

# Presbytery of Grand Canyon

## Commission Reports

### March 25, 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 February 1, 2017 meeting**

Approved asking Mary Lynn Walters, as a member of both Leadership Team and the Verde Valley Administrative Commission, to convey to the Administrative Commission the sense of Leadership's discussion about the use of Verde Valley property sale funds to support a proposed New Worshipping Community.

Ratified the nomination of and elected RE Jan Palmer as Moderator-Elect of the Leadership Team for 2017, then to serve as Moderator of Leadership Team for 2018.

### **Actions taken at the March 8, 2017 meeting**

Approved having Stated Clerk Bob Schulz recommend a revised procedure to equalize as closely as possible the number of the Presbytery's Teaching Elders with the number of Ruling Elder commissioners entitled to vote at Presbytery meetings, allowing a yearly variance of up to ten percent between the two numbers.

Approved, as requested by COM, the use of \$1,200 from Ignite the Spark grant funds to provide scholarships for up to four additional persons to attend Lombard Mennonite Peace Center training in order that they may serve as members of our Reconciliation Team.

Acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, approved the request of John Calvin Presbyterian Church to sell its ten-acre property at 1130 E. Broadway Avenue in Apache Junction, including the main sanctuary and fellowship hall, with an appraised value of \$2,347,000.

Approved the Moderatorial Team beginning recruitment for members to serve on the Mountain View Administrative Commission effective March 8, 2017.

Approved the request of the Congregational Resourcing Committee for permission to sponsor a workshop for Ruling Elders on how to preach, with the understanding that a Ruling Elder would preach in church: 1) when asked by the pastor or Session and 2) when approved by the Session.

## 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 January 24, 2017 meeting

#### **Roosa, Stephen**

Approved the part-time Pulpit Supply Agreement between the Rev. Stephen Roosa (Presbytery of Plains and Peaks) and Northminster Presbyterian Church on a part-time basis for a period of one year effective January 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, with Rev. Roosa to serve as the Moderator of Session while Northminster seeks dismissal from the PC(USA), on the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000	Vacation	Four weeks
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#### **Khjeek, Estawri**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Estawri Khjeek to be part-time Pastor to the Evangelical Arabic Church, a New Worshipping Community, subject to 30 days notice for termination, effective January 24, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	12,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Deferred Compensation	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Utilities Allowance	3,000		
Auto Allowance	3,000		
Professional Expenses	4,000		

#### **Evans, Lloyd**

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Lloyd Evans and Mingus View Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective November 1, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$13,920	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing Allowance	13,920	Dental/Vision	\$1,200
Travel Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks
Study Allowance	300		

#### **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, 2016, 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
Continuing Ed Allowance	1,000	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, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 8,931	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	20,000	403B contribution	\$24,000
Travel Allowance	3,000	Medical	\$ 2,000
Study Allowance	300	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
		Study Leave	Two weeks

**Frietas, Eneyas**

Approved the change in classification of membership of the Rev. Eneyas Frietas from Validated within a Congregation to Member-At-Large, effective January 1, 2017.

**Betania Presbyterian Church**

Approved requesting that the Session of Betania Presbyterian Church revise its proposed terms for a part-time Stated Supply position and resubmit the terms to COM.

**Evangelical Arabic Church**

Approved creation of an Administrative Commission, to include Pastor Estawri Khjeek and a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church, to assist with the work and worship of this new worshipping community.

**Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church**

Approved establishing an informal two- or three-person COM task force to have a conversation with several former Mission del Sol pastors about appropriate boundaries in their relationship to the church.

**Faith Presbyterian Church**

Affirmed the action of the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church to implement a request for the presbytery's Reconciliation Team to come lead discussion and facilitate congregational communication.

**Request for funding**

Approved a request to the Leadership Team to release funds for scholarships for up to four participants to attend Lombard conflict resolution training from May 5-12.

**Commission on Ministry Handbook**

Approved and adopted the latest edition of the Commission of Ministry Handbook with Policies and Guidelines for Members, dated January 2017.

**Actions taken at the February 28, 2017 meeting****Seller, Benjamin**

Ratified the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ben Seller as Pastor to Church of the Master Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.:

Teaching Elders

Doug Baer  
Eneyas Freitas  
Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Jeanette Miller (University)  
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)  
Bob Schulz (First Mesa)

**Fraser, Jennifer**

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Jennifer Fraser and Gilbert Presbyterian Church, on a half-time basis, for a period of one year effective January 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$21,600	Pension/Medical	NA
Continuing Ed Allowance	500	Vacation	Two weeks
Travel Allowance	vouchered	Study Leave	One week

**Ricardo Gomez, Betty**

Approved the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Betty Ricardo Gomez and Betania Presbyterian Church, on a half-time basis, for a period of one year effective April 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms and approved this position as appropriate for offering a Call leading to ordination, dependent upon Betty's successful examination by our Presbytery at a future meeting:

Salary	\$21,000	Medical expenses	vouchered
Housing Allowance	NA		
Travel Allowance	vouchered		
Study Allowance	vouchered		

**Bondura, Mike**

Approved the part-time Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mike Bondura (former Church of Christ) and First Presbyterian Church of Yuma for a period of one year effective March 7, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, with the Rev. Darren Hawkins to perform any infant baptisms and with Rev. Hawkins to moderate the Session for at least the first six months, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,000	Pension/Medical	NA
Housing Allowance	9,000	Vacation	Three weeks
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	One week
Study Allowance	500		

**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 January 17, 2017 meeting**

Approved continuing our relationship with Jane Linville of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as a CRE applicant for another year.

Elected TE Mike Japenga to serve as Vice Moderator of CPM for 2017.

**Actions taken at the February 21, 2017 meeting**

Approved the removal of Gregory Grahlmann of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott, at his request, as a Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder, effective February 21, 2017.

Accepted Charlotte Fafard of Lower Santan Presbyterian Church as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) applicant, effective February 21, 2017.

#### **4. Stated Clerk Report**

##### **DISMISSAL OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 1, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated November 2, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Community Presbyterian Church in Lake Havasu City to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective November 2, 2016.

##### **DISMISSAL OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 1, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated November 10, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Christ Presbyterian Church in Goodyear to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective November 10, 2016.

##### **DISMISSAL OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICKENBURG**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 1, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated November 21, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing First Presbyterian Church in Wickenburg to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective November 21, 2016.

##### **DISMISSAL OF FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 1, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated December 14, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective December 14, 2016.

##### **DISMISSAL OF HORIZON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on October 1, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated December 21, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Horizon Presbyterian Church in Phoenix to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective December 21, 2016.

##### **DISMISSAL OF SCOTTSDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on November 19, 2016 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated December 28, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Scottsdale Presbyterian Church to A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) for their ecclesiastical authority and care, resulting in the church being dropped from the rolls of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective December 26, 2016.

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Benjamin Seller February 26, 2017**

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ben Seller met at Church of the Master Presbyterian Church, Mesa, on Sunday, February 26, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. and did install Rev. Seller, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Doug Baer  
Eneyas Freitas  
Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Jeanette Miller (University)  
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)  
Bob Schulz (First Mesa)

Respectfully submitted,  
George Prohaska

**REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS**

The following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

January 27, 2017

Community Yarnell

**TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

The following persons have been transferred, at their request, to membership under care of the Presbytery following the dismissal of their congregations from the PC(USA):

Member

Deana Cocks  
Beth Kath  
Donna Yordy

Former Church Membership

Christ  
Horizon  
Fountain Hills