# STATED SESSION MEETING FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO August 22, 2023

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on August 22, 2023, and was called to order by moderator, Teaching Elder Dr. David D. Swanson at 6:00 PM.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

## ATTENDANCE:

Teaching Elders: Tanner Fox, Paul Gibson, Jack Peebles, David Swanson

Senior Leadership Team: Charles Bell, Christina McDaniel

Ruling Elders: Buzz Auzley, Scarlett Broughton, Jeff Brown, John Burden, Steve Cahill, Gabe de Guia, Lance Fair, Bruce Gordy, Joel Hall, Mike Kelley, Lisa Schultz, Sam Spears, Chris Sproles, and Kurt Wood

Excused: Bill Hull, Jonathan Thigpin, Greg McNeill

Unexcused: Bruce Gordy

A quorum was declared.

Others in attendance: Dennis Brockman, Grace Whitlow

Devotion led by Dr. David Swanson

Open in Prayer

## **CORRESPONDANCE - None**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SESSION MEETING DATED May 23, 2023- M/S/P

## APPROVAL OF THE DOCKET - M/S/P

#### **STATISTICS**

Membership as of June 30, 2022 3,590 Membership as of May 31, 2023 3,091 Transfers into the Congregation 0 Reaffirmation of Faith 0 Profession of Faith 0 Profession of Faith and Baptism 0 Restored to the Roll 0 Total Additions 0 Transfers from the Congregation 5

Deaths 3

Removed from the Roll 0

Placed on the Inactive Roll 0

**Total Reductions 8** 

Membership as of June 30, 2023 3,083

#### Dismissed:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Patricia Gray, Personal request, June 19, 2023

Ms. Jan Freeland, Transfer of Letter, Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, FL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Amy Cook, Transfer of Letter, College Park United Methodist Church Deaths:

Ms. Katie Thompson, June 6, 2023

Ms. Phyllis Fuller, June 24, 2023

Mr. Matthew Bodine, June 30, 2023

## Marriages:

Mr. Andrew Colson and Ms. Ivy Van Dyke, June 3, 2023

## Births:

Ms. Juliette Elizabeth Wendrick, born to Mr. Nathan and Leanne Wendrick, June 11, 2023 Child Baptisms:

Ms. Catherine "Cece" Carol Ford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Morgan Ford, June 18, 2023

Mr. Hampton Alexander Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip and Meredith Shaw, June 18, 2023

Ms. Elizabeth Grace Banks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua and Robin Banks, June 25, 2023

Mr. Beau Bowden Rosecrans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis and Cori Rosecrans, June 25, 2023

Membership as of July 2022 3,585

Membership as of June 2023 3,083

Transfers into the Congregation 5

Reaffirmation of Faith 5

Profession of Faith 0

Profession of Faith and Baptism 0

Restored to the Roll 0

**Total Additions 10** 

Transfers from the Congregation 0

Deaths 3

Removed from the Roll 0

Placed on the Inactive Roll 0

**Total Reductions 3** 

Membership as of July 31, 2023 3,090

Transfers into the Congregation: (Session Meeting)

Mr. and Mrs. Mark & Julie Weinberg, Transfer of Letter, Summit Church Orlando

Mr. and Mrs. Mark & Nikki Cianchetti, Reaffirmation of Faith

Ms. Brenda Berto, Transfer of Letter, Downtown Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Brad & Casey Caldwell, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. Steven Seaver, Transfer of Letter

Mrs. Martha Morejon, Reaffirmation of Faith

Ms. Becky Bell, Transfer of Letter, University Presbyterian Church Dismissed:

## Deaths:

Mrs. Joan Beaty, July 20, 2023 Mr. Peyton Keaton, July 23, 2023 Mrs. Ann Hames, July 27, 2023

Placed on the Inactive Roll: (Session Meeting)

#### Births:

William "Will" Bennett Mixson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick & Amy Mixson, July 2, 2023 Anne Warren Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John and Anna Bret Mitchell, July 19, 2023 Child Baptisms:

Ms. Elizabeth "Liza" Jane Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry & Lindsay Mason, July 9, 2023

Ms. Chandler Sue Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walker & Mackenzie Jordan, July 16, 2023 Ms. Cadence Evamarie Pekoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew & Brooke Pekoe, July 16, 2023

## Adult Baptisms:

Ms. Reagan McKinley, July 9, 2023

Mr. Brock Hudson, July 9, 2023

Mr. Brady Decker, July 9, 2023

Mr. Deacon Rush, July 9, 2023

Mr. Cole Bennett, July 9, 2023

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

## WORSHIP

1-1 To retroactively approve communion being served on June 8, 2023, to the students and leaders at Camp Twain with Minister of Family Life, Bret Allen, presiding a the table.

## PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

2-1 To retroactively approve Tami Kaiser to serve as an elder commissioner for the 43rd EPC General Assembly and Gospel Priorities Summit, June 20-22, 2023 at Cherry Hills Community Church in Highlands Ranch, Colorado.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

3-1 Remove from the roll:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric and Patricia Gray, personal request, June 19, 2023

Jan Freeland, Transfer of Letter, Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, FL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Amy Cook, Transfer of Letter, College Park United Methodist Church

3-2 Transfers into Congregation:

Mr. and Mrs. Mark & Julie Weinberg, Transfer of Letter, Summit Church

Mr. and Mrs. Mark & Nikki Cianchetti, Reaffirmation of Faith

Ms. Brenda Berto, Transfer of Letter, Downtown Baptist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Brad & Casey Caldwell, Reaffirmation of Faith

Mr. Steven Seaver, Transfer of Letter

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - M/S/P

## MINISTER REPORT

<u>MOTION</u>: To call a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at the 11:15am service for the purpose of electing Church Officers for the Class of 2026 and updated Terms of Call for pastors – M/S/P

<u>MOTION</u>: To approve \$50,000 from the FPCO planting funds in support of the EPC regional planting initiative that will include training for planters, regular contact with a planting coach, and a planter cohort, plus a support group for spouses – M/S/P

<u>MOTION</u>: To approve the proposal for assisting St. Stephen Presbyterian Church in its replanting efforts as presented, which includes the following actions:

Allocate funding stream as follows:

Year One: \$125,000 (commencing with the hiring of the planting

pastor)

Year Two: \$100,000 Year Three: \$75,000

MOTION: To approve \$15,000 in support of Michael Smith's church plant on the Upper East Side contingent on confirmation of \$15,000 being matched from another source—M/S/P

Dr. David Swanson reminded us that funds have been allocated to create indoor fellowship space. There is a committee in place that is reviewing ideas and plans for creating such space.

## WORK GROUP REPORTS

## PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS

<u>Information</u> Need more commissioners to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> Presbytery of Florida & the Caribbean October 20-21, 2023, St. Andrews, Kirk, Nassau, Bahamas.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **OPERATIONS**

MOTION: To approve returning the entire balance of \$72,962 from the donor-restricted fund titled FPCO KAA to the HOCF donor-restricted fund from which it was originally sourced—M/S/P

A separate meeting was held with Ruling Elders to discuss the upcoming Pastor Appreciation Sunday.

## CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

David S. Swansen

David Swanson Moderator Lance Fair Clerk

Jana Fair