

## MINUTES

Stated Meeting September 18-19, 2009  
PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON

### 1. STATED MEETING

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated September Meeting at Ganado Presbyterian Church in Ganado.

#### Call to Order/ Lighting of the Peace Candle /Prayer

The meeting opened on Friday at 4:00 PM with the lighting of the Peace Candle, and Moderator Glyndon Morris leading the responsive litany "Sharing the Peace of Christ." Following a song of welcome by members of the Ganado Church Choir, accompanied by Mary Lynn Walters on the piano, the Moderator led the responsive Convening Prayer. The entire meeting of the presbytery was conducted in the context of Worship and the theme of the meeting was: "Celebrating Native American Ministries."

### 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. A special welcome was given to Rev. Buddy Monahan, chaplain to Menaul School.

### 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. ROLL

#### 4.1. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

The following Corresponding Member was enrolled:  
Buddy Monahan Santa Fe Presbytery

#### 4.2. MINISTERS PRESENT

Avram, Wesley	Hubbard, Deborah	Park, Francis
Berry, Tom	Jennison, Cynthia	Poling, John Clark
Byrd, Nathan	Johnson, Caleb	Ramos, Gonzalo
Campbell, Arthur	Lineweaver, Tom	Saylor, Mary
Clark, Bobbye	Manning, Marilyn	Soderquist, Paul
Clark, Robert	McCabe, Norma	Uhley, James
Clark, Walter	McIntosh, Constance	Van Arsdale, David
Courtney, Phil	Moe, Kenneth	Watkins, W. Gale
Evans, Lloyd	Moe, Michelle	Willett, Kristin
Fletcher, Tully	Moranville, Thomas	Worsnop, Linda
Garvin, Woody	Noble, James	Young, Patricia
Hartwell, Michael	Olagues, José	
Hicks, David	Page, Kenneth	
Hillman, Lorelei	Palmer, Theron	

**4.3. CHURCHES PRESENT**

Betania	José Hernandez
Bethany	Lanny Trapnell, Kathryn Owens
Celebration of Life	Lois McFadden
Church of the Master	Elva Davies, Vickie Longenecker
Community, Payson	John Wilson, Richard Crowe, Carolyn Snell
Community, Pinetop	Judi Morland
Community, Yarnell	Ruby McKinzie
Crosswinds	Teri Conrad, Karen Hopper
Desert Hills	Ron Hoffman, Jacqy Kilgore
Desert Palms	Sarah Anderson
Faith	Matthew Alderson, Dick King
First, Historic	Barbara Petersen
First, Maricopa	Theresa Donahue
First, Peoria	Priscilla Cook
First, Sun City	Ray Brodland
First, Tuba City	Frieda Payestewa
Fort Defiance	Florence Davis
Fountain Hills	John Bivens
Ganado	Alberta Lano
Gila Crossing	Gloria Suchta
Gilbert	John Paterson
Goodyear Village	Monica James
Horizon	Chuck Jarrell, Ron Vahle
John Calvin	Betty Blunk
Kayenta	Tom Madison
Lehi	Herschel Andrews
Memorial	Mary Lynn Walters, Starr Luteri
Mingus View	D. Ronald Fox
Mountain View	Ted Levie
Northminster	Bob Brandt
Orangewood	Carol Hunter
Palo Cristi	Donna Anderson
Parker Valley	Linda Maya
Pinnacle	Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker, Doug Brown
Sierra Vista	Cindy Michels
Trinity, Chinle	Rena C. Begay
Vah-Ki	Annette Stewart
Valley	Ellie Schafer
Verde Valley	Karen Colby
Winslow	Jeannette Peaches

**4.4. COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS PRESENT**

Roger Davis	Audrey Jefferson	Calvin Kelly
Mary Danforth	Paul Jones	

**4.5. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Milinda Benallie	Shelly Core	Glyndon Morris
Helen Branyan	Roberta Fogel	Shirley Randolph
Dick Coffelt	Rochelle Mackey	

**4.6. STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Linda Bailey	Carolyn McBurney	Starr Luteri-Hicks
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**4.7. VISITORS PRESENT**

There were 47 registered visitors present.

**4.8. MINISTERS EXCUSED**

Agema, Troy	Gray, Barrie	Pulido, Gloria
Anderson, Fred	Hawley, Bernard	Pyke, Kathryn
Anderson, Richard	Hayes, William	Pyke, Richard
Arbesman, Janet	Hicks, Mae	Rae, Robert
Atchinson, Glenn	Hodgson, David	Ramsdell, Richard
Avery, Debra	Hodgson, Deanne	Reinhold, Ruth
Baer, Doug	Hood, Brandon	Remer, James
Baker, Brant	Illingworth, J. Davis	Rhoades, Francis
Baxter, Patricia	Jacobs, Sr., John	Robertson, John
Berg, George	Jann, Donn	Roop, David
Bibiloni, José	Jarvis, Troy	Rosson, Roland
Bigler, Robert	Jenkins, Charles	Sabbagh, John
Blincoe, Robert	Joe, Victor	Saylor, George
Borden, John	Johnson, Bruce	Schafer, Mac
Borhauer, Harold	Johnston, Robert	Schmitt, Gus
Brahams, Hap	Jones, Stanley	Schlotzhauer, Wesley
Bruening, James	Joost-Kuhn, Laura	Sheane, J. Kenneth
Burtless, Stanford	Jousan, C. Mike	Siekmann, Eugene
Byall, Lowell	Keim, Sue	Smith, Esther
Byers, Harold	Kilgore, L. Wilson	Song, Seok Min
Chapman, Robert	Kim, Kwang	Spence, Edward
Citron, Suzanne	Kim, Myung Bae	Stevens, Charles
Clarke, Dennis	Kimberlin, J. Kenneth	St. John, Valerie
Claus, Bob	Kush, Gary	Straatmeyer, Alvin
Confair, Jay	Latty, Allan	Thom, Francis
Conroy, Floyd	Lefebvre, Eugene	Tilly, Mark
Cook, John Coy	Lodge, David	Ulrickson, Paul
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Martz, Robert	Valle, Paula
Corbett, Lawrence	Mayes, Robert	Van Dyke, P. James
Corbett, Cecil	McDaniel, Leo	Vautier, B. Holly
Doh, Joseph	Melendez, Hipolito	Vautier, Grif
Dulaney, Robert	Meredith, Ralph	Vogel, Leslie
Eaken, Lawrence	Miller, Craig	Voth, John
Eckert, Peter	Miller, Jerry	Walker, David Glenn
Eisenhower, Laura Grace	Miller, Joan	Walker, George
Ensley, Jr., Milton	Moser, Paul	Wallace, David
Evans, Bill	Moxness, Michael	Watkins, William
Exon, Ina	Muenich, Karen	Wayne, Richard
Farwell, Barbara	Murman, Kimberly	White, Frank
Flahiff, John	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Williamson, Donald
Forsberg, David	Parker, Gayle	Windsor, Charles
Fowler, Douglas	Parker, Thomas,	Wintz, Micheal
Fox, Charles	Pfeffer, William	Wintz, Susan
Fredrick, John	Phillips, Beverly	Witte, Cathy
Fuehrer, Robert	Phillips, Norman	Wright, Douglas
Fulton, Helmi	Porter, Don	Wright, Eugene
Gephart, Al	Pratt, Edward	Young, Alvin
Gerber, Ralph	Prichard, Jack	Zabriskie, Richard
Goodenberger, Alton	Proudfoot, Charles	Zelle, Trina

**4.9. CHURCHES / ELDER COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

Chandler	Jim Miller	Kingman	Joan Johns
Community, Alpine	Ken Thompson	Sunyslope	Willy Zunker
First, Yuma	Babs Hicks	University	Jeanette Miller
Heritage		Westminster	

**4.10. MINISTERS ABSENT**

Alvarez, Renato	Hawkins, Darren	Sadongei, Martha
Barklind, John	Hawkins, Ron	Schenck, Jed
Bybee, David	Kehle, Deborah	Schumacher, Bruce
Doh, Helen	Kerber, Keith	Selestewa, Sharon
Engstrom, Bud	Nielsen, Richard	Simmons, Robert
Good, Bill	Ramirez, Julio	Turner, David
Hart, Floyd	Roberts, Margaret	Weir, Kyle

**4.11. CHURCHES ABSENT**

Arizona Korean	Emmanuel	Mohawk Valley
Blackwater	First, Wickenburg	Salt River
Central	First, Leupp	Scottsdale
Christ	First, Sacaton	Southminster
Community, Flagstaff	Fort McDowell	Trinity, Prescott
Federated	Guadalupe	Westminster
Community, Lake Havasu City	Indian Wells	
Community, Springerville	Mission del Sol	

**5. AGENDA Stated Meeting - Presbytery of Grand Canyon**

Ganado Presbyterian Church - September 18-19, 2009

**Theme:** Celebrating Native American Ministries

Friday, September 18, 2009

- 3:00 p.m. Registration
  - 4:00 p.m. **ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**
    - Lighting of the Peace Candle..... Glyndon Morris
    - Convening Prayer
    - Introduction of those attending for first time
    - Establishing the Roll of Continuing Members
    - Enrollment of Corresponding Members
    - Establishment of a Quorum
    - Approval of the Agenda
    - Approval of Procedural Motions (C-1)
    - Welcome by Ganado Presbyterian Church..... Audrey Jefferson
  - 4:20 p.m. **ENGAGING IN GOD’S WORK**
  - 4:20 p.m. “Celebrating Summer Mission Work”..... Presbyters
    - An opportunity for Presbyters to share very briefly a highlight of a Mission Activity in their own Church during this past Summer
  - 4:50 p.m. Report of Council/Trustees ..... Art Campbell
    - Consent Agenda (C-2)
    - Budget Committee..... Woody Garvin
      - Per Capita Apportionment Recommendation for 2010
  - 5:05 p.m. Report of the Ganado Administrative Commission..... Fran Park
    - Report of the Commission
    - Introduction of Ahmad Razaghi, Chief Executive Officer, Sage Memorial Hospital
    - Approval of the Formation of a Separate 501 c 3 Corporation (C-3)
  - 5:25 p.m. Report of the Educational Ministries Committee ..... Shelly Core
  - 5:35 p.m. Committee on Ministry (C-4, C-5)..... Shelly Moe
    - Introduction of New Ministers to Presbytery
      - Wes Avram, Pastor – Pinnacle P.C.
      - Deborah Hubbard – Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction
- ELCA House of Prayer

- Invitation for one on one conversation with COM members
- 5:55 p.m. Recess
- 6:00 p.m. **CELEBRATING COMMUNITY**  
*SHARE A COMMON MEAL AND TABLE TALK*
- 7:15 p.m. **CONTINUING GOD’S WORK**
- 7:15 p.m. Presbytery Service of Worship
  - Sermon .....Rev. Buddy Monahan
  - Celebration of the Lord’s Supper
- 8:15 p.m. Recess to Saturday Morning – September 19, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 19, 2009

- 8:30 a.m. **ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**  
Call to Order with Prayer ..... Glyndon Morris  
Morning Devotions..... Audrey Jefferson
- 9:00 a.m. **ENGAGING IN GOD’S WORK**
- 9:00 a.m. Preparation for Ministry ..... Gale Watkins
  - Enrollment of Julie Miller from Inquirer to Candidate
  - Alternate Form of Examination for Candidate Reginald Ragland
- 9:25 a.m. Planning Committee Report .....Rocky Mackey
- 9:45 a.m. Theology and Worship ..... Lorelei Hillman
  - Study of the Belhar Confession (C-6)
- 10:45 a.m. Stewardship, Mission and Communications Development ...David Van Arsdale
- 10:55 a.m. Celebrating Sister Mission Partnerships..... Jim Noble and Calvin Kelly
- 11:15 a.m. Nominations Committee..... Cindy Michels
  - Committee Report (C-7, C-8)
  - Election to Committee Vacancies (C-9)
- 11:30 a.m. New Business  
Unfinished Business  
Closing Procedures  
Expression of Thanks  
**GO IN GOD’S NAME**  
Adjournment..... Glyndon Morris

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. HISTORIC LANDMARK DEDICATION CEREMONY  
SAGE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

\*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)*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

**7. WELCOME**

Audrey Jefferson, Commissioned Lay Pastor to Ganado Presbyterian Church, welcomed presbyters to the meeting. The Ganado Presbyterian Mission was established in the early 1900s to provide Christian ministry, education and healthcare. The church is strong in its commitment to reach those in need with God's word as it carries on its ministry to largely Navajo people in the community and surrounding areas. Audrey highlighted plans for the coming Sunday service, which will include 4 baptisms (2 children and 2 adults) and the reception of 5 new members. Sunday worship is averaging an attendance of 40 people. Over the summer there have been a number of work camps to help with repair to the church grounds and occasionally to help repair homes for senior citizens in the area as well as to help the community with Vacation Bible School for children. Audrey has begun offering a Wednesday night Bible Study in her home and it has grown from 3 to 15 people. The church is currently in the process of starting a Sunday school program.

**8. CELEBRATING SUMMER MISSION WORK**

There was an opportunity for presbyters to share highlights of mission activities that took place over the summer. Many inspiring stories were shared in the life of the presbytery with mission activities including the following: Desert Hills sponsored a mission trip to Jamaica to do street ministry, help with needed repairs, and teach Vacation Bible School, members from Leupp First partnered in the trip; Gilbert sent a group to Montlure Camp to help with clean up and needed repairs, they will go back in a few weeks to help close the camp; they also sent a work group to Winslow to do some painting and cleaning projects; Trinity Chinle sponsored an ecumenical Vacation Bible School with Grace Community and Memorial Baptist churches, they served 100 children; Presbyterians came and vaccinated sheep and horses on the reservation at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point; Pinnacle sent a youth group to Ganado to do outside work, pulling stumps, digging holes, grading the lawns and repairing fence-posts; Valley sponsored a summer trip to Malawi with the Ministry of Hope and worked in the feeding centers with orphan children, they did house visitation in the huts, the church is committed to help build a crisis nursery there; a group also went to Tuba City to do repairs at First and to Fort Defiance to help with repairs there; Crosswinds moved to their new building and received help from Palo Cristi and Heritage to move several hundred tons of rock, the church is grateful the emotional and physical support they received from a number of churches; Payson Community has a food pantry and they have recently partnered with the United Food Bank, they now serve up to 160 families each month, over 400 homeless families are estimated to be living in the national forest around Payson, their food bank is one of the few places that serves these people because they don't require a "home" visit"; the Orangewood congregation, has been providing bottles of water to the homeless in Phoenix, in a 2 ½ month period they distributed over 6800 bottles of water, they have also begun a community garden; Northminster has begun a food bank, every Wednesday evening they are serving about 59 people, they are working with St. Mary's food bank and church members are also supplying food. Glyndon gave thanks for the mission work of each church and encouraged congregations to partner and support the various ministries that had been described.

**9. REPORT OF COUNCIL/TRUSTEES****9.1. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda includes the Report of the Council/Trustees' June 4<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meetings (9.2.) the Report of the Interim Executive Search Committee (9.3.) the Report of the Committee on Ministry (9.4.) the Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (9.5.) and the Report of the Stated Clerk (9.6.).

In presenting the Consent Agenda, Art Campbell highlighted the report of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee and the Council's confirmation of their recommendation of the appointment of the Rev. David Wasserman as Interim Executive Presbyter.

**Items Pulled for Discussion**

Opportunity was given to remove any item for discussion and the following two items were removed: "Treasurer's Report" from the September 3, 2009 Minutes of Council/Trustees, and "Ganado Foundation Approval" from the August 6, 2009 Minutes of Council/Trustees.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rev. Watkins requested information concerning the discussion that the Council was having with respect to the continuing growth of expense versus income so far in 2009 and what steps were being taken. Shirley Randolph (Treasurer) and Art Campbell (Council Chairperson) provided information on the presbytery's financial situation in light of these difficult economic times. Helen Branyan (Budget and Finance Chairperson) spoke of the work of the Budget Committee with respect to the 2010 Budget and indicated that based upon projection of income and expense through the end of 2009 it was estimated that expenses would exceed income by approximately \$18,000.

**Ganado Foundation Approval:** Rev. Campbell indicated it would be appropriate for this item to be discussed during the Ganado Administrative Commission report when the presbytery will be asked to approve a separate 501(c)3 Corporation for The Presbyterian Ganado Mission Foundation, Inc.

**Consent Agenda Approved**

With the understanding that the item pulled for discussion regarding "Ganado Foundation Approval" from the August 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes of Council/Trustees would be discussed during the Report of the Ganado Administrative Commission, the Consent Agenda was APPROVED.

**9.2. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL/TRUSTEES****June 4, 2009**

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated June Meeting at the Interchurch Center in Phoenix, beginning at 12:00 PM with prayer. A quorum was present.

**COUNCIL MEETING****COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the May 7, 2009 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of May 31, 2009 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$504,465.30 and expense of \$544,611.62 resulting in a difference of (\$40,146.32).

At the May meeting, Council/Trustees requested clarification on the line item "Mission Contingencies" in the Financial Report and why it was over budget. Funds were used to help Jenniffer Ramos obtain an F1 Student Visa. In order to keep the family together, Council took action on August 2, 2007 for the presbytery to be the sponsor of Jenniffer Ramos for her request for the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility at Glendale Community College. This item should have been given a separate budget line.

Council recessed. Trustees' meeting convened.

**PROPERTY****Provided for Informational Purposes**

The lease between Praxis and Memorial Presbyterian Church was signed after the May meeting of Council/Trustees.

**Landlord – Tenant Relations at the ICC Center**

Don Swanson provided the following report.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> Ken Moe and Don met with the office management company, the Lutheran's attorney and tenant representatives. The discussion covered three areas:

**1. Adjustment of the current rent:**

Annual lease increases based on the National Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 3.0% annually, are permitted upon timely notification by the Landlord. No such notification was given until earlier this year (we are in the last year of the lease) when the Landlord sought to retroactively put such increases in place.

The tenants objected and, through the management company, the Owner presented an offer of an increase from \$13.00 to \$14.01/sq.ft. for this year. Although no tenant had the ability to agree to any figure, we countered with a figure of \$13.80.

A 2.0% annual compounded increase would result in a figure of \$13.90 while a 3.0% figure would be \$14.63. The management company said that they would take it to the Landlord but there has not yet been a response.

**2. Tenant Improvements:**

Tenants stated that property improvements were required before any discussion of future leases could take place. This primarily involves roof repair or replacement but other items are also involved. Tenants will, within 30 days respond with the items they consider as requiring attention.

**3. Future Lease:**

The lease states, "Unless notice is given by either party at least 150 days prior to the end of the lease, the Tenant has the option to extend the lease for no less than three years at the same rent formula as is in the lease."

The tenant shall exercise that option no sooner than 150 days and no later than 120 days prior to the end of the lease. These dates will be November 12 and December 12, 2009.

The management company stated that the Landlord was ready to extend the lease for at least three years right then, but no tenant had such authorization. UCC said that they were looking at less expensive property but were not counting themselves out of the picture.

**Presbytery Office Task Force Appointed**

Art Campbell appointed John Poling, Lorelei Hillman and Trina Zelle to look at contingency plans and to work with Don and the Property Committee. They will have a report at the November meeting of Council/Trustees.

Trustees' Meeting adjourned. Council reconvened.

**EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

In giving his final report to the Council, Ken observed that for years he has brought his *Daytimer* calendar to the meeting and has put his Council nametag on top of it. As a symbolic act to represent that this was his last Council meeting, he did not bring his calendar to this meeting.

Ken stated that this presbytery enjoys a strong Council model in terms of how we function. Over the last decade this Council has been strong and has played an important role in the life of the presbytery. People have taken the time and energy to tackle some very difficult situations. They have dealt with property matters, legal issues, and finances.

He expressed his gratitude to the members of Council and all those willing to serve on it. He gave heartfelt thanks for their hard work, prayer, and effort to advance the ministry of this presbytery. He is deeply grateful for the devotion, perspective and wisdom that Council members have brought.

Art Campbell and Dick Coffelt thanked Ken for his years of insightful leadership and dedicated service and Council members responded with applause.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dick will be attending the Big Tent Event in Atlanta June 10-15<sup>th</sup>.

**Responding to the Proposed Form of Government**

In presenting the summary of comments that have been received to date on *The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Form of Government*, Dick reported that everyone who has weighed in on this matter has expressed that there needs to be some level of consistency in matters of the Preparation for Ministry Committee and the Committee on Ministry. Council APPROVED submitting the following report to the national church as comments/suggestions/recommendations on the *Proposed Form of Government*.

**Presbytery of Grand Canyon Comments on the Drafts for Study  
*The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Form of Government***

The following comments/suggestions/recommendations are based upon the study of the proposed documents by three small tasks groups which met separately and consisted of members from the Presbytery Council Planning Committee, the Preparation for Ministry Committee and the Committee on Ministry.

**Overall Comments**

We believe the Form of Government Task Force has done an excellent job in drafting for study the proposed *Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Form of Government*. They have faithfully carried out the charge given to them by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006):

“.....undertake a revision of the Form of Government in light of the foci and priorities described in (1)-(5) below.....

- (1) The new Form of Government shall preserve our foundational polity (perhaps most concisely laid out in the first four chapters of the current Form of Government).
- (2) The focus of the Form of Government shall be on providing leadership for local congregations as missional communities.
- (3) The presbytery shall continue as the central governmental unit, as it has been throughout most of our history. The Form of Government shall provide sufficient authority and flexibility to allow the presbytery to assist congregations in addressing the changing cultural, economic, and societal challenges in our new millennial world. The FOG Task Force shall take notice of and address the institutional and structural impediments that currently cripple so very many of our presbyteries.
- (4) The new Form of Government shall provide flexibility at all levels, granting authority while permitting governing bodies to develop the structures to carry out their respective missions.
- (5) The FOG Task Force shall be guided by the principles proposed by Recommendations 1-4 from the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church, using those principles as a guide for its own processes and deliberations. They shall incorporate this new Presbyterian ethos into the Form of Government so that it truly functions as the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s guidebook for mission.

In particular the Task Force has proposed language in the *Form of Government* that provides considerable flexibility and grants authority to presbyteries to develop their own “mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to .....; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, ministers of Word and Sacrament.....and to settle difficulties on.....where possible and expedient.” (G-3.0308)

This proposed flexibility and authority however stands in tension with the need to maintain some level of consistency in certain matters such as the preparation for ministry process. Within our three task groups concern was expressed that: “The flexibility is good, but when every presbytery has the option to be that flexible, we are not going to know what is going on. We won’t be a national church.”

Overall however we like the style of writing in both documents. The wording seems clear, understandable, flows well together and they are easy to read.

Questions Posed in the Guidelines for Group Response

- Regarding the Foundations #5 – Do you believe that it would be.....first four chapters.....with the three chapters of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity? We have no particular comments to offer except to say we do not find the language to be all that different in reality to what already exists in the first four chapters. Some have expressed that they appreciate and prefer the wording of the current chapters.
- Regarding the Form of Government #2 – Has the proposed.....in your context and if so where? Frankly we are not quite so sure that the current Form of Government actually impedes mission. The response from one of our churches that studied the proposals said in part:
  - “Indeed, as we talked, we found that we had some serious reservations about the stated rationale for changing the Form of Government, i.e., that the existing Form of Government “as become a regulatory manual placing impractical limitations on the missional work of sessions and higher governing bodies” (from the Guidelines for Group Response). We found ourselves wishing that more specific instances had been offered as, again, we were unable to identify any such impractical limitations in our context. To be sure some aspects of the governance provided in the current Form of Government are at times inconvenient, but we all agreed that even these provide wise boundaries that guide and structure our work and life together.”
- Regarding G-3.0308 - Especially for COM and CPM #5 - both our CPM and COM committees had a strong response. We believe that if G-3.0308 merely spells out functions without mandating particular bodies to carry them out, there will be negative consequences. One consequence will be the tendency to “let the staff take care of it,” reducing the ownership and participation of the presbytery as a whole in the important work of preparation for ministry process or the work assigned to the current COM. Another danger might be the difficulty of presbyteries communicating with each other and working together when some have these committees and some do not. Therefore, we would urge the task force to rewrite this section so that the functions are assigned to particular groups, such as COMs and CPMs.
- Regarding G-2.0302. The requirement that to be valid a ministry must include proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments has been removed. We do agree with that decision.
- Regarding G-2.0303 a and b. We agree with the provisions that allow for a three-fourths of the presbytery to permit those in an associate or temporary pastoral positions to become the next installed pastor

Preparation for Ministry Response

Our committee studied and discussed those parts of the draft document that pertain to our work, especially G-2.0401-G-2.0410.

In response to the question concerning G-3.0308 posed to COMs and CPMs in the “guidelines for group response,” our committee has a strong response. We believe that if G-3.0308 merely spells out functions without mandating particular bodies to carry them out, there will be negative consequences. One consequence will be the tendency to “let the staff take care of it,” reducing the ownership and participation of the presbytery as a whole in the important work of preparation for ministry. Another danger might be the difficulty of presbyteries communicating with each other and working together when some have CPMs and some do not. Therefore, we would urge the task force to rewrite this section so that the functions are assigned to particular groups, such as COMs and CPMs.

Comments on specific sections that deal with preparation for ministry of Word and Sacrament (references are to new Form of Government):

2.0401

Inclusion of "their sessions" is helpful, but "congregations" is not. The covenant relationship includes session, so we would drop "congregations."

3.0107

This is a different location, covering all sorts of advisory handbooks.

Since Presbyteries have their own handbooks for CPM, CLP, etc., maybe this should specify Presbytery rather than "Councils higher than Session."

2.0402

"Active in the work and worship" is better than current language.

2.0403

Slight change with minimal impact.

2.0404

Better than current version.

2.0405

We think that this is much weaker than what we have now. Without specific tasks spelled out, it would be easy to cut corners. We like the current version in which Presbytery responsibility and session responsibility are spelled out. Of course these responsibilities could be included in the Advisory Handbook.

2.0406

Streamlined - OK.

[current 14.0421 ff.]

No "annual consultation" is required. Knowing our tendency to take the path of least resistance, we're afraid that the result would be neglect of inquirers and candidates.

Details on ordination exams are not included; they would have to be found in the new advisory handbooks.

We think that the deletion of this language would lead to greater variation between presbyteries than we currently have. We are concerned that we would lose the sense that there are churchwide standards.

2.0407

There is no "final assessment" as a formal category.

Paragraph "d." is unclear because it references PCC here (previous material on PCC is deleted). By dropping specific areas that exams cover, does this give PCC complete license to come up with new areas of examination? We lean toward preserving current provisions.

2.0408

Streamlined - OK.

2.0409

Sentence on individual's initiative is dropped. We would want to keep it since it is a covenantal agreement.

2.0410

Streamlined - OK.

2.0501

Good expansion.

2.0502

This is a change in the ordinary setting for ordination service. Some of us still think the Presbytery responsible for the candidate's preparation is where a candidate should be ordained, the candidate by this time is known by his local church, CPM, Presbytery, et. al., and we want to celebrate with great joy that the candidate completed the process.

Observations/comments by individuals who participated in the review process

- The Proposed FOG diminishes clearly the role of the church as a national church, and makes it more of a federacy of churches and not a national church
- It looks like it is more missional, more constitutional and less regulatory.
- It looks like it would provide more flexibility in functioning.
- I like the flexibility that the Proposed FOG offers. On the first page, the composition, membership of presbytery; it allows the presbytery to establish its own elder minister representation. Our current one is highly in favor of smaller churches at the expense of larger churches. I like that this allows the presbytery to set its own means of elder participation.
- It's a good illustration of how the new document provides flexibility to function with today's realities. It gives the freedom to structure elder commissioner representation in the way that suits them... There are some places that could be picked out for revision and improvement, but I would rather see this document adopted, as is, without any changes than see it sent back for more changes. If some things are problematic they can be amended.
- It offers flexibility in the section about pastors that aren't possible now. It offers the flexibility to allow a stated supply pastor to become the installed pastor in that church

Provided For Information Only – Response from First Presbyterian Church, Mesa

On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, several members of the staff and Session of First Presbyterian Church, Mesa, Arizona met for a review of the proposed Form of Government. We used the materials provided by the General Assembly Form of Government Task Force and had done quite of bit of reading before coming together.

We began by comparing notes about our answers to the preparatory questions and immediately found that none of us had been able to find any provision in the *Book of Order* that either impedes or ignites mission in our context. Indeed, as we talked, we found that we had some serious reservation about the stated rationale for changing the Form of Government, i.e., that the existing Form of Government “as become a regulatory manual placing impractical limitations on the missional work of sessions and higher governing bodies” (from the Guidelines for Group Response). We found ourselves wishing that more specific instances had been offered as again, we were unable to identify any such impractical limitations in our context. To be sure some aspects of the governance provided in the current Form of Government are at times inconvenient, but we all agreed that even these provide wise boundaries that guide and structure our work and life together.

**Our first recommendation, therefore, is that if there are such “impractical limitations” then perhaps the first step should be to identify exactly what they are and work to change those specific parts of the Form of Government.**

Furthermore, we found ourselves growing more and more ill-at-ease with the idea that local governing bodies may be invited to prepare guidelines on those issues left unanswered by the proposed Form of Government. It struck us that much of our connectional life is rooted in the uniformity of policy and procedure as one moves from one church to another, and one Presbytery to the next.

Chapter comments:

Chapter 1 – we found no guidance here on dealing with inactive members and overall found that we prefer what is currently in the *Book of Order*.

Chapter 2 – we found ourselves *very* uncomfortable with the potential for pastoral succession by both Associates and Interims. If this is an attempt to give larger churches more continuity when a senior pastor leaves then perhaps something more creative could be done with co-pastors (as many larger churches now already do). Such a solution reduces the temptation for Associates to sabotage the Head of Staff. As for interims, there may be less concern, except that in seeking to land an installed position from an interim position the interim may be tempted to avoid some of the tough but necessary work required in an effective interim.

Chapter 3 – we found this to be a good summary but not sufficient to ground and guide us.

Chapter 4 – we didn't find much different between this chapter and the current related chapter in the *Book of Order*.

Chapter 5 – again, we didn't see many differences here.

Chapter 6 – did not find this chapter any more or less helpful than what is already in use.

The bottom line for us was that the proposed Form of Government is “disturbing in its thin-ness” and “alarming in its timing” (direct quotes from members of our group). In other words, in times when there is high trust organizations can get by with less written guidance, but such is not the time in the PCUSA. Again, if there are specific areas that need to be changed to help ignite mission then let us deal with those, but a wholesale re-write of documents that even now are only barely holding us together seems ill advised.

## **ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE FOR CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING**

### **Crossing Borders / Encountering God**

José referred to a flyer that was distributed in the Council packet highlighting a conference on Border and Immigration Issues, which will be held April 15-17, 2010, sponsored by the Synod of the Southwest, Synod of the Sun, GAC Office for Multicultural Ministries, Iglesia National Presbyteriana de Mexico, and Frontera de Cristo. Registration form and additional information is available at [www.synodsw.org](http://www.synodsw.org).

## **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

Budget requests for 2010 are due by July 31<sup>st</sup>. The committee will be preparing the budget in August and all requests are to be itemized line-by-line, and should include a statement for each line explaining how it will be used. Council members were reminded that all committees will have to cut their budgets to meet the goal of balancing the budget by 2011.

The Budget and Finance Committee would like to put off the approval of the Per Capita Apportionment for 2010 to the September Presbytery Meeting.

## **JUNE PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Plans were discussed for the June Presbytery Meeting.

## **PERSONNEL**

Bob Simmons expressed congratulations to Ken for his retirement and appreciation for his passion for the church, his love and concern for this presbytery and for the life of service that he has given us.

### **New Members of the Personnel Committee**

At the May meeting of Council/Trustees action was taken to add three members to the Personnel Committee from the Council for the purpose of staff reduction. Fran Park, Tom Lineweaver and Gloria Young have been added to the Personnel Committee.

### **Bob Lewis**

Bob Lewis' surgery was completely successful but the toll on his system has been great and he needs time to recover his strength. He is not yet prepared to come back and has decided to take a non-paid

leave as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give him the time to heal. At some point he could contact the Personnel Committee and they could move him back into work. The committee is working to have Native American Ministries covered.

#### **APPROVAL OF INVITATION TO HOST PRESBYTERY MEETING**

The Presbytery Council APPROVED with thanks the invitation of University Presbyterian Church to host the June 5, 2010 Presbytery Meeting.

#### **GANADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

The National Historic Landmark plaque will be unveiled at the September Presbytery meeting on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Fran Park and Chuck Proudfoot reported that the Ganado Administrative Commission needs to raise funds for the mahogany granite Landmark Monument to exhibit the plaque as well as for other items to furnish the Landmark Garden. The Landmark monument alone will cost \$4,500. Council APPROVED the request of the Ganado Administrative Commission distribute a fundraising brochure at the June Presbytery meeting and to do direct fundraising to congregations.

Fewer than 4% of the properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places are National Historic Landmarks. The designation will give the presbytery the chance to apply for restoration funds.

#### **INTERIM EP SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Karen Muenich reported that the committee has received 33 Personal Information Forms. Those who have responded have been asked to answer a supplemental questionnaire. June 22<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline for receiving information. The committee will meet next Wednesday to begin a rating system and to review what has come in.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

There will be no July meeting. The next meeting of Council will be Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the Interchurch Center.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM; Art Campbell gave the closing prayer.

#### **August 6, 2009**

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated August Meeting at the Interchurch Center in Phoenix, beginning at 12:00 PM with a sharing of joys and concerns, and prayer. A quorum was present.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the June 4, 2009 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

#### **PRESBYTERY MINUTES APPROVED**

Acting on its delegated authority, Council APPROVED the minutes of the June 6, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of July 31, 2009 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$677,923.21 and expense of \$746,837.18 resulting in a difference of (\$68,913.97).

A new representative is assisting with the Covenant Funds and after a review of our funds, some adjustments have been made to eliminate duplication of funds which was resulting in extra fees.

Council recessed. Trustees' meeting convened.

**PROPERTY****Church of the Master**

On the recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED a First Amendment to the Lease between Church of the Master and the Mesa Preparatory Academy.

**Ganado Foundation Approval**

On the recommendation of the Ganado Administrative Commission and the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the Incorporation papers for the Presbyterian Ganado Mission Foundation, Inc., and their recommendation that those papers be on the agenda for Presbytery approval at the September meeting. (Fran Park did not vote.)

The members of the Ganado Administrative Commission will serve on the Board of Directors and the officers will be: Fran Park (President), Merlin Yazzie (VP), Nan Campbell (Secretary), Chuck Proudfoot (Treasurer).

**Office Site Selection Committee**

Lorelei Hillman gave an initial report on the work of the committee. The Property Committee has received a letter from the landlord indicating that requested repairs to the Interchurch Center had been made, but not all of the repairs listed have actually been completed. The letter was accompanied with a proposal for a rent increase.

All tenants of the Interchurch Center enjoy being together in the same complex but it is not yet clear if everyone will seek a new location as one group. It will be a few weeks before this question can be answered. Before investigating available office space, the committee is waiting to know more about the presbytery's future office needs based on staff reorganization.

**Question from Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

The Property Committee received a letter from Emmanuel regarding their new pipe organ which was installed over the summer. A question arose whether the organ is the property of the church. The gift of the organ was made to the church. Dick Coffelt will research the matter and report back.

Trustees recessed. Council meeting reconvened.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dick Coffelt highlighted the work that he has been doing over the past 60 days since Ken retired. In addition to supporting the work of the Interim EP Search Committee, he has been assisting with references for presbyteries, providing support to pastor nominating committees and working with Church Leadership Connections (CLC), the vocational ministries unit at General Assembly. He attended the Big Tent event in the week following the June Presbytery Meeting, along with others from our presbytery. Dick will be going on vacation Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to Orcas Island. José will be back in the office next week.

**INTERIM EP SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Paul Harding provided the committee's report on behalf of Karen Muenich who was on vacation. In addition to Rev. Karen Muenich (Heritage) as chair, the other committee members were: Rev. Bud Engstrom (Mountain View), Rev. Michael Hartwell (Crosswinds), Elder Gloria Suchta (Gila Crossing), Elder Andy Molina (Guadalupe), Elder Paul Harding (Mesa First), Elder, Rocky Mackey (Gilbert), Rev. Jan DeVries (Synod Exec/Stated Clerk), Elder Dick Coffelt (Staff Resource to the Committee)

Since their April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, the search committee has been working diligently every Wednesday (for three-to-six hours). Following telephone interviews they narrowed the selection to four candidates and held face-to-face interviews over the past ten days. It is their plan for the Council to have the opportunity to meet the successful candidate at the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting. At that meeting the committee will ask the Council to ratify their selection as the Interim Executive

Presbyter. It is anticipated that an announcement will then be made to the presbytery from Council following the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Council/Trustees, with the successful candidate to be introduced at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting.

Dick Coffelt praised the faithful work of the search committee. Although he and Jan DeVries provided support, the decision of the successful candidate was made solely by the committee and was made while Dick and Jan were out of the room.

### **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

The proposed budget for 2010 was distributed in the Council packet. Information has not yet been received from Native American Ministries or Personnel. Some additional discussion needs to take place before the Personnel Committee will know what specifically to recommend. Helen thanked the committee chairs for their diligence in working to reduce projected expenses and in getting their information to the committee. So far, the proposed budget shows a reduction of \$75,000. Their goal is to reduce the budget by \$100,000.

Helen sent letters to Arizona Korean and Springerville Community to ask them to pay their Per Capita and to emphasize that the presbytery is responsible for the timely paying of Per Capita for the current year, regardless of whether or not their church pays Per Capita to the presbytery.

It was reported that one of the presbytery committees met over lunch and submitted the bill for reimbursement. After opportunity for discussion, Council APPROVED that all committees be notified that unless there are unusual circumstances, it is not our practice to pay expenses for meals.

#### **Restricted Funds**

The suggestion was made that there be a review of the Restricted Funds to see if some funds should be combined. It was further suggested that the Budget Committee review the Restricted Funds later in the year.

### **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

#### **Consolidation of Two Restricted Funds**

On the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry Committee, Council APPROVED combining Restricted Fund # 22213 Pastor Emergency Fund (which currently has \$200) and Extra Commitment giving Fund # 22403 Clergy Supporting Clergy (which currently has \$1,290). Both funds were set up to provide emergency assistance to pastors (or their families) in the presbytery.

In their 2010 budget, the committee reduced line item #54112 Pension/Emergency Assistance by \$2,000. The Board of Pensions (BOP) used to require that the presbytery extend a matching grant if an emergency grant was given by the BOP to a pastor in the presbytery. The BOP no longer requires those matching funds.

#### **Special Offering to be Received at Presbytery Once a Year**

The Committee on Ministry would like to create a mechanism for building up the balance of \$1,490 in this newly combined account, with the eventual goal of eliminating the budget line item #54112. On the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry Committee, Council APPROVED an offering to be received at one presbytery meeting each year, in conjunction with the worship service, for the purpose of maintaining an emergency fund for pastors and their families. The Agenda Planning Committee will designate the meeting at which the offering will take place. There will be advance notice of when the offering will be taken.

### **SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Plans were discussed for the upcoming Presbytery Meeting in Ganado.

### **INVITATION TO HOST THE 222<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2016)**

In advance of the meeting, Council members received a copy of a letter from Thomas Hay, Director of Operations for the Office of the General Assembly addressed to Dick Coffelt. The 222<sup>nd</sup> General

Assembly in 2016 is scheduled to be held in the western region of the country. They are exploring cities in that region whose facilities are large enough for the complex needs of a General Assembly meeting, including Phoenix. The letter was inquiring if Grand Canyon Presbytery would be open to serving as an inviting and hosting presbytery. If selected, this would involve providing volunteers and working with the support of the OGA in forming a Committee on Local Arrangements. Council APPROVED the **Motion** to respond affirmatively to the possibility of serving as an inviting and hosting presbytery should considerations warrant. Grand Canyon last hosted the General Assembly for the 196<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1984).

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The committee has been digesting and formulating a response to the many comments that have been received regarding their preliminary report. They have been discussing the possibility of another roundtable discussion and could create questions for seven areas of concentration. Also, they are researching the possibility of doing a survey of clerks to obtain more feedback from the churches.

#### **REVIEW OF RECORDS**

On the recommendation of the Review of Records Committee, the Presbytery Council APPROVED that sessions who submitted their records for review during the period February 5, 2008 through October 11, 2008 be considered to be in compliance with the requirement that their records be reviewed annually in the year 2009 and will not be required to submit their records for review again until the annual review cycle in the calendar year 2010.

#### **EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES**

An Educator, Teacher, Leader Training Event on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the Interchurch Center is being sponsored by the Educational Ministries Committee.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grand Canyon Presbytery is being honored by the PC(USA) for being in the top ten of mission giving for 2008 in two different categories: for special offerings by total dollar amount for giving (in the amount of \$219,983); and for special offerings by average per member (\$14.06 per member).

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church is offering a lecture series, *Transforming God's Dream Into Reality*, to focus on the Social Creed for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century that was adopted by the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008). The first session will be on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. These presentations will be videotaped and GA will be supporting most of the cost of producing a DVD to be distributed across the country.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Council will be Thursday, September 3, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the Interchurch Center.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 PM. Shelly Moe gave the closing prayer.

#### **September 3, 2009**

The Council/Trustees of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met for its Stated September Meeting at the Interchurch Center in Phoenix, beginning at 12:00 PM with prayer. A quorum was present.

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

##### **Karen Muenich on Behalf of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee**

Upon the enthusiastic and unanimous recommendation of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee and following introductions and an opportunity to ask questions of the Rev. Dr. David Wasserman, Council voted unanimously to ratify the committee's selection of Rev. Wasserman and appointed him to be Interim Executive Presbyter for a period of two years beginning October 15, 2009, subject to renewal and 60 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$74,537	Medical / Pension	\$23,479
Travel *	7,000	Medical Reimburse	746
Study Allowance	1,000	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Study Leave	Two Weeks		

\* = Vouchered

Dave and his wife Marney currently serve as Co-pastors to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson. He is returning to the Valley of the Sun. Nearly 30 years ago, Dave and his wife served as the Co-Organizing Pastors of Heritage Presbyterian Church, Glendale. He is a graduate of Davidson College, 1970 – B.A., Psychology; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1974 - M.Div., Theology/Ethics (Magnum, Cum Laude); and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1987 – D.Min. Leadership Development. Dave has served as an Associate Executive in Lake Michigan Presbytery (1987-1990), General Presbyter in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (1990-1997), and General Presbyter in Grace Presbytery (Dallas/Ft. Worth – 1998-2007).

Dave will begin work on October 15<sup>th</sup> and be introduced to the Presbytery at the November 14, 2009 Presbytery Meeting. The full report of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee has been posted on the Presbytery Website and will be included with the Call Papers to the September 18-19, 2009 Presbytery meeting.

The Interim EP Search Committee was dissolved with thanks. The Rev. Dr. David Wasserman led Council in prayer.

#### **COUNCIL/TRUSTEES MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the August 6, 2009 Meeting of the Council/Trustees were approved as presented.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Shirley Randolph reviewed the Financial Report as of August 31, 2009 which reflected a year-to-date income of \$737,607.97 and expense of \$838,315.83 resulting in a difference of (\$100,707.86).

Council recessed. Trustees' meeting convened.

#### **PROPERTY**

##### **Former Covenant Church Property**

Trustees APPROVED the request of the Property Committee to enter into preliminary evaluation work on a proposed sale of the "janitor's manse" at 1224 E. Virginia, part of the Covenant Church property. (This will allow getting an appraisal and negotiating a contract. Approval of the conditions of sale will come back to the Trustees for approval.)

##### **First Presbyterian Church, Tuba City**

On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the allocation of \$2500.00 from Restricted Account #22343, Northern Arizona Wind Damage to be used for the replacement of the roof on the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church, Tuba City.

##### **Restricted Account #22018 – Navajo Mission 2008**

On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED the receipt and disbursement of funds from Restricted Account #22018, Navajo Mission 2008 to be used for appropriate purposes for the remainder of 2009. (The fund name will be changed from 2008 to 2009.)

##### **First Presbyterian Church, Mesa**

On recommendation of the Property Committee, Trustees APPROVED a loan revision by PILP and First Presbyterian Church, Mesa.

Trustees recessed. Council meeting reconvened.

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Dick Coffelt praised the ongoing work and dedication of the Council. In reporting on coordinating the work of presbytery staff, he observed that it has been an interesting summer. The Budget and Finance Committee has worked diligently to present a draft of the provisional budget for 2010. Following the suggestion of Helen Branyan, all papers, including the financial report, were sent by e-mail ahead of the meeting. The Planning Committee continues to meet, with Rocky Mackey's leadership. And, the Committee on Ministry has been working with a number of churches within each cluster. The Personnel Committee has been working throughout the summer months. Dick recognized the ongoing work of presbytery staff and expressed appreciation for Carolyn McBurney's administrative support to the Interim EP Search Committee and to Linda Bailey for her continuing administrative support.

He reported on the first three overtures that have been submitted to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010).

**ASSOCIATE EXECUTIVE FOR CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING**

Fourteen pastors from this presbytery attended the August Kaleidoscopes retreat. José highlighted the resources for the Peacemaking Offering to be collected on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (Worldwide Communion Sunday). He, Dick Coffelt and Carolyn McBurney have been working on immigration related issues with congregations in the presbytery. José recently did some training at Fort Defiance and has been working with other congregations on transformational issues. He lifted up an article that is appearing in *Presbyterians Today* on immigration issues.

**INTERIM ASSOCIATE FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Bob Lewis expressed appreciation for all the cards and notes that he received. They helped him through a difficult time. The surgery was successful and he is undergoing follow up chemo. He is beginning to make contact with the Native churches and will be going to a meeting in the Gila River community on Saturday.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The following written report by Bob Simmons on Bob Lewis had been e-mailed in advance of the meeting:

At the June 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting it was reported that Bob Lewis' surgery was completely successful but the toll on his system had been great and he needed time to recover his strength. Therefore since July 1<sup>st</sup> he has been on unpaid leave status with the possibility that at some point he could contact the Personnel Committee with intent to return to work. On occasions during July and August Bob has come into the office to spend time in following up on emails and phone calls. In conversation with Dick Coffelt on Friday August 28<sup>th</sup> Bob indicated that he felt that he had sufficiently recovered to allow him to return to work and that he would like to do so.

On Monday August 31<sup>st</sup> Dick Coffelt and I met with Bob Lewis to discuss his health and his desire to return to work. I emphasized that the Personnel Committee wanted to make sure that his returning to work would not put undue burden on him or have a detrimental effect on his continued recovery. While Bob is still undergoing the final round of chemotherapy he continues to feel stronger and believes that he is well on his way to full recovery. In addition we discussed with Bob the written report the Personnel Committee made to the Budget Committee, the request made that Personnel Expenses be reduced by approximately \$132,000 between now and 2011 and the plan therefore to fund the interim position at 25% of the current salary/expenses for 2010.

We also discussed the need to establish some expectations of what would be accomplished when he returns and the need to complete a "task list" for the Interim Associate position which outlines the specific tasks, how often they are performed (Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Other), the time needed and the special skills required. This is the same task list which has been completed by the other staff members.

Bob indicated that he was willing to return with these understandings and the future funding of the position. In order that he might ease into returning to work it was agreed that he would return on a half-time basis for the month of September. The Personnel Committee will work with him toward the end of the month and make a joint determination of his progress and his work status for the balance of 2009.

#### **Director of the Clergy Spouse Ministry Position**

On recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Council APPROVED that funding for the Director of the Clergy Spouse Ministry Position be discontinued as of December 31, 2009 with the understanding that the Personnel Committee will make a recommendation at the October meeting as to whether or not to extend a severance allowance and the appropriate amount if any.

#### **Informational Note:**

As Chair of the Personnel Committee Bob has advised Starr of the Personnel Committee decision and recommendation. While disappointed she understands the decision which did not come as a surprise to her.

#### **BUDGET AND FINANCE**

A discussion was held of the draft of the provisional Budget for 2010 that was distributed to Council members prior to the meeting. To balance the budget requires Presbytery General Mission's pledges of \$423,385. This is \$60,000 less than last year and requires no use of designated funds. This is a bare bones budget. The Personnel Budget for 2010 reflects a total Council Personnel Budget reduction of \$74,830 from the 2009 budget.

The discussion included the concern that is felt in the Native American community about the reductions planned in the 2010 budget as well as how Native American Ministries will be funded when mission partnership funds end in 2013.

The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Budget Committee requests that regarding communication to Council members, where possible, the budget, financial statements, and other important items should be sent out in advance by email. This way, Council members would really be able to raise any questions they might have.

#### **SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING**

Plans were discussed for the September Presbytery Meeting in Ganado.

#### **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

The Women's Ministries Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Orangewood Presbyterian Church at from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Cassondra Davis, MC will be the guest speaker and the theme will be "Too Blessed to Be Stressed – Ways to Assess and Address Your Stress to be Blessed".

#### **NOMINATIONS**

Committee chairs will be contacted by September 19<sup>th</sup> regarding chair and vice chair for next year and for recommendations for the class of 2012.

#### **NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The next meeting of Council will be Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the Interchurch Center.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:28PM. Rev. Trina Zelle gave the closing prayer.

### 9.3. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT PRESBYTERY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

**Motion:** The Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee enthusiastically and unanimously recommends that the Council of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon ratify the committee's selection of the Rev. Dr. David Wasserman and appoint him to be Interim Executive Presbyter for a period of two years beginning no later than November 1, 2009, subject to renewal and 60 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$74,537	Medical / Pension	\$23,479
Travel *	7,000	Medical Reimburse	746
Study Allowance	1,000	Vacation	One Month Per Policy
Study Leave	Two Weeks		
* = Vouchered			

#### **Information about Dave:**

Dave Wasserman is returning to the Valley of the Sun. Nearly 30 years ago, Dave and his wife Marney, served as the Co-Organizing Pastors of Heritage Presbyterian Church, Glendale. Dave grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is a graduate of Davidson College, 1970 – B.A., Psychology; Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1974 - M.Div., Theology/Ethics (Magnum, Cum Laude); and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1987 – D.Min. Leadership Development.

After graduating from seminary, Dave was ordained to chaplaincy at the Allegheny County (Pittsburgh) Jail. He stayed there while Marney studied and then the next twelve years of ministry (mid 1970's to mid 1980's) were spent co-pastoring in churches in Iowa, Arizona (Glendale), and Wisconsin, including two new church developments. Then, Dave entered administrative service.

Over the course of twenty years, Dave has served as an Associate Executive in Lake Michigan Presbytery (1987-1990), General Presbyter in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (1990-1997), and General Presbyter in Grace Presbytery (Dallas/Ft. Worth – 1998-2007). He's led staffs both large and small; helped write publications in the world of Family Ministry, the Church and Public Education, a Mission Studies Manual, and for COMs a Call Process Guidebook. He's also spent time in several conflict education events with the Alban Institute. And, he helped in the launching of the Presbytery Leadership Institute and was part of the Lily-funded Missional Church project for presbyteries.

Two and a half years ago, Dave and Marney returned to co-pastoring at Trinity Church in Tucson. After twenty years out of the parish, this wonderful urban, historic congregation has been a great place to have a reality check on the opportunities and challenges of congregational service in this time. It looks like these last years have ended up being a valuable sabbatical from administrative service. Dave and Marney have moved a lot. Even so, they have set their roots in northern New Mexico near Taos and the family gathers there regularly. Their son Nick is a Doctoral student at Columbia in New York City and has two daughters; their son Matt is the owner of a small landscape business in Denver and he and his wife are expecting a son by Labor Day. In June their daughter Kate graduated from the University of Kansas in music therapy and is on an internship in Houston. In the 1990's, Dave rekindled a love for sailing (thanks in part to Earl and Jean Christman formerly on the Grand Canyon staff). He once sailed his 31 foot boat across the Gulf of Mexico. He and Marney are on temporary land assignment, but are very interested in seeing Lake Pleasant soon. In addition, Dave enjoys reading, hiking, digital photography, playing bass in a jazz trio – all things to keep him balanced and busy.

#### **From Dave's responses to Supplemental Questions:**

*What Attracts, Excites, Concerns Me about this position?* (a) This is administrative service, a ministry that I've done and feel is the best match for my gifts. My twenty years in three presbyteries have shown me that I can do detail work, but also grasp the "big picture". I respect our church's governance and love the church's connectedness and want to work to make both meaningful for our

time. I've learned how to lead a staff team, and build learning communities in committees, councils and work groups. Administrative service energizes me. (b) This is an interim position, something I've not done before. I think interim work can be a very helpful experience to organizations, but frankly, I've seen interim ministry become as institutionalized as the church. The tasks for interim work should be as missionally-oriented as the times we now face. And I'd like to help one presbytery take good, effective next steps in its journey at the same time it prepares for a new servant-leader...

*How do you Build Trust?...* In new relationships, you build trust by staying spiritually grounded so you don't become anxious when others do. You build trust by making sure all voices invested in a conversation are given the chance to be heard. You build trust by being transparent about your own passions and honest about your mistakes. You build trust by inviting all of us to remember that the church IS different: God has put us together and we best remember that fact when the pain of our differences may tempt us to jump ship. And God expects us to live in hope, to be passionate and humble in our faith, and to do the right and just thing in our work.

### **The Interim Search Process**

At its March 5, 2009 meeting the Presbytery Council approved the formation of an Interim Executive Presbyter search committee with the members to be named by the Chair of Council and Presbytery Moderator. Those named were: Rev. Bud Engstrom (Interim Pastor – Mt. View P.C.); Elder Paul Harding (First P.C. – Mesa); Rev. Michael Hartwell (Pastor – Crosswinds P.C.); Elder Rocky Mackey (Gilbert P.C.); Elder Andy Molina (Guadalupe P.C.); Rev. Karen Muenich (Pastor – Heritage P.C.); and Elder Gloria Suchta (Gila Crossing P.C.); with Ex-officio Members: Staff Resource to Committee – Elder Dick Coffelt, Stated Clerk and Synod of the Southwest Liaison – Rev. Jan DeVries, Synod Exec/Stated Clerk.

Following announcement of the interim position and email contact with each of 173 presbyteries and over 400 presbyters in our own presbytery we received a total of 40 expressions of interest in the position. We corresponded with each of the 40 referring them to our presbytery website where they might download information concerning the Presbytery, the Interim Position and our Presbytery Planning Committee's Preliminary Report. In addition we asked each to respond to four supplementary questions. Twenty-six of those who originally expressed interest returned responses to the supplementary questions. The committee spent many hours together in reviewing each candidate's Personal Information, responses to the Supplementary Questions and the skills, experience, gifts and talents that each person might bring to the work of the Interim Executive. From those 26 further expressions of interest we selected 11 individuals to participate in conference call conversations which took place on June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. From these 11 the committee selected 4 candidates for final consideration. Committee members conducted both primary and secondary references on each of the four and Jan DeVries, on behalf of the committee, conducted a governing body check on each. Final interviews were conducted with these four candidates; one on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, two on July 28<sup>th</sup> and one on July 29<sup>th</sup>. We spent in-depth time with each candidate both in interview and during either lunch or dinner. We spent the afternoon of July 29<sup>th</sup> in a time of prayer and discernment leading to our unanimous decision that we would present Dave Wasserman to the Council as our selection to become Interim Executive Presbyter.

The committee extends its thanks to Dick Coffelt for his dedication in preparing the committee for this task and his ongoing support throughout the process. Also, thanks to Jan DeVries who attended all of our meetings either in person or by telephone giving insight and information on how other presbyteries conducted their searches.

The committee was dedicated and faithful to its task. We opened each of our regular meetings with scripture and prayer and depended upon the Spirit to guide us in the work and selection. We expected each other to be present and to participate using the gifts given to each of us. Many of the candidates had excellent strengths and gifts that fit the job description, but our task was to find not only a gifted

candidate but one who we believed was being called by God to this position for this particular time in the life of our presbytery. Upon council's ratification of our selection, we ask that you dissolve the Interim EP Search Committee of its duties in praise and thanks to God.

On Behalf of the Committee,  
Karen Muenich, Moderator

#### 9.4. 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:

##### April 28, 2009

(The April Actions of the Committee on Ministry were inadvertently omitted from the Consent Agenda for the June Stated Meeting of Presbytery.)

##### 1. Avram

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Dr. Wesley D. Avram to be Pastor to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church effective July 1, 2009 on the following terms:

Salary	\$80,000	Pension/Medical	As required by the BOP
Housing	48,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Auto Allow*	5,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks (Accum. for 3yrs)
Expense Allow*	Vouchered	Study Allow*.	Maximum of \$5000
Moving Costs	Actual	403b	\$14,000
All EEO Requirements Met			

##### 2. Gephart

Granted the status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Al Gephart effective August 1, 2009 and pending action of the congregation of University Presbyterian Church at its May 10, 2009 congregational meeting concur in his election as Pastor Emeritus.

##### 3. St. John

Granted the status of Honorable Retirement to the Rev. Valerie St. John, currently serving as a U. S. Army Chaplain, effective September 1, 2009.

##### 4. Engstrom

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Carl Engstrom and the Session of Mountain View Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective May 1, 2009 on the following terms:

Salary	\$45,000	Pension/Medical	As required by the BOP
Housing	24,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Medical/Dental Ded.	2,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Allow*.	1,000	Social Security Offset	\$2,000
Prof Exp*	500	Car Allowance	2,500

##### 5. Good

Approved the Interim Associate Pastor Agreement between the Rev. William E. Good and the Session of Mountain View Presbyterian Church on a three-quarter time basis for a period of one year effective May 1, 2009 on the following terms.

Salary	\$ 3,000	Pension/Medical	As required by the BOP
Housing	40,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Medical/Dental Ded.	1,500	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Allow*.	1,000	Social Security Offset	\$1,500
Prof Exp*	500	Car Allow	1,800

**6. Evans**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Bill Evans and the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective June 1, 2009 on the following terms, subject to 30 days notice for termination:

Salary	\$24,000	Pension/Medical	As required by the BOP
Housing	24,000	Vacation	One month per policy
Prof Exp*	2,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks
Study Allow*.	1,500	403B	\$1,500
Moving	2,000		

**7. First Presbyterian Church, Wickenburg**

Granted permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee

**8. Moderator Appointments**

- o Alpine Community Presbyterian Church - Rev. Tom Berry
- o Indian Wells Presbyterian Church – Rev. Linda Worsnop

**June 23, 2009**

**1. MacLeod**

Approve the transfer of membership of the Rev. Duncan MacLeod from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Central Washington effective June 1, 2009 in order that he might accept the Pastoral Call to be the Pastor to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Yakima, Washington. The terms of the call are reported as follows:

Salary	\$35,000	Pension/Medical	As reported by the BOP
Housing	30,000	Vacation	35 Calendar Days per year
Auto Allow*	1,500	Study Leave	Two Weeks (Accum. for 3 yrs.)
Prof Allow*	2,000	Study Allow.*	\$ 2,000
Moving Costs	Up to 6,000	Social Sec. Offset	4,973

\* Vouchered

**2. Associate Pastor Position – Trinity Presbyterian Church, Prescott**

Concur in the May 21, 2009 decision of the Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church to eliminate the position of Associate Pastor.

**3. PNC Approval for Northminster**

Upon recommendation of the Partner Cluster, approved the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee for Northminster Presbyterian Church.

**August 25, 2008**

**1. Baer**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Doug Baer and the Session of John Calvin Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective July 7, 2009 on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 28,500	Medical / Pension	Post Retirement Service
Housing	20,000	Study Allowance*	2,000
Travel – IRS Rate*	800	Vacation:	One Month per policy
Reimbursable Exp.*	500	Study Leave	Two Weeks

\*= Vouchered

**2. Schmitt**

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. August Schmitt (HR) from de Cristo Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective August 25, 2009.

**3. Doh, Joseph**

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Joseph Doh (HR) from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective August 25, 2009.

**4. Doh, Helen**

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev Helen Doh from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member-at-large effective August 25, 2009.

**5. Hubbard**

Validated the ministry of Rev. Deborah Hubbard as Re-development Pastor to House of Prayer Lutheran Church (ELCA) at the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission, Rock Point AZ as a Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction G-11.0411 and transfer her membership from Mackinac Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective August 25, 2009.

**6. Temporary Supply – Arizona Korean P.C. Session and Rev. Young Sun Gin**

Approved the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Young Sun Gin and the Session of Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective (date to be determined), subject to 30 days notice for termination on the following terms and commitments and understandings:

Salary	\$ 30,000	Medical / Pension	As required by the BOP
Housing	13,200	Vacation	One Month per policy
Moving	4,000	Study Leave	Two Weeks

\*= Vouchered

**Commitments and Understandings**

- It is clearly understood by all parties that the Temporary Supply Pastor and the Church subscribe to the policies of the presbytery regarding a Temporary Supply relationship. Further it is understood that the “Presbytery” may choose to allow a Temporary Supply Pastor to become the next installed pastor by a two-thirds vote of the Presbytery (G-14.00550)
- The Church, Temporary Supply Pastor and the Presbytery covenant to undertake a comprehensive mission study during the Temporary Supply relationship and to seek the will of God for the mission and pastoral leadership of the congregation for the future
- The Mission Study Process shall give attention to evangelism and stewardship concerns
- A COM liaison(s) will work closely with the Temporary Supply Pastor and the church during the mission study process which shall be completed by the end of the contract period.
- It is understood that the Session Records including minutes, rolls and registers will be brought up to date in accordance with the requirements of the presbytery and that session minutes are to be submitted in English and Korean to the Committee on Ministry on a quarterly basis.
- It is understood that the Temporary Supply Pastor will work with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to fulfill the requirements to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA and that Visa sponsorship will be not be provided until all of the requirements for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA are completed.

**7. Avram Service of Installation**

Approved, as an exception to the *Presbytery Guidelines for Planning an Ordination / Installation Service of a Minister of Word and Sacrament*, the holding of the Installation Service of Rev. Wesley Avram as Pastor to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church during the morning Service of Worship on October 25, 2009 with the names of the commission to be approved at the September 22, COM meeting.

**9.5. 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 to Candidate**

At the June 16, 2009 Meeting of the CPM, Inquirer **Julie Miller** of Christ Presbyterian Church was approved for examination by the Presbytery for enrollment as a Candidate.

At the August 18, 2009 Meeting of the CPM, Inquirer **Megan LeCluyse** of Mountain View Presbyterian Church was approved for examination by the Presbytery for enrollment as a Candidate.

**Alternate Form of Examination**

At the June 16, 2009 Meeting of the CPM, the Committee approved the following **Motion**:

To ask the Presbytery to approve an alternate pattern of examination for **Reginald Ragland**, whereby CPM members will test the candidate in each of the four areas of examination, followed by a written examination drawn from past Presbytery's Cooperative Committee questions, to be graded by CPM members, and submitted to CPM for approval.

**9.6. STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Presbytery APPROVED that the following report of the Stated Clerk concerning the Roster of Former Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission be entered into the minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of September 18-19, 2009.

**ROSTER OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (D-5.0206b)**

The Rules of Discipline of the *Book of Order* require that the Stated Clerk keep a Roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years and to report this roster to the presbytery annually.

**Class of 2008**

Elder Dr. Philip Gates  
Rev. Michael Hartwell  
Rev. Mae Hicks

**Class of 2006**

Rev. Beverly Phillips  
Elder William Rhoades (Vah-Ki)  
Elder Cayetano Santiago (First, Mesa)

**Class of 2004**

Rev. Gayle Parker  
Elder Marilyn Riddel (Valley)  
Rev. Paula Valle

**10. BUDGET COMMITTEE****Per Capita Apportionment**

Rev. Woody Garvin reported on the work of the Budget Committee and the recommendation of the Presbytery Council that the Per Capita Apportionment Rate for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon remain at \$31.00, the same for 2010 as it was in 2009. As the rate remains unchanged, no Motion was needed.

**2010 Per Capita**

GA	6.15
Synod	6.00
Presbytery	<u>18.85</u>
	\$31.00

## **11. REPORT OF THE GANADO ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

### **11.1. Report of the Commission**

Fran Park gave the report of the Ganado Administrative Commission for Nan Campbell (chairperson), who was seriously ill. On behalf of the Commission, Fran lifted up Audrey Jefferson's ministry at Ganado and affirmed all that she is doing with great joy and blessings. Presbyters responded with applause. The Ganado Administrative Commission has recommended that they appoint a nominating committee, have an election of officers and train them so that at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting the Presbytery will move to return the responsibilities to the church.

### **11.2. Discussion of item Pulled from Consent Agenda**

Opportunity was given for discussion of the item that had been pulled from the Consent Agenda regarding "Ganado Foundation Approval" from the August 6<sup>th</sup> Minutes of Council/Trustees. Rev Johnson requested clarification of the fact in light of the statement in the report that "an Administrative Commission has an end" - why were members of the commission becoming members of the Board of Directors of the Foundation? Further he indicated that he had experience in drawing up papers for a 501(c)3 and that the IRS had rules that in the case of dissolution, all the assets will be given to a non-profit, and asked what happens if the Ganado Mission Foundation is dissolved?

In response Rev. Park indicated that the Proposed Bylaws for the Foundation require that at all times, at least a majority of the members of the Board must be members of a PC(USA) congregation. He added that it was necessary to have an initial Board of Directors named in order to establish the Foundation, and further the Bylaws provide that new members of the Board may be appointed but do require the written approval of the Presbytery. With respect to what happens in the event of dissolution the Stated Clerk indicated that the Incorporation Papers provide the following: "Upon the dissolution or imminent termination of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all of the remaining assets of the Corporation to the Presbytery or its successor or assigns, provided such organization is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes and qualifies as an exempt organization under 501(c)(3) and either Section 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) of the Code."

### **11.3. Approval of the Formation of a Separate 501(c) 3 Corporation**

On the recommendation of the Presbytery Council, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon AUTHORIZED the Ganado Administrative Commission to form "The Presbyterian Ganado Mission Foundation, Inc." as a separate 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, for the Ganado Mission Property.

### **11.4. Introduction of Tim Cousins**

Tim Cousins, Chief of Operations for Sage Memorial Hospital was introduced and extended welcome to the presbyters on behalf of Sage. Fran Park expressed the Commission's hope that everyone would stay for the Historical Landmark Dedication Ceremony for the Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on Saturday following the close of the presbytery meeting. The presbyters expressed thanks to the members of the Ganado Administrative Commission for their dedicated service.

## **12. EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Shelly Core highlighted the committee's work and reported on the Older Adults Luncheon, Junior High and Senior High retreats, and the Montlure Camp program (500 youth attended the camp and 40 received scholarship funds). The committee's Web page has been updated on the presbytery site with many useful links, it offers a curriculum sharing chart where people can enter information of materials they would like to share with other churches. This year many items that had been prepared for Vacation Bible School programs were also shared with other churches needing resources.

## **13. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

### **13.1. Introduction of New Ministers to Presbytery**

Rev. Wes Avram, Pastor to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Deborah Hubbard serving in a Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction at the ELCA House of Prayer in Rock Point, were introduced and given an opportunity to address the presbyters.

**13.2. Invitation for One-On-One Conversation with COM Members**

Rev. Shelly Moe invited those who desired an individual conversation with Committee on Ministry members to come up front following the blessing.

**14. TIME OF FELLOWSHIP**

At 5:45 PM, there was a 10-minute break to give presbyters an opportunity for informal conversation.

**15. RECESS/DINNER/RECONVENE**

At 5:55 PM, Rev. Deborah Hubbard gave the blessing. Ahmad Razaghi, Chief Executive Officer, Sage Memorial Hospital presented a *PowerPoint* presentation on Sage Memorial Hospital and future plans. Presbytery reconvened at 7:15 PM for worship

**16. SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

A service of Worship was held at 7:15 PM. Lois McFadden led the responsive Call to Worship, and the Hymn "How Great Thou Art" was sung. Mary Lynn Walters provided accompaniment on the piano. Paul Rooker led the responsive Prayer of Confession and Concern, and Words of Assurance. The Hymn "Open My Eyes That I May See" was sung as the Song of Illumination. The text, John 6:1-14, was read by Audrey Jefferson and the Rev. Buddy Monahan from Menaul School delivered the Sermon "Potluck by the Lake." The Lord's Supper was celebrated by Intinction, with Rev. Buddy Monahan and Audrey Jefferson presiding. "We Come to This Table" was the Communion Hymn and the closing Hymn was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

**17. RECESS/RECONVENE ON SATURDAY MORNING**

Following the responsive benediction, Presbytery recessed at 8:35 PM on Friday evening and reconvened on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM with prayer by Moderator Glyndon Morris. Morning devotions were led by Audrey Jefferson. The business portion of the meeting resumed at 9:00 AM.

**18. PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

**18.1. Approval of Alternate Form of Examination for Candidate Reginald Ragland**

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

**18.2. Enrollment of Julie Miller to Candidate from Inquirer**

Upon recommendation of the Preparation for Ministry Committee, Inquirer Julie Miller from Christ Presbyterian Church of Goodyear 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 Julie Miller be enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry. Members of Christ Church were invited forward. Glyndon Morris asked the constitutional questions to which she answered in the affirmative. Shelly Core gave a brief charge and Glyndon Morris gave a prayer of thanks. The Doxology was sung.

**19. PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Rocky Mackey, Chair of the Planning Committee, provided an update on the 2 ½ year work of the committee and their plans to have focus groups at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Presbytery Meeting. They are in the process of creating a questionnaire to send to clerks of session and pastors to focus on the needs of the individual churches. She recognized the dedicated work of the committee. Tom Lineweaver thanked Rocky for her leadership.

**20. THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP****Study of the Belhar Confession**

Committee Chair, Rev. Lorelei Hillman provided some background on the Belhar Confession which originated in South Africa. She highlighted the study guide that is available on the PCUSA Web site and suggested that October 4<sup>th</sup>, Worldwide Communion Sunday, would be a possible time to begin a church study group on the Belhar Confession.

At 9:58 AM presbyters broke into small groups to discuss the following questions which had been provided on the last page of the Agenda/Service of Worship:

1. What is familiar about this confession? Does it remind you of anything else in our *Book of Confessions*, Scripture, *Book of Order*?
2. What seems unfamiliar? Is there material here that doesn't "ring true" with Scripture, our confessions or our *Book of Order*? What questions does it make you ask?
3. Do you have any other comments which would be helpful to the General Assembly and to our commissioners as they consider this confession for inclusion in the *Book of Confessions*?

At 10:30 AM presbyters were called back to order and were requested to turn in their written answers to the questions. A compilation of the feedback will be assembled for possible sharing at the November Presbytery Meeting and for sharing with the presbytery's commissioners to General Assembly.

**21. STEWARDSHIP, MISSION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT**

Rev. David Van Arsdale lifted up that the Presbytery is being honored by the PC(USA) for being in the top ten of mission giving for 2008 in two different categories: for special offerings by total dollar amount for giving (in the amount of \$219,983); and for special offerings by average per member (\$14.06 per member). He highlighted the Peacemaking Offering and reported on the work of the Budget Committee and Council to significantly reduce the budget for 2010 and 2011. This will require changes in program and changes in personnel. He stressed that what each church gives toward mission pledges makes a huge difference. Dave Van Arsdale also referred to the Mission Partnerships Brochure that was included with the Call to this meeting.

**22. CELEBRATING SISTER MISSION PARTNERSHIPS**

Rev. Jim Noble (Desert Hills Presbyterian Church) and Calvin Kelly (Commissioned Lay Pastor to Leupp First Presbyterian Church) shared inspiring stories of what it has meant to both congregations to participate in a sister partnership relationship for the past 24 years. Jim Noble described it as an organic relationship with the two congregations and the living Christ. Jim and Calvin both expressed the hope that other churches will become involved in mission partnerships.

**23. RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Glyndon Morris recognized the following people for their dedicated efforts in putting together the Historical Landmark Dedication Ceremony for the Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing: Janet Hooper (Chairperson of the Sage School of Nursing Landmark Nomination Committee – her husband Jim served as Chief Executive Officer of Sage), Kenneth Douthitt (Historian for the Ganado Mission, his work has been placed in the National Archives), Marlo Lucier (Secretary for the Ganado Mission Association), Parison Tom, Chair of the Landmark Dedication Committee), Perphelia Fowler, (Director of Human Resources for Sage, and Planning Coordinator), Karen and George Hopper for all of their many efforts to help with coordination of today's events, preparing the grounds, and helping with church arrangements. Thanks were given to the Navajo Health Foundation and Sage Memorial Hospital for their funding of the dedication ceremony.

**24. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE****24.1. Committee Nominations**

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

**Native American Ministries**

2010	Harold Evans (Vah-Ki)
2011	Alberta Lano (Ganado)

**Montlure Council**

2012	Jim Davies (Mountain View)
	Dennis Wilkie (Gilbert)
	Janie Parks (Mission del Sol)

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

- 24.2.** Cindy Michels referred to the documents: *Presbytery of Grand Canyon Minister Members – Record of Ordination and Attendance at General Assembly and Synod as a Commissioner*, and *Churches by Date Organized and Presbytery Meeting Attendance*; which were provided for information purposes. Nominations for Commissioners to General Assembly will provided at the November 14<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Presbytery.

**25. SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING**

In her role as Peacemaking Enabler, Cindy Michels highlighted the flyer calling for nominations for the George Brooks Social Justice/Human Rights Award to be awarded at the November 14, 2009 Meeting of Presbytery. The deadline for nominations is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**26. CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING**

The amount of \$231.22 was received for the Cents-Ability offering.

**27. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A time of announcements was held.

**28. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

**29. NEXT MEETING**

The November 14, 2009 Stated Meeting of Presbytery will be at Gilbert Presbyterian Church, in Gilbert.

**30. EXPRESSION OF THANKS/ADJOURNMENT**

Moderator, Glyndon Morris expressed thanks to Ganado Presbyterian Church and all those who were so helpful in arranging this meeting. Audrey Jefferson expressed thanks for the donations of clothing and new mittens that they have received, as well as the gift of homemade Christmas stockings. Cindy Michels encouraged presbyters to bring items to the November Presbytery meeting to help fill the stockings for Ganado's Christmas celebration. Presbyters were reminded that lunch, provided by members of Ganado Presbyterian Church, would be available for purchase and that the Historical Landmark Dedication Ceremony for the Sage Memorial Hospital School of Nursing would begin at 1:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM as Moderator Morris gave the benediction.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Presbytery Council, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's Stated Meeting of September 18-19, 2009 at the Council Meeting of October 1, 2009.

S/ Richard E. Coffelt

October 1, 2009

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Richard E. Coffelt, Stated Clerk

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Date: