

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

March 7, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its November Stated Meeting at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. Mary Lynn Walters, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented.

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

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Mickie Choi (Riverside)
Cheri Holland (San Jose)
Mike Japenga (de Cristo)

Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)
Gonzalo Ramos (Central, Colombia)

Teaching Elders Present – 66

Avram, Wesley	Good, Bill	Moe, Michelle	Saylor, Mary
Baer, Doug	Hartwell, Michael	Moe, Kenneth	Sexton, Kirk
Bailey, Linda	Hawkins, Darren	Moser, Paul	Simmons, Robert
Barcanic, Naomi	Hawkins, Ron	Muenich, Karen	Simms, Lowelle
Beard, Steve	Hicks, David	Munroe, Brad	Smallegan, David
Berry, Thomas	Hicks, Mae	Murman, Kimberly	Spence, Edward
Brown, Kelsy	Hodgson, David	Nielsen, Richard	Tilly, Mark
Byall, Lowell	Jennison, Cynthia	Olagues, José	Uhley, James
Bybee, David	Johnson, Bruce	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Van Arsdale, David
Cameron, Stu	Johnson, Caleb	Page, Kenneth	Watkins, Gale
Courtney, Philip	Joynt, David	Palmer, Terry	Wellington, Judy
Crelin, James	Keesecker, Joe	Poling, John	Wescott, Linda
Davis, Harrell	Kirk, Wayne	Proudfoot, Charles	Worsnop, Linda
Eaken, Lawrence	Ledermann, Eric	Reinhold, Ruth	Young, Patricia
Evans, Lloyd	Letizia, Gordon	Richmond, Nancy	Zabriskie, Richard
Fletcher, Tully	Lineweaver, Thomas	Roberts, Margaret	
Forsberg, David	Martin, Stan	Saylor, George	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 67

Arizona Korean - Moon Sup Lee	Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill
Celebration of Life - Isabella Wahl	Gilbert - Dennis Wilkie, David Martinez
Chandler - John Corey	Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina
Christ - John Reichard, Sue Brumbaugh	Heritage - Carol West, Mike Clark
Crosswinds - Karen Hopper	Horizon - Chuck Jarrell, Don Clark
Desert Palms - Robin McFarland, Kay Kernek, Jean Montgomery	Indian Wells - Anthony Jimenez
Faith - Beverly Fletcher	John Calvin - John McClure, Dale Mortensen
Flagstaff Federated - Marilyn Laird, Jim Fredrick	Lake Havasu Community - John Masden
Fountain Hills - John Bivens, John Brockelman	Lehi - Eugene Chiago
	Maricopa First - Theresa Donahue

Memorial - Ted Keane, Ellie Hetrick
 Mesa First - Bill Lents
 Mingus View - Susan Goe, John MacFadden
 Mission del Sol - Owen Clymer, George Prohaska
 Northminster - Bob Brandt, Tim Kester
 Orangewood - Tom Zandler, Keith Wetzel
 Palo Cristi - Dan Schoffelmann
 Payson Community - Anne Eichenberger
 Peoria First - Noel Crowl
 Pinnacle - Laurie Porter, Dorothy Stingley
 Prescott Trinity - Connie Palmrose
 Salt River - Karen Shaw, LaBerta Collins
 Scottsdale - Jeffery Barton, Tina Sedlock

Sierra Vista - Michael Kalsman, Glen Moss
 Southminster - Doris Lewis
 Sunnyslope - Willie Zunker
 Tuba City - Jones Yazzie
 University - Lawn Griffiths, Jeanette Miller
 Vah-Ki - Hershel Andrews
 Valley - Gloria Gabler, Bob Aldag
 Verde Valley - Jeni O'Callaghan
 Westminster - Curt Stenson
 Wickenburg First - Larry Lake, Gordon Graham
 Yarnell Community - Ron Hopf, JerrieLea Hopf
 Yuma First - Lucy Boal, Sylvia Bruce

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 5

Mary Danforth	Lois Hildenbrand	Annette Lewis
Danny Halwood	Paul Jones	

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 5

Kathryn Owens	Bob Schulz	Gloria Young
Paul Rooker	Mary Lynn Walters	

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath	Carolyn McBurney
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Visitors Present

There were 28 registered visitors present.

Teaching Elders Excused

Alvarez, Renato	Eckert, Peter	Jousan, Mike	Phillips, Norman
Anderson, Fred	Eisenhower, LauraGrace	Kesler, Jim	Phillips, Beverly
Anderson, Richard	Engstrom, Bud	Kim, Kwang	Porter, Don
Arbesman, Janet	Farwell, Barbara	Kim, Myung Bae	Pratt, Edward
Baxter, Patricia	Flahiff, John	Kush, Gary	Pulido, Gloria
Bell, Arthur	Fooks, John	Latty, Allan	Pyke, Richard
Berg, George	Fowler, Douglas	Lefebvre, Eugene	Rae, Robert
Bibiloni, Jose	Fox, Charles	Manning, Marilyn	Ramsdell, Richard
Bigler, Robert	Fulton, Helmi	Martz, Robert	Remer, James
Brahams, Hap	Garvin, Woody	Mayes, Robert	Sabbagh, John
Bruening, James	Gephart, Al	McCabe, Norma	Sadongei, Martha
Burtless, Stanford	Gray, Barrie	Melendez, Hipolito	Schenck, Jed
Byers, Harold	Hayes, William	Meredith, Ralph	Schlotzhauer, Wesley
Campbell, Arthur	Hodgson, Deanne	Merwald, Alfred	Schmitt, Gus
Citron, Suzanne	Houdeshell, Donovan	Miller, Jerry	Schultz, Harris
Clark, Bobbye	Hubbard, Deborah	Miller, Craig	Selestewa, Sharon
Clark, Robert	Jacobs, Lynn	Moranville, Thomas	Serchak, David
Cook, John	Jenkins, Charles	Northrup, Cathy	Serchak, Jo
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Joe, Victor	Parker, Thomas	Smith, Esther
Doh, Joseph	Johnston, Robert	Parker, Gayle	Straatmeyer, Al
Dulaney, Robert	Jones, Stanley	Pfeffer, William	Swicegood, Terry

Ulrickson, Paul	Voth, John	Witte, Cathy	Young, Alvin
Valle, Paula	Wallace, David	Wood, Patricia Cockrell	
Vautier, Grif	White, Frank	Wright, Douglas	
Vogel, Leslie	Witt, Bill	Wright, Eugene	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Excused

Fort Defiance	Ganado	Kayenta
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Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Freitas, Eneyas	Kerber, Keith	Tamayo, Erin
Baker, Brant	Garcia, Joaquin	Lloyd, Linda	Turner, David
Brandfass, Gwen	Goad, Jessica	Miller, Joan	Vautier, Holly
Cho, Yongho	Harmon, Frank	Ramirez, Julio	Weir, Kyle
Doh, Helen	Hart, Floyd	Schumacher, Bruce	Wintz, Susan
Evans, Jonathan	Hilla, Andrew	Song, Seok Min	Wintz, Michael

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Calvin Kelly	Martha Lopez Loreda	Sam Weinschenk
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Churches Absent

Alpine	Church of the Master	Parker Valley	Winslow
Betania	Emmanuel	Pinetop Community	Chinle Trinity
Bethany	Fort McDowell	Sacaton First	Leupp First
Blackwater	Goodyear Village	Springerville	Sun City-First
Central	Mountain View	Wellton Community	Urban Connect

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer	Mary Lynn Walters
9:05 a.m.	Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests	Mary Lynn Walters
	Enrolling Corresponding Members	
	Establishing a Quorum	
	Approving the Docket	
	Approving the Consent Agenda	
	Approving Rules of Decorum and Debate/Procedures for Voting on Proposed Amendments	
	Receiving New Business	
	Stated Clerk Report	Bob Schulz
	Procedures for nominations and election of GA Commissioners	
	Winslow Closure of Congregation & Administrative Commission	
	Welcome and Arrangements	Ken Page
9:30 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
10:45 a.m.	Triennium and Montlure	Tully Fletcher/Tom Berry
10:50 a.m.	Commission on Ministry Report	Linda Worsnop
	Ordination Anniversaries	
	Receipt of Annual Salary Review	
11:00 am	PILP Check Presentation	Mickie Choi

AGENDA (continued)

- 11:10 am Orangewood – report on visit by Dr. James Ninrew, South Sudan
- 11:20 a.m. Nominations
- 11:30 a.m. * Common Consent Agenda and Voice Vote (simple majority)
- 14-B. Special Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process and Standard Ordination Exams
 - 14-B.1 Final Assessment – On Amending G-2.0607
 - 14-B.2 Accommodations – On Amending G-2.0610
 - 14-C. Child Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106
 - 14-D. Minimum Composition of a Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0301
 - 14-E. Interreligious Stance – On Amending G-5.0102
- 11:50 a.m. Presbytery Pastor Report Brad Munroe
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Individual Consideration and Voice Vote (simple majority)
- 14-A. Renunciation of Jurisdiction – On Amending G-2.0509
- 1:15 p.m. Individual Consideration and Voice Vote (simple majority)
- 14.1. Confession of Belhar – On Amending *Book of Confessions*
- 1:30 p.m. * Amending Presbytery Manual of Operations Vote by Ballot (2/3 majority required)
- Part 17 Policy for Congregations Desiring Departure
- 1:50 p.m. Hymn and Meditation Interlude Ken Page
- 2:00 p.m. * Individual Consideration and Vote by Ballot (simple majority)
- 14-F. Marriage – On Amending W-4.9000
- 2:45 p.m. Amending Presbytery Bylaws and Vote by Ballot (3/4 majority required)
- B-5.0200 Commission on Ministry
 - B-6.0210 The Permanent Teams of Presbytery
 - Article VII Ecclesiastical Relationships (Election of GA Commissioners)
- 3:00 p.m. Amending Presbytery Manual of Operations and Vote by Ballot (2/3 majority required)
- Part 3 Presbytery Leadership Team
 - Part 6 Congregational Development Team
 - Part 7 Congregational Leadership Team
 - Part 8 Mission Partnering Team
 - Part 9 Networks
- 3:15 p.m. Adjourn, Closing Hymn and Prayer Mary Lynn Walters
- * Order of the Day

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GREETING

The Rev. Ken Page, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Orangewood Presbyterian Church.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the various ministry teams/commissions/committees under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery. There was an objection to an item under the COM actions of February 24, 2015 regarding approval of a plan for dissolution of the Winslow Presbyterian Church as requested by the Winslow Session. That item was removed from consideration and the remainder of the Consent Agenda was approved, as follows:

3/7/15 Consent Agenda

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the February 4, 2015 meeting

Approved the docket for the March 7, 2015 stated meeting of Presbytery which provided 85 minutes for discussion of a proposed Gracious Dismissal Policy to be presented as a motion to amend the Grand Canyon Manual of Administrative Procedures by replacing the current policy on dismissal.

Approved, with regret, the proposal for the process by which to dissolve the Winslow Presbyterian Church.

Approved that the quorum for the Leadership Team shall be a simple majority, based on the number of filled positions at the time of the meeting (maximum 14). The definition of simple majority is: 1) for even number groups, one-half plus 1; and 2) for odd number groups, one-half rounded to the next whole number. Ex-officio members of Leadership Team (Presbytery Pastor, Associate/Stated Clerk, Treasurer and the PWP Moderator), who have voice but not vote, are not included in the quorum.

Acknowledged receipt of the email dated 1/30/15 from TE Tom Lineweaver regarding concerns about the Presbytery and to invite him to a future Leadership Team meeting for an opportunity for conversation about his concerns.

Approved transfer of the responsibility for review and approval of Presbytery meeting minutes from the Operations Committee to the Leadership Team.

Called a special meeting of the Leadership Team for Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbytery office for the purpose of hearing a report about the meeting held on February 17 by representatives of the Leadership Team with representatives of the ten churches proposing a revised Gracious Dismissal Policy.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 13, 2015 meeting

Reinhold, Ruth

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Ruth Reinhold and Valley Presbyterian Church, at her request, and approved her change in status to an At-Large member of Presbytery, effective August 31, 2014.

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Turner, David

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Turner and Valley Presbyterian Church as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Spiritual Growth and approved his Pastoral Call as Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care at Valley Presbyterian Church, as approved at a Special Called Congregational Meeting held on November 23, 2014, effective November 23, 2014.

Schultz, Harris

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Harris Schultz (HR) and Faith Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 2, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$80,000	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Travel Allowance	3,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Allowance	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

Saylor, Mary

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mary Saylor and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$14,698	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	30,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	300		

Hodgson, David

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hodgson and Chandler Presbyterian Church for a period of six months or less effective December 21, 2014, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following monthly terms:

Salary	\$ 3,000	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing Allowance	1,000		
Travel Allowance	439		

Poling, John

Approved the nomination of the Rev. John Poling to serve as Parish Associate to Horizon Presbyterian Church effective January 13, 2015.

Morris, Glyndon

Approved the request of Glyndon Morris (Palo Cristi) to be ordained on February 22, 2015 at Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, pending his examination by the Presbytery of Hudson River at its Stated Meeting of January 13, 2015. (Examination approved.)

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Approved the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Glyndon Morris to the office of Teaching Elder at Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders
 Michael Hartwell
 Ken Moe
 Linda Worsnop

Ruling Elders
 Richard Crowe (Payson)
 Mary Danforth (CRE)
 Harriet Redwine (Palo Cristi)
 Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)

Action taken at the January 27, 2015 meeting

Fraser, Jennifer

Approved authorization for Ruling Elder Jennifer Fraser to moderate the Session and administer the Sacraments at Gilbert Presbyterian Church during Pastor Terry Palmer’s sabbatical leave.

Actions taken at the February 24, 2015 meeting

Moe, Michelle

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Agreement between the Rev. Shelly Moe and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$29,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	15,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Conference Allowance	1,200	Study Allowance	\$700

Weinschenk, Samuel

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Sam Weinschenk and First Presbyterian Church in Wickenburg at less than 19 hours per week for a period of one year effective November 1, 2014, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 5,800
Housing Allowance	15,000

Worsnop, Linda

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Linda Worsnop and Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church, on a part-time basis, for a period of one year effective January 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$14,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	14,875	Medical	\$3,000
Travel Allowance	1,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Continuing Ed Allowance	750	Study Leave	Two weeks
Professional Expenses	500		

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Courtney, Philip

Approved the election of the Rev. Phil Courtney as Pastor Emeritus by the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Yuma effective September 14, 2014.

Morris, Glyndon

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Glyndon Morris from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Hudson River, effective February 24, 2015, in order that he may accept the Pastoral Call to be Pastor to Graham's Presbyterian Church in Pine Bush, New York.

Hubbard, Deborah

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Deborah Hubbard from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of the Redwoods, effective February 24, 2015, in order that she may accept the Pastoral Call to be Co-Pastor to Grace Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in McKinleyville, California.

Church of the Master

Approved the request of Church of the Master Presbyterian Church to move from an interim pastor position to a Designated Pastor position for a two-year period.

Canyon Rim Chapel in Chinle

Approved the change in name of the Canyon Rim Chapel to Tseyi Bidda (Navajo for Canyon Rim) based on action taken by the Session on November 9, 2014.

Valley Conversation

Approved contacting the Session of Valley Presbyterian Church offering COM assistance, via a three person conversation team, with ways to help mediate a call from part of the congregation to rescind a July 2011 action of the Session.

Approved empowering the COM Moderator, Stated Clerk and Presbytery Pastor to appoint members of the conversation team, should the offer be accepted by the Session.

Approval of Forms

Approved the following forms for inclusion in the COM Handbook and/or the Presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations:

- Parish Associate - Position and Terms of Engagement
- Pastor Emeritus Election
- Covenant of Closure

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3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 20, 2015 meeting

Approved removing Tony Jimenez (Indian Wells) as a CRE applicant due to incomplete application paperwork pending since 3/18/14.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. David Joynt November 23, 2014

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Dr. David Joynt met at Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley on Sunday, November 23, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. and did install Rev. Joynt, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Wes Avram
Ron Hawkins
Bruce Johnson
Bruce Main
Brad Munroe
Martha Sadongei

Ruling Elders

Tim Smyth (Mountain View)
Kiki Swanson (Valley)
Lanny Trapnell (Bethany)

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Sadongei, Moderator

Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Glyndon Morris February 22, 2015

The Administrative Commission to Ordain Glyndon Morris met at Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley, on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Morris, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Michael Hartwell
Ken Moe
Linda Worsnop

Ruling Elders

Richard Crowe (Payson)
Mary Danforth (CRE)
Harriet Redwine (Palo Cristi)
Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lynn Walters, Moderator

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2013 were reviewed and approved on January 23, 2015:

First Mesa

APPROVAL OF VOTING PROCEDURES

The “Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, Presbytery Bylaws and Presbytery Manual of Operations,” as distributed prior to the meeting, were approved.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Ken Page delivered the message titled “A Beautiful Mess” based on Mark 2:14-17. The Revs. Mary Saylor and Tully Fletcher presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by Orangewood Presbyterian musicians.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

Linda Worsnop presented the names of Teaching Elders in the Presbytery celebrating significant ordination anniversaries in 2015:

<u>10 Years</u> Andrew Hilla	<u>30 Years</u> David Serchak Jo Serchak	<u>50 Years</u> Stu Cameron Lloyd Evans
<u>15 Years</u> Melissa Mann	Esther Smith Mark Tilly	<u>55 Years</u> Jim Bruening Bob Dulaney David Wallace
<u>20 Years</u> Janet Arbesman Shelly Moe José Olagues	<u>35 Years</u> Wayne Kirk Ken Moe Richard Nielsen Patricia Cockrell Wood	<u>60 Years</u> Bob Bigler
<u>25 Years</u> Robert Blincoe Jonathan Evans Tom Lineweaver Ken Page Donald Porter	<u>40 Years</u> John Cook <u>45 Years</u> Bud Engstrom Al Gephardt	

The annual review of Teaching Elder salaries, comparing 2014 to 2015, was distributed at the meeting.

YOUTH MINISTRIES REMINDER

Tully Fletcher, Tom Berry and Eric Ledermann encouraged presbyters to be urging the youth at their churches to consider participation in the 2016 Youth Triennium, Montlure 2015 camp sessions, the PC(USA) YAV program, and campus ministries such as New Kirk at ASU.

PILP PRESENTATION

Mickie Choi of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program gave an update on the various low cost mortgage and endowment fund loans available through PILP. She reported that five Grand Canyon congregations had received rebate checks for 2014 based on their PILP investments.

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACEMAKING REPORT

Ken Page reported that as a result of a Fall 2014 visit from International Peacemaker Rev. James Ninrew, from South Sudan, connections had been made between Orangewood Presbyterian and a local South Sudanese congregation. Another group from Burundi, as well as the South Sudan congregation, were now using Orangewood facilities for worship. Relationships were developing and several people from the groups had joined Orangewood. Ken noted concern about the safety of Rev. Ninrew in South Sudan, torn apart by war between government and rebel forces.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ed Spence presented nominations. There being none from the floor, the following were approved:

<u>Operations</u>		<u>Synod Commissioners</u>	
2015	Bill Lents (Mesa First)	2016	CRE Mary Danforth
		2016	Rev. Michael Hartwell
<u>Preparation for Ministry</u>		2016	Bruce Porter (Pinnacle)
2015	Rev. Gordon Letizia		
2016	Rev. Mae Hicks		
<u>Permanent Judicial Commission</u>			
2017	Selena Keesecker (Guadalupe)		
2017	Mike Riordan (Mission del Sol)		

APPROVAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Presbytery responded to the proposed amendments from the 221st General Assembly in 2014. Final decisions on the amendments were dependent on voting by all 172 presbyteries. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk for all voting at this meeting were: RE Dick Coffelt, TE Shelly Moe, TE Ron Hawkins, TE Terry Palmer and RE Gloria Young.

The following six items were listed on a common consent agenda and presented by Gloria Young on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 221st General Assembly. There being no requests to remove any for individual consideration, the following was approved by simple majority via voice vote:

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

- 14-B. Special Committee to Review the Preparation for Ministry Process and Standard Ordination Exams
- 14-B.1 Final Assessment – On Amending G-2.0607
- 14-B.2 Accommodations – On Amending G-2.0610
- 14-C. Child Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106

- 14-D. Minimum Composition of a Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0301
- 14-E. Interreligious Stance – On Amending G-5.0102

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported that planning was under way to begin providing CRE training through the Synod due to the closing of the Cook School and its CRE program.

He noted that training on sexual misconduct prevention and child protection training were available through the Presbytery's insurance carrier, Hugh Wood.

Brad reported that the Presbytery was responding to a request from ten Sessions regarding a new Gracious Dismissal Policy. He requested a spirit of covenantal community in responding to this request. Due to a point of order question from the floor on whether Brad was inappropriately commenting on an issue to be voted upon later in the meeting, Brad suspended his Presbytery Pastor's report.

AMENDMENT 14-A NOT APPROVED

A motion to approve Amendment 14-A. Renunciation of Jurisdiction – On Amending G-2.0509 was presented by Gloria Young on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 221st General Assembly. After a time of debate from the floor, a voice vote was not definitive. A hand count was taken with 33 in favor of the amendment and 77 against. A simple majority was not attained and the motion was not approved.

AMENDMENT 14.1 NOT APPROVED

A motion to approve Amendment 14.1 to add the Confession of Belhar to the *Book of Confessions* was presented by Gloria Young on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 221st General Assembly. After a time of debate from the floor, a voice vote was not definitive. A hand count was taken with 58 in favor of the amendment and 62 against. A simple majority was not attained and the motion was not approved.

GRACIOUS DISMISSAL POLICY

Bob Simmons, representing ten Sessions proposing a revised Gracious Dismissal Policy, made a motion for its adoption and inclusion in the Manual of Administrative Operations. He explained that the proposed policy addressed an action of the 2008 General Assembly requesting each presbytery to develop a gracious separation policy. Additional points Bob made in favor of the policy included:

- having a set of known procedures would make the process of dismissal less painful and stressful, for both a departing congregation and the Presbytery;
- a collective conscience of a congregation that may differ from that of the PC(USA) should not only be allowed expression, but should also be received in a spirit of civility, clarity, and charity;
- the policy would safeguard the ongoing mission of the local church and provide for the possible ongoing support of the presbytery's mission interests and/or shared mission;
- while we do not want congregations to leave, the Presbytery should strive to enable them to leave on the best possible terms;
- a substantial percentage of the Presbytery's membership is represented by the ten Sessions proposing the policy; and
- while not all of the ten Sessions may intend to utilize the policy, it is their hope that the Presbytery would consider the proposal as an effort to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church.

Ken Page, Presbytery Moderator-Elect, presented an alternate motion that would refer the Gracious Dismissal Policy to a committee, with the goals of refining a policy with the best potential for approval by the Presbytery and addressing possible PC(USA) constitutional issues. Bruce Johnson, a representative of the ten Sessions proposing the Gracious Dismissal Policy, seconded the motion. After an opportunity for discussion, the following was approved:

MOTION: That the Presbytery express its sincere thanks to the Sessions of Christ, Community Lake Havasu, First Wickenburg, Fort McDowell, Fountain Hills, Horizon, Mountain View, Northminster, Scottsdale and Sierra Vista for bringing the Gracious Dismissal Policy forward and for beginning the conversation the Presbytery needs to have in a Christ-like manner; and
That the Presbytery refer the policy for further review to a six-person committee appointed by the Leadership Team, to include representation from among the ten churches proposing the original motion, with the committee to recommend a policy to Presbytery no later than the November 2015 stated meeting.

AMENDMENT 14-F NOT APPROVED

A motion to approve Amendment 14-F. Marriage – On Amending W-4.9000 was presented by Gloria Young on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 221st General Assembly. After a time of debate from the floor, there was a motion to call the question. The motion passed and the vote on the main motion proceeded by written ballot. The result was 59 in favor of the amendment and 69 against. A simple majority was not attained and the motion was not approved.

REVISION OF PRESBYTERY BYLAWS

Amendments to the Bylaws, as approved at the January 7, 2015 meeting of the Leadership Team, were presented for Presbytery approval. Changes were outlined in a copy of the proposed Bylaws distributed with the call to the meeting. The definition of a quorum for COM was deleted; the former Congregational Leadership, Congregational Development, and Mission Partnering teams were combined into one Congregational Resourcing Team; and the timing for electing GA commissioners was updated to correspond with changes made by the General Assembly. Voting was by written ballot, resulting with 115 in favor and 13 against. The required three-fourths majority was attained and the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve amendments to the following sections of the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as presented with the call materials for the meeting:

- B-5.0200 Commission on Ministry
- B-6.0210 Permanent Teams of Presbytery
- Article VII Ecclesiastical Relationships (Election of GA Commissioners)

REVISION OF PRESBYTERY MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Amendments to the Manual of Administrative Operations, as approved at the January 7, 2015 meeting of the Leadership Team, were presented for Presbytery approval. Changes were outlined in a copy of the proposed Manual distributed with the call to the meeting. It was noted that the Manual made no reference to the new combined staffing arrangement with Presbytery de Cristo.

Wording in the Manual was updated to reflect the combining of the Congregational Leadership, Congregational Development, and Mission Partnering teams into one Congregational Resourcing Team; a section was added on Presbytery visitation to Sessions; and the section on Networks was expanded to define the connectional relationship of a network with the Presbytery. The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve amendments to the following sections of the Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as presented with the call materials for the meeting:

- Part 3. Presbytery Leadership Team revised
- Part 6. Congregational Development Team omitted
- Part 7. Congregational Leadership Team omitted
- Part 7. Congregational Resourcing Team new
- Part 8. Mission Partnering Team omitted
- Part 8. Presbytery Visitation and Connections new
- Part 9. Networks revised

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Orangewood congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:25 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 15, 2015, at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of March 7, 2015 at the Leadership Team meeting on July 8, 2015.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

July 8, 2015
Date