



STATED ASSEMBLY DOCKET

- 9:00 Admission and Enrollment Opens**
- All attendees must wear the nametag given to them at registration (color-coded for voting purposes).
- 9:30 Welcome and Opening Prayer - - - - Moderator Deborah Sadriwalla**
- Welcome Guests and seating of Corresponding Members
- 9:45 Vibrant Presbytery - - - - - GP/SC Daris Bultena**
- Return to In-Person meeting and how to seek recognition.
 - Voting options at an in-person assembly:
 - At the discretion of the moderator.
 - May be done through Poll-Everywhere: pollEv.com/tflorida992
 - Report of the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk
 - Quorum and Adoption of the Docket - - - - - p. 4
 - Consent Motion - - - - - p. 3
 - Records Review 2025 - - - - - pp. 5, 11-15
 - Statistical Reporting: 100%
 - Parity Report - - - - - p. 16
 - Rev. Dana Waters – Presbyterian Foundation
 - Grace Remedial Action - - - - - pp. 17-18
 - Presbytery Assemblies 2025
- 10:00 Vibrant Leaders**
- Report of the Leadership Council - - - - - **Rev. Danny Morales**
 - Living Faith Community / New Church Development (NCD)
 - Report of the Administrative Commission for Grace - - - - - **Rev. Paul Bayerl**
 - Grace Legal Action to secure the property
 - Committee on Preparation for Ministry - - - - - **Rev. Dr. David Massey**
 - Ms. Mona Petersen, Certified Christian Educator
 - Statement of Faith - - - - - p. 19
- 10:20 Vibrant Together - - - - - GP/SC Daris Bultena**
- Spiritual Identity
 - Discussion in Conversations
 - Sharing and Resourcing
- 11:15 Vibrant Witness – Closing Worship - - - - - The Presbytery Gathered Around the Word**
- Offering – Pentecost [DONATE NOW](#) - - - - - p. 20
- 11:28 New Business - - - - - Moderator Deborah Sadriwalla**
- 11:30 Adjournment - - - - - Moderator Deborah Sadriwalla**



THE BUSINESS OF THE PRESBYTERY

GROUND RULES FOR PRESBYTERY MEETINGS:

- The Consent Motion contains all administrative motions thought to be non-controversial. Any voting person may ask to have any item pulled for separate discussion and vote during New Business.
- The Report and Information sections are for information only and will not be presented on the floor.
- All new business must be in writing and presented to the Stated Clerk 24 hours prior to the convening of the Presbytery Assembly by emailing dbultena@vibrantpresbytery.org.
- Any person addressing the Presbytery must first be recognized by the moderator.
- A person wishing to speak to a motion cannot speak a second time until others who wish to speak have spoken the first time.
- Speakers during floor debate will be limited to three minutes.

**The Presbytery of Tropical Florida
engages, equips, and encourages
Vibrant Christ-centered communities
to build relationships, have spiritual depth, and be missional.
Through leadership development, disciple making,
vital worship, reconciliation, and clarity of identity,
we are Vibrant Together.**



CONSENT MOTION

Recommendations of the Stated Clerk:

1. THAT the Parity Report in the Appendix [p. 16] used to enroll commissioners to this Presbytery Assembly along with any subsequent Presbytery Assemblies prior to May 2026 be adopted in keeping with the Manual of Operations and the Constitution.
2. THAT the Decision and Order of the Synod of South Atlantic PJC in the Challenge to Preliminary Ruling and Stay of Enforcement in the Remedial Action (2024-02) of Marisa S. Leach, Complainant vs. Presbytery of Tropical Florida be entered into the minutes of this Assembly. [Appendix pp. 17-18]

Recommendations of the Committee on Nominations and Representation:

3. THAT the following nominees be elected:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Member | RE-Rick Gow (First PC, Pompano Beach) Region 2, 2027

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

- Member | RE-Jane Colarossi (Gardens PC) Region 1, 2030

----- *End of Consent Motion* -----



MOTIONS

Recommendations of the Stated Clerk:

3. **THAT the docket be approved as presented.**
4. **THAT the Consent Motion be adopted.**

Recommendations of the Leadership Council:

5. **THAT the Presbytery, on May 17, 2025, officially celebrate and enroll Living Faith Community Church of Port St. Lucie, a Union Congregation of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida and the Synod of Florida and the Bahamas of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as a congregation.**

[It is noted that the Leadership Council has found the Union Congregation Document in order and has signed the agreement in keeping with the standards and practices for a union congregation as a venture between denominations in Covenant Communion with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).]

Recommendation of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

6. **THAT Ms. Mona Petersen (First PC, Fort Lauderdale), having completed all educational requirements, be examined and enrolled as a Certified Christian Educator. [Appendix p. 19]**

----- *End of Motions* -----



REPORTS

Report of the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk:

- That during 2025, the Session Records Review of 2024 minutes and materials is being conducted by the following method: Send the Stated Clerk a digital copy of your minutes along with the completed Session Minute Review Checklist [See Appendix, pp. 11-12] and the Session Minutes Review Form [See Appendix, pp. 13-15]. Once your minutes have been reviewed you will receive an acknowledgement sheet that can be inserted into your Session Minute book. The records review will be conducted by Presbytery representatives, so please remit your digitized records, and completed checklist and reviewer forms. Scanned PDF copies of all documents are preferred (not photographed pages).
- Those churches having completed their 2025 records review of 2024 minutes are: Central PC, First PC-Fort Lauderdale, First PC-Stuart, First Spanish PC, and First PC-Tequesta.

SESSIONS ARE REMINDED THAT SUBMITTING RECORDS FOR REVIEW IS A CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENT. ALL SESSIONS MUST COMPLETE THE 2025 RECORDS REVIEW.

- Statistical Reporting is complete and YES, we did it again this year with 100% reporting for the 6th year in a row!! Way to go session clerks!
- Presbytery Assembly Dates for the remainder of 2025 are August 23, and November 8. The August 23rd assembly will be in-person only. The Leadership Council will determine the format for the November 8th Presbytery Assembly.

Report of the Leadership Council:

- APPROVED the Leadership Council minutes for February 10, 2025, and March 26, 2025.
- APPROVED the Presbytery Assembly minutes for February 15, 2025.
- APPROVED to hold the May 17, 2025, Presbytery Assembly in-person at First PC, Fort Lauderdale.
- APPROVED to hold the August 23, 2025, Presbytery Assembly in-person.
- APPROVED the Living Faith Community Church Union Congregation agreement between the ELCA Synod of Florida and the Bahamas and the Presbytery of Tropical Florida.
- RECEIVED the Statement of Financial Position, dated February 28, 2025, pending audit.
- RECEIVED the Statement of Financial Activities, dated February 28, 2025, pending audit.
- RECEIVED a report of the Commissioners to the Synod of South Atlantic Assembly and the members of Leadership Council invited to attend the "Journey Event" held at Epworth-by-the-Sea. It was noted by the attendees that we are growing our capacity by building relationships, having spiritual depth, and being missional while other presbyteries seem focused on down-sizing.
- APPROVED to accept the HRC Covenant of Closure for out-going staff members.
- APPROVED to reconsider the HRC Covenant of Closure for out-going staff members and to refer it back to HRC for more clarity.



- APPROVED to send the Covenant of Closure for outgoing staff members back to HRC for more clarity.
- APPROVED that the Leadership Council seek to contract with an ecclesiastical attorney and constitution expert for constitutional advise in formulating an overture that addresses bullying and habitual bad acting in PCUSA councils of the Church.

Report of the Leadership Council Acting as the Presbytery Board of Trustees:

- APPROVED the lease between Sunset Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and *Iglesia Pentecostes Antorcha Encendida*, a not-for-profit corporation, dated January 31, 2025, for 12 months starting on February 1, 2025, and ending on January 31, 2026, with the condition that the clause on signs [17.19], be struck.
- APPROVED the lease amendment between First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach, FL, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and Sea Turtle Adventures, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, dated April 1, 2023, and amended March 1, 2025. The lease expires March 31, 2026.
- APPROVED the lease between New Covenant Presbyterian Church and The Smile Trust, a not-for-profit corporation, dated the August 1, 2023, for 24 months starting on August 15, 2023, and ending on August 14, 2025.
- APPROVED the fence agreement between First Presbyterian Church of Tequesta and their neighbor that the fence maybe re-erected, in keeping with a legal license that states that the fence must be moved to the property line prior to the neighbor transferring the property, and that the Presbytery sign the license.
- APPROVED the amendment to the lease renewal between Sunset Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and New Life Charter Academies, a not-for-profit corporation, commencing on July 1, 2025, if the way be clear.
- APPROVED the terms of union between the Presbytery of Tropical Florida and the ELCA Synod of Florida and the Bahamas that a corporation might be formed for the union congregation of Living Faith Community Church, Port St. Lucie.

Report of the Leadership Council Acting as Board of Directors of the Vibrant Together Development Corporation:

- APPROVED the Vibrant Together Development Corporation 2025 Proposed Budget as presented.

Report of the Committee on Ministry:

- APPROVED the COM minutes of February 6, 2025, March 6, 2025, and April 3, 2025, as presented.
- RECEIVED the updated Regional Charts as information for March 6, 2025, April 3, 2025, as presented.
- RECEIVED the updated 2025 Assembly Attendance report as information.
- RECEIVED Rev. Dr. Jennifer Stroud's annual report for First PC, West Palm Beach.



- APPROVED the proposed retirement schedule for the Rev. Dr. David Massey.
- APPROVED the proposal that Plantation PC be permitted to call a Pastor for a Designated Term in lieu of a Transitional Pastor as a modified “Tequesta Plan.”
- APPROVED the proposal that Pinecrest PC be permitted to call a Pastor for a Designated Term in lieu of a Transitional Pastor as a modified “Tequesta Plan.”
- APPROVED to allow Candidate Michael Mahan to preach at First Miami PC up to three times for the remainder of 2025, if the way be clear.
- APPROVED that the Rev. Dr. Ben Sorensen be withdrawn from the Pulpit Supply List as requested.
- APPROVED the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) for Living Faith Community of Port St. Lucie, if the way be clear.
- APPROVED the 2025 Mission Study for First PC, Fort Lauderdale.
- APPROVED the revised 2025 Pulpit Supply List be received for distribution.

Report of the Committee on Ministry Acting as the Presbytery:

- APPROVED that an Administrative Review Team be established by the COM and that the team consist of TE Greg Rapier (First Delray Beach), TE-Tim Roberts/RE-Rick Gow (First, Pompano Beach), RE-Ken Sloan (First, Tequesta), RE-Debi Davis (First-Fort Lauderdale), RE-Deborah Sadriwalla (Community LBTS), and RE-Jane Logan (Peace Stuart), if the way be clear.
- APPROVED that Rev. Danny Morales be appointed the moderator at All Nations PC beginning in April.
- APPROVED the revised Terms of Call between Peace Covenant PC and the Rev. Dr. Victoria Isaacs, as Co-Pastor of a two-year designated term, expiring January 27, 2026.
- APPROVED the revised Terms of Call between Peace Covenant PC and the Rev. Dr. Robert Ward, as Co-Pastor of a two-year designated term, expiring January 27, 2026.
- APPROVED the Terms of Covenant between Sunrise PC and the Rev. Yosneis Fleitas as Transitional Pastor, expiring Mar 31, 2026, if the way be clear.
- APPROVED the Terms of Covenant COLA revision between First PC, Boynton Beach and the Rev. Amalie Ash, as Temporary Supply Pastor, expiring December 31, 2025.
- APPROVED the Terms of Covenant extension between First PC, Port St. Lucie and the Rev. Dee Grachek, as Transitional Pastor, expiring March 31, 2026.
- APPROVED the Terms of Covenant extension between Community PC, Deerfield Beach and the Rev. Dr. Albert Bush, Jr., as Temporary Supply Pastor, expiring December 31, 2025.
- APPROVED that the Rev. Dr. David Massey be allowed to moderate the Sunset PC session during the sabbatical of Rev. Dr. Brice Rogers, starting June-September.
- APPROVED the Terms of Covenant extension between Miami Shores PC and the Rev. Kim Robles, as Transitional Pastor, expiring June 30, 2026.



- APPROVED that the Rev. Danny Morales be permitted to serve Miami Shores Community UCC church as part-time bridge pastor for up to 20-hours per week beginning May 4, 2025, if the way becomes clear.
- APPROVED the Moderators for churches without installed pastors and those with special circumstances:

NORTH

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|-----------------------------|---|
| ○ Faith PC, Palm Springs | Paul Bayerl (Administrative Commission) |
| ○ First PC, Boynton Beach | Amalie Ash (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ First PC, Lake Worth | Paul Bayerl (Administrative Commission) |
| ○ First PC, Port St. Lucie | David Grachek (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ First PC, West Palm Beach | Jennifer Stroud (Bridge Pastor) |
| ○ Goodwill PC, Ft. Pierce | Ronald Evans (Temporary Supply) |
| ○ Grace PC, Lantana | Paul Bayerl (Administrative Commission) |
| ○ Peace PC, Port Salerno | Lonnie Darnell (Transitional Pastor) |

CENTRAL

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| ○ Ascension Peace PC, Lauderhill | Dwayne Black Jr. (Moderator) |
| ○ Community PC, Deerfield Beach | Geoff McLean (Moderator) |
| ○ Community LBTS | Geoff McLean (Moderator) |
| ○ Glades PC, Boca Raton | Geoff McLean (Moderator) |
| ○ Sanctuary PC, Fort Lauderdale | Dwayne Black Jr. (Moderator) |
| ○ Sunset PC, Fort Lauderdale | David Massey (Moderator during sabbatical) |

SOUTH

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| ○ All Nations PC, N. Miami Beach | Danny Morales (Moderator) |
| ○ First Miami PC, Miami | David Grachek (Administrative Commission) |
| ○ First Spanish, Miami | Angel Ortiz (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ Miami Shores PC, Miami Shores | Kim Robles (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ New Covenant PC, Miami | Danny Morales (Temporary Supply) |
| ○ Peace Covenant PC, Key West | Victoria Isaacs/Robert Ward (Moderators) |
| ○ Pinecrest PC, Miami | Daris Bultena (Moderator) |
| ○ Riviera PC, Miami | Melanie Marsh (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ Sunrise PC, Miami | Yosneis Fleitas (Transitional Pastor) |
| ○ Trinity PC, Key West | Victoria Isaacs/Robert Ward (Moderators) |

Report of the Committee on Nominations and Committee on Representation:

- APPROVED the October 21, 2024, CON COR minutes be approved as presented.
- APPROVED the January 13, 2025, CON COR minutes be approved as presented.
- RECOMMENDS that Jane Colarossi (RE-Gardens) be elected to the PJC Class of 2030.
- RECOMMENDS that Rick Gow (RE-First Pompano Beach) be elected to the Committee on Ministry, Region 2, Class of 2027.



Report of the Financial Management Committee:

- APPROVED the Financial Management Committee minutes for March 24, 2025.
- APPROVED to recommend to Leadership Council the lease between Sunset Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and *Iglesia Pentecostes Antorcha Encendida*, a not-for-profit corporation, dated January 31, 2025, for 12 months starting on February 1, 2025, and ending on January 31, 2026, and further that the clause on signs [17.19], be struck.
- APPROVED to recommend to Leadership Council the lease amendment between the Trustees of First Presbyterian Church of Boynton Beach, FL, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and Sea Turtle Adventures, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, dated April 1, 2023, and amended March 1, 2025. The lease expires March 31, 2026.
- APPROVED to recommend to Leadership Council the lease agreement between First PC, Tequesta and their neighbor for the new fence, with written approval to include a codicil that when the property is sold the fence will be removed, if the way be clear.
- APPROVED to recommend to Leadership Council the amended lease agreement between Sunset PC, the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, and the New Life Charter Academies, a not-for-profit corporation, commencing on July 1, 2025, if the way be clear.

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

- APPROVED the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting of the committee.
- APPROVED recommending Mona Petersen (First PC, Fort Lauderdale) to be examined by the Presbytery that she might be enrolled as a Certified Christian Educator, having completed all the educational requirements.

Report of the Coral Gables Fund Committee:

- APPROVED the minutes of 2024 meetings of the committee.
- RECEIVED the investment report from the Lacy Group of Merrill Lynch.
- APPROVED the 2025 draw for Vibrancy Grants.

----- *End of Reports* -----



INFORMATION

From the Planning Team for Today's Assembly:

We will be using Mutual Invitation during the breakout discussion portion of the meeting.

The Principles of Mutual Invitation:

- Speakers will limit their response to one (1) minute or less.
- The first person to share will be the person whose first name begins with "A" or is closest to "A" in the alphabet.
- After that person has spoken, he or she then invites another to share. Whoever you invite does not need to be the person next to you.
- After the next person has spoken, that person is given the privilege to invite another to share.
- If you have something to say but are not ready yet, say "pass for now," and then invite someone else to share. You will be invited again later.
- If you don't want to say anything, simply say "pass" and proceed to invite another to share.
- We will do this until everyone has been invited.
- All are invited to listen but not to respond to someone's sharing immediately (no cross talk is permitted).
- After everyone has shared, that is the appropriate time for clarifying questions or comments.
- Each group will need to observe self-regulation to achieve the principles of Mutual Invitation.

Each group should select a recorder to take notes, and someone who will report back to the Presbytery Assembly. Send your notes to Sandra@vibrantpresbytery.org.



PRESBYTERY OF TROPICAL FLORIDA
SESSION MINUTE REVIEW CHECK LIST

*** Clerk of Session put a stickie in the minute book noting this item for quick reference.

Church Name: _____ Year (of minutes to review): _____

NEEDS TO HAPPEN AT EACH MEETING

- Date, Time, Place, Moderator's name is clear at beginning of each set of minutes
- Attendees, Excused, and Absent Names are recorded.
- Others present are noted and duration of their stay.
- The presence of a quorum is noted.
- Meetings are opened with prayer.
- Meetings are closed with prayer.
- Motions are clearly defined, and the action recorded (passed, referred, tabled)

***** YEARLY ITEMS**

- Statement of composition of session and how it corresponds to composition of the congregation (G10.0301) at least annually
- Meetings of session are at least quarterly
- Record of training of elected officers by session
- Record of examination of elected officers by session
- Record of election of clerk of session and length of term
- Record of annual election of treasurer by the session
- Record of full financial review annually
- Record of approving the curriculum used in education programs
- Selection of members of the nominating committee by the congregation in an amount greater than the 2 elders from the session and a possible deacon
- Annual review of the adequacy of the pastor(s) compensation by the congregation



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***** AS NEEDED**

- Record of commissioner to presbytery reports
- Record of review of work of organizations in the church
- Record of setting the times of worship and the celebration of the Sacraments
- Record of calling congregational meetings with sufficient notice (G-1.0502)
- Minutes of the congregational meetings

ROLLS AND REGISTER

- Baptized members roll
- Active members roll
- Inactive members roll
- Affiliate members roll
- Roll of elders with dates of ordination, terms of service
- Roll of deacons with dates of ordinations, terms of service
- *** Can the rolls be easily reconciled with the minutes that record an action concerning a member.

_____ Approved _____ Approved with Exception _____ Not Approved

Reviewer's Name: _____ Date: _____



PRESBYTERY OF TROPICAL FLORIDA
SESSION MINUTE REVIEW FORM

Church Name: _____ Year (of minutes to review): _____

The spirit of this form is to try and capture what this presbytery feels is essential to include in a church's minutes in order to ensure transparency and good order.

Section I:

1. Each congregation is to maintain the membership rolls (active, affiliate, baptized), deaths, pastors, elders, deacons (if applicable). This register of the rolls of the church was updated on (date): _____.

2. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on (date): _____.

At this meeting, the following transpired:

- a. Review Terms of Call for pastor - - - - YES or NO
- b. Elected members of the Nominating Committee - - YES or NO
- c. Elected new elders and deacons (if applicable) - - YES or NO

If the election of the Nominating Committee or new elders did not occur at the annual meeting, please indicate below when this occurred (date):

_____.

3. New officers were examined by the Session on (date): _____.

4. New officers were ordained/installed during worship on (date): _____.

5. The Session established the annual budget on (date): _____ (Please attach a copy of the budget in your minutes.)

6. The Session elected the treasurer on (date): _____ for a term of: _____.

7. The Session elected the Clerk of Session on (date): _____ for a term of: _____.

8. The church had a financial review (G-3.0113) with the findings reported to the session on (date): _____.

9. The Annual Statistical Report has been attached to the minutes at the end of the calendar year. YES or NO

Section II:

Please take an average month and check if the following information has been recorded in the session minutes. (month looked at: _____)



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|--|---|---|---|---|-----|----|----|
| 1. The meeting was opened and closed with prayer. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 2. Date, hour and place of the meeting was recorded. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 3. Name of the moderator is given. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 4. A quorum was declared. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 5. Names of those absent and excused were listed. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 6. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 7. All action items are recorded. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |
| 8. Clerk and the Minister has signed the minutes. | - | - | - | - | YES | or | NO |

Section III:

The following items should be contained in the minutes if applicable:

1. The Session has authorized baptisms on (date): _____.
2. The Session has authorized the observance of the Lord’s Supper on (dates):
_____.
3. The Session received new members (dates):
_____.
 - a. By letter of transfer on (dates):
_____.
 - b. By reaffirmation of faith on (dates):
_____.
 - c. By adult baptism on (dates):
_____.
4. The minutes contain a detailed financial report within the year. YES or NO
5. The Session took a candidate under care on (date): _____.

Section IV:

Congregational Meetings may contain the following information. Please indicate if appropriate:

1. A new pastoral relationship was established on (date): _____.
2. A pastoral relationship was dissolved on (date): _____.
3. Any matters relating to property issues such as purchase, lease, sale, were discussed and voted on (dates):
_____.

Section V:

The annual meeting of the corporation was held on (date): _____.
(This meeting can be the same as the annual meeting of the congregation.)



Section VI:

The Presbytery of Tropical Florida mandated in 2014 that session minutes be signed by both the Clerk of Session (the person taking and presenting the minutes for session approval) and the Moderator (the person who moderated the meeting) after the subsequent session meeting has approved the previous session's minutes. During the annual inspection of the churches' minutes and record books, the Stated Clerk shall note the presence or absence of both signatures on approved session minutes.

Minutes – final minutes shall be kept on acid-free paper, bound in a permanent form, numbered so that material may not be inserted at a later time. Unused spaces shall be marked through with the phrase: "Intentionally left blank". Temporary minutes may be kept in a loose-leaf form, but the signed, final form shall be the permanent record.

1. Has Per Capita been paid? - - - - - YES or NO
If not, why not? _____.
2. Are there any loans from the Presbytery? - - - - YES or NO
Are they current? _____.
3. Has/have your Pastor(s) completed the Presbytery Boundaries Training? YES or NO
4. Has/have the Session/Trustees reviewed the adequacy of the church's insurance program? YES
or NO
5. Has any change in Terms of Call been filed with the COM? - - YES or NO
_____ Check if the church has re-done their by-laws
_____ Check if your church needs help with the re-writing of by-laws

Because each church determines the quorums for sessions and congregations, it would be advisable in the beginning of your minutes for a calendar year, to state: the quorum for a session meeting is _____ people/percentage of the session.

The quorum for a congregational meeting is _____ percentage of active members.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REVIEWER:

Items to be worked on for next year's review:

The minutes of _____.

Church were reviewed and approved as: - - - **WITHOUT exception** **WITH exception**

Reviewer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PTF Representative's Signature: _____ Date: _____



PRESBYTERY OF TROPICAL FLORIDA
Parity Report 2025-2026

Pursuant to the Presbytery By-Laws (5-5), representation by congregations at Presbytery meetings shall be determined in the following manner:

One ruling elder commissioner for each teaching elder in an installed or temporary pastoral position (no Parish Associates are included in this representation); **plus:**

- Churches with less than 100 members: 1 additional elder commissioner
- Churches with 101 to 300 members: 2 additional elder commissioners
- Churches with 301 to 500 members: 3 additional elder commissioners
- For each additional 500 members: 3 + 1 additional elder commissioner not to exceed 7.

The number of active members shall be determined by the last completed Annual Statistical report of the General Assembly. **Therefore, the congregations of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida may send the following number of ruling elder commissioners from the second meeting of 2025 through the first meeting of 2026:**

| CHURCH | MEMBERS | MINISTERS | COMMISSIONERS |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| All Nations PC | 35 | 1 | 2 |
| Ascension Peace PC | 85 | 1 | 2 |
| Central PC | 151 | 1 | 3 |
| (The) Community Church | 53 | 0 | 1 |
| Community PC | 58 | 1 | 2 |
| El Cordero PC | 27 | 1 | 2 |
| First Miami PC | 209 | 1 | 3* |
| First PC, Boynton Beach | 58 | 1 | 2 |
| First PC, Delray Beach | 865 | 2 | 6 |
| First PC, Ft. Lauderdale | 773 | 1 | 5 |
| First PC, Hollywood | 69 | 1 | 2 |
| First PC, Lake Worth | 11 | 0 | 1* |
| First PC, Pompano Beach | 312 | 1 | 4 |
| First PC, Port St. Lucie | 93 | 1 | 2 |
| First PC, Stuart | 55 | 1 | 2 |
| First PC, Tequesta | 195 | 1 | 3 |
| First PC, West Palm Bch | 39 | 1 | 2 |
| First Spanish PC | 64 | 1 | 2 |
| Gardens PC | 76 | 1 | 2 |
| Glades PC | 33 | 0 | 1 |
| Goodwill PC | 17 | 1 | 2 |
| Hobe Sound Community | 73 | 1 | 2 |
| Korean PC, Miami | 318 | 1 | 4 |
| Korean PC, Palm Beach | 62 | 1 | 2 |
| Lakeside PC | 119 | 1 | 3 |
| Miami Shores, PC | 147 | 1 | 3 |
| Myrtle Grove PC | 58 | 1 | 2 |
| New Covenant PC | 53 | 1 | 2 |
| New Life PC | 77 | 1 | 2 |
| Palms West PC | 152 | 1 | 3 |
| Peace PC | 144 | 1 | 3 |
| Peace Covenant PC | 77 | 2 | 3 |
| Pinecrest PC | 61 | 0 | 1 |
| Plantation PC | 113 | 1 | 3 |
| Riviera PC | 73 | 1 | 2 |
| (The) Sanctuary Church | 58 | 1 | 2 |
| Sunrise PC | 44 | 1 | 2 |
| Sunset PC | 61 | 1 | 2* |
| Trinity PC | 19 | 0 | 1 |

*Administrative
Commission

ELDER-BY-VIRTUE-OFFICE

As PTF Committee Chairs and Leadership Council Members, the following are continuing members of the Presbytery by Virtue of Office, serving the presbytery in a particular role.

Nancy Fine

Finance Management Chair

Debi Davis

Leadership Council

Barbara Hassall

Leadership Council

Deborah Sadriwalla

Leadership Council

These elders should not be included in their church's Commissioner allotment.



2024-02
Marisa S. Leach, Complainant
v.
Presbytery of Tropical Florida

Challenge to Preliminary Ruling and Stay of Enforcement

A hearing on the challenge in the above-mentioned complaint was held this 24th day of February 2025 with 10 of 13 members of the Synod of South Atlantic Permanent Judicial Commission present.

Decision

The Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the South Atlantic has very particular responsibilities and available courses of action. We are required to assume that all information presented in the complaint is factual, and we have done so. We assume no ill will by either party. The complaint suggests a long and difficult process fraught with miscommunication and misunderstanding. There were many opportunities along the way to request intervention by the Presbytery staff or Synod if necessary. If a remedial action was to be undertaken, the election of the Administrative Commission was the appropriate time to do so.

Likewise, there were opportunities for the presbytery to act in more pastoral ways.

The closing of a church is always very painful, and for some, deemed unnecessary. Likewise, the merger of small churches is difficult and not always possible. The PJC is not unaware of these realities, nor are we indifferent to the feelings communicated in the filing. We cannot, however, act beyond the bounds of the Book of Order in responding to those difficulties and feelings. We therefore affirm the previous decision of the officers of the Synod PJC and dismiss the case.

Joanne Sizoo
Joanne Sizoo (Feb 24, 2025 17:22 EST)
Rev. Joanne Sizoo,
SPJC Moderator

Stuart Mauney
Stuart Mauney (Feb 24, 2025 17:25 EST)
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SPJC Clerk











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Statement of Faith

I believe that Scripture is the inspired word of God, presenting the Bible as a testament to God's love and power while guiding my way of life. Recognizing that the Bible includes different accounts of the same events allows me to experience the story through various perspectives, leading to a more well-rounded understanding. I believe God is our world's creator, all-knowing and omnipresent. I believe in the Holy Trinity: God as three persons in one—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—each representing a unique aspect of the unified divine nature. I view life as a journey of spiritual growth, where we grapple with the challenges of our human existence while aspiring towards greater spiritual alignment, which can provide meaning and direction. I believe that Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary, ministered to thousands, and performed miracles demonstrating God's power and love. He was tortured and crucified, only to rise again after three days. Jesus continues to be the ultimate symbol of love, whom we strive to emulate. Through the Holy Spirit, my faith empowers me to share my God-given gifts freely and abundantly with my neighbors. Endowed with the gifts of teaching and high emotional intelligence, I feel equipped to joyfully and respectfully promote Christian education with honesty and humility to those who wish to learn more about God.

My personal statement of faith and theological approach to Christian education has significantly influenced my educational design, particularly in fostering self-esteem, addressing emotions, and living a spiritual life through authentic communication and actions.



**"I will
pour out
my spirit
on every kind
of people"**

- Acts 2:17, The Message



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