

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR – 2014

January

31-02 Junior High & Senior High Retreats, Camp McDowell

February

06 Presbytery Meeting, Cahaba Springs, 10:00 am.

10 CPM, Presbytery Office, 9:30 a.m.

10 Temporary Executive Board, Presbytery Office

24 Temporary Executive Board, Presbytery Office

27 Living River Board, Presbytery Office, 4:00 p.m.

March

07-09 Senior High Retreat, Rolling Hills

10 CPM, Presbytery Office, 10:00 a.m.

11 COM, South Highland, 10:00 a.m.

27 Living River Board, Presbytery Office, 4:00 p.m.

April

08 COM, South Highland, 10:00 a.m.

18 Office Closed in observance of Good Friday

24 Living River Board, Presbytery Office 4:00

May

08 Presbytery Meeting at Memorial-Montgomery

26 Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day

MINUTES
 Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
 Synod of Living Waters
 Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 Called Meeting
 October 4, 2013

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WILL
GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in a Called Meeting on October 4, 2013, at Edgewood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Throughout these minutes, Teaching Elders are indicated by an asterisk (*).

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Vice-Moderator Coke Clark who then offered the convening prayer. On advice of the Stated Clerk, a quorum was declared by the Moderator.

ORGANIZATION

Recognition of First-time Elders and Visitors

The Vice-Moderator recognized all first-time elders who were introduced to the body.

Teaching Elders

Ministers Present (34) Excused (99)

Acton, Ben	P	Burton, Rebecca	E	Davis, Becky	E
Barrett Abernethy	E	Carleton, Rhon HR	E	Duke, Mickey HR	E
Alexander, Frank HR	E	Carter, Clyde HR	E	Durham, Charles	E
Andreasen, Sam HR	E	Casey, Lydia	P	Durham, Erica	E
Atkerson, Rick	P	Chandler, Doris	E	Ephraim, James	E
Bang, Yo Chang	P	Chaney, Patsy HR	E	Epting, Bobbi	P
Bird, Shelaine	E	Chinula, Donald	E	Frandsen, Michael	E
Bledsoe, Lynn	E	Cho, Timothy	E	Feagin, Debbie	E
Booth, Ben HR	E	Clark, Molly HR	P	Frease, Matthew	E
Borneman, Adam	P	Clayton, Susan	P	Genau, Joe	P
Brooks, Richard	P	Clendenin, Monty HR	E	Gilmer, Ron	E
Brown, Taylor, HR	E	Coker, Jeff HR	E	Goodlett James	E
Broyles, Vernon, HR	E	Covington, Frank, HR	E	Goodrich, Elizabeth	P
Bruchey, Wayne HR	E	Crutchfield, Bob HR	E	Grice, Kenneth HR	E
Burgess, Sid	P	Dantzler, Bill HR	E	Hanna, Richard	P

Harmon, Dawson, HR	E	McCormick, Mark	E	Scarborough, Leeann	P
Hawks, Richard, HR	E	McElrath, Pete HR	E	Sellers, Lou Ann	P
Hay, Robert	P	McElveen, William HR	E	Sharps, Conrad	P
		McLaughlin, Wayne, HR	P	Shelton, Jack HR	E
Hayes, Jeff	E	McKean, Mac HR	E	Seitz, Craig, HR	E
Hibbard, Norman HR	E	Moon, Hak Bae	E	Sims, Charles HR	P
Holmes, Wendy	E	Mullins, Bill HR	E	Slane, Joe	E
Homer, John HR	E	Mylalsingh, Emerson HR	E	Speaker, Cary	P
Hoop, Cathy	E	Nettles, Sam HR	E	Stanford, Jim, HR	E
Hurley, Ed	E	Newland, Terry	E	Stephens, Dan	P
Hurst, Clyde HR	E	Northen, Margaret HR	E	Stephens, Gerald HR	E
Im, Seong Cheog	E	O'Neill, Elizabeth	E	Taylor, Sherwood HR	E
Inman, Robert F. HR	E	Oh, Jyung, Ho	E	Thompson, Ben HR	E
Japhet, Catherine	E	Oliver, Catherine	E	Tice, Lisa	E
Jeong, Junmo	E	Owens, Michelle	E	Todd, Taylor	P
Jones, William, HR	P	Patton, Finley HR	E	Toppins, John HR	E
Kelso, Hugh, HR	E	Patton, Roger HR	E	Truesdell, Jim	P
Kesler, Randy	E	Penson, Gozie HR	E	Turner, Lucy	P
Kim, Sung-Woong	E	Porter, Mary HR	E	Vernon, Candasu	E
Kirstein, John, HR	P	Price, Sandra HR	E	Waters, Dana HR	E
Knox, Harold HR	E	Pyburn, Richard	E	Watson, Cody	P
Laack, Lee HR	E	Rains, Tom HR	E	Webster, Charles	E
Laney, Susan	E	Rankin, Kitty	E	Webster, J. Shannon	P
Love, Bill, HR	E	Reddick, Ross	P	Wells, Jim, HR	E
McCarter, Neil HR	P	Reed, Leanne	E	Wills, Bill, HR	E
McClendon, Bruce	E	Reed, Kathryn	E	Winter, Rachel	E
McClure, John	E	Reed, Nick	P	Winter, Tom HR	P
McClure, Peggy HR	E	Reid, Joe	E	Winton, Carlton, HR	E
McCollum, Sid	E	Rice, David	P	Yarboro, Jonathan	P

Commission Ruling Elders with Vote

Present (2) Excused (9)

Arellano, Ben	P	Jones, Rick	E
Bonner, Jeff	P	Roser, Don	E
Dodson, Beverly	E	Sausser, Bill	E
Eich, Sharon A.	E	Veasey, Lin	E
Harrison, John	E	Wood, George	E
Haynes, Ernie	E		

Elder Officers/Div. Moderators/Council Members w/Vote

Present (3) Excused (9)

Carmichael, Jane	E	Jenkins, Tyler	E
Clark, Coke	P	Jordan, Carolyn	E
Frennea, Rick	E	McPherson, Henry	E
Hamrick, Debbie	P	Park, Duke	E
Susan Haskell	P	Smith Leola	E
Hudson, Keener	E	Widell, Janet	E

Elders

Number in parenthesis by church name indicates the number of commissioners authorized. "NR" indicates that the church did not have elder representation. There are eighty-three churches in Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. Eighteen Commissioners were present.

Alexander City	First (1)	NR
Alexander City	Robinson Memorial (1)	NR
Annemanie	Arlington (1)	NR
Anniston	Church of the Covenant (1)	NR
Anniston	Church of the Good Shepherd (1)	NR
Anniston	First (1)	NR
Anniston	First United (1)	NR
Anniston	Korean(1)	NR
Auburn	First (2)	NR
		NR
Bessemer	First (1)	NR
Bessemer	Good Hope (1)	NR
Birmingham	Bold Springs (1)	NR
Birmingham	Bryan Memorial (1)	NR
Birmingham	Center Point (1)	NR
Birmingham	Chapel in the Pines (1)	Patricia Carr
Birmingham	Edgewood (1)	Frances Waller
Birmingham	Fairfield Highlands (1)	NR
Birmingham	First (1)	Mark Aldridge
Birmingham	First United of Forestdale (1)	NR
Birmingham	Five Mile (1)	NR
Birmingham	Independent (5)	Caryl Privett
		Robert Pless
		Frank Lassiter
		Lydia White
		Kennon Walthall
Birmingham	Korean (1)	NR
Birmingham	Mountain Brook (1)	NR
Birmingham	Oakmont (1)	Linda Burrowes
Birmingham	Riverchase (1)	NR
Birmingham	Second (1)	NR
Birmingham	Shades Valley (1)	Henry McPherson
Birmingham	South Highland (2)	Bill Stribling
		NR
Birmingham	Southminster (1)	Al Nebrig
Birmingham	Trinity (1)	NR
Birmingham	Westminster (1)	NR
Cuba	Cuba (1)	NR
Camden	New Trinity (1)	NR
Carbon Hill	First (1)	NR
Dadeville	First (1)	NR
Dadeville	Woods (1)	NR
Eufaula	First (1)	NR

Gardendale	Gardendale (1)	NR
Goodwater	First (1)	NR
Green Pond	Green Pond (1)	NR
Jacksonville	First (1)	NR
Lafayette	Lebanon (1)	NR
Leeds	First (1)	Jerry Partridge
Livingston	First (1)	NR
Livingston	Hadden (1)	NR
Magnolia	Rock Springs (1)	NR
Marion Junction	Marion Junction (1)	NR
Montevallo	Montevallo (1)	Jane Clayton
Montgomery	Immanuel (1)	NR
Montgomery	Korean (1)	NR
Montgomery	Memorial (1)	NR
Montgomery	Westminster (1)	NR
Moundville	Saint James (1)	NR
Northport	Bethel (1)	NR
Odenville	Odenville (1)	NR
Opelika	Korean	NR
Oxford	Dodson Memorial (1)	NR
Phenix City	First (1)	NR
Piedmont	First (1)	NR
Plantersville	Mount Pleasant (1)	NR
Reform	First (1)	NR
Selma	First (1)	NR
Selma	Harper Chapel (1)	NR
Selma	Northern Heights (1)	NR
Selma	Pisgah (1)	NR
Selma	Valley Creek (1)	NR
Springville	Springville (1)	NR
Sylacauga	First (1)	NR
Talladega	First (1)	NR
Troy	Williams Memorial (1)	NR
Trussville	Cahaba Springs (1)	Dixie Robinson
Tuscaloosa	Brown Memorial (1)	NR
Tuscaloosa	Covenant (1)	Lena Previtt
Tuscaloosa	First (3)	Rebecca Montgomery
		Claire Nichols
		NR
Tuscaloosa	Korean (1)	NR
Tuscaloosa	University (1)	NR
Tuskegee	First (1)	NR
Tuskegee	Ramsay Memorial (1)	NR
Tuskegee Institute	Westminster (1)	NR
Union Springs	Union Springs (1)	NR
Wetumpka	First (1)	NR

The attendees were warmly welcomed by the Rev. Sid Burgess, pastor of Edgewood Presbyterian and joined in singing together *Canticle of the Turning*. Thanks were offered to Amanda Klimko who provided musical accompaniment for the service today.

The WORD was proclaimed through reading from Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Colossians 3:1-11 by Caroline Underwood whose sermon was entitled *Heavenly Mystery*.

Those gathered concluded this portion of worship by singing together, *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*.

The Moderator yielded the floor to Leeann Scarborough, Moderator of COM, who presented Caroline Underwood for Ordination. The examination commenced with questions from both Ruling and Teaching Elders. Motion from Conrad Sharps* that the examination be sustained. The MOTION was approved.

A Service of Ordination will be Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 2:00pm at Independent Presbyterian Church. MOTION was approved.

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation and closed in prayer by Neil McCarter*.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Goodrich*
Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley

MINUTES

Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley
Synod of Living Waters
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Stated Meeting
NOVEMBER 21, 2013

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WILL

As the people of God, whenever we gather, we do so as the forgiven, redeemed, and called people to joyfully embrace and reverently discover God's will for us. Therefore, we intentionally construct our time together around practices unique to the church such as prayer, hymn singing and scripture reading.

We do so first of all because it is our very purpose. Secondly, as we draw closer to God through the thin space these practices of faith have created, we not only have greater spiritual wisdom to discern God's will, but the courage to act on the call of Christ as the whole people of God.

GOD CALLS US TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley of the Synod of Living Waters of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) met in the Stated Meeting on November 21, 2013, at Shades Valley Presbyterian Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Throughout these minutes, Teaching Elders are indicated by an asterisk (*).

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by Moderator Neil McCarter* who then offered the convening prayer. On advice of the Stated Clerk, a quorum was declared by the Moderator.

ORGANIZATION

Adoption of the Docket

The docket was adopted, as amended, by common consent.

Seating of Corresponding Members

Randy Calvo, Columbia Theological Seminary, Rev. Robert Edwards, Chicago Presbytery

Recognition of First-time Elders and Visitors

The Moderator recognized all first-time elders who were introduced to the body.

Teaching Elders

Ministers Present (54) Excused (66) Absent (11)

Abernathy, Barrett	P	Hanna, Richard	E	Patton, Finley HR	E
Acton, Ben	P	Harmon, Dawson, HR	P	Patton, Roger HR	E
Alexander, Frank HR	E	Hawks, Richard, HR	E	Penson, Gozie HR	E
Andreasen, Sam HR	E	Hay, Robert	P	Porter, Mary HR	P
Atkerson, Rick	E	Hayes, Jeff	E	Price, Sandra HR	E
Bang, Yo Chang	P	Hibbard, Norman HR	P	Pyburn, Richard	E
Bird, Shelaine	P	Holmes, Wendy	E	Rains, Tom HR	E
Bledsoe, Lynn	E	Homer, John HR	E	Rankin, Kitty	A
Booth, Ben HR	E	Hoop, Cathy	P	Reddick, Ross	P
Borneman, Adam	E	Hurley, Ed	P	Reed, Leanne	P
Brooks, Richard	E	Hurst, Clyce HR	E	Reed, Kathryn	P
Brown, Taylor, HR	E	Im, Seong Cheog	A	Reed, Nick	P
Broyles, Vernon, HR	E	Inman, Robert F. HR	E	Reid, Joseph	E
Bruchey, Wayne HR	E	Japhet, Catherine	A	Rice, David	P
Burgess, Sid	P	Jeong, Junmo	A	Scarborough, Leeann	P
Burton, Rebecca	E	Jones, William, HR	E	Sellers, Lou Ann	P
Carleton, Rhon HR	E	Kelso, Hugh, HR	E	Sharps, Conrad	P
Carter, Clyde HR	P	Kesler, Randy	E	Shelton, Jack HR	E
Casey, Lydia	P	Kim, Sung-Woong	P	Seitz, Craig, HR	E
Chandler, Doris	E	Kirstein, John, HR	E	Sims, Charles HR	P
Chaney, Patsy HR	P	Knox, Harold HR	E	Slane, Joe	P
Chinula, Donald	A	Laack, Lee HR	E	Speaker, Cary	P
Cho, Timothy	A	Laney, Susan	P	Stanford, Jim, HR	E
Clark, Molly HR	P	Love, Bill, HR	E	Stephens, Dan	P
Clayton, Susan	P	McCarter, Neil HR	P	Stephens, Gerald HR	E
Clendenin, Monty HR	E	McClendon, Bruce	P	Taylor, Sherwood HR	E
Coker, Jeff HR	E	McClure, John	A	Thompson, Ben HR	E
Covington, Frank, HR	E	McClure, Peggy HR	E	Tice, Lisa	E
Crutchfield, Bob HR	E	McCollum, Sid	P	Todd, Taylor	P
Dantzler, Bill HR	E	McCormick, Mark	P	Toppins, John HR	E
Davis, Becky	E	McElrath, Pete HR	E	Truesdell, Jim	P
Duke, Mickey HR	E	McElveen, William HR	E	Turner, Lucy	P
Durham, Charles	P	McLaughlin, Wayne, HR	E	Vernon, Candasu	E
Durham, Erica	E	McKean, Mac HR	E	Waters, Dana HR	P
Ephraim, James	A	Moon, Hak Bae	A	Watson, Cody	P
Epting, Bobbi	P	Mullins, Bill HR	E	Webster, Charles	P
Frandsen, Michael	A	Mylalsingh, Emerson HR	E	Webster, J. Shannon	P
Feagin, Debbie	P	Nettles, Sam HR	E	Wells, Jim, HR	E
Frease, Matthew	E	Newland, Terry	P	Wills, Bill	P
Genau, Joe	P	Northen, Margaret HR	E	Winter, Rachel	P
Gilmer, Ron	E	O'Neill, Elizabeth	P	Winter, Tom HR	P
Goodlett James	P	Oh, Jyung, Ho	A	Winton, Carlton, HR	E
Goodrich, Elizabeth	P	Oliver, Catherine	P	Yarboro, Jonathan	P
Grice, Kenneth HR	E	Owens, Michelle	E		

Commission Ruling Elders with Vote

Present (5) Excused (3) Absent (4)

Arellano, Ben	P	Jones, Rick	P
Bonner, Jeff	P	Roser, Don	A
Dodson, Beverly	E	Sausser, Bill	E
Eich, Sharon A. A		Veasey, Lin	P
Fast, Joe	E	Wood, George	P
Harrison, John	A		
Haynes, Ernie	A		

**Elder Officers/Div. Moderators/Council Members w/Vote
Present (12) Excused (0) Absent (0)**

Carmichael, Jane	P	Jenkins, Tyler	P
Clark, Coke	P	Jordan, Carolyn	P
Frennea, Rick	P	McPherson, Henry	P
Hamrick, Debbie	P	Park, Duke	P
Susan Haskell	P	Smith Leola	P
Hudson, Keener	P	Widell, Janet	P

Elders

Number in parenthesis by church name indicates the number of commissioners authorized. "NR" indicates that the church did not have elder representation. There are eighty-three churches in Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. Forty-Six Commissioners were present.

Alexander City	First (1)	Mary Lloyd White
Alexander City	Robinson Memorial (1)	NR
Annemanie	Arlington (1)	NR
Anniston	Church of the Covenant (1)	Nell Mathes
Anniston	Church of the Good Shepherd (1)	NR
Anniston	First (1)	Arthur Toole
Anniston	First United (1)	NR
Anniston	Korean (1)	NR
Auburn	First (2)	Jan Widell
		NR
Bessemer	First (1)	Barri Pratt
Bessemer	Good Hope (1)	NR
Birmingham	Bold Springs (1)	Jane Northcutt
Birmingham	Bryan Memorial (1)	NR
Birmingham	Center Point (1)	Libby McKean
Birmingham	Chapel in the Pines (1)	Benjamin Craig
Birmingham	Edgewood (1)	Ken Smith
Birmingham	Fairfield Highlands (1)	NR
Birmingham	First (1)	Mark Aldridge
Birmingham	First United of Forestdale (1)	NR
Birmingham	Five Mile (1)	Betty Smith
Birmingham	Independent (5)	Caryl Privett
		Robert Pless
		Frank Lassiter
		Susan Haskell
		Kennon Walthall
Birmingham	Korean (1)	NR
Birmingham	Mountain Brook (1)	Paulette Esco
Birmingham	Oakmont (1)	Judy Mann
Birmingham	Riverchase (1)	NR
Birmingham	Second (1)	Miriam Blackburn
Birmingham	Shades Valley (1)	Marilyn Isaminger
Birmingham	South Highland (2)	Bill Stribling
		NR
Birmingham	Southminster (1)	Nancy Stuenkel
Birmingham	Trinity (1)	NR
Birmingham	Westminster (1)	William Colvin
Cuba	Cuba (1)	NR
Camden	New Trinity (1)	NR
Carbon Hill	First (1)	Bill Williams

Dadeville	First (1)	Betty Litsey
Dadeville	Woods (1)	NR
Eufaula	First (1)	Zoe Powell
Gardendale	Gardendale (1)	NR
Goodwater	First (1)	NR
Green Pond	Green Pond (1)	NR
Jacksonville	First (1)	NR
Lafayette	Lebanon (1)	NR
Leeds	First (1)	NR
Livingston	First (1)	Janice Greenwood
Livingston	Hadden (1)	NR
Magnolia	Rock Springs (1)	NR
Marion Junction	Marion Junction (1)	NR
Montevallo	Montevallo (1)	Jane Clayton
Montgomery	Calvary	Leroy Shelby
Montgomery	Immanuel (1)	Kelly Moody
Montgomery	Korean (1)	NR
Montgomery	Memorial (1)	Jerry Sailors
Montgomery	Westminster (1)	NR
Moundville	Saint James (1)	NR
Northport	Bethel (1)	Horace Allen
Odenville	Odenville (1)	NR
Opelika	Korean	NR
Oxford	Dodson Memorial (1)	NR
Phenix City	First (1)	Thomas Peavy
Piedmont	First (1)	NR
Plantersville	Mount Pleasant (1)	NR
Reform	First (1)	NR
Selma	First (1)	Oscar Bostick
Selma	Northern Heights (1)	NR
Selma	Pisgah (1)	NR
Selma	Valley Creek (1)	NR
Springville	Springville (1)	NR
Sylacauga	First (1)	Dorothy Kelso
Talladega	First (1)	NR
Troy	Williams Memorial (1)	NR
Trussville	Cahaba Springs (1)	Debbie Hamrick
Tuscaloosa	Brown Memorial (1)	Evelyn Gunn
Tuscaloosa	Covenant (1)	Frank Deaver
Tuscaloosa	First (3)	Mark Byars
		Rebecca Pow
		Cal Holt
Tuscaloosa	Korean (1)	Eun Yu
Tuscaloosa	University (1)	Lena Prewitt
Tuskegee	First (1)	NR
Tuskegee	Ramsay Memorial (1)	NR
Tuskegee Institute	Westminster (1)	Thomas Graham
Union Springs	Union Springs (1)	Shirley Varner
Wetumpka	First (1)	Lyndon Thomas

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Neil McCarter* led the call to worship and prayed the opening prayer. After praise was offered through hymn, Susan Clayton* called us to confession and led the prayer of confession.

WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD

Dr. Deb Mullen, Dean of Academic Affairs at Columbia Theological Seminary, offered the Prayer for Illumination followed by the reading of God's word from the book of Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 15-21 followed by the sermon titled *To Pray No Less Boldly*.

Rev. Taylor Todd offered words of welcome to the assembly.

REPORT FROM THE TEMPORARY EXECUTIVE BOARD – Susan Clayton*

For Information:

At its stated meeting on August 15, 2013, the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley voted to suspend the Standing Rules related to the work of Presbytery Council and the Divisions of Presbytery and elected a Temporary Executive Board charged with five primary tasks:

1. To work through May 2014 to fulfill the roles of Council outlines in the Presbytery's Standing Rules;
2. To explore and implement new ways of fulfilling the duties of Council, Divisions and other entities of presbytery as outlined in the Presbytery's Standing Rules;
3. To recommend changes to the Presbytery's Standing Rules by the February 2014 Stated Presbytery meeting;
4. To make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding the hiring of outside consultant(s);
5. To make recommendations to the Presbytery regarding partnerships and the sharing of resources with other Presbyteries, and work with Nominating Committee to propose Presbytery leadership.

The members of the TEB are: The Rev. Susan Clayton, Moderator (Independent Presbyterian Church, Birmingham); Adrienne Royster Bell (Westminster Presbyterian Church, B'ham), Jane Carmichael (Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church, B'ham), Coke Clark (South Highland Presbyterian Church, B'ham), Rick Frennea (Edgewood Presbyterian Church, B'ham), Charles Nash (Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa), The Rev. Ross Reddick (First Presbyterian Church, Sylacauga), Emily Roberts (First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham), Lin Veasey (First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville); Cal Holt, (First Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa). Staff Advisors: The Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich (Stated Clerk), The Rev. Robert Hay (Associate Executive Presbyter for Nurture), The Rev. Dan Stephens (Associate Executive Presbyter for Missional Development)

The Temporary Executive Board (TEB) is meeting bi-weekly and at the time of this Presbytery meeting we will have met five times. We have spent time getting to know one another, and coming to an understanding of the scope of the work we have been elected to do. Our work up to this point has included two broad categories of activity: first, we have been undertaking the practical, administrative and logistical roles formerly played by Presbytery Council: setting dockets for Presbytery meeting; finding dates and locations for the 2014 Presbytery meetings; planning worship for presbytery meeting; receiving reports from the Committees and Commissions of Presbytery that are continuing to meet; receiving the 2014 Proposed Budget for Presbytery; second: we have been looking at the broader issues of how Presbytery functions, how our current structure assists or hampers our faithfulness, effectiveness and creativity as a presbytery and looking at other models available in other presbyteries; exploring issues related to the Standing Rules of Presbytery; discussing the current format and effectiveness of Presbytery meetings and how the format might need to change.

We have spent time looking at one model from another presbytery in particular. Los Ranchos Presbytery in California has been through a similar "re-visioning" process in their presbytery and have begun to implement some of the changes that have come out of what was for them a two-year process of study and discernment. These changes are summarized in written documents and videos broadly

entitled: "Flipping the Presbytery." If you have an interest in looking at what we have been exploring together, you can find information at the following link:

<http://www.losranchos.org/our-learning/the-odyssey-adventure/>

The Open Space format we will follow today is a modified and more structured example of one of the changes they have implemented at their presbytery meetings. We have intentionally structured this "open space" time in the November 21st meeting of Presbytery to get your feedback on a number of questions that are a part of our discernment process. The questions for the Open Space meetings are included in the packet. We ask each commissioner to choose the topic that is of most interest to you, find the room number assigned to that topic and go there at the appropriate time for discussion. The discussion in these Open Space forums will be led by members of the Temporary Executive Board. We pray you will be open and honest with us in your responses to the questions we have outlined for each group. The last few meetings of the Temporary Executive Board have been very productive and we feel a strong sense of the Holy Spirit's leading in our discussions and our time together as we seek to explore ways the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley can be a faithful, effective and passionate witness to Jesus Christ in Central Alabama and around the globe.

Our work will continue on a bi-weekly basis. We ask for your prayers for the TEB and our work. We will have recommendations for changes to the Standing Rules of Presbytery at its February meeting and our goal is still to finish the large part of our work by the May meeting as we have been charged to do.

For Action:

We recommend the adoption of the proposed budget for 2014 for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley as presented by the Chair of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer of the Presbytery. [This action was approved later in the meeting when presented by the Treasurer.]

The Meeting was temporarily suspended for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 1:00pm.

Commission on Ministry Report – Leeann Scarbrough*

The assembly celebrated the mission and ministry of Harper's Chapel Presbyterian Church that held its formal dedication on May 25, 1941, and is now dissolved. Mary Porter* and Cal Holt, both having served the members of this church in years past, spoke eloquently of the saints of Harper's Chapel.

Action taken to report to Presbytery

1. Received a sabbatical report from Randy Kesler.
2. Approved Ed Hurley, Nancy Washburn, Gayle Sandlin and Elizabeth Goodrich as a response/review team for Memorial, Montgomery
3. Approved Leeann Scarbrough, Nick Reed, Richard Brooks and Elizabeth Goodrich as a task force on closing churches.
4. Approved Lynn Gifford, Flint River Presbytery, to serve inside our bounds as Temporary Supply at First, Eufaula, with permission to moderate the session.
5. Approved Jeff Hayes' request to labor outside the bounds to serve as a transitional consultant to Gulf Breeze Church in Gulf Breeze, Florida.
6. Approved Matt Frease as a member at large while he is enrolled in graduate studies at Candler School of Theology.
7. Approved Catherine Oliver as Parish Associate of the Mountain Brook Church.
8. Approved George Wood as CRE for Marion Junction.
9. Approved Ben Arellano as CRE for Woods, Dadeville.
10. Approved the transfer of Horatio Quiroz to Grace Presbytery effective July 13, 2013.
11. Approved Jason Odom to moderate the session and officiate the sacraments at Leeds.

- 12. Approved Robert Edwards to preach at Westminster, Montgomery.
- 13. Sustained the ordination examination of Caroline Underwood and approved her ordination commission.
- 14. Approved the request to add Becky Mann to the supply preacher's list.
- 15. Approved the request of Marilyn Jackson, CRE, to serve communion at Five Mile October 6, 2013.
- 16. Approve Catherine Oliver as Transitional Pastor of Edgewood PC effective January 1, 2014-July 1, 2014.
- 17. Approved the ministry of candidate Leigh Ann Min as chaplain at Shelby Baptist Medical Center.
- 18. Approved Lin Veasey, Commissioned Ruling Elder, to celebrate communion at today's meeting.

Action Required

- 1. Commission Ruling Elder **George Wood** to Marion Junction. **APPROVED**
- 2. Commission Ruling Elder **Ben Arellano** to Woods, Dadeville. **APPROVED.**
Both George and Ben were commissioned to the above respective churches by the members of this presbytery. Each responded to the constitutional questions as asked by Moderator McCarter and the assembly agreed to support them in their ministries.
- 3. Approve retirement of Rev. **Sid Burgess**, effective December 31, 2013. **APPROVED.**
- 4. Approve retirement of Rev. **Sid McCollum**, effective January 16, 2014. **APPROVED.**
- 5. Approve retirement of Rev. **Richard Pyburn**, effective December 31, 2013. **APPROVED.**
- 6. Approve retirement of Rev. **Susan Laney**, effective, December 31, 2013. **APPROVED.**
- 7. First United Anniston has requested a waiver of rotating session members. **APPROVED.**

The retiring ministers were honored for the work they have done and for their service to God and to the congregations that they have served.

Dusti Deaver, longtime Christian Educator in this presbytery, was remembered by the assembly in words from Patti Winter. Dusti's husband, Frank, expressed his appreciation to the assembly.

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report – Susan Haskell

FOR INFORMATION:

INQUIRERS

Doug Barr
 Micah Dowling
 Kevin Henderson
 Lindsay Pruitt
 Alfred Rose
 Billy Thomas

CHURCH

South Highland, B'ham
 Cahaba Springs, Trussville
 Edgewood, B'ham
 Second, Birmingham
 First, Birmingham
 First, Wetumpka

INSTITUTION

not enrolled
 Columbia
 Austin
 Graduate
 Graduate (Union)
 Graduate (Louisville)

CANDIDATES

Zana Free
 Rebecca Mann
 Leigh Ann Min
 Lukata Mjumbe
 Marilyn Tucker

First, Birmingham
 Immanuel, Montgomery
 First, Birmingham
 Brown Memorial, Tuscaloosa
 First, Tuscaloosa

Graduate
 Graduate (Columbia)
 Graduate (Columbia)
 Graduate (Princeton)
 Columbia

FOR INFORMATION:

Alfred Rose has been enrolled as an Inquirer. Caroline Underwood was ordained at Independent Presbyterian on October 6.

FOR ACTION: Election of Robert Emerick, Edgewood, Ruling elder, reader, and Jeff Hayes, Teaching Elder, Member at Large, alternate, to 3 year terms beginning January, 2014 for reading ordination exams. The term for readers elected at the August meeting will begin January, 2014. To even the number of Teaching elders and Ruling elders Susan Haskell will be a reader, not an alternate. Neil McCarter will be an alternate, not a reader. **APPROVED.**

Nominating Committee Report – Dana Waters*

Commission On Ministry Leeann Scarbrough*, Moderator

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>
Sid Burgess*	1	
Becky Davis *	1	
Ed Hurley*	2	
Jane Clayton	2	First Presbyterian Church - Montevallo
Willie Peak	2	Westminster Presbyterian Church - Montgomery
Elder TBA	1	

Commission On Preparation For Ministry Kathy Wolf Reed*, Moderator

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>
Cary Speaker*	1	
Ree McIntosh	1	Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
<u>Class of 2016</u>		
Lydia Casey*	1	
Jim Truesdell*	2	
Bill Christians	2	Southminster Presbyterian Church
William Colvin	1	Westminster Presbyterian Church - Birmingham
Evelyn Painter	1	Shades Valley Presbyterian Church

Trustees

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>
Conrad Sharps*	2	
Ben Arellano	2	Memorial Presbyterian Church - Montgomery
Watt Jones	1	First Presbyterian Church - Wetumpka

Permanent Judicial Commission Bob Tate, Moderator

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>
Barrett Abernathy*	1	
Joe Slane*	1	
Peter Finley	1	Westminster Presbyterian Church - Birmingham

Committee on Representation

<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Church</u>
Debbie Feagin*	2	
Noah Foster (Youth)	2	Westminster Presbyterian Church - Montgomery
Leola Smith	2	Westminster Presbyterian Church – Birmingham

General Assembly Commissioners for 2014

Clergy:	Jeff Hayes*	
	Elizabeth O'Neill*	
Alternate Clergy:	Robert Hay*	
	Leanne Reed*	
Elders:	Eva Carter	Westminster Presbyterian Church – Birmingham
	Wynelle Pardue	Shades Valley Presbyterian Church
Alternate Elders:	George Miller	First Presbyterian Church - Tuscaloosa
	Brenda Toomey	First Presbyterian Church - Birmingham

The Nominating Committee recommends to Presbytery that Sarah Grace Tucker, South Highland Presbyterian Church, be elected as our Young Adult Advisory Delegate for the 2014 General Assembly, and that if for any reason she became unable to attend, Carter Habeeb, Southminster Presbyterian Church, become her replacement. **APPROVED.**

Additional Action:

The Nominating Committee recommends that the Rev. Lou Ann Sellers* be elected the Moderator-elect of Presbytery for 2014. **APPROVED.**

Nominating Committee recommendations from Moderator McCarter

Class of 2015

Jeff Bonner
Myra Joe Suttle

Class of 2016

James Goodlett
Russ Watson
Janet Widell

Committee on Representation Report – Leola Smith

No action items from COR, but the report was adopted as presented.

Omnibus Motion and Stated Clerk's Report – Elizabeth Goodrich*

- A. Approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2013 presbytery meeting.
- B. Approval of excuses received for today's meeting: Adam Borneman, Ron Gilmer, Dick Pyburn, Lisa Tice, Richard Hanna, Jeff Hayes, Beverly Dodson, Erica Durham, Becky Burton, Wendy Holmes, Michelle Owens, Matthew Frease, Vernon Broyles, Joe Reid, Candi Vernon, Rick Atkerson, Bill Sauser, Becky Davis, Doris Chandler, Joe Fast.
- C. To record the reading of Session minutes for: Bethel, First Bessemer, First-Dadeville, Grace, South Highland, First United Forestdale, First-Sylacauga, and First-Wetumpka.
- D. To record receipt of the following minutes: Commission to install Ben Acton (Southminster), Commission to install Cathy Hoop (University), and Commission to ordain Caroline Underwood (ordained at Independent and transferred to Chicago Presbytery).
- E. To record receipt of reports from the following Administrative Commissions: Cahaba Springs, Selma, and Westminster Montgomery.
- F. Approval of closing of Harper Chapel Church at their request on November 21, 2013. Commission appointed to handle details: Bev Dodson, George Wood, and Mary Porter. Trustees to handle disposition of property. Celebration of the ministry of Harper Chapel at November Presbytery meeting.
- G. Approval of the attached total Per Capita Budget for 2014 in the amount of \$32,369. (Increase due to net loss of 355 members) Appendix A
- H. Approval of the attached Report from the Presbytery Committee on Representation and its forwarding to Synod and the Office of the General Assembly as required.
- I. Approval of dates and locations for 2014 meetings of Presbytery: February 6- Cahaba Springs, May 8- Memorial Montgomery, August TBA, November 20- First Anniston.
- J. Living River board would like to report to Presbytery their decision to suspend the rotation off the board of Board Members who are in vital leadership positions and extend their terms for an additional three years until the completion of the Living River project. Rationale for this is that Living River is about to begin construction and for the continuity of the project key board members need to continue their service to complete this project. With that said, the Governance Committee of Living River will be looking for additional board members and would greatly appreciate receiving names of potential board members.

APPROVED

For Information:

- A. The Presbytery has received communication from the Presbyterian Mission Agency that we are one of 41 presbyteries recently honored for top giving levels. The Presbytery was recognized as one of the top ten presbyteries for per member giving to special appeals such as special collections to support disaster recovery.

- B. Per Capita amount for 2014 will be \$13.38. \$7.02 of this amount goes to General Assembly, \$3.62 to Synod of Living Waters, and \$2.74 (this includes \$1 to campus ministry) to Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.
- C. The following congregations have not paid any per capita in 2013: Arlington, Church of the Good Shepherd, Cuba, First Reform, First Tuskegee, Rock Springs, Saint James, and Williams Memorial. This cost the presbytery about \$3,000 in 2013.
- D. The following congregations did not submit Session minutes to be read by the Presbytery in 2013: Robinson Memorial, Arlington, Korean Anniston, Good Hope, Bryan Memorial, Chapel in the Pines, Eastminster, Fairfield Highlands, Mountain Brook, Oakmont, Trinity, New Trinity, Carbon Hill, Cuba, Woods, First Eufaula, Goodwater, Lebanon, Leeds, First Livingston, Hadden, Rock Springs, Marion Junction, Montevallo, Immanuel, Korean Montgomery, Saint James, Auburn Korean, Dodson Memorial, Korean Bham, First Phenix, First Piedmont, Mt. Pleasant, First Reform, First Selma, Northern Heights, Pisgah, Valley Creek, First Talladega, Williams Memorial, Brown Memorial, Covenant Tusc, First Tuscaloosa, Korean Tusc, University, First Tuskegee, Ramsay Memorial, and Union Springs.
- E. Reminder to Church Sessions and Treasurers that Medical dues increase 2% effective January 1, 2014, for a total of 35% BOP dues effective salary.
- F. The 2014 schedule for reading of minutes and training of Clerks of Session will be: Saturday, January 11 at the Presbytery Office; Sunday, February 9 in the Tuscaloosa area, location TBA; and August 16, Main Event at Independent.
- G. All annual requests from sessions for the continuation of any supply relationship must be received no later than Jan. 10, 2014.

General Assembly Notices:

- 1. At the last General Assembly, an overture was proposed that would require any overture to the GA have one additional presbytery concur with the overture. This was approved by the presbyteries. Therefore, if any entity is contemplating the submission of an overture to our presbytery, know that we will need to allow time for that overture to get a concurrence from another presbytery before the deadline (meaning it will need to also be approved by that presbytery before the deadline).
- 2. The deadline for overtures submitted to GA that deal with constitutional changes or interpretations to the Book of Order, is 120 days, or February 14, 2014. Therefore in relation to our calendar, overtures of this nature will need to come before our body at the February 6, 2014 meeting and will need to be sent to me by January 15.
- 3. The deadline for overtures submitted to GA that deal with all other matters, is 45 days, or April 30, 2014. Therefore, again in relation to our calendar, these overtures will also need to come before our body by the February 6, 2014 meeting as our next meeting on May 8 is after the deadline. They will need to be sent to me by January 15.

Living River – Keener Hudson

Keener reported on the large gift that has been received from a member of the now closed Avondale Church. Betty Wilson passed away in 2012 and left approximately 2.5 million dollars to Living River from her estate. Living River has now been awarded these funds. That along with the \$7 million dollars contributed already will allow for this project to move at a more rapid pace to make Living River a reality that will change lives for decades to come.

Finance Committee – Budget Report – Tyler Jenkins and Henry McPherson

A copy of the 2014 budget appears as Appendix B. The 2014 budget was **APPROVED**

It was advised by Jonathan Yarboro* that the Stated Clerk consider raising the per capita to perhaps \$20 as a means of raising funding in the future.

Trustees Report – Conrad Sharps*

For Information

Leyden Hill Chapel was formerly an extension of the Central Presbyterian Church in Anniston, AL. Since the dissolution of CPC this Chapel has been owned by the Presbytery. The congregation of this Chapel has asked to be annexed in to Anniston City limits. The Trustees of Presbytery has authorized this annexation.

For Action:

Harper Chapel is located outside of Selma, AL and has ceased to exist as a Presbyterian Church. Presbytery is in the process of its official closing and dissolution. The Trustees of Presbytery hereby ask for full authorization from Presbytery to Lease, Sell, or otherwise dispose of this property in the best possible manner, as determined by the Trustees. APPROVED

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The generous offering received will be divided equally between the Presbytery's discretionary fund and CPM for use by candidates.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The invitation to the Lord's Table was given by Ross Reddick* and Lin Veasey. Communion was observed by those gathered.

Presbytery adjourned by acclamation and closed with prayer at 2:55pm.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley will be February 6, 2014, at Cahaba Springs Presbyterian Church, Trussville, Alabama.

The Rev. Elizabeth Goodrich
Stated Clerk