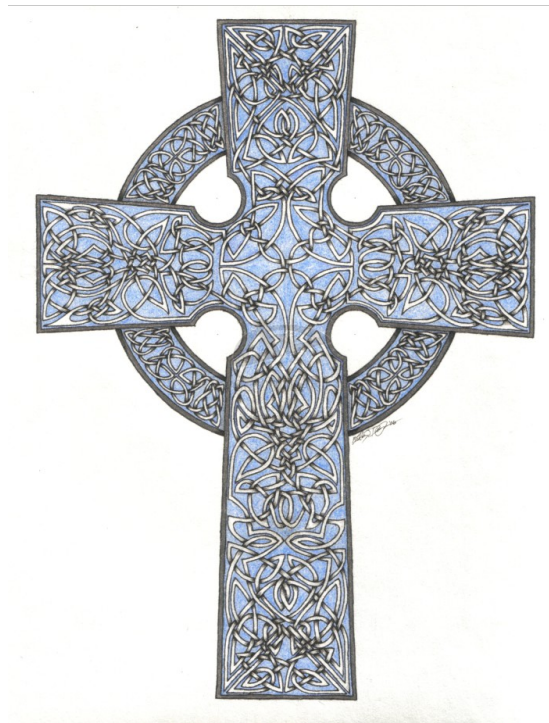


# **FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**

**ASSOCIATE REFORMED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**SPRING PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING**

**BARTOW ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**BARTOW, FLORIDA**

**APRIL 22, 2014**

**CALLED MEETING**

**BONCLARKEN**

**JUNE 10, 2014**

**Florida Presbytery Stated Meeting**

**April 22, 2014**

**Bartow Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Presbytery began with worship at 10:00 am. Erskine Seminary senior, Brooks Pipher, preached from Matthew 3:13-17. Host Pastor Rob Patrick led in the participation in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Moderator Richard Rucker called the meeting to order with prayer at 11:20 am.

It was established that a quorum was present.

Guests were welcomed by the Moderator, including Elder Don Bates (Lake Placid), Elder Tom Freeland (Lake Wales).

A welcome was given by the host pastor.

The Agenda was adopted as amended to include moving the presentation by Elder Wes Spring to take place in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of lunch. **M/S/C**

Elder Richard Rucker gave the retiring Moderator's Address, calling the Presbytery to remember and apply all the blessings of "koinonia" to our fellowship and meetings as a Presbytery. This includes attention to worship together and prayer for one another. He also noted the temptation to use technology to replace the benefits that taking the time and effort to personally meet together adds to our life and ministry.

The Nominations Committee presented the name of the Rev. David Walkup for election as Moderator of the Florida Presbytery. **M/S/C**

The **minutes** of the October 22, 2013 stated meeting were approved as submitted. **M/S/C**

The **Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records** was appointed to convene during lunch to review submitted minutes: Charlie Lewis (Chairman), Darrell Peer, Steve Reynolds, Rob Patrick.

The Report of the Presbytery Council was approved as submitted. **M/S/C**

Treasurer Steve Richardson presented the Treasurer's Report. He requested that checks for the Presbytery assessment from the congregations not be sent more often than once per quarter. He requested that item #5 on his report not be entertained by the Presbytery. He also particularly noted that signatures for check signing were out of date and needed to be addressed. The financial reports were approved as presented. **M/S/C**

Communications from the Clerk were given to the Presbytery. Prayer requests for Rev. Kim Payne's health; for Rev. Christopher Reeder as Chaplain in the USAF as he finishes service in Japan, prepares to move to AZ, and prepares for Major Boards in September; for the Lake Wales

congregation, David Ullman who was sentenced to five years in prison this morning, and for his family.

The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer for these matters and gave thanks for the meal as the meeting adjourned for lunch.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:30 pm. The Moderator expressed appreciation to the Bartow ARP Church for their hospitality toward the Presbytery and for the delicious provisions at the morning welcome time and for lunch.

Before returning to the Sanctuary, Wes Spring presented a video on the upcoming World Focus event scheduled at the end of the week of the General Synod meeting at Bonclarken. He also gave an update on ONA and requested prayer for the search committee asking God to lead them in the selection of the new Executive Director.

The Presbytery took the vote on the **Overture from the General Synod on the Proposed Form of Government. 35 For; 0 Against; 0 Abstain**

The Rev. Bryan Jurkowski addressed the Presbytery concerning God's call to him and Jennifer to go on the mission field to teach at the Black Forest Academy in Germany. They primarily provide education to career missionaries, allowing them to continue their service on the field. He has prepared information packets for churches and individuals to consider becoming part of their financial and prayer support team. Their goal is to be on the field there for the coming fall.

The Rev. Darrell Peer gave a report from the Executive Board of the General Synod, as well as on Synod's Dunlap Board. He provided written materials on Dunlap for each congregation and minister.

The Rev. Rob Patrick presented the **Nominations Committee** report. He explained the process of working through the various committees to seek nominations, as well as through the sessions of each congregation. He noted the encouragement and connectedness to the presbytery that is increased when all congregations participate in this. The report was approved with a full slate of committees fulfilled. Mr. Richard Amari, Ruling Elder (Tradewinds) was introduced as the nominee to serve as Vice-Moderator. Also, a list of all Presbytery committees was provided.

**M/S/C**

The Rev. Mark Bolhofner presented the report of the **Church Extension Committee**. He asked Rev. Mike Avato to share with the Presbytery regarding God's provisions to them for the balloon loan they had through the RCA for the Tradewinds Church property and facility. He also asked the Mission Developers to provide reports and prayer requests: Rev. Steve Reynolds, Rev. Charlie Lewis, Rev. Bob Hovey. Rev. Lewis noted that Brooks Pipher will be coming on staff at Christ Community as an intern this year.

The Florida Presbytery expresses our deep appreciation to the RCA for their generous forgiveness of a large portion of the loan to the Tradewinds Church. **The Clerk will write a letter expressing this appreciation.** Rev. Avato will provide the information regarding names and addresses. **M/S/C**

The Rev. Drew Severance presented the report of the **Minister and His Work Committee. Recommendation #1 a)** Dissolution of the call to the Rev. Bob Johnson effective March 1, 2014. **b)** Retirement effective March 1, 2014. **c)** Serve as the church's stated pulpit supply for up to one year, with an evaluation every three months by the Session. **d)** Serve as the church's Moderator of Session. – **M/S/C**

Mr. Severance noted that a Pastoral Search Committee was already in place for Avon Park.

**Recommendation #2** will be reconsidered by the committee in communication with the Rev. Bryan Jurkowski.

**Recommendation #3** Approve and accept John "Brooks" Pipher's senior sermon as satisfactory evidence of his progression in theological training. **M/S/C**

**Recommendation #4** Approve seminary student, Karl Davis, to come under the care of the Florida Presbytery. **M/S/C**

**Recommendation #5** Prayer was requested for students of theology: **1)** Joe Carvajal, **2)** Ed Gardner, **3)** Jonathan Mikule, **4)** Brooks Pipher, **5)** Matt Sbotto. **M/S/C**

All students under care are listed later in the report, with contact phone numbers.

The Moderator asked Karl Davis the two questions from the FOG for a student coming under care of the Florida Presbytery and then led the Presbytery in prayer for Karl and his family as he continues his preparation for gospel ministry.

Rev. Severance presented a **Recommendation #6** concerning Grace Presbyterian Church, Winter Springs. Approve Grace ARPC to borrow an elder from another church in Florida Presbytery to serve on Grace's Session. Rev. Kim Payne spoke to what is happening and why they were losing an elder candidate. One elder will be moving in August, which is when there will be a need.

A **Motion to refer Recommendation #6** back to the Minister and His Work Committee to review the proposal and report back to a called meeting to take place in June 2014 at Bonclarken. **M/S/C**

Prayer was offered for the concerns and people of the Minister and His Work Committee, by Rev. Patrick and Rev. Hovey.

The Rev. Andrew Shoger gave an informational report for the **Christian Education Committee.**

The Rev. David Walkup gave the **Mission Liaison Report**, noting the appointment of Mr. Alex Pettett as the new Executive Director of World Witness, to replace the Rev. Frank Van Dalen who will retire from that position on December 31, 2014. Mr. Pettett will begin training with the current Executive Director on July 1, 2014. Mr. Walkup also noted the challenges of some of our mission works in dangerous and difficult areas, and requested prayer for the missionaries. The Report was received as information.

The report of the **Stewardship Committee** had been sent by Rev. Bob Johnson, but could not be located. It will be deferred to the June called meeting of the Presbytery.

Elder Michael Noel proposed that \$50,000 in Presbytery funds be placed in the care of the ARP Foundation for investment at a moderate level of risk. **Motion to refer** back to the Stewardship Committee to make a recommendation at the June meeting, including consideration of recommendations for the funds in a CD for Church Extension. **M/S/C**

The **Moderator's Committee on Sessional Records** reported examining the Session Minutes of the following churches: Avon Park, Community Chapel-by-the-Sea, Faith (Oxford), Grace, Lake Placid, Morning Star, Trinity. All were approved, though exceptions were noted in some, most especially the documenting of Ruling Elders absent from stated meetings.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond W. Cameron, Jr.  
Clerk

**Teaching Elders Present:** Kent Adrian, Mike Avato, Mark Bolhofner, Ray Cameron, Jac Coad, Buzzy Elder, Chris Hardeman, Bob Hovey, Mike Jones, Matt Joldersma, Bryan Jurkowski, Rob Patrick, Kim Payne, Darryl Peer, Chad Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Dave Rockness, Dennis Rupert, Drew Severance, Andrew Shoger, David Walkup, Tim Wohlers

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Bobby Adams (Faith, Merritt Island); William Hall (retired), Bob Johnson (Avon Park); John Kim; Captain Christopher Reeder (USAF Chaplain)

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bob Brown, Tom Edwards, Wyatt Folds, Brent Holladay, Jongho Kim (Inter-Varsity Korea), Jun Jian (Jeff) Liu, Michael Payne, Adam Williams, Pat Williams

**Ruling Elders Present:** Richard Rucker (outgoing Moderator, Lake Placid); Richard C. Miller (Avon Park); Jim Keller (Bartow); Brian Lindman (Christ Presbyterian); Karl Davis, Michael Noel (Lake Placid); Pat Frankenberger, Tom Freeland (Lake Wales); C. S. Richardson (Faith, Merritt Island); Bobby Wilson (Shepherd Road); Richard Amari (Tradewinds)



Church Extension  
Minister and His Work  
Christian Education  
Stewardship  
Missions Liaison

Unfinished Business (if necessary)

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Announcements**

**Next Stated Meetings:** October 28, 2014 - Trinity, Tampa, FL  
April 28, 2015 – Lake Wales

**Adjourn with Prayer & Psalm 133**

***Session Records to be examined:*** Avon Park, Christ Presbyterian, Community Chapel-by-the-Sea, Faith (Merritt Island), Faith (Oxford), Grace, Hope, Lake Placid, Lake Wales, Morning Star, Renew Church, Sebring, Shepherd Road, Tampa Chinese, Trinity.

**Psalm 133**

*(Psalm of Christian Unity)*

Behold, how good a thing it is and how becoming well

Together such as brethren are

In unity to dwell, in unity to dwell!

Like precious ointment on the head that down the beard did flow,

Ev'n Aaron's beard, and to the skirts,

Did of his garments go, did of his garments go.

As Hermon's dew, the dew that doth,

Down Zion's hill descend;  
For there the blessing God commands,  
Life that shall never end, life that shall never end.

**Students Under Care of the Florida Presbytery**

- 1) Joe Carvajal (813-285-3637)
- 2) Ed Gardner (813-404-9049)
- 3) Jonathan Mikule (352-232-5133)
- 4) Brooks Pipher (803-767-6770)
- 5) Matt Sbotto (631-291-5230)
- 6) Karl Davis (863-465-4731)

Presbytery Council Minutes

March 27, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.



The meeting was held at the First Presbyterian Church, Avon Park. Rucker opened with prayer at 10:15. Read from Romans 1:16-17.

Present: Rob Patrick, Andrew Shoger, Bob Johnson, Drew Severance, Richard Rucker, Ray Cameron

Speakerphone: Mark Bolhofner

Absent: David Walkup, Steve Richardson

Read the Presbytery Council duties and responsibilities from the Florida Presbytery and discussed the value of meeting in person in order to build connections and the overall health of the Presbytery. ...

Considered the M&HW report. Discussion. The report will be revised before distribution to the Presbytery. It will include a list of Students Under Care of the Presbytery.

Considered the Committee on Christian Education report. No recommendations were anticipated for the Presbytery meeting.

Considered the Nominations Committee report. Noted that the election of the Moderator is the first item of business on the agenda – immediately following the retiring Moderator's address. A slate of names for Presbytery standing committees will be presented.

Considered the Church Extension Committee report. It will be provided as an informational report. It was suggested that the Presbytery formally acknowledge the forgiveness of debt granted by the holder for the Tradewinds Church. It was requested that a financial report be included in the report to the Presbytery.

Stewardship Committee report. The committee will meet on March 31. Asked whether there were any anticipated requests coming from various committees. It was suggested that the Stewardship Committee work on a plan of accountability for the Presbytery Treasurer as per the strong recommendation of the Treasurer in previous meetings. It was suggested that the Committee will provide a flyer via email to the churches to promote the John Ball scholarship fund annually. The offering is scheduled for the first Sunday in May annually. It was also noted

Sessional records to be reviewed. ...

Note there will be an offering for the Morrison Scholarship Fund at Presbytery.

Double-check on vote on FOG from Synod.

Jurkowski request for 5 minutes. Yes. After M&HW Com report.

Wes Spring request to speak for 15 minutes regarding World Focus. Immediately after lunch.

Request a response for the Bartow Church to plan for lunch.

Rob & Andrew will lead the communion service following the student sermon by Brooks Pipher.

Darrell Peer requested 5 minutes for a report on the Executive Board of the General Synod meeting. Immediately following Wes Spring.

Invite Chip Sherer for the October meeting 2014.

The 2015 meetings will be held at Trinity in the Spring and at Lake Placid in the fall.

Discussion followed regarding the use of stipends and the Treasurer's request for oversight of his work, which was discussed as an assigned duty of the Stewardship Committee.

Drew closed with prayer at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond W. Cameron, Jr.

Clerk

Treasurer's Report  
Florida Presbytery Stated Meeting  
April 22, 2014

1. My apologies for my late report.
2. Attached are reports for the last Fiscal Year and for this FY to date.
3. Assessments for this year are with me or on display. Those still on site at the end of the day will be mailed.
4. Treasurer respectfully requests that assessment checks not to be sent monthly -- quarterly would be more beneficial to the Presbytery treasurer and the congregational treasurers.
5. Treasurer currently works across three computers (one borrowed), two operating systems, two printers, and two bookkeeping programs to perform the duties for congregation, Presbytery, business and self while setting up a total reformation of Faith Merritt Island's bookkeeping and church information system. As a motion the Treasurer asks for approval to purchase QuickBooks for Mac to reduce his stress and blood pressure level. About \$150. Any amount over that Treasurer will donate. As an aside, Presbytery has bought one roll of stamps, no paper, and no envelopes over the eight years the Treasurer has served. It did have to buy new checks this year.
6. Treasurer has set up online access for the Presbytery checking and money market accounts. Currently only Treasurer and Rev. Billy Barron can sign checks for Presbytery. Not good. Changing signators at the bank is a descent into futility and a long drive for those who are chosen, but Presbytery can assign passwords to those deemed worthy to write checks online. Treasurer requests Presbytery to guide to whom, or to which officers, the password should be given. There needs be at least one in case of the proverbial truck running over Treasurer.
7. Treasurer apologizes for tardiness in attending to Presbytery matters. See 5 above.

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Accrual Basis

**Florida Presbytery**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of April 21, 2014

	<u>Apr 21, 14</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
Coastal Checking 11730	21,344.06
Coastal Money Market 14171	66,973.57
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	88,317.63
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Assessment	26,621.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	26,621.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	114,938.63
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>114,938.63</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
John H. Ball III Scholarship	20,921.41
Morrison Student Fund	7,168.22
Parkway Church	21,720.05
Winter Retreats	578.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	50,387.68
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	50,387.68
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	50,387.68
<b>Equity</b>	
Opening Bal Equity	14,940.80
Retained Earnings	32,489.77
Net Income	17,120.38
<b>Total Equity</b>	64,550.95
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>114,938.63</u>

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**Florida Presbytery**  
**Budget Comparison**  
 January 1 through April 21, 2014

	Jan 1 - Apr 21, 14	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Assessment Income</b>	150.00	6,362.15	2.4%
<b>Total Income</b>	150.00	6,362.15	2.4%
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Administration</b>	158.37	200.00	79.2%
<b>Christian Education</b>	3,530.74	9,500.00	37.2%
<b>Church Extension</b>	0.00	9,400.00	0.0%
<b>John Ball Scholarship</b>	0.00	3,878.00	0.0%
<b>Minister &amp; His Work</b>	0.00	625.00	0.0%
<b>Missions</b>	0.00	50.00	0.0%
<b>Nominations</b>	0.00	75.00	0.0%
<b>Stewardship</b>	0.00	75.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	3,689.11	23,803.00	15.5%
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-3,539.11	-17,440.85	20.3%
<b>Net Income</b>	-3,539.11	-17,440.85	20.3%

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Cash Basis

**Florida Presbytery**  
**Transactions by Account**  
As of December 31, 2014

Type	Date	Nurn	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
<b>Coastal Checking 11730</b>						
Check	1/15/2014	350	Matt Ryman	Speaker Winter Retr...	-800.00	18,455.17
Check	1/15/2014	349	The Ransomed	High School Retreat	-800.00	17,655.17
Check	1/15/2014	334	Matt Didkey	Co-director winter ret...	-125.00	16,855.17
Check	1/15/2014	343	Matt Joldersma	co director winter ret...	-125.00	16,605.17
Check	1/27/2014	346	VLake Placid	reimburse call chrg...	-45.84	16,559.33
Check	2/5/2014	EFT	Lake Aurora Christi...	Final	-4,000.00	12,559.33
Check	2/5/2014	EFT	Lake Aurora Christi...	Final	-5,000.00	7,559.33
Check	2/6/2014	601	Matt Joldersma	reimburse winter retr...	-147.10	7,412.23
Check	2/6/2014	602	Matt Didkey	reimburse retreat exp...	-339.67	7,072.56
Check	2/6/2014	603	Timothy Sewell	reimburse winter retr...	-193.97	6,878.59
Check	2/6/2014	EFT	Lake Aurora Christi...	Final	-3,692.00	3,186.59
Check	2/12/2014	EFT	Harland Clarke Check	Final	-112.53	3,074.06
Deposit	2/27/2014			Deposit	4,504.50	7,578.56
Deposit	3/28/2014			Funds Transfer	8,666.50	16,245.06
Transfer	4/14/2014				5,000.00	21,245.06
Deposit	4/21/2014			Deposit	99.00	21,344.06
Total Coastal Checking 11730					2,888.89	21,344.06
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>2,888.89</b>	<b>21,344.06</b>

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**Florida Presbytery .**  
**Budget Comparison**  
January through December 2013

	<u>Jan - Dec 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Assessment Income</b>	16,033.00	20,430.00	78.5%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>16,033.00</u>	<u>20,430.00</u>	<u>78.5%</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Administration</b>	9.00	200.00	4.5%
<b>Christian Education</b>	8,174.73	9,500.00	86.0%
<b>Church Extension</b>	9,400.00	9,400.00	100.0%
<b>John Ball Scholarship</b>	3,405.00	3,405.00	100.0%
<b>Minister &amp; His Work</b>	149.30	625.00	23.9%
<b>Missions</b>	0.00	50.00	0.0%
<b>Nominations</b>	0.00	75.00	0.0%
<b>Stewardship</b>	0.00	75.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>21,138.03</u>	<u>23,330.00</u>	<u>90.6%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>-5,105.03</u>	<u>-2,900.00</u>	<u>176.0%</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-5,105.03</u></u>	<u><u>-2,900.00</u></u>	<u><u>176.0%</u></u>

Florida Presbytery  
Transactions by Account  
As of December 31, 2013

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Paid Amount	Balance
Coastal Checking 11730						
Check	1/11/2013	315	Matthew Didway	Retreat and expenses	-758.92	21,197.20
Check	1/16/2013	316	Michael LaBlanc	Honorarium	-500.00	20,438.28
Check	1/16/2013	317	The Ransomed	High School Retreat	-500.00	19,938.28
Check	1/16/2013	318	Robert Hawker	Middle school retreat	-750.00	18,688.28
Check	1/16/2013	320	Ethan Brewington	VOID: Middle school...	0.00	18,688.28
Check	1/24/2013	292	Erskine Theological ...	Brooks Pipher	-1,500.00	17,188.28
Deposit	2/15/2013			Deposit	12,350.00	29,538.28
Check	2/15/2013	321	Lake Aurora Christi...	2746	-4,440.00	25,098.28
Check	2/15/2013	322	Lake Aurora Christi...	2751 Deposit	-537.00	24,561.28
Check	2/15/2013	323	Ethan Brewington	Middle school retreat	-422.90	24,138.38
Check	2/15/2013	324	Matt Joldersma	Per Andrew Shogar	-62.23	24,076.15
Check	2/25/2013	326	V.Lake Placid	reim skit matl, 3 ca...	-474.11	23,602.04
Check	2/25/2013	327	Matthew Didway	retreat expenses	-440.31	23,161.73
Check	3/8/2013	319	Reformed Theologic...	Jonathan Mikule	-2,500.00	20,661.73
Check	3/8/2013	328	Lake Aurora Christi...	2724 in full	-5,430.00	15,231.73
Deposit	4/15/2013			Deposit	2,289.00	17,520.73
Check	4/22/2013	329	Matt Joldersma	Per Andrew Shogar	-400.00	17,120.73
Check	4/22/2013	330	Steve Sipes	Junior Retreat	-250.00	16,870.73
Deposit	4/30/2013			Deposit	4,154.00	21,024.73
Check	4/30/2013	331	Lake Aurora Christi...	2782 in full	-1,777.00	19,247.73
Check	5/29/2013	332	Laney Reynolds	reimburse Junior retr...	-17.26	19,230.47
Check	5/29/2013	333	ARP Magazine	Probes	-149.30	19,081.17
Deposit	6/28/2013			Deposit	10,186.00	29,267.17
Check	7/24/2013	338	V.Lake Placid	Bondarcken scholars...	-750.00	28,517.17
Check	7/24/2013	339	V.Lake Wales	Bondarcken scholars...	-600.00	27,917.17
Check	7/24/2013	340	vShepherd Road	Bondarcken scholars...	-150.00	27,767.17
Check	8/20/2013	341	Eskine Theological ...	Brooks Pipher	-2,500.00	25,267.17
Check	8/20/2013	342	V.Lake Placid	reimburse printing pe...	-9.00	25,258.17
Deposit	9/5/2013			Deposit	673.00	25,931.17
Check	10/20/2013	344	Florida Presbytery ...	Annual donation 2013	-9,400.00	16,531.17
Check	12/18/2013			Deposit	2,924.00	19,455.17
Check	12/30/2013	345	Lake Aurora Christi...	January retreat deposit	-1,000.00	18,455.17
Total Coastal Checking 11730					-2,742.03	18,455.17
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-2,742.03</b>	<b>18,455.17</b>



Report  
 Florida Presbytery Committee on Nominations  
 Spring 2014

Your Committee on Nominations has prepared a list of nominees and a committee membership slate for approval by the Presbytery. Many thanks to all Sessions and pastors who responded to the call to prayerfully consider and submit names for committee positions! Please take note of the complete listing of Presbytery committee rosters, and be thinking ahead of time for good candidates to replace those whose term limits are reached in 2015!

Your Committee recommends election of the following nominees:

Christian Education

Name	Church	Class	Term
Buzzy Elder	Frostproof	2017	2nd
Mickey Westberry	Bartow	2017	1st
Emma Pike	Lake Wales	2017	2nd

Church Extension

Name	Church	Class	Term
Mark Bolhofner	North Creek	2017	2nd
Frank Hunt	Lake Wales	2017	1st
Jim Carroll	Lake Placid	2017	1st

Nominations

Name	Church	Class
Jac Coad	Trinity	2018

Minister and His Work

Name	Church	Class	Term
Bob Hovey	Son Life	2017	1st
Jim Keller	Bartow	2017	1st
Steve Reynolds	Renew	2017	1st

Stewardship

Name	Church	Class	Term
Drew Severance	Lake Placid	2017	1st
Michael Noel	Lake Placid	2017	1st

World Missions Liaison

Name	Church	Class	Term
Mike Jones	Hope	2017	1st

Executive Committee

Name	Church	Class	Term
David Walkup (Mod)	Chapel by the Sea	2015	
Richard Amari (VMod)	Tradewinds	2015	

Recommendations:

- 1) That the slate of nominees herewith presented be approved.
- 2) That Sessions be urged to prayerfully consider qualified candidates to serve in 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Patrick, chairman

Florida Presbytery Committees

(Proposed Fall 2014)

Christian Education

Name	Church	Class	Term
Matt Joldersma	Lake Wales	2015	2nd
Tom Edwards	Hope	2015	2nd
Kim Payne	Grace	2015	2nd
Matt Didway	Shepherd Road	2016	1st
Andrew Shoger	Bartow	2016	2nd
Jeff Liu	Tampa Chinese	2016	2nd
Buzzy Elder	Frostproof	2017	2nd
Mickey Westberry	Bartow	2017	1st
Emma Pike	Lake Wales	2017	2nd

Church Extension

Name	Church	Class	Term
Bobby Adams	Faith, MI	2015	2nd
Dave Rockness	Retired	2015	1st
Darrell Peer	Sebring	2016	2nd
Chad Reynolds	Lake Wales	2016	2nd
Ted Stitzer	North Creek	2016	2nd
Mark Bolhofner	North Creek	2017	2nd
Frank Hunt	Lake Wales	2017	1st
Jim Carroll	Lake Placid	2017	1st

Nominations

Name	Church	Class
Pat Frankenburger	Lake Wales	2015
Charlie Lewis	Christ Community	2016
Wes Spring	Lake Placid	2017
Jac Coad	Trinity	2018

Minister and His Work

Name	Church	Class	Term
Max Linton	Lake Wales	2015	2nd
Dennis Ruper	Morning Star	2015	1st
David Walkup	Chapel by the Sea	2015	1st
Chris Hardeman	Faith, Oxford	2016	2nd
Don Bates	Lake Placid	2016	1st
Hugh Crawford	Bartow	2016	1st
Bob Hovey	Son Life	2017	1st
Steve Reynolds	Renew	2017	1st
Jim Keller	Bartow	2017	1st

Stewardship

Name	Church	Class	Term
Steve Richardson	Faith, MI	Treasurer	ex-officio

Mike Jones	Hope	2015	1st
Steve Lassiter	Bartow	2015	2nd
Kent Adrian	Shepherd Road	2016	2nd
Randy Bunn	Chapel by the Sea	2016	2nd
Drew Severance	Lake Placid	2017	1st
Michael Noel	Lake Placid	2017	1st
Principal Clerk			
Name	Church	Class	
Ray Cameron	Lake Placid	2015	
Reading Clerk			
Name	Church	Class	Term
Brian Jurkowski	Christ	2015	2nd
Dunlap Board Representative			
Name	Church	Class	Term
Darrell Peer	Sebring	2015	2nd
World Missions Liaison			
Name	Church	Class	Term
Mike Jones	Hope	2017	1st
Executive Committee			
Name	Church	Class	
David Walkup (Mod)	Chapel by the Sea	2015	
Richard Amari (VMod)	Tradewinds	2015	

### **Report of the Church Extension Committee for 2014 spring stated meeting of the Florida Presbytery**

Church Extension is involved with the work of church planting and church revitalization in the Florida Presbytery. Current members include, Class of 2014 Mark Bolhofner, Mike Avato, Class of 2015 Bobby Adams, Dave Rockness, Class of 2016 Chad Reynolds, Darrell Peer, Ted Stitzer. The Director is Wes Spring.

In January the Church Extension Committee approved by email vote a loan modification requested of ONA by Tradewinds Church. This modification enabled Tradewinds to meet a balloon payment that was due and that had been reduced by the

first mortgage holder on their property (Classis of Florida, RCA). ONA is now the only mortgage holder on the property, with a small unsecured note owed to the RCA.

In February and March Steve Reynolds and Renew Church held three “preview” worship services at Cypress Lakes Middle School (located in the middle of their plant area), with weekly worship beginning March 23.

From April 29 through May 2, Florida Presbytery will have two participants and their wives attending the Church Planter Assessment Center at Bonclarken, with Mark and Kathy Bolhofner also present as assessors.

Church Extension would like our mission developers (Jeff Liu, Charlie Lewis, Bob Hovey, and Steve Reynolds) to give brief updates to the Presbytery at this meeting, and requests that Presbytery continue to pray for our mission churches, the Tampa Chinese Presbyterian Church, Christ Community Church, SonLife Church, and the Renew Church. Please continue to pray also for new planters to be raised up and for new works to be started.

This report submitted by  
Mark Bolhofner  
Chairman

### **Minister & His Work Committee Report**

Florida Presbytery

April 22, 2014

#### **Recommendations**

- 1) Approve the following in regards to Bob Johnson’s relationship with Avon Park ARPC:
  - a) Dissolution of his call effective March 1, 2014.

- b) Retirement effective March 1, 2014.
- c) Serve as the church's stated pulpit supply for up to one year, with an evaluation every three months by the Session.
- d) Serve as the church's Moderator of Session.
- 2) Allow Bryan Jurkowski to share about his plans to become a World Witness cooperative missionary to serve Black Forrest Academy in Germany
- 3) Approve and accept Brooks Pipher's senior sermon as satisfactory evidence of his progression in theological training.
- 4) Approve seminary student, Karl Davis, to come under the care of Florida Presbytery.
- 5) Encourage and pray for our existing students under care:
  - a) Joe Carvajal (813-285-3637)
  - b) Ed Gardner (813-404-9049)
  - c) Jonathan Mikule "mike ool" (352-232-5133)
  - d) Brooks Pipher (803-767-6770)
  - e) Matt Sboto (631-291-5230)

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Severance  
Chairman

**Report of the Christian Education Committee**

2014 Stated Spring Meeting of the

Florida Presbytery

The Christian Education Committee met on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 via video/phone conference.

Significant matters of information include:

- The Disciple Makers Equipping Conference held in October 2013 was well attended with 75 participants representing 11 churches.
- The combined Middle & High School Winter Retreat in January was extremely successful, with nearly 150 in attendance and the Gospel clearly proclaimed.
- Plans for Camp Joy Florida were noted.
- The CEC desires to continue the annual Juniors Retreat and is seeking to create a planning committee to help develop that ministry.
- The Manual of Authorities and Duties for the CEC was reviewed per Presbytery's request at the Fall 2013 meeting. No changes were suggested.
- The committee also considered an inquiry from Christian Education Ministries regarding interest in hosting Elder/Deacon Training and another Disciple Makers Equipping Conference. We will continue to work on developing these worthwhile opportunities.

We continue to encourage members of Presbytery to be involved with and help promote the various opportunities for Christian Education offered throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Shoger  
Chairman

**MISSION LIAISON REPORT  
FLORIDA PRESBYTERY**

**APRIL 22, 2014**

Introduction

“In response to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, World Witness, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is the agency of the ARP General Synod to which has been entrusted the administration of the international missions program of the ARP Church, primarily outside the United States and Canada. Our purpose is to plant healthy, reproducing, God-glorifying churches, which are winsomely Reformed in doctrine and Presbyterian in structure, in defined communities across geographic and cultural boundaries. World Witness realizes this purpose by sending and supporting missionaries and by mobilizing ARP churches to do so. Our

missionaries proclaim Jesus Christ as the only Savior and Lord through evangelism, discipleship, church planting, Christian education and works of compassion.” (World Witness Purpose Statement)

1. A key task of the World Witness Board in the past year has been the selection of an Executive Director to replace Dr. Frank Van Dalen who, after 9 ½ years of service as Executive Director. will return to Mission field service (training and supporting pastors of the Evangelical Reformed Synod of Lithuania) in 2015. At its March 2014 semi-annual meeting the Board approved the recommendation of the Search Committee to appoint World Witness missionary, Mr. Alex Pettett to the position of Executive Director. Mr. Pettett will begin training for the position on July 1, 2014, under the supervision of the current Executive Director, Dr. Frank Van Dalen, until December 31, 2014. Mr Pettett will begin his term of service as Executive Director on January 1, 2015. The Board is grateful for the Lord’s provision of leadership, both for the past and the future.

2. The Synod policy which was adopted by Synod in 2013, “*a motion to commission World Witness, Outreach North America and Christian Education Ministries to collaborate in, or contract out, the preparation and distribution of educational material about Islam, suitable for extended use by young people and adults in Sunday School classes, prayer meetings and other groups*” (Minutes 2013, page 212) is being implemented through the ARPConnect ministry sponsored jointly by World Witness and Outreach North America. After analyzing various means by which information can be collated and distributed, we came to the conclusion that the best method was through the ARPConnect.org website which has both public and protected sections. Information is not only provided by our own missionaries, but links are also given to other relevant internet sites. Christian Education Ministries has also contributed material. It is our belief that this method will enable the dynamic updating of information when it becomes available. It is encouraging to have the full cooperation of other ARP agencies as we work together to serve the ARP denomination.

3. Active Missionaries: (86 of whom 45 are fully supported through World Witness)

Allers, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff (Suzanne), Germany

Carson, Miss. Rebekah, Germany

Coad, Rev. & Mrs. James (Gala), Mexico

Moore, Rev. & Mrs. Scott (Julie), Mexico

Gerard, Rev. Jorge “G.J.”, Mexico Volunteer

Miller, Dr. & Mrs. Frank (Helen), Mexico Volunteer

Song, Rev. Daeseok “Pablo” (Hannah), Mexico Volunteer

Wilson, Dr. & Mrs. Boyce (Cathy), Mexico Volunteer

King, Mr. & Mrs. Jeff (Lisa), Latin America – Chile

Young, Mr. & Mrs. Terry (Jamie), Latin America – Chile, Cooperative

Ackerman, Dr. & Mrs. Keith (Rhoda), Pakistan

Howard, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew (Nannette), Pakistan

Crawley, Dr. & Mrs. Danny (Mary Jane), Pakistan, Cooperative

Shelnutt, Rev. & Mrs. Lee (Jami), Pakistan



Brunson, Dr. & Mrs. Ron (Pam), Mexico/Pakistan Volunteer  
Barron, Dr. & Mrs. Will (Sarah), Spain Short-term  
Bonilla, Rev. & Mrs. Juan Carlos (Ruth), Spain  
Grant, Mr. & Mrs. James (Rachael), Spain  
Humes, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie (Kathy), Spain  
Witte, Mr. & Mrs. Mark (Natalie), Spain  
Benicourt, Mr. & Mrs. Sebastien (Patti), Turkey  
Pettett, Mr. & Mrs. Alex (Jamie), Turkey  
Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Josh (Vonia), Turkey  
Turner, Rev. & Mrs. Rob (Rachel), Turkey  
Andes, Rev. & Dr. Scott (Victoria), Eastern Europe – Ukraine  
Richards, Dr. & Mrs. Jeff (Deborah), Eastern Europe, Volunteer  
Bigham, Miss. Dottie, Wales  
Munro, Miss Caitlin, Wales Cooperative  
Vance, Mr. & Mrs. Jake (Fionn), Wales Cooperative  
Meberg, Rev. & Mrs. Erik (Laurie), Iran/Persian  
Stewart, Rev. & Mrs. Tat (Patty), Iran/Persian, Volunteer  
Lotze, Rev. & Mrs. Ken (Jerri), ARPCConnect  
Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Alistair (Tara), ARPCConnect  
Osborne, Mrs. Shelia (Jeff), Candidate & Short-Term Coordinator, Women's Liaison  
Carson, Dr. & Mrs. John (Sarah Ellen), Mobile Theological Training Team  
Galletta, Dr. & Mrs. David (Annelies), Mobile Theological Training Team  
Buis, Mrs. Judy, Europe Volunteer  
Ellis, Rev. & Mrs. Lanier (Karen), International Students Volunteer  
Marsh, Rev. & Mrs. John (Margie), ARPCConnect Volunteer, Children's Ministries  
Dix, Mr. & Mrs. Clinton (Diane), Africa Wycliffe Cooperative  
Kracht, Mr. & Mrs. Doug (Alleene), World Team Cooperative  
Miller, Miss. Rebecca, Kenya Cooperative  
Oh, Rev. & Mrs. Sung Doh & Dong-Ju Lee, Indonesia Cooperative  
Orr, Rev. & Mrs. Ridge (Connie), International Students Cooperative

Powelson, Miss. Rachel, Thailand, Wycliffe Cooperative

Robelot, Rev. & Mrs. Paul (Missy), Europe Member Care Cooperative

Approved Candidates: (21 of whom 16 will be fully supported through World Witness)

Auld, Mr. Steve, Mexico, Yucatan International University

Bryćko, Dr. & Mrs. Dariusz (Brooke), Eastern Europe – Poland

Gaston, Rev. & Mrs. Jodie (Tina), England/Wales Cooperative

Goodman, Mr. & Mrs. Drew (Lauren), England/Wales

Johnson, Miss. Elizabeth, India Cooperative

Jung, Rev. Joshua & Mrs. (Luz), Mexico – Aguascalientes

Jurkowski, Rev. & Mrs. Brian (Jennifer), Europe – Germany, Cooperative

Lehner, Mr. & Mrs. John (Judy), Spain

Olson, Mr. & Mrs. Nathan (Ashley), Scotland, Leith church plant

Pike, Mr. & Mrs. Colby (Emma), Scotland, Leith church plant

Van Dalen, Dr. & Mrs. Frank (Emily), Eastern Europe – Lithuania

Retirees: (18)

Brunson, Dr. & Mrs. Ron (Pam)

Buis, Mrs.

Covone, Mrs. P. G. (Imogene)

Doss, Rev. & Mrs. Milad (Margaret)

Doudoukjian, Mrs. Judy

Jennings, Dr. Jane

Letchworth, Rev. & Mrs. Gary (Joyce)

Mariner, Mrs. Sally

Schwencer, Mr. & Mrs. Don (Debbie)

Stewart, Rev. & Mrs. Tat (Patty)

Warner, Mr. & Mrs. Bill (Kathy)

Young, Dr. & Mrs. E. R. (Cecil)

World Witness is grateful to the Lord for His provision of workers to serve in His harvest fields.

4. On behalf of the US Synod and particularly the Inter-Church Relations Committee of the ARP Synod (USA), World Witness maintains a missionary line of communication with the ARP Synods of Pakistan and Mexico. In order to encourage both Synods, World Witness was pleased to assist in sponsoring the current Moderator of the ARP Synod, Rev. Jeff Kingswood, to travel to both countries and represent the ARP General Synod in various programs.

Over the past several years there has been an increasing distinction between the affairs of the Pakistan Mission and the Pakistan Synod of the ARP Church. We believe this is a healthy development although The Pakistan Mission is now focusing on two areas of ministry: education primarily for the Christian community; and the Christian Hospital Sahiwal directed primarily at reaching the majority Muslim community. The support of the Pakistan Synod of the ARP church has been focused on training leaders through seminars, counseling, and the Barnabas Mentoring Program.

In Mexico, the liaison with the Synod has been primarily through missionaries Jim Coad and Scott Moore. The Mexican Synod leadership has asked for a more direct relationship with its North American counterpart, but it is difficult to see how this can be implemented in practice.

5. In a rapidly changing world it is difficult to predict the fields that will have the greatest need of missionaries in the near future. However, it appears that the two fields most needy of missionary personnel are Turkey and Pakistan. With the refusal of the Turkish government to grant the Meberg family a residency permit in Turkey in 2013, and with the appointment of Mr. Alex Pettet from the Turkish field to the position of Executive Director, the field has seen a relatively quick reduction from five families to three. If there is any further attrition from that field over the next two years (the earliest date at which a new Candidate can be placed on the field) then the existing ministries will be severely under-staffed.

Fully staffing the World Witness ministries in Pakistan have been a perennial problem for World Witness. National staff are active in much of the ministry, but our experience has shown that the strategic placement of missionaries in particular ministries significantly enhances their effectiveness and longevity. Western missionaries bring skills that supplement and support those of national workers. Together we become an effective team.

World Witness anticipates that the 2014 World Focus which will immediately follow on from the 2010<sup>th</sup> meeting of Synod will be a valuable opportunity to highlight its ministries and opportunities as well as those of other parts of our denomination. World Witness is grateful for the cooperation and support of all the agencies and officers of the ARP General Synod who have worked tirelessly to bring this program to fruition. Surely, we will be able to find out what God is doing in and through the ARP Synod and to join Him in His work.

6. World Witness continues to be grateful to the Lord that no serious incident has occurred during the past year. We pray for the physical protection of our missionaries, but most of all for their faithfulness should they pass through a time of tragedy and trial. As mentioned above in this report, prudence dictates that we make some financial preparations for the real possibility of an emergency. While World Witness has the goal of an emergency fund to cover the immediate needs of a significant emergency (estimated at \$145,000), this has not yet been achieved in the current economic climate. However, it remains a high priority for World Witness leadership and staff.

7. Please attend one of the three Florida Presbytery World Witness events in May. In the past when we had one W.W. dinner/program in the Winter Haven area. This year W.W. will be having three local events; Tampa area, Lake Wales and Melbourne Beach.

8. We hope that you will attend World Focus June 12-13 after General Synod. Almost all of our World Witness missionaries will be in attendance. You may register along with your Synod registration.

9. Please do not post information about our missionaries on your websites, or send information by email.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. David Walkup, Chairman.

## **Florida Presbytery Called Meeting**

**June 10, 2014**

**Bonclarken, Draffin Hall**

Moderator Walkup called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:00 a.m.

Susan Tanner, Editor of The ARP Magazine gave a presentation on changes being made with the magazine, with an emphasis more on being a resource for the church than being news source. ARP Update, via email, serves as the primary news source to the ARPC. She welcomes information from the Florida Presbytery and particularly requested a connection with a high school student to write their testimony for publication.

Drew Severance presented the recommendations of the **Minister and His Work Committee:**

1. Approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of the Rev. Bryan Jurkowski and the Christ Presbyterian Church, effective July 31, 2014. **Approved.**
2. Approve Rev. Jurkowski to minister outside the bounds of Florida Presbytery serving as a dorm parent at Black Forest Academy, in Germany. **Approved.**
3. Approve regarding the Christ Presbyterian Church: a) They have elected a Pastoral Search Committee; b) Rev. David Rockness to serve as stated pulpit supply. He will preach twice per month. The arrangement will be evaluated after the initial three month period. c) The church will provide occasional supply through church elders and others approved by the Presbytery. d) Rev. Rockness to serve as Moderator of the Session. **Approved.**

Prayer for Rev. Jurkowski and his wife, Jennifer, was led by Rev. Severance.

Guests were recognized: Mrs. Susan Rupert (Morning Star), Dominique Smith (SonLife).

Ruling Elder Colby Pike (Lake Wales) was introduced as attending the General Synod for the first time. He was also given the privilege of the floor to speak of his plans to join with World Witness for ministry in Scotland.

The Rev. Pat Williams, a Teaching Elder, be appointed to serve as an acting Ruling Elder on the Grace PC session. **M/S/C**

Mike Jones presented a motion from the Stewardship Committee in order to fulfill oversight and accountability procedures with the Treasurer of the Florida Presbytery.

The chairman of the **Stewardship Committee** and the Stated Clerk will be given the account information and passwords to the Florida Presbytery checking account. **M/S/C**

The Stewardship Committee is given the authorization to transfer funds to the ARP Foundation for investment of reserve funds, up to \$50,000, in order to provide a better return, using a moderate track investment strategy. **M/S/C**

A request was made for Teaching Elders and Sessions to assist the Rev. Buzzy Elder by responding to a survey that will help him in completing the requirements for his D. Min. degree.

The meeting adjourned with prayer, led by Rev. Walkup, at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Raymond W. Cameron, Jr.  
Clerk

**Teaching Elders Present:** Mike Avato, Mark Bolhofner, Ray Cameron, Buzzy Elder, Bob Hovey, Mike Jones, Bob Johnson, Matt Joldersma, Bryan Jurkowski, Charlie Lewis, Rob Patrick, Kim Payne, Darryl Peer, Chad Reynolds, Steve Reynolds, Dave Rockness, Dennis Rupert, Drew Severance, Andrew Shoger, David Walkup

**Teaching Elders Excused:** Kent Adrian, Jac Coad, William Hall (retired), John Kim; Captain Christopher Reeder (USAF Chaplain)

**Teaching Elders Absent:** Bobby Adams, Bob Brown, Tom Edwards, Wyatt Folds, Chris Hardeman, Brent Holladay, Jongho Kim (Inter-Varsity Korea), Jun Jian (Jeff) Liu, Michael Payne, Adam Williams, Pat Williams, Tim Wohlers

**Ruling Elders Present:** Hugh Crawford (Bartow); Richard Rucker, Wes Spring (Lake Placid); Frank M. Hunt, III, Colby Pike (Lake Wales); Barney C. Hart (Sebring)

**Students of Theology Present:** John “Brooks” Pipher (Chapel by the Sea)

**Guests:** Mrs. Susan Rupert (Morning Star), Dominique Smith (SonLife)

