

# MINUTES



OF THE

## Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery

*of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church*

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The Tennessee-Alabama (“TN/AL”) Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church convened for its Spring Stated Meeting on March 16, 2017, at the Riverside ARP Church, Autauga County, Alabama. Presbyters gathered at 3:00 p.m. and were led in prayer by Retiring Moderator Bernard Sanderson.

Presbyters broke into their respective committees to do the work of Presbytery. After committee meetings, the court reconvened at 5:10 pm (per Moderator’s direction) to hold nominations for a new Stated Clerk. Elder Charles Mangum was nominated from the floor and after a few minutes with no other nominations, it was moved that the nominations be closed.

**M/S/C** – That Charles Mangum serve as the TN/AL Stated Clerk.

Prayer was offered by Pastor Atteberry for the Retiring Clerk and Clerk-Elect.

Presbyters and guests gathered for supper at 5:30p.m. in Riverside’s Multi-Purpose Room.

At 7:00 pm., Presbyters, guests, and congregants of the Riverside Church gathered in the church sanctuary for worship. The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. Charles Edgar; Pastor Emeritus. Rev. Greg Duke prepared and served the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper.

### **FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION**

Moderator Bernard Sanderson called the Presbytery to order at 8:15 pm. and led the court in prayer. Greetings on behalf of the Host Church were delivered by Elder Jonathan Dunaway. Thanksgiving was expressed by the Moderator to the congregation of Riverside for the hard work in making the meeting happen.

The Roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Minister</b>	<b>Ruling Elder Delegate</b>
Bethel (Oak Hill, AL)	M.L. Atteberry	Curtis Mitchell
Camden (Camden, AL)	M.L. Atteberry	Max Baggett
Fayetteville (Fayetteville, TN)		Bill Powelson
Hopewell (Culleoka, TN)		Charles Mangum
Joyful Church (Los Angeles, CA)	Man Park	
Lincoln Memorial (Fayetteville, TN)		Ronald Derksen
Pressly Memorial (Red Level, AL)		Larry Newton
Prosperity (Marion Junction, AL)	M.L. Atteberry	Bernard Sanderson
Prosperity (Taft, TN)	Dana Crowell	Michael Baker
Riverside (Prattville, AL)	Greg Duke	Ruston Jacksland
<b>Mission Developers</b>		
Hanmaum (Madison, AL)	Seo Y. Kim	
New Days (Duluth, GA)	Keun Joon Ryu	Young Chui
Sharon Mission (San Ysidro, CA)		
	Joon Hoi Kim	
	Song David	
<b>Retired Pastors</b>		
Charles Edgar		
Buddy Roberts		

## *READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Minutes from TN/AL Presbytery's Stated Fall Meeting, held September 16, 2017 in Fayetteville, TN, were previously distributed electronically by the Stated Clerk.

**M/S/C** - To approve the Minutes from the Fall Stated Meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Connections ARPC Commission report was given by Rev. Buddy Roberts; Pastor Emeritus. The Commission's original intent was to find a way to renew worship in that body but after two attempts it was unanimously decided to close the church and liquidate the assets and real estate.

Following the report, the Commission took questions regarding the real estate ownership and equity. Due to the situation of the real estate and pursuant to our Standards (FOG, Sections 3.21 and 3.23), the assets and liabilities of the Connections Church were required to be assumed by the Presbytery, the Commission brought forth a motion to the court to take over the responsibility of the loan.

**M/S/C** – For the TN/AL Presbytery to take ownership of the property and take over the loan payments until the real estate is sold.

**M/S/C** – That the loan payments and expenses be taken from the Presbytery General Funds.

**M/S/C** – That TN/AL Presbytery reimburse Mr. Edgar for all expenses up to \$4,000.00.

**M/S/C** – To use the first \$5,000.00 from the sale of the real estate be used to fund a five (5) one-year scholarships for the hospital nursing program in Sahiwal, Pakistan in honor of Joyce Edgar.

**M/S/C** – To make the Presbytery Trustees signatories for all monies gained from the previous sale of the Cornerstone real estate and the future sale of the Connections real estate.

The Moderator called for any other unfinished business. There was no other finished business.

Moderator Sanderson gave his remarks as the retiring moderator. Moderator Sanderson introduced the incoming moderator, Rev. Buddy Roberts, and Moderator Roberts assumed the dais as Moderator.

### *PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM*

The Stated Clerk presented the program to the court for adoption.

**M/S/C** - To receive the program as presented.

### *RECOGNITION OF GUESTS*

The following guests were presented to the court: Synod Moderator Lee Shelnutt spoke quickly, thanking the court for praying for him and the work of the Synod.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn.

**M/S/C** - To adjourn for the evening.

The Friday evening meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm. Rev. Buddy Roberts gave the Benediction.

### **SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION**

With a quorum established, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 8:15AM. Corbin Williamson, of Riverside Church gave a brief devotional. Rev. Dana Crowell opened the meeting with prayer.

### *RECOGNITION OF GUESTS*

The following guests were presented to the court: Jan Sanderson, Joyce Edgar, Kay Derksen, Heiko Burklin, from World Witness, and Susan Tanner, from the ARP Magazine.

Heiko Burklin spoke regarding World Witness' work in Pakistan and Europe with Muslim refugees.

Moderator Roberts next gave privilege of the floor to Susan Tanner, who informed the delegates and guests of the ARP Magazine and its desire for more local stories from churches in the outlying Presbyteries. Everyone was encouraged to avail themselves to the copies of the magazine that Susan brought.

Natie Mitchell, from Prattville, spoke on the Presbytery's Women's Ministry, its work, and upcoming events.

## *UNFINISHED BUSINESS*

Moderator's Committee appointments that we not given last night were made.

## *CORRESPONDENCE*

The Clerk distributed printed copies of the most recent communications from Central Services of Synod. Copies of TN/AL Presbytery's revised *Manual of Procedure* and a *Directory of the Tennessee Alabama Presbytery* were also made available to each member of the court.

Presbyters were reminded that Synod's *Book of Discipline DRAFT* and the *Philosophy of Christian Higher Education ("PCHE") DRAFT* could be accessed for review at [www.arpchurch.org/meeting](http://www.arpchurch.org/meeting).

Steve Nichols intended to attend but was unable, nevertheless, he wanted the Presbytery to know that he is always available to help with any needed investment help.

The Clerk informed the Moderator that the following Delegates asked to have their absences excused: Rev. Roy Hulling, Rev. James Hakim, Rev. Bob Illman, and Jeff Townsley.

## *TREASURERS REPORT*

No financial report was given as Rev. Roy Hulling (Treasurer) was unable to attend the meeting. A report will be entered in the printed minutes.

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to attend to. The Moderator gave the privilege of the floor to Rev. Charles Edgar, and he spoke on "Little Things" before the court broke for Committee meetings.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

Rev. Dana Crowell rose to give the report of the Christian Education Committee. The Committee moves that the Family Bible Conference, being held at Bonklarken Conference Center this July 23-26, be recommended to all churches in the Presbytery.

**M/C** - To accept the report of the Christian Education Committee.

### *MINISTER AND HIS WORK*

Rev. Matthew Attebery gave the report of the Minister and His Works Committee. The Committee will send Rev. Charles Edgar to be Sessional Moderator for the Fayetteville Church until the pulpit is filled.

The Committee received a report from Rev Buddy Roberts on the Nashville Korean Church. Rev. Roberts and Elder Charles Mangum are planning to attend worship there soon and will report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Elder Fred Hartin gave the Committee an update on the progress of Pressly Memorial's Pulpit Search Committee. Rev. Edgar offered prayer for the church and its Committee.

Lastly, the Committee spoke with Sanggyun Oh on his progress under care to eventual Licensure.

**M/C** - to accept the report of the Minister and His Work Committee.

### *NOMINATIONS*

Mr. Fred Hartin rose and after noting that both the Stewardship and Outreach TN/AL need new members made the following motions.

**M/C** - That Rev. Greg Duke fill the unexpired term for John Lamkin on the Outreach TN/AL Committee (2019).

**M/C** - That Rusty Jacksland serve on the Stewardship Committee (2021).

**M/C** - To accept the report of the Nominations Committee.

### *OUTREACH TENNESSEE-ALABAMA*

Rev. Greg Duke gave the report of the committee's work. Rev. Peter Kim brought forth a proposal for a Korean Church plant in the Nashville, TN area. There are some hurdles to overcome that need to overcome before TN/AL Presbytery start a church plant there.

**M/C** - That the Presbytery send Rev. "Peter" Kim to the Synod's next Church Planter Assessment Center in Greenville, SC.

**M/S/C** - To receive the remainder of the Outreach Tennessee-Alabama report as information.

### *STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE*

No report given from the Stewardship Committee.

### *SESSIONAL RECORDS*

Mr. Jonathan Dunaway rose to give the committee's report that there were no Sessional records given to the committee to review.

The committee's report was accepted as information by acclamation.

### *RESOLUTIONS*

Mr. Curt Mitchell gave the Resolutions Committee's report, thanking the Riverside Church for their hospitality and friendship in hosting the Spring Presbytery Meeting, with the full resolution to be given at lunchtime.

By common consent the committee's report was received.

The following Motions were made from the floor of Presbytery:

**M/S/C** - That the two thirds (2/3) of the Muscle Shoals funds be invested in the ARP Investment Fund handled by Steve Nichols.

**M/S/C** - That Curt Mitchell be appointed to the Nominations Committee for the 2022 term.

**M/S/C** - That Ron Derksen serve on the Stewardship Committee through 2021.

This marked the end of the Committee reports.

Rev. Dana Crowell on behalf of the Prosperity ARPC in Taft, TN extended an invitation to the Presbytery to meet there for our Fall Stated Meeting.

The Moderator announced that the 2018 Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held September 21-22, 2018 at Prosperity Presbyterian Church in Taft, TN.

Rev. Greg Duke stood and shared some information on the new Riverside Church property.

The Clerk-Elect reminded all churches to bring their Sessional Records to the Fall Stated Meeting.

The Presbytery then entered into a season of prayer.

**M/S/C** - To adjourn.



The meeting closed with the singing of Psalm 133, and the Benediction was given by Rev. Buddy Roberts.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles B. Mangum  
Stated Clerk

Moderator: \_\_\_\_\_  
(printed name)

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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(signature)