

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
SAVANNAH RIVER PRESBYTERY
May 29, 2008**

The Moderator, Teaching Elder Brannon Bowman, called the meeting of Savannah River Presbytery to order at 1:10 PM, Thursday, May 29, 2008, in the Sanctuary of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Statesboro, Georgia. He called upon TE Robert Wagner to open the meeting with prayer after the singing of a hymn.

1) A quorum was declared by the Moderator by a count of those commissioners present and voting and he further declared that the meeting had been properly called in accordance with the Book of Church Order and the By-Laws for Savannah River Presbytery . (See AT 001A-I)

2) A list of the Ministers, Churches and visitors present is attached. (See AT 002-A thru D)

3) It was properly moved and passed to excuse the Ministers and Churches not present. There was a welcome from TE Roland Barnes and announcements concerning the facilities.

4) The Moderator stated that the purpose of the Called Meeting was to examine and receive Teaching Elder Duncan Rankin and to approve his call to serve as the Pastor of Christ Church, Presbyterian, Evans, Georgia and to handle any associated business that may arise.

5) The Moderator called upon TE Larry Gilpin who led in prayer and then proceeded to conduct the examination. .

TE Rankin was examined in strict accordance with BCO 13-6 as to Christian experience, his views in theology, the Sacraments, and Church Government. TE Rankin did not declare any exceptions from the book of Church Order. He was then excused from the Court. No parts of the trial having been omitted from the examination, it was properly moved and passed to sustain the examination in all its parts and as a whole, and to receive him into the Savannah River Presbytery, pending his release from Tennessee Valley Presbytery.

It was further moved and passed to approve his call from Christ Church, Presbyterian, Evans Georgia.

TE Rankin then returned to the Court and accepted the Call placed in his hands. (See AT 003) He was then requested to sign the Roll of Ministers and the Ministerial Obligation Form, which he did. (See AT 004)

It was then properly moved and passed to approve the following Commission to Install TE Rankin on June 22, 2008 at 6:00 PM at Christ Church, Presbyterian. Teaching Elders: George Robertson (Convener), Terry Johnson and Charles Rector. Ruling Elders: Glynn Dyer, Billy Hatcher and Charles

McClure. It was also agreed that RE's Robb Adams, Larry Laughlin, Mike Boyd, Philip Brinson and John Clark be guests of the Commission.

It was further properly moved and passed that the quorum for the Commission be two Teaching Elders and two Ruling Elders.

TE Mike Cannon prayed for the work and ministry of TE Rankin.

6) There was a motion, properly made and passed, to thank the host church, Trinity P. C. for their gracious hospitality.

7) Adjournment with Prayer: There being no further business, the Called Meeting of Savannah River Presbytery was closed with prayer by the Moderator at 2:26 PM.

RE William L. Hatcher
Stated Clerk

RE Kevin Nichols
Assistant Stated Clerk

Savannah River PRESBYTERY (PCA)

William L. Hatcher - Stated Clerk
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May 19, 2008

To: Ministers and Sessions of Savannah River Presbytery

Re: Call meeting of SRP

Gentlemen:

A request has been received from eight Teaching and Ruling Elders from four different churches to call a meeting of the Savannah River Presbytery to be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Statesboro, at 1:00 PM on Thursday May 29, 2008. The purpose of the meeting will be to examine and receive TE Duncan Rankin and to approve his call to serve as Pastor of Christ Church, Presbyterian, Evans, and to handle any associated business that may arise.

With the concurrence of the Moderator, TE Brannon Bowman, we find this request to be in accord with BCO 13-12 and the By-Laws of this Presbytery and the meeting is hereby called. No business other than that named in this notice may be transacted at this meeting.

Each Congregation should elect Ruling Elder Commissioners to this Called Meeting in the same manner as to a Stated Meeting of Presbytery. No formalized docket other than the above detailed items of business will be communicated.

Please also note: Immediately following the conclusion of the business of this called meeting of the Savannah River Presbytery, there will be a gathering for the purpose of discussion of the overtures to be considered by this year's General Assembly. There are currently 19 overtures to this assembly. All those interested are invited to join us for the discussion.

Respectfully Submitted,
SAVANNAH RIVER PRESBYTERY (PCA)



William L. Hatcher
Stated Clerk

AT 001 A

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Called Meeting request form.

I, Larry Gilpin, a TERE in good standing from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Martinez GA after having read BCO Chapter 13 concerning The Presbytery and Page 16 of the By-Laws of Savannah River Presbytery,

to wit:

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Larry Gilpin
Signed

5-18-08
Date

AT 001 B

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I, Terry L. Johnson, a TE/RE in good standing from
IPC Savannah, after having read BCO Chapter 13

concerning The Presbytery and Page 16 of the By-Laws of Savannah River Presbytery,

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Signed Terry L. Johnson

Date 5/29/08

AT001 C

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I, Dr. Neil C. Stewart, a TE/RE in good standing from
Kirk O' the Isle (PCA), after having read BCO Chapter 13


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I, Roland S. Barnes, a TE/RE in good standing from Trinity Presbyterian Church, after having read BCO Chapter 13 concerning The Presbytery and Page 16 of the By-Laws of Savannah River Presbytery, to wit:

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Roland S. Barnes

Signed

05/20/08

Date

AT 001 E

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Called Meeting request form.

1. GLYNN DYER, a TE/RE in good standing from
CHRIST CHURCH, PRESBYTERIAN, after having read BCO Chapter 13
concerning The Presbytery and Page 16 of the By-Laws of Savannah River Presbytery,

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W. Glynn Dyer
Signed

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Called Meeting request form.

I, Ron Gates, a TE/RE in good standing from
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Martinez, GA, after having read BCO Chapter 13
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Signed

Date

AT-001-G

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I, Tony Gilbreth, a TE/RE in good standing from Trinity Presbyterian Church, after having read BCO Chapter 13 concerning The Presbytery and Page 16 of the By-Laws of Savannah River Presbytery,

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Tony Gilbreth
Signed

5/2/08
Date

AT-001-H

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Called Meeting request form.

I, Mr. HARRY BRODMANN, a TE/RE in good standing from
Kirk O' the Isles (PCA), after having read BCO Chapter 13

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Harry Brodman Jr
Signed

5-20-08
Date

AT-001 I

**SAVANNAH RIVER PRESBYTERY
ROLL OF MINISTERS**

PLACE Trinity P. C.

DATE May 29, 2008

RSB

Roland S. Barnes - P - Trinity - Statesboro

JFB

Jonathan Beane - RUF - Armstrong Atlantic State U.

TBB

T. Brannon Bowman -P- Grace Church O/T Islands

DB

David J. Bradford - P. - Providence, Savannah

E

Arthur C. Broadwick - HR

MEC

Michael E. Cannon - P - Cliffwood

E

Gordon D. Crompton - P. - Providence, Harlem.

JF

John Fender- P - FPC Pooler

E

Ryan Fisk - Assoc. P - Lakemont

E

Chris Florence - Assoc. P - FPC, Augusta

E

Tim Foster - OB - IPC

E

John M. Franks - Assoc. P - FPC, Augusta

LH

Lawrence A. Gilpin, — P - Westminster, Martinez

E

Michael R. Gordon - RUF- SCAD

E

Patrick H. Harmon - WC

E

Marcus E. Harrington - Assoc P - Golden Isles

JMH

James M. Hope - P- Liberty, Sylvania

E

Robert I. Hoyle - HR

E

Myron T. Ivey - WC

JCS

John C. Jagoditsch, Jr. - P - Lakemont, Augusta

TJ

Terry L. Johnson - OB - P - IPC, Savannah

<u>JK</u>	James Knight - P- Waynesboro
<u>E</u>	James R. Matsinger - OB - FM, MTW
<u>E</u>	James L. Moss - HR
<u>E</u>	Brian H. Nicholson — Assoc. P — Providence, Sav
<u>E</u>	Ronald L. Parrish — OB, AP - IPC — Savannah
<u>CMR</u>	Charles M. Rector - O/B - PEF
<u>SMR II</u>	Samuel M. Rhodes - RUF - Ga Southern
<u>E</u>	David F. Roberts - Assist P - Redeemer, Evans
<u>E</u>	George Robertson - P- FPC Augusta
<u>E</u>	Craig Rowe - Assoc P - Trinity
<u>E</u>	Daren L. Russell - P — Chapel I/T Gardens, Garden City
<u>DHS</u>	David Sanders - Asst P - Westminster
<u>E</u>	Curtis B. Singleton — CH, ISH - Savannah
<u>E</u>	Charles A. Stakely - P — Redeemer, Evans
<u>Neil Stewart</u>	Neil Stewart - P - Kirk O/T Isle
<u>Robert Wagner</u>	Robert Wagner - Assoc P - Trinity, Statesboro
<u>E</u>	Brad Waller - OB - IPC, Savannah
<u>E</u>	James D. Wilkerson - OP- Redeemer, Brunswick

Legend= Initialed - Present; E - Excused; Blank - Absent

SAVANNAH RIVER PRESB. - Ruling Elder SIGN - IN May 29, 2008

- 1) Bethany P. C. _____
- 2) Chapel In The Gardens P. C. _____
- 3) Christ Church, Presb. GLYNN DYER Eugene Gajda
- 4) Cliffwood P. C. William Eakin
- 5) Crawfordville P. C. _____
- 6) FPC - Augusta Gerald Killian
Sylvester Brown
Eugene Betts
- 7) FPC - Sandersville _____
- 8) FPC - Waynesboro Jim Pefko
- 9) FPC - Pooler _____
- 10) Golden Isles P. C. _____
- 11) Grace Church O/T Islands _____
- 12) Kirk O' The Isles Harvy Broomann
- 13) Lakemont P. C. W Hatcher
- 14) Liberty P. C. Herb Hill
- 15) Penfield P. C. _____
- 16) Providence P. C. - Sav. _____
- 17) Providence P. C. - Har. _____
- 18) Redeemer P. C. - Evans _____
- 19) Redeemer P. C. - Brunswick K. Nichols
- 20) South Liberty P. C. _____
- 21) Sparta P. C. _____
- 22) Trinity P. C. Tony Gilbreth John Marshall
- 23) Westminster P. C. Ron Bates

SAVANNAH RIVER PRESBYTERY (PCA)

Visitor Sign In Sheet


Date May 29, 2008 Called Meeting

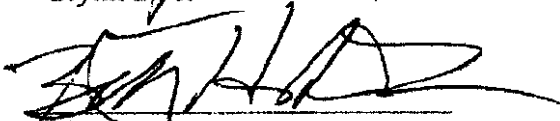
NAME	ORGANIZATION
1) Charles W. Bowen	RE-Christ Church, Pres., Augusta
2) Chas. D. Bowen	(Deacon) Christ Church Pres Augusta
3) David Marshall	Grace Church of the Islands
4) George L. Bowen	Christ Church Pres, Augusta
5) W. Duncan Pontin	Covenant Oak Ridge TN (TVP)
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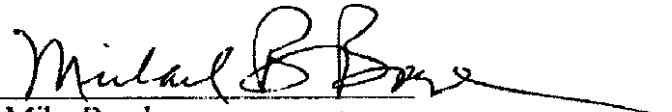
**Christ Church, Presbyterian
Evans, Georgia
May 18, 2008**

The Congregation of Christ Church, Presbyterian, Evans, Georgia, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Dr. W. Duncan Rankin, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the office of Pastor in said congregation, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby promise and oblige ourselves to pay you a salary of \$77,000 a year in regular monthly payments, and other benefits, such as, medical, disability, life insurance and annuity; vacation of four weeks; teaching leave of two weeks, and \$10,000 in moving expenses, during the time of your being and continuing as the Pastor of this church.

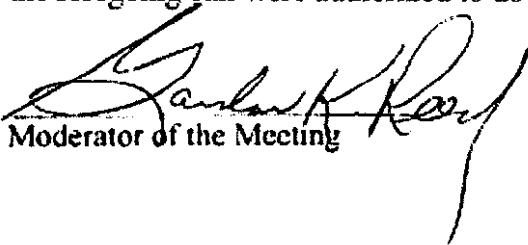
In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names this 18th day of May, A.D. 2008.


Glynn Dyer


Billy Hatcher


Mike Boyd

Attest: I, having moderated the congregational meeting which extended a call to Dr. W. Duncan Rankin for his ministerial services, do certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the *Book of Church Order*, and that the persons who signed the foregoing call were authorized to do so by vote of the congregation.


Moderator of the Meeting

MINISTERIAL OBLIGATION

(see BCO 13-7)

Believing the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice; and

Sincerely receiving and adopting the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and further promising that if at any time I find myself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, I will on my own initiative, make known to my Presbytery the change which has taken place in my views since the assumption of my ordination vows; and

Approving of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America as being in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity; and

Promising subjection to my brethren in the Lord; and

Having been induced, as far as I know my own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His son; and

Promising to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto me on that account; and

Engaging to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all my duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in my manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make me overseer; therefore

I, W. DUNCAN RANKIN, do sincerely receive and subscribe to the above obligation as a just and true exhibition of my faith and principles, and do resolve and promise to exercise my ministry in conformity therewith.

Signed: W. Duncan Rankin
 Date: 5-29-2008
 Work: Christ Church, Presbyterian
 Date ordained: MAY 1994
 By whom: Calvary Presbytery (PCA)