



**Grace Presbytery Council**  
Wednesday, July 15, 2021  
Special Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Grace Presbytery Council was called to order with prayer by Presbytery Council Moderator **Rev. John Williams** at 9:00 a.m. on July 15, 2021. The Presbytery Council acted on behalf of Grace Presbytery in accordance with Standing Rule 1.4.9: “In the event of a natural disaster, a state of emergency, or other situation which would delay, postpone or cancel a meeting of the presbytery, the Presbytery Council is delegated the authority to act on behalf of Grace Presbytery.”

Electronic Meeting

The meeting was held electronically in accordance with Standing Rule 3.11, the General Assembly’s authoritative interpretation of F-3.0205 (*Minutes* of the General Assembly, 2004, Part I, page 329) and *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (page 482).

Quorum

The moderator declared a quorum was present in accordance with the *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* and the Standing Rules and Manual of Administrative Operations of Grace Presbytery.

Reports

Reports were received from the following: Committee on Ministry Moderator **Ruling Elder Cindy Miller**, Nominating Committee Moderator **Rev. Lisa Perkins**, Committee on Preparation for Ministry Moderator **Ruling Elder David Williams**, Budget and Finance Committee Moderator **Rev. Woody Meredith**.

**Motions from the Committee on Ministry**

1. *Grace Presbytery Council approved the Honorable Retirement of Rev. Charles Schneider effective May 1, 2021. [7/15/21]*
2. *Grace Presbytery Council received the resignation of Rev. Mark Brainerd (Dallas, Preston Hollow) and elected Ruling Elder Joanna Belford (McKinney, Trinity) as Moderator of the*

*Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Allen and Corinth Presbyterian Church, Parker.* An opportunity for nominations from the floor was afforded prior to the election. [7/15/21]

**Motions from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

1. *Grace Presbytery Council sustained the examination of Inquirer Adrian White (Dallas, Preston Hollow) and enrolled Adrian White as a candidate under care of Grace Presbytery effective July 15, 2021.* [7/15/21]

**Motions from the Budget and Finance Committee**

1. *That Grace Presbytery Council approve the following actions taken by the Budget and Finance Committee in accordance with the authority delegated by the Manual of Administrative Operations and receive the items of information:* [6/30/21]
  - A. Discussed various ways of assisting smaller congregations in addressing and expanding the effectiveness and use of electronic media. The committee sees the immediate need as one of gathering information from the congregations as to their interest in providing such a ministry. The committee also discussed the possible development of a support group that would share ideas as well as contacts dealing with the hardware and software needed. The committee also addressed the Presbytery's ability to provide grants to those congregations that would like to move forward with such a ministry.
  - B. Received and discussed an Investment Policy Statement for Grace Presbytery that was drafted, edited, and presented by Presbytery Treasurer Trey Angel. After some minor changes, the Statement was approved and sent to the Board of Trustees of Grace Presbytery for their review and approval.
  - C. Received an overview of the recommended budget process for Grace Presbytery from Director of Finances Vicki Roberts which included discussion concerning establishing a timeline for reviewing current expenditures of the committees of Grace Presbytery as well as receiving budget requests for the coming year.

Information from the Budget and Finance Committee

- A. The following were present at the June 29, 2021 committee meeting: Rev. Woody Meredith (Moderator), Ruling Elder Enoch Azu, Ruling Elder Mark Edwards, Rev. Elizabeth Lockhart, Ruling Elder Beth Martini, Ruling Elder John Walters, Ruling Elder Lynn Ward, Ruling Elder Georgianna Williams. Included in the meeting were Staff Liaisons Rev. Dr. Steve Shive, Interim General Presbyter, Vicki Roberts, Director of Finance. Also, in attendance were Presbytery Treasurer Trey Angel, Ruling Elder Brian Parker, and M. E. Clary, Director of Communication.
- B. The meeting was opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Woody Meredith and closed with prayer by Rev. Steve Shive, Interim General Presbyter.

## Motions from the Nominating Committee

1. *Grace Presbytery Council elected the following individuals to fill unexpired and new terms.* Note: An opportunity for nominations from the floor was afforded prior to the election. [7/15/21]

### Abbreviations:

A = African	F = Female	N = North Region
AA = African American	H = Hispanic/Latino	RE = Ruling Elder
AS = Asian	K = Korean	S = South Region
C = Caucasian	L = Laity	TE = Teaching Elder (Minister of Word and Sacrament)
D = Deacon	M = Male	W = West Region
E = East Region	ME = Middle Eastern	

Class	Role	Name	Church or Ministry	Gender	Racial Ethnic	Region
<b>Committee on Ministry</b>						
2021	TE	Kendal Land	First, Longview	M	C	E
<b>Permanent Judicial Commission</b>						
2021	RE	Phyllis Kidwell	First, Athens	F	C	E
2021	TE	Polly Williams	First, Terrell	F	C	E
<b>Presbytery Council</b>						
2021	RE	Lazara Abernathy	Gethsemane, Fort Worth	F	H	W
<b>Children and Youth Ministry Committee</b>						
2022	L	Lexi Duhon	Trinity, Denton	F	C	W
2024	TE	David Judd	St. Andrew, Longview	M	C	E
2024	L	Brayden Rigoulot	United, Cleburne	F	C	E
2024	L	Joana J. Ovalle Yraheta	Iglesia Emmanuel, Farmers Branch	F	H	N
2024	L	Anvi Deivanayagam	Central, Waco	F	ME	S
2024	L	Emry Deivanayagam	Central, Waco	F	ME	S

### Information from the Presbytery Council

1. Attendance at the July 15, 2021 Presbytery Council special meeting held via electronic means: Class of 2021: **Ruling Elder Wendell Black** (Arlington, Grace), **Rev. Jennifer Mitchell** (Corsicana, Westminster), Class of 2022: **Ruling Elder Kathy Jones** (Dallas, NorthPark), Class of 2023: **Rev. Thomas Lamb** (Temple, Grace), **Ruling Elder Beth Peak Thompson** (Denton, Trinity), **Rev. Larry Spencer** (Honorably Retired), Moderators of Presbytery Committees: **Ruling Elder Cindy Miller** (Corsicana, Westminster and Committee on Ministry), **Rev. Alissa Conner** (Hurst, St. Philip and Church Development Committee), **Rev. Woody Meredith** (Athens, First and Budget and Finance Committee), **Ruling Elder Brian Parker** (Irving, Woodhaven and Congregational Support Committee), **Rev. Andy Odom** (Richardson, Canyon Creek and

Personnel Committee), Ex-Officio with Vote: Council Moderator **Rev. John Williams** (Sherman, Austin College), Former Moderator of Presbytery Council **Ruling Elder Phyllis Kidwell** (Athens, First), Ex-Officio without Vote: Vice Moderator of Presbytery **Ruling Elder Mike Jones** (Dallas, NorthPark), Interim General Presbyter **Rev. Steve Shive**, Stated Clerk **Rev. Gerry Tyer** (Honorably Retired), Staff: **Joanna Kim** (Director of Ministry Services), **Vicki Roberts** (Director of Finance), **M.E. Clary** (Director of Communication), Guests: Moderator of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry **Ruling Elder David Williams** (Southlake, Trinity), Inquirer **Adrian White** (Dallas, Preston Hollow), Excused: Presbytery Treasurer **Trey Angel** (Dallas, NorthPark), **Ruling Elder Denyse Rodgers** (Waco, Central), **Rev. Lisa Juica Perkins** (Sherman, Covenant and Nominating Committee), Moderator of Presbytery **Rev. Lisa Patterson** (Denton, St. Andrew), **Rev. Perryn Rice** (Dallas, Lake Highlands).

- A. The meeting was opened with prayer by **Rev. John Williams**. The meeting was closed with prayer by **Ruling Elder Phyllis Kidwell**.

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These minutes are submitted by **Rev. Dr. Gerald L. Tyer**, Stated Clerk of Grace Presbytery and **Rev. Lisa Patterson**, Moderator of Grace Presbytery.



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Stated Clerk of Grace Presbytery



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Moderator of Grace Presbytery