

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007  
HOSTED BY ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
1:00 PM**

At 1:00 pm, Elder Rupert Turner, acting as Moderator in the absence, due to illness, of the current Moderator, the Rev. Deborah Cooper, called the meeting to order with prayer.

A quorum was present and the purpose of this meeting announced: to consider and vote for the second time on the recommendations of the Repayment Task Force as presented to the presbytery on February 10, 2007. Two votes are required by the presbytery, as per the approved guidelines for the use of the bequest funds involved. A two-thirds majority vote to approve is required each time. The vote on February 10 satisfied this requirement for the first vote.

The Acting Moderator introduced Moderator-elect, Elder Jody Harrington. She also served as a member of the Repayment Task Force and brought the business of the day. She moved a second approval of the Report and the Recommendations of the Repayment Task Force. She expressed appreciation to all those involved in putting the report together: Interim Business Administrator for the Presbytery Mr. Lawrence Brown; Treasurer Elder Lee Larkin; Chair of the Task Force Elder John Van Osdall; Elder Jeanie Flowers; and Elder Gene Meyer.

The Moderator-elect corrected two errors on the first page of the Report and Recommendations of the Repayment Task Force under "Special Offerings Liability." The Peacemaking Offering is received on **World Communion Sunday** and the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is "traditionally taken on ~~World Communion Sunday~~ **Easter.**"

Elder Jody Harrington asked for questions from the commissioners and when there were no more questions, the Moderator called for the vote. **MSP** that the Report and Recommendations of the Repayment Task Force be approved.

In a related matter, General Presbyter Mike Cole acknowledged that internal controls have been lax and that they have now been tightened. Work with a new auditing firm has not revealed any illegalities. There is, however, an urgent need to know the churches' assessment of planned giving to the Presbytery and for per capita. An e-mailed request for that information will soon be sent. The Presbytery will begin immediately to operate from a "stub" budget and then on a fiscal year budget from July 2007 through June 2008. It is essential that there be a balanced budget with expenses being matched to income. There is also ongoing conversation about creative ways of working with the New Church Developments.

The business of the day having concluded, the Rev. Clark Chamberlain closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janice Schessler  
Recording Clerk