

**STATED SESSION MEETING  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ORLANDO  
September 28, 2021**

A stated meeting of the session of FPCO was held on September 28, 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., Dr. Case Thorp, Rev. Tanner Fox

Senior Leadership Team: Bret Allen

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

Excused: Greg Burden, Darrell Carpenter, Jonathan Thigpin, Allen Peacock

Other attendees: Steve Cahill, Bill Hull, Stuart Doyle, Gabe De Guia

A quorum was declared.

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

**MOTION: To approve RE John Caplan serving as Associate Clerk of the session for the Stated Meeting on September 28, 2021, in the absence of Clerk, Greg Burden. M/S/P**

Approval Of The Stated August 24, 2021minutes. **M/S/P**

Approval of the Docket. **M/S/P**

**STATISTICS**

Membership as of August 31, 2020	3,631
Membership as of July 31, 2021	3,576
Transfers into the Congregation	2
Reaffirmation of Faith	3
Profession of Faith	0
Profession of Faith and Baptism	0
Restored to the Roll	0
Total Additions	5
Transfers from the Congregation	0
Deaths	3
Removed from the Roll	2
Placed on the Inactive Roll	0
Total Reductions	0
Membership as of August 31, 2021	3,576

Transfers into the Congregation: (Session Meeting)

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

Deaths:

Dale Dibble, August 8, 2021  
Carol Hinkle, August 15, 2021  
Austin Jones, August 15, 2021

Removed from the Roll: (Session Meeting)

Phil Osepchok, requested dismissal  
Jeanne Osepchok, requested dismissal

Child Baptisms:

Eli Jonathan Reeves, son of Austin and Katie Reeves  
Hastings West Loulan, Son of Michael and Holly Loulan

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1-1 Additions to the September Roll:

\*Mr. and Mrs. Kate and Gordy Wilhite - Reaffirmation of Faith  
\*(answered Covenant Partner questions in absentia)

1-2 Remove from the Roll:

Mr. David Holbrook  
Mrs. Sarah Holbrook  
\*Tyler Wilson

\*(remove from the rolls as a covenant partner, and initiate his transfer to the Presbytery of the Southeast as TE at First Presbyterian Church of Thomasville, GA)

Approval of the Consent Agenda. **M/S/P**

## **MINISTER REPORT**

*An email motion was taken on September 9, 2021.*

**(EMAIL) MOTION: To approve a gift of \$30,000, from the General Mission Fund, in support of evacuation efforts for Le Pelican mission agency personnel from Afghanistan. M/S/P**

- Review of COVID protocols

**MOTION: To approve lifting the requirement of facemasks worn during worship services and Sunday mornings, for staff of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve lifting the requirement of fogging the sanctuary after worship services on Sunday mornings. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve updating signs at facility entrances and on FPCO website to say that masks are at individuals' discretion. M/S/P**

- Conversation on Church Planting: Significant interest in church planning activity. Further discussion to be had.
- Report on Congregational Call Campaign: Approximately 900 Covenant Partners were successfully contacted and 1800 messages left. Most people felt that they were connected with the Church.
- Session Retreat, January 19-22, 2022, Dominican Republic (COVID Protocols): Idea introduced and will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Associate Pastor Update: Currently 3 candidates have been identified and are being vetted.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PRESBYTERIAN CONNECTIONS**

**MOTION: To approve the following commissioners to the Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean meeting on October 15-16, 2020: Mike Allen, Chris Bolan, Darrell Carpenter, Amanda Cowan, Mike Gillett, Doris Houck, Robin Parkhouse, Bill Wilson, and Tami Kaiser. M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve endorsing the following church plants for investment with FPCO: \$5,000 for Common Grace Presbyterian Church of downtown Manhattan led by Michael Smith and \$10,000 for Seaside Church, Vilano Beach, FL, led by Brady Haynes. M/S/P**

**INFORMATION:** The other three supported church plants to date are Esk Valley Church, a suburb of Edinburgh, Scotland; via Redeemer's City to City, Providencia, West Palm Beach, FL; via Redeemer's City to City, Kirk of the Pines, Marsh Harbor, Abaco, The Bahamas; Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean (EPC).

### **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**MOTION: To approve funding from the General Mission Fund to the following organizations in these amounts: \$20,000 to World Help (Afghan Relief), \$10,00 to Afghan Sisters in Arms Resettlement Fund, and \$30,000 to Mission of Hope (Haiti Relief). M/S/P**

**MOTION: To approve the updated Gift Acceptance Policy as presented. M/S/P**

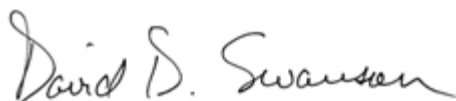
## **WORKGROUP REPORTS**

### **MISSION**

**INFORMATION:** The Mission Work Group was tasked with re-envisioning Mission in light of the church's strategic priorities. The Mission Methodology: Organic documents are a summary of the completed work and a strategy as we move forward into this next season of ministry. The Mission Team will now build a ministry team and recruit lay leaders to help them accomplish the strategy outlined in the document.

**MOTION: To approve the Organic and Organizational Mission Methodology that was presented by Tanner Fox. M/S/P**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM with a closing prayer led by David Swanson.

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

Dr. David Swanson  
Moderator

John Caplan  
Associate Clerk