

144th Stated Meeting of the
Presbytery of South Louisiana
Tuesday, February 18, 2020



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Sisters and Brothers in Christ—

On behalf of the session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Hammond, I am glad to invite and welcome you to the 143rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana here in the place we call home.

First Presbyterian Church traces its history back to 1887 when First Congregational Church was founded on a site two blocks north of our current property. In 1909, the Presbyterian Church of Hammond was formed. The two churches merged in 1916 and worshipped on a site one block south and east of our current location. That merger continued until 1948 when the Federated Church outgrew their building and sought to build a new one. With neither denomination wishing to give a loan to a Federated congregation and few Congregationalists left, the church voted to become First Presbyterian Church and proceeded to build our current sanctuary where we look forward to welcoming you on February 18 or any other occasion.

Housing Ministry has been an important part of this congregation's mission over the years. Members of First Presbyterian founded the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity (now the Fuller Center for Housing) and the Westminster Apartments located three blocks south of the sanctuary. We continued that ministry by working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to repair homes that were flooded in the March & August floods of 2016. When the PDA volunteers stopped coming, we put that passion and our newly renovated facilities to work again by partnering with Family Promise to provide temporary housing for homeless families.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Southeastern Louisiana University is also an important part of the mission of this congregation. Every Tuesday, students gather for Bible study and a meal with the Rev. Daniel Vanek. Last year Daniel and his wife, Haley, moved out of the campus ministry house because the house had grown too small for them after adopting two wonderful boys! Over the last six months they helped us develop a new model of ministry to provide affordable housing to students. Instead of paying rent, the students contribute towards the cost of utilities and then covenant to volunteer 15 hours a month at local ministries, become active in a faith community, and meet weekly with Rev. Vanek for Spiritual Formation. We began this model with the spring 2020 semester and we are excited to see it fully implemented. We still have room in the home so if there is a student from your congregation who is going to Southeastern and is interested in participating, please let us know.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Rev. Barry W. Chance

Directions from Baton Rouge/Lafayette and Other Points West:

Travel on I-12 East and take Exit 40 at U.S. 51 – you'll see Hammond Square Mall (Target, Best Buy, Dillard's, etc.) to your left. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Southwest Railroad Avenue. At the next traffic circle, take the 1st exit and stay on Southwest Railroad Avenue. Travel approximately 1.7 miles and turn left onto West Thomas Street. Turn right at the 4th cross street (N. Spruce). Take a right and travel one block. The church will be on your right.

Directions from New Orleans/Metairie Area:

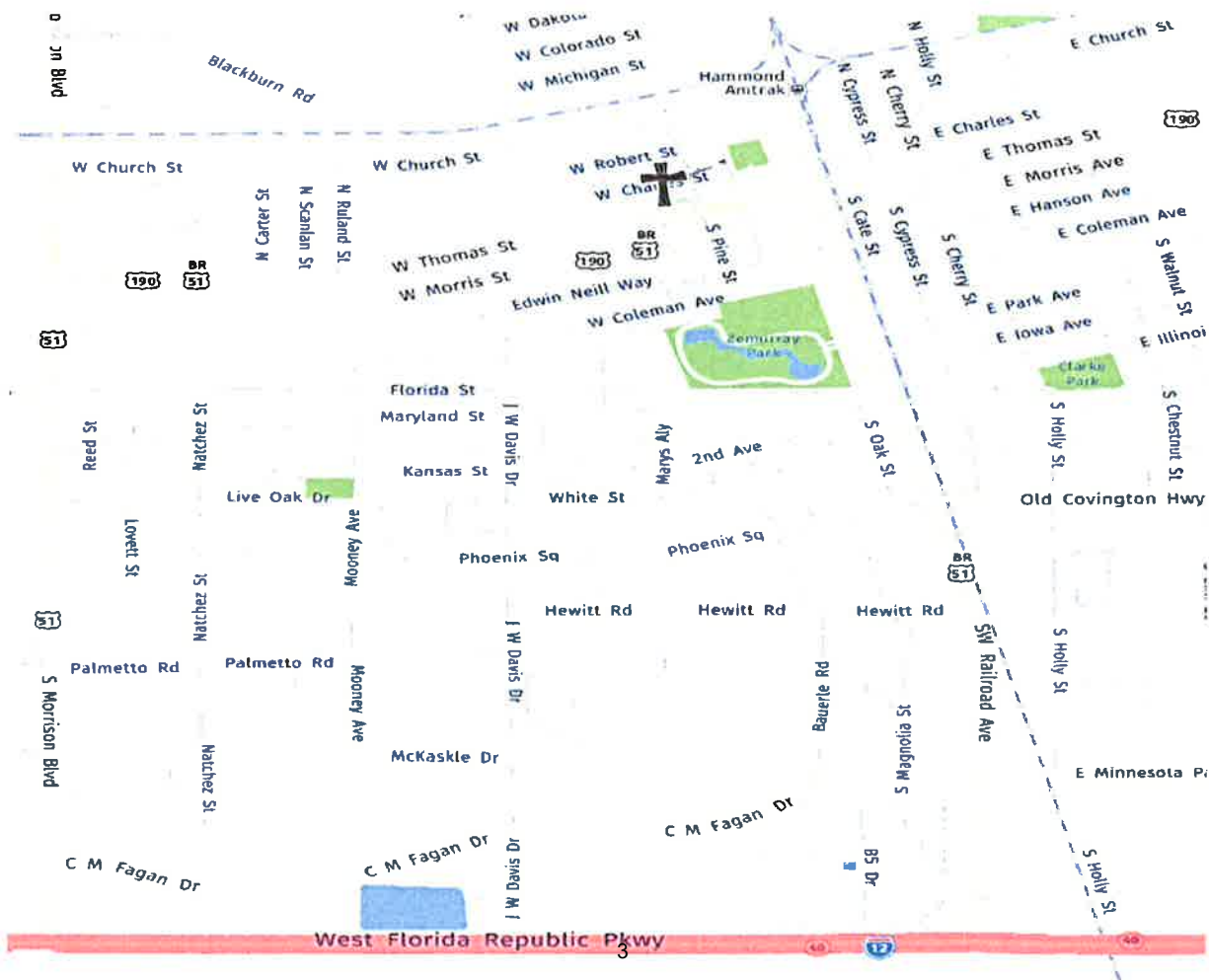
Take I-10 West to I-55 North. Travel 28 miles and take Exit 28 onto U.S. 51 North/South Morrison Boulevard. Continue on South Morrison until you reach West Morris Avenue – you'll see a Save-a-Lot grocery store to your left and a Walgreen's to your right. Turn right onto West Morris Avenue and travel approximately 3 miles. Turn left onto South Pine Street – you'll see First Baptist Church on your right. Travel two blocks to West Charles Street. Turn left onto West Charles. You're here!

Directions from Slidell and Other Points East:

Travel on I-12 West and take Exit 40. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Southwest Railroad Avenue. Travel on Southwest Railroad Avenue approximately 1.7 miles and turn left onto West Thomas Street. Turn right at the 4th cross street (N. Spruce). Take a right and travel one block. The church will be on your right.

Parking

Parking for those with no mobility issues is across the street from the sanctuary. For those with mobility issues, please park in the small parking lot behind Presbyterian House.





Hampton Inn

401 Westin Oaks Drive Hammond, LA 70403

(985) 419-2188

Cost: \$114.00/night +tax for a queen double and
\$109/night + tax for a single King.

The hotel provides free breakfast and Wi-Fi.

A block of rooms is set aside for the Presbytery at the reduced rate listed above, the listing is for Presbytery of South Louisiana

Meeting Information Presbytery of South Louisiana Tuesday, February 18, 2020

This packet contains the major business to be considered at the 144th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of South Louisiana as we seek to discern and do the will of God for God's church in South Louisiana. The meeting will be held at **First Presbyterian Church Hammond, 411 West Charles Sreet, Hammond, LA 70401**. Any reports not received in time to get them to commissioners and members of Presbytery by email prior to the February 18th meeting will be considered as new business.

Registration opens 8:00 a.m. Registration lists will be moved to the Clerk's desk after lunch. Late comers must register there, and those desiring to leave early should present a written request for excuse to the Clerk.

Display Space may be secured by calling **First Presbyterian Church, phone: 985-345-1543**.

Voting Members of Presbytery: The membership of the Presbytery consists of those Teaching Elders called through the Presbytery and those Ruling Elders commissioned by the Sessions of its constituent churches. (Book of Order) In addition, Elders who are elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or Commissioned Lay Pastors, or the Recording Clerk, or the Parliamentarian, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women shall be a member of Presbytery with voice and vote. Certified Christian Educators may be given vote in Presbytery meetings, during the time of their service.

Those Who May Be Given Permission To Speak At Presbytery: Elected officers or professional staff of Presbytery, or chairpersons of Presbytery committees, or the Moderator of Presbyterian Women, who are not Elders, or past Moderators of the Presbytery of South Louisiana and Certified Christian Educators shall have the privilege of the floor at meetings of Presbytery. Official representatives of other presbyteries or higher governing bodies who are present, Christian Educators who are not certified, and any Minister of another presbytery who is serving in the Presbytery of South Louisiana as a stated supply or interim pastor of any of our congregations, plus any other Minister of the Word and Sacrament who is seated as a corresponding member may be given permission to speak. (Permission may be requested by a commissioner to Presbytery.) This group may not make a motion or vote, but may enter into debate.

Those Expected To Attend Presbytery are Elders elected by their Session and Minister members. Honorably retired teaching elders who are not serving a congregation, teaching elders who are infirm, military chaplains on assignment outside the bounds of Presbytery, minister members who have been approved to do study outside of bounds, and teaching elders who have approval to labor outside of bounds, shall all be excused from meetings of Presbytery. However, all other active members of Presbytery who are in good health shall be expected to attend meetings of Presbytery and participate in all other ways as active members.

If You Must Leave Before The Meeting Ends: Any Minister or Elder who must retire from the meeting prior to the stated time for adjournment should present a request for excuse in writing to the Clerk in order to be excused.

Lunch and Refreshments: **\$10** per person charge for continental breakfast, lunch and snacks.

Child Care: Child care will be provided at the Presbytery meeting. You may call **First Presbyterian Church, phone: 985-345-1543** to reserve space for your child/children at this meeting.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Meetings of the Presbytery of South Louisiana

1. Any main motion introduced on the floor should be written legibly and given to the Stated Clerk.
2. Microphones are placed on the floor for commissioners to use. Find your nearest mike and go to it promptly whenever you wish to address the Presbytery.
3. The proper procedure is to say, "Mr. Moderator," or "Madame Moderator," and wait for the Moderator to recognize you before speaking.
4. The person making the motion is entitled to speak first in debate, after the motion has been seconded and has been stated by the Moderator, providing the motion is debatable.
5. The newest edition of *Robert's Rules of Order* is the parliamentary authority.
6. At times the Moderator may rule on a matter without taking a vote. If there is no objection, it will be considered unanimous (or general) consent. If there is an objection, it should be made known immediately. If even one objects, a vote must be taken.
7. If you want to make or change a motion or policy and do not know the correct procedure:
 - 1) Get recognized by the Moderator;
 - 2) Say what you want to do;
 - 3) Ask the Moderator how to do it.

The Moderator is there to help Presbytery accomplish what it wishes to accomplish.

TIPS ON PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

TO DO THIS:	SAY THIS:	VOTE REQUIRED TO PASS:
Make a main motion.	"I move that..." or "I move to..."	Majority.
Modify or change a motion.	"I move to amend by..."	Majority.
Postpone consideration to another time.	"I move to postpone until..."	Majority; or 2/3 if made a Special Order.
End debate and bring to a vote.	"I move the previous question" or "I move the previous question on all pending questions."	2/3. Must be rising vote.
Refer to committee.	"I move that this matter be referred to..."	Majority.
Object to procedures.	"Point of order."	Usually the Moderator decides.
Challenge ruling of the Moderator.	"I appeal the Moderator's decision."	Majority or tie vote sustains the Moderator.
Retake the vote by rising.	"I call for a division" or simply "Division."	This demand requires a rising vote.

(The Moderator does not have to have the vote counted. If the vote is not counted and you desire that it be counted, you may move the incidental motion — "I move that the vote be counted.")

EVALUATION OF PRESBYTERY MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

*Please complete and leave on the Stated Clerk's desk or
fill out online @ www.pbysouthla.org*

Typically, Presbytery meetings have been occasions for transacting ecclesiastical business, fellowship, promotion of program, worship, and celebration. Please help us make our meeting better by sharing your observations and opinions with us.

1. BUSINESS:

Was there sufficient time for transacting the business of the Presbytery? Yes_____ No_____

Was the business transacted worth the effort? Yes_____ No_____

Suggestions for improvement:

2. PROCESS:

Was the parliamentary process: understandable_____, expediting_____, too businesslike_____,
a game_____, other_____.

Suggestions for improving our process:

3. WORSHIP AND THEME:

Describe your impression of the worship:

4. FELLOWSHIP:

Was sufficient time or occasion provided for fellowship? Yes_____ No_____

If no, would you welcome more time for fellowship? Yes_____ No_____

5. FACILITIES AND MEAL:

Were the facilities adequate for this meeting? Yes_____ No_____

Was the meal OK? Yes_____ No_____

Comments:

6. DISPLAYS:

Would you welcome fewer displays? Yes_____ No_____

Would you welcome a few reports from the program committees during the business sessions of the Presbytery meeting? Yes_____ No_____

Comments:

7. GENERAL IMPRESSIONS:

Comments:

On the following scale, please rate this meeting: Not Satisfied _____ Satisfied
(circle one) 1 2 3 4 5

MOTION PRESENTATION BLANK

(ALL MOTIONS MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING. To assist in presenting motions, use this blank. Write out your motion and be prepared to hand it promptly to the Clerk or the Moderator.)

I MOVE:

MOTION NO. _____

ACTION: Amended Tabled
Adopted Withdrawn
Lost Referred

MAKER: _____

SECOND: _____

REQUEST FOR EXCUSE

RETURN TO: Stated Clerk

**Presbytery of South Louisiana
12909 Old Hammond Highway
Baton Rouge, LA 70816**

Date of Meeting Excuse Requested for: _____

NAME: _____

CHURCH: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR:

_____ The Entire Meeting _____ Morning Session _____ Afternoon Session

_____ For the Hours _____ to _____

I NEED TO BE EXCUSED BECAUSE:

SIGNED: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____

**ALL REQUESTS FOR EXCUSE MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING
WITHIN 15 DAYS FOLLOWING EACH PRESBYTERY MEETING**