

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

April 2, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its April Stated Meeting at VahKi Presbyterian Church in Bapchule. Ken Page, Moderator, opened the meeting at 10:00 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.

Art Anton of the Pima-Maricopa Presbyterian Indian Elders and Deacons Association welcomed the Presbytery to VahKi. 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

Choi, Mickie (PILP)

Steve Wirth (Los Ranchos)

Winkelpleck, Judy (UCC)

Teaching Elders Present – 41

Albertson, Daniel

Hawkins, Ron

Nieto, Michael

Wellington, Judy

Baer, Doug

Holland, Cheri

Northrup, Cathy

Wescott, Linda

Berg, George

Japenga, Mike

Oppenhuizen, Kathleen

Wintz, Susan

Berry, Thomas

Jennison, Cynthia

Page, Kenneth

Wintz, Michael

Blincoe, Robert

Johnson, Caleb

Palmer, Terry

Witte, Cathy

Eaken, Lawrence

Keesecker, Joe

Proudfoot, Charles

Wood, Patricia Cockrell

Felix, Robert

Khjeek, Estawri

Rice, Kristin

Worsnop, Linda

Fletcher, Tully

Moe, Michelle

Saylor, Mary

Zabriskie, Richard

Fraser, Jennifer

Munroe, Brad

Uhley, James

Freitas, Eneyas

Murman, Kimberly

Walker, David

Hartwell, Michael

Lineweaver, Thomas

Watkins, Gale

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 46

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell

Mesa First - Bill Lents, David Frederick

Celebration of Life - Isabella Wahl, Elly Schemen

Mingus View - Richard Webster

Chinle Trinity - Rayme Walker

Mission del Sol - Owen Clymer

Crosswinds - Teri Conrad

Mountain View - David Sanderson

Desert Palms - Kay Kernek, Robin McFarland,

Orangewood - Ellie Cox, Keith Wetzel

Ray McFarland

Payson Community - John Wilson, Stan Sanders

Faith - Beverly Fletcher, Renee Olthoff

Pinnacle - Paul Rooker

Fort Defiance - Florence Davis

Prescott Trinity - Connie Palmrose

Fort McDowell - Tom Jones

Salt River - LaBerta Collins

Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill

Sierra Vista - Cindy Michels

Gilbert - Jim Ralston

Southminster - Fred Warren, Doris Lewis

Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina

University - Molly Winkler

Horizon - Chuck Jarrell

Urban Connect - Lynn Augsburg

John Calvin - Craig Weber

Vah-Ki - Bonita Lyons

Lehi - Eugene Chiago, Theresa Chiago

Valley - Bob Aldag, Gary Green

Leupp First - Lorraine Tsosie

Westminster - Deby Holmes

Maricopa First - Theresa Donahue

Yarnell Community - JerrieLea Hopf

Memorial - Ted Keane

Yuma First - Sylvia Bruce, Lucy Boal

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 6

Halwood, Danny	Jones, Paul	Lewis, Annette
Hildenbrand, Lois	Kelly, Calvin	Schouten, Hilbert

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present

Boyne, David	Prohaska, George	Walters, Mary Lynn	Zubler, Barbara
Owens, Kathryn	Schulz, Bob	Young, Gloria	

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth	McBurney, Carolyn
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Visitors Present

There were 24 registered visitors present.

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Forsberg, David	Merwald, Alfred	Serchak, David
Anderson, Richard	Fowler, Douglas	Miller, Jerry	Serchak, Jo
Arbesman, Janet	Fox, Charles	Miller, Craig	Simms, Lowelle
Baxter, Patricia	Fulton, Helmi	Moe, Kenneth	Smith, Esther
Beghin, Emily	Gephart, Al	Moranville, Thomas	Soderquist, Paul
Bell, Arthur	Gray, Barrie	Moser, Paul	Spence, Edward
Bigler, Robert	Hayes, William	Nielsen, Richard	Straatmeyer, Al
Brahams, Hap	Hicks, Mae	Nieto, Kelly	Swicegood, Terry
Bruening, James	Hodgson, Deanne	Olagues, José	Tamayo, Erin
Burtless, Stanford	Hodgson, David	Parker, Gayle	Tilly, Mark
Byall, Lowell	Houdeshell, Donovan	Pfeffer, William	Ulrickson, Paul
Byers, Harold	Joe, Victor	Phillips, Norman	Valle, Paula
Cameron, Stu	Jousan, Mike	Phillips, Beverly	Van Arsdale, David
Campbell, Arthur	Joynt, David	Poling, John	Vautier, Grif
Citron, Suzanne	Kesler, Jim	Porter, Don	Vogel, Leslie
Clark, Bobbye	Kim, Kwang	Pratt, Edward	Voth, John
Clark, Robert	Kim, Myung Bae	Pulido, Gloria	Wallace David
Cook, John	Kirk, Wayne	Rae, Robert	Weir, Kyle
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Kush, Gary	Ramos, Gonzalo	White, Frank
Davis, Harrell	Latty, Allan	Ramsdell, Richard	Wilcher, Jay
Doh, Joseph	Lefebvre, Eugene	Remer, James	Witt, Bill
Dulaney, Robert	Letizia, Gordon	Sabbagh, John	Wright, Douglas
Eckert, Peter	Lloyd, Linda	Sadongei, Martha	Wright, Eugene
Eisenhower, LauraGrace	Martz, Robert	Saylor, George	Young, Patricia
Engstrom, Bud	Mayes, Robert	Schenck, Jed	Young, Alvin
Farwell, Barbara	McCabe, Norma	Schmitt, Gus	Zelle, Trina
Flahiff, John	Melendez, Hipolito	Schultz, Harris	
Fooks, John	Meredith, Ralph	Selestewa, Sharon	

Churches Excused

Bethany	Mingus View
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Teaching Elders Absent

Avram, Wesley	Cho, Yongho	Jacobs, Lynn	Miller, Joan
Anderson, Mark	Crelin, James	Hart, Floyd	Moorefield, Susan
Bailey, Linda	Doh, Helen	Hawkins, Darren	Muenich, Karen
Barcanic, Naomi	Evans, Jonathan	Hilla, Andrew	Parker, Thomas
Beard, Steve	Evans, Lloyd	Johnson, Bruce	Ramirez, Julio
Brandfuss, Gwen	Garcia, Joaquin	Kerber, Keith	Roberts, Margaret
Brown, Kelsy	Good, Bill	Ledermann, Eric	Schumacher, Bruce
Bybee, David	Harmon, Frank	Martin, Stan	Seller, Ben

Sexton, Kirk
Simmons, Robert

Smallegan, David
Song, Seok Min

Stahmer, Bruce
Turner, David

Vautier, Holly
Woodruff, Kelsey

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Danforth, Mary

Lopez Loreda, Martha

Weinschenk, Sam

Churches Absent

Alpine
Arizona Korean
Betania
Blackwater
Central
Chandler
Christ

Church of the Master
Emmanuel
Flagstaff Federated
Fountain Hills
Ganado
Goodyear Village
Heritage

Indian Wells
Lake Havasu
Community
Northminster
Parker Valley
Pinetop Community
Scottsdale

Springerville
Sun City-First
Tuba City
Verde Valley
Wellton Community
Wickenburg First

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

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| 10:00 a.m. | Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer | Ken Page |
| 10:05 a.m. | Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests
Enrolling Corresponding Members
Establishing a Quorum
Approving the Docket
Approving the Consent Agenda
Receiving New Business
Welcome and Arrangements | Ken Page

Art Anton/Hilbert Schouten |
| 10:30 a.m. | Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Commissioning of Youth Triennium participants | |
| 11:45 a.m. | Lunch | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Presbytery Pastor Report & Small Group Discussion | Brad Munroe |
| 2:00 p.m. | Commission on Ministry Report
Ordination Anniversaries
Receipt of Annual Salary Review
Examination of Renee Coffman for Ordination | Lawn Griffiths |
| 2:25 p.m. | Nominations Report | Bill Lentz |
| 2:35 p.m. | Amending Presbytery Manual of Operations
Overture Review and Approval | Bob Schulz |
| 2:55 p.m. | Amending Presbytery Manual of Operations
Ratify Personnel Policy for Combined Presbytery Staff | Bob Schulz |
| 3:15 p.m. | Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report
Approval of Inquirers Moving to Candidacy | Cathy Northrup
Bruce McBurney
Greg Grahlmann |
| 3:30 p.m. | Stated Clerk Report
Status of Administrative Commissions
GA Commissioner Training | Bob Schulz |
| 3:45 p.m. | Adjourn with Prayer | Ken Page |

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the various ministry teams, commissions and committees under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

4/2/16 Consent Agenda

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the February 3, 2016 meeting

Ratified the approval by the Operations Committee of minimum insurance standards for our churches based on coverage provided by Hugh Wood and the Insurance Board, as follows:

MINIMUM INSURANCE STANDARDS

Because the Presbytery is an additional named insured as property owner, and thus shares exposure to losses, establishing minimum standards throughout the Presbytery is one way to minimize risk. The following defines the minimum standards for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon's property and liability insurance:

Minimum Insurance Standards for Churches with 100 members or more

1. Property/Casualty broad form coverage for buildings and contents must be for replacement cost as opposed to stated value (depreciated).
2. General Liability of at least \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
3. Pastoral professional liability and sexual misconduct coverage at \$1,000,000.
4. Directors and Officers: \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence or aggregate.
5. Workers Compensation as required by Arizona State Law.
6. Employee Dishonesty Coverage: \$1,000,000 per claim or aggregate.
7. Umbrella Liability Coverage: \$10,000,000 per occurrence or aggregate.

Minimum Insurance Standards for Churches with 100 members or less

1. Property/Casualty broad form coverage for buildings and contents should be for replacement cost as opposed to stated value (depreciated). For properties with multiple buildings, property/casualty needs may be evaluated to accept coverage at least equal to 80% of full value.
2. General Liability at least \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate.
3. Pastoral professional liability and sexual misconduct coverage at \$1,000,000.
4. Directors and Officers: \$1,000,000 per claim/occurrence or aggregate.
5. Workers Compensation as required by Arizona State Law or the state in which the church is located.
6. Employee Dishonesty Coverage: \$50,000 per claim or aggregate.
7. Umbrella Liability Coverage: \$5,000,000 per occurrence or aggregate.

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Approved exploring with two pastors interested in starting a New Worshipping Community within the Presbytery of Grand Canyon: 1) their participation in the PC(USA) assessment process for potential leaders of New Worshipping Communities, and 2) their meeting with Congregational Resourcing to consider possible funding through grants.

Approved Grand Canyon's participation in the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest/Whitworth University preaching cohort program.

Approved the Presbytery's application for a GA Transformational Grant, including expenditures assigned to Grand Canyon.

Approved concurrence with a Presbytery de Cristo overture to the General Assembly regarding service of CREs to multiple churches, as follows:

Overture: On amending Section G-2.1001 to make more clear discretion given presbyteries to utilize Commissioned Ruling Elders effectively in fulfilling the presbyteries' missions, especially to smaller congregations.

Presbytery de Cristo respectfully overtures the 222nd General Assembly to send the proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative vote: Shall G-2.1001 of the Form of Government be amended by adding the language shown in bold to the existing language:

[G-2.1001 Functions]

When the presbytery, in consultation with the session or other responsible committee **within the presbytery**, determines that its strategy for mission requires it, the presbytery may authorize a ruling elder to be commissioned to limited pastoral service as assigned by the presbytery. A ruling elder so designated may be commissioned to serve in a validated ministry of the presbytery. Presbytery, in its commission, may authorize the ruling elder to moderate the session of the congregation to which he or she is commissioned, to administer the Sacraments, and to officiate at marriages where permitted by state law. **The commission may be to more than one specified congregation for occasional specified service, when such requests for occasional service originate from the session or its clerk or the pastor.** This commission shall also specify the term of service, which shall not exceed three years but shall be renewable. The presbytery shall review the commission at least annually.

Approved emergency Mission Grant funding for \$5,500 to Apache Junction Presbyterian Church for NWC counseling, and approved suspension of the normal order of approval for this grant request.

Actions taken at the March 2, 2016 meeting

Approved, given the likely end of the lease arrangement at 4423 N. 24th Street, distribution of an office space needs list soliciting proposals from churches within a targeted geographical area.

Approved renewal of the following networks for one year, effective March 2, 2016: Christian Native, Peace and Justice, Older Adult Ministries, Youth Ministries, Arizona Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Hispanic Ministries.

Approved recommending to Presbytery a policy on concurrence with GA overtures to become, if approved by Presbytery, a part of our Manual of Administrative Operations. (See Page 6.)

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OVERTURE CONCURRENCE POLICY

Actions regarding overtures will be referred to an overtures sub-committee of the Operations Committee to be comprised of our four elected GA commissioners attending the upcoming General Assembly, two members of the Operations Committee (1 TE and 1 RE), and two members of the Leadership Team (1 TE and 1 RE).

Overtures from sessions within presbytery

When the session of a church within our presbytery submits an overture for consideration, the overture sub-committee will:

- Review overture and advise session of any potential changes thought to better the overture.
- After conferring with session, develop a list of positive and less desirable outcomes from the potential implementation of the overture.
- Submit overture and supporting data to Leadership Team for consideration of recommending Presbytery concurrence.
- Submit overture and supporting data to Presbytery at the January annual meeting for approval of concurrence.

Overtures from General Assembly

For overtures submitted by presbyteries and sent by OGA for review and possible concurrence to be referred to the General Assembly for formal action, the procedure will be:

- Stated Clerk receives overtures from OGA.
- Stated Clerk provides summary of information, with emphasis on impact to our Presbytery by adoption of each overture, to the overture sub-committee.
- Overture sub-committee reviews summaries and determines if concurrence should be supported.
- Overture sub-committee develops a list of supporting criteria and sends recommendation for concurrence to the Leadership Team for action.
- Leadership Team considers concurrence with any overture submitted for review.
- Action of Leadership Team regarding concurrence is reported to Presbytery.

There is nothing that precludes providing concurrence to another presbytery's overture prior to it being submitted to GA for concurrence distribution.

Considerations

The use of newly elected GA commissioners for consideration of overtures makes sense since they will be the ones voting on them at the GA meeting. Since overtures can be submitted well in advance of the GA deadlines and, due to the increasing number of overtures being submitted, earlier election of GA commissioners is required. Propose that this be done at the August meeting of the presbytery.

For an overture submitted by a session for consideration, Presbytery can control timing and internal deadline to permit action at the January Annual meeting. Remember, overtures submitted to GA for consideration are going to need concurrence before being accepted for formal action by GA. In other words, we are going to be asking presbyteries for concurrence just as they are asking Grand Canyon for the same thing.

Overtures submitted to GA needing concurrence for consideration, as well as deadline dates set by the General Assembly for receipt of concurrence, complicates scheduling of overture review within the Presbytery. Due to our infrequent Presbytery meetings, and the continual receipt of overtures from GA up to the deadline dates, the process outlined delegates the responsibility for concurrence recommendation to the Operations overture sub-committee and delegates responsibility for approval of concurrence to the Leadership Team.

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2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 26, 2016 meeting

Nieto, Kelly and Michael

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Revs. Kelly and Michael Nieto to be Co-Associate Pastors to Valley Presbyterian Church and the transfer of their membership from the Presbytery of Boise to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective March 1, 2016, on the following terms:

Salary and Housing	\$66,570	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
SECA Supplement	5,093	Medical Deductible	\$5,430
Travel Allowance	3,400	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Professional Expense	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Moving Costs	14,000		

Albertson, Daniel

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Daniel Albertson, pending necessary waiver by the Presbytery, to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective January 29, 2016.

Khjeek, Estawri

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Estawri Khjeek, pending necessary waiver by the Presbytery, to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective January 29, 2016.

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, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 1,682	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	20,000	403B contribution	\$24,000
Travel Allowance	3,000	Medical	\$ 1,500
Study Allowance	300	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
		Study Leave	Two weeks

Hodgson, David

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hodgson and First Presbyterian Church in Sun City effective January 1, 2016 until the call and transition to a new pastor, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms, serving as an independent contractor using 1099 form:

Salary	\$25,000	BOP Pension/Medical	NA
Housing Allowance	20,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Medical Expenses	5,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

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Hildenbrand, Lois

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between CRE Lois Hildenbrand and First Presbyterian Church in Mesa for a period of one year effective December 8, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$20,000	403B contribution	\$16,500
Housing Allowance	24,000	SECA Allowance	1,800
Travel Allowance	2,500	Vacation	Four weeks
Medical/Other Expenses	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

Saylor, George

Ratified the Parish Associate Agreement between the Rev. George Saylor and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, effective December 9, 2015.

Rice, Kristin

Ratified the Parish Associate Agreement between the Rev. Kristin Rice and Faith Presbyterian Church, effective December 28, 2015.

Moe, Michelle

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Shelly Moe and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church, at her request, pending congregational action, and granted Rev. Moe the status of Honorably Retired, effective July 1, 2015.

Cockrell Wood, Patricia

Granted the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Patricia Cockrell Wood, effective February 1, 2016.

Sadongei, Martha

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Martha Sadongei to serve as Moderator of Fort McDowell Presbyterian Church, effective February 1, 2016.

Felix, Robert

Ratified the appointment by the COM Moderator of the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Robert Felix to serve within the validated Lights ministry, with the service of ordination held at Valley Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Larry Eaken
David Hodgson
David Joynt

Ruling Elders

Sarah Brammer (Valley)
Mike Lorts (Palo Cristi)
Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)
Matt Winter (Valley)

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Actions taken at the February 23, 2016 meeting

Young, Patricia

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Pat Young and First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, at her request, and granted Rev. Young the status of Honorably Retired, effective February 29, 2016.

Coffman-Chavez, Renee

Validated the ministry of Renee Coffman-Chavez, Candidate under care of Los Ranchos Presbytery, as a chaplain for Banner Health as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation, pending her successful examination by our Presbytery and her subsequent ordination.

First Presbyterian Church, Peoria

Approved proposed interim plan and granted the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Peoria permission to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing an Interim Pastor Nominating Committee.

Woodruff, Kelsey

Ratified the Parish Associate agreement between the Rev. Kelsey Woodruff and Valley Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2016.

Lewis, Annette

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Annette Lewis and Lehi Presbyterian Church for a period of three years effective March 17, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, with the Commissioned Ruling Elder Agreement to be completed and submitted to Stated Clerk Bob Schulz.

Transition Plan

Approved consideration of a co-pastor model for the year leading up to retirement, with an Interim to start as part-time and the Pastor to surrender an increasing number of hours over the course of the year. Discussion to be continued at March meeting, with approved policy for COM Handbook necessary prior to this plan being presented to any Session.

Retiring Pastors

Approved respective COM clusters meeting with two pastors planning to retire in 2017 to present the concept of and get feedback on a Transition Plan for each congregation.

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 19, 2016 meeting

Approved sending each Inquirer/Candidate currently active in seminary a gift of \$500 from the Presbytery, to include Paul Elgin, Greg Grahlmann and Bruce McBurney.

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Approved advising the Presbytery of Grand Canyon that Daniel Albertson meets the provisions of Form of Government G-2.0505(1) Transfer of Ministers of Other Denominations and to recommend that, for Daniel Albertson, the Presbytery of Grand Canyon grant an exemption from the examinations required of candidates for ordination according to the provision in G-2.0505(2).

Actions taken at the February 16, 2016 meeting

Approved recommending to Presbytery that Inquirer Bruce McBurney of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

Actions taken at the March 15, 2016 meeting

Approved recommending to Presbytery that Inquirer Gregory Grahlmann of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

4. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the January 20, 2016 meeting

Approved Minimum Insurance Standards for Presbytery churches.

Approved \$2,000 for the 2016 Hispanic Network line item in the Presbytery budget.

Approved support of a Presbytery application to the General Assembly for a \$50,000 Congregational Transformation grant.

Action taken at the February 17, 2016 meeting

Approved Urban Connect lease with Vintage 45 LLC.

5. Operations Committee Report

Actions taken at the January 12, 2016 meeting

Reaffirmed agreement with the action of the Leadership Team to concur with Foothills Presbytery Overtures 1-3 and 5-8.

Approved forwarding Overtures 29-35 and 37-18 to Presbytery for action.

Approved the Minimum Insurance Standards.

Actions taken at the February 9, 2016 meeting

Approved agreement with the Leadership Team on its concurrence with an Overture to amend G-2.001 made by Presbytery de Cristo.

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6. Congregational Resourcing Team Report

Actions taken at the January 5, 2016 meeting

Approved funding for up to nine classes at Dubuque Theological Seminary’s online CRE program, plus a clinical pastoral education unit, for Jane Linville pending Committee on Preparation for Ministry approval of her as a CRE applicant and her continuation in good standing in the CRE training process, with funding provided on an as needed basis.

Approved mailing/emailing a congregational survey that requests the following information: (a) contact information for the mission chairperson and/or mission pastor; (b) one mission project/activity to which the congregation is willing to invite another congregation into partnership; (c) one mission project/activity the congregation is interested in learning more about from another congregation; (d) announcement of the team’s intent to host a mission fair.

Actions taken at the February 2, 2016 meeting

Approved \$350 to pay a portion of the airfare for Rachel Yates, associate director of Presbyterian World Missions, to travel to First Mesa for a presbytery-wide workshop.

Approved \$2,000 to pay expenses for the adult chaperones attending Triennium.

Approved \$5,500 to pay for a New Worshipping Community coach.

Approved hosting a mission fair in conjunction with the November meeting at Urban Connect.

7. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Robert Felix January 10, 2016

The Administrative Commission to Ordain Robert Felix met at Valley Presbyterian Church, Paradise Valley, on Sunday, January 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Felix, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Larry Eaken
David Hodgson
David Joynt

Ruling Elders

Sarah Brammer (Valley)
Mike Lorts (Palo Cristi)
Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)
Matt Winter (Valley)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Lynn Walters

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records were reviewed and approved:

November 6, 2015

Fort Defiance Gilbert Pinetop Community Yarnell Community

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business. Mickie Choi of PILP gave a brief update and brought 2015 rebate checks for five Grand Canyon congregations based on their PILP investments.

WORSHIP

Charlotte Fafard shared information on VahKi’s history, including the role of founding missionary and educator Rev. Charles Cook. Special music was provided by VahKi choirs and CRE Annette Lewis delivered the sermon based on Isaiah 25:1-9. The Rev. Ken Page and Annette Lewis presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to the ministries at VahKi. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$79.03.

Presbyterian Youth Triennium high school participants traveling to the event at Purdue from July 19-23, along with their chaperones, were commissioned during the worship service:

Caetlin Asher	University	
Mya Begay	Fort Defiance	
Matthew Bruggeman	Mission del Sol	
Drew DeBenedetti	Orangewood	
Sarah Elgin	Community Pinetop	
Keefer Gagnon	Community Pinetop	<u>Chaperones</u>
Bryan Hickey	First Mesa	Dan Albertson
Grace Kamau	Chandler	Tully Fletcher
Abby Kaup	Orangewood	Amanda Horan
Jason Knorr	University	Kellie von Borstel
Amya Largo	Fort Defiance	
Sarah McCoy	Crosswinds	
Emily Nasiff	Gilbert	
Emilio Ortiz	Celebration of Life	
Jonah Ortiz	Celebration of Life	
Jordan Osness	Mission del Sol	
Emily Rake	Chandler	
John Schlak	First Mesa	
Brandon Short	Central	

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported that eight pastors were signed up for a sermon training program at Whitworth, with others signifying interest in participating in continued local monthly training afterwards. There were plans to hold an additional Whitworth training program for Native Americans here in Arizona.

Brad reported that GA had approved our Transformational Grant designated for congregational renewal. Speakers and workshop sessions were being planned to be held in conjunction with Presbytery meetings.

Brad reported that the Presbytery had a budget deficit in 2015 and was facing the same for 2016 and beyond. Among the budget topics under consideration was whether to continue the shared staff plan with Presbytery de Cristo after the end of the original four-year agreement ending in 2017.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

In light of increasingly serious budget restraints, presbyters were asked to form into small groups for discussion of questions aimed at prioritizing the essential core work of the Presbytery. The groups reported back on their discussions. In addition, each person was asked to fill out an individual response and those were to be tallied and categorized for use in developing a revised budget going forward.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

Lawn Griffiths recognized the following Teaching Elders celebrating ordination anniversaries in 2016:

<u>15 Years</u> – 2001	<u>30 Years</u> – 1986	<u>40 Years</u> – 1976	<u>55 Years</u> – 1961
Eric Ledermann	David Bybee	Bob Simmons	Doug Baer
Catherine Witte	Deanne Hodgson	Paul Ulrickson	John Fooks
	Kimberly Murman		Caleb Johnson
<u>20 Years</u> – 1996	Grif Vautier	<u>45 Years</u> – 1971	
Steve Beard	Holly Vautier	Lynn Jacobs	<u>60 Years</u> – 1956
Gwen Brandfass		Alfred Merwald	Gus Schmitt
Mike Japenga	<u>35 Years</u> – 1981		Lowelle Simms
Keith Kerber	Harrell Davis	<u>50 Years</u> – 1966	John Voth
	Edward Pratt	William Hayes	
<u>25 Years</u> – 1991	Jim Uhley	Gary Kush	
Michael Hartwell	Paula Valle		
Cathy Northrup	Michael Wintz		
Kathleen Oppenhuizen			
John Sabbagh			

Lawn noted that the Annual Salary Review for Teaching Elders for 2015 and 2016 was distributed with the call materials for the meeting.

EXAMINATION OF RENEE COFFMAN

Lawn Griffiths presented Renee Coffman, a Candidate under care of Los Ranchos Presbytery, for examination by our Presbytery for ordination as a Teaching Elder. COM had approved Renee’s employment as a Banner Health hospice chaplain to qualify as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation, pending her successful examination and her subsequent ordination.

Renee read her Statement of Faith and fielded a number of questions from the floor about the Statement and her hospice ministry. Presbytery approved arresting the examination and she was escorted from the meeting. The following was unanimously approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Renee Coffman and proceed to ordination.

Renee was welcomed back and was joined by Presbytery friends as Brad Munroe gave the charge and offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Lents presented nominations. Caleb Johnson self-nominated from the floor to serve on the Ganado Administrative Commission and a motion was approved allowing this. There being no other nominations from the floor, the following revised slate was approved:

<u>Leadership Team</u>		<u>Ganado Administrative Commission</u>	
2016	RE Jan Palmer (Gilbert)	Caleb Johnson (HR)	
2017	TE Judy Wellington	Richard Nielsen (HR)	
		Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)	
		Earl Shroyer (realtor), ex officio	
<u>Resources Committee</u>			
2018	Cheri Holland		

APPROVAL OF OVERTURE CONCURRENCE POLICY

A proposed policy for handling the increased volume of requests for concurrence by presbyteries on amendments submitted to General Assembly had been distributed with the call to the meeting (see p. 6). A written revised version of the policy was submitted as an amendment and a motion was made to approve it. There was discussion, followed by an approved motion to call the previous question. Consideration returned to approval of the amended policy, which required a three-quarters vote of Presbytery to become part of our Manual of Administrative Operations. The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the Overture Concurrence Policy, as amended, as follows:

OVERTURE CONCURRENCE POLICY

Actions regarding overtures will be referred to an overtures sub-committee of the Operations Committee to be comprised of our four elected GA commissioners attending the upcoming General Assembly, one member of the Operations Committee, and one member of the Leadership Team.

Overtures from sessions within presbytery

When the session of a church within our presbytery submits an overture for consideration, the overture sub-committee will:

- Review overture and advise session of any potential changes thought to better the overture.
- After conferring with session, develop a list of positive and less desirable outcomes from the potential implementation of the overture.
- Submit overture and supporting data to Presbytery for action.

Overtures from General Assembly

For overtures submitted by presbyteries and sent by GA for review and possible concurrence to be referred to the General Assembly for formal action, the procedure will be:

- Stated Clerk receives overtures from General Assembly.
- Stated Clerk provides summary of information, with emphasis on impact to our presbytery by adoption of each overture, to the overture sub-committee.
- Overture sub-committee reviews summaries and determines if concurrence should be supported.
- Overture sub-committee develops a list of supporting criteria and sends recommendation for concurrence to the Presbytery for action.

There is nothing that precludes providing concurrence to another presbytery’s overture prior to it being submitted to GA for concurrence distribution.

Stated Clerk Bob Schulz noted that because of the timing of GA deadlines and our infrequent Presbytery meetings, this revised policy might make it impossible for the Presbytery to consider concurrence on some overtures.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL POLICY

Bob Schulz presented the revised Personnel Policy for our staff, working with both the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo. The Policy had been approved by each presbytery's personnel team and then by the Combined Presbytery Personnel Team in March 2015. A three-quarters vote of approval was required for it to become part of our Manual of Administrative Operations. The following was approved retroactively:

MOTION: To approve the revised Personnel Policy for Combined Presbytery de Cristo and Presbytery of Grand Canyon Personnel, effective March 12, 2015.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Cathy Northrup presented Inquirer Bruce McBurney to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Bruce fielded several questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. Bruce was escorted from the meeting for the vote and, as recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Bruce McBurney of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

Cathy Northrup presented Inquirer Greg Grahlmann to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Greg fielded several questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. Greg was escorted from the meeting for the vote and, as recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Gregory Grahlmann of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

Both Candidates were joined by family and friends as Cathy gave the charge, reminding them of the responsibilities of a Teaching Elder outlined in the *Book of Order*. A prayer was offered for Bruce and Greg as they each continued the journey towards becoming a Teaching Elder.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz gave a brief update on the work of the Administrative Commissions working with churches desiring departure. Regarding those churches which were closing, he reported that: Sunnyslope's Administrative Commission and the Resources Committee were considering an offer by a charter school to buy the property; the Winslow property had been listed for sale, and Verde Valley's last worship service was held on April 10th.

Bob reported that our commissioners for the upcoming GA were taking part in a training program coordinated by the Synod.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the VahKi congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:05 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 20 2016, at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Tucson as a joint educational event with Presbytery de Cristo.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of April 2, 2016 at the Leadership Team meeting on July 6, 2016.

S/Robert Schulz

Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

July 6, 2016

Date