

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
August 24, 2021**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on August 24, 2021, and was called to order by moderator, Senior Pastor Dr. David D. Swanson at 6:00 PM.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Attendance:**

Teaching Elders: Dr. David Swanson, Dr. Jack Peebles, Dr. Case Thorp

Ruling Elders: Ellen Arnold, Greg Burden, Amanda Cowen, John Caplan, Kurt Wood, Michael Kelley, Lance Fair, Scarlett Broughton, Robby Ball, Bo Morgan, Katie Witter, Jeff Brown, Erin Lindblad

Excused: Jonathan Thigpin, Daryl Carpenter, Allen Peacock, Melody Lynch, Greg McNeil and senior leadership team members Bret Allen and Rev. Tanner Fox

Staff: Grace Whitlow

Other attendees: Covenant Partners Lisa Brockman, Dennis Brockman, Karen Thigpin

A quorum was declared.

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

**Correspondence:**

Jan Gullikson submitted her letter of resignation from serving as a deacon.

APPROVAL OF THE STATED JUNE 22, 2021 AND CALLED AUGUST 3, 2021 MINUTES. **M/S/P**

Approval of the Docket with addition of motions from Presbyterian Connections Committee and Equipping Work Group. **M/S/P**

**STATISTICS**

Membership as of June 30, 2020	3,625
Membership as of May 31, 2021	3,581
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	0
Deaths	2
Removed from the Roll	0
Placed on the Inactive Roll	0
Total Reductions	0
Membership as of June 30, 2021	3,579

Deaths:

Leon Handley, June 9, 2021

Audrea Born, June 27, 2021

Births:

Xander Thomas Houck, Born June 22, 2021 to Ryan and Claire Houck

Child Baptisms:

Evelyn Wells Domeck, June 13, 2021

Waverley Bowen Domeck, June 13, 2021

Palmer Marie Rosecrans, June 13, 2021

Claire Faith Virginia Kindred, June 13, 2021

Adult Baptisms:

Wyatt Michael Peacock, June 27, 2021

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**MEMBERSHIP**

- 1-1 Remove from the Roll:  
Mr. Phil Osepchook  
Mrs. Jeanne Osepchook

**NEW MEMBERS JULY 2021**

- 2-1 Ryan Phillips - Reaffirmation of Faith  
Zamantha Phillips - Reaffirmation of Faith  
Brad Rex - Transfer - Discovery Church  
Nancy Rex - Transfer - Discovery Church  
Amy Pavuk-Gentry - Reaffirmation of Faith

**WORSHIP**

- 3-1 2022 Communion Dates  
Jan 2022 No Communion  
Feb 6, 2022  
Mar 6, 2022  
Apr 14, 2022  
May 1, 2022  
Jun 5, 2022  
Jul 3, 2022  
Aug 7, 2022  
Sep 4, 2022  
Oct 2, 2022  
Nov 6, 2022  
Dec 4, 2022

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. M/S/P**

## MINISTER REPORT

*An email motion was taken on July 13, 2021.*

**(EMAIL) MOTION: To approve new Sunday service worship start times as follows: 9:00 am Genesis service and 11:15 am Traditional service with a Formation Hour between the two services, to begin on Sunday, August 15, 2021. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve a Congregational Meeting on September 19th at the 9:00 am Genesis service, for the purposes of electing Church Officers to the Class of 2024. M/S/P**

Arts Fellowship Orlando Report: Covenant Partners, Karen Thigpin and Lisa Brockman presented to the session an overview of this new Collaborative initiative.

- TE Dr. Jack Peebles, a Christ School Board Member, provided perspective on the growing partnership between the Christ School and FPCO regarding unchurched parents whose children attend TCS
- TE Dr. Jack Peebles shared about the forthcoming Director of Men's Discipleship position and on the launch of Leadership Groups/Country Club of Orlando Men's Group
- TE Dr. David D. Swanson provided an update on the hiring of Chuck Bell, incoming FPCO Chief Operating Officer, set to begin on September 13, 2021
- TE Dr. David D. Swanson provided an update on the selection of The Shepherd's Staff, a ministry staffing firm, in the continued search for an AP of Congregational Care for FPCO and the continued work of the Search Committee

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Personnel Committee

**INFORMATION:** The Personnel Committee wholeheartedly approves a sabbatical request from Dr. Jack Peebles for the summer of 2022 and supports approval by the Session.

**MOTION: To approve the sabbatical request from Dr. Jack Peebles for the summer of 2022 as proposed. M/S/P**

### Operations

**INFORMATION:** Personnel Committee approved the hiring of Rev. Colby Wilkins, Interim Associate Minister serving in Student Ministry and Pastoral Care. Colby is a 2016 graduate of RTS ordained in the Reformed Baptist Church with eight years experience in Student Ministry and five years in pastoral ministry. He will assist us in Student Ministry, pastoral care and worship until open positions are filled or the need abates. Colby is set to begin on September 13, 2021.

### Presbyterian Connections

**MOTION: To approve the Session extending an invitation to the World Reformed Fellowship to host their General Assembly October 26-31, 2022. M/S/P**

## WORKGROUP REPORTS

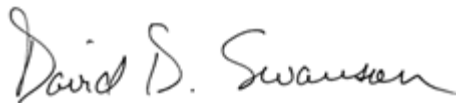
### Equipping

**MOTION: To approve the position and position description of the Director of Men's Discipleship. M/S/P**

### Mission

**MOTION: To approve a gift of \$30K to Heart of Mercy Church from the Mercy Drive Restricted Fund for the purpose of supporting their capital campaign for a new sanctuary. M/S/P**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM with a closing prayer led by Dennis Brockman.



Dr. David Swanson  
Moderator

Greg Burden  
Clerk