

Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Commission Reports

January 27-28, 2017 Stated Meeting

Items approved by a commission, which includes our Leadership Team, Commission on Ministry (COM) and Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), were approved in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by our Bylaws and Manual of Operations, as well as the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109 and G-3.0307) and are reported here for the information of the Presbytery. Our commissions have been given the authority to consider and conclude matters referred to them by the Presbytery.

Any presbyter may request that an item within the Commission Reports be clarified. Any questions or comments on these actions will be reported back to the respective commission.

Items in the Stated Clerk Report are included here for the information of the Presbytery.

The following reports are included:

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1. Leadership Team Report

The following is a summary of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Leadership Team under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

Actions taken at the December 7, 2016 meeting

Approved payment of up to \$4,000 from the funds designated for our Ignite the Spark program to cover registration for participants in the “Leadership and Anxiety in the Church: A Family Systems Perspective” workshop sponsored by the Presbytery on February 1, 2017.

Authorized George Prohaska to write a letter to Tom Lineweaver outlining the steps the Leadership Team intends to take in regard to forming a Theological Task Force, to include deciding the purpose of the group and selecting its members.

Actions taken at the January 4, 2017 meeting

Approved sponsoring two Teaching Elders in their endeavor to launch a New Worshipping Community in the metropolitan Phoenix area, with limited Presbytery monetary support as may be possible, and to form an Administrative Commission to work with the pastors at the appropriate time, as needed.

Acting as the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Board of Trustees, approved payment of the current balance of approximately \$1 million on the loan made to Urban Connect by the previous owner of the building so the property may be listed for sale without the encumbrance of an outstanding loan.

Approved filling the 2017 vacancy for Leadership Team Moderator by continuing the service of the Rev. John Poling as the Moderator for 2017.

Approved, as recommended by the Congregational Resourcing Team, appointment of a three-person Administrative Commission with authority to request an EIN for the Evangelical Arabic Church (EAC), set up a bank account, create a financial procedures list and establish record keeping processes, with the Administrative Commission members appointed by the Presbytery moderatorial team to include one person from EAC, one from Bethany Presbyterian Church and one from the Congregational Resourcing Team.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Ministry (COM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

Actions taken at the November 29, 2016 meeting

Seller, Benjamin

Approved termination of the two-year Designated Pastor agreement between Church of the Master and the Rev. Ben Seller and approved a Call from Church of the Master to the Rev. Ben Seller to serve as their Installed Pastor, effective November 29, 2016.

Frietas, Eneyas

Approved termination of the Stated Supply agreement between Urban Connect and the Rev. Eneyas Frietas, effective December 31, 2016, with a severance pay package to be determined and paid for by the Presbytery until reimbursement is possible through funds made available when the Urban Connect building is sold.

Weinschenk, Samuel

Approved removal of Samuel Weinschenk from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Roll of Commissioned Ruling Elders, with regret, by action of the Presbytery on October 1, 2016, and the subsequent transfer of care of First Presbyterian Church in Wickenburg to A Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO), effective November 21, 2016.

Community Presbyterian Church Yarnell

Approved the recommendation of the Session of Community Presbyterian Church of Yarnell for a plan to replace their retiring CRE Paul Jones by using a six-month shared pastorate transition plan with a new pastor, provided that:

- a. it be clarified by COM that this was an experimental plan, which met high standards, and was not to be considered a Presbytery precedent; and
- b. the Yarnell Session was to rewrite their proposal and call documents to indicate a leadership preference for the new pastor from the start of the six-month transition, such as moderating Session meetings, with the outgoing CRE/pastor to be in a supporting role.

First Presbyterian Church Mesa

Approved increasing the effective salary range in the First Presbyterian Church in Mesa Ministry Information Form to \$55,000-65,000, with a maximum of \$70,000.

Action taken at the January 12, 2017 meeting**Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church**

Approved appointing the Rev. Ed Spence to moderate that portion of the January 12, 2017 special called meeting of the Session of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church for those items on the agenda dealing with personnel, with Interim Pastor Judy Winkelpleck to recuse herself as the Moderator for that portion of the meeting.

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

Actions taken at the November 15, 2016 meeting

Approved, after consultation with the Candidate, continuing our covenant relationship with Betty Ricardo Gomez of Betania Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

Approved, after consultation with the Candidate, continuing our covenant relationship with Martha Lopez Loreda of Memorial Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

Approved sending each Inquirer/Candidate currently active in seminary a gift of \$500 from the Presbytery, to include Ben Crelin (Desert Palms), Greg Grahlmann (Trinity) and Chris Woodard (Valley).

Action taken at the December 13, 2016 meeting

Approved, after consultation with the Candidate, continuing our covenant relationship with Brenda Horth of Flagstaff Federated Community Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

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

November 19, 2016

First Sun City

Mingus View

Pinnacle

Valley

Westminster