

Presbytery of Grand Canyon

Commission Reports

November 4, 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 August 2, 2017 meeting

Approved participation by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in the General Assembly's Revitalization Initiative pilot program during 2018-2019.

Granted permission for Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe to serve as an adjunct faculty member with Ascending Leaders and to allow Brad to explore his relationship with the organization to the extent he would like to be involved.

Continued to table 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.

Approved having Stated Clerk Bob Schulz hire an attorney for legal review of considerations involving how to receive future annual distributions formerly made from a trust fund to Urban Connect (Historic First Presbyterian Church), with proceeds from the sale of Urban Connect property to cover the legal fees.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, the following persons as presented by the Nominations sub-committee of Operations:

<u>Commission on Ministry</u>	<u>Operations Committee</u>
2018 Jamie Ortiz (Celebration of Life)	2018 TE David Hicks
<u>Congregational Resourcing</u>	
2019 TE Daniel Albertson	

Actions taken at the September 6, 2017 meeting

Approved \$25,000 as required matching Presbytery funding in relation to a \$25,000 New Worshipping Community grant by the GA to the Presbytery's new Evangelical Arabic Church, and to notify the Resources Committee of Leadership's approval of this expenditure.

Approved support of the January 2017 resolution of the Board of Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp to the General Assembly requesting reaffirmation of the Camp's 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

Approved that the Leadership Team will assume responsibility for approving the recommendations of the Operations Committee and our 2018 GA commissioners regarding concurrence on overtures sent to the Presbytery by GA, with concurrence understood to mean the overture is worthy of being considered by the General Assembly but not necessarily to mean the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is in favor of the overture itself.

Actions taken at the October 4, 2017 meeting

Approved sending the letter drafted by Stated Clerk Bob Schulz in response to a letter dated September 25, 2017 from Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church which requested copies of church records turned over to the Presbytery and sought partial reimbursement of funds paid by Fountain Hills under the Terms of Settlement, claiming those Terms were unfair compared to settlements reached with other churches, and with the Presbytery's response indicating: 1) digital copies of all records turned over to the Presbytery and forwarded to the Historical Society would be sent to the church; and 2) Fountain Hills no longer had standing as a member of the Presbytery and the church had agreed to the Terms of Settlement signed in the presence of a title company on December 14, 2016.

Approved the following requirements in order for a chapel or new worshipping community to become a church in the Presbytery of Canyon, and granted authority to the Commission on Ministry to oversee the implementation of these requirements:

1. a summary of the proposal and, in the case of a chapel, supporting comments from the church under which the chapel is governed;
2. a current Roll of Members;
3. a two-year operating budget;
4. Articles of Incorporation;
5. agreement by an existing church to shepherd the new church for a period of five years.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, the following as presented by the Nominations sub-committee of Operations:

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
2019 Shelly Moe (HR)

Approved a modification to the original authorization for John Calvin Presbyterian Church to sell its property with a revised plan to keep approximately four acres including the fellowship facility and sell the remaining six acres with an appraised value of \$1,071,000.

Affirmed the recommendations of the Operations Committee and our 223rd GA commissioners regarding concurrence on the following:

- Overture 001 – On amending G-4.0203 to resolve a conflict between the BOO and the laws of some states. Concur
- Overture 002 – On developing a letter to accompany the Confession of Belhar. Do not concur.
- Overture 003 – On amending G-3.0307 to clarify the responsibility of the Presbytery. Concur
- Overture 004 – On amending portions of the Directory for Worship. Do not concur
- Overture 005 – On amending G-2.1104. Administrative Personnel Association (APA). Do not concur.
- Overture 006 – On directing the Board of Pensions and the Foundation to divest from fossil fuels and actively invest in securities that focus on renewable energy. Do not concur.

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 August 22, 2017 meeting

Campbell, Michael and Sheryl

Approved potential terms of call between the Revs. Michael and Sheryl Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church, serving as co-pastors.

Rice, Kristin

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Kristin Rice as Interim Associate Pastor to All Saints Lutheran Church in Phoenix, effective June 1, 2017, for one year as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation.

Watkins, Gale

Approved a change in the terms of call of the Rev. Gale Watkins as Pastor to Westminster Presbyterian Church, reflecting a change to part-time (three-quarters), for one year effective September 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$10,650	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	17,435	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
403(b) Plan	7,200	Study Leave	Two weeks

Willett, Brandon

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Brandon Willett to be Co-Pastor to a New Worshipping Community in the Anthem area, effective July 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	12,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,500	Relocation expenses	\$1,000

Willett, Kristin

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Kristin Willett to be Co-Pastor to a New Worshipping Community in the Anthem area, effective July 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,500	Pension	BOP pension dues only
Housing Allowance	12,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,500	Relocation expenses	\$1,000

Actions taken at the September 26, 2017 meeting**Hegeman, Margaret**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Peggy Hegeman to be Pastor to Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Prospect Hill to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 8, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$24,900	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	14,700	Dental allowance	\$420
Deferred Compensation	2,400	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	9,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Continuing Ed Allowance	2,400	Moving Expenses	\$1,000

Campbell, Michael

Approved the Designated Pastor agreement between the Rev. Michael Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church to serve as Co-Designated Pastor for up to two years and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 9, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$65,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Expense Allowance	1,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	2,000	Moving Expenses	\$12,000

Campbell, Sheryl

Approved the Designated Pastor agreement between the Rev. Sheryl Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church to serve as Co-Designated Pastor for up to two years and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 9, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$20,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Expense Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	500		

Albertson, Daniel

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Daniel Albertson to be Pastor to Southminster Presbyterian Church effective September 18, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$22,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	22,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Book Allowance	500	Study Leave	One week
Auto Allowance	.535/mile		

Conklin, Ann

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ann Conklin as Pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Mesa on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Art Campbell
Jennifer Fraser
Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)
Jean Partida (Mesa First)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
Mary Lynn Walter (Memorial)

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 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.

Approved requesting permission from the OGA's Preparation for Ministry department to designate a special proctor so that Ben Crelin may take his Bible Content exam on the Gordon-Conwell Seminary campus.

Actions taken at the September 19, 2017 meeting

Approved Shannon Langston of First Presbyterian Church of Peoria to move forward as an applicant in the Commissioned Ruling Elder process, effective September 19, 2017.

Approved allowing Jane Linville to present her required sermon and basic portions of a worship service at the October CPM meeting rather than at a church.

Approved simplifying the sermon exegesis format to the basics from Page 22 of the CRE Handbook, to include an introduction to the text, the historical setting, and a bibliography with no fewer than three sources listed.

Approved Bethany Presbyterian Church as Silva Jilinguirian's church of membership and their Session as that where she is under care for the Preparation for Ministry process, and to acknowledge Form 1D from Bethany as the completion of her application to become an Inquirer, effective April 18, 2017.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Ann Conklin October 22, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ann Conklin met at First Presbyterian Church in Mesa on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Conklin, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Art Campbell
Jennifer Fraser
Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)
Jean Partida (Mesa First)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
Mary Lynn Walter (Memorial)

Respectfully submitted,
George Prohaska

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

August 12, 2017

Desert Palms
First Peoria
John Calvin

SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest Executive/Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Administrator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe and the Stated Clerk/Associate of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo met in Phoenix on August 29, 2017 and reviewed the minutes, rolls and registers of Sierra Blanca, Santa Fe, Grand Canyon and de Cristo. The Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon covering January 29, 2016 – November 19, 2016 were approved without exception.