

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
September 16-17, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated September Meeting at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. Gloria Young, Moderator, opened the Friday session at 3:30 p.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Joe Keesecker, Acting Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present.

Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. New minister members were introduced. Corresponding Members were approved for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting.

Presbytery approved these 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.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Day, Kathleen (NAU Campus Ministry)
Garcia, Joaquin (Mexico Presbytery)

Mills, Art (San Diego Presbytery)
Proudfoot, Becky (Pueblo Presbytery)

Teaching Elders Present

Alvarez, Renato	Engstrom, Bud	Kimberlin, Kenneth	Saylor, George
Anderson, Mark	Evans, Jonathan	Kirk, Wayne	Saylor, Mary
Avery, Debra	Evans, Lloyd	Lineweaver, Thomas	Schenck, Jed
Avram, Wesley	Fletcher, Tully	Manning, Marilyn	Schmitt, Gus
Baer, Doug	Fredrick, John	McCabe, Norma	Simmons, Robert
Bailey, Linda	Garvin, Woody	McKewen, James	Spence, Edward
Baker, Brant	Gephart, Al	Moe, Michelle	Van Arsdale, David
Berg, George	Good, Bill	Muenich, Karen	Vautier, Grif
Byall, Lowell	Gregory, Kelly	Murman, Kimberly	Vautier, Holly
Campbell, Arthur	Hartwell, Michael	Noble, James	Vogel, Leslie
Citron, Suzanne	Hawkins, Ron	Northrup, Cathy	Wasserman, Dave
Clark, Bobbye	Hawkins, Darren	Page, Kenneth	Watkins, Gale
Clark, Robert	Hicks, David	Palmer, Theron	Willett, Kristin
Clark, Walter	Hicks, Mae	Park, Francis	Wood, Patricia
Claus, Bob	Hubbard, Deborah	Parker, Gayle	Worsnop, Linda
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Johnson, Bruce	Parker, Thomas	Young, Patricia
Corbett, Lawrence	Johnson, Sarah	Phillips, Beverly	Zelle, Trina
Courtney, Philip	Johnston, Robert	Proudfoot, Charles	
Davis, Harrell	Keesecker, Joe	Ramos, Gonzalo	
Eaken, Lawrence	Kilgore, Wilson	Sadongei, Martha	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present

Arizona Korean Moon Sup Lee	Memorial Mary Lynn Walters
Betania Mary Chavez	Mesa First Bob Gerlach
Bethany Lanny Trapnell	Mingus View Susan Goe
Celebration of Life Beverly Scheleigh	Mission del Sol Melanie Zimmer, Kurt Boesen
Christ Scott Phillips	Mountain View Shirley Randolph, Gail Loeffel, Phil Cilliers
Church of the Master Diane Miller	Northminster Bob Brandt
Crosswinds Glover Rawls	Orangewood Fred Norling
Desert Hills Peggy Heydrick, Barbara Conti, Steve Woods	Peoria First Priscilla Cook
Desert Palms Jean Montgomery, Robin McFarland	Pinnacle Bill Noyes, Doug Brown
Emmanuel Tom Jenney	Salt River Ray Salcido
Faith Stephanie Murphy, Hope Underwood	Scottsdale Craig Reynolds
Fountain Hills John Brockelman	Sierra Vista Cindy Michels
Ganado Custer Lowe	Southminster Cecil Patterson
Gila Crossing Gloria Suchta	Sun City-First Ray Brodland
Gilbert Cheryl Williams	Sunnyslope Willie Zunker
Guadalupe Jimmy Molina	University Molly Winkler, Lawn Griffiths
Horizon Chuck Jarrell	Valley Judy Lippmann, Miriam Schuler, Jack Schuler
John Calvin Betty Blunk, Jane Wahlers	Verde Valley Jo-Ann Towne
Kayenta Milinda Benallie	Westminster Judy Guy
Kingman Joan Johns	Yuma First Melissa Irr, Suzanne Courtney
Lehi Eugene Chiago	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present

Danforth, Mary	Jefferson, Audrey	Lopez, Martha
Halwood, Danny	Jones, Paul	

Council Members Present

Cook, Tony	McBurney, Bruce	Orf, Bob	Young, Gloria
Mackey, Rocky	Miller, Jeanette	Owens, Kathryn	

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth	McBurney, Carolyn
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Visitors Present

There were 42 registered visitors present.

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Byrd, Nathan	Exon, Ina	Hayes, William
Anderson, Richard	Clarke, Dennis	Farwell, Barbara	Hodgson, Deanne
Atchinson, Glenn	Confair, Jay,	Flahiff, John	Hodgson, David
Baxter, Patricia	Conroy, Floyd	Fooks, John	Hood, Brandon
Bibiloni, Jose	Cook, John Coy	Forsberg, David	Illingworth, Davis
Bigler, Robert	Dickson, Josephine	Fowler, Douglas	Jacobs, John
Borden, John	Doh, Joseph	Fox, Charles	Jacobs, Lynn
Brahams, Hap	Dulaney, Robert	Fuehrer, Robert	Jann, Donn
Bruening, James	Eckert, Peter	Fulton, Helmi	Jarvis, Troy
Burtless, Stanford	Eisenhower, Laura	Goodenberger, Alton	Jenkins, Charles
Byers, Harold	Ensley, Milton	Gray, Barrie	Joe, Victor

Teaching Elders Excused (continued)

Johnson, Caleb	Moe, Kenneth	Rae, Robert	Thom, Francis
Jones, Stanley	Moranville, Thomas	Ramsdell, Richard	Tilly, Mark
Jousan, Mike	Moser, Paul	Remer, James	Ulrickson, Paul
Kim, Kwang Kim,	Nielsen, Richard	Rhoades, Francis	Valle, Paula
Myung Bae	Olagues , Jose	Robertson, John	Van Dyke, James
Kush, Gary	Oppenhuizen,	Rosson, Roland	Voth, John
Latty, Allan	Kathleen	Sabbagh, John	Wallace , David
Lefebvre, Eugene	Pfeffer, William	Schlotzhauer, Wesley	Wayne, Richard
Martz, Robert	Phillips, Norman	Sexton, Kirk	White, Frank
Mayes, Robert	Porter, Don	Siekmann, Eugene	Williamson, Donald
Melendez, Hipolito	Pratt, Edward	Smith, Esther	Wright, Douglas
Meredith, Ralph	Prichard, Jack	Stevens, Charles	Young, Alvin
Miller, Craig	Pulido, Gloria	Straatmeyer, Al	Zabriskie, Richard
Miller, Jerry	Pyke, Richard	Swicegood, Terry	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Excused

Church of the Master	Bruce Rasmussen	Leupp First	Ron Smallcanyon
Fort Defiance	Florence Davis	Mohawk Valley	John Klingenberg

Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused

Davis, Roger	Ragland, Reginald
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Teaching Elders Absent

Arbesman, Janet	Hart, Floyd	Ramirez, Julio	Turner, David
Beard, Steve	Hillman, Lorelei	Reinhold, Ruth	Uhley, James
Berry, Thomas	Jennison, Cynthia	Roberts, Margaret	Weir, Kyle
Blincoe, Robert	Kerber, Keith	Schumacher, Bruce	Wintz, Michael
Bybee, David	McIntosh, Constance	Selestewa, Sharon	Wintz, Susan
Doh, Helen	Miller, Joan	Song, Seok Min	Witte, Cathy

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Blackwater, Richard	Kelly, Calvin
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Churches Absent

Alpine Community	Goodyear Village	Palo Cristi	Tuba City First
Blackwater	Heritage	Parker Valley	Vah-Ki
Central	Historic First	Payson Community	Wellton Community
Chandler	Indian Wells	Pinetop Community	Wickenburg First
Chinle Trinity	Lake Havasu	Prescott Trinity	Winslow
Flagstaff Federated	Community	Sacaton First	Yarnell Community
Fort McDowell	Maricopa First	Springerville	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

Friday September 16

3:30 p.m.	Convene and Lighting of Peace Candle	Gloria Young
3:40 p.m.	Welcome First Time Commissioners, Guests, and Clerk	Gloria Young
	Welcome New Ministers	Kathryn Owens
	Enroll Corresponding Members	Joe Keesecker
	Establish a Quorum	
	Approve the Docket and Procedural Motions	
	Receive New Business	
	Approve the Consent Agenda	
	Greeting from Host Congregations	Wes Avram
3:55 p.m.	Clerk's Report	Joe Keesecker
4:00 p.m.	Greetings from Sage Hospital, Ganado	Ahmad Raghazi
4:10 p.m.	Presentation of George Brooks Award to Hector & Genie Zavaleta	Leslie Vogel
4:20 p.m.	Announcements	Al Gephart
4:25 p.m. *	Theological Presentation: Being a people "Reformed Always Being Reformed" Dr. Susan Garrett, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary	Lowell Byall
5:30 pm	Catching Up shared fellowship time	Dave Wasserman
6:30pm	Dinner	
7:15p.m. *	Evening Worship, Communion and Sermon	Susan Garrett
	Commissioning of Shelly Core as Certified Associate Christian Educator	
8:15pm	Recess	

Saturday, September 17

9:00 a.m.	Reconvene	Gloria Young
9:10 a.m.	Greetings from Director of GA Peace and Justice Ministries Division	Sarah Lisherness
	Commissioning of Trina Zelle as Director of PHEWA	Gloria Young
9:30 a.m.	Desert Hills Administrative Commission Report	Ron Hawkins
9:45 a.m.	Council Report	Karen Muenich
	Election/Commissioning of Tony Cook as Interim Assoc Exec/Stated Clerk	Gloria Young
	Meeting of the Corporation to Elect Tony Cook as Secretary	
	Amend Standing Rules regarding New Business	Karen Muenich
	Amend Policy regarding Departing Congregations	
	Resolution on Instructions to Desert Hills Administrative Commission	Gale Watkins
10:45 a.m.	Implementation Team Report	Debra Avery
11:10 a.m.	Committee on Ministry Report	Kathryn Owens
	Greetings from and Thanks to Art Mills, Board of Pensions	
	Recognition of the Honorable Retirement of Grif Vautier, Kingman	
11:25 a.m.	Nominating Committee Report	Art Campbell
11:30 a.m.	In appreciation of Joe Keesecker, Temporary Stated Clerk	Gloria Young
	Unfinished business	
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. Wes Avram, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was one correction to the Consent Agenda regarding Gayle Parker’s category under the COM report for June 28, 2011, which was to be “In Other Service” rather than “Beyond the Jurisdiction.” One item was removed and it was later clarified that Tom White, recommended as a CRE in the CPM report for August 16, 2011, was a Ruling Elder. There was a separate motion to approve that item. The Presbytery APPROVED the following corrected Consent Agenda:

9/16-17/11 Consent Agenda

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1. Council/Trustees Report

Stated Meeting July 21, 2011

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for a special meeting at the Presbytery office. The meeting was called to order by Karen Muenich, Council Chair, at 12:00 noon with prayer and devotions. A quorum was present. Karen welcomed visitors Tony and Joy Cook, Paul and Kay Harding, and Lillian Hoyas and her sister, Ruby.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the May 5, 2011, meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED

Acting on its delegated authority, Council approved the minutes of the June 11, 2011, stated meeting of Presbytery as presented.

INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul Harding, chair of the Interim Associate Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Search Committee, presented their recommended candidate. Committee member Lillian Hoyas was also present.

Paul introduced Ruling Elder Tony Cook, a lawyer with over 30 years of service with the State of Washington and supervisory experience with a staff of more than 450 employees at the state capitol building. Tony was presently Stated Clerk for Olympia Presbytery, as well as Clerk of Session for Evergreen Presbyterian in Graham, Washington. On the denomination’s national level, he was serving as a member of the GA’s Permanent Judicial Commission.

After a brief time for questions from Council, the following was approved:

MOTION: That the Council of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon employ Ruling Elder Tony Cook to serve as Interim Associate Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, for a period of two years, effective September 6, 2011, subject to renewal and 60 days notice for termination, with the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$63,000	Medical/Pension	\$19,845
Travel *	8,000	Medical Reimburse	630
Study Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Moving Expenses	up to 8,000	Vacation	One month
* vouchered			

Tony and his wife, Joy, were welcomed. Paul was asked to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and the following was approved:

MOTION: To dismiss following members of the Interim Associate Executive Presbyter/
Stated Clerk Search Team, with thanks for a job well done:

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

SYNOD INITIATIVE IN COMMUNICATION

Council was advised of a letter from Conrad Rocha, Interim Synod Executive/Stated Clerk, announcing the creation of a temporary part-time Synod staff position in communications. The job description included analyzing the computer needs of all churches within the Synod, as well as offering help to access the internet and set up websites. The position was a six-month trial initiative to then be reviewed for its need and effectiveness.

The following was approved:

MOTION: To recommend participation in the Synod's Initiative in Communication, with requests that the Synod employee: (a) work with Presbytery staff in determining the needs of each congregation; (b) provide regular reports to assist us in developing our communications strategy; and (c) involve the NAM consultants when working with our Native American congregations.

SYNOD INITIATIVE IN NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES

Council was advised of a letter from Conrad Rocha, Interim Synod Executive/Stated Clerk, announcing the creation of a temporary part-time Synod staff position in Native American ministries. The job description was to assist the Synod's Native American members assess and make recommendations for mission, ministry and leadership development strategies for the future. The position was a four-month trial initiative to then be reviewed for its need and effectiveness.

Since all except two of the Native American congregations or chapels in the Synod fall within Grand Canyon Presbytery, concern was voiced about the focus of the initiative. The following was approved:

MOTION: To recommend that Council participate in the Synod's Initiative in Native American Ministries, provided that the focus is to help the Synod assess its role in support of Native American ministries, with Council's assistance to Synod limited to conversation: (a) with the Presbytery's Native American Ministries Consultants; (b) with the Interim Executive Presbyter, and (c) at a meeting of the Native American Ministries Committee.

FUNDING FOR RESOURCE CENTER DATABASE

Treasurer Paul Rooker explained that due to lack of funding from its long-time outside sources, the Resource Center was moving into space within the Presbytery office available due to staff reduction. Materials in the Resource Center were being sorted and reduced by Kate Wilmoth. It was proposed to build a computer database of the remaining resources which would make the information accessible and interactive via the Presbytery website. In order to do this, the following was approved:

MOTION: That Council authorize the use of up to \$1,500 from the FAX Computer Restricted Fund (#22347) for the purpose of hiring an employee to: (1) upgrade the resource center database to an interactive program, and (2) transfer/input the catalog of resource center materials, including a check for accuracy.

Paul reminded Council members that 2012 committee budgets were to be submitted to Doug Baer, with a copy to Paul Frieling. He also reported that Presbytery finances were on track.

REPORT FROM DESERT HILLS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Ron Hawkins, Commission chair, reported that the commission had met five times and was working to gather all the facts to ensure fairness to both Grand Canyon and Desert Hills. He asked for the Council's prayers as the Commission sought to discern God's will.

To lay a foundation, they had met with the Discernment Team for their insights and had reviewed all team documents. They also studied the experiences of eight other Presbyteries who had been through the departure of a church. An appraisal of the Desert Hills property had been ordered, as well as a title search.

In response to a motion made from the floor and passed at the June 11 Presbytery meeting for a lengthy amendment to the original motion to approve the recommendations of the Discernment Team (see Presbytery minutes, March 11-12, 2011, p.16-18, and June 11, 2011, p. 21), Ron said the Commission requested that the amendment be revisited. The Commission met with the Desert Hills Session the following day and Ron reported that the amendment at first caused some concern. Despite that, he said communication with Desert Hills continued to be full of grace.

Ron posed two questions for Council's response: "What would God have us do as a Presbytery in Carefree?" and "What is your desire for our mission outreach to Carefree and the surrounding area?" After breaking into small groups for discussion, feedback was shared for the Commission to consider.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Updates and prayer requests were given for colleagues and the following churches: Betania, Fort Defiance, Guadalupe and Arizona Korean.

ADJOURN

The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:00 p.m. by Karen. The next meeting of the Council/Trustees was scheduled for August 18, 2011, at the Presbytery office.

2. Council/Trustees Report

Stated Meeting August 18, 2011

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its stated August meeting at the Presbytery office. The meeting was called to order by Karen Muenich, Council Chair, at 11:10 a.m. with prayer. A quorum was present. Karen welcomed those attending in place of committee chairs.

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the July 21, 2011 meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Tully Fletcher led devotions based on some of the same verses (Acts 1:1-11) and format for discussion being used by the Implementation Team. Updates, prayer requests, and joys were shared about the following churches: Desert Palms, Yarnell Flagstaff, Southminster, Faith, and Payson. Each congregation within the presbytery was lifted up in prayer.

There was a break for lunch, with a prayer of thanksgiving offered by Craig Reynolds.

UPDATE FROM IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

Deb Avery gave an update on the team's initial progress in taking the Planning Committee's report and putting it into action. While always focusing on the report's core vision and values, work had begun to interpret the necessary structure changes – a whole new “lifestyle” for Grand Canyon Presbytery. The team had discussed the qualities needed in leaders who will guide us through this culture shift, as well as the importance of communication with our congregations.

AMENDMENT REGARDING NEW BUSINESS AT PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Acting Stated Clerk Joe Keesecker introduced the proposed amendment, which would require a two-thirds vote of Presbytery. The wording was intended to uphold the right of an individual presbyter, along with the Council and Moderator, to bring new business before Presbytery, while at the same time emphasizing the importance of allowing all presbyters advance notice of and time to consider any new business.

Joe explained that the amendment provided for emergency situations and clearly outlined how to handle new business proposed the day of a presbytery meeting. The question was called and the following was approved:

MOTION: To recommend that Presbytery amend Article X, B-10.0200, SRO-2, of the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon – “New Business” by striking the existing language:

New Business. New business shall not be heard by Presbytery unless Presented to the stated clerk in writing 50 days before the meeting, by order of the Presbytery Council, by leave of the moderator (or acting moderator), or by being set in the agenda during the call for new business at the commencement of each Presbytery meeting.

and replacing it with the following:

SRO-2 New Business. New business may be brought to the Presbytery in the following ways:

1. Presbytery Council or the Moderator (or acting Moderator) may submit a motion to the Stated Clerk fourteen (14) days prior to the Presbytery meeting during which it shall be heard. The motion, and any accompanying background and rationale, shall be distributed with the call to the meeting. The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Agenda Planning Committee, shall place the item of new business on the proposed agenda for the meeting.
2. Presbytery Council or the Moderator (or acting Moderator) may bring a motion concerning an item of an emergency or urgent nature to a meeting of Presbytery, with the motion and accompanying background and rationale distributed to presbyters early in the meeting. The item of business shall be added to the agenda, upon the Stated Clerk's recommendation as to the time of day and the amount of time to be allotted.

3. A presbyter may submit a motion in writing to the Stated Clerk thirty (30) days prior to the Presbytery meeting during which it shall be heard. The motion, and any accompanying background and rationale, shall be distributed with the call to the meeting. The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Agenda Planning Committee, shall place the item of new business in the proposed agenda for the meeting.

4. A presbyter may submit a motion in writing to the Stated Clerk at the beginning of a Presbytery meeting, when the proposed agenda is being considered. If found by the Moderator to be in order* the motion shall be read to the Presbytery and the item of new business shall be added to the agenda, upon the Stated Clerk's recommendation as to the time of day and the amount of time to be allotted. Copies of the motion shall be available in writing for presbyters at least one hour before it is to be considered.

* Timely, in respectful language, properly presented, and not an "improper motion" as defined by *Robert's Rules of Order* (Chapter X, Section 39).

AMENDMENT REGARDING DEPARTURE OF CONGREGATION

Acting Stated Clerk Joe Keesecker introduced a proposed amendment, requiring a two-thirds vote of Presbytery, which would remove wording from a Grand Canyon policy indicating that a vote at a congregational meeting could initiate departure of a church from the PC(USA). The updated wording would bring our policy into agreement with a 2008 ruling by the GA Permanent Judicial Commission. The following was approved:

MOTION: To recommend that Presbytery amend the Policies of Grand Canyon Presbytery, PP-38A-2006 (amended June 2011) "Congregations Desiring Departure from PC(USA)" by deleting these words from Item 2: *In the event of a properly constituted congregational vote to leave the denomination*, and changing the remaining sentence to read, "The Presbytery shall determine if there is a viable constituency among those in opposition to departure capable of maintaining the church as a member of the Presbytery."

ACTING STATED CLERK REPORT

Joe Keesecker reported that a motion had been received for action at the September Presbytery meeting from the members of the Desert Hills Discernment Team requesting that a motion passed at the June Presbytery meeting concerning the Desert Hills Administrative Commission be rescinded.

Due to the joint two-day Grand Canyon/deCristo Presbytery meeting scheduled for January 27-28, 2012, the following was approved to allow a one-day, rather than the normal two-day, meeting in March 2012:

MOTION: To recommend that Presbytery suspend Standing Rule 2-0210-1 concerning March presbytery meetings and approve scheduling a meeting for Saturday, March 10, 2012, to begin at 9:00 a.m.

TREASURER REPORT

Paul Rooker reviewed the Financial Reports as of July 31, 2011, which reflected a year-to-date revenue of \$598,435.86 and expense of \$589,220.88, resulting in a balance of \$9,214.98. Paul reported that spending was at 53.5% of budget versus the anticipated 58% at that point in the year.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman reported that damage from the Wallow Fire had not been as great as feared. A \$10,000 grant had been approved by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and a committee was being formed with three representatives from Grand Canyon to determine use of the funds. In order to keep up to date on Ganado, Dave was meeting quarterly with Ahmad Raghazi of Sage Hospital there. Members of our five Hispanic congregations and fellowships had been meeting to share pastoral concerns. A spirit of camaraderie was developing and the group was considering drafting a GA overture reflecting immigration concerns. Dave had connected with several pastors attending an August meeting of Fellowship PC(USA) and planned to meet with them afterwards to get their feedback on the gathering. Concerns were voiced about whether Betania had large enough facilities to host the November 2011 Presbytery meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Renato Alvarez reported that the Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank had served over 30,000 people thus far in 2011, compared to 23,000 last year, and that the food bank had received two new grants. Martha Sadongei reported that there had been some new interest in NAM partnerships.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM DE CRISTO CONVERSATION TEAM

Brant Baker, representing the team which met for nearly a year with de Cristo, said they had identified four possible ways to collaborate: shared programming, shared staffing, merging into one Arizona presbytery, and creating a single middle governing body for the state. Both presbyteries faced the challenge of the 2014 phase out of Mission Partnership Funds. An overture had been presented to the Synod of the Southwest to convene a consultation of all four presbyteries and the synod for further joint discussion. Based on the Synod's response suggesting formation of a Synod Review Team, the following actions recommended by our Conversation Team were approved:

MOTION: To receive and implement the following recommendations, with thanks to the Conversation Team for a job well done:

1. that the Council Moderator appoint a member of the Conversation Team to be the Grand Canyon representative to the Synod's Review Team;
2. that Council urge the Nominating Committee to nominate Synod commissioners who are familiar with the conversation to date and understand the importance of developing a single middle governing council, or at least a minimalist synod for the time being;
3. that Council urge the Synod to develop a plan, as mission partnership funding comes to an end, to review its reserves and determine how they might be allocated to further the work of our congregations and presbyteries (either through a general reduction of Synod's per capita or specific distribution for particular congregational and presbytery ministries), including the securing of staff leadership for each presbytery;
4. that Council encourage all program and constitutional committees and ministry teams to intentionally look for ways to partner with Presbytery de Cristo;
5. that Council dismiss the Conversation Team.

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CONVERSATIONS REGARDING ORDINATION STANDARDS CHANGES

Ed Spence reported that he and Doug Baer had coordinated a presbytery outreach to our pastors about how they and their congregations were responding to passage of new *Book of Order* wording about ordination standards. A group of retired pastors was recruited to make these phone calls. In addition, a survey had been distributed at the June Presbytery meeting. While there had been value in hearing individual concerns, there seemed to be no overall desire to address 10-A further.

MISSION FUNDS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Bob Orf reviewed letters sent to Presbytery pastors introducing the joint consideration of the Presbytery and the GA Mission Council to begin soliciting separate funding for Arizona mission personnel, including our Native American Ministries Consultants Martha Sadongi and Norma McCabe.

DESERT HILLS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION UPDATE

Ron Hawkins, Commission chair, noted that a precept study of the Carefree area and an appraisal of the Desert Hills property had been received. A survey was planned of all Desert Hills members to determine where those not desiring to join the Evangelical Presbyterian Church were/would be worshipping. The commission was seeking to establish facts and mutually share information to arrive at a fair outcome.

PERSONNEL

Ed Spence, Chair of the Personnel Committee, introduced the following which was approved:

MOTION: That Council renew its contract with the Rev. David Wasserman as Interim Executive Presbyter for one year beginning October 14, 2011, with a 2% cost of living raise as planned for the rest of the staff.

Ed then presented the concept of a part-time volunteer consultant for Hispanic ministries, developed after review of comments from the Hispanic Ministries Committee in response to the Planning Committee's report. The following motions were approved:

MOTION: That Council authorize the establishment of a new staff position of Volunteer Consultant for Hispanic Ministries, for a period of one year beginning January 1, 2012, and that Council instruct the Personnel Committee to search for a candidate, in consultation with the Hispanic Ministries Committee, and present a candidate to Council for appointment in time for the person to be commissioned at the January 2012 Presbytery meeting. (Financial implication for vouchered expenses: \$4,000.)

MOTION: That Council approve the following position description:

The purpose of this position is to enhance the ministries of the Hispanic congregations and fellowships in the Presbytery:

- a. by maintaining regular contact with each Hispanic congregation and fellowship;
- b. by listening to the successes and challenges each congregation and fellowship currently faces;
- c. by providing information to Council through the Interim Executive Presbyter (and the Hispanic Ministries Committee), including suggestions for ways to celebrate the successes and address the challenges;

- d. by encouraging participation by the congregations and fellowships in the ongoing life of the Presbytery;
- e. by providing staff support to the Hispanic Ministries Committee of the Presbytery;
- f. by attending Council meetings as needed and approved by the Interim Executive Presbyter;
- g. by providing consultation services to the Sessions of congregations and training services to their leaders as agreed upon;
- h. by making a bi-weekly report to the Interim Executive Presbyter as to the work accomplished and the insights/evaluations identified from this contact;
- i. by conducting other work that befits the enhancement of the ministries as requested and/or approved by the Interim Executive Presbyter.

MOTION: That the funding for this position for 2012 come from reserve funds and that the Budget and Finance Committee be asked to include these funds in its proposed budget.

RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Thanks were offered for the gifts of Rob Johnston, CPM chair, and Joe Keesecker, Acting Stated Clerk, who were attending their last Council meeting in those roles.

ADJOURN

The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:30 p.m. by Gloria Young. The next meeting of the Council/Trustees was scheduled for October 13, 2011, at the Presbytery office.

2. Committee on Ministry Report

Committee Action/Approval taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Committee by the Presbytery and to be reported for information to the Presbytery Council and the Presbytery at their next meetings:

Actions taken at the June 28, 2011 COM meeting

Zelle, Katrina

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Trina Zelle with the PC(USA)'s General Assembly Entities (PHEWA), effective June 1, 2011, as a Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction, on the following terms:

Salary	\$40,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	20,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Social Security Offset	4,590	Study Leave	Two weeks
Professional Expenses	1,500		
Continuing Ed	1,200		

Parker, Gayle

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Gayle Parker with The Spring, effective June 28, 2011, as a Ministry In Other Service.

Evans, William

Transferred the membership of the Rev. William Evans to the Presbytery of Missouri Valley, effective June 1, 2011, in order that he may accept the position of Interim Pastor to Presbyterian Church of the Cross, Omaha, Nebraska.

Pyke, Kathryn

Transferred the membership of the Rev. Kathryn Pike from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of San Francisco, effective August 8, 2011, in order that she may accept the Pastoral Call to be Pastor to Bethany Presbyterian Church, San Bruno, California. Terms of Call are as follows:

Salary	\$29,325	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	45,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto/Travel	1,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Continuing Ed	1,000	Moving expenses	\$5,000
Expenses	1,500		

Baer, Douglas

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Session of University Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Doug Baer for a period of one year beginning July 5, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$48,238	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing	20,416	Vacation	One week per qtr

Swicegood, Terry

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Terry Swicegood to serve as Moderator of Maricopa Presbyterian Church, effective June 28, 2011.

Vogel, Leslie

Endorsed the request of the Rev. Leslie Vogel to apply to do mission work for the PC(USA).

Jennison, Cynthia

Approved the request of the Rev. Cynthia Jennison to labor outside the bounds to officiate at her niece’s wedding in Kansas City.

McFarland, Curt

Approved the request of the Rev. Curt McFarland, Presbytery of Central Washington, to labor within the bounds to officiate at a wedding on July 3, 2011.

Actions taken at the July 26, 2011 COM meeting

McKewen, Joe

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Joe (Jody) McKewen to be Pastor to Church of the Master Presbyterian Church and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Central Florida to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective August 7, 2011, on the following terms:

Salary	\$40,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	16,705	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto Allowance	5,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Continuing Ed Allowance	1,030	Social Security	\$ 4,000
Book Allowance	600	Moving Expense (est.)	\$13,000
Telephone Expense	600		

Corbett, Lawrence

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Session of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Corbett (HR) for a period of one year beginning September 1, 2011, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$38,384	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing	30,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto Allowance	5,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Leave Allowance	3,000	Moving Expense (est.)	\$5,000

Vautier, Grif

Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Grif Vautier and Kingman Presbyterian Church at his request, pending congregational action, effective September 30, 2011. In addition, granted at his request the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Grif Vautier, effective September 30, 2011.

Northrup, Mary Catherine

Received into membership the Rev. Mary Catherine (Cathy) Northrup from the Presbytery of Southern Kansas to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective July 26, 2011. In addition, validated the ministry of the Rev. Cathy Northrup as pastor to the Community Church in Rio Verde, effective July 26, 2011, as a Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction.

Loredo, Martha Lopez

Granted authority, effective June 11, 2011, to Martha Lopez Loredo as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) at Memorial Presbyterian Church to perform the following functions at Memorial Presbyterian Church: moderate the Session, administer the Sacraments, and officiate at marriages (as permitted by State law).

Uhley, James

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Jim Uhley as a Religion and Philosophy teacher with Grand Canyon University, effective July 26, 2011, as a Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction.

Hicks, David

Validated the ministry of the Rev. David Hicks with the Synod of the Southwest in a temporary part-time Synod staff position as an internet and communications specialist, effective July 1, 2011.

Sadongei, Martha

Granted permission to the Rev. Martha Sadongei to labor outside the bounds of Grand Canyon Presbytery, effective October 2010, in her part-time position with the PC(USA) as a Church Specialist for Native American Congregational Support.

Zelle, Trina

Granted permission to the Rev. Trina Zelle to labor outside the bounds of Grand Canyon Presbytery, effective June 2011, in her position with the PC(USA) General Assembly Entities (PHEWA).

Actions taken at the August 23, 2011 COM meeting

Crelin, James

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. James Crelin to be Pastor to Desert Palms Presbyterian Church and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Homestead to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 16, 2011, on the following terms:

Salary	\$70,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	29,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto Allowance*	2,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Leave Allowance*	3,000	Moving costs*	as vouchered

* = vouchered

3. Preparation for Ministry Committee Report

Committee Action/Approval taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Committee by the Presbytery and to be reported for information to the Presbytery Council and the Presbytery at their next meetings:

Actions taken at the May 17, 2011 CPM meeting

Certified Ready to Receive a Call

Candidate Erin Tamayo of Betania Presbyterian Church was certified ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.

Actions taken at the June 21, 2011 CPM meeting

Inquirer Enrolled

Eileen LeCluyse of Mountain View Presbyterian Church was enrolled as an Inquirer for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Certified Associate Christian Educator Recognized

Shelly Core of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, having completed her certification process through the PC(USA), was approved to be presented to Presbytery and affirmed with a commissioning service.

Actions taken at the August 16, 2011 CPM meeting

Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Recommendation

Tom White was approved for recommendation to COM as a CRE to serve Alpine Community Presbyterian Church, pending the following: receipt of two letters of personal reference, completion of a psychological evaluation demonstrating suitability, completion of a Presbyterian polity course, and receipt of a sermon feedback form.

Certified Ready to Receive a Call

Candidate Reginald Ragland of Southminster Presbyterian Church was certified ready for examination for ordination, pending a call.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

MOTION: That the following Administrative Reports be entered into the minutes of the September 16-17, 2011, meeting of Presbytery.

Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Kirk Sexton March 27, 2011

The Administrative Commission to Ordain the Rev. Kirk Sexton met at Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Sexton, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Brant Baker (First Mesa)
 Stephen Beard (Mountain View)
 Lorelei Hillman (At-Large)

Ruling Elders

Gloria Young, Moderator (Southminster)
 Jasmine Couillard (First Mesa)
 Mike Fox (Community Springerville)
 Beth Glady (Valley)
 Tim Smyth (Mountain View)
 James Wood (Community Springerville)

Respectfully submitted,
 Gloria Young

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Stephen Beard May 1, 2011

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Stephen Beard s as Pastor to Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, met on Sunday, May 1, 2011, at 3:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Beard as Pastor, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Debra Avery (Palo Cristi)
 Bill Good (Fountain Hills)
 Bruce Johnson (Scottsdale)
 Ralph Meredith (HR)

Ruling Elders

Gloria Young, Moderator (Southminster)
 Merry Cole Bender (Mountain View)
 Kate Wilmoth (Crosswinds)

Respectfully submitted,
 Gloria Young

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Wayne Kirk June 12, 2011

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Wayne Kirk s as Pastor to Northminster Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, met on Sunday, June 12, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Kirk as Pastor, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Debra Avery (Palo Cristi)
 Ron Hawkins (Horizon)
 Gale Watkins (Westminster)

Ruling Elders

Gloria Young, Moderator (Southminster)
 Mary Chavez (Betania)
 Chuck Jarrell (Horizon)
 Grace Mossman (Gilbert)

Respectfully submitted,
 Gloria Young

TEMPORARY STATED CLERK REPORT

Joe Keesecker announced that a training session was to be offered to pastors and session clerks and elders at various locations regarding the impact of the new Form of Government on a congregation's bylaws, operation manuals and policies.

UPDATE ON SAGE HOSPITAL AT GANADO

Ahmad Raghazi and Manuel Morgan from M. Morgan & Associates, management consultants to Sage Memorial Hospital, gave an update on the four-phase plan for developing a new facility at Ganado. There has been a Presbyterian presence there since 1901 dedicated to an evangelism, education, and healthcare ministry to the Navaho Nation.

2011 GEORGE BROOKS AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Hector Zavaleta and his wife Genie were the recipients. Both held various positions within the Presbyterian church beginning in 1958. Now retired and active at Guadalupe Presbyterian Church, they had become volunteers in outreach ministries to undocumented individuals and their families, as well as advocates for the Dream Act.

CONTINUING SERIES ON REFORMED FAITH FUNDAMENTALS

Dr. Susan Garrett, Professor of New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, gave a presentation on what it means to be a people "Reformed Always Being Reformed." Explaining that pastors receive training in exegesis, or critical interpretation of scripture, she said students must learn to be not only educated interpreters but also thinking interpreters. If we all start with the understanding that we never know all there is to know, she added, we find that "God is big enough to take all our questions."

CATCHING UP TIME

In lieu of a formal Executive Presbyter report, Dave Wasserman led presbyters into an informal time of sharing and fellowship with various committee/ministry leaders, guest speakers, and PC(USA) reps at stations throughout the sanctuary. Gloria Young offered a thanksgiving prayer before the meal.

WORSHIP

Dr. Susan Garrett delivered the sermon. Communion was served. The Revs. Wes Avram and Patricia Cockrell Wood participated in the service, and special music and worship support was provided by the Pinnacle choir and liturgical dancers.

COMMISSIONING OF SHELLY CORE

As a part of the worship service, Pinnacle Ruling Elder Shelly Core was commissioned as a PC(USA) Certified Associate Christian Educator. Ruling Elder Kate Wilmoth gave the charge.

The meeting then recessed until Saturday morning.

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened by Moderator Gloria Young on Saturday, September 17, at 9:00 a.m., followed by a morning worship service.

and replacing it with the following:

SRO-2 New Business. New business may be brought to the Presbytery in the following ways:

1. Presbytery Council or the Moderator (or acting Moderator) may submit a motion to the Stated Clerk fourteen (14) days prior to the Presbytery meeting during which it shall be heard. The motion, and any accompanying background and rationale, shall be distributed with the call to the meeting. The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Agenda Planning Committee, shall place the item of new business on the proposed agenda for the meeting.
2. Presbytery Council or the Moderator (or acting Moderator) may bring a motion concerning an item of an emergency or urgent nature to a meeting of Presbytery, with the motion and accompanying background and rationale distributed to presbyters early in the meeting. The item of business shall be added to the agenda, upon the Stated Clerk's recommendation as to the time of day and the amount of time to be allotted.
3. A presbyter may submit a motion in writing to the Stated Clerk thirty (30) days prior to the Presbytery meeting during which it shall be heard. The motion, and any accompanying background and rationale, shall be distributed with the call to the meeting. The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Agenda Planning Committee, shall place the item of new business in the proposed agenda for the meeting.
4. A presbyter may submit a motion in writing to the Stated Clerk at the beginning of a Presbytery meeting, when the proposed agenda is being considered. If found by the Moderator to be in order* the motion shall be read to the Presbytery and the item of new business shall be added to the agenda, upon the Stated Clerk's recommendation as to the time of day and the amount of time to be allotted. Copies of the motion shall be available in writing for presbyters at least one hour before it is to be considered.

* Timely, in respectful language, properly presented, and not an "improper motion" as defined by *Robert's Rules of Order* (Chapter X, Section 39).

AMENDMENT TO PRESBYTERY POLICIES

The following was approved:

MOTION: That Presbytery amend the Policies of Grand Canyon Presbytery, PP-38A-2006 (amended June 2011) "Congregations Desiring Departure from PC(USA)" by deleting these words from Item 2: ~~In the event of a properly constituted congregational vote to leave the denomination,~~ and changing the remaining sentence to read, "The Presbytery shall determine if there is a viable constituency among those in opposition to departure capable of maintaining the church as a member of the Presbytery."

RESCINDING OF PREVIOUS PRESBYTERY ACTION

Gayle Watkins, chair of the former Desert Hills Discernment Team, introduced a motion to rescind an action taken at the June 11, 2011, Presbytery meeting (see 6/11/11 minutes, Page 21). A standing vote was taken and the following was approved:

MOTION: To rescind the June 11, 2011, action of Presbytery concerning the Administrative Commission for Desert Hills Presbyterian Church.

IMPLEMENTATION TEAM REPORT

Deb Avery gave an update on the team’s initial progress in taking the Planning Committee’s report and putting it into action. While always focusing on the report’s core vision and values, work had begun to interpret the necessary structure changes – a whole new “lifestyle” for Grand Canyon Presbytery. The team had discussed the qualities needed in leaders who will guide us through this culture shift, as well as the importance of communication with our congregations.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Kathryn Owens acknowledged Art Mills, our Board of Pensions representative, who was retiring. Grif Vautier, retiring as pastor at Kingman Presbyterian Church, was recognized for his years of service.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Art Campbell presented the following nominations, which were approved:

<u>Preparation for Ministry</u>	<u>Synod Representatives</u>
2012 Aaron King (Central)	2013 Rev. Brant Baker
	2013 Rev. Helen Doh
<u>Montlure Council</u>	2013 Ellis Jefferson (Ganado)
2014 Danielle Brown (Christ)	2013 Rev. Shelly Moe
	2013 Merry Schierhorst (Heritage)

OUR THANKS TO JOE KEESECKER

There was a time for recognition of Joe Keesecker and his service as the Presbytery’s Temporary Stated Clerk since April 1. Joe was thanked for stepping in, although a newcomer to Grand Canyon, and providing valuable, good-natured leadership during a time of transition.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Pinnacle congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 11:45 a.m. by Gloria Young. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for November 12, 2011, at Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Council, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of September 16-17, 2011, at the Council meeting on January 5, 2012.

S/Joseph D. Keesecker
Joseph D. Keesecker, Temporary Stated Clerk

January 5, 2012
Date