

STATED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
November 17, 2020

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on November 17, 2020, and was called to order by the moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson at 6:00 PM via Zoom Video Conference.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Teaching Elders: David Swanson, Case Thorp, Jack Peebles, Tanner Fox

Senior Leadership Team: Dale van Gelder, Bret Allen, and Christina McDaniel

Ruling Elders: Barbara Clayton, Jim Hardy, Robby Ball, Katie Witter, Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, Amanda Cowan, Becky Wilson, Erin Lindblad, Bo Morgan, Quino Martinez, Kurt Wood, Rick Pullum, John Caplan, Melody Lynch, Bob Francis

Excused: Darrell Carpenter Sr., Allen Peacock, and Bo Morgan

Absent: Becky Wilson

Staff: Grace Whitlow

Other attendees: Covenant Partner, Bryan Knedgen and incoming Class of 2023 church officers: Jeff Brown, Russ Towle, Jonathan Rossi, Jonathan Thigpen, Karen Thigpen, Scarlett Broughton, Zane Henderson, Hattie Summer, Marjory McNair, Michael Kelly, Betsy Hirschy, Doris Houck, Pat Stainbrook, Layne Spears, Greg McNeill

A quorum was declared.

The meeting was opened in prayer by TE Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson.

The deacons-elect and elders-elect, who are completing the course of instruction in Church government, the Sacraments, the Faith of the Church, the Discipline of the Church, The History of the Church, and the understanding of the office of ruling elder and deacon began a process of sharing their spiritual testimonies.

The following elders and deacons-elect gave their testimonies: Greg McNeill, Karen Thigpen, Marjory McNair, Scarlett Broughton, Hattie Summer, Jonathan Thigpen, Jeff Brown, Pat Stainbrook, and Marnie Waldrop

**MOTION: To sustain the examinations of the above-listed deacons and ruling elders-elect. M/S/P**

Prayer for the deacons and elders-elect was offered by TE's Robby Ball, Kurt Wood, and Bob Francis, and this portion of the meeting was terminated.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you letter from Earla J. Bethel (Clerk of the Session) The Kirk, Nassau, Bahamas for FPCO’s on-going generous support of The Kirk’s Ministry.

**Approval of the docket with the addition of a motion to serve communion at a wedding from TE Jack Peebles M/S/P**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES M/S/P**

STATISTICS

Membership As Of September 30, 2020.....	3,626
Transfers Into The Congregation.....	2
Reaffirmation Of Faith.....	1
Profession Of Faith.....	0
Profession Of Faith & Baptism.....	0
Restored To The Roll.....	0
Total.....	0
Transfers From The Congregation.....	4
Deaths.....	0
Removed From The Roll.....	4
Placed On The Inactive Roll.....	0
Total.....	8
Membership As Of October 31, 2020.....	3,621

Transfers Into The Congregation

(August 2020 Report Amendment: Mr. Adam Frisch comes to us by Reaffirmation Of Faith as he was not a member of St Luke’s United Methodist Church, Orlando, FL.)

- Mr. Adam Harris – From First United Methodist Church, Winter Park, Florida
- Mrs. Allison Harris – From First United Methodist Church, Winter Park, Florida
- Ms. Brie Carter – By Reaffirmation of Faith

Dismissed:

- Mr. Steven M. Strite – Dismissed to Bradenton Christian Reformed Church, Bradenton, Florida.
- Mrs. Rebekah J. Strite – Dismissed to Bradenton Christian Reformed Church, Bradenton, Florida.
- Mr. Andrew R. “Andy” Burchak – Dismissed to Lakeridge United Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas.
- Mrs. Cary Burchak – Dismissed to Lakeridge United Methodist Church, Lubbock, Texas.

Removed from the roll: (Session Meeting 10/27/2020)

- Mr. Mark Randall Gurley
- Mrs. Stephanie Hughes Gurley
- Mr. Timothy Andrew Smith
- Mrs. Kimberly Smith

#### Births:

Mr. & Mrs. Chapman (Sydney) Brownlee have a son, Thomas Bingham Brownlee, born 10/1/2020.

Mr. & Mrs. Bentley (Emily) Crismore have a son, Rhone Garrett Crismore born 10/19/2020.

#### Child Baptisms:

Miller Grace Pelfrey on 6/11/2020

Colton Kenneth Floyd on 7/23/2020

Penley Louise Bateman on 9/20/2020

Coast Carter Brackett on 10/11/2020

Nellie James Richardson on 10/18/2020

#### Adult Baptisms:

Jeremy Joseph Thigpen on 10/25/2020

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- End of term reflections was kicked off by RE Jim Hardy with several Elders sharing their thoughts and reflections on their service over the last three years.

### **MINISTER REPORT**

**MOTION: To approve communion be served at the Eagle Rock Student Ministry Retreat on Sunday, November 22, 2020, with Bret Allen, Minister of Family Life presiding at the table. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve communion being served at the West wedding on Saturday, January 9, 2021, with Dr. Jack Peebles presiding at the table**

- Session Retreat 2021: Lee Fellowship Hall / 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Saturday, January 23, 2021.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**MOTION: to approve switching security company to Allied Universal. M/S/P**

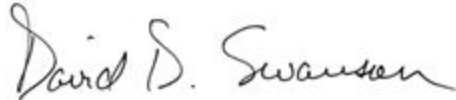
**DISCUSSION:** seeking forgiveness or repaying Paycheck Protection Program Loan

**INFORMATION:** Addition of an option for online givers to cover credit card fees which could save up to \$30K annually.

**INFORMATION:** Staff raises or bonuses will be paid on November 20, 2020.

## PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

The closing prayer was opened by RE Barbara Clayton with several REs praying and closed by TE Senior Pastor Dr. David Swanson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM by TE Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson, Moderator.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David S. Swanson".

David Swanson  
Moderator

Greg Burden  
Clerk