

MINUTES



OF THE

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery

of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

Fall Stated Meeting
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The Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church convened for its Fall Stated Meeting on September 18, 2015, at the Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Culleoka, Maury County, Tennessee. Presbyters gathered at 3:00 p.m. and were led in prayer by the Moderator of the Presbytery, Mr. Charles Mangum.

Presbyters were dismissed to begin their respective Committee work. After the Committee meeting, the Presbyters and guests enjoyed a meal in the church's newly constructed Fellowship Hall.

At 7:00 p.m., Presbyters, guests, and members of Hopewell Church gathered together for worship. The sermon was delivered by Mr. Jeff Townsley, and the Sacrament of Communion was observed under the direction of Rev. Buddy Roberts.

FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Mangum called the Presbytery to order at 8:30 p.m. and led the Presbyters in prayer. Greetings on behalf of the host church were delivered. The roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

Mr. Charles Mangum, Moderator

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
Bethel		Mr. Curtis Mitchell
Camden		
Cleveland Street		
Connections	Rev. Robert Illman	Mr. Wes Floyd
Covenant Family		
Fayetteville	Rev. Bryan Bult	Mr. Bill Powlison
Hanmaum Mission	Rev. Soo Young Kim	<i>not applicable</i>
Hopewell	Rev. Buddy Roberts	Mr. Jim Patterson
Joyfull Church		
Lincoln Memorial		Dr. Jim Kidd
Madison-Monrovia	Rev. Roy Hulling	

ROLL (continued)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
New Days Church	Rev. Keun Ryu	Mr. Young Choi
Pressly Memorial	Rev. P. J. McClung	Mr. Fred Hartin
Prosperity (Alabama)	*	
Prosperity (Tennessee)	Rev. Dana Crowell	Mr. Steven Weber
Riverside Church	Rev. J Gregory Duke	Mr. Nathan Jaeger

Licentiates (L), Retired Ministers (RM), and Without Call (WC): Messrs. Matthew Atteberry (L), Charles Edgar (RM), Barney Heyward (RM), Daniel Song (WC), and Jeff Townsley (L).

The Minutes from Spring 2015 were Approved

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Having satisfactorily completed the requirements for ordination, Mr. Jeff Townsley received a pastoral call from the Lincoln Memorial ARP Church. The Minister and His Work Committee found the call to be in order, and presented it to the court. Mr. Townsley's ordination was sustained by the court. The Moderator then prayed a prayer of thanksgiving and gave a brief charge to Rev. Jeff Townsley.

Rev. Heyward encouraged the Minister and His Work Committee to begin presenting to the Court a written summary of the questions given to ordinands during the committee's examination.

The Treasurer's report (Attached) was given by Rev. Roy Hulling. A reminder was given that the annual assessment of \$3 per communing member is to be brought to the spring meeting of Presbytery.

Guests attending the meeting were then recognized. These included: Mrs Cathy Goodman (Hopewell ARP), Mrs. Joyce Edgar (Prosperity, TN), Mrs. Lisa Floyd (Connections ARP and President of Tennessee Alabama Women's Ministries), and Mrs. Bonnie Mitchell (Oak Hill).

Mrs. Lisa Floyd was given privilege of the floor and gave an update on women's ministry and activities in various churches.

The Clerk presented requests for excused absences from: Mr. Jeremiah Thomas (L), Rev. Man Park, and Rev. Soon Jeong Hwang. Rev. Bob Illman requested that Pablo Song also excused from the meeting due to his ongoing health issues which are being treated in Korea.

M/S/C - That the aforementioned Presbyters be excused from the meeting

The Moderator next read a letter addressed to the court from Mr. Matthew Gooch of the Cleveland Street ARP Church in New Albany, MS expressing their desire to withdraw their membership from the Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery. The evening being late, Moderator Mangum suggested that this be a matter of prayer and will be addressed during the Saturday session.

M/S/C - to adjourn. Rev. J Gregory Duke closed in prayer.

SATURDAY SESSION

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Rev. Buddy Roberts presented the morning devotional from Nehemiah 10:30-39

The Moderator dismissed the court for additional committee work.

The Court reconvened at 10:15a.m.

Rev. Bob Illman gave a report on the ministerial status of Rev. Kerry Ptacek.

M/S/C - to take action in accordance with the ARP Book of Discipline, Chapter VIII, Section 2, and proceed with the removal of Mr. Ptacek's from the roll of Presbytery. The Stated Clerk will send a letter (attached) communicating this action to Rev. Ptacek.

The matter of the Cleveland Street ARP Church, and their desire to withdraw from Presbytery, was brought before the Court. The Moderator reminded the Commission of their duties in this matter by reading from the Form of Government Chapter III, Section 13. The Commission members are Dr. Charles Edgar, Mr. Fred Hartin, Mr. Wesley Floyd, and Mr. Tom Neve. A update will be given at the next meeting of Presbytery.

M/S/C - to give the committee the authorization to spend up to \$1,000 for a title search and other matters to protect the interest of the Tennessee Alabama Presbytery.

The Moderator will establish a Committee to research and consider the matter of Presbytery incorporating as a 501c3 entity. Rev. Bob Illman, and Mr. Rob Nelson volunteered to serve on this committee; the Moderator will assign additional.

The Moderator called for reports from standing committees that were ready to report.

Stewardship

Rev. P.J. McClung reported and expressed thanks to God that giving to the Denomination Ministry Fund has risen over the past year. A report of DMF giving from churned in the Tenn-AL Presbytery will be distributed electronically within the next couple of weeks.

M/S/C - to receive the Stewardship Committee report.

Christian Education

Rev. Bryan Bult gave a brief report from the recent meeting of Christian Education Ministries in Greenville, SC. The Camp Horizon and Quest dates will be reversed in 2016. Supplemental teaching materials for the ARP Quarterly have been developed to assist those who are teaching Dr. Mark Ross's material. These are available at www.arpcem.org.

The committee is working toward presenting one of more training evening in the coming months: Teacher Training, Officer & Leadership Training, and Training in Women's Ministries.

M/S/C - to receive the Christian Education Committee report.

Outreach Tennessee Alabama

Rev. Bob Illman rose and gave a brief report from the Committee, and presented the following motions:

M/S/C - That Rev. Duke assume Chairmanship of the Outreach Tennessee Alabama Committee due to Rev. Illman's move to California.

M/S/C - Presbytery modify the call to Rev. Soo Kim to add: "Hanmaum Mission to provide retirement through the ARP for Pastor Kim as early as possible."

M/S/C - That Presbytery continue giving \$400/ mo. to support the english speaking service @ Hanmaum Mission.

M/S/C - To receive New Day Church in Atlanta pending approval of 2nd Presbytery and General Synod.

M/S/C - To receive the Outreach Tennessee Alabama Committee report.

Minister & His Work

Rev. Buddy Roberts gave his report and made the following motions:

M/S/C - To approve and sustain licensure of of Mr. Matthew Atteberry's examination. The Moderator asked Mr. Atteberry to come forward and asked him the Questions for Licensure from the Form of Government 9.24 (F). All were answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was given by the Moderator, and the right hand of fellowship was given by the Presbyters.

M/S/C - To approve Ordination of Jeff Townsley pending his preaching a sermon for the Presbytery. The committee found the details of his call to Lincoln Memorial ARP to be in order.

M/S/C - After an extended conversation concerning the complaint of Pastor Dana Crowell, it is moved that the Presbytery form a committee to meet with the Prosperity (TN) Pastor and Session for a pastoral meeting for prayer and Bible study to ask God to speak and give wisdom to their present condition at issue. The Moderator will appoint a committee to look into the matter.

M/S/C - That Mr. Matthew Atteberry be permitted to serve as Student Supply of Connections Presbyterian Church for one year ending on Sept. 19, 2016.

M/S/C - To receive the Minister & His Work Committee report.

Resolutions

Bill Powelson gave the following report from the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Bob Illman was asked to stand before the Court as Mr. Curtis Mitchell read the following:

“Let it be known that Tennessee Alabama Presbytery is thankful for Rev. Bob Illman's dedicated work and service to this body. He has always been a willing worker, served in many capacities within the body, and is an effective leader. His work in this body and for his Lord will be dearly missed.

All members give you thanks for your dedicated attention to your work, and wish you, Sally, and the boys a happy and prosperous move to California. We will certainly miss you ad we give thanks to the Lord for your service. We all love you brother Bob.”

Mrs. Joyce Edgar was given privilege of the floor and expressed heartfelt and sincere thanks to Mrs. Sally Illman for her excellent work in Women's Ministries.

Moderator Mangum requested that Rev. and Mrs. Robert Illman come forward and be recognized and thank by the members and guest of the Court.

M/S/C - To receive the Resolutions Committee report.

Sessional Records

Mr. Tom Neve rose and gave a report: Minutes from Bethel, Connections, Fayetteville, Hopewell, Madison-Monrovia, Pressly Memorial, Prosperity (TN), and Hanmaum Mission were all approved; some with minor comment.

The following churches did not submit minutes for review: Camden, Cleveland Street, Lincoln Memorial, Prosperity (AL), or Riverside.

M/S/C - To receive the Sessional Records report.

Nominations

Mr. Fred Hartin rose to give his committee's report. All approved nominees will begin serving July 01, 2016.

Christian Education

Mr. Steve Weber (2018)
Rev. Dana Crowell, Chairman (2019)
Mr. Nathan Jaeger (2020)

Outreach Tennessee-Alabama

Rev. Greg Duke, Chairman (2018)
Rev. Keun J Ryu (2020)

Minister & His Work

Charles Mangum (2019)

Stewardship

Barney Heyward (2019)
Dave Rentschler (2020)

Executive Board of Synod

Mr. Fred Hartin

M/S/C - To approve nominees

M/S/C - To receive Nominations Committee report.

Motions Made from the Floor

M/S/C - That Mr. Curtis Mitchell, a member (not the Chairman) of Tennessee-Alabama's Nominations Committee, serve as Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery's representative to Synod's Nomination Committee through 2020.

M/S/C - That Rev. Greg Duke serve as Parliamentarian for Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery.

M/S/C - That Mr. Teddy Ray of Fayetteville ARP Church serve as Trustee for Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery through 2020.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Curtis Mitchell spoke of the scholarship funds needed to help train nurses in our ARP Christian Hospital in Sahiwal, Pakistan, and encouraged churches to consider supporting this endeavor.

Rev. Bryan Bult was declared elected by acclamation as Moderator Elect.

Rev. Bryan Bult rose and gave thanks to the Lord for the healthy direction and changes taking place at Erskine College & Seminary under the leadership of Dr. Kooistra. Rev. Bult gave background information on Erskine's partnership with the Trinity Forum and their work in engaging young leaders with historic works that might impact and transform culture. Churches The Presbytery and member churches were challenged to give financially to the work of Erskine College and Seminary.

Rev. P.J. McClung invited Presbyters to Pressly Memorial's 189th Homecoming on October 11th, 2015.

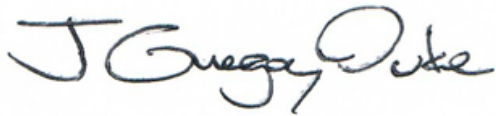
Nathan Jaeger, a ruling elder at Riverside Presbyterian Church in Prattville, rose and expressed thanks to the Court for their generosity in assisting a family in the Prattville community with a "Pauper's" funeral. A fruitful and ongoing ministry to the family has been established.

The Spring Meeting of Presbytery will be held at Bethel ARP in Oak Hill, AL. on March 18-19, 2016.

The Presbytery then entered into a season of prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer.

The meeting closed with the singing of Psalm 133 led by Dr. Charles Edgar. A Benediction was given by Rev. Buddy Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Gregory Duke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

J. Gregory Duke

Stated Clerk

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery

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of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church



OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY

(2016) Moderator Mr. Charles Mangum
(2018) Stated Clerk Rev. Greg Duke
(2018) Treasurer Rev. Roy Hulling
(2018) Parliamentarian Rev. Bob Illman

STANDING COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(2015) Mr. Rex Walker
(2016) Rev. Bryan Bult (C)
(2017) Mrs. Jane Shelton Dale
(2017) Rev. Soo Kim
(2017) Mr. Bernard Sanderson

OUTREACH TENNESSEE ALABAMA

(2015) Rev. Roy Hulling
(2016) Mr. Allen Elliott
(2017) Rev. Barney Heyward
(2017) Mr. John Lampkin
(2018) Rev. Bob Illman (C)
(2019) Mr. Steve Weber

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

(2016) Mr. Charles Patrick
(2017) Mr. Max Baggett
(2017) Rev. Buddy Roberts
(2018) Rev. P.J. McClung
(2019) Rev. Charles Edgar (C)

STEWARDSHIP

(2015) Mr. David O’Conner
(2016) Rev. Barney Heyward
(2017) Dr. William Kidd
(2017) Rev. P.J. McClung (C)
(2017) Mr. Rob Nelson
(2019) Mr. Matt Gooch

NOMINATIONS

(2016) Mr. Curtis Mitchell
(2017) Mr. Jim Patterson
(2018) Rev. Dana Crowell
(2019) Mr. Fred Hartin (C)

PRESBYTERY TRUSTEES

(2015) Mr. Scott Mitchell
(2017) Mr. Jim Kidd
(2018) Rev. Dana Crowell
(2019) Mr. Jim Patterson

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY

Moderator	Charlie Mangum	2016
Stated Clerk	J. Gregory Duke	2017
Treasurer	Roy N. Hulling	2018
Parliamentarian	Bob Illman	2018

STANDING COMMITTEES

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Charles Edgar (C)	2019	NOMINATIONS
P.J. McClung	2018	Fred Hartin (C)
Max Baggett	2017	Curtis Mitchell
Buddy Roberts	2017	Jim Patterson

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bryan Bult (C)	2016	OUTREACH TN-AL
Rex Walker	2015	Bob Illman (C)
Jane Shelton Dale	2017	Steve Weber
Soo Kim	2017	Allen Elliott
Bernard Sanderson	2017	Barney Heyward
		John Lamkin

STEWARDSHIP

P.J. McClung (C)	2017	TRUSTEES
William Kidd	2017	Jim Kidd
Matt Gooch	2019	Dana Crowell
Barney Heyward	2016	Jim Patterson
Rod Nelson	2017	
David O'Conner	2015	

MODERATOR'S COMMITTEES

SESSIONAL RECORDS

Prosperity, TN RE Delegate, Chair
Connections RE Delegate
Lincoln Memorial RE Delegate
Madison TE Delegate
Los Angeles TE Delegate
Riverside Church RE Delegate

RESOLUTIONS

Fayetteville, TN RE Delegate, Chair
Camden TE & RE Delegates
Lincoln Memorial TE Delegate
Pressly Memorial RE Delegate
Cleveland RE Delegate

HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod
Serving Christ in Maury County Tennessee Since 1820

Fall Stated Presbytery Meeting and Worship

September 18-19, 2015

Friday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Call to Worship	
The Voluntary	
Special Music	
Invocation	
*Hymn of Praise	"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" PH249
*Scripture Reading	
Special Music	
The Word Preached	Mr. Matthew Atteberry
*The Psalm	"O Bless the LORD, My Soul" ARP103A
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	

*Song of Preparation	"Psalm 116"	ARP191 (1,2)
Institution and The Supper		
*Song of Response	"Psalm 116"	ARP191 (3)
* The Benediction		

* All may stand

TENNESSEE-ALABAMA PRESBYTERY
FALL STATED MEETING

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 Culleoka, Tennessee
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Friday Afternoon, September 19, 2015 3:00 p.m.

Greeting and Assignments Moderator Charlie Mangum
 Committee Meetings
 Evening Meal 5:30 p.m.

Friday Evening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Friday Business Meeting 8:15 p.m.

Prayer of Constitution Moderator Mangum
 Greeting From the Host Church Mr. Jim Patterson
 Roll Call Clerk Duke
 Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Clerk Duke
 Unfinished Business
 Presentation of Program Clerk Duke
 Presentation of Guests Clerk Duke
 Correspondence Clerk Duke
 Treasurer's Report Pastor Roy Hulling
 New Business
 Benediction

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8:30 a.m.

Call to Order Moderator Mangum
 Devotional Pastor Buddy Roberts
 Roll Call Clerk Duke
 Presentation of Guests Clerk Duke
 Recess for Committee Work

Standing Committees Reports
 Nomination and Election of Moderator-Elect
 Moderator's Committee Reports
 New Business

Invitation for the Spring Stated Meeting
 Announcement of the Fall 2016

Moderator Mangum

Stated Meeting
 Season of Prayer
 Song of Christian Unity
 Benediction

ARP197

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

TN/AL Presbytery Treasurer Report: Fall Meeting, September 18, 2015

Transaction	Date 2015	Income (not designated)	Designated Income	Debit	Balance
Balance Forward, Spring 2015 Meeting	3/22				\$7978.08
Cleveland Street ck#2470 – Presb. Dues	3/22	\$50			\$8028.08
Hopewell TN ck#2748 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$192			\$8220.08
Pressly Mem ck#7795 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$222			\$8442.08
Camden ck#4972 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$75			\$8517.08
Bethel ck#4676 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$78			\$8595.08
Joyful Church ck#1005 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$200			\$8795.08
Riverside ck#2082 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$164			\$8959.08
Connections ck#3890 – Presbytery Dues	3/22	\$75			\$9034.08
Pressly Mem ck#7809 for Hanmaum	4/5		\$150		\$9184.08
Pressly Mem ck#7810 for Riverside	4/5		\$150		\$9334.08
Check #149 to Hanmaum; April Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	4/5			\$550	\$8784.08
Check #150 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	4/5			\$150	\$8634.08
Pressly Mem ck#7846 for Hanmaum	5/15		\$150		\$8784.08
Pressly Mem ck#7847 for Riverside	5/15		\$150		\$8934.08
Check #151 to Hanmaum; May Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	5/15			\$550	\$8384.08
Check #152 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	5/15			\$150	\$8234.08
Prosperity TN ck#1430 – Presbytery Dues	5/15	\$408			\$8642.08
Check #153 to Greg Duke – ONA travel	5/26			\$200	\$8442.08
Pressly Mem ck#7875 for Hanmaum	6/15		\$150		\$8592.08
Pressly Mem ck#7871 for Riverside	6/15		\$150		\$8742.08
Check #154 to Hanmaum; June Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	6/15			\$550	\$8192.08
Check #155 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	6/15			\$150	\$8042.08
New Days ck#1924 – Presbytery Dues	6/15	\$1300			\$9342.08
Pressly Mem ck#7895 for Hanmaum	7/5		\$150		\$9492.08

Transaction	Date 2015	Income (not designated)	Designated Income	Debit	Balance
Pressly Mem ck#7896 for Riverside	7/5		\$150		\$9642.08
Check #156 to Hanmaum; July Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	7/5			\$550	\$9092.08
Check #157 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	7/5			\$150	\$8942.08
Prosperity AL ck#1439 Presbytery Dues	7/5	\$54			\$8996.08
Pressly Mem ck#7930 for Hanmaum	8/6		\$150		\$9146.08
Pressly Mem ck#7931 for Riverside	8/6		\$150		\$9296.08
Check #158 to Hanmaum; Aug. Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	8/6			\$550	\$8746.08
Check #159 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	8/6			\$150	\$8596.08
Pressly Mem ck#7955 for Hanmaum	9/11		\$150		\$8746.08
Pressly Mem ck#7956 for Riverside	9/11		\$150		\$8896.08
Check #160 to Hanmaum; Sept. Presb Sup/ Pressly Mem gift	9/11			\$550	\$8346.08
Check #161 to Riverside; Pressly Mem gift	9/11			\$150	\$8196.08
Balance, Fall 2015 Meeting	9/18				\$8196.08

Activity Summaries

Six Months Activity — 2015 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2015 Fall Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$2818
Designated Income:	\$1800
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$4618
Total Expenditures:	(\$4400)
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$218

One Year Activity — 2014 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2015 Fall Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$4379
Designated Income:	\$3600
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$7979
Total Expenditures:	(\$8600)
Net (Income – Expenditures):	(\$621)

Past Activity Summaries

Balance Forward (3/13)	\$6974.91
Transfer (from Muscle Shoals, 3/13)	<u>\$8000</u>
Balance Total (3/13)	\$14,974.91

Six Months Activity — 2013 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2013 Fall Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$5000
Designated Income:	<u>\$3913</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$8913
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$13,337.83)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	(\$4424.83)

Six Months Activity — 2013 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2014 Spring Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$3586
Designated Income:	<u>\$3500</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$7086
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$9100)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	(\$2014)

Six Months Activity — 2014 Spring Meeting of Presb. to 2014 Fall Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$3681
Designated Income:	<u>\$4800</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$8481
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$8200)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	\$281

Six Months Activity — 2014 Fall Meeting of Presb. to 2015 Spring Meeting of Presb.:

Income (not designated):	\$1561
Designated Income:	<u>\$1800</u>
Total Income (not desig + desig):	\$3361
Total Expenditures:	<u>(\$4200)</u>
Net (Income – Expenditures):	(\$839)