

STATED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by moderator David Swanson at 6:00 p.m. in the Sterchi Conference Room. Hannah Buckley, one of the HOC Fellows, led a devotion and opened with prayer. Ten of the twelve HOC Fellows were present and introduced themselves to the session.

STATISTICS

Membership as of July 30, 2019 .....	3,705
Transfers into the congregation.....	0
Reaffirmation of Faith.....	0
Profession of Faith .....	0
Profession of Faith & Baptism .....	0
Restored to the roll.....	0
Total .....	0
Transfers from the congregation.....	4
Deaths .....	1
Removed from the roll.....	0
Placed on the inactive roll.....	0
Total .....	5
Membership as of August 31, 2019 .....	3,700

Dismissed:

Mr. Timothy J. Theabo – Dismissed to Community of Faith United Methodist Church, Davenport, Florida.  
Mrs. Louise Thompson Theabo – Dismissed to Community of Faith United Methodist Church, Davenport, Florida.  
Mr. Edward Ubels – Dismissed to Coronado Community United Methodist Church, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.  
Mrs. Virginia Ubels – Dismissed to Coronado Community United Methodist Church, New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Deaths:

Mr. Joseph Jezequel died 7/26/2019

Births:

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew (Alisa) Geers have a daughter, Alena Rose Geers, Born 6/23/2019  
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy (Blair) Hughes have a son, Jack Harrison Hughes, Born 8/13/2019

Child Baptisms:

Juliana Marie Armesto on 8/11/2019  
Alena Rose Geers on 8/18/2019  
Liam Jeffrey Semidei on 8/18/2019 (Non-Member)  
Hunter William Smith on 8/18/2019  
Keller Ryan Smith on 8/18/2019  
Blake Annabelle Smith on 8/18/2019

Adult Baptisms:

Jack Elizabeth Smith on 8\18\2019

A quorum was declared.

## ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### ATTENDANCE:

TEACHING ELDERS: David Swanson, Case Thorp, Jack Peebles, Becky Davis, Tanner Fox.

RULING ELDERS: Robby Ball, Darrell Carpenter, Sr., Barbara Clayton, Tom Eastwood, Jim Hardy, Melody Lynch, Quino Martinez, Chris Morgan, Allen Peacock, Rick Pullum, Trey Vick.

Excused: Joe Amos, Bob Francis, Katie Witter, Billy Palmer, Becky Wilson.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter were noted from Deacon Julie Spencer who resigned the remainder of her term due to family difficulties, and a letter was noted from the President of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar updating the Biblical Entrepreneurship program.

Motion: to approve the minutes from the Stated Session Meeting of August 27, 2019. M/S/P

The Docket was approved after being amended to allow an executive session. at the conclusion of regular business.

### MINISTER REPORT

Discussion was held concerning the new Sunday structure with general agreement that the structure was being well received by most.

Motion: To approve Martel Knedgen, age 7, be admitted to partake in the Lord's Supper. M/S/P

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Presbyterian Connections: reminder of upcoming Presbytery meeting and Ruling Elder Retreat October 18-19 at the Canterbury Retreat Center in Oviedo. Dr Case Thorp gave a report on his travels and duties as Moderator of the General Assembly of EPC.

Governance and Leadership Assignment: No action items.

Operations committee: Dale Van Gelder gave an overview of finances which are in good condition for the first three months of the fiscal year.

### WORK GROUP REPORTS

Dr Peebles gave updates on the Equipping, the Missional Living, the Worship and Sunday Experience, the Feedback (concerns), and the Staff Culture work groups.

MOTION: To approve staff members of Shine Children's Ministry to administer communion to children on communion Sundays. M/S/P

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discussion of a lawsuit that has been filed against the church for an incident that occurred in 2011.

Appreciation of Dr. Swanson's 15 years as senior pastor was celebrated with a gift from session. Many praises and expressions of love for his leadership and pastoral skills were offered. A special season of prayer for Dr Swanson ensued and the meeting was then adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

PRAISE GOD FROM WHO ALL BLESSINGS FLOW!

David Swanson  
Moderator

Jim Hardy  
Clerk