

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 18, 2016, at the Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Oak Hill, Wilcox County, Alabama. Presbyters gathered at 3:30 p.m. and were led in prayer by the outgoing Moderator of the Presbytery, Mr. Charles Mangum.

A quorum was established, Presbyters then broke into their respective committees to do the work of Presbytery. After committee meetings, the Presbyters and guests enjoyed a meal in Bethel's Fellowship Hall.

At 7:00 p.m., the Presbyters, guests, and congregants of the Bethel Church gathered together for worship. A sermon was delivered by Rev. Barney Heyward, and the sacrament of communion was observed.

FRIDAY BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Mangum called the Presbytery to order at 8:15 p.m. and led the Court in prayer. Greetings on behalf of the host church were delivered by Mr. John Lampkin. The roll was constituted with a quorum present as follows:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
Bethel (AL)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	John Lampkin
Camden (AL)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	Max Baggett
Cleveland Street (MS)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	
Connections (AL)	Matthew Atteberry *	Tom Neve
Fayetteville (TN)	Bryan Bult	Teddy Ray
Hanmaum Mission (AL)	Soo Young Kim	<i>not applicable</i>
Hopewell (TN)	Buddy Roberts	Charles Mangum
In Christ Mission (CA)	Soon Jeong Hwang	<i>not applicable</i>
Joyfull Church (CA)	Man Park	
Lincoln Memorial (TN)		
Madison-Monrovia (AL)		
Pressly Memorial (AL)	P. J. McClung	Fred Hartin

ROLL (continued)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Ruling Elder Delegate</u>
Prosperity (AL)	<i>vacant pulpit</i>	Bernard Sanderson
Prosperity (TN)	Dana Crowell	Stanley Keith
Riverside (AL)	Greg Duke	Jon Dunaway
	Charles Edgar (<i>retired</i>)	
	Barney Heyward (w/o call)	
	Daniel Song (w/o call)	

* Student Supply

Requests to be excused were received from Garret Aldridge, Roy Huling, Bob Illman, Pablo Song, and Jeff Townsley.

M/S/C - That TN/AL Presbytery approve and receive the minutes from it's Fall 2015 Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Muscle Shoals: Dr. Charles Edgar rose to report \$200,000 in net proceeds from the sale of the final piece of property in Muscle Shoals. These funds (in addition to the \$136,000 from the earlier sale) have been set aside for new church development in TN/AL Presbytery.

M/S/C - That the TN/AL Presbytery establish an account for the funds at Servis 1st Bank. The account is to be opened by Treasurer Roy Huling, with authorized signers being Dr. Charles Edgar and Mr. Tom Neve.

Cleveland Street: The Commission of Presbytery requested additional time to meet with remaining members of the Cleveland Street congregation and anticipate giving a complete report during the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

501c3 Status of Presbytery: This Moderator's Committee is to be further established. Rev. Bob Illman and Mr. Rob Nelson have agreed to serve, and the Moderator is to add additional members.

The outgoing Moderator read from Matthew 5:2-16 exhorting the court to a greater fidelity to Christ and His kingdom in light of the gospel. The retiring Moderator then thanked the Court for the privilege of serving, and presented the Moderator Elect Rev. Bryan Bult who rose to assume the dais.

The State Clerk presented the program with the following corrections to the list of Standing Committees:

Parliamentarian: Greg Duke (2018)

Christian Education: Steve Webber (2018) and Nathan Jaeger (2020)

Stewardship: Dave Rentschler (2020) and Barney Heyward (2019)

Outreach Tenn/AL: Greg Duke, Chairman (2018) and Keun Joon Ryu (2020)

M/S/C - That the program be adopted.

The following guests were presented to the Court: Justin Brickey (World Witness Missionary to Spain), Young Choi (New Days Church), Mrs. Joyce Edgar, Mrs. Camille Jones, Pastor Won Bong Park and Pastor Eok Bong Kim; Korean brothers from California who expressed interest in joining the TN/AL Presbytery.

COMMUNITIONS

The Clerk presented a letter from Catawba Presbytery requesting that Mr. Jeremiah Thomas, a licentiate under care of the TN/AL Presbytery, be transferred to Catawba Presbytery.

A letter from Outreach North America (ONA) was read stating that a check in the amount of \$1,101 had been recently sent to our Presbytery's Treasurer. This is a return on an investment made by TN/AL Presbytery in ONA's Endowment Fund.

TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurer being absent, the Clerk gave a brief report on Presbytery's finances.

M/S/C - that the Treasurer's Report be received as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

M/S/C - To begin Presbytery's Saturday business session at 8:45AM thus allowing delegates more time for travel from lodging in nearby Greenville, AL.

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

The Friday evening meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

SATURDAY BUSINESS SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 8:45AM, and Mr. Teddy Ray presented a brief devotional.

A quorum having been established, the Moderator recognized Mrs. Joyce Edgar and Mrs. Camille Jones who spoke on behalf of our Christian Hospital in Sahiwal Pakistan.

Rev. Justin Brickey then spoke on his upcoming mission to Spain with World Witness. Churches were strongly encouraged to consider supporting both ministries with their prayers and finances.

The Court resumed it's business.

M/S/C - That Presbytery re-certify current retired Ministers of TN/AL Presbytery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MINISTER AND HIS WORK

Dr. Edgar asked the committee's secretary, Charles Mangum, to give the committee report. A update on the Cleveland Street church was given and discussions held on their findings thus far.

Two Korean brothers from the Los Angeles area were introduced by the committee; Pastors Park Won Bong of the Forever Love Presbyterian Church, and Pastor Eok Bong Kim of Bethel Church. A discussion was held concerning bringing their churches into the TN/AL Presbytery. Both congregations have approximately 48 members. Pastor Kim has been in the ARP for 4 years and has 3 Ruling Elders in his church. Pastor Bong has been in the ARP for 3 years and has 1 Ruling Elder in his congregation.

The committee expressed their concern and difficulty communicating with the men due to a difficult language barrier. Rev. Danial Joon Song agreed to assist the Minister and His Work Committee with translation and the verification of ministerial credentials. A member of this committee has planned to visit with the churches over the next several months while in the area on business.

NOMINATIONS

Fred Hartin rose and gave a report from the Nominations Committee.

M/S/C - That Jon Dunaway (Ruling Elder @ Riverside) replace Matthew Gooch on Stewardship Committee thru 2019.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Dana Crowell gave the report of the Christian Education Committee.

M/S/C - That the churches of TN/AL Presbytery encourage their Jr. and Sr. High Students to participate in Synod's "Quest" and "Horizon" summer youth camps.

The committee encouraged members to view Christian Education Ministries online resources and Calendar of Events for upcoming training and conferences.

OUTREACH TN/AL

Rev. Greg Duke rose to give a report from the Outreach TN/AL Committee. The Committee was introduced to the Pastors of Bethel Church and Forever Love Presbyterian Church from Los Angeles, CA. This committee recognizes that churches cannot be considered for membership in TN/AL Presbytery until the work of Minister and His work is completed, and a proper assessment of the churches health has been established.

M/S/C - That Rev. Daniel Joon Song and Rev. Barney Heyward be continued as members of Tennessee Alabama Presbytery without call for one year.

M/S/C - That Bob Illman's request to labor out of bounds as a Hospice Chaplain for Humbolt Hospital in CA be referred to Minister and His Work Committee and reported on during the Fall Meeting of Presbytery.

Presbytery paused to pray for Rev. Bob Illman's health and ministry.

STEWARDSHIP

Rev. PJ McClung gave the following report from Stewardship Committee. A printed report of giving from churches in TN/AL Presbytery to the Denominational Ministry Fund was distributed to the Court. Overall DMF giving is up, and churches who have not been giving to the DMG were encouraged to begin doing so.

M/S/C - That \$1,000 be given to the Christian Hospital (Sahiwal Pakistan) Nursing Endowment Fund.

RESOLUTIONS

The Resolutions Report was given during Dinner.

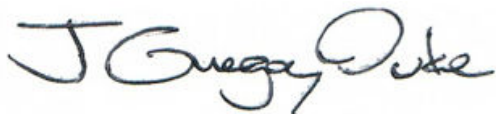
Moderator Bryan Bult announced that the next meeting of Presbytery would be held at our Bonclarken Assembly Grounds during the 212th General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. The Fall Meeting is to be held at New Days in Duluth, GA September 16-17, 2016.

The Presbytery then entered into a season of prayer.

M/S/C - To adjourn.

The meeting closed with the singing of Psalm 133 led by Dr. Charles Edgar, and the Benediction was given by Rev. Bryan Bult.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Gregory Duke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

J. Gregory Duke

Stated Clerk

Tennessee-Alabama Presbytery



OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY

(2017) Moderator Rev. Bryan Bult
(2018) Stated Clerk Rev. Greg Duke
(2018) Treasurer Rev. Roy Hulling
(2018) Parliamentarian Rev. Greg Duke

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
(2018) Mr. Nathan Jaeger

OUTREACH TENNESSEE ALABAMA

(2015) Rev. Roy Hulling
(2016) Mr. Allen Elliott
(2017) Rev. Barney Heyward
(2017) Mr. John Lampkin
(2018) Rev. Greg Duke (C)
(2020) Rev. Keun Joon Ryu

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

(2017) Dr. William Kidd
(2017) Rev. P.J. McClung (C)
(2017) Mr. Rob Nelson
(2019) Rev. Barney Heyward
(2019) Mr. Jon Dunaway
(2020) Mr. Dave Rentschler

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