

February 26, 2009  
Peace River Presbytery  
Stated Meeting  
Highlights



Peace River Presbytery was graciously hosted by **Trinity Presbyterian Church**, Venice. Elder Mary Lee Mann (First, Fort Myers) moderated the meeting.

Rev. Graham Hart, General Presbyter, led worship as he shared a meditation that focused on Jesus' prayer for his disciples then and now, that we may be one for the sake of God's mission to the world. Our oneness is not for our sake, but rather for the sake of the world that God so loves. When we are not one, our witness to the world is compromised and it becomes harder for the world to believe. All those gathered shared in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

As a preparation for voting on the Book of Order Amendments, the Theology and Worship Committee hosted a series of informational meetings particularly designed for the elder commissioners selected for this meeting.

After time of prayer, discernment, and discussion, the commissioners voted the following:

Amendment 08-A: Passed  
Amendment 08-B: Failed  
Amendment 08-C: Passed  
Amendment 08-D: Passed  
Amendment 08-E: Passed  
Amendment 08-F: Failed  
Amendment 08-G: Passed  
Amendment 08-H: Passed  
Amendment 08-I: Failed  
Amendment 08-J: Passed



Ecumenical Statement 08-K: Passed  
Ecumenical Statement 08-L: Passed  
Ecumenical Statement 08-M: Passed  
Ecumenical Statement 08-N: Passed

**REMINDER: Peace River Presbytery is one of 173 Presbyteries that are voting. It takes a majority to make the decision final.**

The Presbytery also approved a revision to the 2009 budget.

**Leadership and Congregational Development Committee** Chair Chris Adams promoted the upcoming **Main Event** to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers. Folks were urged to register as soon as possible since the deadline for guaranteed lunch is Friday, February 27.

**Nominations Committee** submitted the following and Presbytery approved:

**Commissioners to the Synod of South Atlantic:**

- Elder Bill Oehler (Vanderbilt, Naples) Class of 2011
- Rev. Maynard Pittendreigh (Chapel by the Sea, Fort Myers Beach) Class of 2011

**Board of Trustees:**

- Rev. Robert Bohl (HR/Naples) Class of 2009-1

**Committee on Ministry:**

- Ward Powers (Vanderbilt, Naples) Class of 2009-1
- Rev. Taylor Hill (HR/Bradenton) Class of 2010-1
- Rev. Wayne Blaser (First, Bradenton) Class of 2010-1
- Jon White (Vanderbilt, Naples) Class of 2011-1

**Mission and Justice:**

- DeAnne Sawyer (Covenant, Fort Myers) Class of 2011-1

**Theology and Worship:**

- Jim Smith (First, Sarasota) Class of 2009-1

**Presbyterian Homes and Housing:**

- Rev. Bob Hultz (HR/Sarasota) Class of 2011-1
- Rev. Robert Bohl (HR/Naples) Class of 2011-1.

In addition, the Presbytery approved Rev. Kathi Wiggins (Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota) as **Chair of Personnel** and Jim Elder (First, Bonita Springs) as **Vice Chair of Personnel**.

**Committee on Ministry** recommended the following and the Presbytery approved:

- **Rev. Lyn Olson** as Associate Pastor of Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, effective January 15, 2009 and her installation will take place on Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Rev. Steven Grant's** installation as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs on Sunday, April 19 at 3:00 pm

*Other actions by Committee on Ministry under authority granted:*

- Approved the transfer of Rev. Thomas Atkins to New Covenant Presbytery effective February 1, 2009
- Approved the transfer of Rev. Dennis Reid to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay effective February 1, 2009
- Approved the transfer of Rev. Larry Yerger to Pal Duro Presbytery effective March 29, 2009
- Granted permission for Rev. Julio Travieso, member of Presbytery of Tampa Bay, to labor within the bounds of Peace River from January 1, 2009 through December 15, 2009 as Temporary Supply Pastor Evangelist at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

**The next Presbytery meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at Pine Shores Presbyterian Church, Sarasota. The Rev. Hunter Farrell, Director of World Mission, PCUSA, will be our keynote speaker.**