

Called Meeting of Mission Presbytery

Zoom Video Conferencing
May 9, 2020

Presbytery Meeting Convened

The moderator, Rev. Stacy Ikard, convened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. with prayer. A quorum was present.

Rev. Ikard asked the Stated Clerk, Rev. Tricia Tedrow to explain the procedures for the Zoom meeting. Rev. Tedrow referred to the standing rules for a Zoom meeting that were found on the Presbytery website. Rev. Tedrow reminded the body that the purpose of the meeting was to act on two motions and that no other business could be discussed at this meeting.

Commission on Ministry (Report A)

Rev. Monica Smith, Chair, **moved** on behalf of the committee that Mission Presbytery declare First Presbyterian Church of Taft to be an abandoned ministry, 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 Mission Presbytery Trustees a plan for the property.

The Administrative Commission to consist of:

- RE Bobby Patterson, First-Taft
- RE Mary Beth Delano, Parkway-Corpus Christi
- TE Bette Burris, HR
- TE Jim DeMent, First-Victoria
- TE Bart Roush, (MP – Trustee) Madison Square-San Antonio

Motion approved.

Rev. Smith offered a prayer for the church in Taft.

Mission Presbytery Trustees

Rev. Bart Roush, Chair, **moved** on behalf of the committee that Mission Presbytery declare Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church of New Braunfels to be an abandoned ministry, 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:

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The Administrative Commission to consist of the following and others who will be named:

- TE Rob Mueller (MP Trustee), Divine Redeemer-San Antonio
- TE Mitch Kolls , Dripping Springs – Dripping Springs
- RE Reudy Loeffler, First - San Marcos

Discussion was held on whether Community Fellowship was an abandoned ministry or not.

Motion failed.

Rev. Bart Roush **moved** that the presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church of New Braunfels to consider matters regarding the church and its possible closure. 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, if necessary.
3. Ascertaining what recourses may need to be taken.

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- TE Rob Mueller (MP Trustee), Divine Redeemer-San Antonio
- TE Mitch Kolls , Dripping Springs – Dripping Springs
- RE Reudy Loeffler, First - San Marcos

Seconded. **Motion carried.**

Rev. Rob Mueller offered a prayer for Community Fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. Bart Roush.

Submitted,

Tricia Tedrow, Stated Clerk



MISSION PRESBYTERY
BETTER TOGETHER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a strange time we find ourselves in! I pray for your health and safety, and that your congregation feels the guidance and the power of Christ as we serve each other and our communities during this remarkable period.

Your presbytery staff and the General Council of Mission Presbytery continue to work diligently (albeit remotely) to meet the needs of congregations and our combined ministry. As part of that work, General Council has called a special meeting of the Presbytery to be held by Zoom Video Conferencing on Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to act on recommendations from the Commission on Ministry and Mission Presbytery Trustees.

While this meeting will be brief, it is important. Please make every effort to join us. Registration information for this special meeting will be included in the newsletter and can be found on the Presbytery meeting page of the Mission Presbytery website (mission-presbytery.org).

I look forward to meeting with you and gathering as the Body of Christ (even on a screen!). Until then, I leave you with these words from the Apostle Paul:

Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers...Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 CEB

Grace and Peace,

Stacy Ikard

The Rev Dr. Stacy Ikard
Moderator, Mission Presbytery

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

COM moves that the presbytery declare First Presbyterian Church of Taft to be an abandoned ministry, 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:

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- TE Bart Roush, Madison Square-San Antonio

Rationale:

First Presbyterian of Taft was planning to close as the pandemic hit. They had not called a congregational meeting, but discussions were underway. The congregation has dwindled in numbers, and the Session has not been functional. There are now not sufficient numbers of members available to hold a congregational meeting, which would be the usual way of handling a church closure.

A declaration of “abandoned ministry” will allow the Presbytery, through the Administrative Commission, to care for both the remaining members and the property, as they work their way through a closure process.

Mission Presbytery Trustees Report

The Trustees of Mission Presbytery moves that the presbytery declare Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church of New Braunfels to be an abandoned ministry, 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:

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- TE Rob Mueller (MP Trustee)

Rationale:

It appears there has been no activity or worship occurring for Community Fellowship Presbyterian Church for some time. Further, the property of the church has not been secured or maintained.

Mission Presbytery Called Meeting Attendance
9-May-20

City, Church	Teaching Elder	Ruling Elder Commissioners	
Adamsville, Adamsville			
Alice, First			
Austin, Austin Taiwanese			
Austin, Central	Carolina Trevino		
Austin, Covenant			
Austin, El Buen Pastor			
Austin, Faith			
Austin, First	Elizabeth McLean Sarah Allen		
Austin, Genesis	Mandi Richey		
Austin, Hope			
Austin, Hyde Park	Emily Owen		
Austin, New Covenant Fellowship			
Austin, Lake Travis			
Austin, Shepherd of the Hills	Britta Dukes		
Austin, St. Andrew's			
Austin, St. John's			
Austin, University	Krystal Leedy	Debbie Russ	
Austin, Westlake Hills	Stacy Ikard		
Austin, Westminster	Ellen Hensle		
Beeville, First			
Boerne, St. Mark			
Brady, Brady	Regina Maas		
Brownsville, First			
Brownsville, Primera Iglesia Mexiana			
Burnet, Burnet			
Canyon Lake, Canyon Lake			
Cheapside, Cheapside			
Collegeport, First			
Copperas Cove, First	Kevin Jones	Gail Batman	
Corpus Christi, El Divino Salvador		Clemente "Andy" Anzaldua	
Corpus Christi, Faith Community			
Corpus Christi, Grace			
Corpus Christi, Island	Anne Kowalczyk	Victoria J McGuire	
Corpus Christi, Jackson Woods			
Corpus, Christi, Korean			
Corpus Christi, Parkway	Allen Mosiman Laura Neely Villarreal		

Cotulla, First	Lorna Jean T Miller		
Cuero, First	Bill Cotman		
Del Rio, First			
Dripping Springs, Dripping Springs	Mitch Kolls		
El Campo, First	Erin McGee	Jana Fernandez	
Elgin, First		Ada Castle	
Fredericksburg, Memorial			
Georgetown, First		Celeste Frost Tim Smith	
Georgetown, San Gabriel			
Giddings, First			
Goliad, Goliad			
Gonzales, Gonzales			
Harlingen, Second			
Harlingen, Treasure Hills	Charlie Palmer	Mary David Stephen W Frazier	Joyce Hamilton
Harper, Harper			
Helotes, Forest Hills			
Junction, First			
Karnes City, First			
Kerrville, First		Zoe Van Dyke Tim Huchton	Tim Summerlin Jason Stockbridge
Kingsville, First			
Kingsville, Getsemane			
La Feria, New Hope	Mary Breden	Charley G Kidder Jr	
La Grange, First			
Largo Vista, Rolling Hills			
Lampasas, First	Kevin Jones		
Laredo, Sinai			
Leander, Leander		Gene Hinkle	
Leander, LiveOak			
Llano, First			
Lockhart, Faith/Fe			
Lockhart, First			
Luling, First	Monica Thompson Smith	Susan G Rutherford	
Marble Falls, St. Andrew		Sue Babcock	
McAllen, Betania			
McAllen, First	Kathryn Escandell	Lita Simpson	
McAllen, First Korean			
Menard, First			
Mercedes, First			
Mission, First	Eric Dittman	Deb Rucker Shannon Perales	Carlos Perales

New Braunfels, Community Fellowship	Doug Fritzsche	Linda Schmitt	
New Braunfels, First			
New Braunfels, New Braunfels	Scott Nowack		
	Katy Walters		
Palacios, First			
Pipe Creek, Pipe Creek			
Pleasanton, First			
Port Aransas, Community			
Port Lavaca, First			
Port Lavaca, Six Mile			
Refugio, First			
Robstown, First			
Rockport, First			
Rocksprings, First			
Round Rock, Grace	Nancy Reeves		
Round Rock, Round Rock			
San Antonio, Alamo Heights			
San Antonio, Boldtville			
San Antonio, Covenant	Dan Milford	LAURA GLUECK Donna Armstrong	Martha Flores
San Antonio, Crestholme			
San Antonio, Cross Roads			
San Antonio, Divine Redeemer			
San Antonio, First Korean			
San Antonio, Good Shepherd			
San Antonio, Grace		Bertram Wood	
San Antonio, Holy Trinity			
San Antonio, Iglesia Emmanuel			
San Antonio, Los Angeles Heights	Rich Lounsbery		
San Antonio, Madison Square	Bart Roush	Patricia R Metcalf	
San Antonio, Northminster			
San Antonio, Northwood			
San Antonio, Oak Hills			
San Antonio, Pilgrim			
San Antonio, San Pedro	Paul R Gaedke		
San Antonio, St. Andrew	Doug Dalglish		
San Antonio, University			
San Benito, First			
San Benito, Iglesia Getsemani			
San Marcos, First	Joshua Sutherlun	Reudy Loefflet	Arthur Averitt
San Marcos, Memorial			
San Saba, First			
Schulenburg, St. Paul's			
Seguin, First			
Sinton, Sinton			

Smiley, Pilgrim			
Smithville, First			
Taft, First			
Taylor, Everlasting Hope			
Taylor, First			
Tivoli, Tivoli			
Uvalde, First			
Victoria, First			
Victoria, Grace	Daniel Fultz		
Victoria, Nicea			
Weslaco, First			
Weslaco, San Pablo			
Wimberley, Wimberley			
Woodsboro, Faith			
Yorktown, First			

TEACHING ELDERS (HR) & SERVING OTHER AGENCIES	
Tricia Tedrow	Validated Ministry
Sallie Watson	Validated Ministry
Carol Clarke	HR
Jeffrey Boyd Saddington	Validated Ministry
Al Krummenacher	Validated Ministry
Carolina Trevino	HR
Dick Powell	Validated Ministry
Susan Montoya	Validated Ministry
Lemuel Garcia	Validated Ministry
Malcolm McQueen	Validated Ministry
Meagan Ludwig	At Large
Molly Hatchell	Validated Ministry
Vanessa Potter	HR
William C. Poe	HR
Charles Schuler	HR
Frank L Seaman	HR
Karla Lara	At Large
Rev. Paul DeMotte	HR
Karen Stocks	HR
Gini Norris-Lane	Validated Ministry
David Merriwether	HR
Total TE	54

GENERAL COUNCIL, MISSION PRESBYTERY	
Liz Anzaldua	Regional Rep-Corpus Christi
Kris Bair	CORP Chair

Lisa Ringler	HR Team Chair	
Carlos Baladez	Moderator-Elect	
Total GC		4

COMMISSIONED PASTORS		
Sheri Dittman		
Esther Russell-Hughes		
Duane c Manning		
Larry Sears		
Total CP		4

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS, Voice/Vote		
Judy Ferguson		
Total CCE		1

CERT ASSOC CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS Voice/Vote		
Minta McIntosh		
Total This Section		1

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS		
Total Corresponding Members		0

PRESENTERS		
Total Presenters		0

PRESBYTERY STAFF, Voice & Vote		
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Caitlin Supcoff	Youth Coordinator	
Ed Sackett	Disaster Recovery Coordinator	
Melody Gonzalez	Office Manager	

Total This Section		3
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Youth at Presbytery, Voice		0

Voting Members	Subtotals	Totals
Teaching Elders/Pastors	55	
Ruling Elder Commissioners (elected by church sessions to attend)	31	
Members of General Council (not Teaching Elders)	4	
Commissioned Pastors (serving churches)	4	
Certified Christian Educators (REs)	1	
Certified Associate Christian Educators (REs)	1	
Total this section		96
Corresponding Members Given Voice	0	
Presenters Given Voice	0	
Visitors/Guests	1	
Presbytery Staff	3	
Youth Delegates (June Only)	0	
Total this Section		4
TOTAL ATTENDANCE		100