

Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Commission Reports

August 12, 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:

Action taken at the April 5, 2017 meeting

Approved encouraging GA Co-Moderator T. Denise Anderson to use the topic “Cultivating Multi-Cultural Ministry” as her theme during her participation in our joint January 26-27, 2018, Annual Meeting with Presbytery de Cristo.

Actions taken at the May 3, 2017 meeting

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, RE Ray McFarland to fill an unexpired term on the Commission on Ministry, Class of 2018.

Approved a grant application to the Presbyterian Mission Agency for \$26,000 to enhance the Presbytery of Grand Canyon’s cohort program for Teaching Elders, with the Presbytery to supply \$14,000 and participants to contribute \$2,000 to the overall \$42,000 budget.

Actions taken at the June 7, 2017 meeting

Elected, on the behalf of the Presbytery, the following to serve as PC(USA) ordination exam readers for August and November 2017: RE Lawn Griffiths, TE Terry Palmer and RE Frank Walmsley.

Acknowledged receipt of the financial review for the year ending December 31, 2016, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. as reported by Presbytery Treasurer Barbara Zubler.

Approved, acting as the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Board of Trustees, the sale of the Vintage 45 property associated with the Urban Connect congregation in the amount of \$2,625,000 and to approve granting Secretary of the Corporation Robert Schulz signing authority for the closing documents.

Approved, acting as the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Board of Trustees, the sale of the Presbytery’s property on N. Reems Road in Surprise, Arizona, for \$1.3 million:

- a. with easements to be added for the installation of utilities and paved access to two adjoining properties; and
- b. with the Presbytery to pay the estimated \$50,000-100,000 related construction and engineering costs, reimbursable in full to the Presbytery by the buyer of the property at the time of closing.

Approved, acting as the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Board of Trustees, permission for Bob Schulz to negotiate in good faith to allow the buyer of the Surprise property to use the value of the property as collateral for financing the purchase:

- a. with the Presbytery to receive approximately \$150,000 from the buyer within 18 months of the purchase in consideration of this agreement; and
- b. with the agreement to be subject to final approval by the Leadership Team upon review of a written Memorandum of Understanding outlining details of the agreement.

Tabled action on establishing an official date of dissolution of the Urban Connect congregation until resolution of how to handle long-term annual distributions from a trust fund.

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 March 28, 2017 meeting

Conklin, Ann

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Ann Conklin to be Pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Mesa and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective June 15, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary & Housing	\$65,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Expense Allowance	2,500	SECA	\$4,972.50
Auto Allowance	2,850	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Allowance	1,300	Study Leave	Two weeks
Book Allowance	400	Moving Costs	\$15,000

Bondora, Mike

Approved the part-time Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mike Bondora (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		

Woodruff, Kelsey

Ratified renewal of the Parish Associate agreement between the Rev. Kelsey Woodruff and Valley Presbyterian Church, effective March 1, 2017.

First Mesa Presbyterian Church

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Art Campbell to serve as Moderator at a meeting of the First Mesa Session on March 25 or March 26, 2017.

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Art Campbell to serve as Moderator of the First Mesa Session from April 24 through June 18, 2017.

First Yuma

Approved an exception for this year, during a time of pastoral transition, allowing Deacons to serve an eighth consecutive year.

CRE Evaluation Form

Approved a new CRE Evaluation Form which will be included in the CRE Handbook.

Actions taken at the April 25, 2017 meeting**Swicegood, Terry**

Approved renewal of the part-time Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Terry Swicegood (HR) and First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, on a part-time basis, for a period of year effective May 9, 2017, subject to 60 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary & Housing	\$33,600	Retirement Savings Plan	\$5,040
Auto Allowance	4,050	Vacation	Four weeks
Business Expenses	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

Hildenbrand, Lois

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between CRE Lois Hildenbrand and Mingus View Presbyterian Church, on a half-time basis, for a period of one year effective November 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 8,400	Retirement Account	\$8,400
Housing Allowance	14,400	Vacation	Eight weeks
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	300	Moving Allowance	up to \$3,000

Willett, Brandon

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Brandon Willett from the Presbytery of Yellowstone to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective July 1, 2017, to serve as a part-time co-pastor to a New Worshipping Community under development in the Anthem area.

Willett, Kristin

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Kristin Willett from the Presbytery of Yellowstone to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective July 1, 2017, to serve as a part-time co-pastor to a New Worshipping Community under development in the Anthem area.

Winkelpleck, Judy

Approved the temporary membership of the Rev. Judy Winkelpleck, United Church of Christ, in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, pending approval of the Membership Committee, effective April 25, 2017 for one year in accordance with *Book of Order* (G-2.0505), thereby rescinding the action taken at the April 26, 2016 COM meeting.

Willerton, Sherry

Approved the temporary membership of the Rev. Sherry Willerton, Disciples of Christ, in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, pending approval of the Membership Committee, effective April 25, 2017 for one year in accordance with *Book of Order* (G-2.0505), thereby rescinding action taken at the April 26, 2016 COM meeting.

Campbell, Katrina

Approved the temporary membership of the Rev. Trina Campbell, United Church of Christ, in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, pending approval of the Membership Committee, effective April 25, 2017 for one year in accordance with *Book of Order* (G-2.0505), thereby rescinding action taken at the October 25, 2016 COM meeting.

Tseyi Bidaa Chapel

Approved recommending consideration of Tseyi Bidaa Chapel (formerly Canyon Rim) becoming a church, with the Leadership Team to be charged with researching the steps needed to see if this is a viable plan.

Blackwater Presbyterian Church

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Linda Lloyd to serve as Moderator of the Blackwater Session, effective April 25, 2017.

Salt River Presbyterian Church

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Linda Lloyd to serve as Moderator of the Salt River Session, effective April 25, 2017.

Actions taken at the May 23, 2017 meeting**Worsnop, Linda**

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Linda Worsnop and Palo Cristi Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective April 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

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

Ricardo Gomez, Betty

Approved the request of Betty Ricardo Gomez to be ordained at Betania Presbyterian Church and ratified the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Betty Ricardo Gomez and Install the Rev. Ricardo Gomez as Associate Pastor to Betania Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Joe Keesecker
Brad Munroe
Gonzalo Derney Ramos
Patricia Cockrell Wood

Ruling Elders

Santiago Duque (Betania)
Joan Fenton (Palo Cristi)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)

Desert Palms Presbyterian Church

Approved the request of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church to create a half-time, temporary Associate Pastor position.

Faith Presbyterian Church

Approved allowing Faith Presbyterian Church to seek a Designated Pastor for a two-year commitment (not to exceed four years) instead of an Interim Pastor, with a revised MIF required for review.

Faith Presbyterian Church

Approved the appointment of the Rev. David Walker to serve as Moderator of the Faith Session, effective April 25, 2017.

Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church

Approved the revised MIF form of Yarnell reflecting changes requested by COM.

Reconciliation Team Procedure

Reaffirmed the Covenant of Closure policy and directed the Presbytery's Reconciliation Team to comply with all COM policies.

Actions taken at the June 27, 2017 meeting**Lopez Loreda, Martha**

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Martha Lopez Loreda and Memorial Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective June 12, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$11,268	Insurance	\$1,200
Housing Allowance	14,400	Vacation	Four weeks
Travel Allowance	660	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	250		
Phone Allowance	660		

Meyer, Cora Lee

Approved the temporary membership of the Rev. Cora Lee Meyer, ELCA, in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon for one year effective June 27, 2017 in accordance with *Book of Order* (G-2.0505).

Moorefield, Susan

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Susan Moorefield and Faith Presbyterian Church and the transfer of her membership, at her request, from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Salem Presbytery, effective August 1, 2017.

Selestewa, Sharon

Approved three additional months of medical leave for the Rev. Sharon Selestewa, should she make that request, and approved an extension for the Rev. Linda Lloyd to serve as moderator at Salt River Presbyterian Church.

Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church

Affirmed the process for consideration of the renewal of the Interim Pastor contract by the Session of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, with the expectation that all parties in the church will work together for reconciliation.

Faith Presbyterian Church

Requested that Faith Presbyterian Church remove the word "younger" from its MIF description for the demographic it intends to attract.

Desert Palms Presbyterian Church

Approved the job description for a part-time Associate Pastor at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, with COM requesting to see the resumes of the top five candidates.

Actions taken at the July 25, 2017 meeting**Hicks, David**

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hicks and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church, on a part-time basis, for a period of one year effective August 28, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$21,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	19,000	Medical Flex Plan	\$3,000
Travel Allowance	1,000	Dental	\$52.79/month
Study Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
		Study Leave	Two weeks

Winkelpleck, Judy

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Judy Winkelpleck (UCC) and Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective August 24, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$67,695	Medical	\$2,500
Housing Allowance	30,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,000		
Expense Allowance	1,500		

Faith Sun City

Approved that, at the direction of the Commission on Ministry, all Presbytery staff and representatives of COM are instructed to halt all activity, including delivery of PIFs, regarding the search process for a Designated Pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church, Sun City, Arizona, until such time, as the Rev. Susan Moorefield is in receipt of and in agreement with the remaining amount transmitted for the two-month severance unanimously approved in a called Congregational Meeting held on June 18, 2017; all in accordance with the *Book of Order*.

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 April 18, 2017 meeting

Certified Candidate Bruce McBurney of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church as ready for examination by a Presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

Accepted Art Anton of First Sacaton Presbyterian Church as a CRE applicant, effective April 18, 2017.

Enrolled Silva Jilinguirian of the Evangelical Arabic Church, a New Worshipping Community of the Presbytery, as an Inquirer for the office of Teaching Elder, pending receipt of Form 1D Session endorsement.

Actions taken at the May 16, 2017 meeting

Approved removing the requirement originally recommended by CPM that CRE applicant Jane Linville complete a semester of certified Clinical Pastoral Education.

Approved encouraging Inquirer Silva Jilinguirian of the Evangelical Arabic Presbyterian Church to consider applying to become a Candidate.

To approve that the following requirement be added to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon CPM Handbook and CRE Manual:

Background checks will be run upon enrollment for all Inquirers for ordination as Teaching Elders and all Commissioned Ruling Elder applicants and will be completed before moving forward to the next level of the preparation process. Inquirers and CRE applicants will work together with their liaison to request of Presbytery staff that a background check be completed. The background check application can be found on the Presbytery website and submitted to the Presbytery office via regular mail or fax for processing. Any red flags reported on the background check will be shared with CPM for their discernment, discussion with the Inquirer or CRE applicant, and/or decision making.

Actions taken at the July 18, 2017 meeting

Approved a recommendation to Presbytery that Inquirer Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Ordination and Installation – Rev. Betty Ricardo Gomez May 21, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Betty Ricardo Gomez met at Betania Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Ricardo Gomez and install her as Associate Pastor of Betania Presbyterian Church, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Joe Keesecker
Brad Munroe
Gonzalo Derney Ramos
Patricia Cockrell Wood

Ruling Elders

Santiago Duque (Betania)
Joan Fenton (Palo Cristi)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)

Respectfully submitted,
George Prohaska

DISMISSAL OF NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on March 25, 2017 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated June 29, 2017 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing Northminster 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 June 28, 2017.

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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

Member

Gina Stenner
Mike Stenner
Cynthia Wood
George Wood

Former Church Membership

Christ
Christ
Urban Connect (Historic First)
Urban Connect (Historic First)

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

March 25, 2017

John Calvin
Trinity Prescott

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0122) it is noted that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, through annually renewed policies issued by the Insurance Board, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery's facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2017-1/1/2018.

ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0113) it is noted that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon received its annual financial review, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. for the year ending December 31, 2016.

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS REPORTED BY GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2016**

MINISTERS

Ministers on Roll 12/31/15	182
Gains	
Received from Presbyteries	9
Ordained	2
Received from Denominations	0
Restored	0
Total gains	+ 11
Losses	
Deaths	10
Dismissed to Presbyteries	7
Dismissed to Denominations	6
Other Removals	0
Total losses	<u>- 23</u>
Ministers on Roll 12/31/16	170

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members 12/31/15	11,632
Gains	
17 and under	49
18 and over	165
Certificate	146
Other Gains	137
Total gains	+ 497
Losses	
Certificate	1,571
Death	213
Other	949
Total losses	<u>- 2,733</u>
Active Members 12/31/16	9,396
Male	3,710
Female	5,686

INQUIRERS/CANDIDATES

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/16	2
Candidates on Roll 12/31/16	6

BAPTISMS

Children	60	Adult	12
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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 4,358

AFFILIATE MEMBERS 450

ADULT MEMBER AGE

25 + under	523
26 – 45	766
46 – 55	701
56 – 65	958
65+	3,670

<u>COMPOSITION</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Asian	50	3	2
Black	32	4	2
African American	106	10	9
African	31	1	2
Middle Eastern	15	0	0
Hispanic	113	11	9
Native American	205	30	11
White	6,460	228	311
Other	10	0	0

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (continued)**PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

Receipts		Expenditures	
Regular Contributions	11,841,167	Local Program	10,226,125
Capital/Building	947,737	Local Mission	479,146
Investments	711,917	Capital Expenditures	1,030,490
Bequests	497,987	Investment	107,483
Other Income	1,789,770	Per Capita	219,815
Subsidy	65,310	Validated Mission	331,786
		Theological Education	6,147
		Other Mission	288,451