

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
March 25, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its March Stated Meeting at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. Ken Page, former Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Bob Schulz, 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.

Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding members were approved for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting. There were 17 registered visitors.

ROLL

There were 53 Teaching Elder commissioners and 45 Ruling Elder commissioners, 4 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 4 Ruling Elder Leadership Team members and committee/commission moderators present, for a total of 106 voting members.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Mickie Choi (Riverside)
Pam Fischer (Donegal)

Stephen Roosa (Plains and Peaks)
Jim Singleton (Northern New England)

Teaching Elders Present – 53

Albertson, Daniel	Holland, Cheri	Moser, Paul	Tilly, Mark
Avram, Wesley	Japenga, Mike	Muenich, Karen	Watkins, Gale
Baer, Doug	Jennison, Cynthia	Munroe, Brad	Wellington, Judy
Bailey, Linda	Joynt, David	Nielsen, Richard	Wescott, Linda
Berry, Thomas	Keesecker, Joe	Nieto, Michael	Winkelpleck, Judy
Byall, Lowell	Khjeek, Estawri	Olagues, José	Wintz, Michael
Eaken, Lawrence	Latty, Allan	Page, Kenneth	Wintz, Susan
Felix, Robert	Ledermann, Eric	Palmer, Theron	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Fischer, Scott	Letizia, Gordon	Parker, Thomas	Worsnop, Linda
Fletcher, Tully	Lineweaver, Thomas	Poling, John	Wright, Douglas
Fraser, Jennifer	McCabe, Norma	Proudfoot, Charles	Zabriskie, Richard
Hartwell, Michael	Melendez, Hipolito	Ramos, Gonzalo	
Hicks, David	Moe, Kenneth	Swicegood, Terry	
Hodgson, David	Moe, Michelle	Tamayo, Erin	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 45

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell	Guadalupe - Cora Banks
Celebration of Life - Jamie Ortiz, Elly Scheman	Heritage - Jerry Muenich
Chinle Trinity - Rayme Walker	John Calvin - Betty Blunk, Craig Weber
Crosswinds - Robert Cunningham	Kayenta - Milinda Benallie
Desert Palms - Kay Kernek	Memorial - Mary Lynn Walters
Desert Palms - Jean Montgomery	Mesa First - Carol Gerlach
Faith - Betty Forsberg	Mesa First - Bill Lents
Fort Defiance - Wallace Hanley	Mingus View - Susan Goe
Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill	Mission del Sol - Dave Boyne
Gilbert - Mike Gallagher, Dave Peterson	Mountain View - Robert Crivelli, David Sanderson
Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina	Northminster - Bill Beamon

Orangewood - Bob Orf
 Payson Community - Stan Sanders
 Peoria First - Shannon Langston
 Pinnacle - Laurie Porter, Paul Rooker
 Prescott Trinity - Greg Vandersteeg
 Salt River - LaBerta Collins
 Sierra Vista - Glen Moss, Mary Schaal
 Southminster - Traci Williams

Sun City First - Mary McMartin
 University - Lawn Griffiths
 Vah-Ki - Annette Stewart
 Valley - Bob Aldag, Dick Coffelt, Gary Green
 Westminster - Debby Holmes
 Yarnell Community - Ruby McKenzie
 Yuma First - Sylvia Bruce

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 4

Halwood, Danny Hildenbrand, Lois Jones, Paul Lewis, Annette

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 4

Kathryn Owens Jan Palmer Bob Schulz Gloria Young

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath Carolyn McBurney

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Farwell, Barbara	Merwald, Alfred	Simms, Lowelle
Arbesman, Janet	Flahiff, John	Miller, Craig	Smith, Esther
Baxter, Patricia	Fooks, John	Miller, Jerry	Soderquist, Paul
Bell, Arthur	Fox, Charles	Moorefield, Susan	Spence, Edward
Berg, George	Fulton, Helmi	Moranville, Thomas	Straatmeyer, Al
Brahams, Hap	Gard, Gary	Murman, Kimberly	Uhley, James
Bruening, James	Gephart, Al	Nieto, Kelly	Ulrickson, Paul
Burtless, Stanford	Gray, Barrie	Northrup, Cathy	Valle, Paula
Cameron, Stu	Hayes, William	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Vautier, Grif
Campbell, Arthur	Hicks, Mae	Parker, Gayle	Vautier, Holly
Citron, Suzanne	Hodgson, Deanne	Phillips, Beverly	Vogel, Leslie
Clark, Bobbye	Houdeshell, Donovan	Phillips, Norman	Voth, John
Clark, Robert	Joe, Victor	Pratt, Edward	Walker, David
Coffman, Renee	Johnson, Caleb	Pulido, Gloria	Wallace, David
Cook, John	Jousan, Mike	Rice, Kristin	White, Frank
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Kesler, Jim	Sabbagh, John	Witt, Bill
Davis, Harrell	Kim, Kwang	Saylor, Mary	Witte, Cathy
Day, Kathleen	Kim, Myung Bae	Schenck, Jed	Wright, Eugene
Doh, Joseph	Kirk, Wayne	Schmitt, Gus	Young, Alvin
Dulaney, Robert	Kush, Gary	Schultz, Harris	Young, Patricia
Eckert, Peter	Lefebvre, Eugene	Selestewa, Sharon	
Engstrom, Bud	Martz, Robert	Serchak, David	
Evans, Lloyd	Meredith, Ralph	Serchak, Jo	

Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Garcia, Joaquin	Mann, Melissa	Sexton, Kirk
Beard, Steve	Goad, Jessica	Miller, Joan	Song, Seok Min
Blincoe, Robert	Harmon, Frank	Ramirez, Julio	Stahmer, Bruce
Brandfass, Gwen	Hart, Floyd	Roberts, Margaret	Turner, David
Brown, Kelsy	Hawkins, Darren	Sadongei, Martha	Weir, Kyle
Cho, Yongho	Jacobs, Lynn	Saylor, George	Wilcher, Jay
Crelin, James	Kerber, Keith	Schumacher, Bruce	Willerton, Sherry
Doh, Helen	Lloyd, Linda	Seller, Ben	Woodruff, Kelsey

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Calvin Kelly Martha Lopez Loreda

Churches Absent

Arizona Korean	Emmanuel	Leupp First	Tuba City
Betania	Flagstaff Federated	Maricopa First	Urban Connect
Blackwater	Ganado	Palo Cristi	Wellton Community
Central	Goodyear Village	Parker Valley	
Chandler	Indian Wells	Pinetop Community	
Church of the Master	Lehi	Sacaton First	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda which included the Rules of Decorum and Debate and the Procedures for Voting:

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| 9:00 a.m. | Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer | George Prohaska |
| 9:05 a.m. | Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests | George Prohaska |
| | Enrolling Corresponding Members | |
| | Establishing a Quorum | |
| | Approving the Docket | |
| | Receiving Commission Reports | |
| | Approving the Consent Agenda | |
| | Approving the Rules of Decorum | |
| | Receiving New Business | |
| | Welcome | Judy Wellington |
| 9:45 a.m. | Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper | |
| 11:00 a.m. | Northminster Administrative Commission Report | |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch | |
| 12:45 p.m. | Presbytery Pastor Report | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) Report | Mickie Choi |
| 1:15 p.m. | Stated Clerk Report | Bob Schulz |
| 1:25 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendments – 16A, 16B, 16C, 16E, 16F | |
| 1:45 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendment – 16D | |
| 2:05 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendments – 16G, 16H | |
| 2:25 p.m. | Nominations Committee Report | Bill Lents |
| 2:40 p.m. | Stated Clerk Report | Bob Schulz |
| | Dismissal of Administrative Commissions Completing Work | |
| | Urban Connect Administrative Commission Report | |
| 3:00 p.m. | Commission on Ministry Report | José Olagues |
| | Ordination Anniversaries | |
| | Annual Salary Review Report | |
| | Examination of Betty Ricardo Gomez | |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjourn with Prayer | George Prohaska |

COMMISSION REPORTS

Presbytery received the Commission Reports as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to our commissions under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery. There was a question about an action reported under the March 8 Leadership meeting regarding John Calvin Presbyterian Church, and Bob Schulz said information on that would be covered in his Stated Clerk report.

3/25/17 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the February 1, 2017 meeting

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

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

Actions taken at the March 8, 2017 meeting

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

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

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

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

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

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2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 24, 2017 meeting

Roosa, Stephen

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

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

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

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

Evans, Lloyd

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

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

Hildenbrand, Lois

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between CRE Lois Hildenbrand and First Presbyterian Church in Mesa for a period of one year effective December 8, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$20,000	403B contribution	\$16,500
Housing Allowance	24,000	SECA Allowance	1,800
Travel Allowance	2,500	Vacation	Four weeks
Continuing Ed Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

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Saylor, Mary

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mary Saylor and Emmanuel Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

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

Frietas, Eneyas

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

Betania Presbyterian Church

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

Evangelical Arabic Church

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

Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church

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

Faith Presbyterian Church

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

Request for funding

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

Commission on Ministry Handbook

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

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Actions taken at the February 28, 2017 meeting

Seller, Benjamin

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

Teaching Elders

Doug Baer
 Eneyas Freitas
 Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

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

Fraser, Jennifer

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

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

Ricardo Gomez, Betty

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

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

Bondora, Mike

Approved the part-time Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mike Bondora (former Church of Christ) and First Presbyterian Church of Yuma for a period of one year effective April 16, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, with the Rev. Darren Hawkins to perform any infant baptisms and with Rev. Hawkins to moderate the Session for at least the first six months, on the following terms:

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

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3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 17, 2017 meeting

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

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

Actions taken at the February 21, 2017 meeting

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

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

4. Stated Clerk Report

DISMISSAL OF COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DISMISSAL OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DISMISSAL OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WICKENBURG

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

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DISMISSAL OF FOUNTAIN HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DISMISSAL OF HORIZON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

DISMISSAL OF SCOTTSDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

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

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

Teaching Elders
 Doug Baer
 Eneyas Freitas
 Brad Munroe

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

Respectfully submitted,
 George Prohaska

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

January 27, 2017
 Community Yarnell

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TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Former Church Membership</u>
Deana Cocks	Christ
Beth Kath	Horizon
Donna Yordy	Fountain Hills

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

3/25/17 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the January 18, 2017 meeting

Elected Dave Boyne to serve as Moderator of the Resources Committee for 2017.

Approved deferral on a decision to sell the Urban Connect property until obtaining additional information from real estate professionals with knowledge of property values and rental demand potential in the area, with the goal of minimizing loss on the property based on a current appraised value of \$2.45 million.

Actions taken at the February 15, 2017 meeting

Approved listing the Urban Connect property at 45 W. Buchanan Street for sale based upon a professional asset overview report comparing the property to comps in the area and evaluating the property’s strengths and weaknesses as to rental possibilities.

Approved the request of Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church to sell a portion of its church property to the City of Yuma.

2. Operations Committee Report

Actions taken at the February 21, 2017 meeting

Approved payment of 100% of Presbytery employees’ medical insurance in 2017, with a decision to be made on changing Presbytery policy to require each employee to pay a portion of any increase in medical insurance cost for 2018.

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Approved asking Desert Palms, Trinity Chinle, Faith and Sun City First to suggest persons to apply as nominees to be elected by the Presbytery to serve as Ruling Elder commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly to be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16-23, 2018.

Approved asking Terry Palmer, Ed Spence, Kimberly Murman and Cynthia Jennison to apply as nominees to be elected by the Presbytery to serve as Teaching Elder commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly to be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16-23, 2018.

3. Congregational Resourcing Committee Report

Actions taken at the January 3, 2017 meeting

Approved establishment of the Evangelical Arabic Church (EAC) as a New Worshipping Community under the jurisdiction of the Congregational Resourcing Team (CRT), working together with the EAC and Bethany Presbyterian Church, with a Steering Committee to be set up comprised of 3-4 persons to include one representative from EAC, one from CRT and one from the Leadership Team.

Approved requesting that the Leadership Team appoint a three-person Administrative Commission with authority to request an EIN for the Evangelical Arabic Church (EAC), set up a bank account, create a financial procedures list and establish record keeping processes, with the Administrative Commission to include one person from EAC, one from Bethany Presbyterian Church and one from CRT.

Actions taken at the March 7, 2017 meeting

Approved TE Terry Swicegood to serve as the CRT representative and mentor to the Evangelical Arabic Church (EAC).

Approved a grant for a New Worshipping Community to be started in June, with TE Terry Palmer to serve as its CRT representative. (Details to be announced once the pastors' current presbytery and church have been informed of their move.) Approved requesting that an Administrative Commission be established to work with them.

Approved CRT sponsorship of a "Giving the Message" preaching workshop for Ruling Elders.

NEW BUSINESS

Stated Clerk Bob Schulz announced there were two new items of business which would be added to the agenda, the dismissal of Northminster Presbyterian Church and creation of a committee to write a GA overture for funding for Native American churches. There was an approved motion to further amend the agenda to move the reports from Brad Munroe and Mickie Choi to before the worship service.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reflected on the current "culture wars" of left vs. right and progressive vs. conservative, calling it a limited, binary narrative that is false. He explained that, in response to a request to have the Presbytery develop a set of essential tenets, a Theological Affirmation Task Force had been appointed by

the Leadership Team to come together to discuss a wide range of theological viewpoints in a spirit of mutual respect. The group was charged with exploring their differences while affirming each other, then bringing that conversation back to the Presbytery.

Brad announced that two new worshipping communities were being launched in Grand Canyon. The first was the Evangelical Arabic Church led by Estawri Khjeek, meeting at Bethany Presbyterian Church as an outreach to Middle Eastern immigrants in the Phoenix area. The second was a new worshipping community to be developed by co-pastors Brandon and Kristin Willett in the fast-growing Anthem area. Brad said the Leadership Team would like to see a third outreach begun in the Queen Creek community if funds could be raised.

PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT AND LOAN PROGRAM REPORT

PILP representative Mickie Choi brought checks for Gilbert, Crosswinds, Pinnacle and University representing earnings on their PILP investments for 2016. Mickie reported that PILP had two new lower rate loan categories. Green Energy loans were available to improve or install HVAC, lighting and solar equipment. Accessibility loans were available for projects, such as ramps and sound systems, to help people with special needs.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Judy Wellington, Interim Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Southminster Presbyterian Church and presbyters were invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another. Judy delivered the sermon, based on Mark 10:17-31, and presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special music was provided by Southminster musicians. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$754.00, was dedicated to Montlure scholarships. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$23.70.

NORTHMINSTER ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Lawn Griffiths reported to Presbytery as the Moderator of the Northminster Administrative Commission. The other Commission members were: TE Art Campbell, RE Jerry Chruma, RE Mary Danforth, RE Lois Hildenbrand, RE Kathryn Owens and TE Pat Young.

The following motion was proposed by the Administrative Commission:

MOTION: That Northminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Arizona, shall be dismissed to the following Reformed body, A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, with the financial arrangements and other provisions listed as part of the Report of the Administrative Commission (see Pages 18-22 of these Minutes).

[Note: Northminster Presbyterian Church later requested to pay its settlement in one lump sum, rather than in ten yearly payments, and those terms are reflected in the revised final Report of the Administrative Commission on Pages 18-22.]

Lawn reported on the long discernment period, beginning in September 2015, during which the Administrative Commission confirmed through meetings and surveys that the members desired departure. This corresponded with the vote taken at their Congregational Meeting on April 26, 2015 where 75 voted to depart and only 3 to remain in the PC(USA). Membership had been declining and currently was 97.

Two Ruling Elders from Northminster attended the Presbytery meeting, Carol Love and Bill Beeman. Bill responded to questions about the church's financial viability and concerns about possible complications if Northminster failed to make a yearly payment. Bill confirmed that the terms of the departure would be challenging but the congregation had the first three years of the payments on hand and should not have a problem making the rest of the payments. The following was approved:

MOTION: To increase the time period specified in the original dismissal terms for Northminster Presbyterian Church to complete the refinancing of its PILP loan from 45 days to 75 days.

There being no further discussion, the motion for dismissal was approved, as amended above, by the Presbytery by written ballot resulting in 78 for and 7 against. There was a request from the floor for a moment of prayer and Moderator Judy Wellington offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the past legacy and future mission of Northminster Presbyterian Church.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported that an Administrative Commission had been formed to handle the discernment process with Mountain View Presbyterian Church which had requested dismissal from the PC(USA). Commission members selected by the Moderatorial Team, as authorized by the Leadership Team on March 8, 2017, were: RE Joan Fenton, TE David Hodgson, TE Ken Page, RE Jan Palmer, RE Ed Spence (moderator), RE Craig Weber and RE Gloria Young. For the document outlining the charge to the Commission, see Pages 23-24 of these Minutes.

Bob reported on the approval by the Leadership Team, acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, of a request from John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Apache Junction to sell its ten-acre church property. Pastor Larry Eaken explained the request was based on decline in both membership and income which made upkeep of the property and two large buildings, including a 900-seat sanctuary, unsustainable. The current congregation had worship attendance ranging from 75-110. In addition, access to the church had been severely curtailed by roadway routing changes. Larry reported the church was eager to refocus its mission and ministry without the financial burden of the current property. Bob confirmed that the information provided had satisfactorily answered a question about this transaction voiced at the time Commission Reports were received at the beginning of the Presbytery meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The Presbytery responded to the proposed amendments from the 222nd General Assembly in 2016. Final decisions on the amendments were dependent on voting by all 172 presbyteries. Tellers appointed by the Stated Clerk for all voting at this meeting were: RE Lou Jacobo, TE Chuck Proudfoot and RE Paul Rooker.

AMENDMENTS 16-A, 16-B, 16-E AND 16-F APPROVED

The following items were listed on a common consent agenda and presented by Chuck Proudfoot on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly. There was a request to remove 16-C in its entirety from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The following was approved by simple majority via voice vote:

MOTION: To approve these proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106
- 16-B. Parity on Committees – On Amending G-3.0109
- 16-E. Certified Service Requirements – On Amending G-2.1101
- 16-F. The Ministry of Members – On Amending G-1.0304

AMENDMENT 16-C NOT APPROVED

There was discussion on the separate motion to approve Amendment 16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles – On Amending F-3.0202, G-2.0102, G-2.0301, G-2.05 and G-2.0501, G-2.0701, G-3.0307, Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline, and W-4.4001a. There was a comment against the amendment based on the opinion that the wording within the subsections was poorly crafted, with a suggestion that Amendment 16-C be referred back to the Committee on the Constitution. There were several other comments voicing a preference to retain the title “Teaching Elder” instead of reverting to the previous “Minister of Word and Sacrament” which was the intention of the Amendment. A voice vote was taken, a simple majority was not attained and the motion was not approved.

AMENDMENT 16-D APPROVED

A motion to approve Amendment 16-D, parts 1 and 2, was presented by Carol Gerlach on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly. There were comments in favor of both portions of the amendment in order to: 1) allow reporting, particularly by victims of sexual abuse, despite the passage of time and 2) prevent a Teaching Elder from renouncing jurisdiction to escape disciplinary action and/or reapplying for membership after a time limit for disciplinary action expired. The following was approved unanimously by simple majority via voice vote:

MOTION: To approve Amendment 16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church to amend the PC(USA) Constitution, including:

- 16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509
- 16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401

AMENDMENTS 16-G and 16-H APPROVED

Motions to approve Amendments 16-G and 16-H were presented by Gale Watkins on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 222nd General Assembly. Voting on Amendment 16-H took place first since it involved replacement of the entire Directory for Worship. Voting on Amendment 16-G followed since it involved a section of the Directory for Worship. The following were approved by simple majority via voice vote:

MOTION: To approve Amendment 16-H. Directory for Worship – On Replacing The Directory for Worship.

MOTION: To approve Amendment 16-G. Access to the Lord’s Table – On Amending W.2.4011a. and b.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Lents presented nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were approved:

<u>Leadership Team</u>	<u>Resources Committee</u>
2017 TE Mark Tilly	2019 TE Scott Fischer
<u>Congregational Resources Committee</u>	<u>Montlure Presbyterian Camp Board</u>
2018 Bonita Lyons (VahKi)	2019 Jo Lewis (University)
2018 Annette Steward (VahKi)	

STATED CLERK REPORT (continued)

Bob Schulz reminded presbyters that every church Session in the Presbytery needed to create a written Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy if such a policy was not already in place.

Bob announced that the Nominations sub-committee of the Operations Committee had selected Cynthia Jennison, Kimberly Murman, Terry Palmer and Ed Spence as Teaching Elders to be encouraged to apply to serve as Commissioners from our Presbytery to the 2018 General Assembly. Churches invited to have one of their Ruling Elders apply were Desert Palms, Heritage, Sun City First and Trinity Chinle. Other Teaching and Ruling Elders were also free to apply. The election of two Teaching Elder Commissioners, two Ruling Elders Commissioners and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) was scheduled for the August 12, 2017 Presbytery meeting.

Reflecting on the long, and often difficult, work of numerous Administrative Commissions over the past several years, Bob proposed the following which was approved as AC members were asked to stand to be recognized for their service to the Presbytery and to the churches to which they were assigned:

MOTION: To dismiss from service, with thanks and gratitude for their dedicated work, the following Administrative Commissions:

- Community Alpine Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Community Springerville Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Winslow Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Christ Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Horizon Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Scottsdale Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Community Lake Havasu City Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- First Wickenburg Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission
- Verde Valley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

Bob reported that an item of new business had been submitted by COM proposing development of an Overture to the next General Assembly requiring that presbyteries conduct an assessment of all Native American church facilities and properties. An asset evaluation was under way in Grand Canyon as a joint effort of the Resources and Operations Committees.

There was an approved amendment to the motion, to add Ken Moe as a member of the committee, and the following resulting motion was approved:

MOTION: To create a committee to establish an Overture document, to be jointly sponsored by the other presbyteries in the Synod of the Southwest, 1.) outlining the need for collection of data on all Native American church facilities and properties based on the asset evaluation process established by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, and 2.) prescribing long-term funding options to be considered by the General Assembly for needs identified in the evaluations, with members of this committee to be Lawn Griffiths, Ken Moe, Richard Nielsen, Mary Lynn Walters and Judy Wellington, plus one member from a northern Grand Canyon Native American congregation and one member from a southern Grand Canyon Native American congregation.

Bob announced the Administrative Commission working with Urban Connect had determined the need to sell the property, then assist any remnant of the congregation decide on its future course after redefining its mission. The Leadership Team/Board of Trustees and the Resources Committee had approved a sale price of \$2.65 million.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT

José Olagues read a list of Teaching Elders celebrating significant ordination anniversaries in 2017, asking those present to stand to be recognized.

10 Years

Kristin Rice

15 Years

Norma McCabe

Jerry Miller

20 Years

Daniel Albertson

Thomas Berry

Lyn Corazin

Helen Doh

Cynthia Jennison

Gloria Pulido

Martha Sadongei

25 Years

Barbara Farwell

Susan Moorefield

Patricia Young

30 Years

David Hicks

Julio Ramirez

Margaret Roberts

Linda Wescott

40 Years

Stan Burtless

John Flahiff

50 Years

Charles Fox

David Hodgson

Alvin Young

55 Years

Norman Phillips

60 Years

Jim Kesler

Al Straatmeyer

65 Years

Robert Clark

William Pfeffer

Douglas Wright

José also noted that the Annual Salary Review of Ordained Pastors for 2016-2017 had been distributed at the registration table.

EXAMINATION OF BETTY RICARDO GOMEZ

José Olagues presented Betty Ricardo Gomez, a Candidate under care of the Presbytery, for examination for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Betty read her Statement of Faith and fielded several questions from the floor about it. Presbytery approved arresting the examination and she was escorted from the meeting. The following was unanimously approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Betty Ricardo Gomez and proceed to ordination.

Betty was welcomed back and was joined by Presbytery friends as Brad Munroe gave the charge and offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Southminster congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:05 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 12, 2017 at Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of March 25, 2017 at the Leadership Team meeting on August 2, 2017.

S/Robert Schulz

Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

August 2, 2017

Date

**Proposal for Northminster Presbyterian Church Settlement
Northminster Administrative Commission – Presbytery of Grand Canyon
March 25, 2017**

Introduction

This Administrative Commission (AC) was tasked by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to determine whether the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church was in agreement with its Session to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). And if that was found, the Commission was instructed to develop the terms of the settlement and the dismissal to another Reformed denomination. This Commission acknowledges Northminster’s more than 50 years of Christian ministry, witness and service. God has called this community of faith to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ decade after decade since the Rev. Paul Moser first brought a fellowship of believers together in 1962 and guided it through early property issues, relocation and re-establishment as Northminster. The church came about during dramatic post-World War II years of new churches and Phoenix explosive growth.

Through a 19-month process and journey, this AC determined the clear choice by the Northminster congregation to be dismissed from the PC(USA) and to formally join A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, or ECO, under the terms of the Gracious Dismissal Policy adopted in November 2015 by the Presbytery. Parties were guided by the trust clause of the PC(USA) to be faithful to the fiduciary responsibilities with regard to the assets of Northminster. The trust clause states that:

“As a Presbytery, we recognize that Chapter 4 of the Form of Government (FOG) states that except where otherwise provided, ‘All property held by or for a particular church, a presbytery, a synod, the General Assembly, or the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is held in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).’ Therefore, we affirm the responsibility of the Presbytery to provide for and ensure the mission and government of the Church throughout its geographical district (FOG G-4.02; G-3.0303f).”

Background

Northminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix traces its beginnings to 1960 when the Presbytery Extension Board made a study of northwest Phoenix and found it to be a growing area with the potential to establish a Presbyterian church. Church history says they could not find a location where a fledgling fellowship could meet. The board, instead, decided to find a tract of land and build the church. Selected in the spring of 1962 was a site just south of Greenway Road. There, a small building was erected at a cost of less than \$12,000.

The Rev. Paul Moser of Ketchikan, Alaska, was organizing pastor. He moved his family to Arizona, and in the summer of 1962 he began calling on people in the area for a new congregation. The first worship service was held on September 23, 1962. It was called St. James United Presbyterian Church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Moser and a steering committee of four people, a Sunday school was organized, a membership class begun and vacation Bible school started. The church saw growth, then it hit a snag with the construction of Black Canyon Highway (I-17). St. James was just west of the highway, but the exit to Greenway was cut off and “new people were unable to find a way to church” and all found it inconvenient, according to church history. Talks with highway officials for a solution went nowhere.

The Presbytery advised relocation to a new location. “However, there was a financial obligation on the small St. James congregation for the church and land which made the move impossible,” according to church history. “Resolution to the problem came from the Presbytery.” The congregation was dissolved, relieving the church of the financial obligation. “They then ordered a new church to be organized at a new location and a new identity.” St. James was dissolved, and subsequently, on March 27, 1966, Northminster United Presbyterian Church was organized with Rev. Moser continuing as pastor. They met at Cholla Elementary School and had 94 charter members.

The Rev. Robert F. Clark was installed as pastor on February 2, 1969. Thereafter, funds were raised and the land was purchased at the northeast corner of 35th Avenue and Sweetwater Avenue. Their first service in their unfinished multipurpose building was on May 23, 1971. For 13 years, they used that building for worship, fellowship and recreation, and classrooms. A lower level was divided into offices and classrooms. The educational unit and fellowship hall were completed in December 1976. The upper levels and patio area were demolished in October 1984, and the present sanctuary, narthex and offices were constructed. First worship there was July 7, 1985.

Rev. Clark departed in June 1986, and Dr. James Van Dyke was interim pastor for one year. The Rev. Don Waite was installed in 1987. Successive pastors have been the Rev. Bob Fuehrer, the Rev. David Choate and the Rev. Dave Huskko. The Rev. Wayne Kirk served from May 2011 through June 2015. The Rev. Richard Klaus, who is not affiliated with the PC(USA), served as temporary supply pastor from July 2015 to November 30, 2016. The Rev. David Walker, a retired PC(USA) pastor, was appointed moderator of the Session in May 2016 and continued through January 24, 2017. The Rev. Stephen Roosa, an honorably retired PC(USA) pastor, who began Jan. 1, 2017, as Stated Supply, was named additionally as moderator by Commission on Ministry action on January 24, 2017.

The church sums up its purpose as “Proclaiming the Word, Teaching the Way, Healing the Broken” (Matthew 4:23).

The church had 97 communicant members, as of December 31, 2016. Membership declined from 132 to 114 in the year ending December 31, 2015. Membership stood at 146 in 2004 and stayed steady through 2011 and has declined since. Worship attendance typically ranges from 60 to 85.

The church’s 2016 Annual Report financials showed total revenue of \$177,022 and total expenses of \$179,557 for a deficit of \$2,534. The report said for 2017 “member pledges are thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) lower than in 2016.” Northminster’s 2017 budget statement showed pledges of \$95,884 and budgeted income of \$114,774, with another \$60,900 in “not budgeted income,” included \$50,000 in transfers from special funds.

The church currently holds \$49,560 in the Chris Harri Fund. A number of Phoenix-area Presbyterian churches have been receiving regular funds from the bequest of pioneer farmer Chris Harri, who sold his land holdings to Del Webb Corp. before he died in 1971. (Christown Mall Shopping Center was named for him.) The 2016 report noted that for the 2017 budget, “Chris Harri Trust special funds, as well as Outreach special funds, will be used to support the maintenance and mission of our church.”

The church carries a mortgage with BMO Harris Bank of \$79,726. The church is scheduled to pay \$4,300 in interest this year on that loan.

A Corporate Summary of Northminster, according to Presbytery records, shows mortgages and loans were granted to the church by the PC(USA) General Assembly or Synod of the Southwest or Presbytery of Grand Canyon or guaranteed a loan when granted by community financial institutions. The total of 30 citations, spanning 1965 to 2013, total \$709,497. Although the Northminster congregation paid all those loans in full, they clearly reflect the supportive legacy the PC(USA) has provided to this congregation across more than 50 years.

Northminster has a long history of mission outreach. The 2016 report noted the church's food bank gave out 75 tons of food during the year, with about 2,000 guests coming for food. It cooperates with St. Mary's Food Bank to carry it out. Children at Sunshine Home is provided with food, clothing and personal care items. In 2008, the church began its Military Recognition Center to recognize and support anyone serving in the military and associated with families of the church. Care packages are sent to the service personnel at Easter and Christmas.

Their Veterans on Patrol project involves taking food to a village housing veterans. Northminster hosts meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon. Model A Club meets on the campus. Members support Samaritan's Purse through a Fry's store arrangement.

Discernment Issues

The Northminster Session, moderated by the Rev. Don Waite, crafted and adopted a two-page resolution on May 11, 1994, with 19 "whereas" statements denouncing the 1993 'Re-Imagining God Conference' in Minneapolis. It asserted the conference "went beyond the bounds of 'Christian'." It noted that some Northminster members were withholding funds as a "protest of last resort and a matter of conscience." They resolved "that the Session will not remit that portion of Per Capita Apportionment designated for the General Assembly of any active member who request such action in writing..." In addition, "all mission-giving to General Assembly will be designated for specific projects and no funds shall be remitted that are not so designated." The church's action "shall remain in force until such time that the Session is assured that a new system of accountability has been placed that shall prevent the future misuse of Presbyterian funds...."

The Session voted 5-0 on December 16, 2014, that "Session enter into a 'Time of Discernment' and to so inform Presbytery of that action." A letter was sent to Presbytery on December 17, 2014, to that effect. A series of meetings for discussion occurred over the following months. The Session voted March 24, 2015, to call a meeting of the congregation. At a special congregational meeting on April 26, 2015, convened by the Rev. Wayne Kirk, a vote was taken on whether NPC should leave the PC(USA) denomination. The vote was 75 to depart and 3 to remain in the PC(USA). There were 78 voting. Elder Hilbert Schouten, a member of the Commission on Ministry, was present to observe the meeting and voting. In August 2015, the Northminster Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission was constituted with seven members and held its first meeting September 15, with Lawn Griffiths chosen moderator and Mary Danforth as clerk.

The Commission held its first meeting with the Northminster Session on September 22 to discuss the process, under the Gracious Dismissal Policy, and to explain that the AC would be undertaking its own discernment to ascertain the will of the congregation. A nine-question survey was prepared to allow each individual member a chance to describe his or her level of involvement in the church, the degree to which each was involved in the congregation's season of discernment and members' reasons for wanting to leave. Initially the surveys were made available to the congregation in the church narthex, but the AC ordered a mailing to all on the church membership listings for return to the Presbytery office.

In the end, 77 surveys were received (42 at the church and 36 through the Presbytery office). They showed 70 "yes" for leaving; 2 "no"; 2 "undecided" and 4 "no response." Thus 92.2 percent of responses were for departure. It closely matched the March congregational straw vote (75-3). Other data showed 37+ years of average Presbyterian membership and an average of 21 years at Northminster. All written comments were consolidated into a document. Respondents typically were at church two or three times per week and had held numerous leadership and volunteer roles. One observation was that almost no one except the Clerk indicated holding roles at the Presbytery or Synod level, a troubling sign of lower connectionalism. Typical written responses: "We believe the PC(USA) is moving in a direction that is not biblical"; "same-sex marriage, ignoring the Bible's admonition that marriage is between a man and a woman, treatment of Israel"; "allowing pastors to be part of homosexual unions"; "Presbytery has gone 'modern,' not biblical; and "we are very conservative and Bible-based. We believe the Bible is God's Word to us. We should not be changing his words for our own purposes."

While the members of Northminster were invited to group meetings for face-to-face sharing with AC members, participation was disappointing. Just 13 attended the October 11, 2015, gathering after worship; and 8 attended one on October 18. Other times were made available but no one opted for them. Some of the comments: "G.A. strayed too far and went over the edge, and we want to leave the PC(USA)"; "the Word of God has been updated and reinterpreted by G.A. actions"; "angry about the redefinition of marriage"; "G.A. actions are betrayal and unforgiveable"; "gay ordination is inappropriate"; "gay marriage is not an issue"; "don't like the political correctness that the G.A. is taking"; and "does PC (USA) ever take a firm stand on anything?"

The AC informed the church that members wanting to stay with the denomination should directly contact AC members to talk. There were no responses. The findings were shared with the full AC at a meeting on November 17 where there was consensus that Northminster should be enabled to depart, that the congregation clearly wanted to continue to work for Christ in its neighborhood, but there was no viable remnant for staying with the PC(USA).

Issues for Consideration

The Presbytery ordered a professional appraisal of the Northminster property. Valbridge Property Advisers conducted the on-site appraisal on November 19, 2015, and issued its appraisal on the 3.03-acre campus on December 1 in an 81-page report. The market value was determined to be \$1,950,000, which has not been challenged.

The AC reviewed the findings and determined that it was the overwhelming will of Northminster to leave the PC(USA). Two AC members met with the Session on December 15, 2015, to provide a summary and

the numbers from its discernment work. The Session formally received the results and formally voted to affirm that report. The Commission instructed the Session that it would need to provide a letter from a Reformed denomination and that the AC would request financial and other materials to use to develop a settlement plan.

An examination of Northminster's payment of per capita going back to 2004 showed the church essentially sharply reduced and quit paying it for the 2007 year. There were five years from 2008 onward when no per capita was paid. Presbytery Mission giving was \$500 from 2004 to 2008, nothing the following year, \$750 for two years and no more than \$25 per year for the last four years.

Proposed Dismissal Terms

In keeping with the Gracious Dismissal Policy of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and in keeping with the charge to our commission, especially item (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 Administrative Commission proposes the following:

1. That Northminster Presbyterian Church be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to become a member of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) following affirmative action by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and any required administrative steps.
2. That the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the West of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians informed Presbytery of Grand Canyon by letter, dated September 3, 2016, that it assumes ecclesiastical authority for Northminster upon the church's dismissal from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.
3. That Northminster Presbyterian Church, whose property was appraised at \$1,950,000, will pay the total sum of \$192,000, of which \$6,250 will be for administrative commission costs and \$185,750 for the property at 13001 North 39th Avenue, Phoenix.
4. That upon approval of the agreement by the Presbytery, the title company will complete the signing and recording of necessary documents.
5. That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon shall be removed as the guarantor of Northminster's outstanding BMO Harris Bank loan following Presbytery's approval of this settlement.
6. That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon take action to approve the above financial terms of dismissal for Northminster Presbyterian Church. We ask for a period of 75 days for the church to complete this process. This agreement will not be complete until the loan is approved and all documents are signed, all fees and costs are paid (\$6,250) and approved by the title company handling the Presbytery's property issues. At that time of closing, the title to the property will be signed over to Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Total Settlement: \$192,000

NOTE: These terms are a revision of the settlement approved March 25, 2017, by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in light of the decision by the Session of Northminster Presbyterian Church to make full payment of \$192,000 rather than scheduled payments across a span of ten years.

The Northminster Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

TE Art Campbell, RE Jerry Chruma, RE Mary Danforth, RE Lawn Griffiths, RE Lois Hildenbrand, RE Kathryn Owens and TE Pat Young

MOUNTAIN VIEW ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

MOTION: That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon 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 Mountain View Presbyterian Church and, depending on the outcome of the discernment, coordinating the dismissal of Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Scottsdale, 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 Mountain View 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 Mountain View 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 Mountain View Presbyterian 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 Mountain View 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 the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in the community immediately surrounding Mountain View Presbyterian Church;
- 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 Mountain View 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 Mountain View 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 Mountain View 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 Mountain View Presbyterian Church.

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