

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon

August 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Tucson. This was a joint meeting with Presbytery de Cristo, also serving as a leadership formation event. Grand Canyon Moderator-Elect George Prohaska and de Cristo Moderator Linda Freeman opened the joint meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer.

PRESBYTERY OF GRAND CANYON BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting of the Presbytery was convened by George Prohaska. Commissioners attending for the first time were welcomed. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting. There were 89 registered visitors.

ROLL

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Clayton Cobb (Pacific)

Tom Tewell (Greater Atlanta)

Teaching Elders Present – 42

Albertson, Daniel
Avram, Wesley
Berry, Thomas
Brown, Kelsy
Eaken, Lawrence
Felix, Robert
Fisher, Scott
Fletcher, Tully
Fraser, Jennifer
Freitas, Eneyas
Garcia, Joaquin

Harmon, Frank
Hartwell, Michael
Holland, Cheri
Japenga, Mike
Jennison, Cynthia
Joynt, David
Keesecker, Joe
Khjeek, Estawri
Ledermann, Eric
Lineweaver, Thomas
McCabe, Norma

Moorefield, Susan
Muenich, Karen
Munroe, Brad
Nieto, Michael
Nieto, Kelly
Poling, John
Proudfoot, Charles
Remer, James
Rice, Kristin
Saylor, George
Saylor, Mary

Seller, Ben
Spence, Edward
Tamayo, Erin
Tilly, Mark
Wescott, Linda
Winkelpfeck, Judy
Woodruff, Kelsey
Worsnop, Linda
Young, Patricia

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 31

Bethany – Lanny Trapnell
Celebration of Life – Elly Schemen
Chandler – John Corey
Chinle Trinity – Rayme Walker
Crosswinds – Teri Conrad
Desert Palms – Kay Kernek, Jane Linville,
Jean Montgomery
Faith – Beverly Fletcher
Flagstaff Federated – Marilyn Laird
Gila Crossing – Anthony Hill
Guadalupe – Selena Keesecker
Heritage – Jerry Muenich
John Calvin – Craig Weber
Kayenta – Milinda Benallie

Lehi – Eugene Chiago, Theresa Chiago
Memorial – Mary Lynn Walters
Mesa First – Bill Lents
Mission del Sol – Owen Clymer
Peoria First – Shannon Langston
Pinnacle – Laurie Porter, Paul Rooker
Sacaton First – Loretta Blackwater
Sierra Vista – Glen Moss
University – Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler
Vah-Ki – Bonita Lyons
Valley – Bob Aldag, Dick Coffelt
Westminster – Marcia Weiland
Yarnell Community – JerrieLea Hopf

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 1

Danny Halwood

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present

Kathryn Owens George Prohaska Bob Schulz

Staff Members Present

McBurney, Carolyn

Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Forsberg, David	Meredith, Ralph	Serchak, David
Arbesman, Janet	Fowler, Douglas	Merwald, Alfred	Serchak, Jo
Baer, Doug	Fox, Charles	Miller, Craig	Simms, Lowell
Bailey, Linda	Fulton, Helmi	Miller, Jerry	Smith, Esther
Baxter, Patricia	Gephart, Al	Moe, Kenneth	Soderquist, Paul
Bell, Arthur	Gray, Barrie	Moe, Michelle	Straatmeyer, Al
Berg, George	Hayes, William	Moranville, Thomas	Swicegood, Terry
Bigler, Robert	Hicks, Mae	Moser, Paul	Uhley, James
Brahams, Hap	Hodgson, David	Murman, Kimberly	Ulrickson, Paul
Bruening, James	Hodgson, Deanne	Nielsen, Richard	Valle, Paula
Burtless, Stanford	Houdeshell, Donovan	Olagues, José	Vautier, Grif
Byall, Lowell	Jacobs, Lynn	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Vogel, Leslie
Cameron, Stu	Joe, Victor	Page, Kenneth	Voth, John
Campbell, Arthur	Johnson, Caleb	Palmer, Theron	Walker, David
Citron, Suzanne	Jousan, Mike	Parker, Gayle	Wallace, David
Clark, Bobbye	Kesler, Jim	Parker, Thomas	Watkins, Gale
Clark, Robert	Kim, Kwang	Pfeffer, William	White, Frank
Cook, John	Kim, Myung Bae	Phillips, Norman	Witt, Bill
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Kirk, Wayne	Phillips, Beverly	Witte, Cathy
Davis, Harrell	Kush, Gary	Porter, Don	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Doh, Joseph	Latty, Allan	Pratt, Edward	Wright, Douglas
Dulaney, Robert	Lefebvre, Eugene	Pulido, Gloria	Wright, Eugene
Eckert, Peter	Letizia, Gordon	Ramsdell, Richard	Young, Alvin
Engstrom, Bud	Mann, Melissa	Sabbagh, John	Zabriskie, Richard
Farwell, Barbara	Martz, Robert	Schenck, Jed	Zelle, Trina
Flahiff, John	Mayes, Robert	Schmitt, Gus	
Fooks, John	Melendez, Hipolito	Selestewa, Sharon	

Churches Excused

Fort Defiance Mingus View Prescott Trinity Salt River

Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Evans, Jonathan	Miller, Joan	Song, Seok Min
Beard, Steve	Goad, Jessica	Northrup, Cathy	Stahmer, Bruce
Blincoe, Robert	Good, Bill	Ramirez, Julio	Turner, David
Brandfass, Gwen	Hart, Floyd	Ramos, Gonzalo	Vautier, Holly
Bybee, David	Hawkins, Darren	Roberts, Margaret	Wellington, Judy
Cho, Yongho	Hawkins, Ron	Sadongei, Martha	Weir, Kyle
Coffman, Renee	Hicks, David	Schultz, Harris	Wilcher, Jay
Crelin, James	Hilla, Andrew	Schumacher, Bruce	Wintz, Michael
Day, Kathleen	Johnson, Bruce	Sexton, Kirk	Wintz, Susan
Doh, Helen	Kerber, Keith	Simmons, Robert	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Lois Hildenbrand	Calvin Kelly	Martha Lopez Loredo
Paul Jones	Annette Lewis	Sam Weinschenk

Churches Absent

Arizona Korean	Fort McDowell	Mountain View	Southminster
Betania	Ganado	Northminster	Sun City First
Blackwater	Gilbert	Orangewood	Tuba City
Central	Goodyear Village	Palo Cristi	Urban Connect
Christ	Horizon	Parker Valley	Wellton Community
Church of the Master	Indian Wells	Payson Community	Wickenburg First
Emmanuel	Lake Havasu Community	Pinetop Community	Yuma First
Fountain Hills	Leupp First	Scottsdale	
	Maricopa First		

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Prayer Welcoming First Time Commissioners and Guests Enrolling Corresponding Members	George Prohaska and Linda Freeman
9:05 a.m.	Plenary Business Meeting Establishing a Quorum Approving the Docket Approving the Consent Agenda Receiving New Business Approving the April 23, 2016 Presbytery Minutes Welcome and Arrangements Nominations	George Prohaska Andy Ross Bill Lents
9:25 a.m.	Break	
9:30 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
10:30 a.m.	Break	
10:45 a.m.	Workshops: Session 1	
Noon	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Workshops: Session 2	
2:30 p.m.	Workshops: Session 3	
4:00 p.m.	Reconvene Plenary Business Meeting Presbytery Pastor Report Stated Clerk Report	George Prohaska and Linda Freeman
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn with Prayer	

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda as a record of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the various ministry teams/commissions/committees under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery.

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1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the April 6, 2016 meeting

Approved a partial Presbytery virtual office experiment during May and June 2016 with staff working from home on Thursday and Friday and working at the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, depending on the days they normally work during the week.

Approved the following dates for 2017 Stated meetings of the Presbytery:

January 27-28	Joint annual meeting with de Cristo
March 25	
August 12	Joint educational event with de Cristo
November 11	

Acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, approved the sale of the Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church property, located at 9317 N. Second Street in Phoenix, to Franklin Phonetic Schools, Inc. for the price of \$1,025,000 in accordance with actions of the Sunnyslope Administrative Commission and the Resources Committee.

Approved a grant of \$10,000 to the Presbytery’s Phoenix Arabic Fellowship representing matching funds stipulated in a GA grant to the Fellowship.

Approved First Presbyterian Church of Yuma redirecting \$691 remaining from a GA grant for an unaccompanied minors immigrant ministry near Yuma to another immigrant ministry assisting children.

Actions taken at the May 4, 2016 meeting

Acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to recruit another person with commercial real estate experience and to then negotiate a reasonable selling price for a parcel of land owned by the Presbytery in Surprise.

Acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, approved sending a letter notifying [name withheld] that: 1) he had no authority to make any further financial decisions regarding The Vintage 45 project and that only the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Board of Trustees, in conjunction with the Urban Connect Session, had the authority to allocate and distribute monies related to The Vintage 45; and 2) he had no authority to retain an attorney on behalf of the Urban Connect Session or the Presbytery regarding the reconciliation of contested fees charged by the contractor.

Acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, approved sending a letter to the Urban Connect Session recommending that they meet and pass a motion to approve the placement of a plaque inside the building stating that “The Vintage 45 is a ministry of Urban Connect, Presbyterian Church (USA).”

Acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, approved providing a no interest Presbytery loan up to \$250,000 to Urban Connect/The Vintage 45 to pay only for the balance owed on any current construction costs, with the loan payable in 18 months.

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Acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, authorized a Presbytery line of credit up to \$150,000 to the Urban Connect Session to be used for operating expenses, subject to the following conditions: a) the line of credit shall be available for a maximum of six months; b) disbursements shall be in approximately equal monthly amounts; and c) the line of credit shall not be used for any new construction expenses.

Acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, authorized this Presbytery monetary assistance only if the following actions were taken by the Urban Connect Session in relation to The Vintage 45 (the corporation created to manage the business of renting the Urban Connect facilities to outside groups):

1. The Vintage 45 shall employ an outside business manager and create a working business model with projected income and expenses.
2. Two persons selected by the Presbytery shall be appointed to The Vintage 45 Board of Directors, prior to the selection of the business manager, for a period of no less than three years.
3. Urban Connect shall provide the Presbytery with its Session minutes and all financial records of Urban Connect and The Vintage 45 from January 2011 through the present, with this information to be used:
 - a. to allow Item 1 to occur and offer sound financial management of both entities over this period of time;
 - b. to facilitate a joint effort between the Urban Connect Session and representatives of the Presbytery's Resources Committee to revise/create budgets for Urban Connect and The Vintage 45 for the next three years.
4. Urban Connect shall suspend charging The Vintage 45 monthly rent of \$12,500, with charges not to resume until The Vintage 45 has attained \$20,000 in revenue for two sequential calendar months.
5. The Vintage 45 Board of Directors and The Vintage 45 financial administrator shall not receive payment for their services until The Vintage 45 has shown an operating profit for six consecutive months, with future compensation to be approved by the Urban Connect Session and The Vintage 45 Board of Directors.

Received a report from Treasurer Barb Zubler that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon had received its annual independent auditors' report, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. for the year ending December 31, 2015.

Approved inviting the Resources Committee to the Leadership Team meeting on June 1, 2016 in order to consider together a sustainable Presbytery of Grand Canyon budget plan for the future.

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Actions taken at the June 1, 2016 meeting

Approved, as recommended by the Resources Committee, revised actions to be taken by the Urban Connect Session in relation to The Vintage 45 regarding a Presbytery line of credit up to \$150,000:

1. The Vintage 45 shall employ an outside business manager and update its working business model with projected income and expenses.
2. Two persons selected by the Presbytery shall be appointed to The Vintage 45 Board of Directors, prior to the selection of a business manager, for a period of up to three years, with the length of this period to be determined at the discretion of the Presbytery.
3. Urban Connect shall provide to the Presbytery its Session minutes and all year-end financial records of Urban Connect and The Vintage 45 from January 2012 through the present.
4. Urban Connect shall provide to the Presbytery separate monthly financial reports for Urban Connect and the Vintage 45, beginning with reports for July 2016.

Approved the following, as recommended by the Resources Committee:

1. To recommend that [name withheld] be employed by The Vintage 45 as Events Business Manager with responsibilities to include budget development and management.
2. To communicate to Urban Connect that the Presbytery will consider a proposal to extend an additional line of credit to cover new construction items (such as bathroom doors, the back patio/garden and a brides room) necessary to meet commitments for events already booked, with Resources member Paul Rooker to obtain information on these items and their estimated cost.

Acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, approved the funding necessary for the previous actions taken by the Leadership Team.

Elected the following as ordination exam readers, as nominated by CPM, for the 2016-17 exam cycle:

TE David Joynt
TE Mary Saylor
RE Frank Walmsley

Approved a contract with the Center for Parish Development, including a \$4,000 Presbytery partnership fee to be paid from the Presbytery's PC(USA) Transformational Grant funds, to initiate a congregational renewal program called "Ignite the Spark," with services from the Center to include: 1) an initial consultation to identify renewal hopes and needs; and 2) access to online learning modules and coaching support through 2017.

Approved Mission Priority grant funding of \$2,500 to Apache Junction Presbyterian Church for counseling/coaching for the pastor.

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Authorized Brad Munroe to appoint a small team to discuss how to provide opportunities for Teaching Elders with differing viewpoints to come together to build relationships in a spirit of “wide and generous orthodoxy.”

Actions taken at the June 15, 2016 meeting

Approved the proposal submitted by Memorial Presbyterian Church to provide office space for the Presbyteries of Grand Canyon and de Cristo to be composed of separate and shared space with associated costs of \$1,000 per month (56% of current costs) for five months for sharing renovation costs and \$750 per month (42% of current costs) for all remaining months for sharing utility costs, as previously approved by the Combined Presbytery staff, the Grand Canyon Budget Task Force, the Grand Canyon Resources Committee, the de Cristo Budget Task Force and the de Cristo Leadership Commission, with details as to the length of the lease to be determined by Presbytery staff and the Memorial Session as we move forward and with an anticipated move scheduled for September/October 2016.

Actions taken at the July 6, 2016 meeting

Approved election of the following persons to serve on Presbytery committees/commissions:

<u>Class</u> <u>Leadership Team</u>	<u>Class</u> <u>Resources</u>
2017 RE Craig Weber (John Calvin)	2016 RE Paula Gray (Southminster)
<u>Class</u> <u>COM</u>	
2017 RE Jill Russell (University)	

Approved election of RE Lawn Griffiths (University) as an ordination exam reader for the 2016-17 exam cycle.

Approved hosting a Mediation Skills Training Institute workshop in May 2017, as well as a one-day introduction on February 1, 2017 to build interest in the event, both to be led by Richard Blackburn of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

Actions taken at the August 3, 2016 meeting

Approved calling a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on Saturday, October 1, 2016 for the purpose of addressing recommendations of Administrative Commissions regarding dismissal of congregations.

Approved the request of Community Presbyterian Church in Yarnell to temporarily accept and hold funds intended as donations to CWSG (a group to provide local citizens assistance in paying for assessments for sewer improvements necessary due to heavy equipment movement in the area after recent fires) until the CWSG receives 501c3 status.

Approved Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe’s plan to apply to be a member of the PC(USA) 2020 Visioning Task Force with the understanding that his participation, if selected, would require a substantial time commitment.

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Authorized formation of an Administrative Commission to assume jurisdiction for the Session of Urban Connect as follows:

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 assuming original jurisdiction of the Session of Urban Connect, including the role of Board of Trustees of Urban Connect and the responsibilities of The Vintage 45, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Urban Connect.

In completing its work the Administrative Commission shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the PC(USA) with respect to the work of administrative commissions. In execution of its duties, as defined below, the primary goal of the Administrative Commission is to ascertain when the Administrative Commission believes the Session is ready to resume self-governing.

The Administrative Commission shall first enter into a season of discernment with the Urban Connect congregation concerning the church's congregational membership and their future as members of 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 forward for Urban Connect;
- 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 is given direction to assume original jurisdiction and the Administrative Commission shall have the authority given to sessions as defined in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Order*:

- a. to serve as Session in all functions of the church;
- b. to invite the current Session members and moderator to participate in meetings of the Administrative Commission;
- c. to meet in executive session when needed;
- d. to maintain the working relationship with the COM liaison assigned to Urban Connect;
- e. to consult with the existing conflict resolution team assigned to work with the current Session members;
- f. to serve as the Board of Trustees of Urban Connect;
- g. to serve as members of the company as defined in the Operating Agreement of The Vintage 45 Management, LLC, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Urban Connect;
- h. to provide two members of the Administrative Commission to serve on the Board of The Vintage 45;
- i. to report to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Leadership Team on a quarterly basis (January, April, July and October) on actions taken; and
- j. to include in each quarterly report the Administrative Commission's assessment of the status of the Session being able to resume jurisdiction (the Session's progress toward self-governing) of the church.

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2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the March 29, 2016 meeting

Gard, Gary

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Gary Gard (HR) from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective March 29, 2016.

McCabe, Norma

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Norma McCabe and Kayenta Presbyterian Church, on a part-time basis, for a period of one year effective February 4, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

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

Freitas, Eneyas

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Eneyas Freitas and Urban Connect for a period of one year effective March 1, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$39,600	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	36,000	Additional Medical	\$3,643
Auto Allowance	5,600	SECA	\$5,783
Phone/Internet Expenses	2,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Leave Allowance	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Professional Expenses	1,000		

Uhley, James

Granted the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. James Uhley, effective July 1, 2016.

Swicegood, Terry

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Dr. Terry Swicegood (HR) and First Presbyterian Church in Peoria, on a part-time basis, for a period of one year effective May 9, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

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

Cameron, Stu

Granted the Rev. Stu Cameron permission to conduct a wedding service on April 30, 2016 in Cottonwood.

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Actions taken at the April 26, 2016 meeting

Willerton, Sherry

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Sherry Willerton from the Disciples of Christ into the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective April 26, 2016, in accordance with *Book of Order G-2.0505a*.

Winkelpleck, Judy

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Judy Winkelpleck from the United Church of Christ into the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective April 26, 2016, in accordance with *Book of Order G-2.0505a*.

Brown, Kelsy

Approved a recommendation to the Presbytery to allow the Rev. Kelsy Brown, currently Interim Associate at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, to be called as their Associate Pastor, if approved at a Congregational Meeting, pending approval of the Call by the Presbytery.

Martin, Stanley

Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Stanley Martin and Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church effective May 31, 2016, as approved at a Congregational Meeting on April 17, 2016, and approved the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois in order that he may accept the position of Pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Centralia, Illinois.

Sadongei, Martha

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Martha Sadongei to serve as Moderator of Salt River Presbyterian Church for a period of three months, effective April 1, 2016.

Spence, Edward

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Ed Spence to serve as Moderator of the Session at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, effective April 26, 2016.

First Presbyterian Church, Mesa

Approved the Mission Study of First Presbyterian Church in Mesa and approved the request of the Session to call a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Matching funds

Approved an application to the Board of Pensions for a medical needs grant to assist a Teaching Elder and approved providing matching funds should the grant be approved.

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Actions taken at the May 24, 2016 meeting

Hilla, Andrew

Approved the change in classification of membership of the Rev. Andrew Hilla from Validated Beyond Jurisdiction to Member-At-Large, effective May 24, 2016.

Van Arsdale, David

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Dave VanArsdale (HR) from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Northern New England, effective May 24, 2016.

Coffman, Renee

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Renee Coffman to serve as a chaplain for Banner Hospice as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation, with the service of ordination to be held at Orangewood Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 31, 2016, at 4:30 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Brad Munroe
Kimberly Murman
Ken Page

Ruling Elders

Lawn Griffiths (University)
Beth Kath (Horizon)
Bob Schulz (Mesa First)
Bob Orf (Orangewood)

John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Received a report from Art Campbell, COM liaison, with an update on work with the church by Art, Doug Baer and Brad Munroe.

Authorized a COM team to investigate statements made by several congregation members.

Urban Connect

Authorized establishing a reconciliation group to work with the Session and the pastor.

Authorized appointing a polity liaison to work with the Session and the pastor.

Actions taken at the June 28, 2016 meeting

Fischer, Scott

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Scott Fischer from the Presbytery of Donegal to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon (At-Large), effective June 28, 2016.

Brown, Kelsy

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Kelsy Brown to be Associate Pastor (from Interim Associate) to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church, effective August 15, 2016, as approved at a Congregational Meeting on June 5, 2016, on the following terms, dependent upon approval of the Presbytery:

Salary	\$30,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	40,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	TBA	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	TBA		

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Weinschenk, Sam

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between CRE Sam Weinschenk and First Presbyterian Church of Wickenburg, on a less than 19 hours per week basis, for a period of one year effective November 1, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 6,800
Housing Allowance	15,000
Travel Allowance	.565/mile

Indian Wells Presbyterian Church

Approved renewal of the agreement between Roger Keams and Indian Wells Presbyterian Church for pulpit supply and pastoral care for a period of one year effective May 10, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$2,600	Vacation	15 days
Cont Ed Allowance	210	Continuing Ed	7 days

Northminster Presbyterian Church

Approved renewal of the Temporary Supply Agreement between Richard Klaus and Northminster Presbyterian Church, on a part-time basis, for a period of six months effective June 1, 2016, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$10,000	Medical	\$5,000
Housing Allowance	5,000	Pension	3,000
Travel Allowance	1,000	Vacation	Two weeks
Other Allowance	1,000		

Horizon Presbyterian Church

Approved authorizing the COM Moderator to appoint either the Rev. John Poling or the Rev. George Saylor to serve as Moderator of the Horizon Presbyterian Church Session effective upon the dissolution of the pastoral relationship of the Rev. Ron Hawkins with the church.

Transfer of Membership

Approved the transfer the membership of Margaret Kurtz, formerly a member of Community Presbyterian Church in Springerville, to Valley Presbyterian Church.

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Zelle, Catherine

Granted the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Trina Zelle and approved her transfer of membership from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of the Pacific, effective July 31, 2016.

Hawkins, Ronald

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Ron Hawkins and Horizon Presbyterian Church at his request, pending congregational action, effective August 31, 2016.

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Saylor, George

Approved the appointment of the Rev. George Saylor to serve as Moderator of Horizon Presbyterian Church, effective August 15, 2016.

Murman, Kimberly

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Kimberly Murman to serve as Moderator of Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church, effective July 26, 2016.

Danforth, Mary

Approved the appointment of RE Mary Danforth to serve as Moderator of First Maricopa Presbyterian Church, effective July 26, 2016.

Celebration of Life

Approved the Mission Study of Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church.

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the April 19, 2016 meeting

Approved Paul Elgin's sermon and exegesis, Statement of Faith, and Personal Information Form.

Certified Candidate Paul Elgin of Pinetop Presbyterian Church as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call, effective August 15, 2016, and authorized him to personally circulate his information but not enter into any negotiation for service prior to August 15, 2016.

Actions taken at the May 17, 2016 meeting

Accepted the withdrawal of Kerrick Hooks of Southminster Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery's Roll of Inquirers, at his request, effective May 17, 2016.

Accepted the withdrawal of Richard Wright of Orangewood Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery's Roll of Candidates, at his request, effective May 17, 2016.

Nominated TE David Joynt and RE Frank Walmsley to represent the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as readers for the August 1-5 and November 7-11, 2016 ordination exams.

Enrolled Benjamin Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer for the office of Teaching Elder, effective May 17, 2016.

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4. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the March 16, 2015 meeting

Approved withholding, at this time, approval of a \$59,665 grant request made by Robert Felix for Phase 2 of the Lights ministry project, with the committee willing to reconsider funding using an economic model based on obtaining at least 140 subscriptions from available congregations within our Presbytery and extending to other presbyteries, with funding then to be offered to the Lights ministry as a zero percent (0%) loan and the Presbytery to be repaid from subscription revenues.

Approved a request from Church of the Master Presbyterian Church to revise the December 31, 2015 number of members on the Roll from 423 to 194 and to establish their per capita assessment for 2015 at \$6,596 (194 members times \$34 per member).

Approved an application from the Presbytery's Phoenix Arabic Fellowship for a \$10,000 grant from the Mission Growth Account (22615), representing matching funding for a General Assembly grant, to cover transportation, summer time salary and culturally related hospitality expenses.

Actions taken at the April 20, 2015 meeting

Approved a recommendation to the Presbytery Board of Trustees to offer Urban Connect a line of credit to be used for operating expenses and currently committed construction costs subject to the following conditions: (a) interest on balances in the first year shall be at zero percent, interest on balances in the second year shall be at the rate of three percent, interest on balances in the third year shall be at the rate of four percent, and the amount of interest owed shall be calculated monthly; (b) the maximum amount that can be drawn from the line of credit is \$700,000; (c) the line of credit will be available for a maximum of three years and the principal and interest accrued must be paid by the end of the three year period; and (d) funds drawn from the line of credit may not be used for any new construction expenses, with 1.) The Vintage 45 Board of Directors to employ an outside business manager and 2.) a member of the Resources Committee of Grand Canyon Presbytery to be appointed to The Vintage 45 Board of Directors to participate in the selection of the person to fill the new business manager position.

Approved a waiver of additional per capita payments for 2014 and 2015 to John Calvin Presbyterian Church and a waiver for 2016 for the portion or per capita the church does not collect, with this action not to be regarded as a precedent but as a response to a crisis situation and a strong message of current support.

Actions taken at the May 18, 2016 meeting

Approved recommendations to the Leadership Team regarding Urban Connect and The Vintage 45 (see June 1, 2016 Leadership actions, p. 2-3).

Received the independent auditors' report, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. for the year ending December 31, 2015.

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Approved a Mission Growth account (22615) grant in the amount of \$11,372 for Crosswinds Presbyterian to be used for improvements to space and equipment enabling the church to engage in a one week per month program for the homeless.

Actions taken at the June 13, 2016 meeting

Approved the proposal submitted by Memorial Presbyterian Church to provide office space for the Presbyteries of Grand Canyon/de Cristo composed of separate and shared space and associated costs of \$1,000 per month (56% of current costs) for five months for sharing renovation costs and \$750 per month (42% of current costs) for all remaining months for sharing of utility costs, all as accepted by the Combined Presbytery Staff and the Grand Canyon Budget Task Force, with details as to the length of the lease to be determined by Presbytery staff and Memorial personnel as we move forward with an anticipated move scheduled for September/October 2016.

Approved the disposition of the Verde Valley Presbyterian Church property, as developed by the Verde Valley Administrative Commission on June 6, 2016, to sell the church property and hold those sale proceeds in a restricted fund for five years from the date of receipt of such funds for the purpose of new church development in the Cottonwood/Camp Verde area, with the understanding that, if at the end of the five year period no new church development has warranted expenditure, these funds may be moved to account 12500 NC-PGC Endowment fund for the purpose of mission funding.

Authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to work with the Presbytery realtor to place the Verde Valley property on the market and negotiate a sale price near the appraised value of \$550,000 with interested parties.

Actions taken at the July 20, 2016 meeting

Approved recommending the formation of an Administrative Commission by September 1, 2016 to oversee the separation of The Vintage 45 and Urban Connect as entities in order to protect the interests of the Presbytery in The Vintage 45 building and to allow Urban Connect to explore and continue their journey.

Approved lowering the \$150,000 list price for the Winslow church property, where there has been vandalism, and authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to endeavor to offer a package that can be closed with an interested buyer.

Approved sale of the Verde Valley church property for \$550,000, with Stated Clerk Bob Schulz authorized to work out a package to include partial to full funding for an interested buyer based on a Presbytery loan to be repaid over a 5 to 10 year period.

Approved sale of the Sunnyslope church property for \$1,025,000 to the school currently leasing the property and authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to structure a package to possibly include a Presbytery loan of \$150,000.

Approved a grant of up to \$3,800 for additional training for the Presbytery's Reconciliation Group.

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Approved supporting the Adaptive Changes designed to make possible a sustainable Presbytery budget structure going forward and approved support of the corresponding changes and their implementation beginning with the 2017 budget.

ADAPTIVE CHANGES

Recent and projected GPC budget deficits cannot be sustained. Reserves are being depleted. Responsible management dictates major changes. The following Adaptive Changes are essential building blocks for a balanced 2017 budget:

1. Creation of a \$4 Million Endowment Fund
 - Projected Return, 4% per annum
2. Two Separate Budgets
 - Mission Budget and Connectional Budget
 - Presbytery portion of mission income plus part of endowment
Income goes to Mission Budget
 - Presbytery portion of per capita income plus part of endowment
Income goes to Connectional Budget
3. Per Capita Payment to Synod and GA—contribute only those amounts received by Presbytery from GCP churches
4. Mission Grants (other than pass through funds and NA insurance)
 - All grant funding will come from the Mission Budget
 - Grants are awarded competitively based on applications
 - To be eligible GCP churches must pay per capita
5. Mission Budget Expenses cannot exceed Mission Budget Income
6. Staffing the Grand Canyon Presbytery
 - Based on study of *Book of Order* requirements and priority values
7. Regular Office or Virtual Office
 - Based on study of options and availability of space
8. Ancillary Services----eliminated

Approved the proposed Presbytery of Grand Canyon 2017 budget.

Approved recommending to the Joint Finance Committee that the cost sharing contract between Presbytery de Cristo and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, currently in effect through December 31, 2017, be extended for two years through calendar year 2019, with the possibility that, if warranted, there be exploration of an alternative split to be considered for the 2019 calendar year.

5. Operations Committee Report**Action taken at the March 9, 2016 meeting**

Approved a revised process to develop an overture sub-committee of the Operations Committee to review overtures to the General Assembly.

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6. Congregational Resourcing Committee Report

Actions taken at the March 2, 2016 meeting

Approved having the CRT Mission Priority Grant and New Worshipping Communities sub-committee meet with Robert Felix to clarify details regarding his request for the remaining two-thirds (\$44,000) of a grant for the Lights ministry to produce sermon videos.

Approved having the sub-committee present their findings to CRT via email and approved allowing email voting on this topic in the interest of time.

Action taken at the May 3, 2016 meeting

Reviewed the Mission Partnering Surveys received to date and started preparation for a Mission Fair to be held at the November 19, 2016 Presbytery meeting.

Action taken at the June 14, 2016 meeting

Approved a \$11,348 Mission Priority Grant for further training for the Presbytery's conflict resolution team in San Diego in Fall 2016.

7. Stated Clerk Report

DISMISSAL OF SPRINGERVILLE

In accordance with actions taken by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon on November 6, 2015 and completion of subsequent details outlined in the Terms of Settlement, a letter dated May 2, 2016 was sent by Stated Clerk Robert Schulz dismissing the Community Presbyterian Church in Springerville 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 May 6, 2016.

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Renee Coffman July 31, 2016

The Administrative Commission to Ordain Renee Coffman met at Orangewood Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, on Sunday, July 31, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Coffman, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Brad Munroe

Kimberly Murman

Ken Page

Ruling Elders

Lawn Griffiths (University)

Beth Kath (Horizon)

Bob Schulz (Mesa First)

Bob Orf (Orangewood)

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Page, Moderator

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2015 were reviewed and approved:

- April 2, 2016
- Bethany
- Celebration of Life
- First Peoria
- First Yuma

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0122) it is noted that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, through annually renewed policies issued by Hugh Woods Insurance Company, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery’s facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2016-1/1/2017.

ANNUAL REPORT OF AUDIT

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0113) it is noted that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon received its annual independent auditors’ report, without fault, from Henry & Horne, L.L.P. for the year ending December 31, 2015.

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS
REPORTED BY GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2015**

PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Receipts		Expenditures	
Regular Contributions	12,258,983	Local Program	12,792,544
Capital/Building	663,158	Local Mission	403,435
Investments	3,239,962	Capital Expenditures	3,644,168
Bequests	224,755	Investment	137,641
Other Income	1,463,441	Per Capita	250,435
Subsidy	52,242	Validated Mission	295,643
		Theological Education	5,700
		Other Mission	262,125

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SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (continued)

MINISTERS

Ministers on Roll 12/31/14	186
Gains	
Received from Presbyteries	9
Ordained	4
Received from Denominations	0
Restored	0
Total gains	+ 13
Losses	
Deaths	3
Dismissed to Presbyteries	10
Dismissed to Denominations	3
Other Removals	0
Total losses	<u>- 16</u>
Ministers on Roll 12/31/15	183

INQUIRERS/CANDIDATES

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/15	3
Candidates on Roll 12/31/15	6

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members 12/31/14	12,375
Gains	
17 and under	55
18 and over	160
Certificate	153
Other Gains	39
Total gains	+ 407
Losses	
Certificate	102
Death	267
Other	781
Total losses	<u>- 1,150</u>
Active Members 12/31/15	11,632
Male	4,768
Female	6,864

BAPTISMS

Children	62	Adult	22
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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 5,697

AFFILIATE MEMBERS 580

ADULT MEMBER AGE

25 + under	764
26 – 45	1,365
46 – 55	1,171
56 – 65	1,345
65+	4,015

COMPOSITION

	Active Members	Session Members	Deacons
Asian	63	3	3
Black	45	6	1
African American	28	2	1
African	49	3	3
Middle Eastern	8	0	0
Hispanic	159	8	11
Native American	209	20	4
White	8,390	299	363
Other	14	0	1

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Lineweaver announced his intention to bring a motion at a future Presbytery meeting regarding his desire for the Presbytery to adopt a formal, commonly held set of Reformed faith “affirmations.” Stated Clerk Bob Schulz distributed copies of a written proposal, including possible resources to be considered. The Presbytery was informed that the Leadership Team was addressing Tom’s request.

WELCOME

The Rev. Andy Ross, Pastor, welcomed both Presbyteries to Northminster Presbyterian Church.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported that the Combined Personnel Team and the Combined Finance Team representing the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo unanimously recommended the following, as a point of celebration acknowledged by both presbyteries, which was approved:

MOTION: To approve the extension of the current Combined Presbytery Staffing Work Team Plan, dated May 4, 2013, for an additional two years, through December 31, 2019.

The business meeting for both presbyteries was recessed until after the workshops. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$16.79.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Tom Tewell delivered the sermon “Kingdom of God’s Eyes” based on Matthew 6:22-23. The Revs. Andy Ross and Ken Skodiak presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by Northminster’s Arise! Praise Team. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$1,197, was dedicated to the Matthew 25 border ministry of Frontera de Cristo.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION/EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Leaders for the day’s Leadership Formation workshops were:

A Clerk’s Toolkit: Clerk of Session Training	Bob Schulz, Carol Gerlach
Making the Most of the 2017 Benefit Plan Redesign	Clayton Cobb
Congregational Renewal	Tom Tewell
Get a Life! Finding Balance and Renewal Now	Andy Ross
Basics in Finding and Applying for Grants	Laurie Porter
Disaster Preparedness	John Cheek, Ed Spence, Karen Smith
Church Music: Discover Your Root(s) and Plan(t) for the Future	Mark Ramsey
Unstress the Stress	Chris Erickson, Laura Munroe
Introduction to Conflict: The Nature of Conflict	Mike Japenga, Brad Munroe
Interpersonal Reconciliation: Being Effective When People Are Angry	Mary Saylor, Teri Conrad
Congregational Conflict: Understanding/Managing Conflict in Groups	Jennifer Fraser, Paul Jones
Maintaining Children and Youth Ministries	Mat Grover
Family Care-Giving: A Beginner’s Guide	Harry Cole
Protecting Vulnerable Children Caught Up in Immigrant Detention	The Florence Project
Interfaith Dialogue and Ministry	Erin Tamayo
Refugee Resettlement for Congregations	Pete Seiferth, Chong Bee Vang
Reflections and Stories of Multicultural Congregations in Transition	Pete Seiferth, Karen Muenich, Tully Fletcher
Faith and Health: An Introduction to Congregational Health Ministry	Karen McDonald, Jayne Raffety

RECONVENE JOINT PLENARY/BUSINESS MEETING

One item of business carried over from the Presbytery de Cristo morning meeting was handled. The business meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon reconvened.

COM REPORT

Lawn Griffiths introduced a request from Pinnacle Presbyterian Church for the Presbytery to approve a change in Call for the Rev. Kelsy Brown to move from an Interim position to an Associate Pastor position. This required a three-fourths vote of Presbytery. The following was approved by voice vote:

MOTION: To approve the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Kelsy Brown to be Associate Pastor to Pinnacle Presbyterian Church effective August 20, 2016, in accordance with *Book of Order* G-2.0504, Presbytery of Grand Canyon COM policies, COM action taken on March 29, 2016, and action taken by the Pinnacle Presbyterian Church congregation on August 5, 2016.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe announced that there was a sexual misconduct prevention seminar being offered to all members of both presbyteries on Thursday, September 29 from 9:30 to 12:30 at First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande for those preferring a face-to-face session rather than taking the online courses.

He reported that the first Ignite the Spark event on Friday, preceding this Presbytery meeting, was well received. The presenter for Ignite the Spark on the Friday preceding the October 15 Presbytery meeting was scheduled to be the Rev. Ray Schulte from the Center for Parish Development in Chicago on resourcing congregations for missional discernment.

Brad called all presbyters to be in a season of prayer for the churches in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon seeking dismissal, with the request to pray for unity and peace within God's Kingdom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Northminster congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 4:30 p.m. by Linda Freeman. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery was scheduled for November 19, 2016, at Urban Connect in Phoenix.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of August 20, 2016 at the Leadership Team meeting on November 2, 2016.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

November 2, 2016
Date