

**ADDENDUM REPORTS**

**CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**

**September 13, 2022**

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## STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Central Florida Presbytery

September 13, 2022

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **North Lake Property Sale.** That Presbytery grant permission to North Lake Presbyterian Church to sell a parcel of vacant property not located adjacent to the church.

On January 9, 2022, the North Lake Presbyterian Church congregation of North Lake Presbyterian Church approves the sale of the Teague Trail property consisting of 8.46 acres for a sale price of \$850,000.

- Property location: on CR 25, Lady Lake, FL 32159 and Griffin Avenue, Lady Lake, FL 32159 • 4 parcels (+/-8-45 acres).
- Constitutional provision – G-4.0206a: A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

Legal description of the property:

- Parcel Number 08-18-24-010001600800. Conant Lots 6,7,8,9 Blk 16, N ½ of Stapylton Ave bounded on W by E line of CR 25 and on E by S'ly extension of the E line of Lot 9 Blk 16. Orb 2793 Pg. 1178.
- Parcel Number 08-18-24-015001600200. Lady Lake, Conant Lots 2,3,S ½ of vacated Oxford Ave lying N of lots 2,3 blk 16. Ord 1291 Pg. 1984.
- Parcel Number 08-18-24-015001600400. Lady Lake, Conant sub lots 4,5 S ½ of vacated Oxford Ave., lying N of lots 4,5 blk 16. Orb 1291 Pg. 1984.
- Parcel Number 08-18-24-015001400200. Lady Lake, Conant Lots 2,3,10,11 blk 14. Orb 2604 Pg. 45.

*For permission granted by CFP to purchase the above properties, see Minutes, September 11, 2018, p. 191f.*

2. **Rockledge Property Sale.** That Presbytery grant permission to Rockledge Presbyterian Church to sell a parcel of vacant property not located adjacent to the church, previously donated to the church.

Legal Description of property: CANAVERAL GROVES SUBD SB 2 PG 56 LOTS 6 & 7 BLK 1 & 1/2 OF ADJ RDS & CANALS PER ORB 1646 PG 130,1733 PG 1012.

The same Constitutional provision, above, applies to this sale.

3. **Hispanic Women's Gathering.** That Presbytery approve up to \$2,000, if needed, from the Discretionary Fund to support the Hispanic Women's Gathering, October 14-16, 2022.

### ITEMS FOR THE MINUTES

1. **Administrative Commission reports.**

- a. Installation: Inchul "Chris" Nam/Korean Presbyterian Church of Orlando (Vision): June 26, 2022.
- b. Ordination: John Daniel DeBevoise, July 9, 2022.

- c. GraceWay Administrative Commission final report.

## INFORMATION

1. **IRS Mileage Rate.** The IRS rate for reimbursement of mileage driven for church-related business was increased as of July 1 from 58.5 cents per mile to 62.5 cents per mile. This increase reflects the increase of the cost of gasoline this year.
2. **Benefits Plan Dues.** The Board of Pensions has announced that Benefits Plan Dues will increase for 2023, from 37% to 39% of effective salary. This increase is in the medical side of the plan, which increases from 27% to 29% of effective salary. This is the first increase in the total dues in the past five years, although the Board reallocated dues between pension, death and disability to medical dues in 2020. Sessions should include this increase in their annual review of terms of call. *[NOTE: Because of this change, every session will need to file a change of terms of call form for 2023, as all terms will change for next year.]*
3. **Study Leave.** I will be on continuing education leave Monday, October 17 through Tuesday, October 25, at the Executive CREDO event presented by the Board of Pensions in Little Rock, Arkansas. I first signed up for this event for October 2020, but it has been postponed to October 2021, and then to October 2022.
4. **2023 Stated Meetings.** Stated Meetings will be held on the following dates in 2023:
  - Saturday, March 4, 9:30 am
  - Thursday, June 1, 2:00 pm
  - Tuesday, September 12, 9:30 am
  - Tuesday, December 5, 9:30 am

Council previously determined that one stated meeting will be held by Zoom in 2023. All others will be in person, at locations to be determined. Invitations to host Presbytery are always welcomed. Contact the Presbytery Office to offer to host and/or to find out what is required of the host church.

5. **Synod Executive/Stated Clerk.** Joyce Lieberman, Synod of South Atlantic Executive and Stated Clerk, will attend the September stated meeting. Joyce is retiring at the end of September. Thank you, Joyce, for your service to the Synod and to the Presbyterian Church (USA), and many blessings to you in your retirement.
6. **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering.** *For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace.*— Isaiah 55:12. Join in promoting the peace of Christ throughout our denomination and world. Through the [Peace & Global Witness Offering](#), congregations and mid councils are encouraged to find and address the anxiety and discord that is prevalent throughout this broken and sinful world. You can find resources [here](#), including a customizable bulletin insert and minutes for mission, or use these other online [tools](#) to make promotion easier for you.

To engage your members, encourage them to join us in *A Season of Peace* daily reflections, a month-long (**September 4 – October 2**) pilgrimage designed to deepen the pursuit of peace for congregations, small groups, families, and individuals. The theme for the 29 days of this year's *A Season of Peace* is **Led Forth in Peace: Critical Areas of Engagement for Peacemakers**. With these daily reflections, we are invited to reflect upon ways to practice peace by engaging the following

critical areas: climate change, nonviolence, the intersection of poverty and racism, and immigration/migration. [Sign up here](#) to receive these reflections delivered to your inbox.

This offering is traditionally taken on World Communion Sunday, but may be received any time in September or October.

**CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY  
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO  
INSTALL THE REV. INCHUL “CHRIS” NAM AS PASTOR  
OF KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO, WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA**

The Commission, according to the appointment of the Committee on Ministry of Central Florida Presbytery, met at Korean Presbyterian Church of Orlando, Winter Garden, Florida, on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator of the Commission, Ferdi Brits, who opened the meeting with prayer. The following people were present:

Minister Commissioners present: Ferdi Brits (Moderator, Church of the Lakes), Paige McRight (HR), John Inki Kim (HR), David Larry Kim (Harvest), Dan Williams (Presbytery Staff).

Ruling Elder Commissioners present: Ralphetta Aker McClary (Washington Shores), Chris Lee (KPCO), Jongwook Kim (KCPO).

Guests: Rev. Dr. John “Mike” Loudon (Tampa Bay Presbytery), Pastor Anthony Hodge (Finding the Lost Sheep Ministries, Ocoee), Jenny Martin (Oakland), Judith Ramsey (Oakland), Dan Williams (Presbytery staff)

The moderator appointed Dan Williams to serve as clerk of the commission.

The order of service and assignments were reviewed and approved. Arrangements were made for an offering for the presbytery’s Scholarship Fund for Church Vocations. The meeting of the commission was recessed and the commission proceeded to the sanctuary for the service of worship and installation.

- The sermon was preached by Paige McRight, from Exodus 36:1-7.
- The Constitutional questions to the Pastor were propounded by Ferdi Brits. The questions were answered in the affirmative.
- The Constitutional questions to the Congregation were propounded by Jongwook Lim. The questions were answered in the affirmative.
- The Installation prayer was offered by Dan Williams.
- Dan Williams declared that Inchul “Chris” Nam was duly installed as Pastor of Korean Presbyterian Church of Orlando. A welcome was given to Chris Nam by the members of Central Florida Presbytery.
- The Charge to the Pastor was delivered by John Inki Kim.
- The Charge to the Congregation was delivered by David Larry King.

The service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly-installed Pastor, Chris Nam, upon which the meeting of the administrative commission was adjourned at pm. A service honoring the retirement of Inki Kim was held immediately following the installation. A reception was held for Chris Nam following the service.

Ferdi Brits, Moderator

Dan Williams, Clerk

**CENTRAL FLORIDA PRESBYTERY  
MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION TO  
ORDAIN JOHN DANIEL DEBEVOISE AS A  
MINISTER OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT**

The Commission, according to the appointment of Central Florida Presbytery, met at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, Orlando, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Omar Gonzalez, Moderator of the Commission, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Teaching Elder Commissioners present: Ferdi Brits (Moderator; Church of the Lakes); Omar Gonzalez (College Park); Linda Wright Simmons (Validated Ministry); Paige McRight (Honorably Retired).

Ruling Elder Commissioners present: Justin Ingram (Park Lake); Laurie Farquharson (Wekiva).

Guests: Sheldon Steen (Presbytery of Florida); Eliza Smith (Foothills Presbytery); John T. DeBevoise (Tampa Bay Presbytery); Dan M. DeBevoise (Park Lake); Helen M. DeBevoise (Park Lake).

The order of service and commission assignments were reviewed and approved. The Order of Service included an offering for the presbytery's Scholarship Fund for Church Vocations. The meeting of the commission was recessed to the service of worship.

- The sermon was preached by Sheldon Steen.
- The Constitutional questions to the candidate were propounded by Ferdi Brits. The questions were answered in the affirmative.
- The Constitutional questions to the congregation were propounded by Linda Wright Simmons. The questions were answered in the affirmative.
- The Ordination prayer, with laying on of hands, and prayer of installation was offered by Eliza Smith.
- Ferdi Brits declared that John Daniel DeBevoise was ordained as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. A welcome was given by members of the commission, and ruling elders and teaching elders present for the service.
- The Charge to the pastor was delivered by Dan DeBevoise.
- The Charge to the congregation was delivered by Helen DeBevoise.

The service was concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the newly ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament, John Daniel DeBevoise, upon which the meeting of the administrative commission was adjourned.

Ferdi Brits, Moderator

## *GraceWay Church*

### *Administrative Commission Final Report to Presbytery*

This Administrative Commission was formed by Central Florida Presbytery on March 06, 2021, and was given the following tasks:

That Central Florida Presbytery form an Administrative Commission with full constitutional authority [G-3.0109b(5) (dissolve pastoral relationship); G-3.0303 (assume original jurisdiction)] to come alongside the Session of GraceWay Presbyterian Church to serve as an instrument of Presbytery for promoting the peace and harmony within the congregation, including:

- advising the session as to appropriate actions to be taken to resolve the reported difficulties,
- offering to help as a mediator, and
- acting to correct the difficulties if requested to do so by the session or if the session is unable or unwilling to do so, following the procedural safeguards of the Rules of Discipline. (G-3.0303d)
- if necessary, overseeing any pastoral transition according to the policies and guidelines of the Presbytery and the Book of Order.

The following are members of the Commission: William Kramp (TE) – chair, Randy Simpson (RE), Christina Greenawalt (TE) – secretary, and Al Passwater (RE), who passed away on March 9, 2022. Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Dan Williams (TE), serves ex-officio.

#### **Practice / Engagement:**

- The commission attended the Session and Congregational meetings.
- The commission held several Zoom meetings for planning purposes.
- The commission guided the Session through the transition process after the departure of its pastor.
- The commission held exit interviews with the previous pastor and the Session.
- The Session held townhall style meetings with the congregation to listen and to talk about budget issues.
- The commission gave support to the work of the Session as it dealt with reconstruction of a fire-damaged building.
- The commission assisted the Session in procuring the services of Ian Lamont as interim pastor.
- Commission member, Dan Williams, moderated most Session meetings until Ian Lamont was put in place as their interim pastor. When Dan Williams was unavailable another commission member moderated the Session Meetings.
- The commission assisted the Session in revising the congregation's By-Laws, which the congregation adopted on July 17<sup>th</sup> of this year.
- The commission supported the session in reactivating many of its committees that had been less than active in recent years.

#### **Outcomes:**

- The Session has become more connectional in its relationship with the presbytery. The Interim Pastor, Ian Lamont, continues to work well with the session and congregation and is actively engaged at the presbytery level.
- The Session and congregation have made real progress in reducing the budget deficit situation, and making progress in further narrowing the budgeted shortfall for 2022.

- In 2022 GraceWay has welcomed 25 new members, and seen a number of inactive members return.
- There is improved communication and enthusiasm throughout the congregation as they plan for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in October of 2022.
- GraceWay made a further commitment to its future growth by joining the Vital Congregations Initiative in June of this year.

In view of the progress made<sub>7</sub> by the Session and congregation of GraceWay Church<sub>7</sub> in dealing with their past, their healthy progress, their willingness to work on their future, and our satisfaction that our goals have been met, the Administrative Commission concludes the work assigned to this commission, and that with this final report to Central Florida Presbytery, the commission be dismissed effective September 13th, 2022.