

MINUTES OF THE NEW RIVER PRESBYTERY

First Presbyterian Church
Macon, Georgia

Wednesday, September 18, 1974

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Moderator -- Rev. William E. Hill, Sr.

Present: Rev. William E. Hill, Sr.
Rev. Charles McNutt
Rev. Warren Thuston
Rev. Harry Barnett

Elders: George Stafford
L. Stalnaker
James N. Gay
S. C. Dunbar

Guest: Rev. Larry Mills, Co-ordinator M.U.S.
Member of Grace Presbytery

Meeting was called for the examination of Rev. Joe Bishop from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Tenn. At present, he is engaged in new work in Dayton, Ohio. Examination conducted by Rev. Warren Thuston.

Mr. Bishop stated that he was reared in a Christian home, and was educated in good schools. The encouragement of his Christian wife, led him in this endeavor-- to seek service in the ministry. He is a Calvinist, and accepts the Westminster confession of faith. It is his desire to join the Presbyterian Church in America.

Examination on experimental religion -- approved.

Examination on theology begun. --

Recessed until 9:30 p.m.

Closing prayer by Rev. Larry Mills

Presbytery reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Present: Rev. Linwood Wilkes
Rev. Harry Barnett
Rev. Warren Thuston
Rev. William E. Hill, Sr.
Rev. Charles McNutt

Elders: L. M. Young, Jr.
L. Stalnaker
George Stafford
Robert Kresge
James N. Gay
S. C. Dunbar

Guest: Rev. Moreau, Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Continuation of the examination of Rev. Joe Bishop. Examination on Theology approved; sacraments - approved; church government -- approved.

A motion was made by Rev. Warren Thuston, seconded by Rev. Charles McNutt that the examination of Rev. Joe Bishop be sustained as a whole.

Mr. Bishop signed Ex-Animo statement.

Rev. Thuston made a motion, seconded by Harry Barnett that we receive Rev. Bishop.

The right hand of fellowship was offered Rev. Bishop by all present.

Closing prayer by Rev. Linwood Wilkes.

Meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the fall meeting by the Moderator.

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Stated Clerk