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**PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
MINUTES OF CALLED MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2024**

The Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee met via Zoom on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Stated Clerk Mary Catherine Sevier provided Zoom tips. Moderator Elinor Foster called the meeting to order at 9:02 am and opened with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA/DECLARATION OF QUORUM / STATEMENT OF
PROCEDURES / FIRST TIME
COMMISSIONERS / CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Moderator Foster declared a quorum was present. The Presbytery's Mission and Operations Manual provides that a called meeting may be held providing the Administrative Committee has called it by submitting the call in writing to the Stated Clerk and the call has gone out 7 days before the meeting. The quorum for called meetings is 12 Teaching Elders and 12 Ruling Elders from different churches. Should a question arise concerning the enrollment of any person, the presbytery may resolve the matter upon the recommendation of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Corresponding members were seated without objection and are listed with the roll (Attachment A).

AGENDA

The Moderator stated that the only item of business which can be properly considered today is the offer to buy land which formerly held the New Hope Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN. This item of business was stated in the call.

OFFER TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

The Moderator recognized Evelyn Graham, Chair of Finance to provide history and context to the property and the offer in question. The Rev. Graham did so, and recognized the Rev. Chris Adams to bring the specifics of the offer to the commissioners. The Rev. Adams did so.

The Rev. Graham stated the following motion:

A motion is brought from the Finance Committee and endorsed by the Administrative Committee to accept the offer of Lifestream Church to purchase the property of the former New Hope Presbyterian Church for \$405,000. This sale will close on January 24, 2024, or such reasonable time as both parties agree should unforeseen events cause the closing to be delayed.

There was no discussion, and the motion was unanimously approved. The Rev. John Hilley asked for clarification as to how the funds would be distributed. The Rev. Graham noted that because of the uncertainty of costs related to the transition process of calling a new Executive Presbyter, the Finance Committee with the concurrence of the Administrative Committee will put the funds temporarily in the general operating fund.

A motion was made to adjourn. The Moderator called for a second; there was no discussion, and the motion was approved. The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am.

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Teaching Elders

_P_Adams, Chris
 _E_Anderson, David
 _P_Anderson, Rosanna
 _E_Angel, Erin Howton
 _E_Angel, Jonathan
 _E_Arnold, Judith
 _E_Bagley, Tom
 _E_Barger, Bill
 _E_Berry, Claire
 _P_Berger, Will
 _E_Bradley, Michael
 _E_Bray, Linda
 _P_Bryan, Mark S.
 _E_Bryant, William T.
 _E_Burgener, John "Bo"
 _E_Caldwell, Elizabeth
 _E_Canon, Amelia
 _E_Carrell, Len
 _E_Casner, Paul
 _E_Catoe, Lee
 _E_Cejka, III, Joseph
 _E_Cheetham, John T.
 _E_Cheifetz, Laura M.
 _E_Chukimania, Teddy
 _E_Coates, Coleman Lewis
 _E_Cox, Meredith
 _E_Crawford, John
 _E_Crumpler, David
 _E_Danner, Charles
 _P_Davis, Michael
 _E_DeVries, Adam
 _E_DeVries, Mark
 _P_Drake, Donovan
 _E_Durnell, Warner R.
 _E_Early, Kim Maphis
 _E_Early, Robert
 _P_Edington, Sherard
 _E_Eisenmenger, David
 _E_Fraser, Carrie
 _E_Gasser, Anna D.
 _E_Gay, Andy
 _E_Gerber, David

_E_Gilliam, Elizabeth
 _E_Gilliss, Martha Schull
 _P_Glover, Gregory
 _E_Glover, Leslie
 _E_Gordon, Stuart
 _P_Graham, M. Evelyn
 _P_Griffith, Guy D.
 _E_Gung, Justin
 _P_Gunter, Keith
 _E_Hamman, Jaco
 _E_Handlson, Pat
 _E_Harding, Bobby
 _E_Harkness, David
 _E_Harrell, James E.
 _E_Hassall, Harry S.
 _E_Hermann, Lisa C.
 _P_Herring, Jane
 _E_Hill, Austin
 _E_Hill, Ellen
 _E_Hill, Sara
 _P_Hilley, John R.
 _P_Hinkle, Jr., John
 _E_Hodgson, Peter
 _E_Hoehst, Jeanne'
 _E_Horn, John
 _P_Hudnut-Beumler, Heidi
 _E_Hudnut-Beumler, James
 _P_Hughes, Sally
 _E_Huie, Scott
 _E_Hunter, Jeannie
 _E_Jarvis, Jennifer
 _E_Johnson, Charles N.
 _E Joiner, Christopher A.
 _E_Jones, Todd B.
 _E_Kane, Jeff
 _E_Kang, Se Bong
 _E_Kang, Shin
 _E_Kaufman, John E.
 _E_Kelly, Gary
 _E_Kidd, David
 _E_Klein, Candice
 _E_Kneff, Sarah Bird
 _E_Knight, Carole

January 11, 2024 Stated Meeting Roll

P_Kramer, Claire Harris
 _E_Lancaster, Jimmie
 _E_Larson, John
 _E_Leftwich, Phil
 _E_Lewis, John
 _E_Lipsey, McCurdy
 _E_Logan, Gail
 _P_Magee, Michael J.
 _P_McCaw, Beth
 _E_McClure, Annie
 _E_McCormack, Robert E.
 _E_McCullough, John
 _E_McKinsey, Sally Ann
 _E_McLaughlin, Michael D.
 _P_McVey, Bruce
 _E_Moffatt, III, Charles L.
 _E_Montgomery, Robert
 _E_Moore, Ryan
 _P_Moran, James A.
 _E_Mueller, Mark
 _E_Muse, Perry
 _E_Musgrave, John
 _E_Musick, Steve
 _E_Nally, Sara
 _E_Neil, Richard
 _E_Newsom, Ernest B.
 _E_Nichols, James A.
 _E_Nickell, Kay Pickens
 _P_Nyhuis, Jule
 _E_Orfield, Rachel Thompson
 _E_Paddon, Richard
 _E_Padget, Donald
 _E_Page, Fred
 _E_Paterik, Roy
 _E_Patton, Tom
 _E_Pentecost, Mike
 _E_Picard, John Paul
 _E_Ramirez, Lilia M.
 _E_Randleman, Sandra
 _E_Rector, Stacy
 _E_Richardson, W. W.
 _E_Ritchie, Jeff
 _E_Ritchie, Megan

_E_Rodriguez, Josh
 _E_Rogers-Vaughn, Annette
 _E_Rouquie, Richard
 _P_Salyer, Carson
 _P_Salyer, Janet
 _P_Sasser, Zach
 _E_Sawyer, David
 _E_Schultz, Harris
 _E_Schwartz, Cindy
 _E_Shaw, Mary Sellers
 _E_Skelly, John J., III
 _E_Smathers, Mike
 _E_Smith, Jimmy D.
 _E_Smith, John A.
 _E_Smith, Shane
 _P_Smith, Shawn Thomas
 _E_Soderquist, Ann
 _E_Stauffer, Aaron
 _P_Stoker, Amy B.
 _E_Tate, Carol
 _E_Tennyson, Walt
 _E_Thomas, C. S. (Steve) III
 _P_Thomas, Ray
 _P_Thompson, C.J.
 _E_Thompson, Marjorie
 _E_Todd, John
 _E_Traylor, Leslie
 _E_Tuck, Janet
 _E_Tyndall, Thomas B.
 _E_Vasquez-Paredes, Gustavo
 _E_Venable, III, Sid
 _E_Wallace, Morgan
 _E>Weingartner, Robert J.
 _E_Wellman, Will
 E_White, Adrian
 _E_White, Jack
 _E_White, Linda
 _E_Wilson, Amos L.
 _E_Yang, Sunggu
 _E_Yates, Stephen
 _E_Zeigler, Richard

A – Absent

I - Inactive

P - Present

E – Excused

Ruling Elder Commissioners

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Alexandria, Liberty Hill	
Allardt, First	
Alpine, Christ	
Ardmore, Bethany	
Belfast	
Bethpage, Oak Grove	
Brentwood, Brentwood First	
East	1.
	2.
Harpeth	1.
	2.
Buffalo Valley	
Clarksville, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Macedonia	
Columbia, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Westminster	
Cookeville, Double Springs	
First	1.
	2.
Post Oak	
Cowan, Fellowship	
Crossville, Calvary	1.
	2.
Culleoka, Central	
Decherd	
Dickson, First	
Pond	
Fairfield Glade, Westminster	1. Donnie Harris
Fayetteville, First	1. Carol Foster
	2.
St. John	
Franklin, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Historic	1.
	2.
Gallatin, First	1.
	2.
Sudanese	
Hendersonville, First	1. Dianne Swan
	2.
New Creation	
Hermitage	1.
	2.
Lawrenceburg, First	
Lebanon, First	1.
	2.
Spring Creek	

Church

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Lewisburg, Bethberei	
First	1.
	2.
Lynnville, First	
Manchester, First	
McMinnville, First	
Milton, Hopewell	
Mt. Pleasant, First	
Murfreesboro, First	1.
	2.
	3.
Northminster	
Nashville, Bellevue	1.
	2.
Donelson	1.
	2.
Downtown	1.
	2.
Eastminster	1. Connie Hamblen
	2.
Emmanuel	
First	1.
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
	7.
Glen Leven	1.
	2.
Glenclyff	
Hillsboro	1.
	2.
Hillwood	1.
	2.
Korean	1.
	2.
Priest Lake	Dave Nock
Second	1. Nancy Morris
	2.
Southminster	
St. Andrews	1.
	2.
Trinity	1. Jacqueline Elbert
	2.
Westminster	1. Virginia Reynolds
	2.
	3.
	4.
	5.
	6.
Woodland	
Normandy	

<u>Church</u>	<u>Represented By</u>
Old Hickory Petersburg, First Pulaski, Brick Church First	1. 2.
Readyville, Cripple Creek Shelbyville, First	1. 2.
Smyrna, First	1. Connie Dahlgren 2.
Sparta, Blue Spring Hickory Valley Robinson Chapel Spring Hill, First Springfield, First	1. 2.
Milldale Thompson Station, Bethesda Tullahoma, First	1. Alan Harris 2.
Watertown, First Waverly, Ellis Grove	

Commissioned Ruling Elders

Leonard Jordan, St. Andrews; Anne Keener, First Franklin;

Ruling Elders, Voice and Vote:

Mary Catherine Sevier, Stated Clerk; Administrative Committee: Elinor Foster, FPC Lewisburg; Chris Williams, FPC Pulaski; Finance Committee: Anders Hall, Westminster; Hal Sauer, FPC Nashville; Melinda Sanders, Woodland

Moderator within five years of office: Cristi Scott Ligon,

Corresponding Members, Voice, without Vote: none

Visitors: none

Unable to place: Frank Reeves