Summer Stated Presbytery Meeting Summary

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

The Central Florida Presbytery held a stated meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at GraceWay Church in Leesburg, FL. Current Moderator, Paige McRight,presided over the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer. The good people of GraceWay Church and their pastor, Ian Lamont, and the congregation welcomed us warmly and graciously. It was wonderful to be with the good people of GraceWay, especially on this day.

An offering was taken for The LIFEBOAT Project.

The meeting was called to order with prayer by Moderator, Rev. Paige McRight. The presbytery had a time of worship that included celebrating Communion. Rev. Dr. Daniel Williams, Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Central Florida Presbytery preached on Matthew 16:13-19 and his sermon is entitled “On this Rock.”

Valarie Young, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk; Kathy Broyard, Executive Director and Emergency Management Specialist for Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN); and Clark Simmons, Senior Church Consultant, Board of Pensions brought words of welcome and information to the presbytery.

Sheryl Chernault brought the Good News First using a video of all the exciting things that occurred around the presbytery this summer.

Rev. Mario Bolivar and Rev. Bill Kramp gave additional Good News First about the new interim co-Executives, Olivia and Hoover Haney, that will begin their time here on October 1, 2023. Please invite them to come visit your congregations.

We received words of appreciation of Rev. Dr. Dan Williams on the occasion of his retirement as the Executive and Stated Clerk of Central Florida Presbytery.

The Presbytery heard from Randy Simpson regarding the Cuba Partnership; Elizabeth Turk regarding Madagascar Mission Network and FKJM; Eme Asztalos regarding the LifeBoat Project – LifeBoat will come to your church if invited to help educate and raise awareness to Human Trafficking.

**Actions Taken**:

* Approved the 2024 Per Capita Apportionment to be increased of $4.75 for a total of $25.00
  + Ralphetta McClary gave a presentation on Per Capita
* Approved Bob Hines filling the un-expired term on the Nominating Committee.
* Approved the additional financial support of Putnam Memorial Church of $3000 to help reduce the costs incurred due to their move when First Presbyterian Church, Daytona Beach sold their building.
* Received Bill Hawley as a member of Central Florida Presbytery for the length of his service as the new Temporary Pastor for Community Presbyterian Church, Howey in the Hills
* Approved Transitioning Ian Lamont from a temporary pastoral relationship to a called and installed pastoral relationship at GraceWay Presbyterian Church. This required ¾ vote and was approved.
* Various Terms of Call were approved. All ministers should file a change in terms of call every year, whether the terms change or not. In 2023, all terms of call changed due to the increase in major medical dues to the Board of Pensions. Please submit to Christina Greenawalt ([cgreenawalt@cfpresbytery.org](mailto:cgreenawalt@cfpresbytery.org)). To find current 2023 TOC forms please [click here](http://www.cfpresbytery.org/com.html). The 2024 TOC will be available on the Presbytery Website in mid-October.
* Approved the New Minimum Terms of Call for Central Florida Presbytery. The minimum Terms of Call is now $48,132. This new minimum will take effect on 1/1/2024.
* Elected the new 2024 Moderator for Central Florida Presbytery John Rogers
* Elected the Commissioners for the 225 General Assembly
* Elected Christina Greenawalt as the new Stated Clerk effective October 1, 2023 following her election she was installed. She was also elected as the secretary of the corporation.
* Received the resignation of Dan Williams as Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk
* Approved people to serve on various committees of the Presbytery.

**Other Information of Note**:

* The new Interim co-executive Presbyters were announced to the presbytery. They will be received as members of the presbyter in December if the way be clear.
* Introduced Rob White, new pastor at Eastminister Presbyterian Church, Indialantic to the presbytery.
* **2023 Stated Presbytery** meeting dates and locations (if your congregation would like to host a presbytery meeting in **2024** or to know more about hosting please reach out to [Christina Greenawalt](mailto:cgreenawalt@cfpresbytery.org?subject=hosting%20presbytery%20meeting)) .
  + - Tuesday, December 5, 9:30 a.m. (Zoom)

A total of 152 persons attended the meeting online or in-person, which adjourned with prayer by Paige McRight at 3:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: The next stated meeting Presbytery will be on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 9:30 am – via Zoom.