

**Tennessee - Alabama Presbytery**  
**Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting at Synod**

Meeting at Bonclarken Assembly, Draffin #4  
June 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order with prayer by moderator Charles Edgar at 9:50 PM.

The roll was constituted and a quorum declared present as follows:

**Ministers**

Garet Aldridge, C. W. Todd, C. F. Edgar, C. W. Bradley,  
Stephen Jordan, R. S. Illman, and J. Gregory Duke.

**Ruling Elders**

Fred Hartin, Teddy Ray, Stanley Keith, Bernard  
Sanderson, Curtis Mitchell, Charles Mangum.

Motion: That Presbytery approved the minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting 2011 as distributed electronically. By consent.

On motion, requests to be excused were granted for C. Dana Crowell, Roy Hulling, P.J. McClung, and Tom Neve.

The clerk read a report from U.S. Army Chaplain G. Gayle Cotton, noting his desire for the prayers of the members. The report was received as information by consent.

The Report from the Commission to Constitute the Riverside Mission and to Ordain and Install J. Gregory Duke to the Ministry of the Gospel was approved with consent, marked Appendix A and filed.

Charles Edgar verbally reported for the Muscle Shoals Property Commission. He indicated that the Commission is negotiating with a commercial property developer who has a long and good history in the area.

Motion by Mr. Hartin: That Presbytery send R. S. Illman to the Church Planter's Workshop by Outreach North America, and that Presbytery reimburse his expenses. Carried.

Motion by Mr. Illman: That Presbytery pay the fuel and food expense for the students who serve the Synod as pages this year. Carried.

C.W. Todd announced that a Christian Education Ministries elder's training workshop will be held at Fayetteville on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Mark Ross will be the presenter. The moderator directed the stated clerk to send out an announcement of this to the entire presbytery via email.

Motion by Mr. Hartin: That sessions review the proposed changes to the *Form of Government*, and that suggestions be forwarded to the stated clerk for review by Presbytery at the Fall Stated Meeting 2011. Carried.

The chairman named Messers Hartin, Illman and Bradley to an *ad hoc* committee to review comments from sessions on the proposed revision of the *Form of Government*, and to bring recommendations to Presbytery. By consent.

Motion: To adjourn. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM with prayer by Mr. Illman for Chaplain Cotton, and those who were previously excused from the meeting.

Attest:

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Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk

# **Report of the Commission to Ordain and Install J. Gregory Duke as Associate Pastor of Connections Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and to Constitute the Riverside Mission**

The Commission met in the facility of the Riverside Presbyterian Mission, located at 242 Interstate Commercial Park Loop, Prattville, AL 36066, at 1:00 P.M. in order to discharge the tasks assigned to it by the Presbytery.

Commissioners present were R. S. Illman, C. F. Edgar, Thomas Neve, Matt Ligon, C. Robert Nelson, P. J. McClung, Scott Mitchell. C. W. Bradley attended in the capacity of Stated Clerk.

Dr. Henry Lewis Smith of the Presbyterian Church in America was seated as a visiting brother by consent.

Charles Edgar extended greetings on behalf of the Presbytery. He explained the proceedings of ordination and installation. He offered the constituting prayer after reading 1 Timothy 2.

P. J. McClung gave the call to worship.

The prayer of invocation was offered by Robert Nelson. Scott Mitchell read Isaiah 52:7-10.

Robert Illman prayed the offertory.

Matt Ligon read the Scripture from Romans 8:1, 27-39.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Henry Lewis Smith.

R.S. Illman posed the questions of ordination and installation to the ordinand, who answered them in the affirmative.

Thomas Neve lead the prayer during the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.

After the right hand of fellowship was extended by the commissioners and visiting clergy, C. F. Edgar made the official pronouncement of Mr. Duke's ordination and of the status of the congregation as a Mission of the Presbytery.

The first act of Mr. Duke as an ordained minister was the pronouncement of the benediction.

The church hosted a reception for the new minister immediately afterwards.

Your Commission noted that there were approximately 100 persons in attendance, with the people of Riverside displaying an enthusiasm for the Lord, the gospel and the work of the church that were quite apparent.

Your Commission, having completed the work assigned to it, asks to be dissolved.

Submitted on behalf of the Commission,

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Charles W. Bradley, Stated Clerk