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**121<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**Abara House, El Paso Texas**  
**October 20-21, 2022**

**Special Called Meeting**  
**Zoom Video Meeting**  
**September 8, 2022**

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Stated Clerk  
Presbytery of Tres Rios



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**The Presbytery of Tres Rios  
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
Abara House  
October 20-21, 2022**

The 121<sup>st</sup> stated meeting of The Presbytery of Tres Rios, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was called to order with prayer by Moderator Bill Rose at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022. As per our Bylaws, Article X (four ministers and four ruling elder commissioners from four different congregations), a quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk Kay Long.

Special guests and first-time commissioners were introduced. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Jim Barker, Miguel Gonzalez and Joseph Moore be seated as corresponding members

Pastors: Laurie Barker, Jerry Boles, Cindy Carlisle, Brenda Church, Bill Cotman, Allen Cross, Tim Davenport-Herbst, Sue Dickson, Tim Gray, Neal Locke, Jim Miles, Matt Miles, Kathryn Morton, John Nelsen.

Commissioned Ruling Elders: None

Ruling Elders: Divine Savior, El Paso, Christina Paquian-Flores; Grace, El Paso, Beth Jones; St Andrew, El Paso, Diana Guerrero; University, El Paso, Mary Beth Harper; First, Fort Stockton, Angie Miles; Marfa, Martha Bumpass; First, Odessa, Dan Holbrook; St Paul, Rosanne Girton; Seminole, Charles George.

Ex Officio members present: Kay Long (Stated Clerk) and Bill Rose (Moderator).

Visitors: Jim Barker; Connie Chapman, Moderator Elect; Miguel Gonzalez, Principe De Paz; Brian Guerrero, Sr Andrew, El Paso; Jeanie Holbrook, Vision and Outreach Team Member; Joseph Moore, Presbyterian Foundation; Jennifer Perri, Insurance Board; Conor Warren, University El Paso; Theresa Wright, Recording Clerk; Valerie Young, Synod of the Sun;

Excused Pastors: Mary Beth Anton, Bill Schlesinger, Carol Schlesinger, Craig Meyers

Excused Commissioned Ruling Elders: Ann Hurt

Excused Ruling Elders: Alpine, Ballinger, Big Spring, Pecos, Grace Chapel

Unexcused Ministers: Cynthia Davenport-Herbst, John Wamsley, Shannon Weisenfels

Unexcused Commissioned Ruling Elders: Bea Torres

Unexcused Ruling Elders: Andrews; Coahoma; Faith; First, El Paso; Grace, Midland; Westminster, St Mark, Sonora

**Docket**

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

**Omnibus Motion**

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that all matters of information and recommendations of a routine nature be adopted and entered into the record.

**Communications**

The report was presented by Stated Clerk, Kay Long.

Requests for excuse from the Revs. Bill Schlesinger, Carol Schlesinger, Craig Meyers, Mary Beth Anton	Granted and that the clerk be authorized to add names as needed.
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Request for excuse from Commissioned Ruling Elder Commissioner Ann Hurt	Granted and that the clerk be authorized to add names as needed.
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Requests for excuse from elder commissioners Big Spring, Ballinger, Alpine, Grace Chapel, Pecos	Granted and that the clerk be authorized to add names as needed.
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From the Synod of the Sun that the 2021 Presbytery Stated Meeting minutes were read and approved with exception.	That it be admitted to record.
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Report of the Commission to install Rev. Brenda Church.	That it be admitted to record. (See Exhibit B)
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**Report of the Minutes Audit Task Force**

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that the minutes of the March 4, 2022 Stated Meeting were approved as printed and entered into record.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Tim Gray, Mary Beth Harper and Cindy Carlisle be appointed to serve on the minutes audit task force for the October 20-21, 2022 meeting.

## Report of the Administrative Presbyter/Stated Clerk

Report was presented by Kay Long and received as information.

### I. Matters of Information

#### a. Permanent Judicial Commission

Per the *Book of Order*, D-5.0206, the stated clerk shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class. Whenever the permanent judicial commission reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the permanent judicial commission to constitute a quorum. The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the council or councils. The names and classes of former members are:

Class of 2022 – RE Randy Gardner (Grace Chapel, San Angelo), RE Bart Medley (First, Fort Davis)

Class of 2020 – RE Bob Alexander (Grace, Midland) Rev. Lewis Allen (HR), Rev. Glenda Harbert (HR), Rev. James Longstreet (HR)

Class of 2018 – RE Marj Carpenter (deceased), Rev. Bob Hawkins (deceased), Rev. Flynn Long (deceased)

- b. There have been no decisions by the PJC in 2022 transmitted to presbytery through the stated clerk as of the 121<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, October 20, 2022 (D-7.0701 and D-110701).
- c. As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0103), the Stated Clerk certifies that a committee on representation has been elected as established by the presbytery's Manual of Operations Section 4. Their report for year 2022 is included in the minutes of the 121<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, October 20, 2021.
- d. As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0111), the Stated Clerk certifies that a committee to nominate persons to serve in positions requiring elections was established by the presbytery's Manual of Operation Section 4. Their report for year 2022 is included in the minutes of the 121<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting, October 20, 2022.
- e. As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109b), the actions of all Administrative Commissions have been reported to presbytery and that there were no recensions or amendments of their actions by the presbytery.

- f. There were no actions by the presbytery in 2022 to organize new congregations, transfers to other jurisdictions or dissolution or the division. At its 120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting the presbytery did vote to approve the creation of a Joint Congregation Witness between Grace Presbyterian Chapel, San Angelo and the First Christian Church (DOC), San Angelo, and approved the Unified Christian Ministry plan.
- g. The presbytery has obtained property and liability insurance coverage to protect its facilities, programs, staff, and elected officers and is on file at the presbytery office (G.3.0112).
- h. The presbytery has adopted a Manual of Operations and is on file at the presbytery office and posted on the presbytery website (G-3.0106).
- i. The presbytery has adopted a Sexual Misconduct Policy and a Child Protection Policy and both are on file at the presbytery office and posted on the presbytery's website (G-3.0106).
- j. The presbytery has reviewed the proceedings and actions of all entities related to the presbytery and all officers able to act on behalf of the body in accordance with G-3.0108a
- k. As required by the Book of Order, the Stated Clerk reports the following name for Failure to Engage In Validated Ministry or to fulfill the criteria for membership-at-large G-2.0508: Rev. Eric Thompson.
- l. The following 2021 session records have been reviewed:
  - Without Exception:
    - Westminster, Odessa
    - Grace, El Paso
    - First, Odessa
    - St. Andrew, El Paso
    - First, Seminole –
    - St. Mark, San Angelo
    - Good Shepherd, Sonora
    - Faith, El Paso
    - First, Marfa
    - Grace Presbyterian Chapel, San Angelo
    - First, Ballinger
  - With Exception:
    - Nazareth, San Angelo



- m. The Stated Clerk reported presbytery's membership and parity for 2022 at the 120<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting held March 4, 2022

**The Call to Worship was led by Nate Ledbetter. The sermon was presented by Rev. Miquel Gonzalez using Hebrews 13:1-2 as his text.**

### **Partial Report of the Leadership and Recruitment Team**

Election/Installation of Moderator Jim Miles

The team place in nomination the names of the Rev. Jim Miles as Moderator and elder Connie Chapman as Moderator Elect. The floor was opened for nominations. Hearing none the Moderators cross was presented to Jim Miles and he assumed the duties of the moderator. Special thank you was presented to Bill Rose for his service as moderator.

The Presbytery of Tres Rios welcomes and installs Rev. Laurie Barker to service as executive presbyter. The installation prayer was led by Rev. Jim Miles. The charge to the newly installed presbyter was led by Rev. Matt Miles. The charge to the presbytery was led by Elder Valerie Young.

Communion was led by the Revs. Laurie Barker, Matt Miles and John Nelsen.

The meeting was recessed until Friday, October 21, 2022 with prayer. Dinner Fiesta was provided.

The 121<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery was called back to order at 9:00 a.m. by Rev. Jim Miles. Opening devotional was led by Nate Ledbetter and Rev. Bethany Rivera Molinar.

Presentations by Tres Rios Border Ministry Foundation was led by Rev. John Nelsen. Presentation by Abara was led by Nate Ledbetter.

Rev. Joseph Moore brought greetings from the PC(USA) Foundation.

Valerie Young brought greetings from the Synod of the Sun.

### **Report of the Leadership and Recruitment Team**

**Tim Davenport-Herbst** presented the report.

#### **I. Matters of Information**

The Recruitment and Representation Committee met via Zoom on September 1, 2022. Following that meeting we continued to communicate with one another via email.

*The Book of Order (G-30111) requires that “all councils higher than the session shall have a process for nominating persons to serve in positions requiring election by the council. The process shall ensure that nominations are made by an entity broadly representative of the constituency of the council in conformity with church’s commitment to unity in diversity ((F-1.0403).”*

The Recruitment and Representation Committee is composed this year of 1 ruling elders and 2 teaching elder and 1 MAL vacancy (2 males and 1 female) representing the clusters, and a variety of ages.

### **REVIEW OF REPRESENTATION AND METHOD OF NOMINATIONS**

The representation and nomination process currently involves:

1. review of the team’s responsibilities toward inclusiveness and diversity, a review of the combined Annual Statistical Report for the presbytery provided by PCUSA Research Services, and the statistical report of all elected persons serving presbytery in 2022 (attached as Exhibit A).
2. analysis of the positions to be filled and a determination made of how the full diversity of the presbytery can best be represented in nominating persons.
3. sending nomination forms and gift/talent surveys to every church
4. soliciting and receiving self-nominations
5. assigning members of the R&R Committee to contact presbytery leaders, and pastors of churches in all clusters to solicit names for nomination
6. compiling a list of names and talents of those willing to serve either now or in the future
7. in-person and conference call meetings of the team to prioritize names, discuss gifts for service, decide who will contact and by when, retrieve contact information when candidate agrees to serve

*The members of the Recruitment and Recruitment Committee are pleased to have put together this group of gifted people who desire to serve our presbytery. The proposed slate represents a variety of ages, the four clusters, and a total of 6 churches. Every effort was made to balance the diversity of those nominated with that of existing team members who will continue serving the presbytery. While the number of racial ethnic members within our churches is growing, it remains a challenge to identify and solicit their willingness to serve at the presbytery level. We encourage sessions to look closely at ways to improve upon and assist us in this, so that the rich diversity of the Church’s membership is reflected in the work of the presbytery.*

*(Submitted by Tim Davenport-Herbst, Jeannie Holbrook, and Jim Miles)*

## **II. Matters of Routine Nature**

None

### III. Matters Requiring More Careful Consideration

- A. The R & R Committee places in nomination the following persons, who have agreed to serve if elected, to fill the following positions:

Moderator – Jim Miles (Clergy)  
Moderator-Elect – Connie Chapman (RE/Grace, El Paso)

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

- B. The R&R Committee also places in nomination the following persons, who have agreed to serve if elected, to the following positions:

Synod Commissioner: Jerry Boles (Clergy) Class of 2024

Administrative Team

Class of 2024 – Judy Sage, RE/Seminole  
Bill Cotman, TE/ Alpine

Pastoral Team

Class of 2024 – Connie Chapman RE/Grace, El Paso  
Sue Dickson, TE/HR El Paso

Vision and Outreach Team

Class of 2023 – Charlotte Wilson, RE/Alpine

Class of 2024 – Jeannie Holbrook, RE/FPC, Odessa  
John Nelsen, TE/HR El Paso

Permanent Judicial Team

Class of 2024 – Tim Davenport-Herbst, TE-St Paul, San Angelo

Class of 2028 - Donna Crafton, RE/Grace, El Paso  
Lynn Fowler, RE/Pecos  
TBD

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

- C. That Kay Long be elected Stated Clerk for a three-year term.

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

## Presbytery of Tres Rios Border Ministry Foundation Report

Report was received as information.

### I. Matters of Information

The humanitarian crisis continues at the border with thousands of our brothers and sisters being affected. The faith network in the El Paso/Juarez metro area continues to provide help every day, caring for thousands of folks with basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing. The Tres Rios Presbytery Border Ministry Foundation is the "Presbyterian Portal" to all things concerning Border ministry. Board Members include Rev. Tim Gray (University Presbyterian Church El Paso) President, Rev. Matt Miles (First Ft. Davis and Vision and Outreach Presbyter) Treasurer, and Rev. John Nelsen (retired - El Paso) secretary. In addition, Nate Ledbetter serves as the Border Coordinator.

*If you would like to learn more please visit our website [tresriosborderfoundation.org](http://tresriosborderfoundation.org) OR Rev. John or Nate are available for Zoom or in-person presentations.*

## Administrative Team Report

The report was presented by Bill Cotman.

The Administrative Team meets monthly.

### I. Matters of Information

#### A. Heard updates from liaisons from all vacant churches.

<u>Church</u>	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Moderator</u>
Coahoma		Dennis Haralson
Divine Savior		Jimmy Stevens
St Andrew		Lucretia Chew
Seminole/Andrews		Matt Miles
Ballinger		Jerry Boles
Good Shepherd, Sonora		Kathryn Morton
Pecos		Cindy Duke
First, Odessa		Mary Beth Anton
Grace, El Paso		Cindy Carlisle
Grace, Midland		Shannon Weisenfels
St Mark, San Angelo		Craig Meyers
Monahans		Bill Cotman
Marfa		Bill Cotman

- B. Continue to supervise four candidates and inquirers. Those individuals are: Donna Hedicke; Hope Griffin; Lauren Heare Morris; Jen Fox.
- C. Continue to work with the Border Ministry Foundation
- D. Received the Treasurer's Report, Church Contribution Report and SRT investment report.
- E. The Presbytery bus has been sold for \$2500 and the money transferred to the Camp Chimney Spring Fund.
- F. Air Conditioner Unit for the presbytery office was replaced.
- G. Reviewed the 2022 insurance policy for presbytery.
- H. 17 scholarships were sent to High School graduates within the presbytery (\$17,000).

II. Recommendations of a Routine Nature (actions taken on behalf of presbytery)

- A. Approved the stated supply contract between Rev. Jerry Boles and First Ballinger.
- B. Approved the stated supply contract between Rev. Kathryn Morton and Good Shepherd Sonora.
- C. Approved the stated supply contract between Rev. Craig Meyers and St. Mark, San Angelo.
- D. Approved the 2022 Minister Changes in Terms of Call (See Exhibit C).
- E. Approved the wavier of the requirement to rotate elders for St Andrew, El Paso.
- F. Approved the administrative commission to install Bill Cotman (FPC, Alpine). Installation service was held on June 26, 2022
- G. Dismissed Kaci Clark-Porter to Western New York Presbytery to serve as stated supply to First Gowanda, NY effective 7-1-22.
- H. Dismissed Holly Clark-Porter to Western New York Presbytery to serve as pastor to First, Fredonia, NY effective 9-1-22.
- I. Examined, received and approved Terms of Call for the Rev. Laurie Barker to serve as Pastoral Presbyter pending election by the presbytery.
- J. Approved Rev. Laurie Barker laboring beyond the bounds in Mission Presbytery part-time.
- K. Examined, received and approved Terms of Call for the Rev. Brenda Church to serve as Associate Pastor for Grace Chapel, San Angelo pending the vote of the congregation.
- L. Approved the administrative commission to install Rev. Brenda Church to be held October 16, 2022.

M. That the following Ruling Elders be authorized to administer the Lord's Supper in 2023:  
Bob Alexander, Jim Blischke, Bernie Coffee, Gary Elmquist, Randy Farmer, Craig Fields,  
Dennis Haralson, Ann Hurt, T.C. Kincaid, Tom Koger, Bill Rose, Peggy Tharp, Bea  
Torres

**III. Recommendations Requiring More Careful Consideration**

A. That the 2023 Presbytery Asking Budget be approved. (See Exhibit D).

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

B. That the following stated meeting dates for Tres Rios Presbytery be approved:

March 3, 2023  
October 20, 2023

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

C. That the Lord's Supper be celebrated October 20, 2022 and in 2023 at presbytery's stated meetings at least annually, at presbytery sponsored youth events, and at other presbytery sponsored events with approval of the Administrative Team.

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

**Pastoral Team Report**

The report was presented by Tim Davenport-Herbst

The pastoral team meets monthly.

**I. Matters of Information**

A. Approved \$1200 be sent to the Border Foundation for pastoral care.

B. Patty Lane continues to keep in contact with retired ministers by sending cards.

C. The women of FPC, Coahoma have agreed to help keep in contact with pastors by sending cards.

D. Team sent gift cards to all presbytery high school graduates and featured them in the Trails.

- E. TRYC Youth Retreat is scheduled for January 6-8, 2023 at Circle 6. Deadline to register is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost will be \$20 per participant.
- F. Youth Task Force members are: Jude Burnett, Piper Sullivan, John Miles. Charis Miles, Jeremy Miles, Garrett Huckaby and Tanner Booe will serve as college advisors.
- G. Presbyterian Youth Triennium was cancelled this year but The Group Study Guide, Recreation Guide, Worship & Prayer Guide and accompanying resources can now be accessed <https://presbyterianyouthtriennium.org>.
- H. Synod Youth Workshop was held July 11-16, 2022 at the University of Tulsa. A total of 12 participants from Tres Rios attended. Jude Burnett (St Paul) and Addysen Norbeck (Grace, El Paso) will serve on the Synod Youth Workshop 2023 Planning Team.
- I. Summer Camps Scholarships a total of 7 scholarships (\$1190) were granted this year.

### **Vision and Outreach Team Report**

The report was presented by John Nelsen and received as information.

The Vision and Outreach meets monthly.

- I. Matters of Information
  - A. Approved \$6000 be given to St Paul, San Angelo to support the cooling center.
  - B. Vision and Outreach team is endorsing the domestic refuge grant partnership submitted by the Border Ministry Foundation through PDA.
  - C. Planning team met to begin planning of the Big Event/Stated Presbytery Meeting to be held on October 20-21, 2023 to be held at The Tres Rios Border Ministry Offices in the Historic Hacienda Restaurant at the Border.
  - D. Approved \$2000 be given to the Border Ministry Foundation for Food support.
  - E. Met with session of St Andrew, El Paso.
  - F. Received updates from various presbytery mission projects.

- G. Endorsed the 2023 Mission Grant Application that the Border Ministry Foundation applied for with FPC, Dallas.
- H. Endorsed the 2023 Mission Grant Application of First Presbyterian Church, Dallas submitted by the Border Ministry Foundation.
- I. Approved \$3000 to be sent to PDA for hurricane relief (\$500 for Florida, \$1000 for Cuba, \$1000 for Puerto Rico and \$500 for Pakistan).
- J. That the following directors for the Tres Rios Presbytery Border Ministry Foundation were appointed:

Class of 2023: Tim Gray, Matt Miles, Bea Torres

Class of 2024: John Nelsen, Carolyn Miller, Sue Dickson

### **Next Meeting Site**

The 122<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios will be held March 3, 2023.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at with prayer at 11:15 a.m. by Jim Miles.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kay Long, Stated Clerk



Jim Miles, Moderator

Theresa Wright, Recording Clerk





*Docket*  
*121<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting*  
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*Rev. Miquel Gonzalez Preaching*

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

**Registration begins**

**4:00 p.m. (MDT)**

**New Commissioners Briefing**

**4:30 p.m. (MDT)**

**Call to Order**

**5:00 p.m. MDT**

Bill Rose

Declaration of a Quorum

Bill Rose

Welcome from host

Nate Ledbetter

Introduction of Special Guests

Bill Rose

Welcome to new members, first time commissioners,  
 corresponding members, visitors

Bill Rose

Adoption of the Docket

Kay Long

Omnibus Motion

Kay Long

Communications

Kay Long

Minutes Audit Task Force Report for March 4, 2022 Stated Meeting

Election of Minutes Audit Task Force for October 20-21, 2022 Meeting

Report of the Administrative Presbyter/Stated Clerk (written)

Kay Long

**Call to Worship**

**Nate Ledbetter**

Prayer of Confession (from Book of Common Worship)

Rev. John Nelsen

Everlasting God, In whom we live and move and have our being:

You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will,  
 no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly; and in your service find perfect  
 freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENCE

Assurance of Pardon (Colossians 3:12-14)

**Leader:** As God's own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

**People: Amen! Thanks be to God!**

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Rev. Miguel Gonzalez

Partial Report of Leadership & Recruitment Team Report  
Election/Installation of Moderator Jim Miles

Rev. Tim Davenport-Herbst

**Installation of Rev Laurie Barker as Pastoral Presbyter**

**Rev. Jim Miles**

*The Presbytery of Tres Rios welcomes and installs Rev. Laurie Barker to service as executive presbyter.*

*As God calls some to particular forms of ministry, God calls us all to bear gladly the yoke of Christ given in the covenant of Baptism. Let us, therefore, reaffirm our baptismal vows, renouncing all that opposes God and God's rule and affirming the faith of the holy catholic church.*

*{Addressing the Presbytery}*

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world? **I do.***

*Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior, trusting in his grace and love? **I do.***

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love? **I will, with God's help.***

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

*Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.***

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.***

*{Addressing those being installed}*

*Laurie, you were claimed by the love of God, clothed in the grace of Jesus Christ, and anointed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share Christ's mission in the world. Now you are called by God through the voice of the church for new service and ministry in Jesus' name. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), show your commitment to this calling by responding to these questions:*

*Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? **I do.***

*Do you accept the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you? **I do.***

*Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.***

*Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our Confessions? **I will.***

*Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.***

*Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.***

*Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.***

*Laurie, will you continue to be a faithful minister of Word and Sacrament, proclaiming the good news, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in gate councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.***

*[Addressing the presbytery]*

*Do we, the members of Tres Rios Presbytery, confirm the call of God to Laurie in the service of Jesus Christ? **We do.***

*Do we agree to pray for her, encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.***

*Do we promise to pay her fairly and provide for her welfare as she works among us; to stand by her in trouble and share her joys? **We do.***

Installation Prayer

Rev. Jim Miles

Charge to the Newly Installed Presbyter

Rev. Matt Miles

Charge to the presbytery

Valerie Young

Offering (goes to Tres Rios Presbytery Discretionary Fund)

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Matt Miles

Communion

The Revs. Laurie Barker, Matt Miles and John Nelsen

Benediction

Rev. Miguel Gonzalez

Adjourn until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Jim Miles

**6:00 Dinner Break and Fellowship, etc.**

**Friday, October 21, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Pastries

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order**

Rev. Jim Miles

Opening Devotional

Nate Ledbetter and  
Rev. Bethany Rivera Molinar

Presentations by  
Tres Rios Border Ministry  
Abara

Rev. John Nelsen  
Nate Ledbetter

Break:

Greeting from PCUSA Foundation  
Greetings from the Synod of the Sun

Rev. Joseph Moore  
Valerie Young

Reports from:

Recruitment and Representation Committee  
Personnel Committee

Rev. Tim Davenport-Herbst  
Rev. Allen Cross

Administrative Team  
2023 Asking Budget

Rev. Jim Miles

Pastoral Team  
Vision & Outreach Team  
Adjournment & Benediction

Rev. Tim Davenport-Herbst  
Rev. John Nelsen  
Rev. Jim Miles

12:00 p.m. Lunch (grab & go or stay)

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO INSTALL**

The Commission appointed by the Presbytery of Tres Rios to install Rev. Brenda Church as Associate Pastor of the Grace Presbyterian Chapel (PCUSA) San Angelo, Texas met at 4:30 p.m. on October 16, 2022 in the church. The following members were present, constituting a quorum:

Teaching Elders:

Dr. James R. Miles	First Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton
Dr. Tim Davenport-Herbst	St. Paul Presbyterian Church, San Angelo
Rev. William Cotman	First Presbyterian Church, Alpine
Rev. Kary Fry (HR)	San Angelo

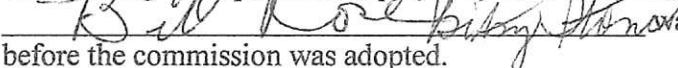
Ruling Elders:

Elder Bill Rose, Moderator	Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso
Elder Bitsy Stone	Grace Presbyterian Chapel, San Angelo
Elder Gregg Havlak	First Presbyterian Church, Ballinger
CRE Bea Torres	Nazareth Presbyterian Church, San Angelo

Ecumenical Representatives:

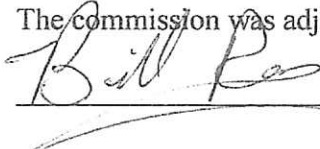
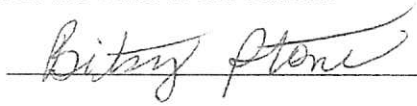
Rev. T. J. Schoop-York	First Christian Church (DoC), San Angelo
Elder Joe Henderson	First Christian Church (DoC), San Angelo

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Bill Rose.

 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. Dr. Jim Miles preached a sermon using as his text I Timothy 2: 1-7, and Matthew 5:43-48. The moderator reviewed the proceedings of presbytery preparatory to the ordination and installation and emphasized the importance and solemnity of the occasion. The constitutional questions were propounded to the candidate and the congregation, and were answered in the affirmative by both. The prayer for installation was led by CRE Bea Torres. The commission members gave her the right hand of fellowship. The moderator declared that Rev. Brenda Church had been duly elected and installed as Associate Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Chapel of San Angelo, Texas. The charge to the minister was given by Rev. Kary Fry. The charge to the congregation was given by Elder Bitsy Stone. After prayer and the singing of a hymn, the benediction was pronounced by the newly-ordained minister. The congregation came forward: to give her the right hand of fellowship.

The commission was adjourned with the benediction as the close of the service.

 Moderator  Clerk

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## 2022 MINISTER CHANGES IN TERMS OF CALL

CHURCH	Salary	Housing or Manse	Manse (M)	Deferred Comp	SECA Offset < 50%	Other Cash Allow.	Total Cash Salary	Effective Income	BOP Dues	Reimbursed Expenses (auto, CE professional)	Total Terms
<b>Nazareth, San Angelo</b>											
CLP Bea Torres - PT 20 hrs/wk	2020	20,000					20,000	20,000			20,000
	2022	20,000					20,000	20,000			20,000
<b>St. Mark, San Angelo</b>											
Craig Meyer HR - PT Stated Supply 19 hrs/wk	2021	24,000					24,000	24,000			24,000
	2022	24,000					24,000	24,000			24,000
<b>St Paul, San Angelo</b>											
Tim Davenport-Herbst	2021	32,030	31,996		4,271		68,297	64,026	25,321	2,000	95,618
	2022	33,101	33,052		4,271		70,424	66,153	26,083	2,000	98,507
<b>First, Seminole</b>											
Vacant							0	0			0
<b>Good Shepherd, Sonora</b>											
Kathryn Morton HR - PT Stated Supply 2 days per wk, mileage reimb \$0.54/mi @	2021	31,200					31,200	31,200			31,200
	2022	54,600					54,600	54,600			54,600
<b>Presbytery Staff</b>											
Matt Miles (1/2 time position)	2022	37,500					37,500	37,500	14,625	7,800	59,925
Laurie Barker (1/2 time position)	2022	37,500					37,500	37,500	14,625	7,800	59,925

Presbytery of Tres Rios - Receipts and Disbursements

As of September 30, 2022

	Actual thru 9/30/22	Budget thru 9/30/22	Budget 2022	Asking Budget 2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Contributions from Churches</b>				
For Presbytery	\$63,047	\$95,501	\$127,334	\$127,334
For Synod	\$4,162	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
For General Assembly	\$17,340	\$17,100	\$22,800	\$22,350
<b>Total Church Contributions</b>	<b>\$84,549</b>	<b>\$116,351</b>	<b>\$155,134</b>	<b>\$154,684</b>
Based on per capita @ \$9.85 2269 members billed for 2023				
<b>Other Income</b>				
Interest Income	\$12	\$23	\$30	\$25
Rent-Maranatha Church Property	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,000
Rent-Maranatha Mobile Home	\$500	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,000
Paint Rock Church Sale	\$2,554	\$0	\$0	\$0
Oil & Gas Royalties	\$2,800	\$1,875	\$2,500	\$3,000
Presbytery Office Mineral Lease	\$23,783	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
Fasken Trust			\$0	\$30,000
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>\$34,149</b>	<b>\$8,648</b>	<b>\$11,530</b>	<b>\$62,025</b>
<b>Transfers from Restricted Funds</b>				
Operating Reserve Fund	\$8,500	\$70,808	\$94,410	\$41,617
Future Fund	\$95,144	\$131,419	\$175,225	\$173,565
Church Development	\$45,000	\$44,250	\$59,000	\$45,000
Small Church Fund	\$30,000	\$22,500	\$30,000	\$30,000
Camp Chimney Spring Funds				
Willie Hall Black	\$15,227	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$44,965
Scholarship Fund	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0
	(\$1,000)	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Total Transfers from Restricted Funds</b>	<b>\$193,171</b>	<b>\$301,226</b>	<b>\$401,635</b>	<b>\$335,147</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$311,869</b>	<b>\$426,224</b>	<b>\$568,299</b>	<b>\$551,856</b>

Represents a spend rate of 6% which is within the guidelines approved at the June 2018 meeting.

Includes support for all youth events, incl youth task force, Jr. High youth camps and provision for 2022 triennium. Total must be within the 5% spending level of CCS funds.

Presbytery of Tres Rios - Receipts and Disbursements

As of September 30, 2022

	Actual thru 9/30/22	Budget thru 9/30/22	Budget 2022	Asking Budget 2023
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Support for Upper Gov Bodies</b>				
Synod	\$4,162	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
General Assembly	\$17,340	\$17,100	\$22,800	\$22,350
<b>Total Support for Upper Councils</b>	<b>\$21,502</b>	<b>\$20,850</b>	<b>\$27,800</b>	<b>\$27,350</b>
<b>Church Support and Mission Outreach</b>				
<b>Church Support:</b>				
Nazareth Salary Support	\$11,250	\$11,250	\$15,000	\$15,000 Funded from Church Development fund
Other Church/Mission Support	\$8,000	\$10,500	\$14,000	\$14,000
<b>Total Support to Churches</b>	<b>\$19,250</b>	<b>\$21,750</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>
<b>Mission Support:</b>				
Project Vida	\$7,510	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Project Vida Computer Grant	\$3,755	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$0 Each year for 3 years beginning in 2020
Border Ministry	\$6,155	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
Bob Lewis Mission	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Project Dignidad	\$1,000	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Casa Hogar	\$0	\$375	\$500	\$1,500
Border Ministry Coordinator	\$750	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$6,500
Disaster Relief	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total Mission Support</b>	<b>\$25,170</b>	<b>\$29,250</b>	<b>\$39,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Vision and Outreach Team Expense</b>				
Meetings of Team & sub groups	\$350	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$2,000
Vision Presbyter Expense	\$3,240	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000 Funded from Future Fund
<b>Total Vision and Outreach Team</b>	<b>\$3,590</b>	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>
<b>Total Church Support &amp; Mission Outreach</b>	<b>\$48,010</b>	<b>\$58,500</b>	<b>\$78,000</b>	<b>\$76,000</b>

Actual thru 9/30/22      Budget thru 9/30/22      Budget 2022      Asking Budget 2023

Pastoral Care and Youth Programs

Pastoral Care:

Training-Commissioned Ruling Elder	\$0	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,000
Scholarships	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Pastoral Care	\$0	\$2,250	\$3,000	\$3,000

Youth Programs:

Youth Task Force	(\$608)	\$10,500	\$14,000		Youth activities are funded by the CCS fund
Triennium	\$0	\$7,500	\$10,000		
Synod Youth Workshop	\$10,880	\$8,250	\$11,000		
Junior High Youth Camps	\$1,190	\$2,250	\$3,000		
Other Youth Projects	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,000		
Total Youth Programs	\$11,462	\$19,500	\$40,000	\$35,465	

Pastoral Team Expense:

Meetings of Team & sub groups	\$1,499	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$1,500
Pastoral Presbyter Expense	\$300	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Pastoral Team	\$1,799	\$4,875	\$6,500	\$6,500

Funded from Future Fund

Total Pastoral Care & Youth Programs

\$13,261      \$26,625      \$49,500      \$44,965

Administration Expense

Facilities:

Building Janitorial	\$3,600	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Maintenance	\$5,212	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Utilities	\$4,368	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$5,000
Insurance/Office & other facilities	\$9,005	\$17,335	\$23,113	\$23,113
Maintenance of other facilities	\$123	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Total Facilities	\$22,308	\$29,335	\$39,113	\$39,113

Funded from Operating Reserve

Presbytery of Tres Rios - Receipts and Disbursements

As of September 30, 2022

	Actual thru 9/30/22	Budget thru 9/30/22	Budget 2022	Asking Budget 2023
<b>Presbytery Office Expense:</b>				
Communications	\$251	\$525	\$700	\$700
Computer Operations	\$3,799	\$4,500	\$6,000	\$6,000
Website	\$763	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Equipment Leases	\$9,468	\$9,000	\$12,000	\$12,000 New copier and postage meter leased in 2020
Equipment Maintenance	\$1,315	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Financial Review		\$6,375	\$8,500	\$8,500 Funded from Operating Reserve
Postage	\$1,437	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies	\$3,978	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Telephone	\$4,710	\$5,250	\$7,000	\$7,000
Taxes		\$75	\$100	\$100
Van and storage	\$1,575	\$1,875	\$2,500	\$2,500
<b>Total Presbytery Office Expense</b>	<b>\$27,296</b>	<b>\$34,350</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>	<b>\$45,800</b>
<b>Staff Expense:</b>				
Office Manager Salary	\$38,214	\$38,231	\$50,975	\$50,975 5% increase proposed by Personnel Team (2021)
Office Manager Pens/Medical	\$10,575	\$10,800	\$14,400	\$14,785 Actual cost for 2022 based on current salary
Office Manager Cont Ed	\$761	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office Manager Expense	\$830	\$1,875	\$2,500	\$2,500
Admin Presbyter/Stated Clerk Salary	\$28,125	\$28,125	\$37,500	\$37,500 Funded by Future Fund
Admin Presbyter/Stated Clerk Expense	\$753	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000 Funded by Future Fund
V&O Presbyter Salary	\$28,125	\$28,125	\$37,500	\$37,500 Funded by Future Fund
V&O Presbyter BOP	\$10,427	\$10,406	\$13,875	\$15,250 Funded by Future Fund
V&O Presbyter Travel/Professional Exp	\$1,619	\$5,250	\$7,000	\$7,000 Funded by Future Fund
V&O Presbyter CE	\$800	\$600	\$800	\$800 Funded by Future Fund
Pastoral Presbyter Salary	\$3,125	\$28,125	\$37,500	\$37,500 Funded by Future Fund
Pastoral Presbyter BOP	\$0	\$11,063	\$14,750	\$15,250 Funded by Future Fund
Pastoral Presbyter Travel/Professional Exp	\$0	\$5,250	\$7,000	\$7,000 Funded by Future Fund
Pastoral Presbyter CE	\$0	\$600	\$800	\$800 Funded by Future Fund
Payroll Taxes	\$4,511	\$5,076	\$6,768	\$6,768
<b>Total Staff Expense</b>	<b>\$127,865</b>	<b>\$177,276</b>	<b>\$236,368</b>	<b>\$238,628</b>

Presbytery of Tres Rios - Receipts and Disbursements

As of September 30, 2022

	Actual thru 9/30/22	Budget thru 9/30/22	Budget 2022	Asking Budget 2023
<b>Presbytery Meetings Expense:</b>				
Meetings of Presbytery	\$0	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Meetings of Combined Teams	\$0	\$600	\$800	\$800
Meetings of Presbytery Task Forces		\$375	\$500	\$500
Presbytery "Big Event"	\$0	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
Moderator Training	\$0	\$750	\$1,000	\$1,000
GA Commissioner Training	\$0	\$450	\$600	\$600
Travel/Denomination/BOP Events		\$3,375	\$4,500	\$4,500
Total Presbytery Meeting Expense	\$0	\$9,300	\$12,400	\$12,400
<b>Administrative Team Expense:</b>				
Meetings of Team and sub groups	\$290	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Trustee Expense	\$0	\$1,125	\$1,500	\$1,500
Administrative Personnel Support	\$375	\$563	\$750	\$750
Candidate Eval/Travel	\$350	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Grants to Churches - Alpine	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Total Administrative Team	\$46,015	\$3,188	\$66,250	\$66,250
<b>Standing Committees of Presbytery:</b>				
Personnel Sub-Committee	\$0	\$375	\$500	\$500
Permanent Judicial Committee	\$0	\$450	\$600	\$600
Nominating and Representation	\$0	\$188	\$250	\$250
Total Standing Committee Expense	\$0	\$1,013	\$1,350	\$1,350
<b>Total Administration Expense</b>				
	\$223,484	\$254,461	\$401,281	\$403,541
<b>Total Expenditures</b>				
	\$306,257	\$360,436	\$556,581	\$551,856
<b>Net Receipts over (under) Expenditures</b>				
	\$5,612	\$65,789	\$11,718	\$0

The Presbytery of Tres Rios  
 Church Contribution Report  
 January 1 - September 30, 2022

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	Total
PIN #	Church	Acceptance	Current Quarter	YTD	% to Date	Pby.	Synod	GA	Disaster Relief	Discretionary Fund	One Great Chrstmas Hr Sharing	Christmas Joy	Pentecost	Peace Making	Theological Education	Border Ministry	Other	Delayed Ret	Total
08723	Alpine	1800	450.00	1350.00	75%	1070.00	56.00	224.00		358.00	248.00	550.00							1709.00
21997	Andrews			0.00					Relief										0.00
21998	Ballinger	1250	312.00	833.00	67%	623.00	44.00	166.00											1631.00
22000	Big Spring	12900	1075.00	6450.00	50%	5070.00	281.00	1099.00											8950.00
22002	Cahoma	1500		0.00															0.00
	El Paso:																		
08726	Divine Savit	0	500.00	500.00		400.00	20.00	80.00											500.00
22003	Faith	1000	1000.00	1000.00	100%	800.00	40.00	160.00											1000.00
08724	First	4000	2000.00	3000.00	75%	2310.00	140.00	550.00											3000.00
15020	Grace	9000	2265.21	6750.00	75%	5400.00	270.00	1080.00			1670.00	535.00	495.00			1750.21	500.00		11700.21
22005	St. Andrew	500	1000.00	500.00	100%	400.00	20.00	80.00			175.00	25.00	170.00	125.00					4837.00
22007	University	38600	11072.77	28309.77	73%	21863.77	1140.00	5306.00			1135.00	25.00	528.00						36442.77
08727	Fort Davis	2500	833.48	1041.85	42%	659.85	108.00	274.00											1041.85
	Fort Stockt	4200	6050.00	3150.00	75%	2335.00	178.00	637.00											8150.00
08728	Marfa	1800		0.00	0%														0.00
	Midland:																		
10551	Grace	16000	5000.00	10600.00	66%	8070.00	545.00	1985.00			2699.65	1295.00				2000.00			17594.65
08729	Monahans	0		0.00															0.00
	Odessa:																		
22013	First	1000	514.00	750.00	75%	600.00	30.00	120.00											2034.00
22015	Westminste	12000	6000.00	12000.00	100%	8850.00	520.00	2630.00					264.00				250.00		12000.00
22017	Pecos	600	150.00	450.00	75%	315.00	38.00	97.00											450.00
	San Angelo:																		
08652	Nazareth	2400	600.00	1800.00	75%	1370.00	96.00	334.00											1800.00
11530	St. Mark	6000	1500.00	4500.00	75%	3600.00	180.00	720.00											4500.00
08651	St. Paul	2500	624.00	1877.00	75%	1378.00	100.00	399.00			2257.82								4134.82
	Grace Chap	5334	1429.80	4491.60	81%	3236.60	256.00	999.00											4491.60
22023	Seminole	2000	2565.00	2000.00	100%	1600.00	80.00	320.00			340.00	140.00	85.00						2565.00
22024	Sonora	250	500.00	250.00	100%	200.00	10.00	40.00											500.00
	Total Dollars	127334	45941.26	91603.22		70151.22	4152.00	17300.00		13312	8525.47	3315	1542.00	125.00	0	3750.21	6250.00	250.00	129781.90

**Minutes of the Special Called Meeting  
Presbytery of Tres Rios  
September 8, 2022  
ZOOM video conference**

A special called meeting of the Presbytery of Tres Rios was called to order with prayer by Bill Rose at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted via video conference.

A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk, Kay Long and the call for the meeting was read. It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Rev. Jim Barker be seated as corresponding member

Minister members present: Mary Beth Anton, Laurie Barker, Jerry Boles, Bill Cotman, Allen Cross, Tim Davenport-Herbst, Sue Dickson, Neal Locke, Jim Miles, Matt Miles, Kathryn Morton, John Nelsen, John Wamsley

Commissioned Ruling Elders present: Ann Hurt

Ruling Elder Commissioners present: Charlotte Wilson, Alpine; Beth Jones, Grace, El Paso; Mary Beth Harper, University, El Paso; Angie Miles, Fort Stockton; Rosanne Girton, St Paul

Also present were: Bill Rose (Presbytery Moderator), Kay Long (Stated Clerk)

Guests: Jim Barker (FPC, Junction) and Theresa Wright (Recording Clerk)

Report of the Pastoral Presbyter Search Committee was presented by Tim Davenport-Herbst.

The Pastoral Presbyter Search Committee moves the following:

1. That the presbytery approves suspending the Manual of Operations, Section 2.V.C- Election to permit the Pastoral Presbyter to be elected at a Special Called meeting of presbytery.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation 1 be approved.

2. That the presbytery elects the Rev. Laurie Haverson Barker to serve as the Pastoral Presbyter. Effective date of call to be September 1, 2022. Installation as Presbyter to be held at the October 20-21, 2022 stated meeting.

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation 2 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

3. That the presbytery approves the following terms of call for Rev. Laurie Barker

Cash Salary	\$37,500
Board of Pension (medical, pension, D&D)	\$13,875
Reimbursable Travel @ IRS rate up to	\$ 7,000



Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 800
Total Cost to presbytery	\$59,175

4 weeks paid vacation leave (including 4 Sundays)  
2 weeks paid study leave (including 2 Sundays)

Additionally, presbytery will provide Rev. Barker with office space leased from First Presbyterian Church, Junction, Tx, necessary office supplies and equipment, and reimbursement for job related expenses covered under the Pastoral Team's line-item budget up to \$5,000. *(The presbytery's Administrative Team met on August 24<sup>th</sup> to examine and approve the Rev. Laurie Barker for membership in the Presbytery of Tres Rios pending the vote of presbytery and upon transfer from Mission Presbytery.)*

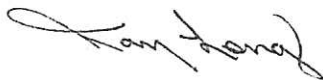
It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation 3 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

4. That the presbytery approves leasing office space from the First Presbyterian Church, Junction, Texas for a nominal amount to be paid annually to be used as a satellite office of the presbytery and the primary office location for the Pastoral Presbyter and authorizes the trustees of presbytery to execute a lease agreement

It was MOVED, SECONDED AND CARRIED that Recommendation 4 be approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Bill Rose at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kay Long, Stated Clerk



Bill Rose, Moderator

Theresa Wright, Recording Clerk



# The Presbytery of Tres Rios

## The Presbyterian Church (USA)



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**Date:** August 27, 2022  
**To:** All Ministers and Clerks of Session  
**From:** Elder Bill Rose, Moderator Presbytery of Tres Rios  
**Subj:** Notice of Special Called Meeting of Presbytery

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The prior constitutional requirements having been met; I hereby call the Presbytery of Tres Rios to meet at 3:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Time), 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Daylight Time), on September 8, 2022 to be held by electronic means (Zoom) in accordance with the attached petition.

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Attached is the Petition for a Special Called Meeting of the presbytery to hear and act on the report and recommendations of the Pastoral Presbyter Search Committee regarding the following items:

1. That the presbytery approves suspending the Manual of Operations, Section 2.V.C Election to permit the Pastoral Presbyter to be elected at a called meeting of presbytery.
2. That the presbytery elects the Rev. Laurie Haverson Barker to serve as the Pastoral Presbyter for the presbytery.
3. That the presbytery approves the terms of call for Rev. Laurie Barker
4. That the presbytery authorizes the trustees of presbytery to execute a lease agreement with the First Presbyterian Church, Junction, Tx for a nominal amount to be paid annually to be used as a satellite office of the presbytery and the primary office location for the Pastoral Presbyter staff person.

It is hoped that all teaching elder members and ruling elder commissioners will make a special effort to attend this important meeting.

In Christ's Service,

Elder Bill Rose  
Moderator

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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 September 8, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. (Central Daylight Time), 2:00 Mountain Daylight Time) to be held by electronic means (Zoom).**

The purpose is to hear and act upon the recommendations of the Pastoral Presbyter Search Committee.

The Pastoral Presbyter Search Committee moves the following:

1. That the presbytery approves suspending the Manual of Operations, Section 2.V.C- Election to permit the Pastoral Presbyter to be elected at a Special Called meeting of presbytery.
2. That the presbytery elects the Rev. Laurie Haverson Barker to serve as the Pastoral Presbyter. Effective date of call to be September 1, 2022. Installation as Presbyter to be held at the October 20-21, 2022 stated meeting.
3. That the presbytery approves the following terms of call for Rev. Laurie Barker

Cash Salary	\$37,500
Board of Pension (medical, pension, D&D)	\$13,875
Reimbursable Travel @ IRS rate up to	\$ 7,000
Continuing Education Allowance	<u>\$ 800</u>
Total Cost to presbytery	\$59,175

4 weeks paid vacation leave (including 4 Sundays)  
2 weeks paid study leave (including 2 Sundays)

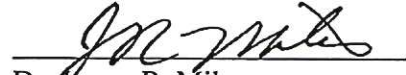
Additionally, presbytery will provide Rev. Barker with office space leased from First Presbyterian Church, Junction, Tx, necessary office supplies and equipment, and reimbursement for job related expenses covered under the Pastoral Team's line-item budget up to \$5,000.

*(The presbytery's Administrative Team met on August 24<sup>th</sup> to examine and approve the Rev. Laurie Barker for membership in the Presbytery of Tres Rios pending the vote of presbytery and upon transfer from Mission Presbytery.)*


4. That the presbytery approves leasing office space from the First Presbyterian Church, Junction, Tx for a nominal amount to be paid annually to be used as a satellite office of the presbytery and the primary office location for the Pastoral Presbyter and authorizes the trustees of presbytery to execute a lease agreement



Dr. Tim Davenport-Herbst  
St. Paul Presbyterian Church, San Angelo, Tx



Dr. James R. Miles  
First Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton, Tx




Rev. Bill Cotman  
First Presbyterian Church, Alpine, Texas



CRE Ann Hurt  
First Presbyterian Church,, Fort Stockton, Tx



Elder Connie Chapman  
Grace Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Tx



Elder Judia Foreman  
Grace Presbyterian Church, Midland, Tx

My Dear Fellow Presbyters:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Pastoral Presbyter Nominating Committee has been hard at work seeking the person God has called to lead us in Tres Rios Presbytery. Connie Chapman, Ann Hurt, Jim Miles, and I advertised, posted, read, and interviewed candidates as a part of this search process. We knew from the beginning that this would not be an easy process because the skills, experience, and commitment we were seeking were so very precise.

We sought someone who: would lead us in caring for churches and church professionals in their liminal moments; could lead us in developing leadership and opportunities for service and growth among the youth of our presbytery; and would explore with us the ways in which God continues to unfold the Divine Plan among us in unanticipated ways. This was made more difficult by the fact that we had to seek someone who would labor among us in West Texas in a part-time capacity. This would be an extraordinary person willing to work in unusual circumstances. And they had to have a temperament and confidence that would enable them to serve in West Texas (you may have noticed that we are a very particular bunch!).

On behalf of the Pastoral Presbyter Nominating Committee, I am pleased to commend to you the Reverend Laurie Barker. Rev. Barker serves as co-pastor of the Presbyterian churches in Junction and Harper, where she will continue to minister alongside her husband. That is one county to the East of our presbytery on I-10, in Mission Presbytery. We have worked with Mission Presbytery to ensure that while she is a member of Tres Rios Presbytery, her ministry can continue in their midst. Her more than two decades of experience in rural Texas, her history as a coach and teacher, her understanding of tent-making and sharing responsibilities convinced us she had the qualifications to make mutual discernment worthwhile.

In the process of prayer and conversation, it became clear that God had called Laurie to minister among us with her spirited commitment to our particular opportunities, possibilities, and culture. It is our pleasure to nominate Rev. Laurie Barker as our next Pastoral Presbyter.

In Christ,

Dr. Timothy R. Davenport-Herbst

Greetings to the Saints of Tres Rios Presbytery!

My name is Laurie Harveson Barker and I am honored to be the nominee to become the Pastoral Presbyter for Tres Rios. I was asked by the search committee to introduce myself, so here is a brief rundown of the adventures through which God has led me:

I began my association with Tres Rios years ago as I was born in Abilene while my family was living in Monahans. I was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church in Monahans in 1967 by Rev. Fred Ryle. Our families stayed good friends throughout the years, and I was honored to have him serve on my ordination commission 35 years later!

My family moved from Monahans to Dallas and then later to the small north Texas community of Bridgeport, which I consider my hometown. I graduated from Bridgeport High School, then Tarleton State University. In 1990 I began a teaching and coaching career in Brady, Texas. I taught and coached for 7 years in several small communities when God called me to a new venture. Granted, I was not too enthused with the idea of starting a career in ministry at first (actually, I was scared witlessly)! I tried to imitate Jonah for almost 2 years and avoid the issue before I allowed myself to become fully engaged in the endeavor and enroll at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



*Barker Family - Laurie, Jim, Zane, and Mignon*

I met my future husband, Jim Barker, the day I moved onto the APTS campus in 1997. We married halfway through seminary and begin our first call together on September 11, 2001 at First Presbyterian Church in Junction, Texas. We were driving in from Lake Charles, LA and made it to town in time for a prayer service with the local ministerial alliance at the courthouse that evening. It was an interesting way to begin our ministry. I was the first female in ministry in Kimble County, and when the Church of Christ pastor looked at me and said, "Laurie, why don't you start us off..." I almost fainted! The following year we added Harper Presbyterian Church to our call. After 21 years of ministry, we remain in these same calls today. From 2014-2022 I moved to a part time position with the churches and returned to teaching, and some coaching, first at Junction High School and later Junction Middle School. When it was decided last May that I would not return to school, I believe God was closing that door in order to open the one before me now!

We have two children. Our oldest, Mignon, is starting her junior year at Junction HS. She is involved in band, One Act Play, advanced classes, and voice. Our son, Zane, is starting his 8<sup>th</sup> grade year at Junction MS and is running cross country and track, playing football and tennis. Zane has also started running our sound and video system at the church, while Mignon sings in the choir and often performs special music.

I am very excited to learn more about all the good folks in Tres Rios and how I can best be of service to and with you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in this beautiful area of Texas!

May God's blessings be with you all,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Laurie H. Barker".

Rev. Laurie H. Barker

Faith Journey – Laurie H. Barker

I was raised with the knowledge and understanding that I was a child of God from my birth. My parents came from families in which the Christian faith, specifically Presbyterianism, was central to their lives, so it was to mine. I do not have a date or a moment when I suddenly discovered being loved by God, saved by Jesus, or buoyed by the Holy Spirit – it was something I never considered I might not have. Now, there was a date when I stood up in front of my home congregation in Bridgeport, Texas and made my own profession of faith – that was on Palm Sunday, April 18, 1981, when I was confirmed.

I was raised in a typical small, rural Presbyterian congregation where I had many sets of church grandparents and a whole host of church aunts and uncles. There were three kids my age, only one of whom came regularly besides me, and my two older brothers. We never really had a youth group or anything outside of Sunday morning, other than “Family Night Dinners” once a month on Sunday evenings.

I had always felt drawn to the teaching field as I came from a long tradition of teachers in my family. I had some tremendous coaches and teachers throughout my school years and always had a feeling my time with them was a gift from God, so it seemed natural that I was supposed to try to give to others what I had received by becoming a coach.

Nothing about my college training prepared me for the realities of coaching! After 5 year and a couple of moves, I was so perplexed. It just felt like I was continually in the wrong program and at the wrong time. I was so unhappy and so frustrated. By this time, I had returned to my hometown and home church, but was coaching/teaching in other small communities in the county. I started praying more fervently and devoutly than I ever had. I read books on spirituality and faith. I begged and pleaded with God to show me what I was supposed to do because obviously, this was not working! When I finally completely let go of trying to direct my path and said, “OK, God you win – but I am blind if you have been giving me any hints. You will just have to make it clear – but I will do whatever you want me to do!” That felt like rock bottom.

Well, at that time we had a new pastor and about six kids in the church in middle and high school, so I was encouraged to do something with them, even though I had no idea how to lead a youth group. After about 6 months, and a successful youth service where the kids wrote/planned it all (but I had to do the sermon), my pastor approached me and asked if I had ever considered the ministry. I laughed. He did not. Next thing I knew he was driving me to Austin to visit APTS, then I was signed up for one of the exploration weekends. It still took about 2 more years of prayer and fighting and excuses before I got the courage to leave full time employment and enroll at APTS. As soon as I arrived on campus, within minutes of parking, I met my future husband, Jim. He and this other fella, Matt Miles, helped me to unload my pickup. We have been dear friends ever since.

As I reflect on so many areas of my life, I marvel at the many places I see God’s fingerprints in hindsight. Every major obstacle or roadblock to seminary, to my ordination and call to Junction, even this new calling - was eventually pushed aside. Often during these processes, and other challenging times with family issues, I had trouble staying positive, had a hard time understanding why life had twisted or turned the way it had, but in the end, I always have been able to trust that eventually I would be where God needed me to be. And always, God has placed people in my path to help me along my journey. I am excited to begin a new adventure with the good folks of Tres Rios.



*Docket*  
*Special Called Meeting*  
*September 8, 2022*  
*3:00 p.m. (CDT), 2:00 p.m. (MDT)*  
*(meeting to be held by electronic means)*

**September 8, 2022**

Call to Order and opening prayer	Bill Rose
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