

*The mission of the Presbytery of St. Augustine is to support our faith community, so that together we are a greater witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## **MEETING AGENDA**

### **Presbytery of St. Augustine**

Stephen Crowley, Moderator

October 1, 2024

9:30 AM (In-Person Only)

### **8:30 Welcome and Fellowship**

Coffee Reception

Registration

Visit Display Tables (Volunteer Management Team, Presbyterian Social Ministries, Westminster St. Augustine, Montgomery Center)

New Commissioner orientation with the Stated Clerk (gather at 9:15 in front of sanctuary)

### **9:30 Call to Order and Opening Worship**

Morning Message- Suzie Cornelio, CRE Candidate, Palatka First PC

The Lord's Supper

Offering- Interface Youth Program of Palatka

### **10:30 Opening Agenda**

Moderator's Greetings- Steve Crowley (5 min.)

Greetings from Palatka FPC- Cliff Lyda (5 min.)

Stated Clerk's Report:

Declaration of Quorum

Approval of Agenda

Appointment of Tellers

Welcome to First Time Commissioners and Guests

Welcome and approval of Corresponding Members

Report from the Lead Presbyter - David Rollins (5 minutes)

Greetings from International Peacemaker - Zoughbi Zoughbi (5 minutes)

Report from the Generosity Team - Hunter Camp (5 minutes)

Report from the Presbytery Disaster Commission - Walk Jones (5 minutes)

Consent Agenda:

Approval of the results of the 2023 Session minute reviews

Approval of Synod of South Atlantic Plan for Election

Call Commission- Joy Laughridge (25 minutes)

Introduction of new Ministers (15 minutes)

Jessica Means, Bob Scott, John David Bryant, Ruth Ragovin and Suzanne Brooks-Cope

Celebration of Ordination Anniversaries (5 minutes)

Update from the CRE Ministry Team (5 minutes) - Cliff Lyda

NOTE: A Q&A session about CRE opportunities will be held after this meeting.

Coordinating Council - Susan Rose

Administration (Communication and Training, Finance and Personnel) - Suzi Lemen (10 minutes)

Financial Report/Asking Budget for 2025

Presbytery Support Committee - (5 minutes) Barbara Darby

**Motion: the Coordinating Council recommends that the Presbytery of St. Augustine authorize the formation of an Administrative Commission pursuant to G-3.0109(b)(5) to visit with the Branford Presbyterian Church, which has been reported to be affected by disorder, to inquire into and settle the difficulties therein, with the specific ability to assume original jurisdiction upon investigation, notice and opportunity for the membership to be heard. This Administrative Commission shall be composed of five members to be appointed by the Moderator of the Coordinating Council, the Moderator of Presbytery and the Lead Presbyter, and additionally tasked with visioning future opportunities at Branford.**

Current Ministries - Jessi Higginbotham

Montgomery Center - Rebekah Rodgers (10 minutes)

Volunteer Management - Beth Touchton (5 minutes)

Election of Proposed Slate of Volunteers

Mission and Leadership Development - Steve Crowley (5 minutes)

Youth Team - Triennium Update (Vickie Bossout)

New Business

Presentation of Presbytery Policy additions/deletions/modifications  
(see Omnibus Motion)

Special Presentation: Awarding of Youth Retention Grants

Speak-out Time\*

Adjourn

**12:30 Fellowship Lunch (Order of the Day)**

**1:30 Continuation of Action Agenda (if necessary)**

**Reminders:**

1. All new business must be in the hands of the Stated Clerk in writing (with copies for all commissioners) no later than 9:00 a.m. of the day of the meeting.

2. All in-person speakers must come to the microphone, wait to be recognized, and address all comments to the Moderator.
3. In debate, each speaker will have no more than two minutes to speak, and no speaker will be allowed to speak more than once until all others wishing to speak have done so. The Moderator will recognize speakers alternating pro and con as much as possible.
4. While speaking, do not read out loud what is already distributed to the commissioners.

NOTE: This meeting also serves as a meeting of St. Augustine Presbytery, Inc. and Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center, Inc.

*\*Speak-out Time is open to ministers and commissioners who would like to share about glimpses of grace or expressions of gratitude in the community of the Presbytery of St. Augustine. Speakout Time is limited to one-minute per person.*

**NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2025, at Montgomery Center**