

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

August 17, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Tucson. This was a joint meeting with neighboring Presbytery de Cristo. Moderators Bob Schulz and Pete Seiferth opened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Tony Cook, Interim Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented.

GREETINGS

The Rev. Jim Toole, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment for this meeting.

Leaders for the day's Leadership Formation workshops were introduced:

Seven Tech Tips for Churches	Tully Fletcher
Collaborative Community Partnerships	Bruce Johnson
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	John Cheek and Karen Smith
Reaching Young Adults in the Church	Amy Jacober
Social Media for Churches	Eric Ledermann
But We've Never Done It That Way Before	Pete Seiferth
From Global to Local: Impacting Refugees	Natalia Winberry
Engaging Prison Ministry	Richard Taylor
Changes in BPO Medical Dues	Clayton Cobb
Are We Making Disciples or Raising Money?	Dave and Marney Wasserman
Ministering to Those Affected by Suicide	Hilary Cummings
Come, Build, Hope (AMOR Ministries)	Forrest Fowler
Writing Your Faith Story	Rachel Srabas

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

De Cristo – Cobb, Clayton (Pacific)

Tewell, Thomas (Greater Atlanta)

Grand Canyon – Wellington, Judith (Santa Fe)

Barcanic, Naomi (ELCA)

Teaching Elders Present – 35

Alvarez, Renato	Good, Bill	McCabe, Norma	Saylor, George
Avram, Wesley	Hartwell, Michael	McIntosh, Constance	Saylor, Mary
Bailey, Linda	Hicks, David	Moe, Michelle	Selestewa, Sharon
Baker, Brant	Hubbard, Deborah	Moser, Paul	Spence, Edward
Berg, George	Johnson, Bruce	Muenich, Karen	Wasserman, Dave
Doh, Joseph	Keesecker, Joe	Palmer, Theron	Watkins, Gale
Doh, Helen	Ledermann, Eric	Poling, John	Worsnop, Linda
Evans, Jonathan	Lineweaver, Thomas	Proudfoot, Charles	Young, Patricia
Fletcher, Tully	Martin, Stan	Sadongei, Martha	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 31

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell	Memorial - Mary Lynn Walters
Celebration of Life - Marlin Fried	Mesa First - Bill Lents
Chinle Trinity - Rena Begay	Mingus View - John MacFadden, Susan Goe
Church of the Master - Jeff Chrietien	Mission del Sol - Linda Hubbard, Carolyn McBurney
Crosswinds - Teri Conrad	Orangewood - Bob Orf
Desert Palms - Jane Linville, Jean Montgomery	Pinnacle - Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker
Fountain Hills - Donna Yordy	Salt River - Ray Salcido
Ganado - Custer Lowe	Sierra Vista - Cindy Michels
Gila Crossing - Gloria Suchta	Sun City First- Gene Downing
Gilbert - Barbara Zubler	Sunnyslope - Willie Zunker
Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina	Tuba City First - Jones Yazzie
Horizon - Chuck Jarrell	University - Lawn Griffiths
Kayenta - Milinda Benallie	Verde Valley - Marilyn Brookshire
Lehi - Theresa Chiago	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 4

Danforth, Mary	Halwood, Danny	Lewis, Annette	Lopez, Martha
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Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present

Cook, Tony	McBurney, Bruce	Rhoades, Rob
Lineweaver, Sandy	Owens, Kathryn	Schulz, Bob

Staff Members Present

Kath, Beth

Visitors Present

There were 26 registered visitors present.

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Clarke, Dennis	Garcia, Joaquin	Kim, Myung Bae
Anderson, Richard	Cook, John	Garvin, Woody	Kimberlin, Kenneth
Baer, Doug	Corazin, Nan Lyn	Gephart, Al	Kush, Gary
Baxter, Patricia	Corbett, Lawrence	Goodenberger, Alton	Latty, Allan
Bell, Arthur	Courtney, Philip	Gray, Barrie	Lefebvre, Eugene
Berry, Thomas	Crelin, James	Gregory, Kelly	Lloyd, Linda
Bibiloni, Jose	Dulaney, Robert	Hawkins, Ron	Martz, Robert
Bigler, Robert	Eaken, Lawrence	Hayes, William	Mayes, Robert
Borden, John	Eckert, Peter	Hicks, Mae	Melendez, Hipolito
Brahams, Hap	Eisenhower, LauraGrace	Hodgson, David	Meredith, Ralph
Bruening, James	Engstrom, Bud	Hodgson, Deanne	Miller, Jerry
Burtless, Stanford	Farwell, Barbara	Houdeshell, Donavan	Miller, Craig
Byall, Lowell	Flahiff, John	Jacobs, Lynn	Miller, Joan
Byers, Harold	Fooks, John	Jenkins, Charles	Moe, Kenneth
Cameron, Stu	Forsberg, David	Joe, Victor	Moranville, Thomas
Campbell, Arthur	Fowler, Douglas	Johnson, Caleb	Murman, Kimberly
Citron, Suzanne	Fox, Charles	Jones, Stanley	Nielsen, Richard
Clark, Bobbye	Fredrick, John	Jousan, Mike	Northrup, Cathy
Clark, Robert	Fulton, Helmi	Kesler, Jim	Olagues, José

Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Rae, Robert	Smith, Esther	Wallace, David
Page, Kenneth	Ramsdell, Richard	Straatmeyer, Al	Wayne, Richard
Parker, Thomas	Remer, James	Swicegood, Terry	White, Frank
Parker, Gayle	Robertson, John	Tamayo, Erin	Williamson, Donald
Pfeffer, William	Sabbagh, John	Tilly, Mark	Witt, Bill
Phillips, Norman	Schenck, Jed	Ulrickson, Paul	Witte, Cathy
Phillips, Beverly	Schlotzhauer, Wesley	Valle, Paula	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Porter, Don	Schmitt, Gus	Van Arsdale, David	Wright, Douglas
Pratt, Edward	Serchak, David	Vautier, Grif	Wright, Eugene
Pulido, Gloria	Serchak, Jo	Vogel, Leslie	Young, Alvin
Pyke, Richard	Simmons, Robert	Voth, John	Zabriskie, Richard

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Excused

Emmanuel - Laurie Van Dyke	Sacaton First - Loretta Blackwater
Mountain View - Gail Loeffel	Southminster - Cecil Patterson
Pinetop Community - Dick Doan	Valley – Miriam and Jack Schuler, Richard Coffelt
Prescott Trinity - Dede Tilly	Yarnell Community - Wayne Lantrip

Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Hawkins, Darren	McKewen, Jody	Uhley, James
Arbesman, Janet	Hilla, Andrew	Ramirez, Julio	Vautier, Holly
Beard, Steve	Jennison, Cynthia	Reinhold, Ruth	Weir, Kyle
Blincoe, Robert	Johnston, Robert	Roberts, Margaret	Wintz, Michael
Branfass, Gwen	Kerber, Keith	Schumacher, Bruce	Wintz, Susan
Bybee, David	Kim, Kwang	Sexton, Kirk	Zelle, Trina
Davis, Harrell	Kim, Yong Suk	Smallegan, David	
Evans, Lloyd	Kirk, Wayne	Song, Seok Min	
Hart, Floyd	Manning, Marilyn	Turner, David	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Jones, Paul	Kelly, Calvin
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Churches Absent

Alpine Community	Fort Defiance	Leupp First	Springerville
Arizona Korean	Ft. McDowell	Maricopa First	Vah-Ki
Betania	Goodyear Village	Northminster	Wellton Community
Blackwater	Heritage	Orangewood	Westminster
Central	Historic First	Palo Cristi	Wickenburg First
Chandler	Indian Wells	Parker Valley	Winslow
Christ	John Calvin	Payson Community	Yuma First
Faith	Lake Havasu	Peoria First	
Flagstaff Federated	Community	Scottsdale	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

8:30 a.m.	Registration	
8:45 a.m.	Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Peace Candle	Pete Seiferth and Bob Schulz
	Greetings from St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church	Jim Toole

	Establishing a Quorum	Sue Westfall and Tony Cook
	Enrolling Corresponding Members	
	Introduction of Workshop Leaders	
9:15 a.m.	Worship & Celebration of the Lord's Supper	Tom Tewell, Preaching
10:30 a.m.	Plenary with Tom Tewell, Macedonian Ministries	
11:20 a.m.	Break	
11:30 a.m.	Workshops: Session One	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15 p.m.	Workshops: Session Two	
2:15 p.m.	Workshops: Session Three	
3:15 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting	Chapel
	Call to Order	Bob Schulz
	Welcoming New Teaching Elders	
	Approval of Consent Agenda and Addendum	
	Receiving New Business	
	Presbytery Business	
	Leadership Team	Acts 16:5 funding
	Commission on Ministry	Appointment of Administrative Commission for Alpine Community Church
	Operations Committee Report	Re-Election of Stated Clerk Other Nominations
		Bruce McBurney
	Adjournment	Bob Schultz

WORSHIP

The Rev. Thomas Tewell delivered the sermon about “Marching Off the Map” in our collective and individual Christian faith journeys. The Revs. Pete Sieferth and Martha Sadongei presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by the St. Andrew’s praise team and choir.

PRESENTATION ON SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Tom Tewell, founder of Macedonian Ministries, spoke about the important role that small groups can play within the life of a congregation, helping members move from viewing each other as “respectable” Christians to understanding each other as “real” Christians. He reminded us that Jesus himself chose to model Kingdom priorities by spending time within a small group – the twelve disciples. Tom gave the following Top 10 countdown of reasons why Jesus’ followers should participate in a small group:

10. Small groups give people the support to face adversity and challenges.
9. Small groups provide an environment where substantive learning can take place and creative new ideas can be considered.
8. Small groups help people break down stereotypes by getting to know and love people who are not like them.
7. Small groups hold each other accountable to be and do their best.
6. Small groups provide an environment in which people can experience the healing power of humor.
5. Small groups teach people the importance of confidentiality by providing a safe environment in which to be honest and vulnerable with one another.
4. Small groups give people the courage to take a risky step of faith.
3. Small groups have a leader/mentor/spiritual director who sets the tone for Christian community to be built.

2. Small groups teach people the importance of “being present” with one another.

1. Jesus himself was in a small group!

He modeled the kind of life that He wanted his followers to live.

He modeled the priorities of the “Kingdom of God.”

He gave the disciples an example of a prayerful life.

UPDATE ON YARNELL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Ed Spence, a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team sent to Yarnell after the wildfire, announced that help was needed in Yarnell to sort through the large number of food and clothing donations received by the community. Ed promised to keep us updated on other ways volunteers would be needed in the coming months.

WORKSHOPS ON LEADERSHIP FORMATION

The joint meeting gave our presbyters the opportunity to share in Presbytery de Cristo’s tradition of devoting one of their meetings each year to leadership development. Attendees could select three options from thirteen one-hour workshops led by fellow pastors and lay people on a variety of subjects. Our joint portion of the meeting was concluded with prayer, including thanks given for the lunch to be served, as attendees were dismissed to attend their workshops.

RECONVENE FOR GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING

Bob Schulz, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. with prayer. New minister member Stan Martin (Mission de Sol) was introduced.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda and its addendum, which are combined as follows:

8/17/13 Consent Agenda

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1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the May 1, 2013 meeting

Approved that the Presbytery supplement the Montlure Campership grant account to make sure there were enough funds for 2013, with the understanding that the Montlure Campership Network would plan to fundraise to replenish the account for funding for summer 2014.

Approved sending a letter to our congregations, to be signed by the Leadership Team moderator and the Resources Committee chair, with information about the Presbytery’s financial challenges.

Actions taken at the June 5, 2013 meeting

Approved the request from the sessions of Mission del Sol, Mesa First and Orangewood to form an Older Adult Ministries Network for the purpose of hosting the annual Senior Service Awards, as well as promoting other activities and information on issues involving seniors.

There was discussion of an April 19, 2013 letter from Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, which included an Advisory Opinion from GA written in response to our Leadership Team's letter of April 3, 2013, regarding the PC(USA) action due to SB 1070. Discussion by the Leadership Team centered on how the Presbytery should address the Arizona law with our State legislature. Leadership Team approved sending three letters:

- a letter to the Assembly Moderator and Presbyterian Mission Agency stating that the Presbytery had been offended by the action of the 219th GA since the Presbytery had not been consulted, and explaining that the Presbytery believed such an action should have been done in partnership with us, as well as reiterating what the action is costing us;

- a letter of thanks to Gradye Parsons for his prompt response to our April 3, 2013 letter, acknowledging that the Presbytery was considering his counsel on four options; and

- a letter to Governor Brewer, with a copy to be sent to each house of the legislature, informing them of the significance SB 1070 has had on our church, and its corresponding effect on our religious freedom, and requesting them to make modifications to the law.

Approved sending a formal letter extending the Presbytery's appreciation to Southminster and Betania for their hospitality during the Gun Buyback program.

Approved the use of \$394.53 from Restricted Fund 22030, thereby eliminating the fund, and \$150 from Restricted Fund 22108, thereby eliminating the fund, and up to \$150 from Restricted Fund 22383 to provide monies to complete the funding for 2013 Montlure camp scholarships.

Elected Kathryn Owens to serve as Leadership Team Moderator and Terry Palmer to serve as Leadership Team Moderator-Elect from August through December 2013.

Actions taken at the July 2, 2013 meeting

Approved the Church Information Form, including the position description, for Presbytery Pastor as presented.

Approved the Church Information Form, including the position description, for Associate Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk as presented.

Actions taken at the August 7, 2013 meeting

Agreed to request the Operations Committee to develop an appropriate policy on email communications for the Presbytery, including a review of the current communications plan.

Authorized the Peace and Justice Network for another year, beginning September 5, 2013.

Accepted the assignment of responsibility to the Leadership Team for supervision of certain restricted fund accounts as noted in the Presbytery's Restricted Fund Accounts list which was updated May 31, 2013, by the Resources Committee.

Empowered the Moderator to appoint two people to serve on the writing team for a covenant agreement, if requested to do so by the Aqua Fria Food Bank Board of Directors.

Regarding a 9 acre parcel of land in north Peoria owned by the Presbytery and approved by the Resources Committee to be listed for sale –

Approved recommending that the Presbytery approve:

- allowing the 30-day listing to expire without accepting any letters of intent;
- convening a task force to consider the property holdings of the Presbytery and develop a strategy on what to do with them as we move into the future; and
- asking the task force to bring their recommendations back to the Leadership Team for consideration.

Approved, acting as the Presbytery Board of Trustees, the refinancing of two Mountain View Presbyterian Church loans, totaling \$ 2,218,571.04, with MidFirst Bank for 10 years at a 4.07% fixed rate on an ex post facto basis.

Approved sending a letter to the Mountain View Session instructing them: 1.) to hold a congregational meeting to allow the congregation to vote to approve the refinancing of the two loans, and 2.) to advise the Leadership Team when that meeting has taken place.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the May 28, 2013 meeting

Citron, Suzanne

Approved dissolution of the Stated Supply relationship between the Rev. Suzanne Citron and Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church, at her request, and granted Rev. Citron the status of Honorably Retired, effective July 1, 2013.

Barcanic, Naomi

Approved the Temporary Stated Supply Agreement between the Rev. Naomi Barcanic (ELCA) and Verde Valley Presbyterian Church on a part-time basis of 20 hours/week, to include serving as Moderator of Session, for a period of one year beginning June 1, 2013, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$14,000	Vacation	Four Sundays
Housing Allowance	10,000	Study Leave	Two Sundays

McIntosh, Constance

Approved request of PCCMP for permission for the Rev. Constance McIntosh to labor Outside the Bounds in V.A. or military hospital chaplaincy, contingent upon her honoring her covenant including removal of belongings from the manse at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Chinle.

Tamayo, Erin

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Erin Tamayo from the Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member-At-Large, effective May 28, 2013.

Martin, Stanley

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Stanley Martin to be Pastor to Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Twin Cities to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective August 1, 2013, on the following terms:

Salary	\$40,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	30,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Auto Allowance	2,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Moving Expenses	12,000	Study Leave Allowance	\$2,000
Expense Allowance	1,000	Other	2,500

Actions taken at the June 25, 2013 meeting

Swicegood, Terry

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Terry Swicegood (HR) from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective June 25, 2013.

Smallegan, David

Ratified the appointment by the Moderator of the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. David Smallegan as Pastor to Community Presbyterian Church of Springerville on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 2:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Kirk Sexton (Mountain View)
 Jim Uhley (Beyond Jurisdiction)
 Dave Wasserman (Validated)

Ruling Elders

Nancy Loving (Community Springerville)
 Bruce McBurney (Mission del Sol)
 Bob Schulz, Moderator (Mesa First)

Lewis, Annette

Approved the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Annette Lewis and Lehi Presbyterian Church for a period of three years effective January 6, 2013, subject to 30 days notice for termination, with authorization to administer the sacraments and moderate the Session, on the following terms:

Salary	\$7,200	Vacation	Two weeks
Continuing Ed allowance	200	Travel Allowance	\$0.55/mile (plus full payment of car and tire maintenance)

Johnson, Sarah

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Sarah Johnson and Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, effective June 30, 2013.

Serchak, David

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. David Serchak (HR) from the Presbytery of Northern New York to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective June 25, 2013.

Serchak, Jo

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Jo Serchak from the Presbytery of Northern New York to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member-At-Large, effective June 25, 2013.

Actions taken at the July 23, 2013 meeting

Manning, Marilyn

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Marilyn Manning and Valley Presbyterian Church, at her request, and granted Rev. Manning the status of Honorably Retired effective September 30, 2013.

Miller, Joan

Approved as a validated ministry Beyond Jurisdiction the service of the Rev. Joan Miller as Associate Pastor to Velda Rose United Methodist Church in Mesa, beginning July 1, 2013, on the following terms:

Salary	\$47,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	18,000	Reimbursable Expenses	\$2,500
Continuing Ed Allowance	1,000		

Hicks, David

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hicks and First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, pending Session approval of final terms.

Relief of Conscience

Approved a Board of Pensions relief of conscience dues request from First Presbyterian Church in Wickenburg.

Approved a Board of Pensions relief of conscience dues request from the Presbyterian Order for World Evangelization related to dues for the validated ministry of the Rev. Robert Blincoe.

3. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the May 15, 2013 meeting

Noted that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, through annually renewed Policy 0823002-82-298526 issued by Church Mutual Insurance Company, has property and liability coverage protecting its facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2013-1/1/2014, with details of the coverage available in the Presbytery office.

Authorized \$5,000 grant to Palo Cristi from budget line item 54200 for urgent repair of leaking main water line into the church.

Authorized Verde Valley to move forward with splitting off small parcel of land to be sold.

Authorized moving \$2,000 from designated account 22210 Big Event (no longer in use) to account 22418 for Montlure Scholarships.

Actions taken at the June 19, 2013 meeting

Received report that 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, 2012.

Authorized Chandler Presbyterian Church to proceed with preparations to sell identified parcel of land pending approval from the congregation and future review of terms of sale.

Authorized First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, to purchase a small parcel of land adjacent to church property for negotiated price of \$25,000 cash, no financing involved.

Authorized refinancing of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church real estate loan through Meridian Bank. Balance being financed is \$350,000, with loan terms of 5 years maturity, 20-year amortization, at 6% interest.

Actions taken at the July 17, 2013 meeting

Approved request from Parker Valley Presbyterian Church for \$619.95 from account 54200, to cover the cost of repair from a church break-in.

Approved the sale of 2.13 acres of the Chandler Presbyterian Church property for \$557,160. Proceeds to be used first to pay off outstanding church and presbytery loans to PILP.

Authorized extension of lease of the Virginia Street property (known as the Coronado or Covenant manse property) to Maricopa County for four years, with an increase in rent from \$450 to \$500 per month.

Authorized sale of the AYA Park property, a portion of the Southminster Presbyterian Church property, to the City of Phoenix for \$82,720, pending congregational approval.

Authorized Presbytery realtor, Earle Shroyer, to proceed with negotiations with potential buyers for the Presbytery's Lake Pleasant Parkway property.

Actions taken at the July 17, 2013 meeting

To the original notation in the Consent Agenda, "Authorized sale of the AYA Park property, a portion of the Southminster Presbyterian Church property, to the City of Phoenix for \$82,720, pending congregational approval" added the following sentence:

The congregation approved the sale on August 11, 2013, with the provision that a water easement would be retained, reducing the sale proceeds by \$2,500.

4. Stated Clerk Report

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

An allegation of offense has been received and an Investigating Committee was appointed, in accordance with *Book of Order* D-10.0201 and Presbytery Bylaw B-8.0200.

EXPIRATION OF EXCLUSION FROM MINISTRY

The Clerk has received a request from Richard Pyke, pursuant to *Book of Order* D-12.0104h, for restoration of the exercise of ordered ministry when his term of temporary exclusion expires October 1, 2013. D-12.0104h provides, in part, “the council that imposed the censure shall approve the restoration when the time of exclusion has expired or when the council is fully satisfied that the supervised rehabilitation pronounced has been completed.” The time of exclusion will be completed on October 1, and there was no imposition of supervised rehabilitation. Therefore, the recommendation is:

MOTION: That the Presbytery restore Richard Pyke to the exercise of ordered ministry as a teaching elder, honorably retired, effective October 1, 2013.

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2012 were reviewed:

April 27, 2013

Ganado	approved (with exceptions noted)
Pinnacle	approved
Verde Valley	approved

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. David Smallegan June 15, 2013

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. David Smallegan met at Community Presbyterian Church in Springerville on Saturday, June 15, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Smallegan, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). The Commission was brought to order at 1:50 p.m. by Moderator Robert Schulz. Special instructions were given to the participants. Motion was made and approved to conclude the work of the Commission at the conclusion of the Benediction which was pronounced at 3:10 p.m. A prayer was offered by Rev. Kirk Sexton before adjourning. Members of the Administrative Commission were:

<u>Teaching Elders</u>	<u>Ruling Elders</u>
Kirk Sexton (Mountain View)	Nancy Loving (Community Springerville)
Jim Uhley	Bruce McBurney (Mission del Sol)
Dave Wasserman (Int Exec Presbyter)	Bob Schulz, Moderator (Mesa First)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Schulz

LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

In response to a number of churches desiring participation but indicating it would be difficult for them to provide the necessary monthly funding, Leadership Team proposed the following which was approved:

MOTION: To approve the expenditure of up to \$25,000 from Restricted Fund 22398 (Desert Hills Settlement) to provide congregational scholarships for participation in the Acts 16:5 Initiative.

ALPINE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FORMED

It was explained that COM had held preliminary discussions with Alpine Community Presbyterian Church in response to a letter dated May 25, 2013 from the Session requesting “gracious dismissal in order to serve Christ differently than the apparent direction of the PCUSA.”

Several questions and concerns were voiced from the floor of Presbytery. There was a general concern about the number of churches leaving and whether the Presbytery, through COM, was reaching out pastorally to churches and keeping in touch with our membership, and when COM had last conducted a Triennial visit with Alpine.

Because Bob Schulz was one of the COM representatives who spoke with Alpine, he requested that Moderator-Elect Martha Sadongei temporarily preside over the meeting so he could speak. Information he shared with Presbytery included: 1.) the Alpine congregation, numbering about 35 members, had started with a non-PC(USA) pastor when becoming a member church in 1995, and 2.) they currently had a minister from another denomination preaching on Sundays, although he had now also become a PC(USA) Ruling Elder. Bob felt these had been contributing factors leading Alpine to feel unconnected with the Presbytery. He added that the church felt their identification with the PC(USA) had a negative connotation in their area, and they would therefore prefer to return to being a community church.

Tony Cook stated that he had also visited Alpine and addressed questions from the congregation, trying to correct misinformation regarding positions of the denomination at the national GA level. Bob resumed as Moderator of the meeting, and the following 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 Alpine Community Presbyterian Church and, depending on the outcome of the discernment, coordinating the dismissal of Alpine Community Presbyterian Church, Alpine, 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 Alpine Community 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 the Alpine Community 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 Alpine Community 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 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 of Alpine, Arizona, and its immediate surroundings;
- 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 Alpine Community 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 Alpine Community 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;
- h. to have the authority to assume original jurisdiction if the Session is unable to oversee the ongoing life of Alpine Community 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 Alpine Community Presbyterian Church.

That the Presbytery instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate these actions to the Alpine Community Session in writing.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bruce McBurney presented nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were approved:

MOTION: To extend the term of Tony Cook as Stated Clerk until the election of the next Stated Clerk in 2014.

MOTION: To reelect Paul Rooker as Treasurer for a three-year term effective August 17, 2013.

MOTION: On behalf of the Preparation for Ministry Committee, to nominate the following readers for ordination exams:

Rev. Cathy Northrup	Paul Rooker (Pinnacle)
Bruce Porter (Pinnacle)	Rev. Linda Worsnop

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:55 p.m. by Bob Schulz. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for November 2, 2013, at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Operations Committee, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of August 17, 2013, at the Operations Committee meeting on September 17, 2013.

S/Tony M. Cook

Tony M. Cook, Interim Assoc. Executive/Stated Clerk

September 17, 2013

Date