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144th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Arkansas

Trinity Presbyterian Church
Little Rock, Arkansas
Technology-Aided Meeting

Revised Docket

Saturday, June 6, 2020

We Gather in God's Name

- 8:30 am** **Prelude**
Written minute announcements, news, directions, and fliers – “Chat” function on.
- 8:45 am** **Preliminaries**
Welcome – Moderator MWS Marion Humphrey
Explanation of Technology – Host MWS Jeff Price
Welcome to all in Attendance – Stated Clerk MWS Leslie Belden
Explanation of Voting, Counting Votes, and Taking Roll – Stated Clerk Belden
“Chat” function remains on until the gavel.
- 9:00 am** **Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum** – Moderator Humphrey
With the lighting of the Christ Candle and Prayer
- Words of Welcome** - General Presbyter MWS Stewart Smith
- 9:10 am** **Consent Agenda**
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda - Stated Clerk Belden (requires a second) (The Consent Agenda is Section A.)

We Encounter God's Word

- 9:15 am** **Worship**
The offering recipient for this Presbytery meeting has been designated to Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center to offset their loss of income due to COVID-19. Please go to presbyark.org and click on the “Donate Now” button in the top left-hand corner of the screen to make a donation to Ferncliff.

10:00 am **Coffee Break**
Written minute announcements, news, directions, and fliers – “Chat” function on.

We Respond to God’s Call

10:15 am **Celebrations and News of the Presbytery**

What new staff members are hearing and learning - Presbytery Builder MWS Carol Clark, HR, and Presbytery Connector RE Julie Price

Hearing from our Congregations and their Pastors – Being the Church in this new world of technology dependence and social distancing

10:50 am **Decisions of the Presbytery**

Hearing about what’s going on financially – Treasurer RE Bob Boehmler and Committee on Administration Moderator RE Tom Verdery (The report is Section D.)

Hearing from the Presbyterian Foundation and Board of Pensions – Joseph Moore of the Presbyterian Foundation and Kevin Keaton of the Board of Pensions

Motions of the Coordinating Team – Moderator RE David Stricklin. (The report is Section B.)

Announcement: Standing for Co-Moderator of the 224th General Assembly - MWS Marie Mainard-O’Connell

Motions of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Moderator MWS Susan Gray (The report is Section C.)

Motions of the Committee on Ministry – Moderator RE Cyril Hollingsworth (The report is Section E.)

Necrology – Moment of Silence on behalf of MWS Fred Taylor

11:50 pm **The Presbytery in Song**

We Are Sent in God’s Service

12:00 pm **Benediction and Adjournment**

Section D

Report of the Committee on Administration

RE Tom Verdery
Moderator

For Information:

1. With the additions of Carol Clark (Presbytery Builder) and Julie Price (Presbytery Connector), the Presbytery of Arkansas is now fully staffed and focused on supporting the needs of the churches and its members in 2020 and beyond. The Committee on Administration is responsible for supporting our staff and finances for the Presbytery of Arkansas and our denomination.
2. While 2020 financial results to date appear challenging, the Committee on Administration is optimistic that the Presbytery will complete the calendar year on or close to a balanced operating income budget. While year to date Mission Acceptance appears below average, it is because much of the benevolence revenue comes in at the end of the year from several churches. Administration anticipates expenses to be lower in some areas due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
3. The church benevolence report appears higher than reported in the Operating Income Statement through April due to time lags of reporting church gifts from the record keeping services at Texas Presbyterian Foundation. The Committee on Administration is optimistic in the 2020 Presbytery Benevolence from congregations and grateful for the congregations' continued support during these uncertain times.
4. To help support all of the Presbytery's churches during this difficult financial year, the Presbytery of Arkansas has extended the Short-Term Operating Assistance Program through **August 28, 2020**. Any church who is interested in a 0% interest rate loan, please contact the Presbytery office to receive further details on this program.
5. With all of the staff transitions in 2019, the Committee on Administration has begun the process of a full review of all of the financial books and records made during 2019 by a certified public accountant firm. The goal is to have this review completed by the end of the summer of 2020.

Operating Income Statement - April 30, 2020

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	Year to Date Actual	2020 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget
Mission Acceptance	\$ 33,780.82	32,500.00	1,280.82	\$ 85,823.48	590,000.00	(504,176.52)
Investment Spend Rate	17,547.20	16,255.00	1,292.20	70,419.16	195,060.00	(124,640.84)
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,216.67	1,216.67	-	4,578.67	14,600.00	(10,021.33)
Total Revenues	52,544.69	49,971.67	2,573.02	160,821.31	799,660.00	(638,838.69)
Coordinating Team--Meeting Exp, Meals, Worship	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	(119.15)	1,200.00	(1,319.15)
Coordinating Team--Gifts	0.00	4.17	(4.17)	0.00	50.00	(50.00)
Coordinating Team--Moderator's Expense	173.19	37.50	135.69	173.19	450.00	(276.81)
Coordinating Team--Vice moderator's Expense	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)
Coordinating Team--Presbytery Workshop/Speaker	0.00	33.33	(33.33)	125.50	400.00	(274.50)
Coordinating Team--Background Checks	20.45	25.00	(4.55)	36.90	300.00	(263.10)
	193.64	291.67	(98.03)	216.44	3,500.00	(3,283.56)
Administration--Meeting Expense, Financial Review	0.00	583.33	(583.33)	0.00	7,000.00	(7,000.00)
Administration--Debt Reduction Contingency (e.g. land appraisal)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-
Administration--Fermcliff General Site Support	28,000.00	2,333.33	25,666.67	28,000.00	28,000.00	0.00
Repay CCD -- Building mortgage	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	24,000.00	(16,000.00)
	30,000.00	4,916.66	25,083.34	36,000.00	59,000.00	(23,000.00)
Min. of the Church--Crnte on Prep. for Ministry--Travel, food, lodging, suppl	0.00	41.25	(41.25)	0.00	495.00	(495.00)
Min. of the Church--Crnte on Prep. for Ministry--ConEd--EmergencyFund, Etc	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Min. of the Church--Crnte on Prep. for Ministry--Mtg. Expenses, etc.	0.00	42.08	(42.08)	0.00	505.00	(505.00)
Min. of the Church--Crnte on Prep. for Ministry--Eval, Retreat, Support, Bkg Checks	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	0.00	3,000.00	(3,000.00)
Min. of the Church--Wellspring Contract	8,415.00	644.58	7,770.42	8,415.00	7,735.00	680.00

Committee on Ministry--travel,food,mtg. support	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	172.19	5,000.00	(4,827.81)
	8,415.00	1,477.91	6,937.09	8,587.19	17,735.00	(9,147.81)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Campus Min./All meals	2,356.66	2,500.00	(143.34)	9,426.64	30,000.00	(20,573.36)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Meetings, travel, meals	783.80	83.33	700.47	1,071.45	1,000.00	71.45
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Scholarships	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Triennium	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--YAD at Presbytery	182.13	41.67	140.46	(112.87)	500.00	(612.87)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT SR Hi YthQuake	142.00	250.00	(108.00)	142.00	3,000.00	(2,858.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT JR Hi YouthQuake	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT Montreat	(600.00)	208.33	(808.33)	(800.00)	2,500.00	(3,300.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--JrHi Jubilee	(200.00)	208.33	(408.33)	(200.00)	2,500.00	(2,700.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Mission Trip	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--Young Adult Ministries Development	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	0.00	2,500.00	(2,500.00)
Youth, Collegiate, and Young Adults--YAT--Leader Support	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	0.00	15,000.00	(15,000.00)
	2,664.59	5,375.00	(2,710.41)	9,527.22	64,500.00	(54,972.78)
Future of the Church--CCD--Admin., Listening	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Future of the Church--CCD--Black Caucus--All Branch	0.00	64.33	(64.33)	0.00	772.00	(772.00)
Future of the Church--Lilly Matching Grant	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Future of the Church--CCD--West End Operation Support	0.00	1,125.00	(1,125.00)	3,375.00	13,500.00	(10,125.00)
Future of the Church--CCD--New Ministries' Development	0.00	2,666.67	(2,666.67)	0.00	32,000.00	(32,000.00)
Future of the Church--Laotian Ministry support	0.00	300.00	(300.00)	900.00	3,600.00	(2,700.00)
Future of the Church--CRE Support	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Future of the Church--Faith Presbyterian Operation Support	0.00	594.00	(594.00)	1,782.00	7,128.00	(5,346.00)
	5,000.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	11,057.00	60,000.00	(48,943.00)
Christian Education--Meeting Expenses	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)
Christian Education--Special train. Events/presb	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Christian Education--Fmc. Prog/Supt. Summer Camp	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.00	24,000.00	(24,000.00)
Mission of the Church--Ferclyff--Block Grant	5,000.00	416.67	4,583.33	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
Christian Education--Presbyterian Pilgrimage	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Christian Education--Diversity--Scholarship	0.00	31.25	(31.25)	0.00	375.00	(375.00)

Christian Education--Resource Center Resources	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	269.02	2,000.00	(1,730.98)
Christian Education--Resource Cntr. Admin.	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	633.35	1,100.00	(466.65)
Mission of the Church--Scholarship for Mission Trip	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)
Mission of the Church--International Mission Emphasis	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)
Mission of the Church--Arkansas Interfaith Conference	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	875.00	3,500.00	(2,625.00)
Mission of the Church--Lyon College	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
Mission of the Church--Presby. Village Support	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	125.00	500.00	(375.00)
Mission of the Church--Univ. of Ozarks	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
Mission of the Church--Vera Lloyd Mission	0.00	208.33	(208.33)	625.00	2,500.00	(1,875.00)
Mission of the Church--Unified Mission Emphasis	0.00	1,172.92	(1,172.92)	0.00	14,075.00	(14,075.00)
Mission of the Church--Solar Under the Sun	0.00	83.33	(83.33)	250.00	1,000.00	(750.00)
Mission of the Church--PW Exp., travel, postage, etc.	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Mission of the Church--PW--Spring & Fall Retreats, Synod Gathering	160.50	291.67	(131.17)	160.50	3,500.00	(3,339.50)
Mission of the Church--Disaster Preparedness	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
	5,160.50	5,666.69	(506.19)	8,437.87	68,000.00	(59,562.13)
Nominations--travel, food	0.00	25.00	(25.00)	0.00	300.00	(300.00)
Representation--Meeting Expenses	0.00	3.75	(3.75)	0.00	45.00	(45.00)
POA/Supplies & Office Exp.	320.00	333.33	(13.33)	947.40	4,000.00	(3,052.60)
Utilities/Telephone	576.46	833.33	(256.87)	2,118.44	10,000.00	(7,881.56)
Copy Machine	740.80	500.00	240.80	2,152.48	6,000.00	(3,847.52)
Technology	518.22	300.00	218.22	2,076.40	3,600.00	(1,523.60)
Replace Equipment	0.00	166.67	(166.67)	2,690.02	2,000.00	690.02
Insurance	7,113.00	683.33	6,429.67	8,467.00	8,200.00	267.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)
Maintenance(Grounds,Bldg Upkeep)	1,391.06	916.67	474.39	2,750.22	11,000.00	(8,249.78)
	10,659.54	3,775.00	6,884.54	21,201.96	45,300.00	(24,098.04)
Assistant Stated Clerk Expense	0.00	106.25	(106.25)	431.85	1,275.00	(843.15)
K. Palmer/Travel	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	221.20	500.00	(278.80)
S. Smith/Professional Ex	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	2,077.06	15,000.00	(12,922.94)
Salaries	25,166.70	17,462.50	7,704.20	60,666.72	209,550.00	(148,883.28)
Pension/Major Medical	3,040.95	1,645.83	1,395.12	7,837.44	19,750.00	(11,912.56)

S. Smith/Continuing Ed.	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Payroll Taxes	1,632.64	1,570.83	61.81	3,470.56	18,850.00	(15,379.44)
Housing	2,975.00	2,975.00	0.00	11,900.00	35,700.00	(23,800.00)
S. Smith/FICA	526.66	583.33	(56.67)	2,106.64	7,000.00	(4,893.36)
Builder/Connector Professional Expenses	0.00	833.33	(833.33)	119.60	10,000.00	(9,880.40)
B. Christiansen Professional Expenses	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	797.74	1,500.00	(702.26)
TPF Bookkeeping Fees	2,062.32	916.67	1,145.65	2,387.41	11,000.00	(8,612.59)
	35,404.27	31,410.41	14,653.40	92,016.22	331,625.00	(263,706.82)
Administrative Commissions	0.00	416.67	(416.67)	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)
General Assembly	1,078.31	2,458.33	(1,380.02)	2,567.09	29,500.00	(26,932.91)
GA Per Capita	7,554.55	7,554.58	(0.03)	30,218.20	90,655.00	(60,436.80)
Synod Mission	1,078.31	2,041.67	(963.36)	2,567.09	24,500.00	(21,932.91)
	9,711.17	12,054.58	(2,343.41)	35,352.38	144,655.00	(109,302.62)
Total Expenses	107,208.71	66,638.34	35,570.37	222,396.28	799,660.00	(577,263.72)
Net Income	(\$ 54,664.02)	(\$ 16,666.67)	(\$ 32,997.35)	(\$ 61,574.97)	\$ 0.00	(\$ 61,574.97)

Benevolences – June 2, 2020

LOCATION	2018 Benevolence	2019 Benevolence	2020 Benevolence
Alma	-	-	-
Amity	-	-	-
Arkadelphia, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Arkadelphia, West End	1,106.00	1,106.00	-
Atkins	-	-	-
Batesville	7,500.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Beebe	1,500.00	900.00	300.00
Bella Vista	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,416.65
Benton	8,200.00	9,600.00	1,800.00
Bentonville, First	28,000.00	29,500.00	8,000.00
Bentonville, Vaughn	-	-	-
Brinkley	-	-	-
Bull Shoals	-	-	-
Cane Hill	-	-	-
Clarksville, First	-	-	-
Clarksville, Harmony	-	-	-
Conway	6,875.00	8,125.00	3,325.00
Dardanelle	6,000.00	6,000.00	2,500.00
Elkins	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
Eureka Springs	2,750.00	3,000.00	750.00
Fairfield Bay	1,650.00	700.00	350.00
Fayetteville, First United	41,000.00	41,000.00	17,080.00
Fayetteville, Mt. Comfort	1,660.00	1,660.00	-
Forrest City	8,250.00	8,250.00	3,000.00
Ft. Smith, Central	16,000.00	16,000.00	4,000.00
Ft. Smith, First	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Greenwood	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Gurdon	1,800.00	1,200.00	-
Hardy	500.00	250.60	-
Harrison	2,083.22	-	-
Heber Springs	860.00	800.00	-
Helena	500.00	500.00	-
Holiday Island	6,200.00	6,200.00	1,550.00
Holly Grove	500.00	500.00	500.00
Horseshoe Bend	3,000.00	3,000.00	750.00
HSV, Kirk	27,270.00	27,270.00	11,362.50
H. Springs, First	20,000.00	20,000.00	5,000.00
H. Springs, Westminster	7,342.37	8,013.04	5,338.35
Huntsville	2,000.00	2,400.00	800.00
Jacksonville	2,640.00	2,655.00	1,300.00
Jonesboro	3,000.00	3,000.00	750.00
Lincoln	-	1,000.00	-
LR, Allison	400.00	657.05	-
LR, First	-	-	-
LR, Grace	9,375.00	5,625.00	3,750.00
LR, Pulaski Heights	2,035.00	3,478.00	1,000.00
Little Rock, Second	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
LR, Trinity	8,000.00	7,333.33	4,000.02
LR, Westminster	300.00	300.00	100.00
LR, Westover Hills	10,500.00	10,500.00	-
Lonoke	100.00	900.00	-
Malvern	2,620.86	5,241.72	2,620.86
Marianna	-	-	-
McGehee	2,520.00	2,520.00	1,050.00
Mena	5,000.00	5,000.00	1,250.00
Morrilton, First	-	-	200.00
Morrilton, Hopewell	-	-	-
Mountain Home	950.00	1,000.00	250.00
Mountainburg	-	-	-

Newport	4,800.00	4,800.00	1,650.00
Norman	-	-	-
NLR, First	-	-	-
NLR, Park Hill	16,000.00	16,000.00	6,750.00
Paragould, First	-	-	-
Pea Ridge	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,250.00
Pine Bluff, Central	825.00	416.66	-
Pine Bluff, Faith	-	500.00	-
Pine Bluff, First	4,999.92	4,999.92	1,666.64
Prairie Grove	5,500.00	7,700.00	2,600.00
Rogers	6,999.96	7,000.00	2,916.65
Russellville	10,000.00	-	-
Searcy	-	2,000.00	-
Springdale	30,000.00	30,000.00	12,500.00
Stuttgart	-	666.67	-
Van Buren	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Walnut Ridge	-	-	-
Wynne	7,500.00	7,500.00	3,125.00
Yellville	8,000.00	6,000.00	3,000.00
Total	<u>591,112.33</u>	<u>589,267.99</u>	<u>135,051.67</u>

20,066.17

Balance Sheet Summary - April 30, 2020

ARKANSAS
Balance Sheet
April 30, 2020

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash TPF - undesignated	(235,605.35)
TPF Investment Cash - designated	745,246.86
TPF Investments	4,152,703.48
TPF Mark to Market 52190	<u>1,164,166.91</u>

Total Current Assets **5,826,511.90**

Property and Equipment

Furniture & Fixtures	68,104.89
Land	213,237.00
Buildings	<u>771,516.12</u>

1,052,858.01

Accumulated Depreciation (407,186.19)

Net Property and Equipment **6,472,183.72**

TOTAL ASSETS **\$ 6,472,183.72**

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Payroll & Other Withholdings	0.00
Accrued expenses	<u>(\$ 13,716.92)</u>

Total Current Liabilities **(13,716.92)**

Fund Balance

Equity Beginning Balance	4,488,088.31
Fund Balance	2,064,603.79
Unrealized Gains/Losses	(147,525.36)
Net Income	<u>80,733.90</u>

Total Fund Balance **6,485,900.64**

TOTAL LIABILITIES & CAPITAL **\$ 6,472,183.72**

Section E

Report of the Committee on Ministry

RE Cyril Hollingsworth
Moderator

For Action

Motion to approve the call of MWS Sara Anne Berger as Pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, with the effective date of August 3, 2020, and enroll her as a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, pending her dismissal by the Presbytery of the Pines, with the following terms of call:

Effective Salary

Cash Salary	\$30,040.00
Housing Allowance	\$14,000.00

Reimbursable Expenses

Business/Professional Expenses	\$1,200.00
SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	\$3,369.06
Continuing Education	\$3,500.00
Full Medical/Pension	\$16,294.00
Moving costs (up to)	\$1,500.00

Paid Vacation 4 weeks

Paid Continuing Education 2 weeks

Paid Parental Leave 6 weeks

Sabbatical plan to be approved by the COM at the end of five years of full-time ministry.

MWS Sara Anne Berger’s Statement of Faith is included as Section E – Attachment I. Approval of the Administrative Commission and worship service to install her will be put before the Coordinating Team for consideration at a later date.

For Information

A new sample covenant/contract for sessions to use when writing a covenant/contract for a temporary pastoral relationship was put on the Presbytery of Arkansas’ website presbyark.org under the “Resources” tab and “COM Resources,” replacing an earlier version.

The covenant/contract between Rev. David Schirer and Mountainburg Presbyterian Church, was approved, but without permission to administer the sacraments or moderate the session, and MWS Terry McClellan will continue to moderate the session.

Section E – Attachment I

MWS Sara Anne Berger's Statement of Faith

I believe that the eternal God is the Creator of everything that is, was and will be. I believe that God is sovereign over all creation. I believe that God created human beings in the image of God. I believe that human beings rebelled against God and fell into sinfulness.

I believe, therefore, that God, with divine mercy, ordained a plan for salvation of sinful creatures, which came to full fruition in the life of Jesus Christ. I believe that Jesus the man lived and died in the historical time and place of the 1st century CE, but that while on earth he remained the sovereign Son of God. I believe that as an eternal being, Jesus the Christ is co-eternal and beyond time and place along with God and the Holy Spirit within the Holy Trinity. I believe that Jesus died on the cross in that particular time and place, but that his death atoned for humanity's sin and so he is not only a human man, but is the Messiah of the people of God. I believe his role as Messiah and Son of God were fulfilled in his resurrection from the dead. I believe that the resurrection made him victorious over all death, and demonstrates to human beings that they too are victors and that their salvation is secure through faith in him.

I believe that this act of atonement, on behalf of humanity and its sinfulness, facilitated the grace of God being fully given to God's creatures. I believe that faith in the grace of God which comes through the atoning death of Jesus Christ is the only thing needed for human beings to be assured of their eternal salvation. I believe that grace is given through God's divine decree and cannot be taken away from a person or lost by that person. I believe that human beings do nothing which merits this grace, and it is solely God's prerogative to have ordained a gracious plan for salvation for all creatures. I believe that a creature cannot reject the grace of God given through Jesus Christ's death on the cross once that grace has been extended.

I believe that the grace of God is fully extended by the Holy Spirit's workings in the world, making humans aware of the salvation that has already been achieved for them in the death of Jesus Christ. I believe that the Holy Spirit, as part of the Trinity, then gives humanity the ability to work for God's purposes in the world, and to seek God's will, while remaining sure of their salvation. I believe that the Holy Spirit inspires the Church to worship and work as people who have faith in God and Jesus Christ. I believe that the Church's sacraments of baptism and communion bring the people of faith into closer relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I believe the sacraments, as signs and seals, remind the Church of what has been done for them already by God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and renew the people's energy to do God's work in the world today and change them in ways that they are able to do that work. I believe that God uses the people's work to further God's purposes for creation.

Section E – Attachment II

Necrology MWS Fred Taylor June 1, 1938 – May 10, 2020

Rev. Dr. Fred Taylor, a member of the Presbytery of Arkansas, died on May 10, 2020 at Baxter Regional Medical Center in Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Fred was born June 1, 1938, in Saint Louis, Missouri, the son of Andrew and Willie Wells Taylor. He married Norma Woodworth on May 31, 1959, in Ewing, Missouri. Fred was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Fred lived in Bull Shoals and most recently in Mountain Home since moving from Granite City, Illinois, in 1991.

Fred was ordained at the Vincent Avenue Baptist Church in Covina, CA in 1959 where he served as a youth director. Fred received his Master of Divinity degree at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, his Master of Theology degree at Princeton Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice Seminary. Fred served two churches and taught for a year at St. Leo College before becoming a chaplain for 19 years in the United States Army, reaching the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He then worked for 4 years as a Religious Activities Coordinator for the U.S. Army Aviation Systems Command in St. Louis, Mo.

Fred moved to Bull Shoals, Arkansas and served twice as pastor of Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church and transferred his ordination to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Fred served for a year as mayor of Bull Shoals and served for 8 years as chaplain of the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary, United States Air Force. Fred served as an interim pastor for the First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Home and returned to serve as supply pastor for the Bull Shoals Presbyterian Church in his retirement.

Fred is survived by his wife, Norma Woodworth Taylor of Mountain Home, AR; son, Jeffrey (Lynne) Taylor of Belleville, IL; son, Kyle (Kerrie) Taylor of Enterprise, AL; daughter, Rebecca (Robert) Wilson of Lake City, FL; daughter, Diane Spurlin of Saint Louis, MO; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Fred were held 2:00 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2020, at the Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals. Due to CDC and Health Department Guidelines for COVID-19, seating was limited to 50 and masks were required. Burial was in the Kirby's Tucker Memorial Cemetery, Mountain Home, Arkansas. Military Honors were provided by the Hoevel-Barnett V.F.W. Post #1341 and United States Army Honor Guards.

Section F

Report of the Committee on the Mission of the Church

MWS Gordon Garlington
Moderator

Members serving on Mission of the Church for 2020 are: the Rev. Jan Butin (First United, Fayetteville), Mrs. Kristi Button (First United, Fayetteville), the Rev. Dr. Paul Fulks (First, Van Buren), the Rev. Dr. Gordon Garlington (H.R., home church Westover Hills, Little Rock), the Rev. Ainsley Herrick (First, Morrilton), Dr. Bruce Johnston (First, Batesville), Mrs. Emily Laurel (First, Benton), Dr. Sally Roden (First, Conway), and Ms. Vicky Rogerson (First, Springdale). Staff resource is Julie Price, our new Presbytery Connector.

The Committee met via Zoom on April 24, 2020.

Joel Gill of Ferncliff Camp and Conference Center joined us, reporting that Ferncliff's summer programs had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Joel also told of Ferncliff's developing "Camp in a Box" for congregations and families in lieu of traditional camp and VBS experiences for children K-6th grade. For more info or to order "Camp in a Box" kits, contact Emily Wernsdorfer (501-821-3063 or emily@ferncliff.org).

As reported at our Presbytery meeting on March 7, 2020, Mission of the Church was looking forward to our first annual "*Presbyterian Days of Serving, Connecting and Celebrating*," the week of September 27 – October 4.

Regrettably, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our Committee recommends that this special celebration of our Matthew 25 ministries be postponed until 2021.

Remembering our Presbytery's goal of building strong congregations that faithfully and effectively share the gospel through mission and ministry, our Committee looks forward to the day when we will be able to engage our congregations and communities in this way, carrying out and celebrating our ministries of compassion and justice!

For those not at the March 6-7 meeting of Presbytery, "*Presbyterian Days of Serving, Connecting and Celebrating*" was to invite congregations to actively demonstrate our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ to share Christ's love concretely with neighbors by choosing a day to participate in and highlight a mission project in their local community (new or continuing) and to celebrate their commitment to that ministry in worship on a given Sunday.

An informative packet detailing "*Presbyterian Days of Serving, Connecting and Celebrating*" was passed out at our March 6-7 Presbytery meeting, containing initial information to help you begin planning with your Session. Looking toward the future, if you would like additional copies of this packet, please contact Gordon Garlington (ggarlington3@hotmail.com).

Our gratitude to the Planning Team and others who have been working hard planning ***“Presbyterian Days of Serving, Connecting and Celebrating,”*** including Jan Butin, Emily Laurel, Mary Shaw, Renee Nestor, Mary Beth Lysobey, Kade Curry, Elizabeth Brinegar, Leslie Roper, Sally Roden, and Stewart Smith and Leslie Belden (Presbytery of Arkansas’ ministry staff).

Our Committee was glad to welcome as our staff resource, Julie Price, our new Presbytery Connector. Julie spoke about the kinds of things she hopes to be doing in her new position, among them providing virtual Christian education resources, the use of live streaming for Elder and Christian education training, assisting with grants and training for churches that are “virtually/cyberly” challenged, assisting parents with school aged children particularly stressed during the pandemic, as well as better ways for our congregations to share with each other ministries that are working for us. Connecting and linking congregations all over the presbytery will be a priority. Suggested to Julie was a gathering (“virtual,” perhaps) of Christian educators and others active in Christian education in our churches, enabling them to share ideas and support one another.

Reports were shared from the “Corresponding Entities” assigned to our Committee: Presbytery of Arkansas’ Black Caucus, Arkansas Presbyterian Pilgrimage, Ferncliff, Honduras Ministry Subcommittee, Presbyterian Disaster Preparedness and Response Subcommittee, Presbytery’s Resource Center and Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery. Numerous events and activities of these groups had been postponed as a result of the pandemic.

Julie Price reported on two gatherings of pastors, Commissioned Ruling Elders and church leaders last fall at Wynne and Greenwood which were well attended and from which positive feedback was received. Another event offered resources and discussion for the Lenten season and VBS programming. Julie will be developing online platforms to connect people, provide resources and build relationships.

Appreciation was again expressed to the congregations that have returned the survey from our Committee and the Committee on Mission and Vision. We continue learning from the surveys about the needs of congregations, as well as to celebrate and share ideas and ministries that are working well.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee voted to postpone all PLACE (Presbyterian Leadership Academy for Congregational Enrichment) events until 2021, appointing a task force to plan toward those events: Jan Butin, Mary Shaw, Kristi Button and the Rev. Ainsley Herrick

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 17th at 11:00 AM via Zoom.



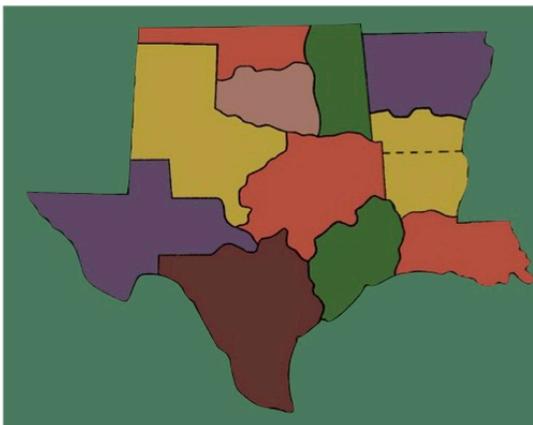
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