

# Presbytery of Grand Canyon

## Consent Agenda

### March 25, 2017 Stated Meeting

Before the vote of approval is taken, any presbyter has the right to request that an item within the Consent Agenda be clarified.

Committee approval of an item is done so in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by our Bylaws and Manual of Operations, as well as the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109). Committee actions are reported here for the information of the Presbytery.

An item approved by any of the committees may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion and possible removal from the Consent Agenda itself should that be approved by a simple majority vote of the Presbytery.

An item removed from the Consent Agenda will be referred back to the respective committee if this is possible given time restraints of the issue at hand. Otherwise the Stated Clerk may allow discussion and voting on the item at a time on this Presbytery meeting agenda, or a future Presbytery meeting agenda, to be determined by the Stated Clerk.

The Consent Agenda contains the following reports:

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## **1. Resources Committee Report**

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Resources Committee, while acting in its capacity as the Property Commission, under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### **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 on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Resources Committee, while acting in its capacity as the Property Commission, under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### **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.

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 223<sup>rd</sup> 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 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly to be held in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16-23, 2018.

### **3. Congregational Resourcing Committee Report**

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Resources Committee, while acting in its capacity as the Property Commission, under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

#### **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.