

Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting Summary **Tuesday, September 13, 2022**

The Central Florida Presbytery held a stated meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at El Redentor Presbyterian Church. Current Moderator, **Ferdi Brits**, presided over the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer. The offering at today's meeting went to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. The good people of El Redentor, Jorge Texidor welcomed us warmly and graciously.

The meeting was called to order with prayer and a worship service, Rev. Dr. Letiah Fraser, preached on Luke 14:15-24 and his sermon was entitled, "An Open Table."

The presbytery shared the Good News First: Sandy Lacey spoke regarding the Healing and Restoration Service held at Rockledge Presbyterian Church

Joyce Lieberman, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk brought words of greeting from the Synod. Friday, February 24-25 there will be a Synod educational event at Epworth in Georgia.

Plenary Speakers: Rev. Dr. Letiah Fraser and Rev. Nick Pickrall spoke on Lessons Learned from the Open Table

ACTIONS TAKEN:

- Received Rev. Brad Klostreich as a member of Central Florida Presbytery and the next pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Vero Beach.
- Approved Minimum Terms of Call for 2023 increase of 6%. The new minimum effective salary would be \$46,640. Effective 1/1/2023.
- The suggested Pulpit Supply Honoraria will increase to \$175 plus mileage at current IRS rate. Eff. 1/1/2023.
- The suggested Moderator Honoraria will increase to \$75 plus mileage at current IRS rate. Eff. 1/1/2023.
- Approved the Per Capita rate for 2023 of \$20.25 per member as reported in the 2021 statistical report. This is an increase of \$1.00
- Approved permission to sell property for North Lake Presbyterian Church and Rockledge Presbyterian Church.
- Approved supporting the Hispanic Women's Gathering up to \$2000

OTHER INFORMATION OF NOTE:

- **George Wilcox** is retiring as of October 1, 2022 the presbytery is grateful for his ministry and as he transitions to Honorably Retired we wish him well and wait to see how the Lord continues to use him.
- **Dan William announces retirement:** Dan Williams, Executive Presbytery and Stated Clerk of CFP will retire on September 30, 2023 and Executive Search Committee has been appointed by the Moderator and held it's first meeting (Mario Bolivar and Bill Kramp will co-chair and Pat Zinn will be the secretary).
- **225th General Assembly (2022)** commissioners reports received
 - TE, Erika Rembert-Smith; RE, Cris Heceta; TE, Jody Mask; RE, Juan Carlos Montanez Gonzalez; Samira St. Clair-Husbands Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD).
- **Cost of Living Adjustment:** COM is recommending to congregations a 6% COLA increase as they are able

- COM recognizes that this would be two consecutive years of considerable increase and considered recommending a COLA at the current rate of inflation (10-11%), but decided instead to call on sessions to keep the factors mentioned above in mind as decisions are made on pastoral terms of call and other staff salaries. COM urges sessions to do whatever is possible to maintain compensation levels that are just, fair and commensurate with current economic realities. Sessions should pay attention to what the Social Security Administration does on an increase for those receiving retirement income.
- **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.]
- **IRS mileage** change July 1, 2022 – For the final 6 months of 2022, the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile.
- **Cuba Partnership** report given by Ken Lassiter. Ken shared the conditions in Cuba (including shortages in medication, food, electricity, water – difficulty in transportation) and the warm welcome they received even with the struggles. The next trip to Cuba will be in March 2023.
- Mark your Calendar for these upcoming Presbytery events:
 - **Montreat College Conference** – January 2-5, 2023 – for more information contact [Kenne Sparks](#).
 - **PYC Gleaning** (ages middle school- high school) – Nov. 19 contact [Kenne Sparks](#) for more information
 - **COLE** – February 11, 2023 – Hybrid
 - [Youth Triennium Free Resources](#)
- **2022-2023 Stated Presbytery** meeting dates and locations (if your congregation would like to host a presbytery meeting or to know more about hosting please reach out to [Dan Williams](#) or [Christina Greenawalt](#)) .
 - Tuesday, December 6, 2022 (9:30 a.m.) – Merritt Island
 - 2023 Dates: Saturday, March 4, 9:30 a.m. • Thursday, June 1, 2:00 p.m. • Tuesday, September 12, 9:30 a.m. • Tuesday, December 5, 9:30 a.m.

A total of 99 persons attended the meeting, which adjourned with prayer by Ferdi Brits at 5:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next stated meeting Presbytery will be on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at Merritt Island Presbyterian Church (600 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, FL).