

MINUTES

Stated Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
January 26-27, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Stated Annual Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande. This was a joint meeting with Presbytery de Cristo. Moderators George Prohaska, Grand Canyon, and Bill Voigt, de Cristo, opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of at least 15 teaching elders and 15 ruling elders with at least 15 churches being represented.

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

ROLL

There were 41 Teaching Elder commissioners and 36 Ruling Elder commissioners, 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 6 Ruling Elder Leadership Team members and committee/commission Moderators present, for a total of 88 voting members. There were 20 registered visitors.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Clayton Cobb (The Pacific)

Jean Martin (Kiskiminetas)

Teaching Elders Present – 41

Avram, Wesley	Hawkins, Darren	Nielsen, Richard	Spence, Edward
Berry, Thomas	Hegeman, Peggy	Olagues, José	Tamayo, Erin
Brown, Kelsy	Hicks, David	Page, Kenneth	Tilly, Mark
Campbell, Mike	Hook, Emily	Palmer, Theron	Watkins, Gale
Campbell, Sheryl	Japenga, Mike	Poling, John	Wellington, Judy
Cho, Yongho	Keesecker, Joe	Proudfoot, Charles	Willett, Brandon
Conklin, Ann	Ledermann, Eric	Ramos, Gonzalo	Willett, Kristen
Felix, Robert	Martin, Jean	Ricardo, Betty	Worsnop, Linda
Fooks, John	McCabe, Norma	Rice, Kristin	
Fraser, Jennifer	Muenich, Karen	Saylor, Mary	
Hartwell, Michael	Munroe, Brad	Seller, Ben	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 36

Arizona Korean - Sue Lee	Memorial - Ted Keane
Bethany - Lanny Trapnell	Mesa First - Carol Gerlach
Celebration of Life - Elly Scheman	Mesa First - Bill Lents
Central - Aaron King	Mingus View - Susan Goe
Chandler - John Corey	Mission del Sol - George Prohaska
Chinle Trinity - Rayme Walker	Palo Cristi - Joan Fenton
Desert Palms - Kay Kernek, Jean Montgomery	Peoria First - Shannon Langston
Faith - Betty Forsberg	Pinetop Community - Lynda Marble
Fort Defiance - Wallace Hanley	Pinnacle - Jeff Smith
Fort McDowell - Tom Jones	Pinnacle - Bill Noyes
Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill	Pinnacle - Paul Rooker
Guadalupe - Selena Keesecker	Prescott Trinity - Connie Palmrose
Heritage - Jerry Muenich	Salt River - Lupe Koory
John Calvin - Craig Weber	Sierra Vista - Glen Moss
Kayenta - Milinda Benallie	Vah-Ki - Bonita Lyons

Sun City First - Mary McMartin
 Tseyi Bidáá - Virginia Halwood
 University - Molly Winkler

Yarnell Community - Ruby McKenzie
 Yuma First - Lucy Boal

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 5

Danny Halwood Annette Lewis Hilbert Schouten
 Lois Hildenbrand Martha Lopez Loredó

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 6

David Boyne Bill Lents Jan Palmer
 Mary Danforth Kathryn Owens Bob Schulz

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath Carolyn McBurney

Teaching Elders Excused

Albertson, Daniel	Fox, Charles	Meredith, Ralph	Smith, Esther
Anderson, Fred	Fulton, Helmi	Merwald, Alfred	Soderquist, Paul
Arbesman, Janet	Gard, Gary	Miller, Jerry	Straatmeyer, Al
Baer, Doug	Gephart, Al	Miller, Craig	Swicegood, Terry
Bailey, Linda	Goad, Jessica	Moe, Michelle	Uhley, James
Baxter, Patricia	Gray, Barrie	Moe, Kenneth	Ulrickson, Paul
Bell, Arthur	Hayes, William	Moranville, Thomas	Valle, Paula
Berg, George	Hicks, Mae	Moser, Paul	Vautier, Grif
Bruening, James	Hilla, Andrew	Murman, Kimberly	Vogel, Leslie
Burtless, Stanford	Hodgson, David	Nieto, Michael	Voth, John
Byall, Lowell	Hodgson, Deanne	Nieto, Kelly	Walker, David
Cameron, Stu	Houdeshell, Donovan	Northrup, Cathy	Wallace, David
Campbell, Arthur	Jacobs, Lynn	Oppenhuizen, Kathleen	Weir, Kyle
Citron, Suzanne	Jennison, Cynthia	Parker, Gayle	Wescott, Linda
Clark, Bobby	Joe, Victor	Parker, Thomas	White, Frank
Clark, Robert	Johnson, Caleb	Phillips, Beverly	Wilcher, Jay
Cook, John Coy	Jousan, Mike	Phillips, Norman	Willerton, Sherry
Corazin, Nan Lyn	Kesler, Jim	Pratt, Edward	Winkelpleck, Judy
Corbett, Larry	Kim, Kwang	Pulido, Gloria	Witt, Bill
Davis, Harrell	Kim, Myung Bae	Sabbagh, John	Witte, Cathy
Day, Kathleen	Kirk, Wayne	Saylor, George	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Doh, Joseph	Kush, Gary	Schenck, Jed	Wright, Douglas
Dulaney, Robert	Latty, Allan	Schmitt, Gus	Wright, Eugene
Eaken, Lawrence	Lefebvre, Eugene	Schultz, Harris	Young, Patricia
Engstrom, Bud	Letizia, Gordon	Selestewa, Sharon	Young, Alvin
Evans, Lloyd	Martz, Robert	Serchak, David	Zabriskie, Richard
Farwell, Barbara	Melendez, Hipolito	Serchak, Jo	

Churches Excused

Flagstaff Federated Valley

Teaching Elders Absent

Anderson, Mark	Fischer, Scott	Khjeek, Estawri	Song, Seok Min
Blincoe, Robert	Fletcher, Tully	Lineweaver, Thomas	Stahmer, Bruce
Brandfass, Gwen	Garcia, Joaquin	Miller, Joan	Turner, David
Campbell, Kristina	Harmon, Frank	Ramirez, Julio	Vautier, Holly
Coffman, Renee	Holland, Cheri	Roberts, Margaret	Wintz, Susan
Crelin, James	Joynt, David	Sadongei, Martha	Wintz, Michael
Doh, Helen	Kerber, Keith	Schumacher, Bruce	Winkelpleck, Judy

Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent

Calvin Kelly

Churches Absent

Betania	Ganado	Leupp First	Sacaton First
Blackwater	Gilbert	Maricopa First	Southminster
Church of the Master	Goodyear Village	Orangewood	Tuba City
Crosswinds	Indian Wells	Parker Valley	Wellton Community
Emmanuel	Lehi	Payson Community	Westminster

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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:

1/26-27/18 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the November 1, 2017 meeting

Approved requesting a final report from the Theological Affirmation Task Force for review by the Leadership Team at its February 7, 2018 meeting and then presentation to the Presbytery at the March 3, 2018 meeting.

Elected RE Jan Palmer to serve as Moderator of the Leadership Team for 2018.

Approved the Native American Infrastructure Overture, as prepared and recommended by our Operations Committee and Commissioners to the 2018 GA, for approval by our Presbytery and submission to the 223rd General Assembly with a call for: 1) an assessment of Native American PC(USA) church property nationwide, and 2) identification of sources of funding for necessary improvements.

Approved the proposal of Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe for making an Advent Devotional booklet written by Brad available for possible use by our churches, with proceeds to be directed to Presbytery mission partners.

Rescinded the action taken at the October 4, 2017 meeting of the Leadership Team regarding concurrence actions for Overtures 1 – 6 received from GA.

1/26-27/18 Commission Reports

Actions taken at the December 6, 2017 meeting

Elected TE Mike Nieto as Moderator-Elect of the Leadership Team for 2018, then to serve as Moderator of the Leadership Team for 2019.

Approved consideration of providing lunch at Presbytery meetings for only those presbyters who RSVP, should that be a feasible system which could be managed by Office Manager Carolyn McBurney.

Approved a Presbytery of Grand Canyon grant in the amount of \$25,000 as required matching funds for a GA New Worshipping Communities grant to our Evangelical Arabic Church fellowship.

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

Commission on Ministry

2019 RE George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
 2020 RE Loretta Blackwater (Sacaton)
 2020 TE Paul Soderquist (HR)

Resources Committee

2018 RE Clyde Parks (Mission del Sol)
 2020 RE David Boyne (Mission del Sol)

Montlure Board

Stan Snitzer (First Mesa)

Operations Committee

2018 RE Jackie Poling

Actions taken at the January 3, 2018 meeting

Affirmed plans for the proposed Presbytery shoe drive.

Approved the following 2018 Presbytery meeting dates and locations:

January 26-27	First	Casa Grande
March 3	Pinnacle	Scottsdale
August 25	St. Andrew's	Tucson
November 3	Chandler	Chandler

Approved scheduling an opioid addiction workshop led by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation on Friday, November 2, 2018 as a pre-Presbytery meeting event, with approval to use Ignite the Spark funds for the workshop.

Authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz and Administrative Commission moderator Ed Spence to hire legal counsel, should they think it to be in the Presbytery's interest, regarding a request from Mountain View Presbyterian Church for signed agreement of a document regarding transfer of ownership of the church property.

Authorized the funding for restoration of a large Old Testament from Urban Connect, formerly Historic First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix.

1/26-27/18 Commission Reports

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the October 24, 2017 meeting

Lloyd, Linda

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Linda Lloyd from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Presbytery de Cristo, effective October 22, 2017.

Hook, Emily

Approved the Temporary Associate Pastor Agreement between Emily Hook and Desert Palms Presbyterian Church on a part-time basis (25 hrs/wk) for a period of one year effective December 17, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary/Housing	\$32,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Study Allowance	1,000	Vacation	Two weeks
		Study Leave	One week

Bondora, Mike

Approved allowing the Mike Bondora (Church of Christ), Temporary Stated Supply Pastor, to serve as moderator of the Session at First Presbyterian Church in Yuma, effective October 24, 2017.

Hegeman, Margaret

Ratified the appointment by the Moderator of the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Peggy Hegeman as Pastor to Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 5, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

José Olagues

Ruling Elders

Jim Kellmann (Yarnell)
 Ruby McKenzie (Yarnell)
 Kathryn Owens (Bethany)
 Kas Page (Yarnell)
 George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
 Jack Ruah (Yarnell)

Policy on Establishment of a New Church

Approved the following requirements in order for a chapel or new worshipping community to become a church in the Presbytery of Canyon, with 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.

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Tseyi Bidáá

Approved the request of Tseyi Bidáá (formerly Canyon Rim), a chapel of Trinity Chinle, to become a church, pending receipt of a 2018-2019 budget, with approval for CRE Danny Halwood to administer sacraments and seat a Session.

Approved celebrating the establishment of Tseyi Bidáá as a church at the November 4, 2017 Presbytery meeting, pending completion of all requirements.

First Sun City

Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) for First Presbyterian Church in Sun City.

Policy on Dissolution of Church Pastoral Calls

Approved Chapter X - Dissolution of Church Pastoral Calls for the COM Handbook.

Actions taken at the November 28, 2017 meeting

Hart, Floyd

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Floyd Hart, at his request, from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Dakota, effective November 21, 2017.

Freitas, Eneyas

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Eneyas Freitas, at his request, from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay, effective February 4, 2017.

Woodruff, Kelsey

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Kelsey Woodruff, at her request, from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to the Presbytery of Boston, effective September 30, 2017.

Hook, Emily

Approved the request of Emily Hook to be ordained on December 17, 2017, at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. and approved the following Administrative Commission to Ordain the Rev. Emily Hook as Temporary Associate Pastor to Desert Palms Presbyterian Church:

Teaching Elders

David Hodgson

Eric Ledermann

Kimberly Murman

Ruling Elders

Charlie Green (Desert Palms)

Jean Montgomery (Desert Palms)

George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)

Molly Winkler (University)

Barbara Zubler (Gilbert)

Election of Moderator

Elected RE Bob Aldag as COM Moderator for 2018.

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3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the November 21, 2017 meeting

Confirmed Ruling Elder Jane Linville (Desert Palms) as prepared to be commissioned by our Presbytery as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) and to refer Jane to the Commission on Ministry for their consideration, effective upon her completion of the required Presbytery background check.

Elected TE Mike Japenga to serve as Moderator and elected RE Jim Hershauer to serve as Moderator-Elect of CPM for 2018, with those terms beginning in February 2018.

Actions taken at the December 12, 2017 meeting

Approved recommending to the Presbytery that Inquirer Christopher Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church be moved to Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

Approved recommending to COM that Chris Woodard be added to the Presbytery’s Pulpit Supply List.

Approved sending Candidate Ben Crelin, currently in seminary, a gift of \$500 from the Presbytery.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Margaret Hegeman November 5, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Peggy Hegeman met at Yarnell Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 5, at 2:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Hegeman, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders
José Olagues

Ruling Elders
Jim Kellmann (Yarnell)
Ruby McKenzie (Yarnell)
Kathryn Owens (Bethany)
Kas Page (Yarnell)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
Jack Ruah (Yarnell)

Respectfully submitted,
George Prohaska

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Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Emily Hook December 17, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Ordain Emily Hook met at Desert Palms Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 17, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. and did ordain the Rev. Emily Hook, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

David Hodgson
Eric Ledermann
Kimberly Murman

Ruling Elders

Charlie Green (Desert Palms)
Jean Montgomery (Desert Palms)
George Prohaska (Mission del Sol)
Molly Winkler (University)
Barbara Zubler (Gilbert)

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:

November 4, 2017

Bethany	Emmanuel	Orangewood	University
Celebration of Life	Mission del Sol	Palo Cristi	Westminster

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:

1/26-27/18 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the November 15, 2017 meeting

Approved a revised Mission Pledge Form for 2018.

Approved the understanding that all monies collected through the Mission Budget would be spent for mission purposes.

Approved carrying over balances in the Mission Budget at the end of a fiscal year and making them available for Mission awards in the next fiscal year.

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Approved the allocation of 75% of funds budgeted for Mission Grants to the first round of awards and 25% for the second round of awards, with the first round of awards normally to be made in January and the second round in July.

Authorized a first round of awards for 2018 of up to \$58,425 (75% of \$77,900).

Approved rescinding the following Resources action taken at the September 20, 2017 meeting:

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.

Approved requesting that the Presbytery’s mission grant application form be revised to contain the following, “Is your church current on per capita payments? If the answer is no, please explain why.”

Approved in concept a request from the Congregational Resourcing Team to release \$5,000 from Restricted Funds to Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp for property-related needs, pending additional information on the purpose of such funding and determination if it is consistent with restrictions on the fund.

Approved funding up to \$2,700 from Account 22401 for replacement of the Fort Defiance Presbyterian Church heating system.

Approved reassigning line items 74165, 74170 and 74175 (Pastor and Stated Clerk Travel/Misc. and Pastor Vehicle) so the expenses fall under the appropriate staff position.

2. Operations Committee Report

Action taken at the October 10, 2017 meeting

Reviewed the Presbytery’s overture to GA on Native American properties and approved revisions.

Action taken at the December 12, 2017 meeting

Approved whether to move Overtures 007-019 forward to Presbytery for voting, as follows:

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| 007 | Move forward | 014 | Move forward |
| 008 | Do not move forward | 015 | Move forward |
| 009 | Move forward | 016 | Move forward |
| 010 | Do not move forward | 017 | Do not move forward |
| 011 | Do not move forward | 018 | Move forward |
| 012 | Move forward | 019 | Move forward |
| 013 | Move forward | | |

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Action taken at the January 9, 2018 meeting

Approved whether to move Overtures 007-019 forward to Presbytery for voting, as follows:

020	Do not move forward	025	Move forward
021	Do not move forward	026	Move forward
022	Move forward	027	Move forward
023	Do not move forward	028	Do not move forward
024	Move forward		

3. Congregational Resourcing Committee Report

Action taken at the October 10, 2017 meeting

Awarded \$19,500 in a second round of mission fund grants for 2017, as follows:

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 GA booth to recruit volunteer churches
Crosswinds	\$1,000 for community outreach event

Actions taken at the November 7, 2017 meeting

Approved requesting that \$6,000 be used from Ignite the Spark funds to support extra facilitators’ training for two people, in addition to the training funds supplied by GA for two people.

Approved requesting that the Resources Committee reconsider making a church’s unpaid per capita a consideration in mission grant awards and tabled more discussion until Resources had time to respond to CRT concerns and questions.

Approved an amended grant application to include: 1) a general question about whether a church’s per capita is up to date, and 2) a request that a grant recipient report back to CRT within six months on the effectiveness of the grant funds’ use.

Approved use of \$18,000 in restricted funds to fill a salary gap for the Willets in their New Worshipping Community ministry in Anthem.

Rescinded an unused \$1,500 grant awarded to the Youth Network in January 2017 for use to pay for a New Worshipping Community coach for the Willets.

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Approved a disbursement plan for the Evangelical Arabic Church fellowship from the \$50,000 in available funds (\$25,000 from GA and a matching \$25,000 from the Presbytery), with \$1,000 per month to be disbursed over 50 months for salary for Estawri Khjeek.

Approved \$7,500 seed money for development of a New Worshipping Community in the Queen Creek area.

Actions taken at the January 9, 2018 meeting

Approved using a percentage basis to determine the grant amounts in the first round of mission grants for 2018, with \$58,425 available.

Approved the following amounts to be awarded in mission grants:

Arizona Faith Network (AFN)	\$ 2,000
Central PC	\$10,000
Desert Palms PC	\$ 1,000
Memorial PC	\$12,800
Montlure Properties	\$ 5,000
Salt River PC	\$ 9,750
Southminster PC	\$ 7,500
Tseyi Bidáá - Singspiration	\$ 2,700
Tseyi Bidáá - ramp construction -	\$ 4,250
UKIRK at ASU	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	\$57,000

1/26-27/18 Consent Agenda

As recommended by the Operations Committee, the following actions were approved via the Consent Agenda:

223rd General Assembly Overtures							
Summary of Action or Impact on Denomination and Presbytery							
Current date of Update		18-Jan-18					
Overture #	GC GA Comm &Ops Recomm	Impact on GC/dC	Significant to Denomination	Worthy of Consideration	Notes	Conc Other Presbyteries	
1	Concur		•	•	BOO & Conflict State Laws	1	
2	No		•		Belhar Conf. Letter	2	
3	Concur		•	•	Clarification of Titles	2	
4	No				Directory of Worship	1	
5	No	•			Admin Personnel Assoc	6	
6	No				BOP Divest Fossil Fuel	5	
7	Concur	•	•	•	Grant Serious Mental Illnes	7	
8	No				GA Divestment List	3	
9	Concur	•	•	•	Definition of Offense	1	
10	No	•		•	Syrian Crisis	4	
11	No	•	•		Permission Out of Bounds	2	
12	Concur		•	•	2/3 vote Constit Amend	1	
13	Concur			•	Moratorium of Executions	1	
14	Concur		•	•	Climate Change	1	
15	Concur	•	•	•	Renounce Jurisdiction	1	
16	GC Authored	•	•	•	NA Infrastructure	1	
17	No	•			Congreg Electing RE	1	
18	Concur	•	•	•	Per Capita Funding Eval	1	
19	Concur	•	•	•	Renounce Jurisdiction	1	
20	No			•	Oppose Anti BDS Legista	1	
21	No				Human Rights of Israel Citz	1	
22	Concur			•	Prayer South Sudan	1	
23	No	•			Admin Personnel Assoc	1	
24	Concur			•	Synod Border Realignment	1	
25	Concur		•	•	Ecumen Solidarity Palestine	1	
26	Concur	•	•	•	Make Up of Congreg PNC	1	
27	Concur		•	•	Commun & Baptized Children	1	
28	No	•	•		Comp & Respons of Session	1	

GREETING

The Rev. Paul Elgin, Pastor, welcomed the Presbyteries to First Presbyterian Church in Casa Grande.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Operations Committee
2020 TE Ken Page (Orangewood)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry
2020 TE Emily Hook (Desert Palms)
2020 TE Alfred Merwald (HR)

Montlure Council
2019 Clarissa Knorr (University)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

The Presbytery meeting was recessed and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation was called to order. The following was approved:

MOTION: To elect the 2018 Presbytery of Grand Canyon Corporation officers:

President	RE Janice Palmer
Vice President	TE Michael Nieto
Treasurer	RE Barbara Zubler
Secretary	RE Robert Schulz
Executive Secretary	TE W. Bradley Munroe

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

BOARD OF PENSIONS REPORT

Clayton Cobb, our BOP representative, reported that by offering “a la carte” benefits selected by the employer, 2,300 lay persons were added to BOP benefits plans. A 403(b) option had been added. Medical copays could be reduced by participating in the Call To Health plan. The Optima prescription plan was requiring almost all generics. Clayton explained the Board was moving to electronic communications to save money, and he was available to those needing help using the website. He was planning his annual BOP retirement seminars.

NEWS/UPDATES

Karl Ver Burg, a member of Christ PC in Tucson, reported on the installation of solar panels as part of their effort to be good stewards, both financially and environmentally.

Bailey Pickens, the new Director of Presbyterian Campus Ministries at the University of Arizona, was introduced. She was enthusiastic about beginning her work with the students there.

Bob Schulz and Brad Munroe explained that all presbyteries were considering whether to concur with overtures being proposed for the 223rd General Assembly due to a *Book of Order* change requiring the concurrence of at least one presbytery for consideration of an overture.

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCING TEAM REPORT

Shannon Langston reported that 2018 mission grant applications totaling approximately \$200,000 had been received. The Team had to select from among those to distribute the \$80,000 available. Memorial Presbyterian was using their grant to hire a bilingual office secretary. Congregational Resourcing was assisting the Presbytery’s three recently launched New Worshipping Communities: Brandon and Kristin Willett in Anthem, Estawri Khjeek of the Evangelical Arabic fellowship worshipping at Bethany, and a new gathering of interested people in the Queen Creek area.

NATIVE AMERICAN PROPERTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Clyde Parks spoke about conditions at many of our Native American churches. He and his wife had visited the congregations in the northern part of Arizona and were planning to continue with assessments in the south. Clyde showed photos of properties in serious need of extensive repairs. His assessment process was being used as a model in the overture being proposed to the 223rd General Assembly by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon calling for evaluation of Native American property nationwide.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Paul Elgin delivered the sermon based on John 1:14. The Revs. Paul Elgin and Judy Wellington presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by First Casa Grande musicians. The Moderators for 2018 were installed, TE Judy Wellington for Grand Canyon and RE Liz Lopshire-Kading for de Cristo. The 2017 Presbytery Moderators, George Prohaska for Grand Canyon and Bill Voigt for de Cristo, were recognized and thanked for their service.

Our commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly were commissioned: RE Kiana Brewer (Heritage), RE Jean Montgomery (Desert Palms), TE Terry Palmer (Gilbert), TE Ed Spence (HR), as well as YAAD Abigail Kaup (Orangewood). The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$636.85, was dedicated to Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp. Following the benediction the meeting recessed until Saturday morning.

NECROLOGY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016

Teaching Elders	Peter Eckert John Flahiff Lowell Simms			
Ruling Elders	Chinle	Trinity	Dorothy Gorman	
	Gilbert	Gilbert	Eloise Annis	Phyllis Henderson
			William Marshall	Sara Pate
			James Ralston	Jeffrey Wright
	Kayenta	Kayenta	Thomas Madsen	
	Leupp	First	Jackie Thompson	George Willie
	Mesa	First	Jim Norris	Alice Peterson
	Payson	Community	Earl Pearce	Mel Swinger
			Robert Tarallo	
	Peoria	First	Priscilla Cook	
	Phoenix	Emmanuel	Frances Wainwright	
	Phoenix	Orangewood	Lou Jacobo	
	Phoenix	Westminster	Naomi Lionberger	
	Pinetop	Community	Dick Doane	
	Prescott	Trinity	Marvin Anderson	Sara Lienau
			Bob Pond	Mok Tokko
			Everett Warnock	
	Prescott Valley	Mingus View	Herman Williams	
	Sacaton	First	Harriet Wellington	Wilfred Wellington
	Scottsdale	Pinnacle	Marcella Clark	
	Sun City	Faith	Jean Anderson	Phyllis Diamond
			Martha Gerig	William Hogan
			Joy McCracken	Clare Sargol
			Rebecca TenPas	

Sun City	First	Geraldine Darr Donald Strong	John Keen
Sun City West	Desert Palms	Richard Arnold Glenn Christensen Nancy Greer Elaine Mack Roberta McFarland Viola Sorem Jeanne Westerberg	Patricia Casey John Geyer Ellen Hobbs Clyde McAllester Marion Messerve Charles Vandas
Tempe	Mission del Sol	Max Platt	
Yarnell	Community	Patricia Sharp	
Yuma	Sierra Vista	Alvin Geren Helen Korte	Michael Kalsman

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened in prayer by Moderator Judy Wellington on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 8:45 a.m. Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe had presbyters split up into groups to discuss the Seven Vital Signs of Healthy Congregations.

MONTLURE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP UPDATE

Kellie von Borstel reported that planning was under way for summer camp, including three traveling day camps at Orangewood, a location in the East Valley, and First Casa Grande. Montlure’s 501(3)(c) status was being renewed. The Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo joined together for a Montlure corporate meeting. It was noted that Page 1 of the Articles needed to be updated with the current corporate officers. The following were approved:

MOTION: To approve the Restated Articles of Incorporation for Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc.

MOTION: To approve the Bylaws of Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported he had boxed and sent numerous boxes of records from dismissed and dissolved churches to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia. A list of the number of Ruling Elder Commissioners for each church for March 2018 to January 2019 was distributed with the call to the meeting.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported the Combined Personnel and Finance Teams, along with the Leadership and finance committees from both presbyteries, were going to be meeting to discuss what to do about the combined staffing plan after 2019.

Both Grand Canyon and de Cristo had been asked to participate in a PC(USA) pilot program on Congregational Revitalization. Representatives from both presbyteries were attending training sessions.

A task force of pastors and lay persons created by the Leadership Team had been engaging in discussion to consider commonly held beliefs. Their Theological Affirmations were to be distributed at the March 3 Presbytery meeting as a tool for discussion.

PRESBYTERY BUSINESS MEETING

Presbytery de Cristo was dismissed and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon began its business meeting.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Brad Munroe presented Inquirer Chris Woodard to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Chris fielded several questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. As recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Christopher Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

Brad gave a charge to Chris and led a prayer for blessings as he continued the journey towards becoming a Teaching Elder.

TREASURER REPORT

Barb Zubler presented a comprehensive 2017 budget overview. She reported that the new budget system was working well and establishment of substantial endowment accounts should keep the Presbytery budget sustainable for at least the next 25 years.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the First Casa Grande congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 12:45 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for March 3, 2018 at Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of January 26-27, 2018 at the Leadership Team meeting on April 11, 2018.

S/Robert Schulz

Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

April 11, 2018

Date