

Summer Stated Presbytery Meeting Summary
Thursday, June 3, 2021

Central Florida Presbytery held a stated meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 3, 2021 via Zoom due to the desire to have social distancing. Our 2021 Moderator, Ferdi Brits, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was called to order with prayer and a service that honored Juneteenth, where Rev. Traci Smith, author and pastor of Elmhurst Presbyterian Church, preached a sermon entitled, "Continuing the Courageous Conversation" based on Numbers 27:1-11. The offering was collected to help PDA(Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) with their relief efforts. If you would like to donate to PDA as part of the presbytery offering please click [here](#).

The presbytery shared the Good News First by sharing a video celebrating Justice in June and Juneteenth.

Plenary Speaker: Traci Smith spoke on the topic of "Teaching Faith at Home through Simple Practices" – watch future Weekly Connections emails to be able to watch a replay of this. If you were unable to attend Traci's workshop on June 2, you can watch it now at by clicking [here](#).

Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk brought greetings and an update from the Synod of South Atlantic. Mary Bell Streetman and Rev. Dr. Carmelo Mercado also gave updates from the Synod as the presbytery's commissioners.

Kathy Broyard, from Fla.pdan shared about the 2021 Hurricane Season and how we can be prepared.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Received Danny Demoraes into membership of Central Florida Presbytery and approved his call at First Presbyterian Church of Kissimmee
- Received Oscar Clavel into membership of Central Florida Presbytery and approved his call at Wekiva Presbyterian Church in Longwood
- Received Craig Sumey into membership of Central Florida Presbytery and approved his call at Oakland Presbyterian Church
- Received John Daniel DeBevoise as a candidate under care of Central Florida Presbytery
- Approved the nominations to various committees of the Central Florida Presbytery
- Approved the formation of an Administrative Commission to work with the Korean Presbyterian Church of Orlando in Winter Garden to organize its English-speaking Harvest Church become a separate congregation with a target date of January 1, 2022 for Chartering.
- Approved the amendment of the Manual of Central Florida Presbytery to include an Anti-Racism Committee

A total of 142 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer by Ferdi Brits at 6:17 p.m.

We thank the everyone who helped to make this virtual meeting occur. We celebrate with out churches who filled their vacant pastoral relationships this day. Praise Jesus who continues to work and make His presence known in powerful ways.

Next Meeting:

The next stated meeting of Central Florida Presbytery will be on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. A decision on the format/location of the meeting will be made by August 10 Council meeting.