

Minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting
of the
Presbytery of the Mid-South
November 10, 2009

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Of the Mid-South
November 10, 2009

The fall stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Mid-South was held at Camp Pinecrest in LaGrange, TN. Moderator Dr. Barret Matthews called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. with prayer.

Welcome

Associate Presbytery Executive, Lucy Cummings welcomed the Presbytery to Camp Pinecrest.

Introductions

Moderator Matthews recognized all elders who were first time commissioners.

Quorum

A quorum was declared recognizing:

35 Ministers
33 Elders representing 31 churches, 2 commissioned lay pastors, 4 elders representing the Coordinating Council or chairs of permanent committees, and 1 voting certified educator.

Approval of Docket/Agenda

Presbytery of the Mid-South

Autumn Stated Meeting, Tuesday, November 10, 2009
PINECREST CONFERENCE & RETREAT CENTER, LaGrange, TN

Agenda for Worship and Work

8:30 am Registration & Fellowship, (*coffee and morning refreshments*) Chapel Building

9:15 a.m. Call to Order and Prayer Barret Matthews, M.D., *Moderator*
Welcome to Pinecrest
Introduction of First-Time Attendees and Guests
Determination and Declaration of Quorum David Schieber, *Stated Clerk*
Approval of Docket/Agenda/Order of Business
Adoption of the Omnibus Motion

9:35 a.m. Report from Mid-South Presbyterian Women Vashiti Crowder, *PW Moderator*

9:45 a.m. Report from the PC(USA) Board of Pensions Representative Helen Locklear

10:00 a.m. Synod Mission Project Report, "*Living Water for the World*" Betty Anne Wilson

10:10 a.m. Collegial Morning Worship (*Please refer to the separate Order of Worship*) including a special observation of the Quinticentennial Year (1509 — 2009) of the birth of John Calvin;

Presbytery Offering is designated to Pinecrest. "Minute for Missions" on Pinecrest —

Lucy Cummings, *Assoc. Exec. Presbyter*

11:10 a.m. Presbytery Council Report	Stephanie Bussey-Spencer Patton, <i>Council Moderator</i>
11:30 a.m. Report of Committee on Bills & Overtures	Tom Pickering, <i>Chairman</i>
12:00 noon Prayer of Blessing & Thanksgiving	... <i>PRIOR to LUNCHEON RECESS</i>
1:10 p.m. Reconvening of the Stated Meeting	
Brief Reports: David Schieber, <i>Stated Clerk</i>	(3 minutes)
Phil Shannon, <i>Treasurer</i>	(10 minutes)
Jimmie Lancaster, <i>Executive Presbyter</i>	(3 minutes)
report from the meeting of Synod	(3 minutes)
1:30 p.m. Report of Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Jarad Bingham, <i>Chairman</i>
1:45 p.m. Report of Committee on Ministry	Michael Krech, <i>Chairman</i>
2:45 p.m. Report of Committee on Nominations and ELECTIONS for 2010	Will Jones, <i>Chairman</i>
3:10 p.m. <i>OLD Business and/or New Business</i>	
3:20 p.m. Resolution of Appreciation	
3:30 p.m. Adjournment with Prayer	Barret Matthews, M.D., <i>Moderator</i>

ROLL

(Symbols: 1-Absent, Excused; 2-Absent, Unexcused; 3-Absent, Honorably Retired Minister, attendance not required; 4-Absent, attendance not required; S.S. – Stated Supply; I.P. – Interim Pastor; T.S. – Temporary Supply; C.L.P. – Commissioned Lay Pastor; *Elder attending for the first time).

CHURCHES

PASTORS

ELDERS REPRESENT

Adamsville	Vacant	Not Represented
Advent	David Schieber	Terry Coggins
	Christopher Scruggs	Gerald Dykstra
	Donald Kerns (A.P.)	Elsie McLemore
	Cindy Schwartz	Prince McLemore
Anderson	Vacant	Not Represented
Balmoral	Carla Meisterman ¹	Scott Hill
Bartlett, Grace	Larry Turner	Not Represented
Bethel	Anthony L. Burton	Not Represented
Bethel Springs	Larry Sizemore (S.S) ¹	Terry D. Smith
Bethesda	Vacant	Not Represented
Blytheville	Warren Wilkewitz ¹	Excused
Brownsville	John Larson	Andy Combs
Buntyn	Maggie Jorjensen ²	Not Represented
Caruthersville	Walter Lockhart, (I.P)	Betty Holland

Cedar Grove	Robert Barger, (C.L.P.)	Becky Fry
Clarkton	Paul Williams, (T.S.) ⁴	Not Represented
Collierville	Warner Davis	David Parks
Cordova	Thomas Pickering	Not Represented
Covington	Vacant Ricky Lyle (A.P.)	Shelia Barton
Dyer	Vacant	Not Represented
Dyersburg, Grace	Christopher Seymour, (T.S.) ⁴	Audrey Toombs
Evergreen	Ken Letterman ¹ Davis Bailey Julie Bailey Amy Howe (A.P.) ¹ Billy Newton, (P.A.) ² Walter Tennyson (P.A.) ² Kera Kilpatrick ²	Anna Lee Burkle
Farmington	Roger Graf ¹	Bonnie Blair
Germantown	Don Feuerbach Christopher Ham Ernest Mellor, (P.E.) ³	Evelyn Mosley Not Represented
Greenleaf	Vacant	Not Represented
Humboldt	Vacant	Perry Boling
Huntingdon	Jerry Jeffords (T.S.) ⁴	Excused
Idlewild	Steve Montgomery Elizabeth Gayle Walker (A.P.) ² Margaret Burnett (A.P.) ² Corinne Nienhuis, (C.L.P.) ² Casey Thompson (A.P.) ² Anne Apple, (P.A.) Denton McLellen, (P.A.) ³	Margaret Apple Nancy Lakey Bruce Moore Carol Seamans
Jackson, First	John H. White Bob Henry, (P. A.) ³	Lyn Parliament Kevin Pauley
Kennett	Jocelyn VanBuskirk ¹	Excused

Kerrville	Ernest P. Scott, (S.S.) ³	Not Represented
Korean Pres. Church of Memphis	Joo Seob Lee ²	Not Represented
LaGrange	Charles Miller, (S. S.)	Robin Bowen
Liberation Community	J. Herbert Nelson ¹ Gail P. Nelson, (P. A.) ¹	Veonnie Harper
Malden	Vacant	Not Represented
Marl Bluff	Vacant	Not Represented
Mason	Keith Jones, (C.L.P.)	Betty Liles
McKenzie	J. Pratt Hubbard, (T.S.) ⁴	Not Represented
Memphis, First	C. V. Scarborough Stephanie Patton, (P.A.)	Milton Ward
Mt. Sharon	Arnold Newman (S.S.) ³	Not Represented
Munford	Michael A. Gibson	Fred Feuring
New Hope	Vacant	Not Represented
New Madrid	William T. Grimstead, (S. S.) ¹	Not Represented
Oakland	Sam Laine, (S. S.)	Miles Hilliard
Paris	Jennifer Goggins	Not Represented
Parkway Gardens United	Brian Henderson ¹ Andrea Jeans (P.A.) ²	Leroy Broadnax
Piggott	Vacant	Excused
Pleasant Ridge	James Jackson, (C.L.P.) ²	Not Represented
Purdy	Vacant	Not Represented
Ripley	Conner Franklin (C.L.P.)	Not Represented
Rosemark	Horace Houston, (I.P.) ¹	Not Represented
Savannah	Arnold Newman (S.S.) ³	Not Represented

Selmer	Vacant	Not Represented
Shady Grove	Jared Bingham ² Ellen Roberds (P.A.) ²	Not Represented
Somerville	Michael Krech	Margaret Beyer
Tiptonville	Gene E. Canestrari, (S. S.) ¹	Excused
Trenton	Paul Tucker	Michael Abbott
Trinity	Lee Clements Marion Garrett (P.A.) ³ Se Bong Kang (Labor- n-Bounds) ⁴	Marvin B. Holley
Oak Street Community	Vacant	Excused
West Memphis, First	John Beaumont ²	Not Represented
Woodland United	Mat Miller Pam Haley, (A.P.) ¹	Bert Seaton

OTHER CONTINUING ACTIVE MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY - RETIRED

Herbert Hall Adams ³	George Apperson ³
Philip Bell, Jr. ³	Milton P. Brown ³
Don Coleman ³	Edward Craxton ³
Rob Crumpton ³	Paul Currie ³
Millen Darnell ³	James H. Daughdrill, Jr. ³
Joe Donaho ³	Robert Duke ³
Anne Hagler ³	George K. Harris, III ³
Charles D. Harvey ³	Tyson Hope ³
G. William Jones ³	Charles R. Kennon ³
Ed Knox ³	Arthur Lodge ³
Linda Jo McKim ³	William E. Melton ³
R. Christy Morgan ³	Robert G. Patterson ³
James Quillin ³	Ernest Scott ³
David Seltzer ³	William E. Shenk ³
Cornelius (Neil) Sherman	Margaret Suttle ³
Lee Waltz ³	

MEMBERS – AT- LARGE

David Bubb ¹	Mary Allison Cates ¹
David Clubb ¹	Jan Condran ²
Greg Crisp (Inactive)	Stephen Haynes ²
Kendra Hotz ²	Katie Hudson

Luther Ivory²
Will Jones
Lisa Kroener
Rebecca Patterson Luter²
Sam McAliley¹
Donald McKim¹
Billy Newton¹
Janet Schaller²
Anna Dee Small (Inactive)

Kenneth Jones²
Louise Johnson¹
Jimmie Lancaster
Ruth Lovell¹
Ed McColgan¹
Stephen Mealor¹
Robert Norvell¹
Rod Spencer²
Randy Tracy

OTHER MEMBERS

Betty Broadnax¹
John Coats²
Sophia Hardy¹
Phil Shannon
Diana Veazey¹

Lucy Cummings
Vashti Crowder
Barret Matthews
Natalie Toombs¹

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Helen Locklear, BOP Costal Carolina Presbytery

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Rosemary Banta

VISITORS

Maury Ayre, Betty Barger, Jan Carpenter, Dave Claar, Rev. Jacqueline DeBerry (CPC), Lynn DuPriest, Ted Giddoney, Shirley Hartsfield, Thomas Hobson, Jill Lancaster, Matt Mathews, Jonathan Murphy, Tom Nunley, Ann Owen, Ed Patterson, Clara Shelton, Wandy Smith, Rev. Scott Sealy (CPC), Ralph Stevens, Helen Turner, Paul West, Anne Williams, Betty Anne Wilson.

The Omnibus Motion

The Omnibus Motion is a way of approving the business of the Presbytery which requires no discussion. When the Omnibus Motion comes up, the Moderator will ask for commissioners to approve all items which were printed, distributed prior to the meeting, and marked with an asterisk. To assist in locating these items, each page with Omnibus Motion items will be noted at the top of the page with either: "Omnibus Motion Item/Items on This Page," "Entire Pace is Part of Omnibus Motion," or "Entire Report is Part of Omnibus Motion."

When the Omnibus Motion is on the floor, no items included in it may be discussed, nor will questions be appropriate. If you have a question or wish to discuss any item of a report included in this inclusive motion, you should request that the item of business be removed from the Omnibus Motion to be considered later, when the particular committee report is scheduled.

You must read the reports of the Presbytery prior to the meeting and be ready to approve all the items in the single vote to approve the Omnibus Motion.

*Please note: A commissioner **may** remove **any** item from the Omnibus Motion, so that it may be considered individually, by simply requesting that the item be “removed from the Omnibus Motion.” This request should be made when the Moderator asks if there are any items to be removed from the Omnibus Motion.*

Items included in the Omnibus Motion:
Stated Clerks Report
Minutes Review Report
Items 1-2-3 at the end of the Council Report (p. 22)

Omnibus Motion

STATED CLERK
REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
November 10, 2009

Recommendations:

That the Proposed Docket for this meeting of Presbytery be approved.

That the Minutes of the Summer Stated Meeting on August 25, 2009 and Called Meeting on August 25, 2009 be approved as printed.

Information: that the following be admitted to record:

Receptions:

The Reverend Maggie Jorgensen who was called as designated pastor of the Buntyn Presbyterian Church of Memphis become the installed pastor of that congregation.

The Reverend Dr. John W. Larson received August 25, 2009, from Mississippi Presbytery. Reverend Larson will serve as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville TN.

Ordained & Installed by Presbytery

Minutes from the Commission to Ordain and Install Julie Bailey to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament be approved. Ordination & Commission Service was held at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church on Sunday August 30, 2009.

Minutes from the Commission to Ordain and Install Davis Bailey to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament be approved. Ordination & Commission Service was held at the Evergreen Presbyterian Church on Sunday August 30, 2009.

Minutes from the Commission to Install The Reverend Jennifer L. Goggins, Minister of Word and Sacrament as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Paris TN be approved. Installation Service was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Paris, TN on Sunday September 27, 2009.

Minutes from the Commission to Install The Reverend Paul B. Tucker, Minister of Word and Sacrament as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton TN be approved. Installation Service was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Trenton, TN on Sunday October 11, 2009.

Minutes from the Commission to Ordain and Install Cindy Schwartz to the Ministry of Word and

Sacrament be approved. Ordination & Commission Service was held at the Advent Presbyterian Church on Sunday October 18, 2009.

Dissolution:

The Reverend Katrina Hudson, dissolution of the pastoral relationship with Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Tennessee, be admitted as an At-Large-Member of the Mid-South Presbytery.

Dismissals:

Certificate of Dismissal of The Reverend Ivan Newton Herman, to Sacramento Presbytery.

Removals:

The Reverend Charles Greg Darden, demitted jurisdiction from PCUSA.

Deaths:

The Rev. James W. Campbell; October 10, 2009

Minutes from the Commission to Ordain

Julie Bailey and Davis Bailey

The Commission is Convened

The Commission was convened at 3:15 on Sunday, August 30, 2009 at Evergreen Presbyterian Church with a prayer offered by Rev. Amy Howe.

Present were Commissioners: Rev. Dr. Kenneth Letterman, Rev. Amy Howe, Rev. Casey Thompson, Elder Mr. Clinton Bailey, Elder Ms. Jane Roberts.

Present were Candidates: Julie Bailey and Davis Bailey

Also present were worship leaders and guests of the commission: Dr. David Barlett, Rev. Robert Hatcher, Ms. Rebekah Abel-Lamar, Rev. Ryan Baer, Ms. Amy Baer. Rev. Amy Howe was elected moderator of the commission and agreed to write a report to the Presbytery of the Mid-South regarding the ordination of Julie and Davis. The participants were each assigned parts of the worship service. The meeting was closed with a prayer for Julie and Davis as well as those participating in the ordination offered by Rev. Howe.

Order of Worship

God Gathers us in Community

The Worship Service for Ordination and Installation of Julie and Davis Bailey was convened in the Welcome at 4:01 by Rev. Dr. Ken Letterman. Amy Baer invited the congregation to stand for the Call to Worship. Rev. Ryan Baer called the congregation to Confession and the congregation prayed a corporate prayer of confession. The congregation received an Assurance of Pardon which was followed by the Gloria Patri.

Proclaiming the Word

Ms. Amy Baer prayed the Prayer for Illumination and read the Old Testament Reading which was 1 Kings 8:54-61. Dr. Bartlett read the New Testament Reading which was Luke 24:13-35. He followed the scripture reading with a Sermon titled, "Take My Life."

Responding to the Word: Ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Rev. Amy Howe gave the Statement of Ordination and then asked the congregation to Reaffirm their Baptismal Covenant. Rev. Howe offered a prayer of Thanksgiving for Baptism. Mr. Clinton Bailey led the Affirmation of Faith using the Apostles Creed. Rev. Dr. Ken Letterman then invited Julie and Davis forward and asked them our Constitutional Questions. Julie and Davis answered all questions in the affirmative. Evergreens clerk of session then asked the congregation questions regarding the particular ministry of Julie and Davis at Evergreen Presbyterian Church. The congregation affirmed the ministry of Davis and Julie. Rev. Casey Thompson invited elders and ministers to come forward for the laying of hands. A prayer was offered while the elders and ministers laid hands on Davis and Julie. Mr. Clinton Bailey Declared the Ordination of Julie Bailey and Davis Bailey. Ms. Rebekah Abel-Lamar gave a charge to Julie Bailey. Rev. Robert Hatcher gave a charge to Davis Bailey. Ms. Jane Roberts invited the congregation to Worship God with Offering, announcing that the offering would be used to support deserving students in need of financial aid at Columbia Theological Seminary. After the Doxology was sung, Ms. Roberts offered the Prayer of Dedication. Rev. Davis Bailey gave a charge to the congregation and Rev. Julie Bailey gave the Benediction.

Special Music throughout the Worship Service

Music was led by Melanie Marcom, the Director of Music Ministry at Evergreen. The Evergreen Choir led the congregation in hymns and sang the offertory. Mr. Ben Tucker accompanied on a trumpet, Mr. Alex Tong accompanied on a violin.

The following hymns were sung: "Gather us In," "We are Called," "The Summons" was the offertory.

The Prelude was "This is my Father's World/Hes Got the Whole World in his Hands; the Choral Response to the Benediction was "A Gaelic Blessing;" and the Postlude was "In Thee is Gladness."

The Conclusion of the Commission

The Commission gathered in Rev. Dr. Ken Letterman's office following the Worship Service. We were dismissed by a prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Letterman.

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MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO (ORDAIN AND OR) INSTALL

The Commission according to the appointment of the Presbytery of the Mid-South met at

Trenton 1st Pres _____ Church. ____ 10-11-09 _____ with

Minister: Arthur, Lodge, Walter Lockhart, Charles D. Harvey

Elders: Brenda Ragan, Tenton 1st, Mary Perry, Humbolt 1st present

and was open with prayer by Charles D Harvey. Quorum present: Yes

Charles D Harvey was elected Moderator and Brenda Ragan Clerk.

Charles D Harvey, presided and led the congregation in a service of worship.
Walter Lockhart, preached from John 3:1-19 after which
the moderator recited the proceeding of Presbytery leading up to this service and
proposed the Constitutional Questions to both the Minister and the congregation.

Harvey/Ragan asked Constitutional Questions.

Those being answered in the affirmative, Paul B Tucker was (with prayer and the laying on of hands
by the Presbytery and) installed as Pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church agreeably to the Word of God and the Book
of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by: moderator

The Charge to the Congregation was delivered by: Arthur Lodge

The service was concluded with the benediction pronounced by the newly install pastor. The leaders and other
members of the congregation were invited to come forward and give the new pastor their right hand in token of
cordial reception and affectionate regard.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Commission closed with prayer by : Paul T Tucker

Charles D Harvey Moderator Brenda Ragan Clerk

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The Commission according to the appointment of the Presbytery of the Mid-South met at

First Presbyterian Church, Sept. 27, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. with

Minister: Rev. Lee Clements, Trinity Pres., Martin, TN

Dr. Jimmie Lancaster, Presbytery Ex, Memphis, TN

John White, FPC Jackson, TN

Arthur Lodge, HR

Elders: Jennifer Wheatley, Pleasant Ridge/Big Sandy, TN

Lucy Cummings, Idlewild Pres., Memphis, TN

Bill Williams, FPC, Paris, TN, present

and was open with prayer by Dr. Jimmie Lancaster. Quorum present yes

Jimmie Lancaster was elected Moderator and _____ Clerk.

Dr. Lancaster, presided and led the congregation in a service of worship.

Rev. Megan Huston (invited guest), preached from _____ after which

Bill Williams recited the proceeding of Presbytery leading up to this service and

proposed the Constitutional Questions to both the Minister and the congregation.

Those being answered in the affirmative, Ginna Goggins was installed as Pastor of First Presbyterian, (Paris, TN) Church agreeably to the Word of God and the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by: Lucy Cummings

The Charge to the Congregation was delivered by: Rev. Arthur Lodge

The service was concluded with the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor. The leaders and other members of the congregation were invited to come forward and give the new pastor their right hand in token of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Commission closed with prayer by : Ginna Goggins

Dr. Jimmie Lancaster Moderator and Clerk

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MINUTES OF COMMISSION TO ORDAIN AND INSTALL

The Commission according to the appointment of the Presbytery of the Mid-South met at Advent Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at 1879 North Germantown Road, Cordova, Tennessee at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 18, 2009 for the purpose of ordaining and installing the Rev. Dr. Cynthia Schwartz as a minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and installing her as an Associate Pastor at Advent Church.

Ministers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) present and serving on the Commission of the Presbytery included the Rev. G. Christopher Scruggs, the Rev. Genna Goggins, and the Rev. David Jahnke, guest of the Presbytery and brother of Cindy Schwartz. Also present were Father David Knight of the Roman Catholic Church and the Rev. Billy Vaughn of the United Methodist Church. The Rev. Stephanie Patton, Chairperson of Council for the Presbytery of the Mid-South could not attend at the last moment due to illness in the family, but participated by calling to be excused. The Rev. Dr. Jimmie Lancaster was needed at another congregation of the Presbytery and was also excused.

Elders Lisa Mulherin and Alice McClanahan (First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Tennessee), Conner Franklin and Moderator of the Presbytery, Dr. Barret Mathews (First Presbyterian Church, Covington Tennessee), and Elsie McLemore (Advent Church, Cordova) were also present. Elder Peter Mascolo (First Presbyterian Church, Brownsville, Tennessee) could not attend due to family obligations.

The Commission was open with prayer by the Rev. Chris Scruggs, who acted as Moderator of the Commission of the Ordination and Installation. Prayers were also offered for Rev. Patton as she traveled to be with her family. A Quorum determined to be present by the Commission. Rev. Scruggs, presided and led the congregation in two services of worship, which together constituted the service of ordination and installation. By consent, Rev. Dr. Schieber, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Mid-South acted as Clerk. Rev. David Jahnke, preached from the Gospel Lesson for the Week, on the subject of James and Johns request to be seated on the left and right hand of Jesus after which Rev. Dr. Scruggs recited the proceeding of Presbytery leading up to this service and proposed the Constitutional Questions to both the Minister and the congregation. The exact order of the service was as follows:

Presentation of Candidate	Rev. Dr. G. Christopher Scruggs
Constitutional Questions to Candidate	Rev. Dr. G. Christopher Scruggs
Constitutional Questions to Congregation	Elder Lisa Mulherin
Charge to Candidate	Father David Knight
Charge to Congregation	Elder Conner Franklin
Prayer of the People and Laying on of Hands	Rev. Genna Goggins
Moderators Welcome	Rev. Dr. G. Christopher Scruggs

The necessary questions to the Congregation and Candidate were answered in the affirmative, and the Rev. Dr. Cindy Schwartz was ordained with prayer and the laying on of hands by the Presbytery and installed as an Associate Pastor of Advent Church agreeably to the Word of God and the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The service was concluded at the conclusion of the 11:00 worship service with the benediction pronounced by the newly installed pastor. The leaders and other members of the congregation were invited to come forward and give the new pastor their right hand in token of cordial reception and affectionate regard. There was a reception at 10:00 for the Rev. Dr. Schwartz.

The Commission closed with prayer during the 11:00 worship service at Advent Church by Rev. Dr. Scruggs.

Respectfully submitted on this the 22nd day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, 2009 A.D.

Rev. Dr. G. Christopher Scruggs, Moderator
Rev. Dr. David A. Schieber, Stated Clerk

OMNIBUS MOTION

(Entire Report is part of Omnibus Motion)

Minutes Review Committee
Report to Presbytery
November 10, 2009

The Minutes Review Committee recommends that the following report be approved:

Minutes of the Session of the following churches were examined and approved without exception:

PFC. Brownsville
PFC. Caruthersville
PFC, Clarkton
Cedar Grove
PFC, Kennett
PFC, Tiptonville

Minutes of the Session of the following churches were also examined and approved with exception:

(Please refer to your Report Form for Session Minutes for these exceptions)

FPC, Covington
FPC, Dyer
FPC, Maiden
FPC, New. Madrid

Exception Codes:

1. Time and place of each meeting are not given.
2. Names of elders present are not noted.
3. Each meeting was not opened and closed with prayer.
4. Session did not always approve its own minutes.
5. Session did not meet at least once a quarter.
6. An audit at the church's books was not made.
7. Session did not approve annual budget of church.
8. Annual Statistical Report was not approved, included in the minutes and ordered to be forwarded to Presbytery.
9. Session did not make an annual review of the church membership roll to maintain an accurate roll of (a) active members, (b) inactive members, (c) baptized members, (d) affiliate members.
10. Communications from higher governing bodies were not read and acted on by the Session as requested by the sending higher governing body.
11. Minutes do not state the composition of the Session with regard to racial ethnic members, women, men, and age groups, and how this corresponds to the composition of the congregation.
12. Session's minutes do not record the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff.
13. Representatives were not elected to each meeting of Presbytery.
14. Representatives did not report to the Session on their attendance at Presbytery.
15. Minutes are not included of at least an annual congregational meeting.
16. Congregational meeting minutes do not record a "review of the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor or pastors."
17. The vote to call (and the business specified for) each congregational meeting was not recorded in Session's minutes.
18. Minutes are not included of all congregational meetings called by the Session.
19. Minutes of the Board of Deacons were not examined annually by the Session.
20. A Joint Board Meeting (if the church has a Board of Deacons) was not held.
21. Minutes do record ordination and installation of new Deacons and Elders.
22. Minutes do not record reception of new members, giving full names, and noting manner of reception (Profession of Faith, Transfer by Letter, Reaffirmation).
23. All dismissals and other deletions from the church roll were not acted upon by the Session with full information recorded in the Minutes.
24. There are irregularities or inconsistencies with Presbyterian procedure in actions of the Session.

Churches that are delinquent at this meeting in submission of their Session Minutes for annual review by Presbytery are these. The Committee on Ministry will be informed concerning churches delinquent two or more times in submission of their records. Next scheduled review, Oct. 2010.

FPC, Adamsville
Greenleaf
Korean
Liberation Community
FPC, Mason
FPC, Ripley
FPC, Savannah
Oak Street Community

These are the churches whose minutes are routinely due for examination at the Winter Stated Meeting of Presbytery:

Advent	Balmoral	Buntyn
Collierville	Evergreen	Farmington
Germantown	Grace, Bartlett	Grace, Dyersburg
FPC, Humboldt	FPC, McKenzie	FCP, Memphis
Mount Sharon	FPC, Munford	Parkway Gardens United
FPC, Selmer	Shady Grove	Trinity

All churches whose minutes are due for examination at the Winter Stated Meeting will receive a notification approximately one month before they are due. (Due date, January 19, 2010)

Report of the Mid-South Presbyterian Women

Vashti Crowder, PW Moderator, addressed the assembly regarding the work of the Mid-South Presbyterian Women in the year 2008-2009. Vashti spoke of the purpose and mission of the PW organization. She reported, among other things, that the PW of the Mid-South gave over \$7,053 to the Birthday Offering. She spoke of how our Presbyteries PW group fit into the worldwide mission of the church, and how they strengthened that mission.

Report of the PC(USA) Board of Pensions Representative

Helen Locklear, our Presbyteries representative to the Board of Pensions, reported on the work of the National PC(USA) Board of Pensions. She reported on the state of the investment portfolio, and reported that all is in good standing. Pension credits will not be reduced as in some denominations. She also reported on changes in the health care area of the Board of Pensions. Helen stayed with the Presbytery through the lunch hour so she would be available to answer questions.

Synod Mission Project Report, "Living Waters for the World"

Betty Anne Wilson reported on the work of Living Waters. She reported that over 350 clean water units have been installed around the world. This is the most successful synod mission project in history. She commended churches in the Mid-South Presbytery which have been involved in the Living Waters for the World project. Research and development for better ways of purifying water continues. All churches were encouraged to get involved in this mission program.

Collegial Morning Worship

Dr. Stephen Montgomery was responsible for the preparation for the worship service which payed tribute to John Calvin's 500th birthday (1509-2009). The service of worship follows:

PRESBYTERY OF THE MID-SOUTH

Morning Worship

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

CALL To WORSHIP

The Reverend Julie Bailey

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Amen.

With true and believing hearts,
let us give worship and praise to God
through our Lord Jesus Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

No. 457

CONFESSION AND PARDON (*From Calvin's Geneva Liturgy, 1543*)

Brothers and sisters, let us present ourselves before the Lord,
confessing our faults and our sins.

Eternal and Almighty God,

We acknowledge before your holy majesty

that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments.

(Silent prayer)

With heartfelt sorrow, O Lord, we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, asking that your grace relieve our distress.

Have compassion on us, most gracious God, giver of mercy, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Remove our guilt, grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness, pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, you know that God, being full of goodness and mercy, loved the world so greatly as to give his only Son, who said plainly that he had come to save that which had been lost. Our good Savior has promised us that everything we ask in his name will be given to us. Believe, therefore, that when we ask God's mercy in the name of

our Lord Jesus, our Lord forgives us, and, through the *faith* we have in Jesus Christ, our hearts are cleansed. May Jesus, the true Savior of the world, who died for us, who rose for us, and is seated in glory at the right hand of the Almighty God, dwell in your hearts through His Holy Spirit, that you be wholly alive in him, through living faith and perfect love.

Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

“The Commandments of God” (see *insert*)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

(*John Calvin*)

Grant, Almighty God, that as thou shinest on us by thy word, we may not be blind at midnight, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep; But may we be roused daily by thy words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear thy name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits, as a sacrifice to thee, that thou mayest peaceably rule, and perpetually dwell in us, until thou gatherest us to thy celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

REFLECTIONS

“What’s Not to Like About Calvin?”

The Reverend Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*see insert*)

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND OFFERTORY

*Doxology with Alleluias

Ms. Lucy Cummings
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS OF INTRECESSION

The Reverend Stephanie Bussey-Spencer Patton

(*Adapted from the Genevan Liturgy and prayers of John Calvin*)

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the prayers we make through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who said that he would be in the midst of us whenever we gather in his name. Now lift up our thoughts and desires to you so that we may call on you with all our heart, trusting in your goodness and grace.

**We pray for all leaders and rulers,
those charged with the administration of justice.
Rule over them by your sovereign Spirit
so that they might build up the realm of Christ.
Keep the people of all nations in peace and safety
so that we may serve you in godliness and praise
your name all the days of our *lives*.**

**We pray for the church, its pastors and people,
and all whom you have entrusted with the work of the Gospel.**

**Guide and direct us by your Holy Spirit,
so that we may be faithful ministers of your glory:
Gathering all the poor, wandering, and lost sheep
into the loving arms of the good shepherd Jesus Christ,
so that they may grow in righteousness and holiness in him.**

We pray for all people everywhere, that those who are estranged from the knowledge of Christ may be brought into the illumination of the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel. Visit them with your grace and enlighten them with your Word so that they may grow in goodness day by day, enriched by your spiritual blessings, until all the world may worship you with one heart and one voice.

We pray for those who are suffering, whether by poverty, prison, sickness, exile, or any misery of the body or affliction of the spirit. Enable them to know your loving kindness and care so that they may be delivered from every ill.

We pray for all who are gathered here in the name of Jesus Christ, that we might hear his Word. Pardon our faults and nourish us in all goodness, so that we may offer ourselves complete, with all our love and steadfast faith, to your dear son, our Lord, the only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN OF DEDICATION “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

(Psalm 100) No. 220

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Julie Bailey
Associate Pastor for Christian Education, Evergreen Presbyterian Church

The Reverend Dr. Stephen Montgomery
Pastor, Idlewild Presbyterian Church

Ms. Lucy Cummings
Associate Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of the Mid-South

The Reverend Stephanie Bussey-Spencer Patton
Parish Associate, First Presbyterian Church-Memphis

Dr. Ted Gibboney
Director of Music Ministry and Organist, Idlewild Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Council Report

Rev. Stephanie Bussey-Spencer Patton, Council Moderator presented the following report:

COUNCIL REPORT

November 10, 2009

Presbytery of the Mid-South

Items of Information:

1. The Council met on October 13, 2009 from 3:30 - 6:00 PM. at the Advent Church.
2. The Council had previously been made aware of the request for dismissal with property by the First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis, Arkansas, and voted to recommend its nomination of the members of the already-appointed Task Group to become a commission of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. (See below for recommendation).
3. The Council spent a great deal of time receiving and discussing the financial report made by the Presbytery treasurer, Mr. Phil Shannon. Items discussed included: strategy for budget-making for 2010; long-term financial concerns and long-term direction of the ministry of the presbytery (long term meaning over the next five years). The Council Instructed the Administration Ministry Team to present the current situation to the presbytery at the November meeting and to prepare a realistic budget for 2010 to be approved at the February meeting of Presbytery. Also, the Council asked Stephanie Patton, Barret Matthews, Jimmie Lancaster and Lucy Cummings to carefully, and with the input of all of the churches of the Presbytery and the pastors, gather a group committed to creating a five year (strategic) plan for ministry for this Presbytery. This group will be named and presented for approval by the Presbytery at its February, 2009 stated meeting.
4. In light of deferring the approval of the budget until the February meeting, the Council realized that decisions regarding staff salaries and changes in the executive presbyter salary package need to be addressed by the end of this fiscal year. Council agreed that any raises given to staff would be retroactive to January 1, 2010. Further, the Council recommends (see below) a change in the apportionment of the executive Presbyter's current salary, beginning January 1, 2010.
5. The Council evaluated the August Presbytery meeting and questioned whether it would be wise to continue an evening meeting each August. The original intent for the August evening meeting was to be a lower key, information gathering, even fellowship time. For the last three years there has been so much business to do that the original intent has had to take a back seat to the business. All were in agreement that the evening August meeting is problematic, but no recommendation was made or solution offers.
6. The Council expressed concern that the Bills and Overtures recommendation had not been distributed in the packet prior to the August Presbytery meeting.
7. Working Team Updates:
 - A. Presbytery Docket Preparation Team: Barret Matthews, chair~ Steve Montgomery, Dave Schieber, Lucy Cummings; Jimmie Lancaster — The Council agreed on the items for the agenda of the November 10, 2009 Presbytery meeting and allotted time for each item, Moderator Barret Matthews will prepare the docket with said information and submit it in a timely matter to the presbytery office for distribution in the packet.
 - B. Presbytery Worship Team: Steve Montgomery, chair: Ellen Roberds, Brian Henderson, representative from host church, Vice-Moderator Steve Montgomery will work with his team and Lucy in preparing the November Presbytery Worship In celebration of John Calvin's 500th birthday.

- C. Council Vision Planning Team: Stephanie Patton, Chain Representatives of each mission area (or their designee): Chris Ham, Ellen Roberds, Natalie Toombs, Betty Broadnax, Diana Veazey, John Coats, Sam Lane, Dave Schieber; PW: Vashti Crowder, Nom: Will Jones. Under the leadership of Council Chair Stephanie Patton, the Vision Planning Team met in early September. Each Ministry Committee assumed a particular project or task to be completed within a year as follows:
- a. Administrative Ministry Area — Develop a plan for better communication within our presbytery, specifically forming a group of presbytery enablers to make sure individual congregations are aware of opportunities and events within our presbytery. (This is modeled on the PW enabler system which seems to work well).
 - b. Community Mission Area -Develop, plan and carry-out an exciting, specific new mission initiative for our presbytery entitled Stop Hunger Now.
 - Leadership Mission Area — Plan and carry-out a soul-feeding event for the presbytery. A separate task group will be appointed by Council Chair to carry this out.
 - d. Congregational Mission Area — Schedule and host a series of gatherings for Presbytery pastors throughout the year..... perhaps a wine and fellowship time. And, plan a retreat for pastors and elders of the presbytery.
- D. Task Group to Revise Policies & Procedures Manual: Stephanie Patton, Chair; Sam Lane, Chris Ham, Diana Veazey, Katherine Getzke, Sophia Hardy, Phil Shannon, Toni Pickering, Maggie Jorgensen, Jimmie Lancaster & Lucy Cummings. This group has met once and identified a number of concerns about and problems with the current policies and procedures manual. This groups work is just beginning.

E. An Informal Discussion of Dismissal Guidelines was held on September 15, 2009 at the Presbytery office. Those in attendance were Stephanie Patton, Anne Apple, Steve Montgomery, Natalie Toombs, Warner Davis, Jimmie Lancaster and Lucy Cummings. All were in agreement that the documents intent is to foster trust among the congregations, sessions, elders and pastors of the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Agreement was expressed that there is no desire to change the content of the dismissal with property document in any significant way — and in no means any intent to remove the right for a congregation to request dismissal with property as stated under the current guidelines. A number of logistical concerns have arisen out of the implementation of the dismissal guidelines and more guidance is needed on these matters. The group will meet again in the near future in hopes of further clarification. The above folks will gather plus excused members Barret Matthews, Shirley Hartsfield, Chris Ham, Ken Letterman, Helen Norman and those serving on the West Memphis Task Group/Commission will also be invited to share their wisdom and experience.

8. Stated Council Meetings for the year have all been held. There will be a called Council Meeting/Retreat on Tuesday, December 8, time and place TBA. Among the items on this called meeting agenda will be the discussion and vote regarding the suggestion that Council meetings may be held by conference call and/or electronically per email when there is a need for an immediate decision to be made by Council and there is quorum for a called meeting. The Council will hear any recommendations forthcoming from the Commission for the Dismissal of First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis following the December 6 Congregational Meeting. Evaluation of the previous Council year and preparations for the upcoming year will also be featured.
9. Several members of council met in September at a called meeting when a quorum could not be present, and within our Presbyterys polity and on their own integrity made the following recommendation to the Bills and Overtures Committee requesting the following addition to the Manual of Operations under the duties of the Coordinating Council:

When a congregation notifies the Presbytery of its desire to be dismissed with property, the *Coordinating Council is authorized to form a Task Force of at least seven people (follow Book of Order guidelines for the membership of an Administrative Commission) to represent presbytery, and this Task Force can be elected to be an Administrative Commission at the next Presbytery Meeting; and the council will choose the time, place and worship for a stated or called meeting of presbytery to hear the report of the Task Force or the Administrative Commission; and any member of the church being dismissed who does not wish to leave the PC(USA) may request a membership transfer to the Presbytery of the Mid-South until a new church home is found, and the council will handle this transaction.*

This recommendation was sent to the Bills and Overtures Committee c/c the Chair, Tom Pickering. It is our expectation that this matter will be considered at the November Presbytery Meeting. This recommendation was brought by the following Council members: Stephanie Patton, Moderator of Council; Barret Matthews, Moderator of the Presbytery; Steve Montgomery, Moderator Elect of the Presbytery; Dave Schieber, Stated Clerk; Lucy Cummings. Associate Executive Presbyter; and Jimmie Lancaster, Executive Presbyter.

Recommendations:

I. That the following Council-appointed Task Group for working with First Presbyterian Church, West Memphis, Arkansas regarding their request for dismissal, be approved by the Presbytery as a Commission for said purpose: Pastors: Bo Scarborough and Stephanie Patton (co-chairs), Anne Apple, Will Jones; Elders: Barret Matthews, Marti Becker, Phil Shannon, Bert Seaton. Staff: Jimmie Lancaster and Lucy Cummings. (FYI: This task group began its work on September 27, 2009 when the Task Group members met with the session of the FPC, West Memphis per nomination and request of Council).

* Ominbus Motion

1. That the Executive Presbytery's housing allowance be reapportioned (as is the annual practice) and listed as of January 1, 2010 at the rate of \$37,149.00. (*Apparently Jimmie and Jill have inadvertently purchased a "money pit" which needs lots of repairs in the coming year. This does not change the total package for 2009 nor will this apportionment change if a new amount of total-package is approved at the February 2010 meeting.*)

2. That a realistic budget for the 2010 fiscal year be presented at the February, 2010 stated Presbytery meeting. Any raises for staff would then become retroactive to January 1, 2010. Staff would not receive any anticipated raise until the approval of the budget by presbytery at that February, 2010 meeting.

3. That the Presbyterian Women (PW) of the Presbytery of the Mid-South be granted the permission to serve communion at its annual meeting, May 11, 2010, at Woodland United Presbyterian Church.

Stephanie Patton moved that recommendation #1 above on this page be approved. It was Moved and Passed unanimously.

Rev. Bo Scarborough then reported that the Task Force had met with the West Memphis Church and that the congregation would vote on December 6, 2009 in regard to their dismissal. Rev. Ann Apple also spoke about the Task Force meeting with the congregation.

Bills and Overtures

Rev. Tom Pickering, chair of the Bills and Overtures Committee, presented the following report:

Bills and Overture Committee Report

MOTION: The Bills and Overture Committee met on October 21, 2009 and recommends that the following language be inserted in the Manual of Operation Part III - Structure, Page F.-Coordinating Council, Under "Functions" (of the Coordinating Council) by adding the following language... and that the current item "k" be renamed item "I".

k. When a congregation notifies the Presbytery of its desire to be dismissed with property, the Coordinating Council is authorized to form a Task Force of at least seven people (follow Book of Order guidelines for the

membership of an Administrative Commission) to represent presbytery, and this Task Force can be elected to be an Administrative Commission at the next Presbytery Meeting; and the council will choose the time, place and worship for a stated or called meeting of presbytery to hear the report of the Task Force or the Administrative Commission; and any member of the church being dismissed who does not wish to leave the PC(USA) may request a membership transfer to the Presbytery of the Mid-South until a new church home is found, and the council will handle this transaction.

Submitted by;

Stephanie Patton, Moderator of Council
Barret Matthews, Moderator of the Presbytery
Steve Montgomery, Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery
Dave Schieber, Stated Clerk
Lucy Cummings, Associate Executive Presbyter
Jimmie Lancaster, Executive Presbyter

The motion was moved and passed.

Rationale:

1. **“When a congregation notifies the Presbytery of its desire to be dismissed with property, the Coordinating Council is authorized to form a Task Force of at least seven people (follow Book of Order guidelines for the membership of an Administrative Commission) to represent presbytery, and this Task Force can be elected to be an Administrative Commission at the next Presbytery Meeting;...”**

The **“Procedures, Guidelines, and Standards for Dismissing Congregations”** does not give guidance for the formation of a Task Force to represent the presbytery in this process. Since the whole process can take place in 30 days, there usually is not enough time to have a called presbytery meeting to elect the Task Force to respond. The Coordinating Council can act on behalf of the presbytery between meetings if the presbytery delegates certain duties to it. Therefore, we request this wording to be added to the Manual of Operations as a duty of the Coordinating Council.

2. **“...and the council will choose the time, place and worship for a stated or called meeting of presbytery to hear the report of the Task Force or the Administrative Commission;”** This phrase provides for good stewardship of time and resources because there is some ambiguity about the need to have a called meeting to dismiss a church, especially when a stated meeting is already scheduled four times a year. There is a difference of opinion in regards to the type and length of the worship service needed for this dismissal of a congregation. This phrase gives the Council the flexibility of adding the motion for dismissal to the agenda for a stated meeting and the authority to create an appropriate worshipful response for the service of “Healing and Wholeness.”

3. **“...and any member of the church being dismissed who does not wish to leave the PC(USA) may request a membership transfer to the Presbytery of the Mid-South until a new church home is found, and the council will handle this transaction.”**

When people do not want to leave the PC(USA), this addition would give the council the authority to transfer those people to the roll of Presbytery, as has been done when a church is closed. This action would give the people adequate time to seek another church home. Recently an elder at a church which was granted dismissal did not want to leave the PCUSA because he wanted to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor, so he had to find another home church in an expeditious manner because he was starting this process in the fall. Also, if a Candidate for the Ministry was away at seminary when his/her home church sought dismissal, then that person would have to find a new church home quickly in order to avoid the polity issue of being a member of another denomination during the candidacy process.

Brief Reports

- 1) Stated Clerk, David Schieber, requested the following:
 - a. That churches who had their minutes reviewed please pick them up today.
 - b. That the 2009 statistical reports have been mailed. Please return the reports by February.
 - c. The clerk then read a letter from Woodland United requesting permission from the congregation to purchase the home of their present pastor, Matt Miller in St. Petersburg, FL. This would allow Matt to purchase a home in Memphis. The motion was moved by the clerk, seconded and passed.

- 2) Treasurer, Phil Shannon gave a financial report. The nine month review shows the Presbytery church behind in giving to the Presbytery. If churches catch up in their giving this will improve. His report is included here. Phil also urged churches to pledge to the 2010 budget.

Discussion and ratification of the 2010 Presbytery operating budget will be deferred until the February 2010 Presbytery meeting. At that time, we believe there will be much better information regarding expected income with which to make decisions about our spending budget, and it necessary, the use of reserves.

Presbytery of the Mid-South
 Revenue and Expenses (Operating Account)
 For the nine months ending September 30, 2009

	Total Budget	9 of 12	Actual	Difference
Beginning Cash Balance			46,772.07	
<u>Revenue</u>				
Unified & Selected Giving	\$ 465,000.00	387,500.00	292,412.91	(95,087.09)
Mission Partnership Funds	8,500.00	6,374.97	6,597.00	222.03
Interest Income	7,000.00	5,249.97	3,087.30	(2,162.67)
Post Paid Pledges			2,500.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	5,000.00	3,749.99	336.91	(3,413.08)
Total Revenue	485,500.00	402,874.93	304,934.12	(97,940.81)
<u>Expenses</u>				
Presbytery				
Coordinating Council	\$ 390,271.00	292,703.24	279,437.56	13,265.68
Community Mission Area	30,000.00	22,500.00	22,369.76	130.24
Committee on Nomination	500.00	374.94	0	374.94
Committee on Ministry	1,500.00	1,125.00	988.50	136.50
Leadership Missions (Res. Ctr)	3,000.00	2,250.00	1,731.11	518.89
Congregational Missions	33,650.00	25,237.49	24,075.00	1,162.49

Miscell. Exp./Bank Fees			1,175.78	(1,175.78)
	458,921.00	344,190.67	329,777.71	14,412.96
General Assembly	20,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00
Synod	10,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	488,921.00	366,690.65	352,277.71	14,412.96
Pinecrest YTD Deficit			-22,827.62	
Total Expenses			375,105.33	
Cash Balance	9/30/2009		-23,399.14	

Notes:

1. 2009 budgeted unified and selective giving of \$465,000 was based on 2008 actual amounts. Actual 2009 pledges were \$429,000, or \$36,000 less than budgeted. The decrease primarily reflects the economy.
2. Other revenues, net, will likely be below budgeted amounts by approximately \$2,000.
3. The unfilled resource center position for a portion of 2009 will decrease Presbytery expenses by \$6,000
4. The Outdoors Ministry Committee expects to reach break even by the end of the year, as budgeted.
5. Our current expectation is that full year actual expenses will exceed revenues by approximately \$35,000. This deficit will be funded by available reserves.

Church Donation Report

	Church	Pledge Unified	Pledge Presbytery Selective	Pledge \$ Received Jan-Sept	Pre-Capita	Per-Capita Received Jan-Sept	Restricted Donations Jan-Jun	Total
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Adamsville, FPC				450.66			0.00
2	Mount Sharon				901.32			0.00
3	Grace, Bartlett	1,000		455.00	2,058.42	1,543.83	50.00	2,048.83
4	Brownsville, FPC				1,924.44	1,924.44		1,924.44
5	Bethel Springs				499.38	499.38		499.38
6	Purdy				231.42	231.42		231.42
7	Pleasant Ridge				73.08	73.08		73.08
8	Blytheville, FPC	2,600			2,168.04		87.00	87.00
9	Caruthersville, FPC	3,300			2,326.38	2,326.38	2,438.53	4,764.91
10	Cedar Grove	100			121.80	121.80		121.80
11	Clarkton, FPC				170.52	170.52		170.52
12	Collierville	4,000		3,000.00	1,960.98	1,960.98	124.50	5,085.48
13	Advent	7,000	27,000	25,500.03	14,981.40	12,484.50	4,949.99	42,934.52
14	Cordova	3,000		2,250.00	1,644.30	1,644.30	900.00	4,794.30
15	New Hope				48.72		100.00	100.00
16	McKenzie, FPC	125		225.00	292.32	292.32	166.69	684.01

17	Balmoral	20,000		10,000.00	2,691.78	2,691.78	500.00	13,191.78
18	Bethel				1,108.38			0.00
19	Buntyn	5,000		3,750.03	1,632.12	1,632.12	846.00	6,228.15
20	Evergreen	5,000		2,500.00	4,348.26	4,348.26	1,336.08	8,184.34
21	Memphis, FPC	2,000		1,500.00	2,082.78	1,582.78	3,152.17	6,234.95
22	Idlewild	150,000		112,500.00	18,781.56	14,086.12	3,113.76	129,699.88
23	Liberation Community Parkway Gardens				1,169.28			0.00
24	United	3,000			2,716.14	2,716.14		2,716.14
25	Shady Grove	5,000		1,250.00	1,851.36		990.00	2,240.00
26	Covington, FPC				3,775.80	3,775.80	1,380.00	5,155.80
27	Dyer, FPC				316.68	316.68	718.00	1,034.68
28	Grace, Dyersburg	500			414.12	414.12		414.12
29	Faith		6,000	3,000.00	4,238.64	4,238.64	962.16	8,200.80
30	Farmington	20,000		15,000.00	2,143.68	2,143.68	1,712.69	18,856.37
31	Germantown Korean P C of	50,000	5,000	41,500.00	10,194.66	4,200.00		45,700.00
32	Memphis				182.70	182.70		182.70
33	Humboldt, FPC		3,600	2,400.00	1,693.02			2,400.00
34	Huntington, FPC				718.62	718.62		718.62
35	Anderson				60.90	60.90		60.90
36	Jackson, FPC	20,000		13,333.36	6,248.34	6,248.34	2,084.00	21,665.70
37	Greenleaf				182.70	182.70		182.70
38	Kennett, FPC	12,000		9,000.00	1,522.50	1,522.50	435.18	10,957.68
39	LaGrange	1,000			535.92	535.92		535.92
40	Malden, FPC	2,000		2,000.00	365.40		755.00	2,755.00
41	Trinity	3,111		2,333.25	779.52	779.52	1,841.92	4,954.69
42	Mason		200	200.00	121.80	121.80	350.00	671.80
43	Woodland United	28,000		18,666.72	3,495.66	1,445.52	52.00	20,164.24
44	Kerrville				207.06	207.06	800.00	1,007.06
45	Munford				1,364.16			0.00
46	Paris, FPC	5,000		3,752.86	1,510.32	1,132.74	648.00	5,533.60
47	Ripley, FPC				353.22	219.24		219.24
48	Savannah, FPC		500	500.00	280.14	280.14		780.14
49	Oakland	1,000		1,000.00	426.30	426.30		1,426.30
50	Piggott, FPC				194.88	194.88	98.00	292.88

51	Marl Bluff				48.72			0.00
52	Rosemark	2,000			401.94	401.94	2,000.00	2,401.94
53	Bethesda				146.16	146.16		146.16
54	Selmer, FPC				475.02	475.02	286.80	761.82
55	Somerville, FPC	5,500			1,668.66	1,668.66	264.13	1,932.79
56	Tiptonville	3,400			316.68	316.68	1,130.00	1,446.68
57	Trenton, FPC	6,000	6,100.00		2,801.40	2,801.40	600.00	9,501.40
58	Oak Street Community				207.06			0.00
59	West Memphis, FPC	14,500	9,921.66		1,924.44		900.00	10,821.66
60	New Madrid, FPC	1,550	775.00		560.28	560.28	779.80	2,115.08
	Others				1,266.72	1,536.81		1,536.81
	Total	372,186	56,800	292,412.91	117,378.66	87,584.90	36,552.40	416,550.21

B Name of Church

C Pledge to unified budget of Mid-South Presbytery

D Pledge to Mid-South Presbytery (designated)

E Amount received as of 9/30/2009 A & B

F Per-Capita @ 12.18 per person

G Per-Capita paid as of 9/30/09

H Restricted Donations & Offering. 6/30/09 Pinecrest, Easter (OGHS), Christmas, Pentecost Offering, MIFA
Food Bank, Monroe Harding etc.

I Total \$ Received Columns E, G & H

- 3) Presbytery Executive, Jimmie Lancaster, gave a brief report. He recommended a book by Phylis Tickle entitled, The Great Emergence. In this book she sees the church "cleaning house" every 500 years. We may be in this period of history now. The book is worth the reading.
- 4) Presbytery Executive Jimmy Lancaster reported on the 2009 Synod meeting, in the absence of the synod commissioner. He shared highlights of the 2009 synod meeting.

The assembly adjourned for lunch at 11:50 with a prayer by the clerk.

Report of the Committee on Preparation

The Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with a report from Rev. Ann Apple on the work of the Committee on Preparation. Ann reported on a recent retreat with those under care of committee. The meeting was held at Camp Pinecrest. The committee is working with ten candidates, and inquirers. James Foster and Linda Graham have been approved to receive a call.

Report of the Committee of Ministry

Rev. Michael Krech, moderator of the committee gave the following report:

Presbytery of the Mid-South

Committee on Ministry

Report to Presbytery
November 10, 2009 Meeting

Mandated Business:

Pastors To Be Received By Presbytery

M. Jacqueline DeBerry, a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in Tampa Bay Presbytery, has sustained her examination by the Committee on Ministry. Jackie's education includes B.S. from Bethel College, McKenzie, Tennessee, and M.Div. and D.Min. from Memphis Theological Seminary. Her previous pastorates include Presbyterian Chapel in the Grove, Lakeland, Florida, and First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Illinois. She was also editor of *The Cumberland Presbyterian* magazine and a weekly newsletter *This Week*. The committee recommends that presbytery sustain her examination, receive her as a minister at large in this presbytery and approve as a validated ministry her service as Director of Older Adult Ministries and Pastoral Care at Germantown Presbyterian Church, and her position on the faculty of the new Praxis College, which is located on Canada Road in Lakeland, Tennessee. (See Exhibit A for Jackie's statement of faith and terms of service at Germantown Presbyterian.) Following a brief statement from Jacqueline and questions from the floor, it was moved and passed to receive her as a member of the Presbytery. Prayer followed.

Stacy Carroll Smith, a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in Whitewater Valley Presbytery, has sustained her examination by the Committee on Ministry. Stacy's education includes B.A. from Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, New York. Her previous service to the church includes being at Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and seminarian intern at Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York, and an editorial intern at beliefnet.com in New York. The committee recommends that presbytery sustain her examination, receive her as a minister at large in this presbytery, approve as a validated ministry her service as Minister of Health and Wellness at the Church Health Center, Memphis, approve her service as a parish associate (without compensation) at Idlewild Presbyterian Church, and authorize her to administer the sacraments in the appropriate contexts of her service at the Church Health Center. (See Exhibit B for Stacy's statement of faith.) Following a brief statement from Stacy and questions from the floor, it was moved and passed to receive her as a member of the Presbytery. Prayer followed.

Charles Scott Sealy, a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has sustained his examination by the Committee on Ministry. Scott's education includes B.A. from Jacksonville State University in Alabama, M.Div. and D.Min. from Memphis Theological Seminary, and he is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He has served as pastor of Allsboro Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Cherokee, Alabama, since 1998, and was youth minister

at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Olive Branch, Mississippi, 1995-98. Scott has also served as a part time instructor at Memphis Theological Seminary. The Committee on Ministry recommends that per C11 .0404b a waiver of the ordination exams be granted since he has been ordained for more than five years in another Reformed Church. The Committee on Ministry also recommends that presbytery sustain his examination, approve the call and terms of call to him as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Covington, Tennessee, approve an Administrative Commission to install him as pastor and receive him as a member of this presbytery. (See Exhibit C for Scott's statement of faith and terms of call at Covington.) Following a brief statement of faith and questions from the floor it was moved and passed to receive him as a member of the presbytery and approve his call to the Covington Church. Moderator Matthews administered the questions required of a PC(USA) pastor. Prayer followed.

Information

The Committee on Ministry has approved the renewal covenant agreement between Trinity Presbyterian Church and Campus Ministry and the Korean Campus Ministry in Martin, Tennessee, which is led by Se Bong Kang. This covenant was first adopted in 2003 and revised in 2008.

The Committee on Ministry has met with Tom Sauer, previously an elder at Faith Presbyterian Church, Germantown, now a member at Germantown Presbyterian Church, and has encouraged him in his initial enrollment in the online curriculum for Commissioned Lay Pastor study through the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary.

It was reported that Matthew Miller was installed as the pastor of Woodland Church on Nov. .

Exhibit A **MY FAITH STATEMENT**

Rev. Dr. Jacqueline DeBerry

My faith is best described and most clearly seen in The Apostles' Creed. I grew up in the church and have spent the past 28 years in ministry as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The Scripture is the only infallible rule of faith and practice. Through it, I have personally come to know God the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Scripture, being the inspired Holy Word of God, is Authoritative. The Traditions of the Church expressed throughout the many centuries have also formed my faith. How privileged I am to be the recipient of both Gods Holy Word and the Traditions of the Church along with her creeds.

It is with amazing awe that I find myself as a recipient of salvation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I am forever amazed at the unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness, and grace of my Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Realizing my own unworthiness, I am exceedingly thankful that He has allowed me to serve Him and the church.

I view others as children of the Most High God. Some folks already know that they belong to God, and others are not yet aware of such. As a Christian, I have a responsibility to share the love and light of God the Father of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the gospel of Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At the age of eight I sought Him as my Saviour. Even though some tried to dissuade me, at the age of 18, He called me to ministry, to go and make disciples. Serving Him has been my greatest joy in life. He has been my Father, Saviour, Counselor, Teacher, Provider, Healer, Lord, and Husbandman. My relationship with Him has continually grown and it has been the most important relationship in my life.

Then as icing on the cake He gave me two wonderful sons, Benjamin and David, who each love God. It has been my tremendous joy to raise them in the love of God. It is my soul's sincere desire to lead others to Christ and to share the immeasurable and unconditional love of God with everyone I can. How blessed I am to be able to respond to His loving call on my life. For this reason, I humbly request your prayers and support as we walk along this journey of discipleship.

Terms of Service for
Jacqueline DeBerry as Director of Older Adult Ministries and Pastoral Care
Germantown Presbyterian Church
Effective September 15, 2009

Employment is based on a 30-hour work week.

\$40,000.00 Annual salary
7,800.00 Major medical
4,400.00 Pension
1,000.00 Continuing education
900.00 Auto/travel allowance
Four weeks vacation, two weeks study leave.

Exhibit B
STATEMENT OF FAITH
Rev. Stacy C. Smith

I believe in the Trinity of God: in the creating God, who exists independent of human time and is the source and sustainer of all life; in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who lived as a full human on Earth, and was and is fully and completely God, and in the Holy Spirit, whose form exists and works through all things in the heavens and on Earth. All three are unique manifestations of the supreme God, and yet all three are of the same being of God and fully God. In the Trinity, we witness the ultimate unity of God whose very existence is diversity.

The Biblical scriptures are both the perfect word of God and at the same time the product of humans writing within their own culture and by their own hand, and working through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The scriptures tell us the stories of how God has been active throughout human history, and teach us about God's will, nature and desire for all creation. Through a complex amalgamation of historical events, revelation, mythical stories, songs, poems and gospels, the scriptures tell us what our lives mean and how we are to live them in accordance to the nature of God.

This is primarily done through the accounts of Jesus Christ, the fully human and fully divine God that walked among us in our own human history. Jesus came to Earth to preach the word of God that was unknown to us before. He spoke from his own community of a poor, oppressed people living under an imperial rule, yet his words, message and ministry continue to reveal the truth of God to all people in all times. He was betrayed and killed in an unjust, undeserved manner, and died willingly, although not without the very human qualities of fear, anger and a sense of abandonment. He died and was buried, and yet rose from the dead, appeared to his followers, and continues his ministry in the world through the community of Christian believers. He himself initiated the two Sacraments of Baptism and Communion, and the Church continues them to remember his life and ministry, acknowledge the grace we have received undeservedly, and celebrate the power and presence of the risen Christ in our midst.

The willing death of Jesus Christ has redeemed each of us. This is necessary because we are continually corrupted by the power of sin and unable to adequately respond to the immense love of God that surpasses all of our understanding. Because we cannot understand, God came among us in the form of Jesus on Earth, and died so that we might catch a glimpse of the true nature of God's love for humanity. This is grace: the love of God so completely undeserved and yet given to us fully because God loves us too much to deny us any aspect of it.

The Holy Spirit is what enables us to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ on Earth. We are called to live according to the manner of Christ we see in the scriptures, and do that by participating freely and joyfully in the Church of God and Christ created on Earth. We cannot be the Christian community without participation with each other, and we will never live according to Christ's example if we live only for and among ourselves. Although we know that only

Christ when he returns will bring the realm of God on Earth, we are called to live each moment for Christ and to continue the struggle for peace, love and justice on Earth.

Exhibit C
STATEMENT OF FAJTR
Rev. Scott Sealy

I adhere to the classic, historic faith of the Christian Church, particularly as it has been understood by the Reformed tradition. I confess the faith of the Apostles and Nicene Creeds, the definition of the Council of Chalcedon and the Athanasian Creed. I am also in agreement with the historic, Reformed consensus as collected in the PCUSA Book of Confessions. I believe these are in agreement with the Holy Scriptures, which is the infallible rule of faith and practice.

I believe in a sovereign and holy God who created all things. This God is Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Humans were created in His image to be in relationship with Him and each other, but through sin have rebelled against God and impaired their relationship with other humans and the whole of creation which now longs for redemption. All people are by nature deficient due to our sinful nature and unable to know God apart from His intervention.

In spite of our rebellion God sent His Son to become incarnate in human flesh. He entered history and lived a life of perfect obedience, fulfilling the Law that we could not and suffering death on the Cross to pay the penalty our sin and rebellion deserved, propitiating the wrath of a righteous God. He was resurrected on the third day.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit we come to have faith in Christ and his work on the cross. Through this faith, and solely by God's grace, we are pronounced righteous and adopted into God's family, the Church. As the Church we are called to proclaim the good news of Christ's work to those around us and, out of our gratitude for God's grace, to live a life that is congruent with God's Kingdom through our work for justice, charity to the poor, care of creation and other works of mercy.

Terms of Call to Scott Sealy as Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Covington, TN

Effective November 29, 2009

Cash Salary	\$ 40,000.00
RCA pd for employee	\$ 3,120.00
Medical,Pension,D&D dues	\$ 17,657.64
Use of manse	
Expense Reimbursements:	
memberships	\$ 2,000.00
continuing education	\$ 1,000.00
professional expense	\$ 1,000.00
auto allowance	\$ 3,000.00
manse livability	\$ 2,000.00
gift reserve	<u>\$ 500.00</u>
Total Pastor Expense	\$ 70,277.64

Committee on Nominations

Dr. Will Jones, chair of the Nominating Committee of the Presbytery of the Mid-South reported:

- 1) That chairs of committees should inform committee members when they will be meeting and where.
- 2) He spoke about conflicts of interest (when a nominating committee member was nominated for a position in the Presbytery.) Will said in such cases the committee member was excused while a decision was made.
- 3) That much more attention will be paid in the future to matters of representation (age, race, etc.)

Dr. Jones then presented the following slate for nominations:

Presbytery of the Mid-South
Committee on Nominations Report
Fall 2009

Names of people already serving in various capacities are printed in normal type. (**Ministers listed in bold**). Names of nominees to new positions are italicized & underlined.

Moderator of Presbytery 2010:

Steve Montgomery (Idlewild)

Vice Moderator of Presbytery 2010 (Elder will be moderator for 2011): Bonnie Blair (Farmington)

Committee on Ministry (Leadership Mission Area):

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Margaret Suttle (At-Large)	Warren Wilkowitz (Blytheville)	<u>Mike Krech, Chair</u> (Somerville)
Chris Scruggs (Advent)	Amy Howe (Evergreen)	<u>Thad Grimstead</u> (Hon. Ret.)
<u>Lee Clements</u> , (Trinity, Martin)	<u>Roger Graf</u> (Farmington)	<u>Carla Meistetman</u> (Balmoral)
Dale Ivy (Woodland United)	Rosemary Banta (Balmoral)	<u>Ray Tanner</u> (1st Jackson)
Dave Feiber (1st Blytheville)	Gerald Dykstra (Advent)	<u>Mary Perry</u> (1st Humboldt)
Ed Patterson (Farmington)	Mary Lou Adams (Idlewild)	

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Leadership Mission Area)

Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012
Mike Gibson (1 st Munford)	Larry Turner (Grace, Bartlett)	<u>Cindy Schwartz</u> (Advent)
Jarad Bingham, chair (Shady Grove)	Anne Apple (Idlewild)	<u>Don Kerns</u> (Advent)
Curt Wilson (Balmoral)	Pam Haley (Woodland United)	<u>Susan Bransford</u> (Evergreen)
Barbara Denley (Idlewild)	Jenny Mealar (Evergreen)	<u>Elsie McLemore</u> (Advent)

NaCoMe Board (Community Mission Area)

Class of 2010
Ray Ward (Idlewild)
Wayne Gillespie (Grace, Bartlett)
Joe Preslar (1st Memphis)
Genna Goggins (Paris)

Class of 2011
John White (1st Jackson)
Frank Carney (Balmoral)
Kip Butts (Balmoral)

Class of 2012
Casey Thompson (Idlewild)
Jan Thompson (Woodland United)
Debora Hurt

Committee on Bills and Overtures

Class of 2010

Don Feuerbach (Germantown)

York (1st Paris)

Class of 2011

Maggie Jorgenson (Buntyn)

Chad Dickson (1st Memphis)

Class of 2012

Tom Pickering, chair (Cordova) Earline

Kathy Young (Woodland United)

Committee on Representation

Class of 2010

Brain Henderson, Chair (P.G. United)

Natalie Toombs (Grace, Dyersburg)

Minutes Review

Class of 2010

Jocelyn Van Buskirk (1st Kenett)
Dossett Foster (Grace, Bartlett)
Jean Winterbottom 1st Jackson

Class of 2011

Walt Tennyson (chaplain, Rhodes)

Jean Starnes (Grace, Bartlett)

Class of 2011

Roger Graf (Farmington)
Davis Bailey (Evezgreen)
Cathy Singleton (Balmoral)

Class of 2012

Jefferson Warren (1st Memphis)

Virginia Dunaway(Idlewild)

Class of 2012

Katie Hudson (At-Large)
Tom Sauer (Germantown)
Marti Becker (Evergreen)

Special Investigating Committee

Class of 2010

Joe Donaho (Hon. Ret.)

Class of 2011

Ken Letterman (Evergreen)

Class of 2012

Anne Apple (Idlewild)

Permanent Judicial Commission (No Action Required Until November 2010)

Class of 2010

Don Feuerbach, chair (Germantown)
Steve McGuire (1st Blytheville)
Karen Thurmond (Balmoral)

Class of 2012

Gayle Walker (Idlewild)
Jocelyn VanBuskirk (1st Kennett)
Jim Stockdale (Balmoral)

Class of 2014

Tom Pickering (Cordova)
Barbara Wicks (P. G. United)
Bob McLean (Gemantown)

Outdoor Ministries Committee (Community Mission Area)

Class of 2010

Bert Seaton, Jr. Chair (Wdln United)**Rebecca Luter** (Member-at-Large)

Diana Veazey (Advent)

Pete Addicot (Balmoral)

Class of 2011

Craig Piterson (Wdland (United)

Randy Jones (1st Jackson)

Class of 2012

Julie Bailey(Evergreen)

Ricky Lyle (Covington)

Robert Shaw (Wdln United)

Jayn Lando (Advent)

Laura Henry (Farmington)

K.C. Warren (1st Memphis)

Tommy Suttle (Jackson)

Board of Trustees

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Class of 2012

Warner Davis (Collierville)

Linda Scholl (1st Memphis)

K. C. Warren (1st Memphis)

Prince McLemore (Advent)

Ted Street (1st Caruthersville)

Bert Seaton (Wdln United)

Endowment Committee (Administrative Mission Area)

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Class of 2012

Betty Anne Wilson (Idelwild)

Bert Seaton, (Wdln United)

F. Oliver Hardy P. G. United

W P. Brown (P. G. United)

Helen Milarn (1st Blytheville)

Greg Smith (Advent)

Byron Graves (Grace, Bartlett)

Wallace Loggins, (P. G. United)

David Davis (Idlewild)

Commissioners to Synod

Class of 2010

Class of 2011

Phil Shannon (Balmoral)

Torn Pickering (Cordova)

Synod Nomination Committee

Class of 2011

Jean Starnes (Grace/ Bartlett)

Synod Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2014

Loyce Ryans (Parkway Gardens United)

Minister Commissioners to General Assembly 2010

Carla Meisterman (Balmoral)

Will Jones (At-Large)

Alternate Minister Commissioners to General Assembly 2010

Brian Henderson (Parkway Gardens United)

Lee Clements (Trinity, Martin TN)

Elder Commissioners. to General Assembly 2010

Jim Boyd (Germantown)

David Claar (Collierville)
Alternate Elder Commissioners to General Assembly 2010

Bonnie Blair, (Farmington)
Charles Sullivan (1st Brownsville)

Youth Advisory Delegate to General Assembly 2010

Andrew Dawson (Balmoral)

The floor was opened for nominations in regards to each area of ministry. There were none. The moderator then declared the nominations be closed and the slate be elected by acclamation.

Old Business and New Business

There were no items in either area except: Two flyers were pointed out at this time.

Resolution of Thanks

Rev. Michael Gibson then offered the following resolution of thanks:

Let it hereby be resolved that we, the commissioned members of the Presbytery of the Mid-South, express our appreciation to the staff of Pinecrest for preparing and making available these beautiful grounds for the Fall 2009 meeting of the Presbytery.

We are grateful to them for sweetening our day with the famous Pinecrest cinnamon rolls, grapes, goodies, coffee, juice, candy and so forth.

We were blessed to hear about the work of Presbyterian Women as they advance the church's mission and to hear the report from the Board of Pensions, that in spite of the recession, as of now, when we retire we will still eat.

We also express our gratitude for the stirring worship and the message of Rev. Steve Montgomery, reminding us of our roots going back to John Calvin on his 500th anniversary (Calvin's 500th anniversary, not Steve Montgomery's). Along with the gourmet spiritual food, we were blessed by the highly anticipated Pinecrest lunch that never disappoints.

We were also grateful to hear and meet new comrades in ministry through the Committee on Ministry, trusting they will be guided and cared for by the Holy Spirit. Through one incoming minister we were made grateful that we have no "egg sucking dogs" among us.

With respect we express our gratitude to our moderator, Dr. Barrett Matthews, who led our meeting decently and in order, and to all participants who made this day blessed.

To God be the Glory!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mike Gibson

Adjournment

It was MSP to adjourn. Dr. Barret Matthews closed the meeting with prayer at 2:15 p.m.

The Following flyers were placed in the hands of the presbyters:

DART

***Disaster Assistance Relief Team
Presbytery of the Mid-South***

DART organizers calling for help on two fronts!

Very soon, your church will receive communication from the DART organizers asking for an emergency contact from your congregation. Should a need arise, organizers from this presbytery — based group will call your contact to see if there are ways that DART can help in your area. If you already know who your church contact will be, please contact Jayn Lando (Advent Church) at iaynlando@aol.com 901.755.5019 or Robin Bowen (LaGrange Church) at bowenr@hotmail.com

DART, through donations, purchased a dedicated trailer and equipment to respond to needs in our presbytery and the mid-south area. DART also traveled to New Orleans to help with ongoing reconstruction after Hurricane Katrina.

Most of our churches want to help, even if only one or two can do it. DART is a ‘help when you can, for as long as you are able organization. We need chainsaw operators, debris pullers, cooks, administrators, first aiders, counselors.. .the list goes on and on.

DART workers have come from these churches:

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| First, Blytheville | First, Caruthersville |
| First, Brownsville | Evergreen |
| Idlewild | First, Covington |
| LaGrange | Grace, Dyersburg |
| Presbytery | First, Memphis |
| Advent | Woodland |
| First, Savannah | Farmington |
| First, Jackson | Trinity |

_____ I need to schedule my time away in advance.

Lets increase our team! Please let your congregation know about **DART and the need for** more volunteers. Find a volunteer survey on the reverse of this sheet and at www.midsouthpresbytery.org

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Disaster Assistance Relief Team
Presbytery **of the Mid-South**
Volunteer Survey

Mission Statement

We, the people of God in the Presbytery of the Mid-South, *energized* by the power of the Spirit and with the love of Christ as our passion, will provide emergency response in disaster situations to those with physical, mental, and spiritual needs. *We are called to go forth* in witness, service, and justice to the Glory of God.

DART will consist of people who are trained and willing to serve as needs arise and they are able. The First Response Team is made up of skilled, adult workers who can depart within a week of a call. Second Call Teams are made up of workers 16 years old and over who can schedule their time to work on various missions.

Name: _____ Primary Phone () _____
 Church: _____
 Email Address _____
 Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
 Other Phone _____
 Availability:

I can usually depart within ____ days. ____ I need to schedule my time away in advance.

I can be available for a maximum of ____ day(s) ____ a week or ____ longer at a time.

Ability:

I have ____ have never ____ worked on a missions team before. Describe your experience, please:

I have the following skills:

Check all that apply

Chainsaw operator		Electrical	Water purification team	
Small equipment operator		Counseling	Organization and administration	
Cook		Runner/driver	Equipment maintenance	
First Aid/medical		Basic clean up	Cheerleader/team morale	
Construction		Drywall	Welding	
Plumbing		Roofing	Training	

Please return this to robinr@hotmail.com or to the presbytery office 449 Patterson St Memphis, TN 38111
 Thank you.

