

## Special Meeting of Mission Presbytery

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Grace Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi  
September 24, 2017

The Called Meeting of Mission Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Anna Bohart, and opened with a moment of silence and prayer at 4:04 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2017 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christ, Texas.

The required quorum of three Teaching Elders and three Ruling Elders from three different congregations was present. [See end of Minutes for actual count of attendees.]

Anna Bohart thanked Grace Presbyterian Church for hosting the meeting. She then gave instructions and protocol for the meeting.

The following people were seated as corresponding members:

- RE Valerie Young, Synod of the Sun Executive
- RE Christianne Chase, Chair of Synod of the Sun Coordinating Team

The following was given voice without vote:

- TE Dana Lindsley, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

The purpose of the meeting is to act on two requests for the appointment of Administrative Commissions, and to spend time together sharing about Hurricane Harvey.

The Stated Clerk read the following motion:

**COM moves the that presbytery declare First Presbyterian Church, Robstown to be an abandoned church, and to appoint an Administrative Commission to consider and conclude matters regarding the church. The AC duties shall include but shall not be limited to:**

- 1. Inquiring into the current status of membership and all finances.**
- 2. Assuming original jurisdiction of the Session.**
- 3. Ascertaining what legal recourses may need to be taken.**
- 4. Recommending to the presbytery a plan for the property.**

**Administrative Commission to consist of:**

- TE John Roberts (Grace, Corpus)**
- CRE Kris Bair (First, Alice)**
- CRE Joel Silva (Memorial, San Marcos)**
- RE Frank Long (Forest Hills, Helotes)**

- **RE Sandy Pinaire (Jackson Woods, Corpus)**

The Moderator called on TE John Roberts to provide some background on the circumstances at First, Robstown. TE Dan Fultz spoke to the motion on behalf of the Committee on Ministry. RE Frank Long provided some history on the ministry at First, Robstown. CRE Joe Pat Nance recommended that a trustee be added to the commission. CRE Joel Silva recommended that the presbytery be intentional on checking with churches in similar circumstances. **Motion Carried.**

The Stated Clerk read the second motion:

**The Resolution Team working with First, San Saba through the Gracious Separation Policy with concurrence from the Mission Presbytery Trustees moves that an Administrative Commission be appointed to work with the church. The AC duties would include but not be limited to:**

1. **To take all necessary steps, if it becomes evident that the church is in "schism", to discern the "true church" within the PC(USA) in this matter [G-4.0207];**
2. **To have access to all church records [G-3.0107] including but not limited to: membership rolls, minutes of Session and all boards and committees, minutes of congregational meetings, financial records, membership directories, newsletter and materials distributed for sessional or congregational information;**
3. **To have access to relevant records having to do with corporate officers, corporate articles, bylaws, and charters, including changes to any of these made in the last ten years [G-3.0108]**
4. **If it becomes necessary, to assume original jurisdiction over the Session [G-3.0303e] with full authority and power to (a) provide for worship, sacraments, and continuing pastoral care of all members of the congregation, in the spirit of the Gospel of Christ; (b) to receive and act on requests from members to be transferred or deleted from the rolls; (c) to have authority to call necessary congregational meetings, and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose;**
5. **To have the authority to negotiate terms for the dismissal of the congregation if it become evident that a sufficient majority of the active members desire to be dismissed to another Reformed tradition with which the PC(USA) is in communion.**

**Administrative Commission to Consist of:**

- **TE Carol Clarke (Burnet)**
- **RE Scott Russell (First, Kerrville)**
- **RE Don Davis (Covenant, Austin)**
- **TE Malcolm McQueen (Horseshoe Bay)**

RE Carl Spinner, Burnet provided the background information on the situation with First, San Saba. **Motion carried.**

TE Sallie Watson introduced others who were present for the meeting including those already seated as corresponding members, and Delia Leal, International Peacemaker from Guatemala, Leslie Vogel, Mission Co-Worker, and Sallie Dyer of PDA.

TE Dana Lindsley with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance led those gathered through a time of sharing stories about the impact Hurricane Harvey had on the congregations and communities in South Texas. He encouraged the groups to use the following three questions as prompts for conversation:

- What happened to you and your church?
- What was the experience like for you as a person and as a congregation?
- Where have you seen God in all this?

Afterwards, he invited those gathered to share what they had learned. The time was closed with the reading of Psalm 42.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m. with prayer by RE Anna Bohart and a meal.

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**Mission Presbytery Special Meeting Attendance  
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<b>City, Church</b>	<b>Teaching Elder</b>	<b>Ruling Elder Commissioners</b>	
Adamsville, Adamsville			
Alice, First		Marsha Kuckenber	
Austin, Austin Taiwanese			
Austin, Central			
Austin, Covenant			
Austin, El Buen Pastor			
Austin, Faith			
Austin, First			
Austin, Genesis			
Austin, Hope			
Austin, Hyde Park			
Austin, New Covenant Fellowship			
Austin, Lake Travis			
Austin, Shepherd of the Hills		Tom O'Meara	
Austin, St. Andrew's			
Austin, St. John's			
Austin, University		David Chao	Debbie Russ
Austin, Westlake Hills			
Austin, Westminster			
Beeville, First			
Boerne, St. Mark			
Brady, Brady			
Brownsville, First			
Brownsville, Primera Iglesia Mexiana			
Brownsville, San Pablo			
Burnet, Burnet		Carl Spinner	
Canyon Lake, Canyon Lake			
Cheapside, Cheapside			
Collegeport, First	<i>See FPC-Palacios</i>		
Copperas Cove, First			
Corpus Christi, El Divino Salvador		Andy Anzaldua	
Corpus Christi, Faith Community			
Corpus Christi, First		Nancy Hutton	Rebecca Robertson
Corpus Christi, Grace	John Roberts (UCC)		
Corpus Christi, Island		Maybeth Christensen	
Corpus Christi, Jackson Woods		Sandy Pinaire	
Corpus, Christi, Korean			
Corpus Christi, Parkway	Allen Mosiman	Jimmy Clements	Craig Walley

Cotulla, First			
Cuero, First			
Del Rio, First			
Dripping Springs, Dripping Springs			
El Campo, First			
Elgin, First			
Fredericksburg, Memorial			
Georgetown, First			
Georgetown, San Gabriel			
Giddings, First			
Goliad, Goliad			
Gonzales, Gonzales			
Harlingen, Second			
Harlingen, Treasure Hills		Roger Hughes	
Harper, Harper			
Helotes, Forest Hills		Frank Long	
Junction, First	<i>See Harper</i>		
Karnes City, First			
Kerrville, First			
Kingsville, First	Sonja Dalglish		
Kingsville, Getsemane			
La Feria, New Hope		Bob Dymond	
La Grange, First	Gerald Hurst	Pam Hurst	
Largo Vista, Rolling Hills			
Lampasas, First			
Laredo, Sinai			
Leander, Leander			
Leander, Live Oak			
Llano, First			
Lockhart, Faith/Fe			
Lockhart, First			
Luling, First	Monica Smith		
Marble Falls, St. Andrew			
McAllen, Betania			
McAllen, First Korean			
McAllen, First			
Menard, First			
Mercedes, First	Esther Russell-Hughes CRE		
Mission, First			
New Braunfels, Community Fellowship			
New Braunfels, First			
New Braunfels, New Braunfels			
Palacios, First			

Pipe Creek, Pipe Creek			
Pleasanton, First			
Port Aransas, Community			
Port Lavaca, First	<i>See Six-Mile PC</i>		
Port Lavaca, Six Mile	Bruce Goodlock, CRE		
Portland, First			
Refugio, First		Nan Linney	
Robstown, First			
Rockport, First	Charlie Schuler		
Rocksprings, First			
Round Rock, Grace			
Round Rock, Round Rock			
San Antonio, Alamo Heights			
San Antonio, Boldtville			
San Antonio, Covenant			
San Antonio, Crestholme			
San Antonio, Cross Roads (formerly John Calvin)			
San Antonio, Divine Redeemer			
San Antonio, First Korean			
San Antonio, Good Shepherd			
San Antonio, Grace	<i>See First, Cotulla</i>		
San Antonio, Holy Trinity		David Perez	Kay Perez
San Antonio, Iglesia Emmanuel			
San Antonio, Los Angeles Heights			
San Antonio, Madison Square		Mac Holmes Jo Pendleton	Norma Villarreal
San Antonio, Northminster		Sandra Parrish	
San Antonio, Northwood			
San Antonio, Oak Hills			
San Antonio, Pilgrim			
San Antonio, San Pedro			
San Antonio, St. Andrew	Karen Stocks, Interim		
San Antonio, University			
San Benito, First			
San Benito, Iglesia Getsemani	<i>See San Pablo, Brwnsvl</i>		
San Marcos, First			
San Marcos, Memorial	CRE Joel Silva		
San Saba, First			
Schulenburg, St. Paul's			
Seguin, First			
Sinton, Sinton			
Smiley, Pilgrim	Joe Pat Nance, CRE		
Smithville, First			
Taft, First	Clayton Brockman	Cheryl Brockman	

Taylor, Everlasting Hope			
Taylor, First			
Tivoli, Tivoli			
Uvalde, First			
Victoria, First			
Victoria, Grace	Dan Fultz		
Victoria, Nicea			
Weslaco, First			
Weslaco, San Pablo			
Wimberley, Wimberley	Clint Regen		
Woodsboro, Faith			
Yoakum First			
Yorktown, First			

<b>TEACHING ELDERS (HR) &amp; SERVING OTHER AGENCIES</b>			
Doug Dalglish	Pan Am School	Tricia Tedrow	Stated Clerk
Al Kruppenacher	Austin Seminary	Sallie Watson	Genrl Presbyter, Mission Pby

<b>GENERAL COUNCIL, MISSION PRESBYTERY</b>	
Anna Bohart	Moderator, Mission Presbytery
Alma Deihl	Committee on Representation
Rita Livingston	Fiscal Oversight Chair

<b>CORRESPONDING MEMBERS</b>		<b>PRESENTERS</b>
Valerie Young	Grace Pby/Synod of the Sun	Dana Lindsley, Madison CT, PDA
Christianne Chase	Cimarron Pby/Synod of the Sun	
Leslie S. Vogel	Grand Canyon Pby/PCUSA Mission Co-Wkr	
<b>PRESBYTERY STAFF, Voice &amp; Vote</b>		<b>CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS, Voice/Vote</b>
N/A		
<b>PRESBYTERY STAFF, Voice</b>		<b>CERT ASSOC CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS Voice/Vote</b>
Cathy Hooker	Office Manager	
Eleanor Wieters	Administrative Clerk/Receptionist	
<b>Guests = 10</b>		

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