

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
November 4, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its November Stated Meeting at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West. George Prohaska, 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, corresponding members and other guests were welcomed. New minister members Peggy Hegeman (Yarnell Community), Michael and Sheryl Campbell (Faith) and Ann Conklin (First Mesa) were introduced. Zach Yentzer, speaker at the Ignite the Spark event, gave an overview of his presentation on Friday which focused on effective ministry with millennials.

ROLL

There were 51 Teaching Elder commissioners and 36 Ruling Elder commissioners, 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders and 6 Ruling Elder Leadership Team members and committee/commission Moderators present, for a total of 99 voting members. There were 44 registered visitors.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Troy Jarvis (New Covenant)

Teaching Elders Present – 51

Albertson, Daniel	Eaken, Lawrence	Ledermann, Eric	Sexton, Kirk
Avram, Wesley	Engstrom, Bud	Lineweaver, Thomas	Soderquist, Paul
Bailey, Linda	Felix, Robert	McCabe, Norma	Spence, Edward
Beard, Steve	Fraser, Jennifer	Munroe, Brad	Swicegood, Terry
Bell, Arthur	Hartwell, Michael	Nieto, Michael	Tilly, Mark
Berg, George	Hegeman, Peggy	Nieto, Kelly	Walker, David
Berry, Thomas	Hicks, David	Olagues, José	Watkins, Gale
Brown, Kelsy	Hodgson, David	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Wellington, Judy
Campbell, Mike	Jennison, Cynthia	Palmer, Theron	Wescott, Linda
Campbell, Sheryl	Joynt, David	Poling, John	Witte, Cathy
Conklin, Ann	Keesecker, Joe	Proudfoot, Charles	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Kesler, Jim	Rice, Kristin	Zabriskie, Richard
Crelin, James	Khjeek, Estawri	Saylor, Mary	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 36

Bethany - Lanny Trapnell	Mesa First - Carol Gerlach
Celebration of Life - Elly Scheman	Mingus View - Susan Goe
Central - Aaron King	Mission del Sol - Dave Boyne
Crosswinds - Teri Conrad	Mountain View - Don Bisbee, David Sanderson
Desert Palms - Kay Kernek, Jean Montgomery	Payson Community - John Wilson
Faith - John Fletcher	Pinnacle - Laurie Porter, Paul Rooker, Jeff Smith
Flagstaff Federated - Jane Behrens	Prescott Trinity - Connie Palmrose
Fort Defiance - Donna Etsitty	Sierra Vista - Mary Schaal
Gilbert - Dave Peterson, Mike Gallagher	Tseyi Bidáá - Rayme Walker
Guadalupe - Selena Keesecker, Jimmy Molina	University - Molly Winkler
John Calvin - Betty Blunk, Craig Weber	Valley - Dick Coffelt, Bob Aldag
Kayenta - Milinda Benallie	Westminster - Don Merritt
Lehi - Eugene Chiago, Theresa Chiago	Yarnell Community - Ruby McKenzie
Memorial - Mary Lynn Walters	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 5

Danny Halwood	Annette Lewis	Hilbert Schouten
Lois Hildenbrand	Martha Lopez Loreda	

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 7

David Boyne	Bill Lents	George Prohaska	Barb Zubler
Mary Danforth	Jan Palmer	Bob Schulz	

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath	Carolyn McBurney
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Teaching Elders Excused

Anderson, Fred	Gephart, Al	Merwald, Alfred	Serchak, Jo
Arbesman, Janet	Goad, Jessica	Miller, Jerry	Smith, Esther
Baer, Doug	Gray, Barrie	Miller, Joan	Straatmeyer, Al
Baxter, Patricia	Hawkins, Darren	Miller, Craig	Uhley, James
Brahams, Hap	Hayes, William	Moe, Michelle	Ulrickson, Paul
Bruening, James	Hicks, Mae	Moe, Kenneth	Valle, Paula
Burtless, Stanford	Hilla, Andrew	Moranville, Thomas	Vautier, Grif
Byall, Lowell	Hodgson, Deanne	Moser, Paul	Vogel, Leslie
Cameron, Stu	Houdeshell, Donovan	Muenich, Karen	Voth, John
Campbell, Arthur	Japenga, Mike	Nielsen, Richard	Wallace , David
Citron, Suzanne	Joe, Victor	Northrup, Cathy	White, Frank
Clark, Bobbye	Johnson, Caleb	Page, Kenneth	Wilcher, Jay
Clark, Robert	Jousan, Mike	Parker, Gayle	Willett, Brandon
Cook, John Coy	Kerber, Keith	Phillips, Beverly	Willett, Kristen
Davis, Harrell	Kim, Kwang	Phillips, Norman	Winkelpleck, Judy
Doh, Joseph	Kim, Myung Bae	Pratt, Edward	Witt, Bill
Dulaney, Robert	Kirk, Wayne	Pulido, Gloria	Woodruff, Kelsey
Evans, Lloyd	Kush, Gary	Sabbagh, John	Worsnop, Linda
Farwell, Barbara	Latty, Allan	Saylor, George	Wright, Douglas
Fischer, Scott	Lefebvre, Eugene	Schenck, Jed	Wright, Eugene
Fooks, John	Letizia, Gordon	Schmitt, Gus	Young, Patricia
Fox, Charles	Martz, Robert	Schultz, Harris	Young, Alvin
Fulton, Helmi	Melendez, Hipolito	Selestewa, Sharon	
Gard, Gary	Meredith, Ralph	Serchak, David	

Churches Excused

Ganado	Heritage
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Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Fletcher, Tully	Ramirez, Julio	Stahmer, Bruce
Blincoe, Robert	Garcia, Joaquin	Ramos, Gonzalo	Tamayo , Erin
Brandfass, Gwen	Harmon, Frank	Roberts, Margaret	Turner, David
Campbell, Kristina	Holland, Cheri	Roosa, Stephen	Vautier, Holly
Cho, Yongho	Jacobs, Lynn	Sadongei, Martha	Weir, Kyle
Coffman, Renee	Mann, Melissa	Schumacher, Bruce	Willerton, Sherry
Day, Kathleen	Murman, Kimberly	Seller, Ben	Wintz, Susan
Doh, Helen	Parker, Thomas	Song, Seok Min	Wintz, Michael

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Calvin Kelly

Churches Absent

Arizona Korean	Gila Crossing	Parker Valley	Tuba City
Betania	Goodyear Village	Peoria First	VahKi
Blackwater	Indian Wells	Pinetop Community	Wellton Community
Chandler	Leupp First	Sacaton First	Yuma First
Church of the Master	Maricopa First	Salt River	
Emmanuel	Orangewood	Southminster	
Fort McDowell	Palo Cristi	Sun City-First	

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer Review of Ignite the Spark	George Prohaska Zach Yentzer
9:15 a.m.	Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests 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 by Host Congregation Sharing the Peace of Christ	George Prohaska Jim Crelin
9:30 a.m.	Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report Ben Crelin move from Inquirer to Candidate	Dick Coffelt
9:45 a.m.	Commission on Ministry Report Examination for Ordination of Emily Hook (Presbytery of the James)	José Olagues
10:00 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper Commissioning of CREs Charge to Tseyi Bidáá	
11:20 a.m.	George Brooks Award Presentation	
Noon	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Montlure and Cook Foundation Presentations	
1:20 p.m.	Nominations Committee Report	Bill Lents
1:30 p.m.	Resources Committee Report – Presentation of 2018 Budget	David Boyne
1:50 p.m.	Revisions to Presbytery Bylaws and Manual of Operations	Bob Schulz
2:00 p.m.	Mountain View Administrative Commission Report	Ed Spence
2:30 p.m.	Stated Clerk Report	Bob Schulz
2:40 p.m.	Request to Modify Theological Task Force	Tom Lineweaver
2:50 p.m.	Presbytery Pastor Report	Brad Munroe
3:00 p.m.	Operations Committee Report	Carol Gerlach
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:

11/4/17 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the August 2, 2017 meeting

Approved participation by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in the General Assembly’s Revitalization Initiative pilot program during 2018-2019.

Granted permission for Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe to serve as an adjunct faculty member with Ascending Leaders and to allow Brad to explore his relationship with the organization to the extent he would like to be involved.

Continued to table action on establishing an official date of dissolution of the Urban Connect congregation until resolution of how to handle long-term annual distributions from a trust fund.

Approved having Stated Clerk Bob Schulz hire an attorney for legal review of considerations involving how to receive future annual distributions formerly made from a trust fund to Urban Connect (Historic First Presbyterian Church), with proceeds from the sale of Urban Connect property to cover the legal fees.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, the following persons as presented by the Nominations sub-committee of Operations:

<u>Commission on Ministry</u>	<u>Operations Committee</u>
2018 Jamie Ortiz (Celebration of Life)	2018 TE David Hicks
<u>Congregational Resourcing</u>	
2019 TE Daniel Albertson	

Actions taken at the September 6, 2017 meeting

Approved \$25,000 as required matching Presbytery funding in relation to a \$25,000 New Worshipping Community grant by the GA to the Presbytery’s new Evangelical Arabic Church, and to notify the Resources Committee of Leadership’s approval of this expenditure.

Approved support of the January 2017 resolution of the Board of Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp to the General Assembly requesting reaffirmation of the Camp’s 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

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Approved that the Leadership Team will assume responsibility for approving the recommendations of the Operations Committee and our 2018 GA commissioners regarding concurrence on overtures sent to the Presbytery by GA, with concurrence understood to mean the overture is worthy of being considered by the General Assembly but not necessarily to mean the Presbytery of Grand Canyon is in favor of the overture itself.

Actions taken at the October 4, 2017 meeting

Approved sending the letter drafted by Stated Clerk Bob Schulz in response to a letter dated September 25, 2017 from Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church which requested copies of church records turned over to the Presbytery and sought partial reimbursement of funds paid by Fountain Hills under the Terms of Settlement, claiming those Terms were unfair compared to settlements reached with other churches, and with the Presbytery's response indicating: 1) digital copies of all records turned over to the Presbytery and forwarded to the Historical Society would be sent to the church; and 2) Fountain Hills no longer had standing as a member of the Presbytery and the church had agreed to the Terms of Settlement signed in the presence of a title company on December 14, 2016.

Approved the following requirements in order for a chapel or new worshipping community to become a church in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, and granted authority to the Commission on Ministry to oversee the implementation of these requirements:

1. a summary of the proposal and, in the case of a chapel, supporting comments from the church under which the chapel is governed;
2. a current Roll of Members;
3. a two-year operating budget;
4. Articles of Incorporation;
5. agreement by an existing church to shepherd the new church for a period of five years.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, the following as presented by the Nominations sub-committee of Operations:

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
2019 Shelly Moe (HR)

Approved a modification to the original authorization for John Calvin Presbyterian Church to sell its property with a revised plan to keep approximately four acres including the fellowship facility and sell the remaining six acres with an appraised value of \$1,071,000.

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Affirmed the recommendations of the Operations Committee and our 223rd GA commissioners regarding concurrence on the following:

- Overture 001 – On amending G-4.0203 to resolve a conflict between the BOO and the laws of some states. Concur
- Overture 002 – On developing a letter to accompany the Confession of Belhar. Do not concur.
- Overture 003 – On amending G-3.0307 to clarify the responsibility of the Presbytery. Concur
- Overture 004 – On amending portions of the Directory for Worship. Do not concur
- Overture 005 – On amending G-2.1104. Administrative Personnel Association (APA). Do not concur.
- Overture 006 – On directing the Board of Pensions and the Foundation to divest from fossil fuels and actively invest in securities that focus on renewable energy. Do not concur.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the August 22, 2017 meeting

Campbell, Michael and Sheryl

Approved potential terms of call between the Revs. Michael and Sheryl Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church, serving as co-pastors.

Watkins, Gale

Approved a change in the terms of call of the Rev. Gale Watkins as Pastor to Westminster Presbyterian Church, reflecting a change to part-time (three-quarters), for one year effective September 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$10,650	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	17,435	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
403(b) Plan	7,200	Study Leave	Two weeks

Willett, Brandon

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Brandon Willett to be Co-Pastor to a New Worshipping Community in the Anthem area, effective July 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	12,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,500	Relocation expenses	\$1,000

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Willett, Kristin

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Kristin Willett to be Co-Pastor to a New Worshipping Community in the Anthem area, effective July 1, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$12,500	Pension	BOP pension dues only
Housing Allowance	12,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	1,500	Relocation expenses	\$1,000

Rice, Kristin

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Kristin Rice as Interim Associate Pastor to All Saints Lutheran Church in Phoenix, effective June 1, 2017, for one year as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation.

Actions taken at the September 26, 2017 meeting

Hegeman, Margaret

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Peggy Hegeman to be Pastor to Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Prospect Hill to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 8, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$24,900	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	14,700	Dental allowance	\$420
Deferred Compensation	2,400	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	9,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Continuing Ed Allowance	2,400	Moving Expenses	\$1,000

Campbell, Michael

Approved the Designated Pastor agreement between the Rev. Michael Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church to serve as Co-Designated Pastor for up to two years and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 9, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$65,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Expense Allowance	1,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	2,000	Moving Expenses	\$12,000

Campbell, Sheryl

Approved the Designated Pastor agreement between the Rev. Sheryl Campbell and Faith Presbyterian Church to serve as Co-Designated Pastor for up to two years and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective October 9, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$20,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Expense Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	1,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Allowance	500		

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Albertson, Daniel

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Daniel Albertson to be Pastor to Southminster Presbyterian Church effective September 18, 2017, on the following terms:

Salary	\$22,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	22,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Book Allowance	500	Study Leave	One week
Auto Allowance	.535/mile		

Conklin, Ann

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ann Conklin as Pastor to First Presbyterian Church in Mesa on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

Art Campbell
 Jennifer Fraser
 Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)
 Jean Partida (Mesa First)
 George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
 Mary Lynn Walter (Memorial)

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the July 18, 2017 meeting

Approved a recommendation to Presbytery that Inquirer Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

Approved requesting permission from the OGA’s Preparation for Ministry department to designate a special proctor so that Ben Crelin may take his Bible Content exam on the Gordon-Conwell Seminary campus.

Actions taken at the September 19, 2017 meeting

Approved Shannon Langston of First Presbyterian Church of Peoria to move forward as an applicant in the Commissioned Ruling Elder process, effective September 19, 2017.

Approved allowing Jane Linville to present her required sermon and basic portions of a worship service at the October CPM meeting rather than at a church.

Approved simplifying the sermon exegesis format to the basics from Page 22 of the CRE Handbook, to include an introduction to the text, the historical setting, and a bibliography with no fewer than three sources listed.

Approved Bethany Presbyterian Church as Silva Jilinguirian’s church of membership and their Session as that where she is under care for the Preparation for Ministry process, and to acknowledge Form 1D from Bethany as the completion of her application to become an Inquirer, effective April 18, 2017.

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4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Ann Conklin October 22, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ann Conklin met at First Presbyterian Church in Mesa on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Conklin, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Art Campbell
Jennifer Fraser
Brad Munroe

Ruling Elders

Rocky Mackey (Gilbert)
Jean Partida (Mesa First)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
Mary Lynn Walter (Memorial)

Respectfully submitted,
George Prohaska

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

August 12, 2017

Desert Palms First Peoria John Calvin

SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest Executive/Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Sierra Blanca, the Administrator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe and the Stated Clerk/Associate of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo met in Phoenix on August 29, 2017 and reviewed the minutes, rolls and registers of Sierra Blanca, Santa Fe, Grand Canyon and de Cristo. The Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon covering January 29, 2016 – November 19, 2016 were approved without exception.

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:

11/4/17 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the September 20, 2017 meeting

Approved that, starting in 2018, a Presbytery of Grand Canyon church which is selected to receive a mission grant must be current with its per capita payments or the per capita obligation will be deducted from the grant award.

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Approved a new Endowment Fund Policy for the Presbytery.

Actions taken at the October 18, 2017 meeting

Approved that, for 2018 only, the Presbytery use funds from account number 22375 to pay the \$2.00 Synod of the Southwest per capita increase for our membership in the amount of \$18,792 and to recommend this action to Presbytery, making it possible to continue total per capita at \$34.00 for 2018.

Approved recommendation to Presbytery adoption of the 2018 budget as contained in the Budget Proposal-Draft Three.

2. Operations Committee Report

Actions taken at the September 9, 2017 meeting

Approved, after proper legal advice had been consulted, a proposed overture sponsored by the Synod of the Southwest and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon calling on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.): 1) to support an initiative to repair critical infrastructure needs of the churches and properties of the Native American and Eskimo mission field and 2) to seek funding.

Approved the following recommendations regarding 223rd General Assembly overtures:

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| Overture 001 – concur | Overture 004 – do not concur |
| Overture 002 – do not concur | Overture 005 – do not concur |
| Overture 003 – concur | Overture 006 – do not concur |

RULES OF DECORUM AND DEBATE

The Rules of Decorum and Debate and Proposed Motions for Voting on Proposed Motions for Dismissal, as posted with the call materials for the meeting, were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

SUSPENSION OF NOTIFICATON REQUIREMENT

Bob Schulz explained that the Mountain View Administrative Commission’s final report had been received prior to this meeting, but not within the 30-day requirement. The following was approved:

MOTION: To suspend the thirty-day advance reporting requirement in the Gracious Dismissal Policy and allow the Administrative Commission to present its report on a proposed Mountain View Presbyterian Church dismissal dated October 26, 2017.

GREETING

The Rev. Jim Crelin, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Desert Palms Presbyterian Church. Many members of Desert Palms were present to help celebrate the advancement of Ben Crelin and Emily Hook on their roads toward ordination. Presbyters were invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Dick Coffelt presented Inquirer Ben Crelin to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Ben fielded several questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. Ben was escorted from the meeting for the vote and, as recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Benjamin Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

Ben was welcomed back into the meeting and was joined by family and friends as Dick Coffelt gave the charge. A prayer was offered for Ben by Pastor Jim Crelin, his father, as he continued the journey towards becoming a Teaching Elder.

EXAMINATION OF EMILY HOOK

COM Moderator José Olagues presented Emily Hook, a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of the James, for examination by our Presbytery for ordination as a Teaching Elder. COM had approved Emily's employment as an Associate Pastor at Desert Palms, pending her successful examination and her subsequent ordination.

Emily read her Statement of Faith and fielded a number of questions from the floor about the Statement and her ministry experience. Presbytery approved arresting the examination and she was escorted from the meeting. The following was approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Emily Hook and proceed to ordination.

Emily was welcomed back and was joined by Desert Palms friends and her family as Brad Munroe gave the charge and offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

WORSHIP

Emily Hook delivered the sermon based on Philippians 3:17-4:1. The Revs. Jim Crelin and Linda Bailey presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special music was provided by Desert Palms musicians. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$1,991.87, was dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Jim Crelin said a blessing for the lunch to follow.

RECOMMISSIONING OF CREs

Danny Halwood (Tseyi Bidáá), Annette Lewis (Lehi) and Martha Lopez Loredó (Memorial) were commissioned during the worship service to continue their service as Commissioned Ruling Elders at their churches. Lois Hildenbrand was commissioned to her new ministry as Interim Pastor at Mingus View. George Prohaska led a prayer of thanksgiving for their gifts in speaking God's word and leading their congregations.

CHARGE TO TSEYI BIDAA

There was recognition of the approval by the Commission on Ministry of the request from Tseyi Bidáá (formerly Canyon Rim), a chapel of Trinity Chinle, to become a church. Having met the requirements to do so, church members came forward and were given a charge by Pastor Mark Tilly of Trinity Prescott, serving as the shepherd church for Tseyi Bidáá, to celebrate this milestone in the life of their congregation.

GEORGE BROOKS AWARD PRESENTATION

Joe and Selena Keesecker were selected as the recipients of the 2017 George Brooks award to honor their lifetime of human rights work. After retirement in 2010 to Phoenix, they began visiting with detainees at the ICE Detention Center in Eloy through a ministry called the Florence Project. They had visited and developed relationships with 250 people coming from 30 different countries.

Joe’s service within the PC(USA) included positions at the Hunger Program and Agricultural Ministries. He also served as Director of Ghost Ranch Missionaries in Guatemala and was now putting his Spanish to good use with those they visited in Eloy. Selena was recruiting people to write letters to the detainees.

MONTLURE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP UPDATE

Kellie von Borstel reported the Montlure Board was hoping to receive permission from the U.S. Forest Service to return to using the Greer campus. In addition to planning regular sessions of 2018 summer camp, Montlure was offering traveling day camp again and was also developing youth nights programming. The Board was moving toward a year-round emphasis.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bill Lents presented nominations. There were several nominations from the floor. Voting on Synod commissioners was tabled until later in the meeting to clarify the slate. The following were approved:

Moderator-Elect

2018 RE Carol Gerlach (First Mesa)

Leadership Commission

2020 TE John Poling (HR)
 2020 TE Peggy Roberts (MAL)
 2020 TE Mark Tilly (Trinity Prescott)
 2020 RE Craig Weber (John Calvin)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

2020 TE Ben Seller (Church of the Master)

Resources Committee

2020 Paula Gray (Southminster)
 2020 John Gregory (Faith)

Operations Committee

2020 Carol Gerlach (First Mesa)
 2020 Barbara Walker (First Mesa)

Commission on Ministry

2018 TE Kristin Rice (Validated)
 2020 TE Art Campbell (HR)
 2020 RE Charlotte Faford (Sacaton)
 2020 CRE Lois Hildenbrand (Mingus View)
 2020 TE Jim Kesler (HR)
 2020 RE Cecil Patterson (Southminster)
 2020 TE Judy Wellington (MAL)
 2020 TE Linda Worsnop (Palo Cristi)

Congregational Resourcing Committee

2019 TE Peggy Hegeman
 2020 Teri Conrad (Crosswinds)
 2020 TE David Hicks (Celebration of Life)
 2020 Kay Kernek (Desert Palms)
 2020 Shannon Langston (First Peoria)
 2020 TE Terry Palmer (Gilbert)

Montlure Board

2018 Todd Whittard (Mission del Sol)

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

David Boyne, Resources Committee chair, presented visual information on the proposed budget. A detailed line item version of the budget was to be posted to the website. He reported that after experiencing major deficits in the past two years (\$185,000 in 2015; \$60,400 in 2016) the Presbytery had a surplus of \$40,000 for 2017. Resources was pleased with how the new budget with mission and connecting areas was working.

The endowment fund to provide steady income for the future had been established with \$4 million and now stood at \$5.7 million. The goal was to have the fund at \$6 million by January 1, 2018, and a 4% yearly rate of return was anticipated. Most of the income from recently closed churches and dismissals had been invested in the endowment fund.

The shared staffing plan with Presbytery de Cristo had been extended through 2019, with Grand Canyon contributing 70% and de Cristo 30%. Combined Personnel and Finance committees were meeting in January 2018 to consider the feasibility of continuing the shared plan beyond 2019. Personnel had decided to continue 100% funding of staff Board of Pension medical coverage and had approved a 3% pay increase for all staff for 2018.

Anticipated Mission pledges had been budgeted at \$107,000 for 2017 but had increased significantly to total \$137,000. This allowed an increase of \$19,500 to the original mission grants awards budget of \$45,000. Resources was also now covering 100% of the insurance cost for our Native American churches from the Mission part of the budget.

Treasurer Barb Zubler reported the Synod of the Southwest had increased its per capita for 2018 by \$2. This amounted to an increase of \$18,792 for our 9,396 members, just for the Synod portion. It was requested that the Synod be asked for justification for the raise. Barb announced that Resources had approved a one-year appropriation to cover this \$18,793 in appreciation of our congregations, but cautioned the Synod increase would be passed along to churches for 2019. Per capita for 2018 was remaining at \$34, with the following breakdown:

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
Presbytery	\$22.27		\$22.50
Synod	4.00	(\$6 minus \$2)	4.00
General Assembly	<u>7.73</u>		<u>7.50</u>
Total	\$34.00		\$34.00

The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the Presbytery of Grand Canyon 2018 budget as presented by the Resources Committee.

REVISED PRESBYTERY BYLAWS AND MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

Bob Schulz explained that the changes to the Presbytery Bylaws consisted of: 1) revision of the schedule for election of GA commissioners (pages 11- 12) and 2) dealing with changes for titles for ministers and church commissioners (page 14).

Bob reported this change in titles had resulted in a \$100,000 cost to the Board of Pensions to correct their database and forms. Bob noted the Presbytery was to continue using Teaching Elder and Ruling Elder in its documents rather than to try to make extensive revisions.

A vote was taken by a show of hands of at least three-quarters of the presbyters present and the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as amended November 4, 2017.

Bob Schulz explained that the Manual of Administrative Operations had been updated with a revision to the policy for determination of ruling elder Presbytery commissioners (page 3), as previously approved by the Leadership Team. There was an approved amendment to the primary motion to add a Section 22 Overture Concurrence policy as approved at the April 2, 2016 Presbytery meeting (see 4/2/16 Presbytery minutes, page 14). A vote was taken by a show of hands and the following was approved by a simple majority:

MOTION: To approve the Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, as amended November 4, 2017.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Ed Spence reported to Presbytery as the Moderator of the Mountain View Administrative Commission. He thanked the other Commission members: RE Joan Fenton, TE David Hodgson, TE Ken Page, RE Jan Palmer, RE Craig Weber and RE Gloria Young.

The following motion was proposed by the Administrative Commission:

MOTION: That Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale, 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 pp. 17 – 22).

Mountain View Pastor Steve Beard thanked the Administrative Commission for its cooperation in working together on the terms for dismissal. It was reported that resolution of a question concerning a \$250,000 endowment was that the Presbytery would receive future proceeds.

There were comments from the floor voicing concern about the possibility of a large remnant of the congregation which had not voiced a direct desire for departure from the PC(USA) or felt they had no choice but to go along with the dismissal. It was pointed out that of 935 members only 299, or one-third, were in favor of departure according to the Administrative Commission's report. It was also noted the report reflected a long pattern of behavior that did not seem to represent respect for ordination vows wherein Teaching and Ruling Elders had promised to further the peace and unity of the church.

There being no further discussion, the motion for dismissal was approved by the Presbytery by written ballot resulting in 50 for, 10 against and 1 abstention. Counters included: TE Terry Palmer, TE John Poling, RE Paul Rooker and RE Mary Lynn Walters.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported on the Fall Gathering which was a meeting for Stated Clerks and other mid-council members, combined with a Board of Pensions meeting. He said there had been positive sharing and enthusiasm. Workshops and general sessions were recorded and available for viewing on the PC(USA) website.

THEOLOGICAL TASK FORCE REQUEST

TE Tom Lineweaver was granted ten minutes to address the Presbytery regarding his concerns about the Task Force. He had submitted a letter which was posted to the website along with other meeting call materials. He brought another letter which was distributed at the meeting. Tom expressed his desire for development of a set of Presbytery essential tenets of the faith, and he wanted the Presbytery to enter into discussion with former churches which joined ECO. Tom repeated his complaint that his concerns were being addressed by a task force recruited by the Leadership Team rather than having the matter addressed by a group elected by the Presbytery or discussed directly on the Presbytery floor.

Jan Palmer responded on behalf of the Leadership Team that a request was being made of the Theological Task Force for a final report to be distributed for the March 3, 2018 Presbytery meeting.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported he had written an Advent devotional which was available for use by our churches. He also reported that a PC(USA) representative had visited to talk about our Presbytery’s current and prospective New Worshipping Community sites.

Brad announced that Congregational Resources had awarded a second round of mission fund grants for 2017. Requests had totaled more than \$80,000 and a new rubric had been developed to assist in deciding how to disperse the \$19,500 available. Grants included:

Gila Crossing	\$2,000 for technology
Tseyi Bidáá	\$6,500 for accessibility ramp
First Mesa	\$1,500 for VBS at Tseyi Bidáá
NA Mission Coordinator	\$4,500 for outside mission projects at Native churches
NA Mission promotion	\$4,000 to staff a booth at GA to recruit volunteer churches
Crosswinds	\$1,000 for community outreach event

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bob Schulz introduced an overture which had been prepared by the Operations Committee based on a request made at the March 2017 Presbytery meeting. The overture, approved by the Leadership Team at its November meeting, had been reviewed for proper structure. It was noted that Native American churches had been directly planted by the PC(USA), unlike other churches, and that a 2000 PC(USA) policy statement clarified that the property for these churches was owned by the congregation. There was an approved amendment to the primary motion to empower the Stated Clerk to add this information to the Rationale. The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve the Overture titled “On calling on the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. to support a robust initiative to repair critical infrastructure needs of the churches, manses, social halls and properties in the historic Native American and Alaskan Native mission field of the PC(USA)” with the Rationale to be amended by the Stated Clerk to indicate that the property for each church is owned by the congregation.

ELECTION OF SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

Bill Lents clarified the slate. There were five people nominated for four commissioner positions, so a written ballot was used. The following were approved:

Synod Commissioners

- 2019 Bev Fletcher
- 2019 Jean Montgomery
- 2019 Richard Nielsen
- 2019 José Olagues

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Desert Palms congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for January 26-27, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of November 4, 2017 at the Leadership Team meeting on January 3, 2018.

S/Robert Schulz

Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

January 3, 2018

Date

**Proposal for Mountain View Presbyterian Church Settlement
Mountain View Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission – Presbytery of Grand Canyon
October 26, 2017**

Introduction

The Administrative Commission (AC) was formed in March 2017 in response to a letter from the Session of Mountain View Presbyterian Church (MVPC) on February 28, 2017, requesting dismissal to The Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). The Commission was formed and began to work actively in March 2017. The charge to the AC was to “enter into a season of discernment, coordinating the dismissal of MVPC from the Presbyterian Church (USA).” The AC has been in an 8-month season of discernment to be sure that it “complies with all applicable provisions of the Form of Government of the PC(USA) with respect to the work of administrative commissions.”

In addition, the AC and MVPC are guided by the trust clause of the PC(USA) to be faithful to the fiduciary responsibilities with regard to the assets of MVPC:

“As a Presbytery, we recognize that chapter 4 of the Form of Government (FOG) states: “All property held by or for a congregation, a presbytery, a synod, the General Assembly, or the Presbyterian Church (USA) whether legal title is lodged in a corporation, a trustee or trustees, or an unincorporated association, and whether the property is used in programs of a congregation or of a higher council or retained for the production of income, is held in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (USA).” (G.4.0203) 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-3.0303b).

As the AC has done its work involving statistics, appraisals, surveys, meetings, reviews of records and more, it has been our sincere desire to determine God’s will in this matter. The Church belongs to Jesus Christ: The Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Mountain View Presbyterian Church are merely entrusted with its care. All of us are in prayer that the ministry of Jesus Christ may continue in this region where God has planted us!

Background

Mountain View Presbyterian Church began as a vision from the New Church Development Committee of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in 1976, with the Presbytery’s purchase of four acres of property in the McCormick Ranch area at the corner of Mountain View Road and Hayden Road. The property cost \$80,000. The Presbytery received a loan of \$65,000 from the United Presbyterian Church to help pay for it, and an additional \$15,000 was paid by the Presbytery. The cost of that loan was later paid off by the new congregation. The steering committee for the congregation included members from Valley Presbyterian Church and the Salt River and Scottsdale Presbyterian Churches. These folks provided volunteer support by ushering, doing other organizational functions, attending worship, and helping with the initial outreach to the community. In the early stages of development, the Rev. Dr. Mark Koehler, from Valley Presbyterian Church, was on loan to MVPC to help provide worship, support and guidance. The congregation worshiped at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist on Hayden Road for some time during its early life. The congregation quickly became organized with committees and other structure.

The Rev. Ralph Meredith was called as the organizing pastor on March 9, 1980. Soon after, the church was forming a PNC to search for a permanent pastor. On May 17, 1981, Ralph Meredith was installed as the pastor of the church. During these early years of formation, along with generous gifts from the congregation, the church’s program ministry was supported by the Synod, Presbytery and General Assembly (GA) in the

form of grants totaling \$51,500, and funds from ecumenical partners in the amount of \$9,500. In 1984 the church received a low-interest mortgage from GA for \$150,000 which was part of their new building campaign. The Presbytery co-signed for this loan, which was paid off in 1988.

During this time, as the church was active in the development of the congregation, they began planning for a building. With a ground-breaking ceremony in March of 1984, the building began. The congregation held first services in the new sanctuary on November 11, 1984, in time for Christmas. The congregation was up to 322 members at this time and had a communicants class of 18 youth. During this time of growth in the church, a number of new staff persons were part of the vibrant ministry of MVPC, including associate pastors Lanny Langford (1987-1990), Paula Valle (1993-2003), Jim Rizer (1998-2002) and Cynthia Jennison (2004-2006). There were also several part-time staff at various times, including Rev. Jane Wilson (interim associate from 2003 to 2004), Rev. Chuck Jenkins, Rev. Gary Doan, and student pastor Bill Good.

In May of 2009, Pastor Ralph Meredith retired after 29 years of faithful ministry. Following the interim pastorate of Rev. Bud Engstrom (2007-2010), the Rev. Steve Beard was called as pastor in January 2011, followed by the call of associate pastor Rev. Kirk Sexton in November 2011. The Rev. Lyn Corazin also serves as a part-time pastoral associate. Over a period of time the church grew to a significant size, hovering near the 1,500-member mark, with a membership of 1,479 at the end of 2014. Membership declined since then to 1,011 at the end of 2016, and now rests at 935. During this time, it was reported to the AC, a significant number of members/former members were attending Pinnacle Presbyterian Church. Only 35 members have formally transferred their membership to Pinnacle. Likewise, in the past three years, according to records from the Clerk of Session, 468 members were removed from the rolls for “other” reasons.

Early in the life of the congregation, efforts were made to be supportive of the overall mission of the Presbyterian Church. Mission funds of up to 20% of MVPC’s income were provided in 1982 for such work, according to Session records. The church generously continued that tradition for many years, giving \$375,000 for GA, Synod, and Presbytery work through 2012. Per capita was paid up through March 2015.

MVPC is also active in many forms of mission work in the area and outside the U.S. One of their most active projects is The Beatitudes Special Needs Ministry, with staff and members actively working to provide a wide range of programs to provide Christian nurture and support for people with special needs. The congregation also supports work teams who spend weekends in Rocky Point, Mexico, doing a variety of projects and programs. MVPC has teams working on ministries in Africa, the Middle East, and Latin America. The church is also active with support and people power for Habitat for Humanity, Feed My Starving Children, Rainbow Acres, Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Shepherd’s Warehouse, Shoebox Ministry, UMOM/New Day Center, Unlimited Potential, and Vista del Camino. We are grateful for this witness of MVPC to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

Discernment

According to documents provided to the AC from the church, MVPC and their leadership have been concerned for a period of time about the direction of the PC(USA). In the past, MVPC had been what is often called a “big tent” church where a variety of viewpoints were honored and respected. They still feel they are that kind of church. However, in recent years, with the change in the definition of marriage and other decisions by the General Assembly, members and staff became restless about their continued affiliation with the PC(USA). MVPC, both leadership and members, stated that the PC(USA) had become overly involved in political debate and decisions, especially related to Israel, divestment, and fossil fuels. There was the feeling that the PC(USA) had abandoned its reformed standards of belief and practice (essential tenets), especially in the interpretation of scripture and beliefs about Jesus. These issues continued to weigh on the congregation until they decided they needed to leave.

Members of the staff and Session attended a meeting of The Fellowship Community of Presbyterians in 2013 and decided to join The Fellowship. From that time on, they began a season of discernment which they did on their own, with very little support or involvement of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. There was also the feeling that the 2014 GA's decision not to allow special presbytery groups for our more conservative churches was a critical decision that made MVPC feel unwelcome in this branch of the Reformed family. They prepared documents for the congregation to read, had some visits from some presbytery pastors, held about eight church-wide gatherings, including Q/A and small group discussions, town hall meetings, and in the Fall of 2016, had an unofficial straw poll which indicated that of the about 300 people present, 86% agreed with the idea of dismissal. There was also some pressure on Session and staff from about 100 members saying that they wanted the church to leave the PC(USA) or they would leave the church.

Following the request for dismissal by the Session of MVPC in February 2017, the AC was appointed and began to work in March. Since that time, the AC has done the following:

The AC met with the Session (without the pastors present) and with a group of members in the gallery. The Session was strong in their unified desire to leave the PC(USA).

The AC met with all of the staff to discern their feelings about leaving the PC(USA) for ECO and, to a person, they support the plan. At this time, Pastors Steve Beard and Kirk Sexton will be seeking membership in ECO. Pastoral Associate Lyn Corazin is not seeking to move.

The AC conducted a survey of the congregation to determine their support for the possible dismissal to ECO. The survey was conducted electronically and by mail for those who did not have such service. The results showed the following:

Total responses	370 = 39.5% of the congregation of 935
In favor of Dismissal	299 = 80.8%
Those against	49 = 13.2%
Those undecided	22 = 5.9%

Due to the summer and the fact that many members of the church were not in town, the AC delayed having small group gatherings to hear further from the congregation in person. In late August and into September the AC held several small group gatherings to listen to members. Not many people came, having felt the survey told their stories. About 25-30 people came to say they wanted to leave, and in another setting, a small number of members came to talk about why they wanted to stay in the PC(USA).

From the meetings and the surveys, it was clear to the AC that a strong majority of the congregation wish to leave and become part of ECO. On the other hand, it was also apparent from comments on a number of surveys and in letters sent to the AC that once the church joined The Fellowship the "die was cast" and the leadership of the church was moving strongly in the dismissal direction. Some members felt that things were "orchestrated" in such a manner that minority voices were not given a fair chance to be heard, or that other voices from the PC(USA) were not fairly represented in the presentations given to the congregation. These people observed other members leaving or drifting away during this time. Having said that, most of the minority have a sense of resignation that there is little they can do about it – it is too late. They regret greatly that the church will have to pay settlement fees to leave when something else could have been done.

An appraisal of the property was done, which includes the sanctuary, office and classroom building, the fellowship hall, kitchen and other classrooms. There is also an office building the church owns next door to the church, which is now called the Life Enrichment Center. Part of that office complex is leased to outside parties.

The value of the church property is:

MVPC Church, Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, etc.	\$3,460,000
Hayden Square/Life Enrichment Center	<u>1,900,000</u>
Total Value of all Property	\$5,360,000

Current Church Indebtedness on the property is \$1,375,042.

Issues for Consideration

As noted in the narrative above, MVPC has been well supported by the PC(USA), beginning with the purchase of the property and continuing with program funds to help support the ministry in the first four years.

The church received loans from the Presbyterian Church to assist with their first building project, \$150,000 of which were eventually paid by the church. Later, due to the program demands of a growing congregation, a second building program was carried out in January 1988 which included the addition of a fellowship hall and classrooms. This necessitated two significant loans that were provided at a low interest rate through the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) in 2003 for \$1,720,000 and \$1,608,500. The Presbytery co-signed the loans and the Synod made an investment with PILP to help MVPC secure a lower interest rate. These loans were later refinanced through Mid-First Bank at the time the church expanded their campus with the purchase of the Hayden Square office complex next door. The church leases some of that building to offset loan payments.

MVPC has a private foundation, which has a balance on May 31, 2017 of \$655,101. This fund has been designated for three projects: Seminary Scholarships, African Mission projects, and a significant gift of \$500,000 for the Beatitudes Special Needs Ministry. Due to the designated nature of these funds, they are not considered for this process. The church also has other significant investments and cash, over \$1,000,000. Much of it is designated for maintenance projects and other specified program, so it is not considered.

MVPC has money (\$186,000) that was given by donors, on behalf of the church, to the Presbyterian Foundation of the PC (USA). Currently, the church receives a yearly income stream of \$7,600 from that fund. However, if the church leaves the denomination that income stops and, because there is no contingent beneficiary, distribution of those funds becomes the discretion of the Foundation in consultation with other governing bodies of the PC (USA).

Because there is a significant mortgage on the property, the AC feels that it is fair to consider the equity value of the property when determining a settlement amount. The following calculation is used to address the Trust Clause of the PC(USA). The market appraisal (\$5,360,000) is made up of 25.6% debt (\$1,375,042) and 74.4% estimated equity (\$3,984,958).

In 2015, MVPC reduced the amount it paid to per capita, owing \$33,549.75 for that year. The church did not pay per capita in 2016 (\$50,286) or in 2017 (\$42,398). The total per capita due is \$126,233.75.

The Gracious Dismissal Policy of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and the Trust Clause of the *Book of Order* require that the AC take into account the value of the church’s property. The AC also recognizes the place of history that allows the congregation to get to the place where it is today, due to the support of the denomination. The AC also recognizes that all congregations emerge and grow from the collective gifts of God’s people, including the direct gifts of the congregation (their labors or their money), gifts from other

congregations (furniture, supplies, sharing of staff, and support from groups such as Mariners), and support from the larger church (Presbytery, Synod, and GA). All of these partners have helped to make Mountain View Presbyterian Church what it is today.

The AC affirms that the pastor, Rev. Steve Beard, and associate pastor, Rev. Kirk Sexton, desire to leave the PC(USA) and become members of ECO, and that the pastoral associate, Rev. Lyn Corazin desires to retain her membership with the PC(USA) at this time.

The AC also affirms that MVPC desires to leave the PC (USA) and become a member of ECO.

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 AC proposes the following:

1. That Mountain View Presbyterian Church be dismissed from the PC (USA) and allowed to become a member of ECO when the way is clear.
2. That MVPC and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon feel a strong calling to care for members who do not wish to leave the PC (USA). Some may stay at MVPC. Others may wish to become members of a different church. We will jointly care for them, no matter what their decisions are. For those who wish to stay in the PC(USA), their membership can be transferred to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon while they look for a new church. The AC has communicated with all members whom they know are beginning their search for a new church home.
3. That the church’s pastor, the Rev. Steve Beard, and associate pastor, the Rev. Kirk Sexton, also be allowed to transfer their status as teaching elders to ECO, when the way is clear.
4. That the church’s pastoral associate, the Rev. Lyn Corazin, will remain with the PC (USA). The AC affirms her desire to continue work at MVPC and, in keeping with the Gracious Dismissal Policy, her name will be kept on the roll of Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a teaching elder.
5. That MVPC will pay the approximate \$7,000 of costs related to the dismissal process:

\$4,000	Appraisal Cost
\$ 500	Cost for Administrative Commission operations (approximate)
\$1,500	Cost for copying all church documents for historical records, including: all records concerning members, Session and congregation minutes, lists of officers/pastors, all legal transactions, etc. (approximate)
\$ 700	Cost for transfer of property ownership to Mountain View Presbyterian Church (actual)
6. That MVPC will pay the Presbytery 10% of the equity value of the buildings (\$3,984,958 x .10 = \$398,496).
7. That the Presbytery of Grand Canyon will gift to Mountain View Presbyterian Church 90% of the value of the property, which is: \$3,984,958.
8. That MVPC will pay \$126,233 in outstanding per capita.

9. Concerning the \$186,000 in the Presbyterian Foundation for which there is no contingent beneficiary the AC agrees that the Presbytery of Grand Canyon will receive the benefit and the Presbytery will refund \$31,729.75 to MVPC.

10. That MVPC agrees to pay the full amount of the settlement at closing.

Total Settlement Amount

The total Settlement Amount is \$499,700, subject to the contingency in item 9. Funds from the property settlement will be placed in the Endowment Fund of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Per capita funds will be deposited in the Presbytery General Fund to reimburse funds that have already been paid to Synod and GA.

The Administrative Commission is grateful for the continued work toward a gracious dismissal process for this church. The Session, their negotiating team, the pastoral staff of MVPC and the AC have tried to work together to the glory of God and for the future of both the church and the Presbytery, which is not easy in these situations. Both parties have appreciated the spirit and effort of all involved.

The Mountain View Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission

TE Ed Spence, Moderator; TE David Hodgson; RE Joan Fenton; TE Ken Page; RE Jan Palmer; RE Craig Weber and RE Gloria Young