

MINUTES
Stated Meeting January 16, 2010
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON

1. STATED MEETING

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Annual Stated Meeting on January 16, 2010 at Faith Presbyterian Church in Sun City.

Call to Order

At 8:30 AM Rev. Bev Phillips led the presbytery in prayer. Community Presbyterian Church, Yarnell co-hosted the meeting. Following the singing of the Hymn, *Baptized in Water*, Moderator Glyndon Morris lit the Peace Candle and gave the Convening Prayer. The entire meeting of the Presbytery was conducted in the context of Worship. Special music was provided by the Faith Presbyterian Church Choir under the direction of Dale McCurdy, accompanied by Dr. Lorraine Miller.

2. AGENDA/QUORUM/INTRODUCTIONS

Those attending for the first time were introduced. The Stated Clerk was present, a quorum was reported; upon motion the Agenda was approved. A brief review of the Call materials was given by the Stated Clerk.

3. PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Presbytery VOTED that the roll for this meeting be established by the signing of roster sheets at the Registration Desk.

Presbytery VOTED that the Presbytery grant to the Moderator the authority to grant privilege of the floor to persons for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.

Presbytery VOTED that the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments in the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.

Presbytery VOTED that written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.

4. APPROVAL OF THE RULES OF DECORUM AND PROCEDURES FOR VOTING ON THE PROPOSED OVERTURES TO THE 219th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2010)

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery APPROVED the following:

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE for PROPOSED OVERTURES (Based upon RONR 331)

1. Speeches limited to 2 minutes by those eligible to vote, alternating pro and con.
There will be a pro and con microphone and those wishing to speak will line up behind the desired microphone and will be recognized on an alternating basis. The Stated Clerk will maintain a timer.
2. Each person may speak twice on a subject and may not speak a second time until everyone who wishes has spoken.
3. Remarks shall be confined to the pending question/issue/amendment.
4. Remarks shall not impugn another person or that person's motives.
5. All remarks shall be addressed to the moderator.
6. Remarks may not refer adversely to prior acts or discussion.
7. Reports or documents are not to be read or distributed.
8. Persons shall not disturb the assembly.

PROCEDURES FOR DEBATE AND VOTING (Approved by the Agenda Planning Committee)

1. An * Order of the Day has been established with fifty (50) minutes docketed for debate and vote on all overtures.
2. Beginning with an Order of the Day at 2:10 p.m. on Saturday January 16, 2010 the schedule with an Order of the Day for considering and voting on each overture is shown below. The order of the day will be observed should debate on an overture extend beyond the time allotted. Should debate and the vote on an overture be completed in a shorter time period then scheduled debate will proceed immediately to the next overture (s).
 - * 2:10 p.m. Overture #5 “On Taking the Lord’s Name in Vain” with Voice Vote
 - * 2:20 p.m. Overture #1 “Restoring and Guarding our Diversity” with Voice Vote
 - * 2:30 p.m. Overture #2 “Amending the Process for Establishing Social Witness Policy And Resolutions” with Voice Vote
 - * 2:40 p.m. Overture #3 “Key Christian Principles for Social Witness” and Voice Vote
 - * 2:50 p.m. Overture #4 “Strengthening the Role of Particular Churches” and Voice Vote
3. The written report of the Bills and Overture Committee is included with the Call to the January 16, 2010 Presbytery Meeting
4. A member of the Session of the Church submitting the original overture will be given up to 2 minutes to present the overture for consideration of the presbytery
5. The Convenor of the Bills and Overture Committee will be given up to 2 minutes to present the recommendation on the overture for consideration of the presbytery
6. Debate on each overture by commissioners will proceed in accordance with the above Rules of Decorum and Debate
7. Voting will be by a Voice Vote on all amendments
8. Presbytery could move to extend the time of floor discussion.

5. ROLL

5.1. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The following Corresponding Members were enrolled:

Jan DeVries Synod Executive/Stated Clerk Joaquin Garcia Nuevo Leon, Mexico

5.2. MINISTERS PRESENT

Alvarez, Renato	Engstrom, C. Bud	Moe, Michelle
Arbesman, Janet	Evans, Lloyd	Moranville, Thomas
Avery, Debra	Fletcher, Tully	Moser, Paul
Avram, Wesley	Forsberg, David	Muenich, Karen
Baer, Doug	Fredrick, John	Noble, James
Baker, Brant	Hartwell, Michael	Olagues, José
Baxter, Patricia	Hawkins, Darren	Page, Kenneth
Berry, Tom	Hawkins, Ron	Palmer, Theron
Burtless, Stanford	Hicks, David	Park, Francis
Byall, Lowell	Hillman, Lorelei	Parker, Gayle
Bybee, David	Hodgson, David	Parker, Thomas
Byrd, Nathan	Hodgson, Deanne	Phillips, Beverly
Campbell, Arthur	Hubbard, Deborah	Poling, John Clark
Citron, Suzanne	Jennison, Cynthia	Proudfoot, Charles
Clark, Bobbye	Johnson, Bruce	Pulido, Gloria
Clark, Robert	Johnston, Robert M.	Pyke, Kathryn
Clark, Walter	Kehle, Deborah	Sadongei, Martha
Claus, Bob	Lineweaver, Tom	Saylor, George
Courtney, Phil	Martz, Robert	Saylor, Mary
Doh, Helen	McCabe, Norma	Schenck, Jed
Doh, Joseph	McIntosh, Constance	Selestewa, Sharon
Eaken, Larry	Miller, Joan	Simmons, Robert

Soderquist, Paul
 Spence, Edward
 Tilly, Mark
 Uhley, James
 Van Arsdale, David
 Vautier, B. Holly

Vautier, Grif
 Vogel, Leslie
 Wasserman, Dave
 Watkins, W. Gale
 Weir, Kyle
 Witte, Cathy

Worsnop, Linda
 Young, Patricia
 Zabriskie, Richard
 Zelle, Trina

5.3. CHURCHES PRESENT

Arizona Korean
 Bethany
 Celebration of Life
 Chandler
 Church of the Master
 Christ
 Community, Flagstaff Federated
 Community, Payson
 Community, Wellton
 Community, Yarnell
 Crosswinds
 Desert Hills
 Desert Palms
 Emmanuel
 Faith
 First, Historic
 First, Leupp
 First, Maricopa
 First, Mesa
 First, Peoria
 First, Sun City
 First, Wickenburg
 First, Yuma
 Fountain Hills
 Gila Crossing
 Gilbert
 Goodyear Village
 Heritage
 Horizon
 John Calvin
 Lehi
 Memorial
 Mingus View
 Mission del Sol
 Mohawk Valley
 Mountain View
 Northminster
 Orangewood
 Palo Cristi
 Pinnacle
 Salt River
 Sierra Vista
 Southminster
 Sunnyslope
 Trinity, Prescott
 University
 Vah-Ki
 Valley
 Verde Valley

Moon Sup Lee
 Lanny Trapnell
 Lois McFadden
 Jim Miller
 Elva Davies, Larry Hornasday
 Jay Adkins
 Kent Christensen
 Carolyn Snell, Richard Crowe
 Paul Ehler
 Ruby McKinzie
 Gloria Wilson
 Brent Benham, Jacqy Kilgore
 Pat Casey, Jean Montgomery
 Valerie Zehr, Tom Jenney
 Linda Trovato
 Barbara Petersen, Brett Wingate
 Annabelle Smallcanyon
 Theresa Donahue
 Nancy Tordai
 Priscilla Cook, Karen Neely
 Ray Brodland
 Michael Horn
 Lucy Boal
 Pat Tuttle
 Gloria Suchta
 Grace Mossman
 Lester Gage
 Jerry Muenich
 Chuck Jarrell, Ron Vahle
 Betty Blunk
 Theresa Chiago
 Mary Lynn Walters, Ellie Hetrick
 D. Ronald Fox
 Kurt Boesen
 John Klingenberg
 Deborah Atchinson, Tim Burton, Gail Loeffel
 Bob Brandt
 Fred Norling
 Paul West
 Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker, Doug Brown
 Ray Salcido
 Cindy Michels
 Gloria Young
 Willy Zunker
 Dede Tilly
 Jeanette Miller
 Annette Stewart
 Judy Lippmann
 Joann Towne

Westminster

Marcia Weiland

5.4. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS PRESENT

Mary Danforth

Paul Jones

Reginald Ragland

Audrey Jefferson

Calvin Kelly

5.5. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Helen Branyan

Glyndon Morris

Don Swanson

Dick Coffelt

Shirley Randolph

Rochelle Mackey

Roberta Fogel

5.6. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Linda Bailey

Carolyn McBurney

5.7. VISITORS PRESENT

There were 40 registered visitors present.

5.8. MINISTERS EXCUSED

Anderson, Fred

Goodenberger, Alton

Pratt, Edward

Anderson, Richard

Gray, Barrie

Prichard, Jack

Atchinson, Glenn

Hawley, Bernard

Pyke, Richard

Barklind, John

Hayes, William

Rae, Robert

Berg, George

Hicks, Mae

Ramsdell, Richard

Bibiloni, José

Hood, Brandon

Reinhold, Ruth

Bigler, Robert

Illingworth, J. Davis

Remer, James

Borden, John

Jacobs, Sr., John

Rhoades, Francis

Borhauer, Harold

Jann, Donn

Robertson, John

Brahams, Hap

Jarvis, Troy

Roop, David

Bruening, James

Jenkins, Charles

Rosson, Roland

Byers, Harold

Joe, Victor

Sabbagh, John

Calhoun, Paul

Johnson, Caleb

Schlotzhauer, Wesley

Chapman, Robert

Jones, Stanley

Schmitt, Gus

Clarke, Dennis

Joost-Kuhn, Laura

Schumacher, Bruce

Confair, Jay

Jousan, C. Mike

Sheane, J. Kenneth

Conroy, Floyd

Kilgore, L. Wilson

Siekmann, Eugene

Cook, John Coy

Kim, Kwang

Smith, Esther

Corazin, Nan Lyn

Kim, Myung Bae

St. John, Valerie

Corbett, Lawrence

Kimberlin, Kenneth

Stevens, Charles

Corbett, Cecil

Kush, Gary

Straatmeyer, Al

Dulaney, Robert

Latty, Allan

Thom, Francis

Eckert, Peter

Lefebvre, Eugene

Ulrickson, Paul

Eisenhower, Laura Grace

Lodge, David

Valle, Paula

Ensley, Jr., Milton

Manning, Marilyn

Van Dyke, P. James

Evans, Bill

Mayes, Robert

Voth, John

Exon, Ina

McDaniel, Leo

Walker, George

Farwell, Barbara

Melendez, Hipolito

Wallace, David

Flahiff, John

Meredith, Ralph

Watkins, William

Fooks, John

Miller, Craig

Wayne, Richard

Fowler, H. Douglas

Miller, Jerry

White, Frank

Fox, Charles

Moe, Kenneth

Williamson, Donald

Fuehrer, Robert

Moxness, Michael

Windsor, Charles

Fulton, Helmi

Murman, Kimberly

Wright, Douglas

Garvin, Woody

Oppenhuizen, Kathleen

Wright, Eugene

Gephart, Al

Pfeffer, William

Young, Alvin

Gerber, Ralph

Phillips, Norman

Good, Bill

Porter, Don

5.9. CHURCHES / ELDER COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Community, Pinetop	Judi Morland
Fort Defiance	Florence Davis
Ganado	Albert Lano
Kingman	Joan Johns
Valley	Miriam Schuler, Jack Schuler

5.10. MINISTERS ABSENT

Blincoe, Robert	Ramirez, Julio	Turner, David
Hart, Floyd	Ramos, Gonzalo	Willett, Kristin
Kerber, Keith	Roberts, Margaret	Wintz, Michael
Nielsen, Richard	Song, Seok Min	Wintz, Susan

5.11. CHURCHES ABSENT

Betania	First, Tuba City	Parker Valley
Blackwater	First, Sacaton	Scottsdale
Central	Fort McDowell	Trinity, Chinle
Community, Alpine	Guadalupe	Winslow
Community, Lake Havasu City	Indian Wells	
Community, Springerville	Kayenta	

6. AGENDA Annual Stated Meeting - Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City January 16, 2010
 Community Presbyterian Church, Yarnell – Co-host

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

- 7:30 a.m. - Registration
- 8:30 a.m. **CALLED TO WORSHIP AND WORK**
- Being Called to WorshipBev Phillips
- Singing the Faith
- Lighting of the Peace CandleGlyndon Morris
- Convening Prayer
- GATHERED IN GOD’S GRACE**
- 8:40 a.m. - Welcoming First-time Commissioners, GuestsGlyndon Morris
- Enrollment of Corresponding Members
- Establishment of a Quorum
- Approval of the Agenda and Procedural Motions (C-1)
- Approval of Proposed Procedures for Discussion and Voting on the Proposed
- Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010) (C-2)
- Reception of New Business
- Welcome by our Host Congregations:
- Faith and Community, Yarnell David Van Arsdale and Paul Jones
- Electing our Moderator-Elect (C-3) Chuck Proudfoot
- Confessing our Sins and Receiving God’s Forgiving Grace..... Lowell Byall
- ENCOUNTERING GOD’S WORD**
- 8:55 a.m. - Hearing Scripture
- Proclaiming God’s Word – Message by retiring Moderator, Glyndon Morris
- REFLECTING ON GOD’S WORD**
- 9:25 a.m. - Exploring the Meaning of BaptismLorelei Hillman
- Panelists – three to be named
- Singing the Faith
- RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**
- 9:55 a.m. - Installing our Presbytery Moderator for 2010, Rev. Karen Muenich
- 10:05 a.m. - Preparation for Ministry.....Rob Johnston
- Enrollment from Inquirer to Candidate, Erin Tamayo, Betania PC, Phoenix
- Approval of Alternate form of Examination for
- Vickie Longenecker, Church of the Master, Mesa

- 10:35 a.m. - Annual Meeting of the Presbytery Corporation (C-4)Art Campbell
- 10:40 a.m. - Nominations Committee Chuck Proudfoot
 - Approval of Committee Nominations
 - Election of Commissioners and Advisory Delegate to the 219th GA (2010) (C-5)
 - Youth Advisory Delegate (YAD) (by Ballot)
 - Elder Commissioners (By Ballot) (C-6)
 - Minister Commissioners (By Ballot) (C-7)
- * 11:10 a.m. Report of the Ganado Administrative Commission Nan Campbell
 - Return of Original Jurisdiction to the Session of Ganado Presbyterian Church
- * 11:20 a.m. Report of Presbytery CouncilArt Campbell
 - Reflections on 2009
 - Consent Agenda (C-8)
 - Report of the January 7th Meeting of Council/Trustees
 - Introduction and Commissioning our 2010 Native American Consultants
Rev. Norma McCabe and Rev. Martha Sadongei
- 11:45 a.m. - Dedicating our 2010 Congregational Pledges.....Dave Van Arsdale
- HALF-TIME: CELEBRATING IN OUR COMMUNITY**
- Noon - Lunch and Fellowship – Cents-Ability Offering
- * 1:00 p.m. - Report of the Interim Executive Presbyter..... Dave Wasserman
- 1:10 p.m. - Exploring: Conversing about our Presbytery’s Next Steps..... Rocky Mackey
- 2:00 p.m. **(BREAK TO MOVE FROM FELLOWSHIP HALL TO THE SANCTUARY)**
- * 2:10 p.m. - Discerning God’s Leading – Report of the Bills and Overtures Committee
(C-9, C-10)
 - Discussion and Voting on the Proposed Overtures to the
219th General Assembly (2010)
- BEING RENEWED BY GOD’S PROMISES AND GIFTS**
- * 3:00 p.m. - Professing the FaithBev. Phillips
 - Remembering Baptized Saints Who’ve Gone Before Us Lowell Byall
 - Anthem “Wade in the Water” Faith Chancel Choir
 - Remembering our Baptism
 - Gathering Around the Lord’s Table..... Glyndon Morris and Karen Muenich
 - Singing the Faith
 - Response and Prayer
- COMPLETING OUR WORK TOGETHER**
- 3:30 p.m. - Evangelism and Church Development
 - *Hitchhiker’s Guide to Evangelism Workshop*Tom Lineweaver and Art Campbell
 - Presbyterian Women – Spring Retreat.....Roberta Fogel
 - Reflecting on the Year Ahead..... Karen Muenich
 - Report on our 2010 Mission Pledges
 - Committee on MinistryShelly Moe
 - Celebrating Ordination Anniversaries (C-11)
 - Reminder of Action at March 2010 meeting on Revisions to Sexual Misconduct Policy
 - Unfinished Business Karen Muenich
 - New Business
 - Closing Procedures
- CONNECTING BEFORE THE BENEDICTION**
- Expressions of Thanks
- Next Stated Presbytery Meeting – March 19-20, 2010, Crosswinds PC, Phx.
- Singing the Faith
- Charge and Benediction, Adjournment..... Karen Muenich
- Fellowship as We Part Company

*Order of the Day

The mission of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is to celebrate and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by:

- *nurturing each congregation and minister member,*
- *assisting and challenging each congregation to engage in ministry and mission with other congregations and denominations*
- *developing and redeveloping worship communities*
- *being a connectional, communicative link in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

Isaiah 43: 18-19

Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (NRSV)

7. NEW BUSINESS

A new item of business from the Committee on Ministry had been sent to presbyters by e-mail in advance of the meeting and was docketed for 3:30 PM.

8. WELCOME

Rev. Dave Van Arsdale (Faith) and Commissioned Lay Pastor Paul Jones (Community, Yarnell) welcomed the presbyters to the meeting and shared some background on the two churches.

8.1. Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City was organized in 1973. Members support a variety of mission efforts including, loading boxes at the Food Bank, educational mission trips to the Border, and Interfaith Community Care. Beyond the local community, the congregation supports the world mission of the PC(USA), BorderLinks, Just Coffee Project, Cook School, Native American Church on the Gila River Reservation, Habitat for Humanity, Agua Fria and Westside Food Banks, Refugee Resettlement.

8.2. Community Presbyterian Church, Yarnell was organized by the presbytery in 1944. They have enjoyed their partnership relationship with Faith Presbyterian Church. With the support of a transformational grant and the help of José Olagues, they have been developing a leadership team and working to broaden their mission outreach to the surrounding community. The small congregation is growing through their redevelopment efforts.

9. ELECTION OF THE MODERATOR-ELECT

Gloria Young, Elder from Southminster Presbyterian Church was invited to stand. Additional nominations were invited from the floor. There were none. Presbytery ELECTED Elder Gloria Young by a voice vote.

10. SERVICE OF WORSHIP

A Service of Worship was held from 8:50-9:50 AM. Lowell Byall led the Prayer of Confession and the Assurance of Pardon. Glyndon Morris read Isaiah 43:1-7 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 and delivered the Sermon.

10.1. Reflecting on God's Word – Exploring the Meaning of Baptism

Rev. Lorelei Hillman introduced Rev. Debra Avery and Rev. Nathan Byrd who had written papers exploring the meaning of Baptism (which had been distributed in the packet at registration for this meeting.) Following an opportunity for dialogue on the meaning of Baptism, the hymn *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* was sung.

10.2. New Moderator Installed

The Moderator-Elect was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Elder Glyndon Morris turned over the gavel and responsibilities to Rev. Karen Muenich. Glyndon gave a charge and led in prayer.

11. PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

11.1. Inquirer to Candidate, Erin Tamayo

Upon recommendation of the Preparation for Ministry Committee, Inquirer Erin Tamayo from Betania Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, was examined with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and motives for seeking the ministry. The examination was sustained and presbyters

APPROVED the recommendation from the Preparation for Ministry Committee that Erin Tamayo be enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry. Members of Betania Presbyterian Church were invited forward. Moderator Rev. Karen Muenich asked the constitutional questions to which she answered in the affirmative. Karen Muenich gave a brief charge and Rev. Renato Alvarez gave a prayer of thanks.

11.2. Approval of Alternate Form of Examination for Candidate Vickie Longenecker

On recommendation of the Preparation for Ministry Committee (CPM), and by a ¾ vote, Presbytery APPROVED an alternate form of examination for Vickie Longenecker (Church of the Master) whereby CPM members will test the candidate in each of the four areas of examination, followed by a written examination drawn from past PC(USA)’s Cooperative Committee questions, to be graded by CPM members and submitted to CPM for approval.

12. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

The Presbytery was recessed and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation was called to order with prayer at 10:15 AM, by Rev. Art Campbell. Presbytery VOTED to name as officers of the Corporation:

- President Elder Glyndon Morris
- Vice President Rev. Karen Muenich
- Treasurer Elder Shirley Randolph
- Secretary Elder Richard Coffelt
- Executive Secretary Rev. Dave Wasserman

12.1. Full Audit

Dick Coffelt reported that the Annual Audit is in process with the Henry and Horne Accounting Firm.

12.2. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned and Moderator Karen Muenich reconvened the Presbytery Meeting with prayer at 10:15 AM.

13. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Election of Interim Assistant Treasurers

The Nominations Committee is working to fill the position of Treasurer, as Shirley Randolph’s term will be ending in March. She has requested to finish her second term a few months early. In the interim, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, Presbytery APPROVED that Rev. Dave Wasserman and Elder Dick Coffelt serve as Interim Assistant Treasurers until the Stated March Meeting of Presbytery.

13.1. Committee Nominations

The following names were placed in nomination to serve on Presbytery Committees:

Council

Member at Large

- 2010 Jeanette Miller (University)

Educational Ministries

- 2012 Rev. Constance McIntosh
- Carolyn Snell (Payson)

Evangelism & Church Development

- 2011 Rev. John Sabbagh
- 2012 Ron Brockman (Desert Hills)

Committee on Ministry

- 2010 Paul West (Palo Cristi)
- 2012 Jim Miller(Chandler)
- Rev. Paul Soderquist

Native American Ministries

2012 LaBerta Collins (Salt River)

Preparation for Ministry

2012 Rev. Kristen Willett

Representation

2012 Priscilla Vargas (Betania)

Social Justice and Peacemaking

2010 Bonnie Smith (Mission del Sol)

2011 Rev. Walter Clark

2012 Jane Wahlers (John Calvin)

Stewardship, Mission and Communication Dev.

2011 Gayle Park (Celebration of Life)

2012 Tom Krehbiel (Mission del Sol)
Jean Montgomery (Desert Palms)**Theology and Worship**2012 Rev. Deborah Kehle
Martha Lopez (Memorial)
Rev. Grif Vautier**Women's Ministries**2012 Susan Brooks Morris (Southminster)
Heidi Longwell (Memorial)
Bev Roselieb (Mtn. View)

After opportunity for nominations from the floor, the slate was APPROVED as presented.

13.2. Election of Elder Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010)

Having been elected as Nominee Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010), Barbara Conti (Desert Hills), Ronald Fox (Mingus View), Robert Orf (Orangewood), and Annabelle Smallcanyon (First, Leupp) were introduced and given up to three minutes (each) to speak to their written statements that had been included in the Call to this meeting. Vote was by secret ballot. Barbara Petersen, Jean Montgomery, Richard Crowe and Ed Spence served as Tellers. Annabelle Smallcanyon was elected as Elder Commissioner on the first ballot. Following two more votes by secret ballot, Robert Orf was elected as Elder Commissioner and Barbara Conti was elected as an Alternate.

13.3. Election of Minister Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010)

Having been elected as Nominee Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly (2010) Rev. Mary Saylor (Emmanuel), Rev. Dave Van Arsdale (Faith), and Rev. Trina Zelle (University) were introduced and given three minutes to speak to their written statements that had been included in the Call to this meeting. (Nominee, Rev. Tom Lineweaver had withdrawn his name for consideration as a Minister Commissioner as a result of his father's death.) Vote was by secret ballot. With all ballots in and counted Presbytery VOTED to elect Rev. Trina Zelle and Rev. Mary Saylor as Minister Commissioners. Rev. Dave Van Arsdale was elected as an alternate.

13.4. Election of the Youth Advisory Delegate to the 219th General Assembly (2010)

Kyle Harding (First Presbyterian Church, Mesa) was introduced and placed in nomination for Youth Advisory Delegate. He was given three minutes to address the presbyters. By a two-thirds vote, Presbytery VOTED to suspend the rules for a secret ballot and Kyle Harding was elected Youth Advisory Delegate by a voice vote. This will be his second term of service as Youth Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly.

14. THE REPORT OF THE GANADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Nan Campbell reported on the work of the members of the Ganado Commission and lifted up the efforts of the members of Ganado Presbyterian Church under the leadership of Commissioned Lay Pastor, Audrey Jefferson and church secretary Vivian Manning. Church membership has increased from 20 to 41, a weekly Bible study is being offered, and 200 people attended the annual camp meeting. The Roll and Minutes book have been brought up to date. Training has been provided to Audrey Jefferson on how to conduct and clerk Session and annual meetings. The Nominating Committee is working to fill the elder and deacon classes for 2011 and 2012. A budget has been established. At the Annual Congregational Meeting six elders and 2 deacons were elected and an annual report was distributed. An officers' retreat has been scheduled and an installation service will be held. Reimbursement to the presbytery for delinquent per capita is in the works and the congregation has contributed to both the Christmas Joy Offering and to One Great Hour of Sharing. The church has made a pledge to the presbytery for 2010 and is active in meaningful mission outreach to the surrounding community.

Return of Original Jurisdiction of the Session of Ganado Presbyterian Church

On the recommendation of the Ganado Administrative Commission, Presbytery APPROVED that original jurisdiction of the Session of the Ganado Presbyterian Church be returned and that Audrey Jefferson, Commissioned Lay Pastor, be named moderator of the Ganado Presbyterian Church Session. Members of the Commission were asked to stand to be recognized for their work, as were Audrey Jefferson and session members of Ganado Presbyterian Church. Presbyters responded with a round of applause.

15. REPORT OF COUNCIL/TRUSTEES**15.1. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda includes the Report of the Council/Trustees' December 3, 2009 and January 7, 2010 Stated Meetings (15.2.), the Report of the Committee on Ministry (15.3.), the Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (15.4.) the Report of the Stated Clerk (15.5.) and the Stated Clerk's Yearly Report of Imbalance (15.6.).

Consent Agenda Approved

After the opportunity was given to remove any item for further discussion, the Consent Agenda was APPROVED.

15.2. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES**December 3, 2009**

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated December Meeting at the Interchurch Center in Phoenix, beginning at 11:00 AM with prayer. A quorum was present. Incoming Council Members had been invited to the meeting and Art Campbell welcomed Kathryn Owens (incoming COM chair) and Kate Wilmoth (incoming ECD chair).

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the November 5, 2009 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED

Acting on its delegated authority, Council APPROVED the Minutes of the November 14, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of November 30, 2009 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$1,050,300.24 and expense of \$1,122,191.50 resulting in a difference of (\$71,891.26).

Council recessed. Trustees' meeting convened.

PROPERTY

Covenant Property

On the recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED a four-year lease renewal of the lease with the Maricopa County Probation Department for their use of approximately 630 square feet of the house located at 1224 E. Virginia at a rate of \$450.00 monthly.

Peoria North Property

On the recommendation of the Property Committee, the Trustees APPROVED the payoff of the loan existing on the Peoria North property as CDs mature and are available, using funds from Restricted Account #22014.

Trustees recessed. Council meeting reconvened.

FOLLOW-UP FROM NOVEMBER ACTIONS

Invitation to General Assembly Mission Council Moderator to Visit

Carol Adcock has been invited to the March 19-20, 2010 Presbytery Meeting. Rocky Mackey, Mary Lynn Walters and Dave Van Arsdale will be involved with making the arrangements.

Holding our Congregations in Prayer

Lorelei Hillman and Glyndon Morris have been working with the list of Council members and assigning two churches for each person to be in touch with during the year to build relationships and to learn what the Council might pray for throughout the year. At each Council meeting in 2010, time will be set aside for sharing what has been learned and for praying for our congregations. Art Campbell will determine which congregations to focus on and pray for at the January meeting of Council/Trustees.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

On recommendation of Glyndon Morris, Council APPROVED that the February 2010 Council Retreat will be held on Thursday/Friday, February 4-5. More details will be given in January. The retreat will begin at 3 p.m. on Thursday and will conclude on Friday at 3 p.m. Glyndon will coordinate a planning team to find a church to host the retreat.

VACANCIES ON THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

It is the responsibility of the Council to fill vacancies on the Nominations Committee. There are three vacancies for: a male elder, a female elder, and a minister of either gender. Art Campbell asked for volunteers from the Council to work to fill the vacancies or to serve on the committee. Heidi Longwell volunteered to serve on the committee.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Requests for Time on the January Presbytery Docket

A form for requesting time on the January Presbytery Docket had been e-mailed to members prior to the meeting and one was circulated during the meeting. Presbytery will be acting on the proposed Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010) and electing commissioners to the General Assembly. The Presbytery is also seeking nominations for a Youth Advisory Delegate. Agenda Planning will meet briefly after this meeting.

Annual Reports

A discussion was held on the purpose of the Annual Report booklet that is distributed to the Presbytery at the Annual Meeting in January, and whether it might be worthwhile to consider using a different format. Dave Wasserman suggested preparing one that is more of an interpretive piece that has a brief overview of the year, with photographs. An example was circulated during the meeting. After opportunity for discussion, the consensus was to try the new format. Dave Wasserman, Rocky Mackey, Carolyn McBurney and Linda Bailey will be putting the report together.

Council chairs, officers and staff were reminded to submit their written reports to Linda Bailey at click6@aol.com by December 31st at the very latest; or earlier if at all possible.

Appointment to an Investigating Committee

On November 16, 2009 in accordance with Bylaw B-7.0200 of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Bylaws and Standing Rules the Chair of Council, Moderator of Presbytery, Moderator-elect of Presbytery, and Interim Executive Presbyter appointed the following persons to serve on the Investigation Committee necessitated by the receipt of a Statement of Alleged Offense on October 29, 2009:

Rev. Bob Claus

Associate Pastor, Desert Hills Presbyterian Church

Rev. Lloyd Evans

Stated Supply Pastor, Mingus View Presbyterian Church

Elder Patti Shelton

Clerk of Session – Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church

The Investigating Committee met for its Convening and Training Meeting on November 20, 2009 to begin its work and selected Bob Claus as Moderator and Lloyd Evans as Clerk.

INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Manse at First Presbyterian Church, Tuba City

Dave Wasserman reported that the manse at First PC, Tuba City had caught fire on Wednesday night. This is the home of Norma McCabe and her family. The fire started beneath the fireplace in a crawl space under the living room. Don Swanson is in communication with Norma and he also discovered that her propane had run out. \$500 will be sent to Norma, \$1,000 will be sent to the Ferrell gas company to heat the church and the Maloney house on the campus (where Norma and her family will move to). Council APPROVED that a letter will be sent to the presbytery to ask for donations and to hold Norma, her family and the congregation in prayer.

Presentation and Conversation

Dave gave a *PowerPoint* presentation about the presbytery's transition time and invited the Council to move into a season of reflection and exploration as they prepare for a formal search for a new leader. The Council will take time to look at some new thinking about the church as well as revisiting traditional understandings as Reformed Presbyterians. The new thinking will include reflection on the missional church initiative.

Invitation to Colin Cruickshank from General Assembly's Funds Development Ministry

In November, Dave attended an Executive Presbyter Forum where he met two people from the Funds Development Ministry of the General Assembly Mission Council. This is new ministry is focused on raising funds for international mission workers, concentrating on individual donors rather than Sessions. One of the people he met was Colin Cruickshank, an elder and the West Regional Development Manager. There would be value in his coming to a future Council meeting, to explain his hopes and plans for fundraising with individuals inside Grand Canyon Presbytery and, perhaps, where the presbytery might partner with him and his efforts.

After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED extending an invitation to Mr. Colin Cruickshank to visit with representatives of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee and the Council in 2010.

Study of Meeting Schedule

On the recommendation of Dave Wasserman, Council APPROVED that a work team be established to evaluate the current Council and Presbytery meeting schedule and report back to Council within 3 months.

ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE FOR CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING

José Olagues referred to two articles that had been e-mailed to Council members in advance of the meeting. The November 27, 2009 article, in the *Arizona Daily Star*, by Howard Fischer, titled “Payday lenders fight to stay in AZ” documented how the state’s payday lenders are trying to persuade lawmakers to let them stay in business despite a public vote to the contrary. The November 27th article, in the *New York Times*, by Samuel G. Freedman, titled “Evangelical, and Young, and Active in New Area” highlighted the shifts in evangelical Christianity.

Thirty-eight presbyteries were recognized by the PC(USA) for mission giving in 2009. Three of those presbyteries honored were from the Synod of the Southwest. Sierra Blanca, Grand Canyon and Santa Fe were in the top ten for special offerings by average per member. Santa Fe was in the top ten for total giving by average per member, and in the top ten for basic mission support by average per member. Grand Canyon was in the top ten honored for special offerings by total dollar amount.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**Martha Sadongi and Norma McCabe**

With the retirement of Bob Lewis as the Interim Associate Executive for Native American Ministries, the Personnel Committee has been working to ensure that Native American Ministries will continue to have the support that is needed to enhance the ministries of our Native American Congregations and to strengthen our Presbyterian connections. On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Council APPROVED the job descriptions and agreed to employ the services of Rev. Norma McCabe and Rev. Martha Sadongi, for a period of one-year, from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, to serve as part-time Consultants for Native American Ministries.

PLANNING

Rocky Mackey reviewed some of the feedback from the small group discussions at the November Presbytery Meeting that were gleaned from the conversation guide and response form. Plans for the discussion at the January Presbytery Meeting were discussed.

OFFICE RELOCATION TASK GROUP

Lorelei reported on the work of the committee to research options for available office space. The owners of the current office space have made a very favorable proposal for a 1-3 year extension. The rate would be reduced from the present \$19.17 per square foot to \$12.31 for a one-year extension (\$10.32 for a two-year extension). Savings under a two-year lease would be from \$11,940 to \$13,726 in 2010, depending on how free rent is allocated. Other details need to be negotiated.

After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED that the task group and the Property Committee pursue a two-year contract with the presbytery’s current landlord at the reduced costs that Don Swanson has been negotiating, with protective clauses in the contract ensuring that the needed repairs are made.

Council members were asked to complete a brief form prioritizing five categories that reflect important factors in selecting a new office site. Completed forms were returned to John Poling.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Shelly Core highlighted the financial challenges that the Resource Center is experiencing due to reduced support from our congregations and from congregations from other denominations.

THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP

Lorelei Hillman provided an update of plans for the January Presbytery meeting on the subject of Baptism Renewal. The committee would like to have three people do a presentation at that meeting to focus on baptism and discipleship. Fifteen churches have made a commitment to make Baptism Renewal a part of their January 10th service of worship.

EVANGELISM AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT**The Spring**

A self-forming group that has identified itself as “The Spring” has been meeting since last summer for worship and fellowship. Presently the group has support from four congregations in the presbytery (Valley, Desert Hills, Mountain View, Christ). The group has been meeting consistently on Sunday afternoon; and continues to attract a younger than average group.

Several conversations between the group’s leadership and presbytery’s Evangelism and Church Development Committee took place before The Spring requested to be recognized as an official ministry under the supervision of the presbytery. At its most recent meeting (11/19/09), the committee met with representatives of the group to discuss the request. After presentation, discussion and questions/answers, the committee acted on the request and voted to recommend accepting The Spring as a fellowship of the presbytery. Several staff members have been part of the conversation and follow-up.

The committee will continue relating to the fellowship and will monitor and encourage the ministry; and will also work with them on a plan to meet the requirements of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

After opportunity for discussion and on the recommendation of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee, Council APPROVED that The Spring be recognized as a fellowship of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. The fellowship will be under the guidance and supervision of the Evangelism and Church Development Committee until chartered.

January 7, 2010

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated January Meeting at the Interchurch Center in Phoenix, beginning at 12:00 PM with prayer. A quorum was present. Incoming Council Members had been invited to the meeting and Art Campbell welcomed incoming members who were present as well as Martha Sadongei (Consultant for Native American Ministries).

COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED

The minutes of the December 3, 2009 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS

Throughout the year the Presbytery Council will be holding congregations in prayer. Karen Muenich, Mary Lynn Walters, Dave Wasserman and Don Swanson shared information and prayer requests from Emmanuel, Kingman, Peoria First and Tuba City First. At the conclusion of the meeting each of these congregations was lifted up in prayer.

Council recessed. Trustees’ meeting convened.

PROPERTY**Approval of Amended Office Site Lease**

On recommendation of the Task Group on Office Relocation and the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the amended office site lease which continues presbytery office occupancy of its present quarters until May 1, 2012. (The approval is with the understanding that the last sentence under “Tenant Improvements” will be stricken from the lease.)

Trustees recessed. Council reconvened.

FOLLOW UP FROM 2009 ACTIONS**Carol Adcock and Eric Hoey**

Carol Adcock (Chair of the General Assembly Mission Council) and Eric Hoey (Director of the Evangelism and Church Growth Agency) will be present for the March 19-20, 2010 Presbytery Meeting. Plans for their visit were reviewed. Council APPROVED that Council members will meet with Carol and Eric on March 19th at noon, for lunch and conversation in the early afternoon.

Colin Cruickshank

Colin Cruickshank (West Regional Development Manager) from the General Assembly's Funds Development Ministry will be in town on Tuesday, January 19th and will meet with members of the following committees: Budget; Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development; and Endowment. Other members of Council who would like to attend were requested to be in touch with Dave Wasserman.

Work Team to Evaluate Council and Presbytery Meeting Schedule

The team has been appointed. Karen Muenich, Glyndon Morris, Dick Coffelt and Dave Wasserman will have their first meeting on Monday, January 11th.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of December 31, 2009 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$1,241,384.89 and expense of \$1,228,543.34 resulting in a difference of 12,841.55. Earlier in the year, authorization had been given to take up to \$120,000 from designated funds, if needed, to meet expenses. By year end, \$60,000 had been used.

A thank you letter will be sent to the churches for their faithful support in 2009. For churches that fell behind in 2009, a reminder will be sent that there is always opportunity in the months ahead to do so.

At the request of the auditors and on recommendation of the Treasurer, Council AUTHORIZED the write-off of the 2007 and 2008 Per Capita owed by Community Presbyterian Church, Springerville as of December 31, 2009.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**Annual Report**

Work on the annual report is in progress. Those who had not yet sent in their reports were requested to do so by Friday, January 8th.

January 16, 2010 Annual Stated Meeting

Plans for the upcoming meeting were highlighted.

A WORD OF THANKS

Dick Coffelt and Dave Wasserman gave thanks to the outgoing members of Council for their dedicated service. They will be receiving a copy of the book *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle as an expression of thanks.

REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**Council Retreat**

Initial plans were discussed for the February 4-5th Council Retreat.

Ganado Commission Update

Nan Campbell will be making a report at the January Presbytery Meeting, during which time, the motion will be made to restore original jurisdiction of the session to Ganado Presbyterian Church. Positive things are happening with Sage Hospital and work is underway with the 501(c)3.

However, due to serious ongoing health problems, Nan will be resigning from the commission. Members of the commission have worked faithfully, giving many hours of dedicated service. Nan has sent an email to current commission members proposing that at the January Presbytery Meeting, Presbytery take action to launch a new team of people, so that by the June Presbytery Meeting a new commission will be commissioned. Karen Muenich will appoint an inquiry team of 3-4 people to review the work of the Ganado Commission, as well as the work and recommendations of the original Ganado Task Force, and assess the next steps to be accomplished. The current Ganado Commission will make a full report at the March meeting of Presbytery.

PERSONNEL

Continuing Education Funds for 2010

At its meeting in December, the Personnel Committee took action to provide continuing education funds for 2010 for three staff members; Carolyn McBurney, Linda Bailey and Dick Coffelt.

On recommendation from the Personnel Committee (which also had conversation with Helen Branyan and Shirley Randolph) Council APPROVED:

- That the 2010 Budget be amended to add three line items in the Personnel Budget:
 - Continuing Education, Carolyn McBurney \$750
 - Continuing Education, Linda Bailey \$750
 - Continuing Education, Dick Coffelt \$750

(Note: These additions do not affect the total budget commitment to Personnel for 2010.)

Dick Coffelt, Linda Bailey, Don Swanson and Carolyn McBurney were asked to leave the room during consideration of the next motion and returned for the Planning Committee Report.

Personnel Gift Fund

A gift was received at the end of 2009 to establish a restricted account "Personnel Gift Fund", use of which to be determined by the Personnel Committee.

On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Council APPROVED that the Council receive the \$500 designated gift and establish a restricted account "Personnel Gift Fund" the use of which is to be determined by the Personnel Committee; and that the Council explore ways to continue funding this through the Presbytery budget.

PLANNING

Rocky Mackey circulated a sign-up sheet for Council members to serve as discussion leaders for the small group discussion to be held at the January Presbytery Meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Arizona Korean PC

An update was provided on Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church.

Desert Palms PC

A discussion was held on the new item of business to come before the presbytery at its January meeting regarding the dissolution of the Associate Pastor relationship between Rev. Patricia Baxter and Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City West.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL MODERATOR

Nominations Committee

Work is underway to bring names to the presbytery for ratification in January. For the class of 2012, Heidi Longwell (Memorial) and Myron Peterson (Historic First) have accepted the nomination to serve. Art is waiting to hear back from the third person to be nominated.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 PM. Art Campbell gave the closing prayer and lifted up the congregations of Emmanuel, Kingman, Peoria First and Tuba City First.

15.3. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Committee Actions/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:

November 24, 2009

1. Pyke

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Kathryn Pyke and the Session of Chandler Presbyterian Church for a period of six months, subject to 30 days notice for termination, effective December 1, 2009 on the following terms:

Salary	\$10,000.00	Medical / Pension	As Required by the BOP
Housing	17,000.00	Study Leave	One Week
Travel.	775.00 *	Vacation:	Two Weeks
Study Allow	522.00 *		
Prof. Allow	400.00 *		

*= Vouchered

2. Turner Service of Installation

Approved the Service of Installation of the Rev. David Turner as Associate Pastor to Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday January 10, 2010 at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship. Approved the following administrative commission to install the Rev. David Turner:

Elders

Moderator Glyndon Morris (Palo Cristi)
 Melinda Brown (Celebration of Life)
 Larry Glenn (Valley)

Ministers

Woody Garvin (Valley)
 Gloria Pulido (MAL)
 Mary Saylor (Emmanuel)

3. Roll of Ministers

Approved the Roll of Ministers as of December 31, 2009 for inclusion in the Call materials to the January 16, 2010 Annual Presbytery Meeting.

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon Roll of Ministers – Updated 12-31-09

ACTIVE 11.0409

Avram, Wesley
 Avery, Debra Renee
 Baker, Brant
 Baer, Doug*
 Berry, Thomas
 Bybee, David
 Byrd, Nathan
 Campbell, Arthur
 Citron, Suzanne
 Clark, Bobbye
 Claus, Robert
 Courtney, Charles Philip
 Engstrom, Carl “Bud”
 Evans, Lloyd*
 Evans, William
 Fletcher, Tully
 Garvin, Gerald “Woody”
 Good, William
 Hartwell, Michael
 Hawkins, Darren
 Hawkins, Ron
 Hicks, David C.
 Hillman, Lorelei
 Hodgson, David*
 Johnson, Bruce
 Johnston III, Robert
 Kehle, Deborah
 Kimberlin, J. Kenneth*
 Lineweaver, Thomas
 Manning, Marilyn
 McCabe, Norma
 McIntosh, Constance
 Moe, Michelle
 Muenich, Karen
 Noble, James
 Page, Kenneth
 Palmer, Theron
 Poling, John
 Proudfoot, Charles
 Pyke, Kathryn
 Ramos, Gonzalo**
 Reinhold, Ruth
 Sadongei, Martha
 Saylor, Mary
 Schenck, Jr., Jeremiah
 Selestewa, Sharon
 Simmons, Robert
 Soderquist, Paul
 Tilly, Mark
 Turner, David
 Uhley, James
 Van Arsdale, David
 Vautier, A.W. Grif
 Watkins, W. Gale
 Windsor, C. “Jerry”
 Willett, Kristin
 Worsnop, Linda
ACTIVE 11.0409

Young, Pat
 Zelle, Trina
ACTIVE 11.0410
 Alvarez, Renato
 Olagues, José
 Wasserman, David

ACTIVE 11.0411
 Blincoe, Robert
 Fuehrer, Robert
 Hubbard, Deborah
 Kim, Myung Bae
 Miller, Craig
 Murman, Kimberly
 Parker, Thomas
 Porter, Don C.
 Roberts, Margaret
 Schumacher, Bruce
 Wintz, Susan
 Witte, Catherine

ACTIVE 11.0412
 Anderson, Fred
 Anderson, Richard
 Atchinson, Glenn
 Barklind, John
 Baer, Doug*
 Berg, George
 Bibiloni, José
 Bigler, Robert
 Borden, John
 Borhauer, Harold W.
 Brahams, Hap
 Bruening, James R.
 Burtless, Stanford L.
 Byall, Lowell
 Byers, Harold H.
 Calhoun, Paul
 Chapman, Robert V.
 Clark, Robert
 Clark, Walter
 Clarke, Dennis
 Confair, Jay
 Conroy, Floyd
 Corazin, Lyn
 Corbett, Cecil
 Corbett, Lawrence
 Cook, John Coy
 Doh, Joseph
 Dulaney, Robert
 Eckert, Peter
 Ensley Jr., Milton
 Eisenhower, Laura G
 Evans, Lloyd
 Exon, Ina Louise
 Farwell, Barbara
 Flahiff, John

ACTIVE 11.0412

Fooks, John B.
 Forsberg, David
 Fowler, Douglas
 Fox, Charles
 Fredrick, John
 Fulton, Helmi
 Gephart, Al
 Gerber, Ralph
 Goodenberger, Alton
 Gray, Barrie
 Hawley, Bernard
 Hayes, William
 Hicks, Mae
 Hodgson, David*
 Hodgson, Deanne
 Illingworth, J. Davis
 Jacobs Sr., John
 Jann, Donn
 Jarvis, Troy
 Jenkins, Charles
 Joe, Victor
 Johnson, Caleb
 Jones, Stanley
 Jousan, C. Mike
 Kilgore, L. Wilson
 Kim, Kwang Cheol
 Kimberlin, J. Kenneth*
 Kush, Gary
 Latty, Allan R.
 LeFebvre, Eugene
 Lodge, David Starr
 Martz, Robert V.
 Mayes, Robert Wm.
 McDaniel, Leo
 Melendez, Hipolito
 Meredith, Ralph
 Miller, Jerry
 Moe, Kenneth
 Moranville, Thomas
 Moser, Paul F.
 Moxness, Michael
 Oppenhuizen, K.
 Park, Francis
 Pfeffer, William
 Phillips, Beverly Jane
 Phillips, Norman
 Pratt, Edward
 Prichard, Jack H.
 Pyke, Richard
 Rae, Robert
 Ramsdell, Richard
 Remer, James
 Rhoades, Francis A.
 Robertson, John
 Roop, David
 Rosson, Roland
 Sabbagh, John
ACTIVE 11.0412
 Schlotzhauer, Wes.

Schmitt, August
 Sheane, J. Kenneth
 Siekmann, Eugene
 Smith, Esther
 Spence, Edward
 Stevens, Charles
 Straatmeyer, Alvin
 St. John, Valerie
 Thom, Francis
 Ulrickson, Paul
 Valle, Paula
 Van Dyke, P. James
 Voth, John
 Walker, George H.
 Wallace, David
 Wayne, Richard
 White, Frank
 Williamson, Donald
 Wright, Douglas
 Wright, Eugene
 Young, Alvin
 Zabriskie, Richard

**MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
11.0413**

Arbesman, Janet
 Baxter, Pat
 Doh, Helen
 Eaken, Lawrence
 Geils Nord, Alice
 Hart, Floyd
 Hood, Brandon
 Jennison, Cynthia
 Joost-Kuhn, Laura
 Kerber, Keith C.
 Miller, Joan
 Nielsen, Richard E.
 Parker, Gayle
 Pulido, Gloria
 Ramirez, Julio
 Saylor, George
 Song, Seok Min
 Vautier, Holly
 Vogel, Leslie
 Weir, J. Kyle
 Wintz, Michael

INACTIVE 11.0413

Mann, Melissa
 11.0409 Service In Congregation Of
 This Church
 11.0410 In Other Service
 11.0411 Beyond Jurisdiction
 11.0412 Honorably Retired
 11.0413 Member-at-large
 *Listed as 11.0409 and 11.0412
 **Corresponding Member

15.4. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Committee Actions/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:

Inquirer Enrolled

At the November 17, 2009 meeting of the Preparation for Ministry Committee, **Brenda Hooser** (Federated Community, Flagstaff) was enrolled as an Inquirer.

15.5. STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Presbytery APPROVED that the following report of the Stated Clerk concerning the Appointment to an Investigating Committee, the report of an Administrative Commission, and the Stated Clerk's Yearly Report of Imbalance, be entered into the minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's Stated Meeting of January 16, 2010. Presbytery further approved that the Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks.

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Clerk of Session – Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church

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B. Report of Administrative Commission

The Administrative Commission to install the Rev. David Turner as Associate Pastor to Valley Presbyterian Church met on Sunday January 10, 2010 at the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services of Worship and did install Rev. Turner as Associate Pastor. Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Elder Glyndon Morris (Presbytery Moderator, Palo Cristi)

Elder Larry Glenn (Valley)

Elder Melinda Brown (Celebration of Life)

Rev. Woody Garvin (Valley)

Rev. Mary Saylor (Emmanuel)

Rev. Gloria Pulido (Member-at-large)

Rev. David Turner Led the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon.

Rev. Woody Garvin delivered the sermon "From Insignificance to Significance", the text was John 6:1-14.

Glyndon Morris gave words of introduction to the Installation, led the Opening Prayer and Asked the Constitutional Questions.

Larry Glenn asked the Questions of the Congregation.

Rev. Mary Saylor gave the Charge to the Pastor.

Rev. Gloria Pulido gave the Charge to the Congregation.

Following the singing of “Here I Am Lord”, Rev. Woody Garvin led the congregation in prayer and the Laying on of Hands. Rev. David Turner gave the Benediction. A reception was held in between the services on the church patio.

Respectfully Submitted, Glyndon Morris

15.6. Stated Clerk’s Yearly Report of Imbalance

A correction was made to the Imbalance Report which is reflected in the following:

CURRENT ROLL OF MINISTERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

From the Roll as of 12/31/09 for Reporting to the Presbytery at January 16, 2010 Meeting

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Out of Bounds</u>	<u>Resident (*)</u>	<u>Members</u>
Service in Congregation Of this Church (11.0409)	55	0	55	(55)
In Other Service (11.0410)	3	0	3	(3)
Beyond Jurisdiction (11.0411)	12	5	7	(7)
Honorably Retired (11.0412)	115	14	106	(50) *
Member-at-large (11.0413)	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>(15)</u>
Total	203	19	189	(130)

(*) =Resident Honorably Retired included for correcting for the imbalance

Honorably Retired – 115

* Attended One Meeting in 2009 * 50

(Or are on committees, Parish Associates,
Moderators or CLP Mentor/Supervisors)

YEARLY REPORT OF IMBALANCE – FORM OF GOVERNMENT G-11.0101(b) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

Minister Members

130 resident voting members of Presbytery

Elder Commissioners

- 81 Elders constitutionally represent churches
- 21 Elders are Officers/Council members enrolled under **B-2.0100**
- 9 Commissioned lay pastors with voice and vote

111 Elder commissioners eligible to vote

130 Resident ministers for purposes of correcting for the imbalance

-111 Elder commissioners eligible to vote

19 Imbalance of elder commissioners

Presbytery APPROVED that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, in accordance with the policy adopted at its June 19, 2001 Stated Meeting, invite the Sessions of the 19 churches beginning with number 43 (Northminster) on the following Alphabetical Listing of Churches on the Basis of Location/Church and continuing on to and including number 61 (Desert Palms) on the list, to elect one additional Elder Commissioner for the following meetings of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon:

March 2010 June 2010 September 2010 November 2010 Annual Meeting of 2011 (January)

Alphabetical Listing of Churches on the Basis of Location/Church

<u>ID #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>ID #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	Alpine	Alpine Community	36	Phoenix	Central
2	Apache Junction	John Calvin	37	Phoenix	Christ
3	Bapchule	Vah Ki	38	Phoenix	Crosswinds
4	Carefree	Desert Hills	39	Phoenix	Emmanuel
5	Chandler	Chandler	40	Phoenix	Historic First
6	Chandler	Goodyear	41	Phoenix	Horizon
7	Chinle	Trinity	42	Phoenix	Memorial
8	Coolidge	Blackwater	43	Phoenix	Northminster
9	Cottonwood	Verde Valley	44	Phoenix	Orangewood
10	Flagstaff	Federated Community	45	Phoenix	Southminster
11	Fountain Hills	Fountain Hills	46	Phoenix	Sunnyslope
12	Ft Defiance	Fort Defiance	47	Phoenix	Westminster
13	Ganado	Ganado	48	Pinetop	Community
14	Gilbert	Gilbert	49	Prescott	Trinity
15	Glendale	Heritage	50	Prescott Valley	Mingus View
16	Guadalupe	Guadalupe	51	Roll	Mohawk Valley
17	Indian Wells	Indian Wells	52	Sacaton	First
18	Kayenta	Kayenta	53	Scottsdale	Fort McDowell
19	Kingman	Kingman	54	Scottsdale	Mountain View
20	Lake Havasu City	Community	55	Scottsdale	Pinnacle
21	Laveen	Gila Crossing	56	Scottsdale	Salt River
22	Laveen	Maricopa First	57	Scottsdale	Scottsdale
23	Leupp	First	58	Springerville	Community
24	Mesa	Celebration of Life	59	Sun City	Faith
25	Mesa	Church of the Master	60	Sun City	First
26	Mesa	First	61	Sun City West	Desert Palms
27	Mesa	Lehi	62	Tempe	Mission del Sol
28	Paradise Valley	Palo Cristi	63	Tempe	University
29	Paradise Valley	Valley	64	Tuba City	First
30	Parker	Parker Valley	65	Wellton	Community
31	Payson	Community	66	Wickenburg	First
32	Peoria	First	67	Winslow	Winslow
33	Phoenix	Arizona Korean	68	Yarnell	Community
34	Phoenix	Betania	69	Yuma	First
35	Phoenix	Bethany	70	Yuma	Sierra Vista

POLICY ADOPTED ON JUNE 19, 2001

That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon adopt at its June 19, 2001 Stated Meeting the following revised policy on correcting for an imbalance of minister members and elder commissioners under the provisions of Form of Government G-11.0101 and G-11.0412b

1. Correct for imbalance on the basis of the count of resident members on the roll in all active capacities of Service in Congregations of this Church (11.0409); In Other Service (11.0410); Beyond Jurisdiction (11.0411); Members-at-large (11.0413)
2. Include resident Honorably Retired (11.0412) who have attended at least one presbytery meeting in the prior year and or are on a committee, a Parish Associate, Moderator of a Session or a Mentor/Supervisor of a CLP and
3. Determine the number of Elder Commissioners eligible to vote before determining whether an imbalance exists by including Elders constitutionally representing churches under the formula of G-11.0101, Elders who are Officers/Council Members enrolled under G-11.0101c and Commissioned Lay Pastors with voice and vote and
4. That whenever the number of Ministers calculated in 1 and 2 above is greater than the number of Elder Commissioners calculated in 3 above, the Presbytery correct the imbalance by inviting a sufficient number of churches, alphabetically determined on the basis of location/church as reflected in the Presbytery Directory Listing of Churches and on an annually revolving basis to elect one additional Elder Commissioner until the imbalance is corrected by this invitation.

16. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Art Campbell lifted up the Presbytery's Annual Report which was distributed in the packet at registration. Rocky Mackey, Carolyn McBurney and Linda Bailey were recognized for their efforts in producing the newly designed format. He thanked the presbytery for the opportunity to serve as Presbytery Moderator, Moderator-Elect and Chair of Council. The past three years have given him an invaluable perspective on the work of the church and he has gained a new appreciation for the work that everyone does on behalf of the presbytery. It has been a year of transitions and new beginnings. The presbytery celebrated the ministry of the Rev. Ken Moe as Executive Presbyter and welcomed Rev. Dave Wasserman to bring us through a time of transition and new life. He gave thanks for the good things that God has done with us and through us.

17. APPROVAL OF NOMINATIONS TO THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Art Campbell highlighted the work of the Nominations Committee and placed in nomination the names of Heidi Longwell (2012), Myron Petersen (2012), Rev. Pat Young (2012), and Rev. Art Campbell (2010) to serve on the committee. Presbytery APPROVED the nominations.

18. COMMISSIONING OF THE 2010 NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTANTS**Rev. Martha Sadongei and Rev. Norma McCabe**

Rev. Bob Simmons, Chair of the Personnel Committee introduced Rev. Martha Sadongei and Rev. Norma McCabe whose appointments were approved by Presbytery Council to serve as Part-Time Consultants for Native American Ministries for a period of one year, from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. (Sallie Curesma, PC(USA) Associate for Native American Congregational Enhancement and Mission, had intended to be present to participate in the commissioning, but her flight was delayed due to weather complications.) Rev. Karen Muenich asked the constitutional questions to which Martha and Norma answered in the affirmative. Karen gave a brief charge and led the presbytery in prayer.

19. EXPRESSION OF THANKS

A presentation was made to Art Campbell in recognition of his dedicated service as Moderator-Elect, Moderator and Chair of Council. Presbyters responded with a round of applause.

Shirley Randolph was recognized for her two terms of dedicated service as Presbytery Treasurer. Presbyters responded with applause.

Outgoing members of Council were given a copy of the book *The Great Emergence* by Phyllis Tickle as an expression of thanks for their service. Bill Quigley, Rev. Shelly Moe, Shelly Core, Rev. Gonzalo Ramos, Milinda Benallie, Amy Davis King, Rev. Dave Van Arsdale, Heidi Longwell, Ann Lodge, Rev. Art Campbell, and Rev. Bob Simmons were recognized.

20. THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

Rev. Tom Lineweaver and Rev. Art Campbell presented highlights from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Evangelism Workshop* which was based on the book (with the same name) by Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian. The workshop was led by Bill Easum.

21. CELEBRATING ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

Rev. Shelly Moe, Committee on Ministry Chair, recognized the ordination anniversaries of minister members in five-year increments. Those ministers who were celebrating anniversaries from five years to 70 years were asked to stand. Presbyters responded with applause.

22. DEDICATION OF 2010 CONGREGATIONAL PLEDGES

Rev. Dave Van Arsdale, Chair of the Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development Committee, thanked everyone for their faithful support of mission in 2009. Following a moment of prayer, presbyters were invited to bring their mission pledges forward during the singing of the Hymn *Here I Am Lord*, accompanied by Mary Lynn Walters. Members from Ganado Presbyterian Church were invited to lead the procession.

23. RECESS/LUNCH/RECONVENE

The Native American Ministries Committee was invited to meet in the library during lunch. At 12:02 PM, Rev. Dave Van Arsdale gave the blessing. Presbytery reconvened in the fellowship hall at 1:00 PM for the Interim Executive Presbyter's Report and the Report of the Planning Committee.

24. INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT

Dave Wasserman said that he had begun this New Year with a fascinating read of a book by Phyllis Tickle entitled *The Great Emergence* which is about the church, past, present, and future. The author quotes Anglican Bishop Mark Dyer who said that the only way to understand what is happening to 21st century Christians is to remember that, "about every five hundred years the Church feels compelled to hold a giant rummage sale. That is, about every five hundred years the empowered structures of institutionalized Christianity, whatever they may be at the time... must be shattered in order that renewal and new growth may occur..." The full text of Dave's report may be found on the presbytery's Website at: http://www.pbygrandcanyon.org/pdfs/exec_pres_report/epr_nov09.pdf

25. CONVERSING ABOUT THE PRESBYTERY'S NEXT STEPS

At 1:10 PM Presbytery broke into small groups to review and discuss statements regarding the Presbytery's future life and work and to fill out individual response forms. The completed forms were turned into the Planning Committee for compiling the results.

26. RECESS/RECONVENE

At 2:00 PM Presbytery recessed in the Fellowship Hall and reconvened in the Sanctuary at 2:14 PM for the Report of the Bills and Overtures Committee. Karen Muenich lifted up the families in Haiti who have been devastated by earthquake and highlighted the flyer in the presbytery packet which provided ways to support relief efforts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. She reconvened the meeting with a moment of silent prayer and then led the presbyters in prayer.

27. BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE**Debate and Vote on the Proposed Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010)**

Debate and Vote began at 2:23:07 PM.

27.1. # 5 - Proposed Overture from Desert Palms:**On Taking Our Lord's Name In Vain**

Jean Montgomery spoke on #5, and moved it as a Motion

We, as followers of Christ in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, hereby petition the presbytery to overture the General Assembly PC(USA) to protest in the strongest possible terms the blatant disregard for the sanctity of our Lord's name in public broadcasting by the entertainment industry.

Amendment to the Motion

On behalf of the Bills and Overtures Committee, Chuck Jarrell moved the Amendment to the Motion:

"And direct the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly to send letters to officials of organizations representing the motion picture and public broadcasting industries and members of the United States Congress that express the desires of this overture."

Vote was taken on the Amendment by Voice Vote, the results were inconclusive. A second Vote was taken by a show of hands. The Amendment PASSED by a Vote of 102 (YES) to 14 (NO).

After opportunity for debate, Presbytery PASSED the Amended Motion by a Voice Vote.

**27.2. Proposed Overtures from Desert Hills:
#1 Restoring and Guarding our Diversity**

Barb Conti placed in Motion the Overture

To overture the 219th General Assembly to:

- 1) Rescind the “Social Creed for the Twenty-First Century” and all related actions, including but not limited to publicity material, curriculum development, and directives to the General Assembly Council, Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, the Washington Office and others.
- 2) Amend “**G-4.0403 Full Participation**” in the *Book of Order* by adding the words *social and political* so that it reads as follows [current wording Bold; words to be added in Italics]:

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall give full expression to the rich diversity within its membership and shall provide means which will assure a greater inclusiveness leading to wholeness in its emerging life. Persons of all racial ethnic groups, different ages, both sexes, various disabilities, diverse geographical areas, different theological, *social and political* positions consistent with the Reformed tradition, as well as different marital conditions (married, single, widowed, or divorced) shall be guaranteed full participation and access to representation in the decision making of the church. (G-4.0403)

Or if nFOG is approved, insert the words *social and political* in 1.0403 to read as follows:

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church’s membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, geography or theological, *social or political* conviction.

Substitute Motion

Chuck Jarrell presented the Substitute Motion

The Presbytery of the Grand Canyon overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to amend “G-4.0403 Full Participation” in the *Book of Order* by adding the words *and different social and political positions* so that it reads as follows (current wording bold; words to be added in italics):

The Presbyterian Church (U.S. A.) shall give full expression to the rich diversity within its membership and shall provide means which will assure a greater inclusiveness leading to wholeness in its emerging life. Persons of all racial ethnic groups, different ages, both sexes, various disabilities, diverse geographical areas, different theological positions consistent with the Reformed tradition, *and different social and political positions*, as well as different marital conditions (married, single, widowed, or divorced) shall be guaranteed full participation and access to representation in the decision making of the church. (G-4.0403)

Or if the new Form of Government is approved, insert the words *social and political* in 1.0403 to read as follows:

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the Church’s membership. In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, God unites persons through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, age, sex, disability, geography, or theological, *social, or political* conviction.

Barb Conti spoke in rebuttal. Opportunity was given to perfect the Main Motion.

Amendment to the Main Motion:

Gale Watkins made the following Amendment to the Main Motion:

“Express its disagreement with the action of the 218th GA to approve the text of the Social Creed for the 21st Century – declare that this action has no further force or effect and direct the GAMC to suspend its efforts to publicize and interpret the social creed, and integrate the social creed into its ongoing educational and advocacy programs.”

After opportunity for debate on the proposed Amendment, Presbytery VOTED to close debate. Vote on the proposed Amendment to the Main Motion was taken by Voice Vote. The result was inconclusive. A second Vote was taken by a show of hands. The proposed Amendment was DEFEATED by a Vote of 55 (For) to 63 (Against).

Opportunity was given for further amendments, as there were none, the Main Motion was declared perfected. Opportunity was given for amendments to the Substitute Motion.

Amendment to the Substitute Motion:

Wes Avram made the following Amendment to the Main Motion:

To insert the words, “Consistent with the Reformed Tradition” after the words “social and political positions”.

After opportunity for debate on the proposed Amendment, Presbytery VOTED to close debate. Vote was taken on the proposed Amendment to the Substitute Motion by Voice Vote. As results were inconclusive, a second Vote was taken by a show of hands. The Amendment PASSED by a vote of 61 (For) and 43 (Against).

The Moderator put forth the question “Shall the substitute Motion be substituted for the main motion?” After opportunity for debate, Presbytery VOTED to close debate and move to the vote. A voice vote was taken, but the results were inconclusive. A second Vote was taken by a show of hands. The Substitute Motion was substituted for the Main Motion by a vote of 56 (Yes) to 53 (No).

After opportunity for debate, Presbytery VOTED to close debate and move to the vote. Voice Vote was taken on the Substitute Motion as the Main Motion. Results were inconclusive. Vote was taken by a show of hands. The Substitute Motion was DEFEATED by a vote of 48 (For) and 51 (Against).

27.3. Order of the Day

At the conclusion of the allotted 50 minutes (3:13 PM), in accordance with the Rules of Decorum and Procedures for Debate and Voting on the Proposed Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010), the order of the day was observed. Vote on the Proposed Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010) resumed at 4:27 PM.

28. PROFESSING THE FAITH

Organist Dr. Lorraine Miller played “Fugue in G Major” and Rev. Bev Phillips led in a unison prayer.

28.1. Necrology Report for the Year 2009

Rev. Lowell Byall led the congregation in a time of remembering those ministers and elders who died in the Faith.

Ministers:

Gregory Micheaels
George Bingaman
Charles Ehrhardt
Joedd Miller
David Anderson
Al Sturtevant
Henry Stenner
William Watkins

Elders:

Apache Junction,	John Calvin	James Thompson
Chandler,	Chandler	Jim Boyd James Grant
Chinle,	Trinity	Hoskie Dedman
Flagstaff,	Federated Community	Dorothy Olson
Fountain Hills,	Fountain Hills	John Anderson John Morris, Sr. LaVille Tepfer John Bowman Ted Anderson Sue Sujak Lois Bakewell Floy Amaral
Gilbert,	Gilbert	Eleanor Gill
Lake Havasu City,	Community	Dick Bredeweg Bill Reichel Don Bown
Mesa,	First	Paul Gillespie Wilma Langfitt Reed Jackson
Paradise Valley,	Palo Cristi Valley	Joann Hand Gloria Thomas Reece Dunaway Clifton Cox Loren Gale Hoffmann Richard Juvet, Jr. Audrey Raitt Terry States Mark Littler
Peoria,	First	Sybil Dray
Phoenix,	Emmanuel	Ethel Sherlock Tillie Vander Schoor
	Historic First	Marguerite Wood Gertrude Burgess
	Northminster	Barbara Kolb
	Orangewood	Clary Lusby Roy Wylie Dorothy Chamberlin

	Southminster	Charles Fuller
	Sunnyslope	Roy Shoemaker Anthony Owen Jones
Pinetop,	Community	Lee Hayes
Prescott,	Trinity	Charlotte Flahive Margaret Shipley Gladys Kirk Mary Lou Johnsen Esther Higgins Effie Arlena Judd Clare Mosher Vivian Morrow Ruth Lietz Roberta Hubbard Lowell Swanson
Scottsdale,	Pinnacle	John Royston
Sun City,	Faith	Clarence Harris Katharine Leedom Bokum Howard Beauchamp Elizabeth Reitz Marvin Knudson Joseph Bartram Dorothy Kasprowick Joanna Bollinger Crothers
Sun City,	First	Irene Auten Paul Lang Kenneth Lipp Oliver Niebruegge Erma Herman Jack Mitchell Mary Alice Neidhardt Claire Eliason Christian Seidorf Ed Gunther
Sun City West,	Desert Palms	Eugene Anderson Jeanette Hurrell John Dalziel Patricia Evans Genevieve Hall Jan Markey Arthur Whittemore Annabelle Schrecengost
Yarnell,	Community	Maury Davis
Yuma,	First	Phyllis Clay Florence Coxen
	Sierra Vista	Elsie Jensen Sally (Sarah) Dennis

28.2. Remembering Our Baptism

The Anthem “Wade in the Water” was sung by the Faith Presbyterian Church Choir under the direction of Dale McCurdy. Eleanor Marshall-White, Teen McNichol, Happy Sargoi, and Connie Young performed a liturgical dance. Rev. Beverly Phillips led the presbytery in prayer and a reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

28.3. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper was celebrated by Intinction, with the Rev. Karen Muenich and Elder Glyndon Morris presiding. As presbyters came forward for communion, they were invited to take a stone from the baptismal bowl to keep as a reminder of their baptism. The Faith Presbyterian Church Choir provided the following music during communion; *Holy is the Lord, Let us Break Bread*, and *Hallelujah*. Rev. Karen Muenich and Glyndon Morris led the response and prayer.

29. NEW BUSINESS**29.1. Committee on Ministry Report - The Dissolution of the Associate Pastor Relationship Between Rev. Patricia Baxter and Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, Sun City West**

Shelly Moe reported on the two special meetings of the Committee on Ministry and the work of the Ministry Review Team. The members of this team were: Rev. Shelly Moe, Elder Kathryn Owens, Rev. Ken Page, Elder Bill Quigley, Rev. Bud Engstrom, Elder Cecil Patterson and Elder Lawn Griffiths. Presbytery staff assisting were Elder Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk, and Rev. Dave Wasserman, Interim Executive Presbyter. Shelly thanked the three ministers who served as “companions” with Pat during this time: Rev. Debra Avery, Rev. Martha Sadongei, and Rev. Peggy Roberts.

Rev. Patricia Baxter was given an opportunity to respond to the report. After opportunity for discussion, the following Motions and Rationale were APPROVED:

1. Regarding future actions of the presbytery:

Presbytery APPROVED that the presbytery instruct the Committee on Ministry and Office of the Stated Clerk to review the current procedures being used in calls to immigrant non-citizen ministers coming to serve in the presbytery and report to the presbytery as soon as possible. That the updated procedures be added to the COM handbook which is available through the presbytery website.

RATIONALE: The presbytery has responsibility to ensure that it understands and can legally support all those whom God may call to serve within its bounds.

2. Regarding the Pastoral Relationship between the Rev. Baxter and DPPC:

Presbytery APPROVED that the Presbytery dissolve the associate pastor relationship of Rev. Patricia Baxter with the Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, effective immediately, under the authority granted by the provisions of G-11.0103(o): “to establish the pastoral relationship and to dissolve it at the request of one or both parties, or when it finds that the church’s mission under the Word imperatively demands it.”

RATIONALE: (a) Legally, Rev. Baxter is out of status with her R-1 visa; she is not eligible to have employment; (b) Legally, Rev Baxter cannot restore her R-1 visa; eventually she may have an administrative hearing before an immigration judge in which she is likely to be told that she must leave the United States for 10 years before being reconsidered for a new R-1 visa; (c) Legally, it is not required that Rev. Baxter be employed in order to apply for permanent residence, her only option for remaining in the country (an option not available under current laws). (d) The divided vote of the congregation on November 29 indicates the loss of support for Rev. Baxter’s ministry among a significant portion of the membership (30+ percent); (e) The nearly unanimous recommendation by the Session to dissolve the pastoral relationship indicates the loss of support for Rev. Baxter’s ministry among the leadership.

3. **Regarding Severance Terms:**

The following Motion was made:

MOTION: That the Presbytery authorize an amount equal to 2 ½ months of salary and non-reimbursable benefits effective as of the date of dissolution, and an additional 2 months of medical benefits continuation. Further, that the Desert Palms Presbyterian Church forward these funds to the Presbytery for monthly distribution, such to happen after the Committee on Ministry inquires and is satisfied that Rev. Baxter's departure remains peaceable.

RATIONALE: Rev. Baxter has been on paid administrative leave since December 1, 2009; this proposal would thus provide a total of 4 months severance support. This is more than the Presbytery normally recommends, recognizing the unusual circumstances Rev. Baxter faces.

A proposed Amendment to the Motion was made as follows:

For 6 months of salary from today plus 2 additional months of medical coverage from today.

After opportunity for discussion, Presbytery Voted to close debate. The Amendment was DEFEATED. Motion #3 was APPROVED as originally presented.

4. **Regarding Rev. Baxter's Future Ministry:**

Presbytery APPROVED that Rev. Baxter remain on the active roll of minister members of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, under the supervision and care of the Committee on Ministry, which will provide appropriate references should the need arise.

RATIONALE: Rev. Baxter has particular gifts for ministry, including her pastoral care and worship/liturgical skills, and there are ministries that could be most appropriate for her.

Shelly Moe led the presbytery in prayer.

30. **BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE REPORT**

30.1 **Proposed Overture #2 from Desert Hills:**

Amending the Process for Establishing Social Witness Policy and Resolutions

It was explained that instead of viewing the Bills and Overture recommendation as a Substitute Motion, it would be treated as a separate motion. Craig Bergstrom moved #2.

To overture the 219th General Assembly to:

- 1) Amend the process for forming social policy spoken to the world in the appropriate section of the *Book of Order* or the New Form of Government to read "All Policy Statements or Resolutions on Social Witness approved by the General Assembly shall be sent to all the Presbyteries for study and ratification by a majority. "
- 2) Direct the Mission Council of the General Assembly to add the following step to the process by which Policy Statements and Resolutions on Social Witness are approved: "Once a Policy Statement or Resolution on Social Witness is approved by the General Assembly it shall be sent to all the Presbyteries for study and ratification by a majority."

Chuck Jarrell had an opportunity to speak for the Bills and Overture Committee.

Amendment to the Motion:

Tully Fletcher made the following Amendment: "only if ratification process passed by less than 2/3 vote." After opportunity for discussion, the Amendment was DEFEATED by a Voice Vote.

After opportunity for debate, Presbytery VOTED to close debate and move to the vote. The Motion was DEFEATED by a Voice Vote.

#2 – Bills and Overtures Committee Amended Overture

Chuck Jarrell presented the proposed Amended Overture from the Bills and Overture Committee: The amended overture shall read (current wording bold; words to be added in italics):

The Presbytery of the Grand Canyon overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to amend the process for forming Social Witness Policy approved by the 205th General Assembly (1993) [minutes of the assembly pages 768 - 770] to provide that “All Policy Statements or Resolutions on Social Witness shall be sent to all Presbyteries for study, discussion, and comment prior to the General Assembly that is to act on the policy or resolution”.

Specifically amend that part of the process shown on page 769 sub paragraph (8) beginning with “The Advisory Committee on.....penultimate draft for consultation as described in Standing Rule 57 c.1] as follows:

(8) or (h) The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy shall submit a penultimate draft of the policy statement or resolution for consultation as described in section 3.a on p. 78 [and add a new paragraph 1 and renumber the balance as follows so that the revised section shall read as follows]:

(1) All Social Witness Policy and Resolutions shall be sent to all presbyteries for study, discussion and comment back to the Advisory Committee prior to the General Assembly that is to act on the policy or resolution for inclusion in its final report and recommendations to the General Assembly, in order that General Assembly Commissioners may have the benefit of feedback from the wider church as it considers the actions to be taken.

(2) The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy may augment the number of participants gathered in consultation for purposes of inclusivity and expertise.

(3) The consultation may create a report, including suggested changes to the proposed policy statement, which shall be received by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

(4) The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy may amend the proposed policy statement, refer the proposed policy statement back to the task force, or reaffirm the original policy statement

Following opportunity for debate, Presbytery APPROVED the Bills and Overtures Committee’s Motion by a Voice Vote.

30.3. #3 Key Christian Principles for Social Witness

Brent Benham presented and moved #3.

We overture the 219th General Assembly to adopt the following Key Christian Principles for Social Witness and to direct the Mission Council to amend its processes to include the “Key Christian Principles for Social Witness.”

The Church’s Social Witness is made:

- In response to God’s love for a fallen world. (Jn. 3:16)
- In obedience to Jesus’ command to “love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt. 22:39)
- And in the power of the Holy Spirit to make us witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Therefore, we shall be guided by the following key Christian Principles:

- a. **Scripture Alone** - (G-2.0400) (Bk of Conf. 6.004) (nFOG F-2.04)
 - i. All scripture is inspired by God and is the only rule of faith and manners. (II Tim. 3:16, II Pt. 1:20-21; G-1.0307)
 - ii. Where the Scriptures speak with clarity and consistency, our social witness is called to show forth with equal clarity and consistency. (Jn. 14:21)
 - iii. We shall live out what we know while waiting for God to bring clarity to our disagreements. (Phil. 3:15-16)
- b. **Christ Alone** – (G-1.0100, 1,a; -3.0102; -3.0300, b) (Bk of Conf. 4.020, 6.039, 6.089, 7.142) (nFOG F-1.0201, 1.0205)
 - i. All authority in heaven and earth is given to Jesus Christ who alone is Lord and Savior. (Mt. 28:18; Acts 4:12; G-1.0100.a)
 - ii. Our social witness shall proclaim no other Lord or Savior than Jesus Christ, and call women and men to salvation in His name alone. (Acts 4:12)
 - iii. In Christ’s name alone we shall bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free. (Lk.4:18)
- c. **Grace Alone** – (G-2.0400) (Bk of Conf. 5.107) (nFOG F-2.04)
 - i. It is only by God’s free gift of grace in Jesus Christ that we are saved, and not by any work on our part (Eph. 2:8)
 - ii. Mercy triumphs over judgment. (James 2:13)
 - iii. Our Social Witness must proclaim in word and deed that salvation in human society is found only where God’s grace triumphs over social justice, yet in such a way as to establish justice.
- d. **Faith Alone** – (G-2.0400) (Bk of Conf. 5.110; 5:114; 10.4, lines 52 - 60) (nFOG F-2.04)
 - i. It is through faith alone in Jesus Christ that we are justified. (Gal. 2:16)
 - ii. “When the Son of man comes, will He find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8)
 - iii. Our Social Witness will demonstrate our faith in the Lord and in the Holy Spirit working in the lives of others.
- e. **Glorify to God Alone** – (G-2.0500, G-3.0400) (Bk of Conf. 6.088; 9.53, 10.1) (nFOG F-2.05))
 - i. “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory...” (Ps. 115:1)
 - ii. “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Mt. 5:16)
 - iii. Our Social Witness shall not focus on self-promotion or our agendas, but the promotion of God’s Kingdom and glory.

Chuck Jarrell spoke on behalf of the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Amendment to the Motion

The Amendment was made to strike part 3 under “e”. ~~“Our Social Witness shall not focus on self-promotion or our agendas, but the promotion of God’s Kingdom and glory.”~~

After opportunity for debate, Presbytery Voted to close debate. Vote on the proposed Amendment was taken by Voice Vote. The results were inconclusive. A second Vote was taken by a show of hands. The Amendment was APPROVED by a Vote of 49 (Yes) to 24 (No).

Presbyters VOTED to end debate and move to the vote. The Motion was DEFEATED by a Voice Vote.

30.3. #4 – Strengthening the Role of Particular Churches

Warren Schoonover moved #4.

To overture the 219th General Assembly to:

- 1) Amend G-7.0102 in the *Book of Order* by removing the stricken words and adding the italics.

~~Congregations serve as essential mission arms of the presbytery and of the larger church.~~

The presbytery and the larger church serve as essential mission arms of the congregation.

Or if nFOG is approved, strike sentence in G-1.0103, which reads, **The members of a congregation put themselves under the leadership of the session and the higher councils (presbytery, synod, and General Assembly).** And replace it with *The leadership of the session and higher councils (presbytery, synod, and General Assembly) exist to serve and support the members of a congregation.*

If nFOG is approved, delete the first sentence in G-1.02, which reads, **A congregation in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) can be organized only by the authority of a presbytery and shall function under the provisions of this Constitution.**

- 2) Establish a Task Force to recommend to the 220th General Assembly in 2012 ways to strengthen the role of particular churches in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to recommend changes to the *Book of Order*, procedural manuals, and other systems. The Task Force shall specifically consider encouraging and empowering particular churches to exercise greater initiative in the following areas:
 - a. The formation of new churches.
 - b. Partnering for the redevelopment and/or revitalization of each other's ministries and witness.
 - c. Ways to welcome a particular church's social witness without making it normative for, or affirmed by, the whole.
 - d. Recommendations that require all Social Witness Policies and Resolutions to provide an impact analysis on particular congregations, church membership, as well as financial implications.
 - e. Review and recommend changes to the *Book of Order*, denominational manuals, and other procedural documents to empower particular churches.

After opportunity for debate, the Motion was DEFEATED by a Voice Vote.

At 5:00 PM, Jim Noble thanked the body for their time and energy, and good discussion on the proposed overtures. Karen Muenich thanked the members of Desert Hills and Desert Palms for their efforts.

Motion

Gale Watkins MOVED that the Presbytery direct the Stated Clerk to send a letter to Desert Hills and Desert Palms to thank them for their time and effort on the proposed Overtures to the 219th General Assembly (2010).

31. CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

The amount of \$192.00 was received for the Cents-Ability offering.

32. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

33. NEXT MEETING

The March 19-20, 2010 Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be held at Crosswinds Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

34. EXPRESSION OF THANKS/ADJOURNMENT

Moderator, Karen Muenich expressed thanks to Faith Presbyterian Church and all those who were so helpful in arranging this meeting. Following the singing of *We Know That Christ is Raised*, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 PM as Karen Muenich gave the benediction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Council, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's Annual Stated Meeting of January 16, 2010 at the Council Meeting of February 5, 2010.

S/ Richard E. Coffelt

February 10, 2010

Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

Date: