

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

August 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe. This was a joint meeting with Presbytery de Cristo, also serving as a leadership formation event. Moderators Mary Lynn Walters and Stephanie Hamilton opened the joint meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting of the Presbytery was convened by Moderator Mary Lynn Walters. Commissioners attending for the first time were welcomed. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented. New minister members were introduced, as well as Leanne Leonard, the new Executive Director of the Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank effective August 3, 2015.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Cobb, Clayton (Pacific)

Craft, Amanda (Pres Mission Agency)

Hinds, Mark (Mission)

Portz, Douglas (Pittsburgh)

Rice, Kristin (John Knox)

Teaching Elders Present – 55

Anderson, Mark

Bailey, Linda

Barcanic, Naomi

Berry, Thomas

Brown, Kelsy

Cho, Yongho

Crelin, James

Davis, Harrell

Eaken, Lawrence

Evans, Lloyd

Fletcher, Tully

Freitas, Eneyas

Goad, Jessica

Hartwell, Michael

Hawkins, Ron

Hodgson, David

Holland, Cheri

Jennison, Cynthia

Joynt, David

Ledermann, Eric

Lineweaver, Thomas

Martin, Stan

McCabe, Norma

Merwald, Alfred

Moe, Michelle

Moe, Kenneth

Moranville, Thomas

Muenich, Karen

Munroe, Brad

Northrup, Cathy

Olagues, José

Oppenhuizen, Kathleen

Page, Kenneth

Parker, Thomas

Poling, John

Proudfoot, Charles

Ramos, Gonzalo

Remer, James

Sadongei, Martha

Saylor, George

Saylor, Mary

Selestewa, Sharon

Smallegan, David

Soderquist, Paul

Straatmeyer, Al

Tilly, Mark

Uhley, James

Watkins, Gale

Wellington, Judy

Wescott, Linda

Wintz, Susan

Wintz, Michael

Witte, Cathy

Worsnop, Linda

Young, Patricia

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 62

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell

Blackwater - Loretta Blackwater

Chandler - Dotty Spears, Carol Coleman

Chinle Trinity - Rayme Walker

Church of the Master - Kathleen Griffin

Crosswinds - Gloria Wilson, Teri Conrad

Desert Palms - Jean Montgomery, Kay Kernek

Faith - Linda Trovato, Bill Anderson

Flagstaff Federated - Marilyn Laird, Glenda Hill

Fountain Hills - John Bivens, John Brockelman

Ganado - Vivian Manning, Custer Lowe

Gilbert - Rocky Mackey, Pam Russell

Heritage - Mike Clark

Horizon - Chuck Jarrell

Indian Wells - Clarissa Nez

John Calvin - Dale Mortensen

John Calvin - John McClure

Kayenta - Milinda Benallie

Lehi - Eugene Chiago

Memorial - Ellie Hetrick, Ted Keane

Mesa First - Bill Lents

Mingus View - Susan Goe, John MacFadden

Mission del Sol - Owen Clymer, George Prohaska

Orangewood - Phebe Packer

Palo Cristi - Dan Schoffelmann

Peoria First - Noel Crowl

Pinnacle - Laurie Porter

Prescott Trinity - David Frederiksen, Dede Tilly

Sacaton First - Loretta Blackwater
 Salt River - LaBerta Collins
 Scottsdale - Craig Reynolds
 Sierra Vista - Mary Schaal
 Southminster - Paula Gray, Doris Lewis
 Sun City-First - Evelyn Haas, Donna Roth
 Sunnyslope - Willie Zunker
 University - Jim Hershauer, Lawn Griffiths

Urban Connect - Donita Young, Pam McCune
 Vah-Ki - Bonita Lyons
 Valley - Gloria Gabler, Bob Aldag
 Verde Valley - Jeni O'Callaghan
 Westminster - Marcia Weiland, Don Merritt
 Yarnell Community - JerrieLea Hopf, Ron Hopf
 Yuma First - Greg Skaggs

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 3

Danforth, Mary Hildenbrand, Lois Lopez Loreda, Martha

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present

Lowe, Custer Owens, Kathryn Schulz, Bob Young, Gloria

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth McBurney, Carolyn

Visitors Present

Approximately 315 people from both presbyteries attended the workshops.

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Engstrom, Bud	Kush, Gary	Schlotzhauer, Wesley
Anderson, Richard	Farwell, Barbara	Latty, Allan	Schmitt, Gus
Arbesman, Janet	Flahiff, John	Lefebvre, Eugene	Sabbagh, John
Alvarez, Renato	Fooks, John	Letizia, Gordon	Serchak, David
Baxter, Patricia	Forsberg, David	Mann, Melissa	Serchak, Jo
Bell, Arthur	Fowler, Douglas	Manning, Marilyn	Simmons, Robert
Berg, George	Fox, Charles	Martz, Robert	Simms, Lowell
Bibiloni, Jose	Fulton, Helmi	Mayes, Robert	Smith, Esther
Bigler, Robert	Garvin, Woody	Melendez, Hipolito	Spence Edward
Brahams, Hap	Good, Bill	Meredith, Ralph	Swicegood, Terry
Bruening, James	Gephart, Al	Miller, Craig	Ulrickson, Paul
Burtless, Stanford	Hayes, William	Miller, Jerry	Valle, Paula
Byall, Lowell	Hicks, David	Moser, Paul	Van Arsdale, David
Byers, Harold	Hicks, Mae	Murman, Kimberly	Vautier, Grif
Campbell, Arthur	Hodgson, Deanne	Nielsen, Richard	Vogel, Leslie
Cameron, Stu	Houdeshell, Donovan	Palmer, Theron	Voth, John
Citron, Suzanne	Jacobs, Lynn	Pfeffer, William	Wallace, David
Clark, Bobbye	Jenkins, Charles	Phillips, Norman	White, Frank
Clark, Robert	Joe, Victor	Phillips, Beverly	Wilcher, Jay
Cook, John	Johnson, Caleb	Porter, Don	Witt, Bill
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Johnston, Robert	Parker, Gayle	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Courtney, Philip	Jones, Stanley	Pulido, Gloria	Wright, Douglas
Doh, Joseph	Jousan, Mike	Rae, Robert	Wright, Eugene
Dulaney, Robert	Kim, Kwang	Reinhold, Ruth	Young, Alvin
Eckert, Peter	Kim, Myung Bae	Pyke, Richard	Zabriskie, Richard
Eisenhower, LauraGrace	Kirk, Wayne	Schenck, Jed	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Excused

Fort Defiance - Donna Etsitty

Teaching Elders Absent

Avram, Wesley	Brandfass, Gwen	Evans, Jonathan	Hart, Floyd
Beard, Steve	Bybee, David	Garcia, Joaquin	Hawkins, Darren
Blincoe, Robert	Doh, Helen	Harmon, Frank	Hilla, Andrew

Johnson, Bruce	Ramirez, Julio	Stahmer, Bruce	Turner, David
Kerber, Keith	Roberts, Margaret	Sexton, Kirk	Vautier, Holly
Lloyd, Linda	Schumacher, Bruce	Song, Seok Min	Weir, Kyle
Miller, Joan	Schultz, Harris	Tamayo, Erin	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Halwood, Danny	Kelly, Calvin	Weinschenk, Sam
Jones, Paul	Lewis, Annette	

Churches Absent

Alpine	Fort McDowell	Mountain View	Wellton Community
Arizona Korean	Gila Crossing	Northminster	Wickenburg First
Betania	Goodyear Village	Parker Valley	Winslow
Celebration of Life	Guadalupe	Payson Community	
Central	Lake Havasu	Pinetop	
Christ	Leupp First	Springerville	
Emmanuel	Maricopa First	Tuba City	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

COMBINED GRAND CANYON AND de CRISTO PRESBYTERY MEETING

9:00 a.m. Call to Order Moderators Mary Lynn Walters and Stephanie Hamilton
Lighting of the Peace Candle and Opening Prayer

GRAND CANYON BUSINESS MEETING

9:05 a.m. Welcoming First Time Commissioners and Guests Mary Lynn Walters
Introduction of New Teaching Elders
Introduction of Leanne Leonard, Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank Director
Establishing a Quorum
Approving the Docket
Approving the Consent Agenda
Receiving New Business
GA Commissioner Nominations Report
Announcements Spiritual Direction Training Paul Soderquist
Peace and Justice John Bivens
Operations/Nominations Jeanette Miller
Alpine Administrative Commission Report Ed Spence
Commission on Preparation Report Cathy Northrup
Enrollment of Paul Elgin as Candidate for Teaching Elder
Presbytery Pastor Report Brad Munroe
Stated Clerk/Associate Report Bob Schulz
Form Northminster and Sunnyslope/Winslow Admin Commissions
Adjourn (Grand Canyon business meeting)

9:40 a.m. * Break

COMBINED de CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING AND WORSHIP

9:45 a.m. Enrolling Corresponding Members Moderators Stephanie Hamilton and Mary Lynn Walters
Welcome and Arrangements Stan Martin, Mission del Sol
GA Nominating Report Tully Fletcher
Sharing the Peace of Christ
10:00 a.m. Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Rev. Steve Eason, preaching

AGENDA (continued)

WORKSHOPS

- 11:15 a.m. * Workshops: Session One
- 12:15 p.m. * Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. * Workshops: Session Two
- 2:15 p.m. * Workshops: Session Three

DE CRISTO BUSINESS MEETING

- 3:30 p.m. * Reconvene with Prayer Moderator Stephanie Hamilton

COMBINED de CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING

- Adjourn Combined Meeting Moderators Mary Lynn Walters and Stephanie Hamilton
- Closing Prayer

*Order of the Day

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/committees under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:

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1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the March 4, 2015 meeting

Tabled discussion of a letter dated March 3, 2015 from Tom Lineweaver, suggesting that Leadership Team study “The Fellowship Theological Project Paper of 2012” and consider using it as a discussion tool at a Presbytery meeting, with Tom Lineweaver and Tully Fletcher to be invited to the April 8, 2015 Leadership Team meeting for conversation.

Actions taken at the April 8, 2015 meeting

Approved the following plan of action regarding the discussion with Tom Lineweaver and Tully Fletcher:

1. study the Fellowship Theological Project paper of 2012 seeking areas of broad agreement;
2. meet with local leaders of the Fellowship to identify issues that may be driving us apart;
3. plan a workshop for the August presbytery meeting with a panel representing the left, right and middle theological viewpoints; and
4. look at the other items (#3, 4, and 5) on Tom’s second page and reassess.

Approved authorization for the Combined Personnel Committee and Combined Finance Committee to separate the accounting functions for the two presbyteries and hire a Financial Manager for Presbytery de Cristo, with Paul Frieling to remain Financial Manager for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

Approved the joint request from Horizon Presbyterian Church and Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church for a \$20,000 Mission Priority Funding Grant for their youth program.

Approved revision of the Mission Priority Funding Request Application to include contributions to mission and per capita during the past three years and explanation if not made.

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Approved a request from Southminster Presbyterian Church for a \$560 travel grant for Rev. Lonnie Oliver (GA) from Account 60400.

Approved payment of travel expenses of \$560 from Account 56500 for Rob and Christine Fohr related to their participation at the January 2015 Presbytery meeting.

Approved permission for an Executive Staff member and the Presbytery Treasurer (minimum of 2 people) to authorize future travel expenses of up to \$1,000 for corporate meetings.

Approved election of the following nominees to committees as presented by the Operations Committee:

<u>Leadership Team</u>		<u>Congregational Resourcing</u>	
2015	Kimberly Murman (TE)	2015	Martha Lopez Loredo (CRE)
2015	Laurie Porter (Pinnacle)	2016	Phebe Packer (Orangewood)
		2016	Pat Young (TE)
		2017	Teri Conrad (Crosswinds)
		2017	Paul Jones (CRE Yarnell)
<u>CPM</u>			
2017	Tom Lineweaver (TE)		
<u>Synod Commissioner</u>		<u>Montlure Board</u>	
2015	José Olagues (TE)	2015	Shannon Langston (Peoria)
<u>PJC</u> – Approved replacing Ruling Elders Mike Riordan and Selena Keesecker with Teaching Elders to achieve balanced representation.			

Actions taken at the May 12, 2015 meeting

Ratified the approval of the Operations Committee for submittal of an overture from Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church to the 222nd General Assembly for consideration and action on proposed amendments: 1) to the Standing Rules concerning the structure and conduct of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, specifically dealing with Authoritative Interpretations; and 2) to the *Book of Order* regarding the requirements for the adoption of constitutional changes by the presbyteries.

Ratified the approval of the Operations Committee for submittal of an overture from Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley (Presbytery de Cristo) to the 222nd General Assembly for consideration and action on a requested amendment to: 1) change the majority necessary to amend Part II of the Constitution of the PC(USA) to two-thirds of the commissioners present for the vote, in line with our current rules of order regarding amendment to Part 1; and 2) change the majority necessary at General Assembly meetings to two-thirds of the commissioners present for any vote, except in matters of procedure.

Approved election of the following readers for 2015 ordination exams, as nominated by CPM:

TE Cynthia Jennison	RE Paul Rooker
TE Joe Keesecker	RE Frank Walmsley

Approved election of TE Patricia Cockrell Wood to the Permanent Judicial Commission, as nominated by the Operations Committee.

Approved the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Cook Native American Ministries and the Synod of the Southwest, including its four presbyteries, regarding the transition of the CRE training program (which had been coordinated by the former Cook School) from Cook Native American Ministries to the Synod.

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Authorized TE Gale Watkins to recruit and head a group to study GA-proposed changes to the *Book of Order* Directory for Worship and develop comments to be submitted to the 2016 General Assembly from the Presbytery.

Approved requesting a meeting with the Horizon Session as a time to listen to their reasoning in declining the \$20,000 Mission Priority Funding Grant from the Presbytery, as applied for jointly by Horizon and Gila Crossing, as well as any other concerns the Session may have, with representatives from the Presbytery to include: Brad Munroe; 1 representative from Leadership Team; at least 1 member of COM (preferably from Horizon’s cluster: Linda Worsnop, Alfred Merwald, and Bob Aldag); and John Poling.

Actions taken at the June 3, 2015 meeting

Approved the following:

To adopt the following Presbytery of Grand Canyon policy regarding proceeds of the sale of church property when a congregation, at the request of its Session, is being dissolved:

1. the church, through its Session, will have the right to designate a title of all proceeds to a particular mission supported by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, the Synod of the Southwest or the General Assembly of the PC(USA);
2. the remaining proceeds shall be divided equally between the Presbytery’s Missional Growth Fund (#22615) and Emergency Reserves (#22610);
3. the Presbytery shall advise each Session of this policy at its earliest convenience upon hearing of the Session’s decision to seek dissolution of the congregation.

Approved election of the following nominees to committees as presented by the Operations Committee:

<u>Congregational Resourcing</u>		<u>COM</u>	
2016	RE George Brooks (Southminster)	2016	TE Richard Nielsen
2016	RE Rick Casteneda (Memorial)		
<u>PJC</u>		<u>Montlure Board</u>	
2020	TE Doug Baer	2015	Kaylinn Crowl

Endorsed the nomination by the Resources Committee of Barb Zubler as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2016.

Approved the following 2016 Presbytery dates:

January 29-30	August 20
April 2	November 19

Actions taken at the July 8, 2015 meeting

Approved referral of the idea of exploring the possibility of a new worshipping community in the far southeast Valley to the Congregational Resourcing Team.

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Approved funding through a Mission Initiative Grant in the amount of \$800 (\$400 each) to cover expenses of two persons interested in developing a new worshipping community in the southeast Valley to attend the PC(USA)'s August evangelism conference.

Approved the following Presbytery of Grand Canyon policy, as recommended by the Resources Committee:

FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILTIES UPON CHURCH CLOSURE

This policy is intended to guide how the assets of a church are disbursed when the church is closing. It is acknowledged that the remaining members of the congregation may want to play a part in this process, often desiring to leave a legacy by which their church may be remembered. This must be balanced with the Presbytery's fiduciary and missional responsibility to ministry throughout the entire Presbytery.

An Administrative Commission formed by the Presbytery will oversee the closure of the church. Closure will involve disposition of key equipment, including items which may have strong sentimental value such as communion sets and crosses.

After disposition of equipment, the remaining cash value of the church shall be handled as follows:

1. The church, through its Session, may request that a mission tithe of up to 10% of the remaining cash value be directed to ministries supported by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, the Synod of the Southwest, or the General Assembly of the PC(USA).
2. The balance of the remaining cash value of the church shall be divided equally between two Presbytery accounts: Missional Initiative Funds and Operating Reserves.

The Presbytery shall advise the Session of this policy upon being informed by the Session of a decision by the congregation to seek closure of the church.

Approved Brad Munroe sending a letter to Linda Valentine at the Presbyterian Mission Agency on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in support of Urban Connect's application for a New Worshipping Communities Investment Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Approved a commitment on the part of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to match funding received by Urban Connect from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, with the matching funds to be from designated Presbytery accounts earmarked for Urban Connect from proceeds of the sale of the Historic First property.

Approved the application by WHEAT for a \$3,000 Hunger Action Enabler grant from GA.

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Approved a Mission Priority Funding application for \$16,870 to hire a grant writer for two years (\$8,435 per year) to research and develop grant opportunities for the Presbytery, with administrative support to be provided through the Congregational Resourcing Team.

Approved the two-year contract between the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo, in accordance with the shared staffing plan, and Laurel Porter for part-time (approximately 10 hours/week) grant writing services for two years, effective August 1, 2015, subject to approval of the contract by the Ministry for Leadership of Presbytery de Cristo, with the cost to be shared as follows:

		<u>Proposed 2-year cost</u>
Labor billed @ \$26/hour	not to exceed \$10,000/year	\$20,000
Reimbursed travel & expenses	not to exceed \$2,050/year	<u>4,100</u>
		\$24,100
Proposed two-year funding to be supplied by Grand Canyon (70%)		\$16,870
Proposed two-year funding to be supplied by de Cristo (30%)		<u>7,230</u>
		\$24,100

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Action taken at the January 13, 2015 meeting

Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church

Approved the Rev. Rock Fremont (UCC) to serve as pulpit supply to Gila Crossing Presbyterian Church effective January 13, 2015.

Actions taken at the February 24, 2015 meeting

Seller, Ben

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Ben Seller to be Designated Pastor to Church of the Master Presbyterian Church for a period of two years effective April 7, 2015, on the following annual terms:

Salary	\$42,800	Pension/Medical/Dental	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	35,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	6,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
50% of Self-Employment Payroll Tax			

Saylor, George

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. George Saylor and Chandler Presbyterian Church, at his request, as approved at the congregational meeting on February 22, 2015 and granted Rev. Saylor the status of Honorably Retired effective December 1, 2014.

Actions taken at the March 24, 2015 meeting

Soderquist, Paul

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Paul Soderquist from the Presbytery of Prospect Hill to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective March 31, 2015.

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Seller, Ben

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Ben Seller from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective April 7, 2015.

Ramos, Gonzalo

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Gonzalo Ramos from the Presbyterian Church of Columbia to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective March 24, 2015.

Cho, Yongho

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Yongho Cho as Pastor to Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church, his transfer from the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad (KPCA) to the PC(USA) having been completed, with the installation to be Sunday, April 12, 2015, at 4:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Lowell Byall

Harrell Davis

Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Lawn Griffiths

Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)

Baker, Brant

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Brant Baker from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO), effective April 6, 2015.

McIntosh, Constance

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Constance McIntosh from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of South Louisiana, effective March 24, 2015.

McKewen, Joe

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Jody McKewen from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Tropical Florida effective March 24, 2015.

Gilbert Presbyterian Church

Approved the description for a Designated Associate Pastor position.

Actions taken at the April 28, 2015 meeting

Holland, Cheri

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Cheri Holland from the Presbytery of San Jose to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective April 28, 2015.

Wilcher, Randy

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Randy Wilcher from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective April 28, 2015.

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Moorefield, Susan

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Susan Moorefield to be Pastor to Faith Presbyterian Church and the transfer of her membership from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective July 1, 2015, on the following terms:

Salary	\$100,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	NA	Med Deductible	\$1,305
Auto Allowance	3,000	Soc Security Allowance	\$7,650
Study Allowance	2,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Prof Expense Allowance	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
		Moving Expenses	up to \$12,000

McCabe, Norma

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Norma McCabe and Kayenta Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective February 4, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$15,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing	provided	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	One week
Cont Ed Allowance	300		

Jones, Paul

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Paul Jones and Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 25, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 8,700	Pension/Medical	\$16,100
Housing Allowance	25,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	9,000	Study Leave	Acts 16:5 participation
Other Expenses	10,300		

Saylor, George

Approved the nomination of the Rev. George Saylor to serve as Parish Associate to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church effective February 11, 2015.

First Presbyterian Church Yuma

Approved the Minister Information Form (MIF) for pastoral search.

Actions taken at the May 26, 2015 meeting

Stahmer, Bruce

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Bruce Stahmer from San Gabriel Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective May 26, 2015.

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LeCluyse, Eileen

Approved the ordination of Candidate under care Eileen “Buzzy” LeCluyse (Mountain View) by Heartland Presbytery on June 14, 2015, following her successful examination by that Presbytery at its April 21, 2015 meeting, in order that she may accept the Pastoral Call to be Associate Pastor to Pine Ridge Presbyterian Church in Kansas City, Missouri, effective June 1, 2015.

Kirk, Wayne

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Wayne Kirk and Northminster Presbyterian Church at his request, and approved his change in status to an At-Large member of Presbytery, effective June 1, 2015.

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Approved the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement between Richard Klaus and Northminster Presbyterian Church, on a 4 day per week basis, for a period of one year effective June 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, while Northminster seeks dismissal from the PC(USA) (with COM to assign a Moderator of Session), on the following terms:

Salary	\$20,000	BPO Pension/Medical	NA
Housing Allowance	10,000	Pension Coverage	\$ 6,000
Travel Allowance	2,000	Medical Coverage	\$10,000
Other Expenses	2,000	Vacation	Four weeks

Gilbert Presbyterian Church

Approved the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between Jennifer Fraser and Gilbert Presbyterian Church, on a 20 hour per week basis, for a period of one year effective June 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$21,000	Pension/Medical	NA
Housing Allowance	NA	Vacation	Two weeks
Travel Allowance	vouchered	Study Leave	One week
Continuing Ed Allowance	500		

Covenant of Closure

Approved new Interim Covenant of Closure agreement form.

Actions taken at the June 23, 2015 meeting

Danforth, Mary

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Mary Danforth and Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church beginning October 15, 2015 through December 31, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$1,667	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing Allowance	2,708	Vacation	One week
Travel Allowance	125	Study Leave	Three days
Study Allowance	104		

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Weinschenk, Sam

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Sam Weinschenk and First Presbyterian Church of Wickenburg, on a less than 19 hours per week basis, for a period of one year effective November 1, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 5,800
Housing Allowance	15,000
Travel Allowance	.565/mile

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, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$15,220.80	Pension/Medical	\$1,080
Housing Allowance	10,147.20	Study Leave Allowance	250
Travel Allowance	660.00		
Other Allowance	660.00		

Tamayo, Erin

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Erin Tamayo as Executive Director of Arizona Faith Network in Phoenix, effective June 23, 2015, as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation.

Witte, Catherine

Approved support of the initiative of the Rev. Cathy Witte in requesting that the U.S. Public Health Service commission chaplains within its corps. (Cathy is currently commissioned on active duty by the U.S. Public Health Service as a pharmacist assigned to Indian Health Services, where she also serves as a chaplain. On her recent deployment to West Africa she proposed and received approval to officially serve as a chaplain with a U.S. Public Health Service team setting up an Ebola treatment center.)

Validation of Lights

Approved validation of Lights, a ministry consisting of 1) a consultancy for creating media projects for congregational life and 2) a new initiative to provide congregations with faithful and carefully crafted sermons and lesson materials on film, as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation.

Felix, Robert

Approved the ordination of Candidate under care Robert Felix (Valley) as a Teaching Elder by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, dependent upon his successful examination by our Presbytery at its November 6-7, 2015 meeting, in order that he may accept the Call to be Director of the Lights ministry, with an ordination date and Administrative Commission to be determined.

Pulpit Supply List

Approved addition of Candidate under care Kelsey Woodruff (Valley) to the Pulpit Supply List, as recommended by CPM.

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Actions taken at the July 28, 2015 meeting

Approved a Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between Kelsey Woodruff and Valley Presbyterian Church on a part-time basis (20-25 hours per week) for a period of six months effective August 6, 2015, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms, with compensation for weddings and funerals to be paid directly from family at the established Valley Presbyterian Church guidelines for honorariums, and approved this position as appropriate for offering a Call leading to Ordination, dependent upon Kelsey’s successful examination by our Presbytery at its November 6-7, 2015 meeting:

Salary	\$500/week	Pension/Medical	NA
Housing Allowance	NA		
Travel Allowance	.575/mile		

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Action taken at the February 17, 2015 meeting

Approved that the quorum for the Commission on Preparation for Ministry shall be a simple majority, based on the number of filled positions at the time of the meeting (maximum 15). The definition of simple majority is: 1) for even numbered groups, one-half plus one; and 2) for odd number groups, one-half rounded up to the next whole number.

Action taken at the March 17, 2015 meeting

Deferred action on requiring a background check for Inquirers/Candidates until COM develops a Presbytery policy on background checks.

Actions taken at the April 21, 2015 meeting

Approved removal of Esther Robinson of First Presbyterian Church of Mesa, at her request, from the Roll of Inquirers under care of the Presbytery, effective April 21, 2015.

Enrolled Gregory Grahlmann of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott as an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery.

Selected TE Cynthia Jennison, TE Joe Keesecker, RE Paul Rooker and RE Frank Walmsley as CPM’s nominees to represent our Presbytery in reading PC(USA) ordination exams for 2015.

Action taken at the May 19, 2015 meeting

Approved granting an Inquirer \$400 from CPM designated Presbytery account(s), if available and not in conflict with existing Presbytery policy, to be used for living expenses during a required out-of-state seminary course, with that amount to be matched by his home church.

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Actions taken at the June 16, 2015 meeting

Approved recommendation to the Presbytery that Inquirer Paul Elgin of Pinetop Presbyterian Church be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder, pending receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Pinetop Session (received).

Certified Candidate Kelsey Woodruff of Valley Presbyterian Church as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

Approved recommendation to COM that Kelsey Woodruff be added to the Presbytery's Pulpit Supply List.

Approved adoption of a policy that CPM will respond to any request for financial aid from an Inquirer or Candidate at the annual consultation, on a case-by-case basis.

Action taken at the July 21, 2015 meeting

Certified Candidate Emily Beghin of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call, effective August 16, 2015.

4. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the February 25, 2015 meeting

Approved that the Presbytery will no longer pursue collection of any outstanding loan overpayments related to the 2014 sale of land by Chandler Presbyterian Church.

Authorized the Session of Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church to enter into a lease through June 2016 with the existing school operating on that property with the condition that Grand Canyon Presbytery also be a signatory on the lease.

Actions taken at the March 18, 2015 meeting

Authorized Bob Schulz to execute documentation necessary to enter into a prepaid 99-year lease on the Cornfields building in the amount of \$10,100.

Authorized Bob Schulz to act on behalf of the Presbytery in entering into a lease starting January 1, 2016 with the existing school operating at the Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church facility, with lease terms to extend at least through the end of the 2015/2016 school year and with possible options to renew after that. (The Sunnyslope congregation is dissolving on 12/31/15 and the school intends to keep operating at least through summer 2016.)

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Actions taken at the May 20, 2015 meeting

Approved endorsement of a proposal to be submitted to GA by Tully Fletcher to launch a YAV (Young Adult Volunteers) program for Phoenix, hosted by Orangewood Presbyterian Church, with the request that business issues (such as insurance, payroll processing, etc.) be defined prior to approving any significant funds from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. (GA denied funding because there is already a YAV program in Arizona, in Tucson.)

Approved a recommendation to the Operations Committee that Barb Zubler be nominated as the next Treasurer for the Presbytery at the conclusion of the term of Treasurer Paul Rooker.

Approved a recommendation to the Operations Committee that Paul Rooker be nominated to a 3-year term as a member of the Resources Committee starting in January 2016.

Actions taken at the June 17, 2015 meeting

Approved a Mission Priority grant application to provide \$16,870 for a grant writer to assist primarily the Presbytery's ethnic and NA churches in obtaining funding from available resources.

Approved a Mission Priority grant application in the amount of \$14,000 to provide funding for the participation of up to 16 Grand Canyon Teaching Elders in the two-year Hearts and Minds pastoral cohort program, co-sponsored by the Presbytery of Inland Northwest and the Whitworth Institute of Ministry, during which the Teaching Elders will meet regularly within the Presbytery and for one week during the summer at Whitworth.

5. Operations Committee Report

Actions taken at the February 3, 2015 meeting

Approved the appointment of Jeannette Miller as the liaison from the Operations Committee to its sub-committee for Nominations (Art Campbell, Lawn Griffith and Kathryn Owens).

Approved forwarding a report from Brad Munroe on the diversity of representation among the Presbytery's committees, including the report's recommendations, to the Nominations sub-committee.

Approved the Minutes of the August 16, 2014 Presbytery meeting.

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6. Stated Clerk Report

RENUNCIATION OF JURISDICTION

A letter was received from the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians requesting that the Rev. Brant Baker come under ECO ecclesiastical authority. A letter dated 4/6/15 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz in response to ECO acknowledging Rev. Baker’s renunciation of jurisdiction and removal from the rolls, pursuant to Book of Order provision G-2.0509, effective 4/6/15.

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 Hugh Woods Insurance Company, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery’s facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2015-1/1/2016.

REPORT OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon received its annual independent auditors’ report, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. for the year ending December 31, 2014.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Yongho Cho April 12, 2015

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Yongho Cho met at Arizona Korean Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, on Sunday, April 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Cho, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Maeng-Ho Ahn (Dakota Presbytery)
 Harrell Davis (Sun City West)
 Brad Munroe (Presbytery Pastor)

Ruling Elders

Lawn Griffiths (University)
 Moon Sup Lee (Arizona Korean)
 Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)

Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Lynn Walters, Moderator

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS UPDATE

The following Administrative Commission has been formed, subject to approval by the Presbytery, to close Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church, at the request of its Session, and Winslow Presbyterian Church, at the request of its Session, due to shrinking numbers, decreasing finances and aging congregations. The process will conform to the current Presbytery Policy for Congregations Desiring a Departure from the PC(USA), using current interpretations of constitutionality developed through General Assembly PJC cases.

Melinda Brown
 Teri Conrad
 Michael Hartwell
 Ken Moe

José Olagues
 Paul Rooker
 Barbara Walker

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The following Administrative Commission has been formed, subject to approval by the Presbytery, to dismiss Northminster Presbyterian Church, at the request of its Session, to another Reformed denomination after discernment and definition of terms for dismissal for the congregation. The process will conform to the current Presbytery Policy for Congregations Desiring a Departure from the PC(USA), using current interpretations of constitutionality developed through General Assembly PJC decisions and orders issued on related cases which are specific as to what must be considered in dismissal proceedings.

Art Campbell	Lois Hildenbrand
Jerry Chruma	Kathryn Owens
Mary Danforth	Pat Young
Lawn Griffiths	

The work of the following Administrative Commission to dissolve Alpine Presbyterian Church to serve as a community church and to dismiss Springerville Presbyterian Church to another Reformed denomination is ongoing through a process conforming to the current Presbytery Policy for Congregations Desiring a Departure from the PC(USA), using current interpretations of constitutionality developed through General Assembly PJC decisions and orders issued on related cases which are specific as to what must be considered in dismissal proceedings.

Tom Berry	Cecil Patterson
Stu Cameron	George Prohaska
Jeanette Miller	Ed Spence, Moderator
Jean Montgomery	

SYNOD REVIEW OF 2014 PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest Executive/Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca, and the Stated Clerk/Associate of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo met in Phoenix on May 20, 2015 and reviewed the minutes, rolls and registers of Santa Fe, Sierra Blanca, Grand Canyon and de Cristo. The Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon covering January 24, 2014 – November 15, 2014 were approved without exception.

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2014 were reviewed and approved:

<u>March 7, 2015</u>	<u>May 9, 2015</u>	
Southminster	Bethany	Desert Palms
Valley	Community Payson	First Peoria
	Crosswinds	Pinnacle

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**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS REPORTED BY GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2014**

MINISTERS

Ministers on Roll 12/31/13	186
Gains	
Received from Presbyteries	8
Ordained	0
Received from Denominations	0
Restored	0
Total gains	+ 7
Losses	
Deaths	3
Dismissed to Presbyteries	5
Dismissed to Denominations	0
Other Removals	1
Total losses	- 9
Ministers on Roll 12/31/14	184

INQUIRERS/CANDIDATES

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/14	4
Candidates on Roll 12/31/14	8

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members 12/31/13	12,669
Gains	
17 and under	49
18 and over	180
Certificate	120
Other Gains	127
Total gains	+ 476
Losses	
Certificate	54
Death	271
Other	445
Total losses	- 770
Active Members 12/31/14	12,375

BAPTISMS

Children	71	Adult	24
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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 5,643

AFFILIATE MEMBERS 572

ADULT MEMBER AGE

25 + under	844
26 – 45	1,444
46 – 55	1,305
56 – 65	1,485
65+	4,378

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (continued)

COMPOSITION	Active Members	Session Members	Deacons
Asian	72	3	2
Black	38	5	1
African American	158	12	12
African	27	0	1
Middle Eastern	11	0	0
Hispanic	161	10	11
Native American	150	8	3
White	9,538	236	273
Other	10	0	0
Male	3,543		
Female	5,058		

PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Receipts		Expenditures	
Regular Contributions	12,651,347	Local Program	12,976,813
Capital/Building	3,406,613	Local Mission	484,829
Investments	644,581	Capital Expenditures	2,098,467
Bequests	536,395	Investment	382,956
Other Income	1,892,497	Per Capita	316,045
Subsidy	67,586	Validated Mission	830,608
		Theological Education	6,200
		Other Mission	224,127

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GA COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS

Names of persons interested in being placed into nomination to serve as our commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly in 2016 were announced, with election of two Teaching Elder commissioners, two Ruling Elder commissioners and one YAAD to be at the November 6-7, 2015 Presbytery meeting. No prospective nominees to serve as our YAAD had been submitted. After the initial list of names was read it was noted that it would be good to include a Native American representative from our Presbytery and Karen Shaw added her name from the floor.

<u>Ruling Elder Commissioner</u>	<u>Teaching Elder Commissioner</u>	<u>Young Adult Advisory Delegate</u>
Carol Gerlach (First Mesa)	Tom Berry (Pinetop)	none as of yet
Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)	Terry Palmer (Gilbert)	
Cheryl Williams (Gilbert)	Chuck Proudfoot (Payson)	
+ Karen Shaw (Salt River)	Ed Spence (HR)	
	Linda Worsnop (Palo Cristi)	
	Cathy Witte (US Health Service)	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Soderquist announced that he had started a Spiritual Directions training class, open to clergy and CREs, to run from September through May. John Bivens, from the Peace and Justice Network, announced International Peacemaker Edelberto Valdes Fleites, from the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba, was to visit our Presbytery from October 1-4.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jeanette Miller presented nominations. There was one nomination from the floor and the following were approved:

Synod Commissioner

2015 RE Bev Fletcher

2017 TE Shelly Moe

2017 TE José Olagues

2017 TE Richard Nielsen

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Cathy Northrup presented Inquirer Paul Elgin (Pinetop) to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Paul fielded several questions from the floor about his Christian service and the persons in his life who had affirmed his Call. There was a motion to end the examination, which was approved. As recommended by CPM, the following was then approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Paul Elgin as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

Paul was joined by his family and friends as Cathy gave the charge, reminding him of the responsibilities of a Teaching Elder outlined in the *Book of Order*. A prayer was offered for Paul as he continued on his journey towards becoming a Teaching Elder.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported that online sexual misconduct prevention training was available at no cost through Hugh Wood. Details of the program were distributed with the meeting call materials.

Brad introduced Laurie Porter, the new joint staff part-time grant writer. He encouraged presbyters to feel free to contact Laurie if they had questions or suggestions for possible grant inquiries.

Brad announced that Stephanie Hamilton had resigned as Director of Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp. He led the Presbytery in thanking Stephanie for her dedicated service during an extremely challenging time after the camp was closed due to the Wallow Fire in May 2011, leaving the camp leadership to seek out alternate camping sites in the summers since then.

STATED CLERK/ASSOCIATE REPORT

Bob Schulz announced that the Presbytery had been notified by the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church that the congregation desired dismissal from the PC(USA). He announced that the Sessions of Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church and Winslow Presbyterian Church had notified the Presbytery that their congregations desired dissolution (closure).

Bob introduced two motions concerning the three congregations. Appointments of Administrative Commission members were approved via the Consent Agenda (see Pages 16-17). Copies of the motions were distributed to presbyters at the meeting.

NORTHMINSTER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The following motion regarding dismissal of Northminster Presbyterian Church was approved:

MOTION: That the Presbytery authorize the appointment by the Moderatorial Team of an Administrative Commission consisting of seven ruling and teaching elders, in accordance with Form of Government G-3.0109b, for the purpose of entering a season of discernment with Northminster Presbyterian Church and, depending on the outcome of the discernment, coordinating the dismissal of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona, from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In completing its work the Commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the PC(USA) with respect to the work of administrative commissions.

The Administrative Commission shall first enter into a season of discernment with Northminster Presbyterian Church concerning its congregational membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Presbytery affirms its commitments during this season of discernment as follows:

- a commitment to full disclosure of its actions;
- a commitment to a season of prayer;
- a commitment to discover a way for Northminster Presbyterian Church to remain in the PC(USA) or, if not possible, to part company as reconciled brothers and sisters in Christ;
- a commitment to offer respect to all persons involved, demonstrating the love and justice of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit; and
- a commitment to ensure that all voices be heard and nurtured.

The Administrative Commission shall fulfill the discernment responsibility to make a sincere effort to inquire of all Northminster members as to their knowledge of the reason for this desired departure, their understanding of the implication of departure from the PC(USA) and their individual desire to do so. The Commission shall engage in dialogue with the Session concerning the substantive reason for this departure and to interpret the PC(USA)'s life, ministry and beliefs to the congregation.

The Presbytery empowers the Commission with the authority to call a gathering of the congregational members as it deems necessary. When as many of the members have been consulted as possible, using its sincere efforts, the Commission will then bring a report with a recommendation to a meeting of the Presbytery whether to discharge the Commission or to proceed with the dismissal process.

If the Commission is given direction to proceed with the Northminster dismissal process, the Commission shall have the following authority:

- a. in consultation with the Session, to establish an effective date for the dismissal to another Reformed body, or a dissolution;
- b. in consultation with the Session, to specifically identify those members so wishing to join another Reformed body, and to place all other members on the roll of the Presbytery for a period of one year while the opportunity is given for these persons to identify a preference for future church membership;
- c. in consultation with the Session and congregation, to determine the preferred dismissal or dissolution option;

- d. in consultation with the Presbytery Leadership Team, to identify the ongoing mission interests of Grand Canyon Presbytery in the community immediately surrounding Northminster;
- e. in consultation with the Session, to seek a mutually agreeable proposal for the disposition of all property, contents, and historical documents, with the aim of furthering the mission of Christ through good stewardship of resources. The Commission may explore a variety of options to accomplish these tasks, including leasing or transferring the property, or a combination of a ground lease and a transfer of the building. The Commission, in light of the Presbytery's ongoing mission interests, may propose other considerations, including provisions for Northminster Presbyterian Church to continue to support the ministry of the Presbytery through designated mission giving or per capita contributions for a specified period;
- f. to ensure that the property at Northminster Presbyterian Church remains fully insured and all indebtedness matters are being addressed in a timely manner;
- g. to develop a plan for the proper distribution to the Presbytery of all of the congregation records, Session records, and other pertinent records of the church;
- h. to have the authority to assume original jurisdiction if the Session is unable to oversee the ongoing life of Northminster Presbyterian Church before the effective date of the dismissal or dissolution;
- i. to bring to the Presbytery, for its approval, a proposal regarding the disposition of all real property and financial terms, and the proposal for dismissal or dissolution; and
- j. to see that all professional fees and costs incurred by the work of the Commission are reimbursed from the resources of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

That the Presbytery instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate these actions to the Northminster Presbyterian Church Session in writing.

SUNNYSLOPE/WINSLOW ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The following motion regarding dissolution (closure) of Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church and dissolution (closure) of Winslow Presbyterian Church was approved:

MOTION: That the Presbytery authorize the appointment by the Moderatorial Team of an Administrative Commission consisting of seven ruling and teaching elders, in accordance with Form of Government G-3.0109b, for the purpose of entering a season of discernment with Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church and Winslow Presbyterian Church and, depending on the outcome of the discernment, coordinating the dissolution (closure) of Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, Arizona, and Winslow Presbyterian Church, Winslow, Arizona, both from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

In completing its work the Commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the PC(USA) with respect to the work of administrative commissions.

The Administrative Commission shall first enter into a season of discernment with Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church and Winslow Presbyterian Church concerning each church's congregational membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The Presbytery affirms its commitments during this season of discernment as follows:

- a commitment to full disclosure of its actions;
- a commitment to a season of prayer;
- a commitment to discover a way for the Sunnyslope and Winslow churches to remain in the PC(USA) or, if not possible, to part company as reconciled brothers and sisters in Christ;
- a commitment to offer respect to all persons involved, demonstrating the love and justice of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit; and
- a commitment to ensure that all voices be heard and nurtured.

The Administrative Commission shall fulfill the discernment responsibility to make a sincere effort to inquire of all Sunnyslope and Winslow members as to their knowledge of the reason for the desired departure, their understanding of the implication of dissolution (closure) from the PC(USA) and their individual desire to do so. The Commission shall engage in dialogue with the Sessions concerning the substantive reason for the closure.

The Presbytery empowers the Commission with the authority to call a gathering of the congregational members as it deems necessary. When as many of the members have been consulted as possible, using its sincere efforts, the Commission will then bring a report with a recommendation to a meeting of the Presbytery whether to discharge the Commission or to proceed with the dissolution process.

If the Commission is given direction to proceed with the Sunnyslope and/or Winslow church dissolution (closure) process, the Commission shall have the following authority to consult with each church independently:

- a. in consultation with the Session, to establish an effective date for the dissolution (closure);
- b. in consultation with the Session, to specifically identify those members so wishing to join another Presbyterian congregation, and to place all other members on the roll of the Presbytery for a period of one year while the opportunity is given for these persons to identify a preference for future church membership;
- c. in consultation with the Session and congregation, to determine the specifics of the dissolution (closure) process;
- d. in consultation with the Presbytery Leadership Team, to identify the ongoing mission interests of Grand Canyon Presbytery in the community immediately surrounding Sunnyslope and Winslow;
- e. in consultation with the Session, to seek a mutually agreeable proposal for the disposition of all property, contents, and historical documents, with the aim of furthering the mission of Christ through good stewardship of resources. The Commission may explore a variety of options to accomplish these tasks, including leasing or transferring the property, or a combination of a ground lease and a transfer of the building;
- f. to ensure that the property at Sunnyslope and Winslow remain fully insured and all indebtedness matters are being addressed in a timely manner;
- g. to develop a plan for the proper distribution to the Presbytery of all of the congregation records, Session records, and other pertinent records of each respective church;

- h. to have the authority to assume original jurisdiction if the Session is unable to oversee the ongoing life of Sunnyslope or Winslow church, respectively, before the effective date of the dissolution (closure);
- i. to bring to the Presbytery, for its approval, a proposal regarding the disposition of all real property and financial terms, and the proposal for dissolution (closure); and
- j. to see that all professional fees and costs incurred by the work of the Commission are reimbursed from the resources of Sunnyslope and Winslow, respectively.

That the Presbytery instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate these actions in writing to the Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church Session and the Winslow Presbyterian Church, respectively.

ADJOURNMENT OF PRESBYTERY MEETING

A motion was approved to adjourn the Presbytery of Grand Canyon business meeting at the conclusion of the day as the joint meeting of Grand Canyon and de Cristo was adjourned.

JOINT MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERIES OF GRAND CANYON AND DE CRISTO

Following the Grand Canyon business meeting the joint plenary began, with Corresponding Members being introduced and approved for enrollment at the meeting. Tully Fletcher, a member of the GA Nominating Committee, encouraged everyone to consider making nominations. The Rev. Stan Martin, Pastor, welcomed both Presbyteries to Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church. Presbyters shared the Peace of Christ.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Steve Eson, Director of Consulting Services for Macedonian Ministry, delivered the sermon based on Numbers 11:14, comparing our current situation with the wilderness period in Israel’s history. The Revs. Stan Martin and Mary Saylor presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and special music was provided by Mission del Sol musicians. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to the Mathew 25 Border Ministry program.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION/EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Leaders for the day’s Leadership Formation workshops were:

A Clerk’s Toolkit: Clerk of Session Training	Bob Schulz, Carol Gerlach
Essential Tenets	Gale Watson, Chuck Proudfoot, Mary Saylor
How Media Culture Is Reshaping How We Do Church	Jim Toole
Developing Congregational Leaders for Action	Steve Eason
Understanding the Changing Shape of Community	Eneyas Frietas
The Twelve Steps as a Path for Spiritual Formation	Mike Japenga
Growing Disciples 101	Diane Christopher
New Presbyterian Curriculum	Mark Hinds (Presby Publishing)
Risk Management for Churches	Mary Lammermeier (Hugh Woods)
Congregational Renewal	Andy Ross
Mission Partnership: Our Native Congregations	Custer Lowe, Martha Sadongei, Judy Wellington
Scripture Reading Practicum	Karen Muenich

Understanding Addiction	Mike Japenga
The Florence Project	Hugo Polanco, Anna Marie Smith
Handling Conflict	Laura Munroe
Missional Ministry: Biblical Call to Nuts and Bolts Practice	Ken Page
Sexual Abuse Prevention Training/Praesidum	Aaron Lundberg, LMSW
Forming Leadership Teams to Communities of Discernment	David Joynt
Choosing Surgery or Hospice? The Church Life Cycle	Brad Munroe
The Sanctuary Experience	Alison Harrington, Eric Ledermann
New Look at Benefits: Being the Best Employer You Can Be	Clayton Cobb
Praying the Labyrinth	Elizabeth Lyman

ADJOURNMENT

After adjournment of the business meeting of Presbytery de Cristo, the motion to adjourn the joint meeting was approved and the joint meeting was closed in prayer at 4:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon was scheduled for November 6-7, 2015, at Community Presbyterian Church in Pinetop.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of August 15, 2015 at the Leadership Team meeting on November 4, 2015.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

July 8, 2015
Date