of the Midland Trinity Presbyterian Church and property. The Genesis Group has been remodeling and working diligently to start up their own ministry with the property and has been prompt with their payments and compliant with the contractual agreements between us.

During this past year, a few detailed-oriented issues have come to our attention---solvable, unforeseen issues that have needed to be addressed. The Administrative Commission has dealt with the issues as they have arisen, all within the context of the powers granted to the commission at the very beginning.

It was hoped that the Trinity AC would be able to request to be dismissed at this June stated presbytery meeting, but we request that we be allowed to continue to 'exist' and perform necessary duties as they may arise.

It is my hope that by the October presbytery meeting, the way be clear for us to ask for dismissal.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### II. Matters of a Routine Nature None

#### III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration

A. Presbytery approved extending the time to hold the names of the former Trinity members who have not transferred their membership, and grant letters of dismissal until December 31, 2014. Thereafter, their membership will be transferred to the rolls of one of the local Presbyterian churches in Midland.

It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.A be approved.

#### NFOG/VIS Report

The report was presented by Tim Davenport-Herbst.

#### I. Matters of Information

It has been an honor to work with every member of the nFOG Task Force: Kay Long, Jose Luis Casal, Judia Foreman, Nelson Sager, Jim Miles, Flynn Long and Jimmy Stevens. We also thank those who participated for a portion of our work: Mitchie Rush and Cheryl Homsher.

nFOG Task Force was constituted in September, 2011 in response to: (1) the diligent, good work of the Visioning Task Force as they sought God's plan for the future life and mission of Tres Rios Presbytery; and (2) changes in the Book of Order that required every council of the church to develop a Manual of Administrative Operations.

We listened to input from the Visioning Task Force, individual churches and presbyters, and sought God's mind on the best processes for Tres Rios in the early 21st Century. The new organizational structure and principles, Bylaws, and Manual of Administrative Operations were presented to the presbytery for their comment from October, 2012 through June, 2013. At the June and October, 2013 stated presbytery meetings, our new structure was presented for votes. It was adopted and our Task Force remained in place to assist in training and interpretations. In February, 2014 a new presbytery leadership for Teams was elected and trained.

At this time, the Missional Networking Team is able to receive any requests for

changes and handle issues of training and interpretation; consequently we will be asking that the nFOG Task Force be dismissed.

#### II. Matters of a Routine Nature

None

#### **III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration**

A. The presbytery dismissed the nFOG Task Force as of this stated meeting. It was MOVED and CARRIED that Recommendation III.A be approved.

#### **Next Meeting Site**

The 101<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios will be held on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that a vote of appreciation for the great hospitality and good food and cheerful hospitality of St. Mark.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m. with prayer by Teaching Elder John Nelsen.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay Long, Stated Clerk

Glenda Harbert, Recording Clerk

# Exhibit A Presbytery Docket 100<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting - June 6, 2014 St Mark Presbyterian Church - San Angelo, Texas

#### June 6, 2014

Adjournment

8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Registration New Commissioner Orientation led by Craig Meyers and Kay Lor	
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order, introduction of special guests, worship, communion	Craig Meyers
Welcome fro	m the host church	Craig Meyers
Welcome gue	ests - corresponding members	Craig Meyers
Adoption of	the Docket	Kay Long
Omnibus Mo	tion	Kay Long
Communicat	ions	Kay Long
Minu	tes Audit Task Force Report for February 7, 2014 meeting	
Electi	on of Minutes Audit Task Force for June 6, 2014 meeting	
Stated Clerk	Report	Kay Long
Greetings fro	m the Synod of the Sun	Valerie Young
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Greetings for	m the Presbyterian Foundation	Sherry Kenney
General Asse	mbly Commissioning Service	Craig Meyers
Presbyterian	Women	Linda Allen
Missional Ne	tworking Team	Bart Teeter
Missional Nu	rturing Team	Horace Griffin
Missional Ou	treach Team	Joel Moore
Missional Re	source Team	Lawson Allen
	urer's Report	Jimmy Stevens
Missional Mi	nistries Team	Craig Holstedt
Divine Savior	r/St Andrew Administrative Commission Report	Jim Miles
Trinity Midla	nd Administrative Commission Report	Glenda Harbert
N/FOG/VIS	Task Force Report	Tim Davenport-Herbst
	will be Saturday, October 4, 2014 at First Presbyterian Church, Big	-
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#### REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL

The Commission appointed by presbytery to install Mary Beth Anton as
[position] Associate Pastor of the [church name] First Presbyterian Presbyterian Church of [town] Midland met at [time] 5:00 on [day, date] 2rd March 2014,
Church of [town] Midland met at [time] 5:00 on [day, date] 2rd March 2014,
in the church.
The following members were present, constituting a quorum:
Ministers Richard McFarlin Cheryl Homsher
Jose Luis Casal Shannon Weisenfels
Elders: Bobbie Duncan Rob Junell
Bart Teeter
The meeting was opened with prayer. <u>Jose Luis Casal</u> was appointed to preside. <u>Chery Homsher</u> was appointed clerk. The order of business before the commission was adopted.
The commission proceeded to the sanctuary and led the assembled congregation in worship.
The moderator reviewed the proceedings of presbytery preparatory to the call and emphasized the importance and solemnity of the proceedings. The constitutional questions were propounded to the minister and the congregation and were answered in the affirmative by both. The prayer of installation was offered by the ryl Hemsher . The commission members gave him/her the right hand of fellowship. The moderator declared that Mary Beth Anton a Minister of the Word and Sacraments was duly elected and installed as Associate Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Midland, Texas. The charge
to the minister was given by The charge to the congregation
was given by After prayer and the singing of a
hymn, the benediction was pronounced by the newly-installed minister. The congregation came forward to give him/her the right hand of fellowship.
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The commission was adjourned with the benediction at the close of worship.
Moderator
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Total Support for Upper Councils	General Assembly	Synod	Support for Upper Gov Bodies	Expenditures	Total Receipts	Other Income	Donations	Rent-McCamey property	Rent-Maranatha properties	Interest Income	Income-Builders Fellowship		Small Church	Camp Chimney Spring Funds	Second Harvest	Church Development	Total church contributions Transfers from Restricted Funds	For General Assembly	For Presbytery For Synod	Receipts Contributions from Churches
34,233	31,733	2,500			417,048	0	3,000	3,600	6,000	30	0	86,064	0	28,600	33,464	24,000	318,354	31,733	\$284,121 2,500	2013 Budget
33,609	31,156	2,453			427,686	2,975	7,065	3,300	6,000	26	0	89,413	0	32,000	37,413	20,000	318,907	31,156	\$285,298 2,453	2013 Actual
34,090	31,590	2,500			407,600	0	0	3,600	6,000	30	0	78,880	0	22,500	36,380	20,000	319,090	31,590	\$285,000 2,500	2014 Trans. Budg.
34,090	31,590	2,500			417,970	7,000	750	3,600	6,000	30	0	97,380	15,000	26,000	36,380	20,000	303,210	31,590	\$269,120 2,500	2014 Final Budget
				2		7,000 Final 2014 is royalty income Trinity properties. 2013 is Barstow oil lease	Confidential, unsolicited donations from individuals					Transfers offset by expense for Church Support, Small Church grant. CDC consultant and youth activities.	Grant for Fort Davis church and manse work	2013 Includes support for all triennium events, youth task force, and Synod Youth Workshop. Final 2014 reflects addition of Synod schlorships. Total is within the 5% spending level of CCS funds	Includes support for salary of minister at Divine Savior and St. Andrew plus CDC consultant costs.	CDC recommended 2013 grants for church support	Final reflects actual commitments May 2014	Based on per capita @\$7.02/member for 2014 and \$6.87/member for 2013. Refects actual payment for GA		Comments

Budget	Actual	Z014 Trans. Budg.	2014 Final Budget	Comments
1,000	798	1,000	1,000	
700	56	700	700	
600	0	600	600	
8,500	5,044	7,500	7,500	
1,000	191	1,000	1,000	
0	0	1,000	1,000	
11,800	6,089	11,800	11,800	11,800 Represents COM and CPM based on 2013 Budget
2,250	962	2,250	2,250	
14,000	15,968	14,000	14,000	
4,000	0	0	0	
500	0	0	0	
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20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
19,464	20,612	22,380	22,380	
39,464	40,612	42,380	57,380	
12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	
7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
0	0	3,000	2,000	Conference planned for February 2015. This is accural for 2014
1,000	905	1,000	1,000	
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21,500	21,405	24,500	23,500	
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	2013	2013	2014	2014	
	Rudget	Actual	Trans Buda	Ž Ī	Comments
Operating Expenses-Presbytery:					
Communications/Publications	200	25	200	200	
GA Alternate Commissioner	500	0	0	0	
Computer Operations	3,000	4,149	3,000	3,000	
Website	1,000	848	1,000	1,000	Moved from Missional Nurture team
Equipment Leases	9,400	9,726	9,400	9,400	
Equipment Maintenance	5,000	4,236	5,000	4,500	
Postage	3,000	2,704	3,000	3,000	
Supplies	6,500	5,536	6,500	6,000	
Telephone	7,000	7,901	7,000	7,000	
Total Operating Expenses-Presby.	35,600	35,125	35,100	34,100	
Financial Review	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Personnel Expenses	100	351	100	100	
Meetings of team & sub groups	600	414	400	400	
Total Mission Resources Team	59,750	61,681	59,050	60,200	Includes all operational, financial and personnel expenses based <b>60,200</b> on 2013 budget
Missional Networking Team					
Orientation of committees-2014	0	0	3,000	3,000	Expenses of new team embers to attend orientation to new organization in Feb 2014
Presbytery Task Forces	2,500	5,277	4,000	4,000	
Meetings	4,000	5,235	2,000	2,000	
	.6,500	10,512	9,000	9,000	

Ending of year surplus (deficit)	Transfer from Operating Reserve	Beginning of year surplus (deficit)	Net Receipts over (under) Expenditures	Total Expense	Presbyterian Women	Total Staff Expense	Staff Meeting/Travel	Stated Clerk Expense	Payroll Taxes	General Missioner Travel	General Missioner Cont Educ	General Missioner Pens/Medical	General Missioner Housing	General Missioner Salary	Admin. Assistant Cont Ed	Admin. Assistant Pens/Medical	Admin. Assistant Salary	Staff Expense
(\$4,806)	\$7,182	(\$7,182)	(\$4,806)	421,854	3,000	193,957	5,000	1,000	3,500	9,000	1,500	27,860	42,000	42,435	800	15,101	45,761	2013 Budget
\$2,151	\$7,182	(\$7,182)	\$2,151	425,535	3,000	191,746	2,605	1,178	3,503	9,000	1,500	27,863	40,000	44,435	800	15,101	45,761	2013 <u>Actual</u>
<del>\$</del>	\$14,383	\$2,151	(\$16,534)	424,134	3,000	196,564	5,000	1,000	3,500	9,000	1,500	29,552	40,000	44,435	800	16,016	45,761	2014 <u>Trans. Budg.</u>
\$0	\$21,563	\$2,151	(\$23,714)	441,684	3,000	197,164	4,000	1,800	3,500	9,800	1,500	29,552	40,000	44,435	800	16,016	45,761	2014 Final Budget
	\$21,563 Amount required <u>if</u> net loss is realized							1,800 Additional amount for GA costs		Additional amount for GA costs		Based on dues of 33% of salary for 2013 and 35% for 2014				16,016 Based on dues of 33% of salary for 2013 and 35% for 2014		Comments

### Exhibit D

	34,090	11,363	9,660	Total Support for Upper Councils
	31,590	10,530	9,092	General Assembly
	2,500	833	568	Synod
				Support for Upper Gov Bodies
				Expenditures
	417,970	149,407	144,342	Total Receipts
7,000 oil and gas royalty income	7,000	2,333	2,589	Other Income
Confidential, unsolicited donations from individuals	750	750	762	Donations
	3,600	1,200	1,200	Rent-McCamey property
	6,000	2,000	2,000	Rent-Maranatha properties
	30	10	18	Interest Income
Will zero out in May	0	0	725	Income-Builders Fellowship
Transfers offset by expense for Church Support, CDC consultant and youth activities.	97,380	42,043	42,890	
15,000 Fort Davis grant approved February presbytery meeting	15,000	15,000	15,000	Small Church
2013 Includes support for all triennium events, youth task force, and Synod Youth Workshop. Final 2014 reflects addition of Synod schlarships.	26,000	8,250	8,400	Camp Chimney Spring Funds
Includes support for salary of minister at Divine Savior and St.  Andrew plus CDC consultant costs.	36,380	12,127	12,824	Second Harvest
CDC recommended 2013 grants for church support	20,000	6,667	6,666	Church Development
				Transfers from Restricted Funds
303,210 Based on final budget	303,210	101,070	94,158	Total church contributions
Based on per capita @\$7.02/member for 2014 and \$6.87/member for 2013. Refects actual payment for GA	31,590	10,530	9,092	For General Assembly
	2,500	833	568	For Synod
	\$269,120	\$89,707	\$84,498	For Presbytery
				Contributions from Churches
				Receipts
Comments	Final Budg.	thru 4/30	thru 4/30	
	2014	Budget	Actual	

Total Missional Outreach Team	Total Mission Support	Project Dignidad	Bob Lewis Mission	Pasos de Fe	Columbia Mission Conference	St Andrews Mission	Project Vida	Mission Support:	Total Church Support	Divine Savior/St. Andrew Support	Nazareth Salary Support	Ft. Davis refurbishment	Church Support:	Mission resources	Presbytery Mission Network	Training & Attendance @ Conf	Consultant Fees & Travel	Meetings	Missional Outreach Team	Total Missional Ministries Team	Travel/Denomination/BOP Events	Candidate Eval/Travel	Meetings	Other Training/Workshop	Training-Ruling Commissioned Elder	Administrative Personnel Support	Missional Ministrios Toam	
27,514	7,836	750	750	0	0	2,336	4,000		14,132	7,460	6,672	0		0	0	0	5,364	182		1,841	0	650	1,068	0	0	123		Actual thru 4/30
28,043	8,500	750	750	0	667	2,333	4,000		14,127	7,460	6,667	0		0	0	0	4,667	750		3,600	0	333	2,500	200	233	333		Budget thru 4/30
97,130	23,500	750	750		2,000	7,000	12,000		57,380	22,380	20,000	15,000		0	0	0	14,000	2,250		11,800	1,000	1,000	7,500	600	700	1,000		2014 Final Budg.
97,130 Represents Church Development and Mission expenses based on 2013 budget					Conference planned for February 2015. This is accural for 2014															11,800 Represents COM and CPM based on 2013 Budget								Comments

Building Maintenance Building Utilities Insurance/Office & other facilities Maintenance of other facilities Total Facilities	Missional Resources Team Facilities: Building Janitorial	Leadership Dev/Training Training Resources Meetings	Youth: Youth Task Force Triennium Synod Youth Workshop Other Youth Projects Total Youth	Misional Nomin & Repre Team Meetings Transistional Nom Expenses Total Missional Nom./Repre. Team	
3,180 1,607 7,913 97 13,787	990	0 0 779	7,818 0 1,000 0 8,818	893 893	Actual thru 4/30
3,200 2,067 7,750 100 14,117	1,000	500	8,250 1,500 0 0 9,750	1,000 1,000	Budget thru 4/30
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3,500 Includes cost of replacing rear door of presbytery office 6,200 7,750 150				300 1,000 Estimated cost of travel and conf. calls for transigional nom. Group 1,300	Comments

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	Meetings	Presbytery Task Forces	Orientation of committees-2014	Missional Networking Team	Total Mission Resources Team	Meetings of team & sub groups	Personnel Expenses	Financial Review	Total Operating Expenses-Presby.	Telephone	Supplies	Postage	Equipment Maintenance	Equipment Leases	Website	Computer Operations	GA Altemate Commissioner	Communications/Publications	Operating Expenses-Presbytery:	
4,113	818	247	3,048		27,010	363	0	0	12,860	2,448	2,085	540	2,359	3,500	555	1,373	0	0		thru 4/30
5,000	667	1,333	3,000		25,800	267	50	0	11,367	2,333	2,000	1,000	1,500	3,133	333	1,000	0	67		thru 4/30
9,000	2,000	4,000	3,000		60,200	400	100	5,000	34,100	7,000	6,000	3,000	4,500	9,400	1,000	3,000	0	200		Final Budg.
			3,000 Assuming 60 members of new teams attend orientation to new orgainization in Feb 2014		60,200 Includes all operational, financial and personnel expenses based on 2013 budget										1,000 Moved from Missional Nurture team					Comments

Net	Other expense	Van expense	Storage exense	Genisis note payments	Trinity Property Sale and Expenses:	Ending of year surplus (deficit)	Transfer from Operating Reserve	Beginning of year surplus (deficit)	Net Receipts over (under) Expenditures	Total Expense	Presbyterian Women	Total Staff Expense	Staff Meeting/Travel	Stated Clerk Expense	Payroll Taxes	General Missioner Travel	General Missioner Cont Educ	General Missioner Pens/Medical	General Missioner Housing	General Missioner Salary	Admin. Assistant Cont Ed	Admin. Assistant Pens/Medical	Admin. Assistant Salary	Staff Expense	
						(\$2,166)	\$0	\$2,151	(\$4,317)	148,659	1,000	67,031	969	0	875	5,312	1,500	9,851	13,344	14,819	(232)	5,339	15,254		Actual thru 4/30
						(\$221)	\$0	\$2,151	(\$2,372)	151,779	1,000	65,722	1,333	600	1,167	3,267	500	9,851	13,333	14,812	267	5,339	15,254		Budget thru 4/30
\$23,456	(634)	(1.213)	(1,050)	26,353		\$0	\$21,565	\$2,151	(\$23,716)	441,686	3,000	197,166	4,000	1,800	3,500	9,800	1,500	29,552	40,000	44,435	800	16,018	45,761		2014 Final Budg.
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#### Suzanne Gulick's Faith Journey

I am a cradle Presbyterian. I grew up in Houston, Texas and have been an active member of the Presbyterian Church as long as I can remember. My family attended almost every Sunday and my parents, my older sister, and I were always involved. I attended worship, Sunday school, vacation Bible school, youth groups and sang in the choir. I served as a youth deacon and elder and represented our church at conferences and retreats. In high school, I was also very active in Young Life and Campaigners Bible studies and small groups. It was time at Camp Cho-Yeh and Mo-Ranch however, where I discovered there was more than just head knowledge, but heart knowledge of God which allowed me to be in communion with, and grow closer to Christ.

My college years saw me less active with formal church attendance during the semesters, but, remaining connected through weekly Bible studies and small groups. When I graduated from college I was torn between pursuing ministry or medicine. I asked God to let me minister through medicine and for 35 years I have done just that. I am a neurodevelopmental therapist specializing in traumatic brain injuries, stroke, Alzheimer's, and various diseases and syndromes. I have been very privileged to share in my patient's journeys. My family and close friends have always said that one day God was going to require more of me and that I should be ready to answer that call.

Shortly after college, I met my husband of 31 years, Karl, in Sunday school at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. We have two amazing daughters: Sarah, age 24, a graduate student and Emily, age 21, a college senior. I have continued to grow in my faith and trust in the Lord through all of the challenges, losses, blessings and joys of our full lives. I have always known in my heart that one day God would require more of me. A few years ago, I was on a mission trip in Russia when God made it clear that the time for doing things my way was completed and it was now time to faithfully answer his call. This was confirmed and verified for me repeatedly through family, friends and spiritual mentors, all of whom were/are very supportive. I began my studies knowing I was called to pastoral care in some form. I have discovered and grown in the understanding and using of my gifts and graces and am open to whatever service God leads me to.

I have always considered my journey as a rather ordinary and natural walk with God and yet I am constantly surprised and overwhelmed by his grace, love, compassion and mystery. The everyday challenges of life, especially with a child with a life-threatening disease, serve as a constant reminder and reason to be thankful for God's unrelenting love, mercy and joy. I can't imagine a life without God and faith and I am compelled to share the Good News of God's love and forgiveness.

#### Suzanne Gulick's Faith Statement

I believe in the one true, holy, living, loving and sovereign Triune God. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit have existed together in community as one for all eternity, now and forevermore. I believe that God created all of heaven and earth from nothing and it is good. God also created all people; man and woman of every race in God's own image with knowledge, righteousness, freedom and power of will, holiness, and dominion over the creatures and the lands. God loves us and we are called to be the Church, living in community, loving one another, and worshipping, praising, and serving God.

God is truly loving and good, desires a personal relationship with each of us and has provided for all of humanity's needs. Humanity however, succumbed to the temptation and beguilement of Satan in the Garden of Eden and sinned. breaking the communion and covenant with God, separating humanity from God through sin. Yet, God loves us so much that he sent his son, Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, for our salvation to redeem us. Christ gave his life as a sacrifice for the sins of the world and me, breaking the power of sin, evil, and death so that those who believe may have eternal life. This is a gift of faith from God's saving grace and nothing I have ever done or could do, can warrant or cause my salvation. God is always present and faithful and promises never to leave or forsake us, therefore, we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, empower us, justify us by grace through faith, and bind us together as the body of Christ, It is in the body of Christ that we share in one baptism, instituted and commanded by Jesus as a sign and seal of the forgiveness of sins and a belonging to the family of God. We celebrate and remember our union with Christ in the sharing of the Lord's Supper and in the reading, conscious hearing, studying and preaching of Scripture. Scripture is the Word of God. given to humanity, and is sufficient, authoritative and inspired to help us live the lives we are created for.

I am blessed to be a child of God, called to serve the Lord and spread the Good News until He returns again.

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