

Minutes of the Special (Called) Meeting
(Corrected)
Mission Presbytery, April 26, 2010

The April 26, 2010 Special (Called) Meeting of Mission Presbytery at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Austin, Texas, was called to order at 11:05 A.M. by the Moderator, Rev. Rob Mueller. The body convened with prayer and worship led by the Moderator.

The Stated Clerk, who issued the call for the special meeting in the absence of the Moderator, explained the criteria for a special meeting and noted that the requisite two Ministers, Nancy Reeves and Dick Powell, and the requisite two Elders, not of the same congregation, Madelyn Mitchell, UPC, Austin and Dawn Walters, FPC, Smithville, did in fact, on behalf of the Committee on Ministry request the special meeting. The Stated Clerk declared the meeting in order, and declared a quorum. No corresponding members were seated or present.

The stated purpose of the special meeting “shall be to act on the Committee on Ministry’s request that an Administrative Commission be appointed for the Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis, Austin, Texas, and that the commission be given the full authority and guidance provided by the Book of Order, G-9.0504b(3) and G-9;0505. The commission shall have the authority to exercise original jurisdiction over any or all matters necessary to discover and resolve the difficulties within the session and congregation and, shall have the power to dissolve, if it deems necessary, the current pastoral relationship.”

No other business is appropriate for the Special Meeting.

At the request of the Moderator, the Stated Clerk explained the provision for Administrative Commissions as outlined in the Book of Order and explained the various powers that might be given to the Administrative Commission and answered general questions from the body.

Rev. Nancy Reeves, representing the Committee on Ministry, placed the motion before the body.

Committee on Ministry’s moved that an Administrative Commission be appointed for the Presbyterian Church of Lake Travis, Austin, Texas, and that the commission be given the full authority and guidance provided by the Book of Order, G-9.0504b(3) and G-9;0505. The commission shall have the authority to exercise original jurisdiction over any or all matters necessary to discover and resolve the difficulties within the session and congregation and, shall have the power to dissolve, if it deems necessary, the current pastoral relationship.

As maker of the motion, Nancy addressed the activities leading up to the request for the special meeting. Their work included work teams, hearings, mentors, and various consultations with the Pastor, Ellis Oglesby, session and church members beginning as early as 2008.

The Rev. Patricia Holland moved to amend the main motion. After lengthy discussion, the question was called. Motion to call the question passed. The moderator put the amendment to a vote and the amendment failed. The main motion was again put before the body.

A second motion to amend was presented and seconded. After discussion, the amendment was voted upon with a division of the house. Motion failed, 49-49.

The main motion was put before the body and passed with no negative votes.

The Administrative Commission having been approved, the Moderator announced the appointment of the following to the commission: Rev. Larry Coulter, Chair, Rev. Jeanie Stanley, Rev. Elizabeth Pang, Elder Linda Tyler, Westminster, Austin, Elder Wally Warrenburg, Westlake Hills, Austin, Elder Don Dameron, Round Rock, Round Rock, Elder Jean Avera, Dripping Springs Presbyterian Church, Dripping Springs.

The Stated Clerk reported the attendance: Ministers – 49; -- Elders Commissioners – 46; CLP – 1 (Elder); Staff with vote – 2; Division/Committee Chairs – 3 (Elders). Total voting members: 101.

Visitors 26, non-voting staff 1.

There being no other business, the Moderator called for and received a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed. The moderator closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Miles White
Stated Clerk
Mission Presbytery