

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
March 11-12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated March Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Yuma. Gloria Young, Moderator, opened the Friday, March 11, session at 3:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Prior to the meeting, thirty Grand Canyon volunteers participated in a variety of mission outreach projects in the Yuma area, including feeding the homeless and building benches for a nature habitat.

Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present. Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding Members were introduced and APPROVED for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting.

Presbytery APPROVED the following procedural motions: that the roll for this meeting be established by signing of roster sheets at the registration desk; that the Presbytery give the Moderator authority to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting; that the Moderator and Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments in the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting; and that written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved. Presbytery also APPROVED the Procedures for Voting on proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution, along with rules for debate.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Choi, Mickie (Riverside)

Foust, Oren (Southern Kansas)

Garcia, Joaquin (Nuevo Leon, Mexico)

Letizia, Gordon (Long Island)

Vasquez, César (Nuevo Leon, Mexico)

Ministers Present - 72

Avery, Debra

Alvarez, Renato

Arbesman, Janet

Avram, Wesley

Baer, Doug

Bailey, Linda

Baker, Brant

Byall, Lowell

Bybee, David

Campbell, Arthur

Citron, Suzanne

Clark, Bobbye

Clark, Robert

Claus, Bob

Courtney, Philip

Davis, Harrell

Engstrom, Bud

Evans, Jonathan

Evans, Bill

Farwell, Barbara

Fletcher, Tully

Gephart, Al

Gregory, Kelly

Hartwell, Michael

Hawkins, Ron

Hawkins, Darren

Hicks, David

Hicks, Mae

Hillman, Lorelei

Hodgson, David

Jennison, Cynthia

Johnson, Bruce

Johnston, Robert

Keesecker, Joe

Lineweaver, Thomas

Martz, Robert

McCabe, Norma

McIntosh, Constance

Moe, Kenneth

Moe, Michelle

Moranville, Thomas

Moser, Paul

Muenich, Karen

Murman, Kimberly

Nielsen, Richard

Noble, James

Olagues, José

Page, Kenneth

Palmer, Theron

Phillips, Norman

Phillips, Beverly

Proudfoot, Charles

Pyke, Kathryn

Pyke, Richard

Ramos, Gonzalo

Saylor, George

Saylor, Mary

Schmitt, Gus

Simmons, Robert

Spence, Edward

Van Arsdale, David

Vautier, Grif

Vautier, Holly

Wasserman, Dave

Watkins, Gale

Weir, Kyle

White, Frank

Worsnop, Linda

Wright, Douglas

Young, Patricia

Zabriskie, Richard

Zelle, Trina

Churches/Elder Commissioners Present - 61

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell	Mission del Sol - Kurt Boesen, Robert Elsaesser
Celebration of Life - Gayle Park	Mohawk Valley - John Klingenberg
Chandler - Jim Miller	Mountain View - Deborah Atchinson, Shirley Randolph, Gail Loeffel
Christ - Jay Adkins	Orangewood - Fred Norling
Crosswinds - Glover Rawls	Palo Cristi - Harriet Redwine
Desert Hills - Tom Lankford, Peggy Heydrick, Steve Woods	Parker Valley - Linda Maya
Desert Palms - Robin McFarland, Jean Montgomery	Payson Community - John Wilson
Emmanuel -Valerie Zehr	Peoria First - Priscilla Cook
Faith - Stephanie Murphy, Hope Underwood	Pinnacle - Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker, Doug Brown
Fountain Hills - John Bivens	Salt River - Ray Salcido
Ganado - Custer Lowe	Scottsdale - Craig Reynolds
Gilbert - Mike Gallagher	Sierra Vista - Cindy Michels, Glen Moss
Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina	Sun City First - Ray Brodland
Heritage - Jerry Muenich	Sunnyslope - Willy Zunker
Horizon - Chuck Jarrell	University - Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler
John Calvin - Betty Blunk	Vah-Ki - Annette Stewart
Kingman - Joan Johns	Valley - Judy Lippman, Miriam Schuler, Jack Schuler
Lake Havasu - Mark Muculli	Wellton - Richard Besancon, Marjorie Rockwell
Lehi - Eugene Chiago	Westminster - Melynda Foust
Leupp First - Ron Smallcanyon	Wickenburg - Ed Taylor, Judy Taylor
Memorial - Mary Lynn Walters	Yarnell - Jack Rauh, Joanne Burkhardt
Mesa First - Bob Gerlach	Yuma First - Lucy Boal, Sylvia Bruce

Commissioned Lay Pastors Present - 2

Danforth, Mary	Kelly, Calvin
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Council Members Present (edit)

Courtney, Suzy	McBurney, Bruce	Owens, Kathryn
Lane, Beve	Miller, Jeanette	Swanson, Don
Mackey, Rocky	Orf, Bob	Young, Gloria

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth	McBurney, Carolyn
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Visitors Present

There were 33 registered visitors present.

Ministers Excused

Anderson, Fred	Clark, Walter	Fooks, John	Jenkins, Charles
Hubbard, Deborah	Clarke, Dennis	Forsberg, David	Joe, Victor
Anderson, Richard	Confair, Jay	Fowler, Douglas	Johnson, Caleb
Atchinson, Glenn	Conroy, Floyd	Fox, Charles	Jones, Stanley
Barklind, John	Cook, John Coy	Fredrick, John	Jousan, Mike
Baxter, Patricia	Corazin, Nan Lyn	Fuehrer , Robert	Kilgore, Wilson
Berg, George	Corbett, Lawrence	Fulton, Helmi	Kim, Kwang
Berry, Thomas	Dickson, Josephine	Goodenberger, Alton	Kim, Myung Bae
Bibiloni, Jose	Doh, Joseph	Gray, Barrie	Kimberlin, Kenneth
Bigler, Robert	Dulaney, Robert	Hayes, William	Kush, Gary
Borden, John	Eaken, Lawrence	Hodgson, Deanne	Latty, Allan
Borhauer, Harold	Eckert, Peter	Hood, Brandon	Lefebvre, Eugene
Brahams, Hap	Eisenhower, Laura	Illingworth, Davis	Manning, Marilyn
Bruening, James	Ensley, Milton	Jacobs, John	Mayes, Robert
Burtless , Stanford	Exon, Ina	Jann, Donn	Melendez, Hipolito
Byers, Harold	Flahiff, John	Jarvis, Troy	Meredith, Ralph

Ministers Excused (continued)

Miller, Jerry	Pulido, Gloria	Siekmann, Eugene	Vogel, Leslie
Miller, Joan	Rae, Robert	Smith, Esther	Voth, John
Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Ramsdell, Richard	Stevens, Charles	Walker, George
Park, Francis	Remer, James	Straatmeyer, Al	Wallace, David
Parker, Gayle	Rhoades, Francis	Thom, Francis	Wayne, Richard
Parker, Thomas	Robertson, John	Tilly, Mark	Williamson, Donald
Pfeffer, William	Rosson, Roland	Uhley, James	Wintz, Susan
Pratt, Edward	Sabbagh, John	Ulrickson, Paul	Witte, Cathy
Prichard, Jack	Schenck, Jed	Valle, Paula	Young, Alvin
	Schlottzauer, Wesley	Van Dyke, James	

Churches/Elder Commissioners Excused

Alpine Community - Ken Thompson	Indian Wells - Alberto Peshlakai
Betania - Mary Chavez	Northminster - Bob Brandt
Gila Crossing - Gloria Suchta	Prescott Trinity - Dede Tilly
Historic First - Barbara Petersen	Southminster - Cecil Patterson

Ministers Absent

Anderson, Mark	Garvin, Woody	Ramirez, Julio	Schumacher, Bruce
Blincoe, Robert	Good, Bill	Reinhold, Ruth	Song, Seok Min
Byrd, Nathan	Hart, Floyd	Roberts, Margaret	Turner, David
Doh, Helen	Kerber, Keith	Sadongei, Martha	Willett, Kristin
Evans, Lloyd	Porter, Don	Selestewa, Sharon	Wintz, Michael

Commissioned Lay Pastors Absent

Blackwater, Richard	Halwood, Danny	Jones, Paul
Davis, Roger	Jefferson, Audrey	Ragland, Reginald

Churches Absent

Arizona Korean	Flagstaff Federated	Maricopa First	Tuba City First
Blackwater	Fort Defiance	Mingus View	Verde Valley
Central	Fort McDowell	Pinetop Community	
Chinle Trinity	Goodyear Village	Sacaton First	
Church of the Master	Kayenta	Springerville	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

Friday March 11

3:30 p.m.	Convene and Lighting of Peace Candle	Gloria Young
	Opening Prayer	Martha Lopez
3:40 p.m.	Welcome First Time Commissioners, Guests	Gloria Young
	Enroll Corresponding Members	Dick Coffelt
	Establish a Quorum	
	Approve the Docket and Procedural Motions	
	Approve the Consent Agenda and Procedure for Voting	
	Receive New Business	
	Greeting from Host Congregations	Phil Courtney
4:00 p.m.	Interim Executive Presbyter Report	Dave Wasserman
4:10 p.m.	Panel: What It Means To Follow Christ	Lowell Byall
	(Valerie Zehr, César Vasquez, Tully Fletcher, Adam Lavazza, Robert Felix)	
5:00 p.m. *	Report and Recommendations from Desert Hills Discernment Team	Gale Watkins
6:00 p.m.	Dinner & Fellowship	
7:00 p.m.	Presentation on Hispanic Congregations & Fellowships	Suzanne Courtney
7:30 p.m.	Evening Worship, Communion and Sermon	Dick Coffelt
8:30 p.m.	Recess	

Saturday, March 12

8:30 a.m.	Reconvene	Gloria Young
8:40 a.m.	Council Report	Karen Muenich
	Election of Temporary Stated Clerk, Joseph Keesecker	
	Evangelism & Church Development Visitation Proposal	Craig Reynolds
	Nominating Committee Report	Bruce McBurney
	Stewardship Report	Charles Proudfoot
	Committee on Ministry Report	Kathryn Owens
	Approval of Sexual Misconduct Policies	
	Approval of 2012 Terms of Call	
	Approval of revision to Member-At-Large Policy	
9:15 a.m. *	Celebration of Retirement of Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk	David Hodgson
9:30 a.m.	Examination of Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament	Kathryn Owens
	Kirk Sexton (Interim Pastor, Community Church, Springerville)	
10:00 a.m. *	Final Report from the Planning Committee	Rocky Mackey
11:00 a.m. *	Debate & Vote on GA Amendments	Mary Saylor
11:45 a.m.	Montlure Presbyterian Camp	Cindy Michels
	Every Church Evangelism	Ron Hawkins
	Iglesia Presbyteriana Jesus Pan de Vida, San Luis Sonora, Mexico	César Vasquez
12:15 p.m.	Adjourn with Prayer, Charge and Benediction	Gloria Young
	* Order of the Day	

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GREETING

The Rev Phil Courtney welcomed Presbytery to First Presbyterian Church of Yuma and spoke about the congregation’s mission and outreach. The meeting was co-hosted by Sierra Vista in Yuma, Mohawk Valley in Roll, and Wellton Community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery APPROVED the Consent Agenda (see Pages 5-15), with one correction. Presbyters were encouraged to consider endorsing the Civility Covenant (Page 7).

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman reported that he had enjoyed visits with four more Grand Canyon congregations and his participation in the national PC(USA) Kaleidoscope stewardship conference held in Phoenix. Reflecting on the dedicated work of the Planning and Discernment teams and how their reports would affect how the presbytery moved into the future, he offered the observation that institutional change only comes from personal change.

PILP INVESTMENT EARNINGS DISTRIBUTED

Mickie Choi, our Synod’s representative at the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, delivered yearly PILP investment earnings checks to five Grand Canyon churches.

PANEL DISCUSSION ON SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Lowell Byall led a discussion on what it means to follow Christ and be a servant leader, based on Matthew 20:28. Panel participants, representing various areas of ministry, included: Robert Felix (Candidate, Valley), Tully Fletcher (Assoc Pastor, Orangewood), Adam Lavazza (Inquirer/youth advisor, Mountain View), and Valerie Zehr (CE Director, Emanuel), along with a guest from San Luis Sonora, Mexico, the Rev. César Vasquez.

1a. Council/Trustees Report

Stated Meeting February 10, 2011

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its stated February meeting at the Presbytery office. The meeting was called to order by Karen Muenich, Council Chair, at 11:10 a.m. with prayer and devotions. Karen requested that Council members bring their Bibles to future meetings.

A quorum was present. There was a time for introductions, and incoming Council members were welcomed, as well as guests Roberta Fogel and Mary Lynn Walters.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the January 6, 2011, meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved.

PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED

Acting on its delegated authority, Council approved the minutes of the January 22, 2011, stated meeting of Presbytery with one correction.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Updates and prayer requests were given for Crosswinds, Peoria First, Emmanuel, Arizona Korean, and Memorial, as well as friends of Council, a pastor's former congregation, the Presbytery of Puerto Rico and the upcoming PC(USA) Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference being held in Phoenix. Council members divided into small groups to lift up these prayer concerns and to pray for a cluster of churches suggested by Karen Muenich. Beth Kath was asked to update the Partner List linking a Council member with several congregations. It was noted that prayer concerns may be shared via the Presbytery website.

TREASURER REPORT

Paul Rooker reviewed the year-end Financial Reports as of December 31, 2010, which reflected revenue of \$1,170,850.42 and expense of \$1,075,400.17, resulting in a balance of \$95,450.25. The Financial Reports as of January 31, 2011, reflected a year-to-date revenue of \$130,448.55 and expense of \$88,891.80, resulting in a balance of \$41,556.75. The balance reflected the fact that many churches fulfill their entire per capita at the first of the year.

Paul reported that efforts to control expenses had been very effective in 2010, resulting in an overage. Conversely, the number of mission pledges for 2011 was down and total pledged giving was 11% under last year, creating a budget challenge. Plans were under way for a letter to be sent to all congregations outlining budget details.

In a clarification for the upcoming Synod review of the Presbytery's 2010 records, Paul confirmed that the Independent Auditors' Report from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. had been received for the year ending December 31, 2009. (The audit report becomes part of the official minutes book, but does not appear in the online version of the minutes.) The following was approved:

MOTION: That the Auditors' Report for 2009 be included with the June 5, 2010, minutes of Presbytery for Synod review of 2010 records.

The following was approved:

MOTION: To forward to General Assembly, pending endorsement by the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee, the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church application for a PC(USA) mission grant designated for Haiti support.

Following a prayer by Lowell Byall for the faithful work of the Budget and Finance Committee and thanks for the food about to be served, there was a brief break to serve lunch.

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT

Karen Muenich reported that the proposal to hold a joint meeting with Presbytery de Cristo had been communicated and was to be acted upon at their February 17 meeting.

She announced the persons to serve on the Interim Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk search team:

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| Jonathan Evans (Pastor, Wickenburg) | Kathryn Owens (Elder, Bethany) |
| Paul Harding (Elder, Mesa First) | Terry Palmer (Pastor, Gilbert) |
| Lillian Hoyas (Elder, Betania) | Ken Page (Pastor, Orangewood) |
| Marilyn Manning (Pastor, Valley) | |

Due to staff conflicts with the original May 12 Council meeting date, the following was approved:

MOTION: To change the date for the May Council meeting to Thursday May 5, 2011.

On recommendation from Nominations Committee, the following was approved:

MOTION: That Council approve the nomination of Tabb Forester (Elder, Celebration of Life) to the Nominations Committee, Class of 2013.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Dick Coffelt reported that he had received a letter from PC(USA) GA Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons dated 1/12/11 recognizing and thanking Grand Canyon Presbytery for its faithful per capita giving.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

José Olagues commented on response generated by a letter signed by 45 PC(USA) pastors expressing concerns with our denomination's future. It was noted that all of those signing were men, representing mostly large "tall steeple" churches. Council members were encouraged to check out the letter via the internet. (The full text of the letter and other information was available through *The Presbyterian Outlook*.) Dick Coffelt, Karen Muenich and Dave Wasserman were to decide if any response was appropriate on behalf of our Presbytery.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman had included the following Civility Covenant, outlining biblically-based principles for public debate and discussion, in the call packet for Council's information:

Civility Covenant *

I pledge to commit myself to the following Civility Covenant:

- I will express myself with civility, courtesy, and respect for every member of the community, especially toward those with whom I disagree—even if I feel disrespected by them. (Romans 12:17-21)
- I will express my disagreements with other community members' ideas without insulting, mocking, or slandering them personally. (Matthew 5:22)
- I will not exaggerate others' beliefs nor make unfounded prejudicial assumptions based on labels, categories, or stereotypes. I will always extend the benefit of the doubt. (Ephesians 4:29)
- I will hold others accountable, based not on what ideas are expressed but on how they're expressed. (2 Thessalonians 3:13-15)

Name _____

Church _____

City, State _____

* originally offered by the Sojourner's organization – Spring 2010

Based on various conversations since his arrival as Interim Presbyter, Dave submitted a letter outlining Hispanic ministry concerns. He spoke about the need to put old issues to rest and turn attention to deeper issues and changing realities, such as the loss of PC(USA) mission funding. After review by Council, the following was approved:

MOTION: That the letter of February 5, 2011, from Dave Wasserman, Interim Executive Presbyter to Council Chair Karen Muenich be included in the February 10, 2011, Council minutes, as edited at the meeting.

In October 2011, following a meeting of the Hispanic Presbyterian leadership, I asked to meet with an elder (Mr. Jose Hernandez) to listen to lingering concerns he had expressed about past difficulties in the presbytery's Hispanic church development efforts. I met with Mr. Hernandez and two ministers several weeks later.

In that meeting statements of mistrust in some of the relationships among the Hispanic leadership were made. More significantly, statements of improper behaviors concerning property matters were also made. In response, I asked Jose Olagues to work with me in learning more about this matter. Since then, I have visited with several leaders including Gonzalo Ramos (Pastor, Betania Church), Jose Biblioni (Retired Pastor, Betania Church), Hipolito Melendez (former Interim Pastor, Betania Church), Martha Esther Lopez (Pastoral Leader for Hispanic Ministries, Memorial Church), Renato Alvarez (Pulpit Supply, Dios es Amor Fellowship under supervision of Betania Church), and David Hicks and Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial Church).

(1) The initial concerns expressed to me focus on a moment in 2008 when one of the new Hispanic fellowships, under the care of the Session at Betania Church, Nueva Vida in Cristo, became affiliated with Memorial Church. Questions were raised about the sale of a church van and some computer property. At that time, Rev. Ken Moe held several meetings to address this issue and, to the best of my learning, it was determined then that there was no malfeasance. The people involved were acting within their proper authority. I was told that financial statements were provided that support this conclusion (these records are no longer available). Further, I understand that the Sessions of Betania Church and Memorial Church have understood the matter to be settled.

*However, there was no written record left of these meetings to which others could refer. **I am asking that this statement serve as a record of the resolution of the particular issue originally raised.***

(2) At the same time, I further learned that financial support from the Presbytery for the various Hispanic congregations and fellowships began to shift. Betania continued to oversee a second fellowship group (Dios es Amor) that was receiving funding from the Presbytery. The funds for both Betania and this fellowship were managed through the same accounts which made it difficult to track the disposition of the grant. As with any other grant the Presbytery makes, requests for accountability created some difficulty in the relationship between the Presbytery and Betania Church. Toward the end of last year, the Financial Office of the Presbytery and I agreed to assist Betania with the purchase a computer and provided training and support to the church treasurer. And late last year, some financial

reports were discovered that addressed the missing information. **I am asking that the Evangelism and Church Development Committee meet with the Session of Betania Church to insure that all are now satisfied with the financial record keeping.**

(3) In many ways, the property and financial management issues are not the real issue. At a deeper level, there has been a breach in the relationships among several of the Hispanic leaders and I do not expect the above statement to close that division.

Some continue to feel wounded by the miscommunications and decisions that were made at the time. Others feel wounded by the persistence of some who keeping wanting to revisit the past rather than move forward in common cause. Some want the Presbytery to find fault and are waiting for apologies.

While some may still feel anger and others may feel weary, I do not believe this is a matter for the Presbytery to pursue further. Rather, it is my opinion that wisdom will be found in the Scriptural mandate Jesus offers: If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. (Matthew 18:15). If there remain unresolved conversations, then let folks talk with one another directly. I believe that if approached with respect and humility, direct conversations will address the issue of broken relationships. **I am asking that this statement serve as an invitation for those Hispanic leaders needing reconciliation to seek it in direct conversation, prayerfully, respectfully, and humbly.**

(4) Finally, the issue of the broken relationships mentioned above is not the issue. At an even deeper level, I sense that some of the Hispanic leadership, especially those with historic ties to Betania Church where the heart of the Presbyterian Hispanic ministry has been located for many, many years, have felt abandoned by the Presbytery. Even in a time of diminishing resources, we can both celebrate the expansion of Hispanic ministry into other congregations (Memorial and First, Yuma), and still be sensitive to the shifts in attention and support that has resulted. There is unspoken grieving about the new realities of the Presbyterian Church that make it harder and harder to support racial ethnic congregational work, particularly in financial ways.

I am asking that this statement serve as an invitation to the Evangelism and Church Development Committee to meet with the Session of Betania for a time of prayer and conversation, and to demonstrate our connectedness, especially in challenging times.

I want to express gratitude to Elder Hernandez for his desire to address this matter. I hope this speaks enough of the truth of God's Word to us that we can all humbly receive and reflect upon the opportunity God is giving us to build up and not tear down. I believe it is now time to move forward together.

I would ask the Council to send copies of this communication to the Sessions of Betania and Memorial Churches, the leaders of Dios es Amor, and the Hispanic Ministries and the Evangelism and Church Development Committees.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mary Lynn Walters, reporting for Rocky Mackey, introduced the committee's master report, ready for presentation to Presbytery. Explaining that Grand Canyon would have to "live into this," she answered questions about implementation by stating that a new team would be selected to use the plan as a guideline and propose specific steps. Goals would be to become more effective, faithful and relational in the future. She also said Planning Committee members would be available to speak to other committees.

MOTION: That Council forward the Report of the Planning Committee, including the organizational chart, to Presbytery for first reading at its March meeting and final reading/adoption at its June meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Spence spoke about a memo from Dave Wasserman with details of his meeting on January 18, 2011, with Native American Consultants Norma McCabe (northern Arizona churches) and Martha Sadongei (southern). Plans for 2011 were to continue focus on leadership meetings, training modules and session visits. Dave also encouraged the Native American Ministries Committee to: (a) survey congregations and

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create a list of current congregational partners, and (2) begin to consider what impact Presbytery organizational changes and reduced funding would have on support for our Native American congregations.

Ed gave an update on the search for a temporary Stated Clerk, reporting that the search team had interviews set up with several candidates.

PROPERTY COMMISSION REPORT

The 2011 Corporate Resolution was approved, as follows:

MOTION: That the persons named in the document titled “2011 Officers of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Corporation,” by Bylaw B-4.0500(a)(b)(c) and SR 5.31, are authorized under those provisions to act on behalf of the Board of Trustees in real estate matters during the 2011 calendar year and through February 2012.

Don Swanson reported that there were several possible pending offers on the Arizona Korean property. Since the transaction was likely to be in the \$1,575,000 range, it would exceed the Property Commission’s authorization level and would need to be approved by Council (Board of Trustees). Debt remaining on the property was approximately \$400,000. There was discussion about the need to determine the future viability of the congregation, including the Committee on Ministry’s stress on the importance of calling a PC(USA) pastor. Craig Reynolds said Evangelism and Church Development had started working with church leaders, suggesting that perhaps the congregation should consider renting space to worship for six months while plans for the future are worked out.

Don gave an update on the switchover in church insurance payments, with each congregation’s bills now to be remitted directly to Church Mutual.

ADJOURN

There being no new business, the motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:50 p.m. by Karen Muenich. The next meeting of the Council/Trustees was scheduled for May 5, 2011, at the Presbytery office.

1b. Council/Trustees Report

Special Meeting February 22, 2011

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met via telephone conference for a special meeting in order to receive and act upon a report from the Search Team for the Temporary Stated Clerk position. The meeting was called to order by Karen Muenich, Council Chair, at 10:00 a.m. with prayer. A quorum was present. Karen welcomed Linda Bailey, who represented the Search Team.

Linda Bailey spoke for the Search Committee appointed by Council, which included:

Linda Bailey (Pastor, Desert Palms)
Mary Danforth (CLP, Parker Valley)

Glyndon Morris (Elder, Palo Cristi)

Their final interviews included three applicants, and the committee's unanimous recommendation to Council was Joe Keesecker (HR). Council had been provided with a biographical outline of Joe's past experience, which included leadership of a major PC(USA) mission organization and mission service in Mexico. Joe also was a past Director of Ghost Ranch. Joe received his M.Div. from McCormick and had an M.A. in Psychology.

Dave Wasserman concurred with Linda that Joe was the right candidate, citing not only his strong administrative background but also the gentleness and humility with which Joe approached both people and issues.

After a time for discussion, Joe joined the conference call. Although he had never previously served as Stated Clerk, he had moderated at various levels. He added that he was challenged with this new learning experience, hoped to be useful, and viewed it as a great opportunity to meet lots of Grand Canyon members. Joe also underscored his respect for our denomination's form of government.

Joe answered several questions from Council members, after which two motions were approved:

MOTION: That the Council recommend to the Presbytery the election of the Rev. Joseph Keesecker to the office of Temporary Stated Clerk, effective April 1, 2011, and continuing to the effective date of the beginning of employment of an Interim Associate Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk.

MOTION: That the Council recommend to the Presbytery that Elder Richard Coffelt serve as Stated Clerk past March 31, 2011, in one capacity only: to support the Permanent Judicial Commission in completing a disciplinary trial about an allegation currently being investigated.

The following motion, added to the agenda in order that it could be presented at the March Presbytery meeting, was approved:

MOTION: That Grand Canyon Presbytery invite its congregations into a Visitation Season for the four weeks after Easter 2011 (including Sundays from May 1-22). The purpose is to encourage congregational leaders to visit other churches in the Presbytery on Sundays or other times, and especially with our 33 racial ethnic worshipping communities: 5 Hispanic congregations and fellowships, 25 Native American congregations and chapels, 1 African American congregation, 1 Ethiopian fellowship and 1 Korean congregation.

ADJOURN

The motion was made to adjourn and thanks were expressed to Linda and the rest of the search committee for their work. The meeting was closed in prayer at 10:30 a.m. by Karen Muenich.

2. Committee on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 25, 2011 meeting

Joost-Kuhn, Laura

Transferred the membership of the Rev. Laura Joost-Kuhn from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of St. Augustine, effective November 18, 2010, in order that she may accept the Pastoral Call to be Pastor to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Gainesville, Florida, effective January 2, 2011. Terms of Call are as follows:

Salary/Housing	\$37,850	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Reimbursable Exp.*	3,000	Study Leave	Not Stated
Study Allowance*	4,000	Vacation	Not Stated
SECA Offset	3,175		

* = vouchered

Evans, Lloyd

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply agreement, on a part-time basis, between the Session of Mingus View Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Lloyd Evans for a period of one year beginning November 1, 2010, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$13,920	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing	13,290	Dental*	\$ 1,200
Travel*	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance*	300	Vacation	Four weeks per policy

* = vouchered

Saylor, Mary

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply agreement between the Session of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Mary Saylor for a period of one year effective January 1, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$19,670	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	20,000	403B	\$4,800
Travel*	1,140	Study Leave	Two weeks
Medical	5,900	Vacation	Four weeks per policy

* = vouchered

Moe, Shelly

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply agreement between the Session of Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Michelle Moe for a period of one year effective January 1, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	15,000	Conference/Retreats*	\$1,200
Travel*	1,400	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance*	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy

* = vouchered

Beard, Steve

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev Stephen Beard to be Pastor to Mountain View Presbyterian Church and the transfer of his membership from Monmouth Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective March 14, 2011, on the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$130,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Study Allowance*	5,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto Allowance*	2,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Cell Phone*	Vouchered	Profession Expense	Vouchered

* = vouchered

EEO Requirements met

Relocation Agreement:

Cover all costs associated with moving personal, household, and automobiles.

In order to assist in sale of residence, obtain 3 appraisals with cost paid by MVPC. Average of appraisals to determine fair market value. If house sells for less than fair market value, reimburse up to \$30,000 (plus tax gross up). This amount not to be increased without prior agreement. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld. During relocation, reimburse up to \$250 per day to cover lodging and meals for 21 days, with receipts for expenses.

Clark, Bobbye

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply agreement, on a part-time basis, between the Session of Verde Valley Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Bobbye Clark for a period of one year effective January 1, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$13,800	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	20,000	Med Reimbursement*	\$600
Travel*	750	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance*	875	Vacation	Four weeks per policy

* = vouchered

Danforth, Mary

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Lay Pastor agreement, on a half-time basis, between the Session of Parker Valley Presbyterian Church and Elder/CLP Mary Danforth for a period of one year effective January 1, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary/Housing/Medical, all inclusive	\$17,000
Month of July off	
Study Leave	2 weeks
Vacation	2 weeks

Corbett, Cecil

Transferred the membership of the Rev. Cecil Corbett, at his request, from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Inland Northwest, effective September 19, 2010.

Mountain View Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Granted the Session of Mountain View Presbyterian Church permission to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Moderator Appointments

Approved the following Moderator Appointments to churches as indicated:

Blackwater Presbyterian Church	Josephine Dickson
Goodyear Village Presbyterian Church	Josephine Dickson

University Presbyterian Church Associate Pastor Position

Concurred in the action of the congregation of University Presbyterian Church taken at its called meeting of December 7, 2010, to dissolve the position of Associate Pastor effective February 1, 2011, and advise the Board of Pensions of this action.

Roll of Grand Canyon Ministers

Approved the Roll of Ministers of Grand Canyon Presbytery as of 12/31/10.

Actions taken at the February 22, 2011 meeting

Sexton, Kirk

Approved, pending the sustaining of his examination for ordination by the Presbytery at its March 11-12, 2011, meeting and his subsequent ordination, the Interim Pastor Agreement between Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament Kirk Thomas Sexton and the Session of Community Presbyterian Church, Springerville effective April 1, 2011, subject to 30 notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$35,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Manse Allowance	10,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel*	3,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance*	400		

* = vouchered

Engstrom, Bud

Approved the Interim Associate Pastor Agreement between Carl “Bud” Engstrom and the Session of Mountain View Presbyterian Church for a period of six months effective March 15, 2011, with the understanding that the term could be longer or shorter depending on the timing of the call and installation of an Associate Pastor by the church. Extension of the agreement, if any, shall be for 30-day periods.

Approved the following terms (stated for the six-month period), subject to 30 days notice for termination:

Salary/Housing	\$36,750	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Travel*	1,250	Vacation	Two weeks
Books and Study Leave*	750	Dental Reimbursement*	\$1,000
Social Security Offset	1,750		

* = vouchered

Van Arsdale, David

Granted permission to the Rev. David Van Arsdale to labor outside the bounds and in the bounds of Boston Presbytery in order to officiate at his son’s wedding on June 24, 2011.

3. Stated Clerk Report

A. SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY RECORDS

The Synod Interim Executive/Stated Clerk, the Executive/Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca and Presbytery de Cristo, and the Stated Clerk of Grand Canyon Presbytery met in Phoenix on February 17, 2011, and reviewed the minutes/roll/registers of Santa Fe, de Cristo and Grand Canyon presbyteries. The Minutes of Grand Canyon from January 16, 2010 – November 13, 2010 were approved without exception.

B. SUMMARY OF STATISTICS SENT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2010

<p>I. MINISTERIAL CHANGES</p> <p>January 1- December 31, 2010</p> <p>LOSSES</p> <p>Necrology 9</p> <p>Dismissed – Presbyterian 8</p> <p>Dismissed – Denomination 0</p> <p>Other Removals 0</p> <p>TOTAL LOSSES 17</p> <p>GAINS</p> <p>Received – Presbyteries 6</p> <p>Ordained 2</p> <p>Received – Denominations 0</p> <p>Restored 0</p> <p>TOTAL GAINS 8</p> <p>MINISTERS ON ROLL</p> <p>January 1, 2010 205</p> <p>December 31, 2010 196</p>	<p>III. CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS</p> <p>BAPTISMS</p> <p>Children 156</p> <p>Adult 53</p> <p>OFFICERS</p> <p>Male Elders 248</p> <p>Female Elders 262</p> <p>Male Deacons 137</p> <p>Female Deacons 407</p> <p>COMPOSITION</p> <p>Active Membership</p> <p>Asian 82</p> <p>Black 227</p> <p>Hispanic 169</p> <p>Native American 347</p> <p>White 12,448</p> <p>Other 9</p>
<p>II. INQUIRERS / CANDIDATES</p> <p>Inquirers on Roll 12/31/10 8</p> <p>Candidates on Roll 12/31/10 12</p>	<p>CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS</p> <p>Session Membership</p> <p>Asian 2</p> <p>Black 16</p> <p>Hispanic 4</p> <p>Native American 45</p> <p>White 466</p>

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS SENT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2010 (continued)

III. CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP

Active Members 1/1/10 14,482

Gains by Profession

17 and under 101

18 and over 387

Certificate 233

Other Gains 294

Losses

Certificate 124

Death 333

Other 863

Total Active 12/31/10 14,177

CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS

Deacon Membership

Asian 1

Black 17

Hispanic 6

Native American 18

White 446

Other 0

IV. FINANCIAL STATISTICS

RECEIPTS

Regular Contributions 15,199,052

Capital/Building 1,098,696

Investments 688,711

Bequests 1,652,265

Other Income 1,858,516

Subsidy 80,493

EXPENDITURES

Local Programs 15,454,817

Local Mission 664,113

Capital Expenditures 1,035,228

Investments 3,180,676

Per Capita 406,440

Validated Mission 855,433

Theological Education 9,438

Other Mission 415,036

DESERT HILLS DISCERNMENT TEAM REPORT

Gale Watkins, the team's moderator, reported on their research into the April 2010 request from the Session of Desert Hills Presbyterian Church to leave our denomination. The process included two well-attended forums, during which the Discernment Team explained the implications of departure. After extensive personal interviews with the pastors, Session, and individual members, the Discernment Team determined: 1) that a wide majority of the Carefree congregation agreed with their Session and would follow the church as it sought membership within the Evangelical Presbyterian Church; and 2) that there were not enough remaining members to become a viable congregation on their own.

Discernment Team conversations with the Desert Hills pastor and associate pastor addressed the promises they made at ordination and determined that their move was sincerely and faithfully made. The Discernment Team was also satisfied, after also speaking with the Session, that the decision to leave the PC(USA) was session-led, not pastor-led.

Of 529 active Desert Hills members as of December 31, 2010, the Discernment Team heard directly from 349 individuals (66% of active members) via a January 23, 2011, congregational gathering, personal interviews, and/or an online survey. Among those 349 responses, 85% (representing a 56.1% majority of the entire congregation) supported their Session's action to request dismissal from the PC(USA). The Session itself was unanimous in its decision.

At the January 23 gathering, 46 members indicated that they did not agree with the Session's action. The Discernment Team attempted to meet twice with these members, but the turnout was very small. Feedback indicated that some who disagreed with the Session had found or were seeking a new church home, and that others would stay to see what the Evangelical Presbyterian Church was like. The consensus of those assembled was that the commitment, energy, and passion necessary for beginning a new ministry were not present.

Among those Desert Hills members in agreement with their Session's action, a number of issues were mentioned frequently in personal interviews and were also highlighted on the Desert Hills website. Many concerns had to do with their perception of the PC(USA)'s leadership direction, including:

- the PC(USA)'s lack of stress on the five *solas*, especially *sola scriptura*;
- the belief that the PC(USA)'s affirmation of the greatness of Jesus Christ had been weakened;
- the adoption of the Social Creed by the 2008 General Assembly, which was viewed as one instance of a continuing overemphasis on politics in the PC(USA);
- General Assembly statements on Israel and Palestine, and its response to Arizona Senate Bill 1070;
- the conviction that it was only a matter of time before the PC(USA)'s ordination standards and view of marriage were changed to positions contrary to the views of Desert Hills' Session and members;
- an underlying difference between the PC(USA) and Desert Hills in the interpretation of Scripture.

The Discernment Team recognized that these were expressions of significant differences of viewpoint on issues of great importance.

Another critical issue mentioned frequently was Grand Canyon Presbytery's January 2010 response to four overtures submitted by the Desert Hills Session. It was the Discernment Team's hope that the Presbytery would learn from this experience so that we may more faithfully "provide pastoral care for the churches and members of presbytery" (G-11.0103g).

Gale acknowledged that Desert Hills had been a vital part of Grand Canyon for more than forty years, during which its ministers and elders had served with distinction in the life of the presbytery, and he added that the long-standing partnership of the Desert Hills and Leupp churches had been an inspiration and example to us.

Gale noted that the Desert Hills Session had voluntarily presented a set of seven commitments to the Discernment Team when they met together on February 10 outlining their desire to work openly, cooperatively, and prayerfully throughout the dissolution process, as follows:

1. We are committed to demonstrating that despite our differences, we can honor the Lord and respect each other as we are being called in different directions.
2. We are committed to an outcome that will not harm your ministry and will not harm our ministry. We will honor the ministries that the Lord has given to each and be respectful of them.
3. We are committed to continuing to work together and protecting our present shared ministries, including Native American ministries and The Spring.
4. We are committed to a process that enables the possibility of new partnerships in the future.
5. We are committed to open and forthright communication.
6. We are committed to praying for you and ask that you pray for us.
7. This is really in the hands of the Lord. Our goal is NOT “We must walk away with this kind of deal...” but “We must honor the Lord the best we can in our attitudes, our prayers, our humility, our forthright determination, our truth-telling and allow the Lord to direct us as He chooses.”

After a time for questions from the floor, a motion to close debate was approved. The Discernment Team recommended, and Presbytery concurred with regret, that an Administrative Commission be appointed to oversee the dissolution of Desert Hills from the PC(USA), and the following were approved:

MOTION: That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon authorize the Moderator of the Presbytery, Moderator-Elect, and Council Moderator to form an Administrative Commission made up of nine (9) members, in accordance with the Form of Government G-9.0503, for the purpose of coordinating the dismissal of the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church, Carefree, Arizona, from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In completing its work the Commission shall comply with all of the applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with respect to the work of administrative commissions.

The commission shall have the following authority:

- a. in consultation with the Session and representatives of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, to establish an effective date for the dismissal;
- b. in consultation with the Session, to specifically identify those members and ministers so wishing to join the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and to place all other members on the roll of the Presbytery for a period of one year while the opportunity is given for these persons to identify a preference for future church membership;
- c. in consultation with the Presbytery Council, to identify the Presbytery’s ongoing mission interests of Grand Canyon Presbytery in the community of Carefree, Arizona, and its immediate surroundings;
- d. in consultation with the Session, to seek a mutually agreeable proposal for the disposition of all property, contents, and historical documents, with the aim of furthering the mission of Christ through good stewardship of resources. The Commission may explore a variety of options to accomplish these tasks, including

- leasing or transferring the property. The Commission, in light of the Presbytery’s ongoing mission interests, may propose other considerations, including provisions for Desert Hills to continue to support the ministry of the Presbytery through designated mission giving or per capita contributions for a specified period;
- e. to ensure that the property at Desert Hills remains fully insured and that all indebtedness matters are being addressed in a timely manner;
 - f. to have the authority to assume original jurisdiction if the Session is unable to oversee the ongoing life of Desert Hills Church before the effective date of the dismissal;
 - g. to bring to the Presbytery, for its approval, a proposal regarding the disposition of all real property and financial terms.

MOTION: That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon dissolve the Discernment Team:

<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
Gale Watkins, Moderator	Lawn Griffiths
Debra Avery	Chuck Jarrell
Bev Phillips	Dale Meyer
Mary Saylor	Grace Mossman
Bob Simmons	

Members of the Discernment Team were thanked for their faithful service which began in June 2010. Many shared that they had found this to be the most difficult task within their PC(USA) experience. The report of the Discernment Team was closed in prayer, followed by a break for dinner and fellowship.

CELEBRATION OF OUR HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Suzanne Courtney led a presentation recognizing our presbytery’s five Hispanic congregations and fellowships. There was a time to enjoy pictures and hear how God was at work within the faith communities at Betania, Dios es Amor, Guadalupe, Memorial and First Yuma, as well as the Agua Fria Food Bank ministry.

WORSHIP

Elder Dick Coffelt, retiring Stated Clerk, delivered the sermon on “God’s Power,” based on Ephesians 3:14-21. Hymns were sung in both English and Spanish. Communion was served, with Phil Courtney and Joaquin Garcia-Guzman presiding. Special music was provided by the choirs and musicians of First Yuma and Sierra Vista. Following a charge and blessing, the meeting recessed until Saturday morning.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened in prayer by Moderator Gloria Young on Saturday, March 12, at 8:30 a.m.

COUNCIL REPORT

Karen Muenich, Council Chair, noted that Council members spent time during each of their meetings to share joys and concerns about and pray for our congregations. She directed presbyters’ attention to the letter from Interim Exec Dave Wasserman to Council (Pages 7-8) summarizing concerns within our presbytery’s Hispanic leadership.

Based on Council’s recommendation, the following were approved:

MOTION: To elect the Rev. Joseph Keesecker to the office of Temporary Stated Clerk, effective April 1, 2011, and continuing to the effective date of the beginning of employment of an Interim Associate Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk.

MOTION: To retain Elder Dick Coffelt to serve as Stated Clerk past March 31, 2011, in one capacity only: to support the Permanent Judicial Commission in completing a disciplinary trial about an allegation currently under investigation.

INVITATION TO SPRING SEASON OF VISITATION

Craig Reynolds of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee presented the following, which was approved:

MOTION: That Grand Canyon Presbytery invite its congregations into a Visitation Season for the four weeks after Easter 2011 (including Sundays from May 1-22). The purpose is to encourage congregational leaders to visit other churches in the Presbytery on Sundays or other times, especially with our 33 racial ethnic worshipping communities: 5 Hispanic congregations and fellowships, 25 Native American congregations and chapels, 1 African American congregation, 1 Ethiopian fellowship, and 1 Korean congregation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Bruce McBurney presented the following nominations, which were APPROVED:

Committee on Ministry
2012 Rev. Cynthia Jennison

Native American Ministries
Chair Irene Laurence (Chinle)
2013 Clarissa Nez (Indian Wells)

Educational Ministries
2013 Susan Lucas (Gilbert)

Theology and Worship
2013 Rev. Trina Zelle

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Chuck Proudfoot reported that about half of our congregations had submitted their 2011 mission pledges, with the funds designated as follows: 75% within Presbytery, 10% to Synod and 15% to GA. Churches which had not yet submitted their pledges were encouraged to do so.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Kathryn Owens presented several motions from the committee. In reference to the proposed Sexual Misconduct policy, Gale Watkins made the following motion from the floor and it was approved:

MOTION: That 1) paper C5, Proposed New Sexual Misconduct Policy, be referred to the Committee on Ministry for editing, especially sections IV and V and appendices A and B, so that the policy’s language is relevant to Presbytery, making the policy our own; and 2) the Committee present its edited policy to Presbytery at our June 11 meeting.

After a clarification as to the current full-time minimum salary for presbytery pastors, which was \$42,000 (COM Handbook, page 100), the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the Annual Salary Review of Ordained Pastors for 2010/2011.

Revision to the Presbytery’s Continuing Membership and Validation of Ministry Policy was proposed to permit transfer of membership from another presbytery into our Member-At-Large status by those who have moved permanently into our bounds. This was previously restricted to only clergy spouses.

The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve revision to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's requirements for Member-At-Large status, as requested by COM.

CELEBRATION OF DICK COFFELT'S RETIREMENT

David Hodgson led a time of reflection on Dick's gracious gifts of wisdom, humor, time and talents shared with our presbytery over his seventeen-year term as Stated Clerk. Dick, also active on the national level within the PC(USA), has earned respect for his knowledge of polity and appreciation for his love of the Church. Karen and Jerry Muenich surprised Dick with a witty tribute presented by their alter-ego puppet friends, who had comments about Dick's devotion to the Book of Order, addiction to Starbucks coffee, and reputation as a spiffy dresser.

EXAMINATION FOR ORDINATION OF KIRK SEXTON

Representing COM, Kathryn Owens presented Kirk Sexton, Candidate under care of Valley Presbyterian Church, for examination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. Kirk had been called to serve as Interim Pastor to Community Presbyterian Church in Springerville. After fielding a number of questions from the floor on his Statement of Faith, Presbytery approved ending the examination, Kirk was escorted from the room, and the following was approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Kirk Sexton and proceed to ordination.

Kirk was welcomed back into the room with applause and members of Valley Presbyterian Church and First Mesa, where he served as CE Director, joined him as a prayer of thanksgiving was offered.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rocky Mackey and members of the team presented their report for final reading, with a vote on approval of the plan scheduled for the June meeting. Core concepts included simplifying our organizational structure, supporting our congregations, and creating ways for those with a passion for various ministry areas to join together as we all seek to revitalize our presbytery and serve the Lord with wise use of both people and resources. There would be a reduction in the number of presbytery committee members from 200 to 100. The committee hoped there would be a renewed emphasis on building church leaders with the following characteristics: spiritual vitality, commitment to lifelong learning, creativity, and collegial support.

VOTING ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Presbytery responded to the remaining 15 proposed amendments from the 219th General Assembly in 2010. Final decisions on the amendments were dependent on voting by all 173 presbyteries, with approved amendments to become effective on July 10, 2011.

The following 13 items were listed on a common consent agenda, and there being no requests to remove any for individual consideration, were approved as recommended by our Bills and Overtures Committee:

MOTION: To approve the following proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 10-C. Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy – On Amending G-9.0404e
- 10-D. Nominating Committees – On Amending G-9.0801a
- 10-E. Presbytery Rolls and Registers – On Amending G-11.0407

- 10-F. Certified Christian Educators – On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730
- 10-G. Synod Function – On Amending G-12.0100
- 10-H. Nominations Process – On Amending G-13.0108, G-134.0111a, and G-13.0202b
- 10-I. Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services – On Amending W-4.4003, W-4.4004, and W- 4.4006
- 10-J. Stay of Enforcement – On Amending D-6.0103
- 10-K. Preliminary Questions – On Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302, and D-13.0302
- 10-L. Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee – On Amending D-10.020
- 10-M. Time Limit – On Amending D-10.0401
- 10-N. Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict – On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106
- 10-O. Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission – On Amending D-13.040

In response to a motion for a physical division of the house on the next amendment, the following alternative was approved:

MOTION: To have presbyters entitled to this voice vote identify themselves by standing and showing the written ballots distributed that morning to those qualified to vote.

AMENDMENT 10-B NOT APPROVED

A voice vote was taken on Amendment 10-B. Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session – On Amending G-9.0203b, which was not recommended for approval by our Bills and Overtures Committee. The voice vote was not definitive. A count indicated 56 yes, 61 no. The motion was therefore defeated.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 10-A

Thirty minutes were allotted to debate on this amendment proposing new wording for ordination standards, with comments limited to two minutes by those eligible to vote. The Bills and Overtures Committee was split on the amendment and therefore did not have a recommendation. At the conclusion of thirty minutes of comments, alternating pro and con, the following was approved:

MOTION: To extend the debate by six minutes to allow remaining speakers to make comments.

Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk for the ballot vote were:

Lowell Byall (Pastor, HR)	Mary Lynn Walters (Elder, Memorial)
Jim Miller (Elder, Chandler)	Linda Worsnop (Pastor, Winslow)
Craig Reynolds (Elder, Scottsdale)	

Following a prayer, the vote was taken and the meeting proceeded while ballots were counted.

COMMITTEE PRESENTATIONS

Cindy Michels, on behalf of Educational Ministries, showed slides of Montlure and explained its camping ministry. Members of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee made a presentation encouraging our churches to use their committee as a resource to share and network outreach ideas.

VISIT BY MEXICAN CHURCH FRIENDS

César Vasquez introduced visitors from the Iglesias Presbiteriana Jesus Pan de Vida congregation in San Luis, Sonora Mexico, whose supporters include First Yuma and Sierra Vista Yuma. The group of young people showed pictures of their church family and sang several of their favorite hymns.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT 10-A (continued)

The tellers returned and reported a vote of 84 yes, 53 no. The following was therefore approved:

MOTION: To approve Amendment 10-A. Gifts and Requirements – On Amending G-6.0106B.

(Text to be deleted is shown with a strike-through; text to be added is shown in italics.)

~~Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W 4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.~~
Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Yuma First and its co-host congregations were thanked for their gracious hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 12:45 p.m. by Moderator Gloria Young. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for June 11, 2011, at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Council, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of March 11-12, 2011, at the Council meeting on May 5, 2011.

S/Richard E. Coffelt

Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

May 5, 2011

Date