

**Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting Summary**  
**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

The Central Florida Presbytery held a stated meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at **St. Cloud Presbyterian Church**, St. Cloud where **Hugh Lackey, CP** serves as Pastor. Our Moderator, **Rev. Erika Rembert Smith**, presided over the meeting. Hugh Lackey of our host church welcomed the presbyters.

The meeting was called to order with prayer and a worship service where Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis preached on the John 1:35-51 passage.

The Following Open Spaces were held:

- **Meet and Greet for Those Exploring and Preparing for Calls to Ministry** - by Rev. Michael York, Associate Pastor, First Pres., Vero and CPM Member
- **Pending Amendments to the Book of Order** - by Rev. Dr. Dan Williams, CFP Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk
- **Planning a Sabbatical for Your Pastor and Church** - by Rev. Dr. Tim Rogers-Martin, Senior Pastor, Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Indialantic
- **Pastoral Transitions** - by Rev. Melanie Ruta, Transitional Pastor
- **Mixed Media Messages** - by Rev. Katy Steinberg, Founding Pastor, The Missing Peace
- **Micro Grants: A Transformative Opportunity** - by Rev. Linda Jaberg, Interim Pastor, Community Presbyterian, Howey-in-the-Hills

The presbytery shared the Good News First: Ms. Angie Etman, Chief Development Officer for Community Hope Center, shared about their ministry to restore hope and dignity to the people who enter their doors and to help the homeless and those nearly homeless who live along the Route 192 corridor. To learn more or to donate visit [www.hope192.org](http://www.hope192.org)

Clare Lewis, Vice President, Sales and Marketing from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) shared of the different loan programs offered through PILP and presented rebate checks to the following churches: Oviedo, Deltona, Pineda, El Buen Vecino and New Hope.

Plenary Speaker: Rev. Dr. Karoline M. Lewis spoke on the topic of: *What is Biblical Authority and Why Do We Need to Talk About it?*

**ACTIONS TAKEN:**

- Agreed to the following ecclesiastical matters:
  - ✓ Received the Report of the Stated Clerk, the Rev. Dan Williams.
  - ✓ Received GA Statistical Reports.
  - ✓ Reserve Rooster of the PJC with corrections from the December meeting
  - ✓ Received the Administrative Committee minutes for the following:
    1. Chartering of Hope Presbyterian Church at lake Nona on January 12, 2019 (not final report)
    2. Ordination/ Installation Commissions for Jorge Texidor/El Redentor Presbyterian Church
- LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND RESULTS
  - 18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons— On Amending G-2.0401 - *approved*
  - 18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction
    - 18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509 83-28 – *approved*
    - 18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d – *approved*
  - 18-C. Officers - On Amending G-3.0104 – *failed (not-approved)*
  - 18-D. Membership of Presbytery - On Amending G-3.0306 - *approved*
  - 18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor— On Amending G-3.0307– *approved*
  - 18-F. Welcoming to the Table—On Amending W-4.0202 - *approved*
  - 18-G. Disciplinary Offense - On Amending D-2.0203b - *approved*
  - 18-H. Time Limit
    - 18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b – *approved*

- 18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1) – *approved*
- Approved the following terms of call: Debra Cox, Ferdi Brits, Susan Takis, William Anderson, Jim Moran, Eme Asztalos, Nancy Graham Ogne, Michael Bodger, Dan Williams, William Lewis, Mike Foley, Leigh Jones
- Approved Westminster By The Sea Associate Pastor Severance Agreement
- Approved PATH partnership percentages
- Approved the Children’s Protection Policy

**OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:**

- Nominations Committee now has a form to help pair individuals and committees to get a copy, please email Debra Cox, Nominations Chair, at [debra@palmbaypres.org](mailto:debra@palmbaypres.org).
- Local Congregations shared good news:
  - Community Howey-in-the-Hills – congregation continues to grow despite being “displaced” during sanctuary renovations
  - Hope at Lake Nona – First ever Elder commissioner is attending today’s meeting
    - Digital Lenten study if you are interested see contact Nancy Graham Ogne
  - St. Luke’s Presbyterian – has an art student who can help your congregation make temporary “stain glass” windows
- Received Final 2018 budget statements
- Church Transformations shared that 2 Micro-grants have been given out for church transformation to:
  - Maitland to start a front porch ministry
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Titusville – to reach the kids who have a bus stop near the church
- MAC (Ministry Assistance Catalog) catalog – 15 new workshops have been added to the MAC Catalog to help give training for FREE or minimal cost (travel) to your church
- Exploring Missional Leadership Training – on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 with Michael Gehrling
- Presbyterian Women -CFPW has given \$32k to mission agencies in 2018 that is a 19% increase over 2017.
- Mission Development: If you would like to request a Hands-on Mission Grant please find those applications online or in your resource packet
- There are scholarships to cover registration (\$225) for the Ecumenical Advocacy Days – April 8, 2019 in Washington, D.C. if you would like to apply contact the Mission Development Committee
- The Cuba Partnership team gave a report – 36 people from 10 different churches from CFP went to El Centro Presbytery in Central Cuba. The next partnership trip is being scheduled tentatively for February 2020
- Necrology Report was included as part of worship
- Youth from St. Luke’s in Titusville are going to do repair work at Grace Presbyterian in Panama City Beach – if you would like to partner and go, and/or donate for repair supplies contact Jody Noble at St. Luke’s, Titusville
- Please note the remaining dates of the 2019 Stated presbytery meetings:
  - Thursday, June 6, 2:00 pm – First Presbyterian, New Smyrna Beach
  - Tuesday, September 10, 9:30 am – Ormond Beach Presbyterian Church
  - Tuesday, December 3, 9:30 am – TBA
- A total of 110 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer at 2:50 p.m.

We thank the pastor and people of St. Cloud Presbyterian Church for hosting today’s meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next stated meeting of Central Florida Presbytery will be at 2:00 pm on **Thursday, June 6, 2019** at First Presbyterian Church, New Smyrna Beach, where Rev. George Head is serving as pastor.