Northwest Georgia Presbytery
Spring Stated Meeting – May 3, 2011
Grace Presbyterian Church in America - Douglasville, Georgia

Northwest Georgia Presbytery met for its sixteenth regularly scheduled Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at Grace PCA, Douglasville, GA.

Moderator RE Joe Fowler called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and handed the worship service over to Pastors Jon Payne and Chad Sadorf and RE Clif Daniell who then led the group into the worship service. Following a sermon by Pastor Sadorf, the Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

Present were the following, constituting a quorum:

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Chaplains: RUF – Kennesaw: Chris Bowen
Honorable Retired: Under Care/Licentiates/Interns: Brian Stock
Dave Shain
Cliff Daniel

Visitors: Andrew Goodwin (Christ Presbyterian Church), Joseph Bryan (Chapel Hill), James Campbell III, Brady Payne

Attendance: 15 ruling elders, 20 teaching elders, 3 Under Care/Licentiates/Interns, 4 visitors, for a total of forty-two (42). Visit attached – Appendix 1.


Report on Arrangements: Moderator Joe Fowler explained the arrangements.

Adoption of Docket: MSP to adopt the docket as distributed. Visit attached – Appendix 3.

Visitors and first time guests were introduced.

Appointment of Standing Committees:
A Committee on Resolution and Thanks was appointed consisting of TE Gef Ganey and RE Wes Richardson
A Committee on Bills and Overtures was appointed consisting of RE Greg Forlaw, RE Jim Friday, TE Gilbert Moore and TE Marc Harrington.

Communications:
  - The Clerk reported that the following Commission Reports had been received and were in proper order:
    - To Ordain and Install Rob Langston as Assistant Pastor at Grace PCA, Dallas. Visit Appendix 4.
    - To Ordain and Install Jason Davis as Assistant Pastor at Smyrna PCA. Visit Appendix 5.
  - MSP to grant excused absences Thomas Macgregor; James Misner; Wilson Smith; John Maphet; Charles Lutz; Ted Lester; Legree Finch; and David Hall.
  - RE Stephen Murphy presented information related to an investment bankruptcy settlement concerning Cornerstone Ministries Incorporated and made a motion to overture the General Assembly to release the 1991 audit. MSP unanimously to table the motion until the fall meeting of presbytery, so that Mr. Murphy can prepare a written overture for approval for the 2012 General Assembly. MSP for the Clerk to ask Metro Atlanta presbytery why they took no disciplinary action against the surviving director. Visit Appendix 6.
  - The Clerk previously emailed the minutes to the Presbytery. MSP to approve the Winter 2010 meeting minutes as circulated via email.

Treasurer Report:
Moderator Joe Fowler presented the report. Visit Appendix 7. MSP to approve the report.
PERMANENT COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Committee on Credentials:**
TE Chad Sadorf presented the report.

RE Clif Daniell was examined for ordination. MSP to unanimously approve in accordance with our by-laws his sermon for ordination which was preached within the last 12 months. Mr. Daniell was examined in the areas of Church History, History of the PCA, and Sacraments with questions from the Credentials Committee Chairman, Pastor Sadorf. Mr. Daniell was asked if he differed with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions. He stated he had no differences. *(Clerk's note: other elements for ordination exam not listed here were completed by Mr. Daniell at previous meetings of Presbytery).* MSP to arrest the floor exam of Mr. Daniell. MSP to sustain his floor exam.

MSP to find the call in order *(see Appendix 8)* of Clif Daniell to serve as Assistant Pastor at Grace, Douglasville. The call was placed in the hands of the candidate and he indicated his desire to accept the call. Mr. Daniell signed the ministerial obligation form *(see Appendix 9).* MSP to receive Mr. Daniell into Northwest Georgia Presbytery.

MSP to approve the commission to ordain and install Mr. Daniell as Assistant Pastor at Grace, Douglasville. The commission is to consist of TE Jon Payne (Convener), TE Dick Cain, RE Josh McIntire, RE Mike Kent. The date of the service is to be June 12th.

Candidate Under Care Brian Stock preached a sermon for licensure and was examined. MSP to sustain his sermon. Mr. Stock was examined in the areas of the English Bible Exam, Theology and Views, and Church Government with questions from the Credentials Committee Chairman, Pastor Sadorf. *(Clerk's note: other elements for licensure exam not listed here were completed by Mr. Stock at previous meetings of Presbytery).* MSP to arrest the floor exam of Mr. Stock. MSP to sustain his floor exam. Mr. Stock was asked if he had any differences with the Confession of Faith and Catechisms in any of their statements and/or propositions. He stated he differed in the area 21-8 on family recreation on the Sabbath and in WLC #109 pictures of Christ in Christian education materials. MSP to approve these differences at not out of accord with the fundamentals of the Confession and Catechisms.

Moderator Joe Fowler asked Mr. Stock the BCO 19-3 questions for licensure and gave him the BCO 19-4 charge for license to preach in our presbytery. TE Mike Glass prayed for Mr. Daniell and Mr. Stock. The Clerk gave Mr. Stock his certificate of licensure.

The Presbytery then congratulated Mr. Daniell and Mr. Stock with a rand hand of fellowship.

**Committee on Administration:**
Chairman Joe Fowler presented the report.

The Clerk circulated a list for Committee of Commissioner volunteers at the GA. *See Appendix 10.*

TE Zack Carden has resigned from the Review of Session Records Committee. The Moderator will recommend someone to replace TE Carden at the fall presbytery meeting for approval.

The entire Administration report is attached. *See Appendix 11*
Old Business:
The commission led by TE Jim Whittle continues the work to deal with the complaint by Laura Woods and will report at our next presbytery meeting.

New Business:
MSP to unanimously approve the second reading of proposed by-law changes by the Admin Committee regarding the Overtures Committee. The motion is to replace the wording at the beginning of section VII from at each meeting of presbytery to at the stated meeting of presbytery and will continue to serve until the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

MSP to unanimously approve the second reading of proposed by-law changes by the Admin Committee regarding the duties of the Stated Clerk. Under section IV, B, 3, 4th sentence – add to the wording regarding the keeping of presbytery minutes: and publish those minutes to every teaching elder and clerk of Session within fourteen (14) days of the meeting of presbytery.

MSP to unanimously approve the second reading of proposed by-law changes by the Admin Committee regarding the Christian Education Committee. The motion is as follows: It is proposed to amend Section VI of the by-laws to combine the committees on Christian Education and the Committee on Shepherding and to create the committee on Shepherding and Education. The committee shall carry out the duties of the committees contained in paragraphs C, 2 and 3 of Section VI (C), and the current committee members of each committee shall continue to serve as members of the Committee on Shepherding and Education.

MSP to unanimously approve the BCO amendments Items 3, 4, and 6 concerning mission churches and what constitutes a quorum on a commission. See Appendix 12

Order of the Day

Prayer was offered by TE Alan Lutz, and this portion of the meeting was adjourned for dinner.

The Resolution and Thanks Committee presented their report thanking Grace Church for the fine meal and accommodations. See Appendix 13

The meeting resumed after dinner with reports from and prayer for churches in our presbytery and the continuation of permanent committee reports.
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Special Order of the Day - Church Reports
Reports were heard from First Summerville, First Villa Rica, Grace Cedartown, and King’s Chapel. A time of prayer followed.

Committee on Christian Education:
TE Chris Bowen gave a verbal report on RUF at Kennesaw State. MSP to approve TE Bowen’s request to begin a DMin program at RTS in Charlotte.

Committee on Shepherding:
TE Robie Hembree prayed and gave a verbal report on the committee’s work and a communication from Chaplain Thomas Faichney. See attachment 14. TE Gilbert Moore and TE Robie Hembree prayed for our military chaplains.

Committee on Missions:
TE Alan Lutz presented a report concerning the work in Jasper; Martin Hawley presented a verbal report on the work in Haiti (see Appendix 15); Jon Payne reported on the work in Heidelberg; and TE Alan Lutz reported on the work at Woodstock and prayed for all the mission work by our presbytery.

Review of Session Minutes:
RE Julius Davis gave a report of the Committee to Review Sessional Records. MSP to approve the report.

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The entire review of Session records Committee report is attached. See Appendix 16

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery is Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Christ PCA, Marietta at 8:30 am.

Churches to bring 2010 Session Minutes for review and to make a report:
- First, Villa Rica
- Grace, Canton
- Grace Covenant
- Hope
- Midway
- Smyrna

In addition, Christ PCA is rescheduled to give their report at the September 17th meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/P to adjourn the meeting. The sixteenth stated meeting of Northwest Georgia Presbytery was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg King
Greg King, Stated Clerk, Northwest Georgia Presbytery

attachments