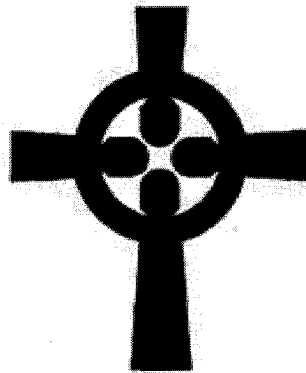


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<b>YEAR</b>	<b>PLACE OF MEETING</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>
Spring 2002	Mesquite Congregation, Mesquite, Texas	John Lindsay
Fall 2002	Locust Grove Congregation, Locust Grove, Oklahoma	Kevin Ward
Spring 2003	St. Timothy Congregation, Bedford, Texas	Kevin Ward
Fall 2003	St. Matthew Congregation, Burlison, Texas	Elder John Goodwin
Spring 2004	Clinton Congregation, Clinton, Oklahoma	Elder John Goodwin
Fall 2004	Trinity Congregation, Fort Worth, Texas	Linda Snelling
Spring 2005	Lake Highlands Congregation, Dallas, Texas	Linda Snelling
Fall 2005	Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma	Betty Youngman
Spring 2006	Burns Flat Congregation, Burns Flat, Oklahoma	Betty Youngman
Fall 2006	Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma	Steve Blaum
Spring 2007	Covenant Congregation, Ada, Oklahoma	Steve Blaum
Fall 2007	Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma	James C. Gilbert
Spring 2008	Shiloh Congregation, Ovilla, Texas	James C. Gilbert
Fall 2008	Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma	Randy Hardesty
Spring 2008	Clinton Congregation, Clinton, Oklahoma	Randy Hardesty
Fall 2009	Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Oklahoma	Kevin Henson
Spring 2010	Lake Highland Congregation, Dallas, Texas	Kevin Henson

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<b>YEAR</b>	<b>MINISTER</b>	<b>ELDER</b>	<b>YOUTH</b>
2009	Vernon Sansom, Shiloh	Clifton Key, Olney	Alan Butler, Tinity
	Charles Wallace, Hubbard	Charlene Wallace, Hubbard	Daniel Lumpee, St. Matthew
	Randy Hardesty, Trinity	James D. Marquis, Shiloh	
2008	L.G. Parkhurst, Eastlake	Steve Kramer, Covenant	Kaitlyn James, Covenant
	Linda Snelling, Covenant	Judy Davidson, Covenant	Paige Duggins, Shiloh
	Michael Sharpe, Memphis	David Huff, St. Luke	
2007	Bud Ruggia, Hospital Chap	Byron Kelley, Magnum	Kris Kerr, St. Matthew
	Wendell Harris, Magnum	Ann Williams, St. John	Ian Herum, Shiloh
	Keith Rice, W/C	Elizabeth Horsley, Denton	
2006	Rick Owen, St. Matthew	Olive Boston, St. Luke	
	Jim Smith, Olney	Chris Lindsey, Trinity	
	Steve Blaum, Mesquite	Fred Stockdale, Faith, Tulsa	
2005	Randy Hardesty, Trinity	Gregg Gammon, St. Matthew	Kaari Wilson, Covenant
	L.G. Parkhurst, Eastlake	Carolyn Lowe, Marlow	
	LaRoyce Brown, Marlow	Dallas Miller, Locust Grove	
2004	Jeff Gehle, Faith, Tulsa	Doug Miller, Stonegate	
	Linda Snelling, St. Matthew	Rosa Lee Hasley, Meadowbrook	
	Larry Lawrence, Olney		
2003	Betty Youngman	Mike Davis, Shiloh	Diane Horsley, Denton
	Barney Hudson, St. Timothy	Freda Gilbert, Trinity	
	James Gilbert	Nancy King, Gaith, Tulsa	
2002	Roosevelt Baugh, St. Mark	Mike Davis, Shiloh	Stephen Ward, Covenant
	Don Nunn, St. John	Tom Spence, Burns Flat	Lelan Washington, Mesquite
	Charles Hendershot, Whitney	Byron Stockwell, Mesquite	



## **STANDING RULES RED RIVER PRESBYTERY**

### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Red River Presbytery is a constituent presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. As such, it shall be governed by all sections and articles of the most recent edition and printing of the **Confession of Faith and Government of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church/Cumberland Presbyterian Church in America**, adopted in 1984. In the event of contradiction, contravention or abridgement within these Standing Rules or Policy and Procedures Manual, the related section and/or article(s) of the **Confession of Faith** shall have precedence.

The Standing Rules and the Presbytery Manual of Operation (as approved by the 1988 General Assembly) order the life, work and ministry of Red River Presbytery. In the event of contradiction, contravention, or abridgement with the Presbytery Manual of Operation, the Standing Rules and the Policy and Procedures Manual of Red River Presbytery shall have precedence.

### **2. ORDERING THE LIFE OF PRESBYTERY**

- 2.1** Presbytery shall have one stated annual meeting each year, to be convened on the third Saturday in October. An adjourned meeting shall be held on the third Saturday in April. Meetings shall be called to order at 9:00 a.m. Locations for each meeting shall be determined one year in advance.
- 2.2** The Agenda and Service of Worship for each meeting of Presbytery shall be determined by the Moderator, Stated Clerk, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and Pastor(s) Host. The Presbyterial CPWM President should be consulted when the meetings coincide.
- 2.3** At its Fall Meeting, Presbytery shall elect a Moderator to serve throughout the following twelve (12) months.
- 2.4** Sessions shall notify the Stated Clerk of the names of elder delegates and alternates at least 45 days prior to the Fall meeting of Presbytery. The delegates should be elected to serve for one year.
- 2.5** The officers of Presbytery shall include: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. The duties and responsibilities of each office are prescribed in the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith and Government and the Red River Policy and Procedures Manual.
- 2.6** Other officers, including board and committee members shall be elected at the Fall Meeting for 3-year terms beginning in January and shall be eligible for two (2) additional terms.
- 2.7** Commissioners to General Assembly and Synod shall be elected at the Fall Meeting. Travel expenses shall be limited to the prevailing IRS rate for automobile or for the amount of air coach fare. Presbytery shall pay the prevailing rate of a single room for one person in a hotel or motel for each day of the official meeting. The cost of reimbursable meals is not to exceed \$50 per day. Receipts for transportation, housing and meals shall be forwarded to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Elected commissioners, who cannot attend General Assembly, should contact the Stated Clerk or Moderator with this information as soon as possible.
- 2.8** The minutes of each meeting of Presbytery shall include a Presbyterial Directory which consists of Standing Rules; Presbyterial Roll of Ministers and Probations; Congregations and Session Clerks, and their addresses; personnel of Boards and Committees of Presbytery, along with their addresses, phone numbers and number of years served.
- 2.9** Each session shall submit one copy of the Session Minutes (January-December) to the current chairman of the Board of Missions by March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Minutes will be reviewed by the Board of Missions

and forwarded to the Cumberland Presbyterian Archives.

- 2.10 Requests by ministers for retired status must be made in writing to the Committee on Clergy who will then make recommendations to Presbytery.

### 3. PRESBYTERIAL AGENCIES

- 3.1 Presbytery shall elect persons to serve on the following boards, and committees [the ( ) indicates number of persons on each]:

Board of Finance/Auditing (9), Board of Missions (9), Board of Christian Education (9, plus 2 Youths from Youth Advisory Council), Board of Trustees (4), Committee on Preparation for Ministry (9), Committee on Ordained Clergy (6), Committee on Nominations (5) plus the Moderator and Stated clerk), Committee on Theology and Social Concerns (3), Heritage Committee (3).

- 3.2 In accordance with 2.5 in The Rules of Discipline in the Confession of Faith, a standing commission, called the "Judiciary Committee," will be formed consisting of 3 ministers, 3 elders, the Moderator of Red River Presbytery, and the Stated Clerk of Red River Presbytery. This Committee will operate under the guidelines found in 2.5 of The Rules of Discipline of the Confession of Faith. Ministers and elders elected shall serve one (1) two year staggered term, after which they must remain off the Committee for one year before serving again.
- 3.3 Duties and job descriptions for officers, boards, and committees, including their authority and responsibilities, are prescribed in the Red River Presbytery Policy and Procedure Manual and in the Cumberland Presbyterian Confession of Faith and Government.
- 3.4 Each committee shall name its own chair. When a chair vacates, for one reason or another, the Moderator should appoint an interim chair.
- 3.5 Persons elected to serve on Presbyterial boards and committees shall serve 3-year staggered terms and may be reelected to succeed themselves twice. In no case shall a person serve more than nine (9) years consecutively. Efforts should be made to include on agencies both ministers and laypersons in approximately equal numbers and reflect the male-female ratio of the Presbytery with the exception of the Trustees who are elected to indefinite terms.
- 3.6 All boards and committees will meet at the same time and place on the first Saturday in March and the last Saturday in August. All meetings will be at a central location within the Presbytery. Time and place shall be determined by the Moderator and Stated Clerk and announced at the Fall Meeting. A simple majority constitutes a quorum.
- 3.7 All reports must be submitted (copy ready) to the Stated Clerk forty (40) days prior to the meeting of Presbytery. Late reports are to be furnished by the Board or Committee in the amount of 75 copies to distribute. The Stated Clerk will distribute Preliminary Minutes including an Agenda and copies of all reports to all ministers, session clerks, and local church delegates at least 25 days prior to the meeting of Presbytery. Each agency shall report in writing to each regular meeting of Presbytery. No report shall be allowed at meetings of Presbytery unless a written report has been handed to the Stated Clerk.
- 3.8 Travel expenses of persons attending Board and Committee Meetings or conferences shall be included in the budget of that particular Agency.
- 3.9 The formula for figuring Presbyterial apportionments will be (1) 50% shall be based on a percentage share of the congregations receipts after extraordinary and Building Fund gifts are excluded; (2) 50% shall be based on a dollar share per active member. Statistics provided in the annual report will be used to determine apportionments unless the Board of Finance is notified in writing of the above exclusions.

#### **4. STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGETARY PROVISIONS**

- 4.1 Before the conclusion of the March committee and board meetings, each group of the Presbytery must submit written budget requests to the Board of Finance/Auditing. The budget will be presented at the Spring Meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery will approve the budget for the following calendar year. Adjustments may be made to the budget in the Fall without effect to the individual church's apportionment.
- 4.2 Travel expenses for Moderators, appointed by Presbytery, of churches without pastors shall be paid by the local church. If a church is unable to pay, it may request assistance from the Board of Missions.
- 4.3 At the end of each fiscal year, Reserve Funds in excess of 15% of that year's total budget will be transferred to Dedicated Funds.

#### **5. PROPERTY PROVISIONS**

- 5.1 When property held by Presbytery is sold, the principal from that sale is to be set aside in designated funds for the purchase of other real property. The interest from such funds will go to the Presbytery's General Operating Fund, unless otherwise designated.
- 5.2 Individual congregations must secure permission from Presbytery before committing church property as collateral for any loans.
- 5.3 Requests from local churches that require long-term (five years or more) and/or large financial commitments (three times the congregation's annual operating budget) must be included in the Preliminary Minutes of Presbytery to be voted on at that meeting of Presbytery. Otherwise, the reports may be presented on the day of Presbytery, but there will not be a vote for approval until the next meeting of Presbytery.
- 5.4 The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the care of unsold property of churches that are closed.

#### **6. AMENDMENTS**

- 6.1 These "Standing Rules" may be amended by a 2/3 vote of Presbytery. Particular "Standing Rules" may be temporarily set aside by a majority of those present and voting.

**-AGENDA-**  
**SPRING MEETING OF RED RIVER PRESBYTERY**  
**Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church**  
**Dallas, Texas**  
**April 17, 2010**

- 9:00.a.m. Call to Order  
Declaration of Quorum  
Constituting Prayer  
Adoption of Program  
Worship Service – Pastor Host, Rev. Anne Cameron, Lake Highlands PC  
Moderator Declares Recess for 10 Minutes  
Hearing of Denominational Representatives  
    CPOCH – Stephanie Brown  
    Mission Ministry Team – Michael Sharpe  
    MTS – Dr. Robert Shelton  
    OUO – Rev. Rusty Rustenhaven  
Presentation  
    Lake Highlands report on men’s mission trip to Guatemala
- 10:30 a.m. Break – Dismissal of Presbyterial CPWM
- 10:45 a.m. Introduction and Recognition of Visitors  
Report on Worship Offering  
Hearing of Excuses  
Reading of Communications  
Commission Reports  
Reports of the 2009 General Assembly Delegates  
Report of the Moderator  
Report of the Stated Clerk  
Report of Committee on Preparation for the Ministry
- 12:30 noon Recess for Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Reports of Boards/Committees  
    Board of Trustees  
    Board of Missions  
    Board of Christian Education  
    Committee on Ordained Clergy, Theology, & Social Concerns  
    Nominating Committee  
    Heritage Committee – No Report  
    Board of Finance/Auditing  
Reports of Commissioners to the 2009 General Assembly  
Other Business  
Announcement of Fall 2010 Meeting Place  
Selection of Spring 2011 Meeting Place  
Reading of Minutes  
Final Roll Call  
Adjournment  
Closing Prayer

**MINUTES OF THE 2010 SPRING MEETING  
RED RIVER PRESBYTERY OF MISSION SYNOD  
OF THE CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LAKE HIGHLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
APRIL 17, 9:00 A.M.**

The Spring Meeting of Red River Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Reverend Kevin Henson at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010. The Stated Clerk, Vernon Sansom declared a quorum present.

The **Constituting Prayer** was offered by the Rev. Charles Brown.

**On motion** the program was adopted subject to change.

**On motion** the Worship Offering was designated as following: ½ to the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry of Red River Presbytery, ½ to the Cumberland Presbyterian Center Capital Gifts Campaign to reduce Center debt.

The **Worship Service** was presided over by the Reverend Anne Cameron, pastor host. Messages were given by Probationers Allan Mink and Thomas Spence. Both messages were based on Proverbs 3:1-10. Allan Mink's message was entitled, "Seeking God's Path." God's path should be sought 1) through other people, 2) through prayer, 3) through direct communication with God, and 4) through circumstances (open and closed doors). Thomas Spence's message, "Filled to Overflowing" presented these points: 1) Wisdom is ours for the asking (not doubting), 2) Live as God desires us to live, 3) Love completely, 4) Be always faithful, 5) Honor the Lord with your wealth so that we are "filled to overflowing."

During worship, the Rev. Dr. Anne Cameron read a list of Ministers and Elders who have died during the previous year whose names had been submitted in advance: Rev. Charles Wallace, Rev. Mable Esch, Rev. William H. Jones. Other names were mentions from the floor.

The Sacrament of Communion was celebrated with the Rev. Dr. Anne Cameron, Chuck Ramsey, Bert Hager and Nancy Hager serving.

Following Worship the moderator declared a 10 minute recess.

The moderator called Red River Presbytery back into session at 10:40 a.m.

**PRESENTATION**

George Holden gave a presentation on the Men of Lake Highland Presbyterian Church's Mission trip to Guatemala. Working with Living Water for the World, the group installed water purification systems. A purification system was on display at the church.

## **HEARING OF DENOMINATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The representative of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, the Rev. Stephanie Brown, presented information about CPCH. She asked for the prayers of presbytery as she learns how to show Christ to the residents.

The Rev. Michael Sharpe represented the Missions Ministry Team. He thanked the churches who helped with the aid to Haiti and announced that the Cumberland Presbyterian Church is now officially recognized by the government of Mexico. The Missions Ministry Team is preparing to send missionaries to develop our ministry in Nuevo Laredo.

The Rev. Dr. Robert M. Shelton represented the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary. He announces that MTS is "Alive and Well" with 350 enrollees representing 30 denominations. He further proclaimed MTS to be "yeasty."

The Rev. Rusty Rustenhaven spoke to the presbytery regarding Our United Outreach. He gave the troubling news that 235 churches within the Cumberland Presbyterian Church did not contribute anything to OUO last year. He spoke of the work that our denomination cannot do because short falls in OUO giving. He encouraged all churches to give something even if they cannot give the recommended 10% of income received in honor of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Rev. Rustenhaven presented certificates to be given to church who participated in OUO in 2009.

## **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND FIRST TIME ELDERS**

Visitors and first time elder delegates were recognized. There were four (4) first time elder delegates present. **On motion**, the Rev. Rusty Rustenhaven was recognized and seated as an advisory member.

## **REPORT ON OFFERING**

The treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Cooper, reported that the offering taken at the Worship Service was \$750. \$365 will go to the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry of Red River Presbytery and \$365 will be given to the Cumberland Presbyterian Center Capital Gifts Campaign to reduce Center debt.

## **HEARING OF EXCUSES**

**On Motion**, Excuses were granted Cassandra Thomas, Marty Aden, Ruben Ferrol, Brent Turpen, L.G. Parkhurst, Locust Grove – elder Betty Breedlove, Stonegate – elder Vince Wilson, Keith Rice, probationer Judy Madden, Rick Owen, Dale Nease, Linda Petty, St. John – elder Richard Amabo, Kristi Lounsbury, for the entire session, and for Wendell Harris for the afternoon session.