

MINUTES

Stated Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
January 25-26, 2019

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 Mesa. This was a joint meeting with Presbytery de Cristo. Moderators Judy Wellington, Grand Canyon, and Liz Lopshire-Kading, 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.

There was a time to recognize the indigenous people of the Mesa area. Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding members were approved for enrollment by the Presbytery for this meeting. There were 9 registered visitors.

ROLL

There were 48 Teaching Elders, 46 Ruling Elder commissioners, 8 Commissioned Ruling Elders and 9 Ruling Elder Leadership Team members present, for a total of 111 voting members.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

William Brown (de Cristo)	Robert Leivers (Pueblo)
Clayton Cobb (The Pacific)	Thomas Letts (de Cristo)
Pamela Fischer (Donegal)	Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)
Maggie Harmon (Presbyterian Foundation)	

Teaching Elders Present – 48

Albertson, Daniel	Hook, Emily	Nieto, Michael	Soderquist, Paul
Anderson, Mark	Japenga, Mike	Olagues, José	Spence, Edward
Bruening, James	Keesecker, Joe	Page, Kenneth	Straatmeyer, Al
Campbell, Mike	Kehle, Deborah	Palmer, Theron	Tamayo, Erin
Coffman, Renee	Ledermann, Eric	Poling, John	Tripp, Thomas
Conklin, Ann	Letizia, Gordon	Proudfoot, Charles	Watkins, Gale
Crelin, James	Lineweaver, Thomas	Ramos, Gonzalo	Wellington, Judy
DeWeese, Donovan	McCabe Norma	Ricardo Gomez, Betty	Wilcher Jay
Felix, Robert	Moe, Michelle	Rice, Kristin	Willett, Brandon
Fraser, Jennifer	Muenich, Karen	Saylor, Mary	Willett, Kristen
Gephart, Al	Munroe, Brad	Saylor, George	Wintz, Michael
Hegeman, Peggy	Murman, Kimberly	Seller, Ben	Witte, Cathy

Teaching Elders Excused

Eaken, Lawrence	Jennison, Cynthia	Joynt, David	Worsnop, Linda
		Wood, Patricia Cockrell	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 46

Celebration of Life - Elly Scheman	Desert Palms - Carolyn Hayes, Kay Kernek,
Chandler - John Corey	Jean Montgomery, Nora Timson
Community Yarnell - JerrieLea Hopf	Emmanuel - Brenda Safran, Brennan Zehr
Crosswinds - Robert Cunningham	Faith - Betty Forsberg, Bob Gibbens, Linda Trovato

First Mesa - Bill Lents, Jeanne Partida
 First Peoria - Shannon Langston, Linda Maxwell
 First Yuma - Lucy Boal
 Flagstaff Federated - Jane Behrens
 Fort Defiance - Wallace Hanley
 Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill
 Gilbert - Mike Gallagher, Thomas Lemme
 Guadalupe - Jimmy Molina
 Heritage - Jerry Muenich
 John Calvin - Alan Hale
 Kayenta - Milinda Benallie
 Lehi - Eugene Chiago
 Mingus View - Susan Goe

Mission del Sol - Dennis Richards
 Orangewood - Gloria Olsen, Bob Orf
 Palo Cristi - Joan Fenton
 Pinnacle - Susan Brown, Bill Noyes, Paul Rooker,
 Jeff Smith
 Trinity Chinle - Rayme Walker
 Trinity Prescott - Connie Palmrose
 Sierra Vista – Glen Moss, Leonard Troxel
 Tseyi Bidáá - Virginia Halwood
 University - Mary Danforth, Molly Winkler
 VahKi - Bonnie Lyons
 Westminster - Debby Holmes

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 8

Blackwater, Loretta	Hildenbrand, Lois	Lewis, Annette	Schouten, Hilbert
Halwood, Danny	Kelly, Calvin	Linville, Jane	Schouten, Myra

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 9

Scott Fischer	Kathryn Owens	Mary Lynn Walters
Carol Gerlach	Jan Palmer	Craig Weber
Diane Nestlebush	Bob Schulz	Gloria Young

Staff Members Present

Sue Houser	Beth Kath
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AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda. The Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting were posted with the call materials for the meeting.

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:

1/25-26/19 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the December 5, 2018 meeting

Approved a one-meeting trial of the “open spaces” concept at the January 2019 Presbytery meeting, to be reviewed by Leadership afterward.

Approved designating the January 2019 Presbytery worship offering for Triennium.

Approved, at the request of the Combined Finance Team, the extension of service by Paul Rooker (Grand Canyon) and Denny Honodel (de Cristo) on the Combined Finance Team through 2020 to provide continuity as major decisions are made.

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2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the October 23, 2018 meeting

Hildenbrand, Lois

Approved renewal of the Commissioned Ruling Elder agreement between Lois Hildenbrand and Mingus View Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective November 1, 2018, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 8,400	Retirement account	\$8,400
Housing Allowance	14,400	Dental/vision	1,200
Travel Allowance	500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Allowance	500	Study Leave	Two weeks

Lloyd, Linda

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Linda Lloyd from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member At-Large, effective October 23, 2018, and approved recommending to the Nominations Committee that Linda be asked to resume service on COM.

Gard, Gary

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Gary Gard to serve as Moderator of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott, effective January 1, 2019.

Hicks, David

Approved the addition of the Rev. Dave Hicks to the presbytery’s Pulpit Supply List.

Commissioned Ruling Elders

Approved recommending to the Presbytery that Art Anton, Loretta Blackwater and Charlotte Fafard be commissioned as Commissioned Ruling Elders serving First Sacaton Presbyterian Church and its chapels for three years with provision made for additional training as needed.

Community Presbyterian Church in Payson

Approved the mission study of Community Presbyterian Church in Payson in preparation for formation of a PNC and development of a Mission Information Form (MIF).

Community Presbyterian Church Yarnell

Approved the request of the Session of Community Presbyterian Church in Yarnell to enter into severance negotiations with Pastor Peggy Hegeman.

Approved requiring the PNC which recommended the current pastor, the Session, and the COM cluster for Community Presbyterian Church in Yarnell to review the accelerated pastor selection process and provide an after action report on what occurred.

Goodyear Village Presbyterian Church

Approved requesting Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to write a letter to the congregation of Goodyear Village Presbyterian Church regarding their intention to remain in the PC(USA).

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Minimum Teaching Elder salary

Approved requesting the Resources Committee to research our current minimum salary for Teaching Elders of \$42,000, with consideration of the cost of living in our area but also recognizing the challenge our small congregations have in meeting the current minimum.

Actions taken at the November 27, 2018 meeting

Lloyd, Linda

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Linda Lloyd from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member At-Large, effective November 27, 2018.

Anthem NWC

Approved a request from the Anthem New Worshipping Community to change its name to New Light Fellowship, a Presbyterian Church (USA) Worshipping Community.

VahKi

Ratified the approval of COM Moderator Mary Lynn Walters for Myra Schouten, former CRE in Presbytery de Cristo, to preach, moderate Session and administer the Sacraments at VahKi Presbyterian Church while Hilbert Schouten is recuperating from a fall.

Flagstaff Federated

Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) of Flagstaff Federated Community Church for distribution within the PC(USA) to recruit their next pastor.

Mingus View

Approved the mission study submitted by Mingus View Presbyterian Church, with permission to form a PNC.

Gilbert

Ratified the approval of COM Moderator Mary Lynn Walters for RE Rocky Mackey to serve as moderator of a special meeting of the Session of Gilbert Presbyterian Church to discuss and select actions to honor Pastor Terry Palmer's service to the church.

First Sun City

Approved, in concept, at the request of Interim Pastor Tom Tripp, the possibility of affirming Pastor Emeritus status to former Associate Pastor Dick Zabriskie and former long-time Interim Pastor David Walker, if the Session of First Presbyterian Church in Sun City should decide to do this.

Actions taken at the December 18, 2018 meeting

Election of 2019 COM Moderator

Elected TE José Olagues as Moderator of the Commission on Ministry for 2019.

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Leivers, Robert

Approved the terms of call for Robert Leivers to serve as Interim Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church of Pinetop and to approve the recommendations of the COM Membership sub-committee interview team that 1) he serve without transferring to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, assuming that is approved by the Presbytery of Pueblo, and 2) he be granted full authority to perform the duties of an Interim Pastor as defined in the COM Handbook.

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Robert Leivers and Community Presbyterian Church of Pinetop for a period of one year effective February 1, 2019, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms, with Rev. Leivers to remain a member of the Presbytery of Pueblo should that be approved by them:

Salary	\$19,632	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	24,000	Vacation + Study Leave	36 days + 6 Sundays
Study/Discretionary Allowance	1,200	Relocation expense	up to \$1,000
Travel Allowance	.545/mile		

Lineweaver, Thomas

Approved granting the Rev. Tom Lineweaver, in addition to his current membership in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as Pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church, permission to serve as Transitional Pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church (an ECO congregation), including permission to preach, serve as Moderator of the Session and administer the Sacraments, as a Validated Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction effective December 18, 2018 through December 31, 2019 with the potential for annual renewal by the Presbytery based on the requirements contained in the COM Handbook regarding Validated Ministries, and with the understanding by COM that, regarding his requested approval for service at Northminster, Rev. Lineweaver is not renouncing jurisdiction of the PC(USA).

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the December 11, 2019 meeting

Approved, after consultation with the Candidate, continuing our covenant relationship with Martha Lopez Loredo of Memorial Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

Approved a Christmas gift of \$500 to Candidate Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church, the only seminarian currently under care.

Approved a recommendation to the Presbytery that the requirement for one year of Candidacy, with a total of two years in the Inquirer/Candidate process, be waived for Candidate Mike Hegeman of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.

Approved a recommendation to the Presbytery that CPM be granted permission to administer an alternative approach to the Polity exam for Candidate Chris Woodard.

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4. Stated Clerk Report

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

The following person has been transferred, at her request, to membership under care of the Presbytery following the dismissal of her congregation from the PC(USA):

<u>Member</u>	<u>Former Church Membership</u>
Shirley Randolph	Mountain View

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session 2017 records were reviewed and approved:

November 3, 2018

Bethany Celebration of Life First Peoria First Sun City

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:

1/25-26/19 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the November 14, 2018 meeting

Approved a \$50,000 line of credit for a period of 36 months at zero interest for Community Presbyterian Church in Yarnell, dependent upon congregation and/or Session agreement and a request by the Session to the Presbytery for the loan, to enable severance payments to departed pastor Peggy Hegeman, with any residuals from the line of credit to be used only for the continued search for a new pastor.

3. Congregational Resourcing Team (CRT) Committee Report

Action taken at the January 10, 2019 meeting

Approved first-half 2019 Mission Grants, as follows:

Betania PC	Community outreach program	\$16,000
Evangelical Arabic fellowship	Pastor's salary assistance	7,000
Memorial PC	Support for Spanish-speaking portions of 2019 budget	13,000
Peach & Justice Network	International Peacemaker visit	5,000
Salt River PC	Mission/outreach to NA community	8,600
Tseyi Bidáá	Easter Singspiration	<u>3,200</u>
		\$52,800

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

GREETING

The Rev. Ann Conklin, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to First Presbyterian Church.

ELECTION OF MODERATOR-ELECT

The following was approved:

MOTION: To elect the Rev. Ben Seller to serve as Moderator-Elect of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon for 2019.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Leadership Team Commission

- 2019 RE Ruby Smalls (Southminster)
- 2021 RE Mary Danforth (University)
- 2021 TE Mike Nieto (Valley)
- 2021 RE Fred Warren (Southminster)

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

- 2020 TE David Joynt (Valley)
- 2021 TE Mike Japenga (Chandler)
- 2021 RE Marie Longhurst (Southminster)
- 2021 TE Bob Malsack (HR)

Congregational Resourcing Committee

- 2021 Carol Anderson (First Mesa)
- 2021 Michael Hegeman (Pinnacle)
- 2021 Jane Linville (Dessert Palms)
- 2021 Annette Stewart (Vah Ki)
- 2021 Bernale Wright (Orangewood)

Permanent Judicial Commission

- 2024 RE Mark Fullerton (Valley)
- 2024 TE Cathy Northrup (MBJ)

Montlure Council

- 2020 Theresa Asher (University)
- 2021 Ron Liska (University)
- 2021 Sydney Teerink (Orangewood)

Commission on Ministry

- 2021 TE Ann Conklin (Mesa First)
- 2021 RE Jo Lewis (University)
- 2021 RE Jamie Ortiz (Celebration of Life)
- 2021 TE Terry Palmer (HR)
- 2021 TE Kristin Rice (MAL)
- 2021 TE Mary Saylor (HR)
- 2021 TE Tom Tripp (First Sun City)
- 2021 RE Gloria Young (Southminster)

Operations Committee

- 2021 TE Jennifer Fraser (Emmanuel)
- 2021 Joan Grey (University)

Resources Committee

- 2021 Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)
- 2021 Paul West (Palo Cristi)

Presbytery Treasurer

- 2021 TE Scott Fischer (Pinnacle)

Synod Commissioner

- 2021 TE Daniel Albertson (Southminster)
- 2021 Mary Danforth (University)
- 2021 TE Eric Ledermann (University)
- 2021 Cindy Michels (Sierra Vista)

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 2019 Presbytery of Grand Canyon corporation officers:

President	TE Michael Nieto
Vice President	TBA *
Treasurer	TE Scott Fischer
Secretary	RE Robert Schulz
Executive Secretary	TE W. Bradley Munroe

* John Poling was elected Moderator-Elect of the Leadership Team on 2/5/19 and therefore served as Vice President of the Corporation for 2019.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Mike Japenga presented two motions from CPM. Both required a three-quarter vote. A show of hands vote was taken on each motion and each was unanimously approved:

MOTION: Approved, as recommended by CPM, that the requirement for one year of Candidacy, with a total of two years in the Inquirer/Candidate process, be waived for Candidate Mike Hegeman of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church.

MOTION: Approved, as recommended by CPM, that CPM be granted permission to arrange administration of an alternative approach to the Polity ordination exam for Candidate Chris Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church.

OPEN SPACE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

There was an hour before dinner devoted to group discussion on a selection of topics:

Digging into the Data: Using the Insite Database	Tom Letts
Insuring Your Property, Workers and Activities	Marc Gerardis
Estate Planning 101	Maggie Harmon
Contemplative Prayer and Ministry	Rachel Srubas
Latest Opportunities from the Board of Pensions	Clayton Cobb
Engaging Faith and Politics Using Health/Wholeness Tools	Brad Munroe/Jen Fraser

IGNITE THE SPARK REVIEW

The Rev. Bill Brown, a member of Presbytery de Cristo, spoke about the connection between our theology of wonder and the work of discernment for ministry.

COMBINED STAFFING PLAN

Brad Munroe explained that the Combined Finance and Combined Personnel committees for our Presbytery and Presbytery de Cristo were reviewing the possibility of continuing our combined staff plan into 2020 and beyond. The staff was tracking their hours over a three-month time period to assess where their time was being spent between the two presbyteries.

VOTING ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration was given to the amendments passed by the 223rd General Assembly in June 2018. Four amendments were pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. The following were approved via the Consent Agenda with a count of hands vote of 45 for and 1 against:

MOTION: To approve the following amendments from the 223rd General Assembly:

Form of Government

- G-2.0401 18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons
- G-3.0306 18-D Membership of Presbytery
- G-3.0307 18-E Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors & Congregations

Directory for Worship

- W-4.0202 18-F Welcoming to the Table

Rules of Discipline

- D-10.0401b 18-H-1 Time Limit
- D-10.0401c(1) 18-H-2 Time Limit

There was consideration of each of the remaining amendments, with time for comments pro and con. Votes were taken via a count of hands. A vote on Items 18-B-1 and 18-B-2 was taken together, with 41 for disapproval and 4 against. The vote on 18-C was 44 for disapproval and 3 against. The vote on 18-G was 44 for disapproval and 2 against. The following were approved:

MOTION: To disapprove the following amendments from the 223rd General Assembly:

Form of Government

- G-2.0509 18-B-1 Renunciation of Jurisdiction

Rules of Discipline

- D-10.0401d 18-B-2 Renunciation of Jurisdiction

MOTION: To disapprove the following amendment from the 223rd General Assembly:

Form of Government

- G-3.0104 18-C Officers

MOTION: To disapprove the following amendment from the 223rd General Assembly:

Rules of Discipline

- D-2.0203b 18-G Disciplinary Offense

RECONVENE

The meeting was reconvened in prayer by Moderator Judy Wellington on Saturday, January 26, 2019, at 8:50 a.m.

WORSHIP

The Rev. William Brown delivered the sermon based on 1 Corinthians 4:1-2. The Revs. William Brown and Ann Conklin presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by First Mesa musicians. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to Youth Triennium and totaled \$1,229, split between the two presbyteries. Church 2019 Mission Pledge forms were submitted.

NECROLOGY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2018

Teaching Elders	Arthur Bell		
	Harry Brahms		
	Richard Nielsen		
	John Sabbagh		
	August Schmitt		
	David Wallace		
Ruling Elders:	Gilbert	Gilbert	Paul Bengtsen
	Leupp	First	Johnny Thompson
	Mesa	First	Bettylou Edwards
			Irene Lenke
			Rosalie Lowe
			Joe Woods
	Paradise Valley	Valley	Harris Blomeyer
			Nathaniel Hathaway
			Jene Jacoby
			Avis Tempas
	Phoenix	Orangewood	David Schreiner
	Phoenix	Southminster	Lillian Bursh
	Prescott	Trinity	Ruth Welsh
	Prescott Valley	Mingus View	Dale Fox
	Scottsdale	Pinnacle	Richard Heisler
	Sun City	Faith	Verla Dolliff
			Richard King
			Kathryn Vegso
	Sun City West	Desert Palms	Charles Boatman
			Erman Fisher
			Robert Lind
			Charlotte Prestholdt
			Clifford Schwahn
			Paul Thompson
			Oliver Urbigkeit
	Yuma	Sierra Vista	Dale Manifold
			Ken Price

COMMISSIONING OF PRESBYTERY MODERATORS AND CRE

The Moderators for 2019 were installed during the worship service, RE Carol Gerlach for Grand Canyon and RE Jim Nelson for de Cristo. They were presented the symbols of their office by Judy Wellington and Liz Lopshire-Kading. Myra Schouten was commissioned as a Commissioned Ruling Elder to serve the Native American congregations within the Presbytery.

IGNITE THE SPARK REVIEW

The Rev. Tom Letts, a member of Presbytery de Cristo, spoke about using the Insight database available to the Presbytery as a demographics tool for our churches to define ministry targets.

RECOGNITION OF 2018 MODERATORS

The 2018 Presbytery Moderators, Judy Wellington for Grand Canyon and Liz Lopshire-Kading for de Cristo, were recognized and thanked for their service.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz noted that the imbalance computation had been completed. The list with the number of church Ruling Elder commissioners for March 2019 through January 2020 had been posted with the meeting materials.

MONTLURE ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

There was an approved motion to recess the Presbytery meeting and convene the annual corporate meeting of Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc. Commissioners from both presbyteries were included in the meeting. It was clarified that the Montlure Council made most decisions on behalf of Montlure but served under the direction of the two presbyteries. Kent Simon and Kellie von Borstel gave an update on the camp and plans for the summer. The following was approved, after which the Montlure meeting was closed in prayer:

MOTION: To elect the 2019 Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc. corporate officers:

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| President | Brad Munroe |
| Vice President | Mike Nieto |
| Vice President | Jim Nelson |
| Secretary | Robert Schulz |

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the First Mesa congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 11:55 a.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for March 9, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Sun City.

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 25-26, 2019 at the Leadership Team meeting on April 3, 2019.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

April 3, 2019
Date