

MINUTES

Stated March Meeting of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon
March 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The Presbytery of Grand Canyon of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its March Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Sun City. Carol Gerlach, 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 Elder members 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. There were 24 registered visitors.

ROLL

There were 45 Teaching Elders, 37 Ruling Elder commissioners, 3 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 4 Ruling Elder Leadership Team members and committee/commission Moderators present, for a total of 89 voting members.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Mike Bondora (Church of Christ)
Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)

Harris Schultz (Middle Tennessee)

Teaching Elders Present – 45

Albertson, Daniel	Foust, Jerry	Munroe, Brad	Walker, David
Anderson, Mark	Fraser, Jennifer	Murman, Kimberly	Watkins, Gale
Avram, Wesley	Hegeman, Peggy	Northrup, Cathy	Wellington, Judy
Bailey, Linda	Hicks, David	Olagues José	Wescott, Linda
Berg, George	Hodgson, David	Page, Kenneth	Wintz, Michael
Brown, Kelsy	Holland, Cheri	Parker, Thomas	Witte, Cathy
Campbell, Mike	Hook, Emily	Poling, John	Wood, Patricia Cockrell
Campbell, Sheryl	Jennison, Cynthia	Proudfoot, Charles	Worsnop, Linda
Crelin, James	Keesecker, Joe	Rice, Kristin	Zabriskie, Richard
Eaken, Lawrence	Ledermann, Eric	Spence, Edward	
Felix, Robert	Lineweaver, Thomas	Swicegood, Terry	
Fischer, Scott	Moe, Michelle	Tripp, Thomas	

Teaching Elders Excused

Clark, Bobby	Fletcher, Tully	Nieto, Michael	Soderquist, Paul
Clark, Robert	Joynt, David	Palmer, Terry	Wintz, Susan
Cook, John	McCabe, Norma	Ramos, Derney	
Davis, Harrell	Nieto, Kelly	Ricardo Gomez, Betty	

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 37

Celebration of Life - Jamie Ortiz	First Mesa - Robert Harding, Barbara Walker
Crosswinds - Teri Conrad	Fort Defiance - Wallace Hanley
Desert Palms - Suzanne Burke, Kay Kernek, Jean Montgomery, Nora Timson	Gila Crossing - Anthony Hill
Emmanuel - Tom Jenney, Brenda Safran	Gilbert - Mike Gallagher
Faith - Betty Forsberg, Jim Jensen	Guadalupe - Selina Keesecker
Federated Flagstaff - Jane Behrens	Heritage - Kiana Brewer
First Sun City - Karen Zabriskie	John Calvin - Alan Hale
	Kayenta - Milinda Benallie

Memorial - Ted Keane
Mingus View - Susan Goe
Mission del Sol - Dennis Richards
Orangewood - Phebe Packer
Palo Cristi - Joan Fenton, Pat O'Grady
Pinnacle - Susan Brown, Paul Rooker

Sierra Vista - Glen Moss, Leonard Troxel
Trinity Chinle - Marilyn Tso
Trinity Prescott - Wayne Hood, Greg Vandersteeg,
Dwayne Warrick
Valley - Manda Leachet
Westminster - Debby Holmes

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 3

Fafard, Charlotte Hildenbrand, Lois Linville, Jane

Ruling Elder Leadership Team Members and Commission/Committee Moderators Present – 4

Carol Gerlach Jim Hershauer Diane Nestlebush Bob Schulz

Staff Members Present

Sue Houser Beth Kath

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda.

GREETING

The Rev. Tom Tripp, Interim Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to First Presbyterian Church.

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:

3/9/19 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the January 9, 2019 meeting

Affirmed TE Mike Nieto as 2019 Leadership Moderator, after having served as Moderator-Elect in 2018.

Approved inviting PC(USA) Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson to attend an upcoming Presbytery meeting other than the January 2020 meeting, preferably November 2019 or March 2020.

Approved authorizing the following persons to sign checks on behalf of the Presbytery, to apply to the Bank of America and Merrill Lynch accounts, effective January 9, 2019: Scott Fischer, Robert Schulz and Beth Kath.

Elected, on behalf of the Presbytery, Scott Fischer as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective January 9 through January 25, 2019, at which time the Presbytery will vote on electing Scott to a three-year term as Treasurer effective January 25, 2019.

3/9/19 Commission Reports

Approved a Memo of Understanding between Southminster Presbyterian Church and the Southminster Social Service Agency, including action steps agreed to by both parties and the Presbytery.

Actions taken at the February 6, 2019 meeting

Approved formally resigning from the PC(USA) Congregational Revitalization Initiative (CRI) pilot project; to authorize staff to return \$1,500 received from CRI to cover expenses; and to adopt revised Thrive Project materials as prepared by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

Elected TE John Poling as Moderator-Elect of the Leadership Team for 2019.

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

Resources

2020 Clyde Parks
 2021 Jim Crelin

Approved designating the offering at the March 9th Presbytery meeting for Triennial.

Approved a recommendation to Presbytery that Part 13. Sabbatical Leave Policy for Parish Ministers and Educators and Part 15. Minimum Salary for Teaching Elders be moved from the Presbytery’s Manual of Administrative Operations to be incorporated as policies within the Commission on Ministry Handbook since it is COM, as a commission of the Presbytery, which has the authority to take action to execute the requirements of these policies.

Approved the payment of \$181,434.19, representing shared roadway access and utility and water line improvements, for the Presbytery property in Surprise in order to facilitate the sale of the undeveloped parcel.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 22, 2019 meeting

Baskette, Sue Marie

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Sue Marie Baskette to be Pastor to Trinity Presbyterian Church in Prescott and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of Lehigh to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective April 1, 2019, on the following terms:

Salary	\$53,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	30,000	SECA	\$6,395
Phone Allowance	600	Vacation	Six weeks
Expense Allowance	4,500	Study Leave	Two weeks
Study Leave Allowance	1,000	Moving Expense	TBA

3/9/19 Commission Reports

Palmer, Theron

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Terry Palmer and Gilbert Presbyterian Church, at his request, and granted Rev. Palmer the status of Honorably Retired, effective January 31, 2019.

Schouten, Myra

Approved Myra Schouten as a Commissioned Ruling Elder serving all Native American churches within the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

Williams, Carla

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Carla Williams from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to Presbytery de Cristo, effective January 1, 2019.

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church

Approved the request of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church to convert its existing Director of Christian Formation position to an ordainable position of Minister in Christian Formation (not to be an Associate Pastor position) should the way be clear for them to hire an ordained person.

Gilbert Presbyterian Church

Approved the document submitted by Gilbert Presbyterian Church with the outline of a proposed Interim Pastor contract, to be amended to include: 1) four weeks vacation (including 4 Sundays) and two weeks study leave (including 2 Sundays); and 2) funding for BOP medical/pension cost.

Minimum Salary for Teaching Elders

Approved setting the minimum effective salary (salary plus housing) for Teaching Elders in the Presbytery of Grand Canyon at \$52,000, applicable to new calls and agreements only.

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report

Actions taken at the January 15, 2019 meeting

Approved recommending Myra Schouten to COM as ready for commissioning as a CRE.

Approved, after an annual consultation, continuing our covenant relationship with Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

Actions taken at the February 19, 2019 meeting

Approved, after an annual consultation, continuing our covenant relationship with Chris Woodard of Valley Presbyterian Church as a Candidate under care for another year.

3/9/19 Commission Reports

Approved the Statement of Faith, sermon and exegesis, and PIF of Candidate Mike Hegeman of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church and certified him as ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

4. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2018 were reviewed and approved:

January 25, 2019

Community Payson

Mingus View

Sierra Vista

Southminster

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:

3/9/19 Consent Agenda

1. Resources Committee Report

Actions taken at the January 16, 2019 meeting

Approved allowing the gas company in Kayenta to run a new and improved gas line slightly on the property of the church, with the church able to tie into that line and recognize an approximate \$3,000 per year savings in their gas service.

Approved First Presbyterian Church in Mesa entering into an agreement with Chicanos Por La Causa to allow usage of 45 parking spaces on the church portion of an easement between their buildings for a period of five years.

Actions taken at the February 20, 2019 meeting

Approved an additional funding request from the New Worshipping Community in Anthem to replace a computer and printer in the amount of \$5,700 from line 22130.

Approved \$6,000 from line 22374 to ensure operation of the congregation for the months of March, April and May 2019.

Approved a gift of \$19,000 to the Campus Ministry at NAU from the \$190,000 sale proceeds from Winslow Presbyterian Church, dissolved on 12/31/15.

3/9/19 Consent Agenda

John Calvin –

Approved \$13,720 from line 22374 for replacement of their AC/heat pump.

Approved \$250,818.62 from line 22374 for previously approved construction expenses.

2. Congregational Resourcing Team (CRT) Committee Report

Action taken at the February 5, 2019 meeting

Approved recommending to the Resources Committee that up to \$3,700 be authorized from the New Light Fellowship (Anthem NWC) restricted account to cover a new computer and printer, as well as \$2,000 for continued coaching by PC(USA) 1001 NWC facilitators.

EXAMINATION OF MICHAEL HEGEMAN

José Olagues presented Michael Hegeman of Valley Presbyterian Church, a Candidate under care of our Presbytery, for examination for ordination as a Teaching Elder. Michael read his Statement of Faith and fielded a number of questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination and Michael was escorted from the meeting. The following was unanimously approved:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Michael Hegeman.

Michael was welcomed back and was joined by Presbytery friends as Brad Munroe gave the charge and offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Tom Tripp delivered the sermon based on John 13:34-35 and presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by First Sun City musicians. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$728, was dedicated to the upcoming Youth Triennium. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$2.02.

The following young people from our churches were commissioned during the service to represent the Presbytery at the July 16-20, 2019 PC(USA) Youth Triennium at Purdue University:

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| Eleri Adams | Joseph McLemore | Selia Gonzales Sanchez |
| Souzana Basi | Ethan Nasiff | Serena Gonzales Sanchez |
| Madison Begay | Caelan Nez | Tanya Snitzer |
| Holly Benallie | Daelyn Nez | William Snitzer |
| Harmany Carranza | Dylan Nez | Dylan Swartz |
| Kaleigh Evers | Jonah Ortiz | Ruby Trella |
| Gabriella Griep | Emily Rake | Allison Youngs |
| Noah Largo | Tyler Rake | |

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

José Olagues noted the annual pastor Salary Review was distributed at the registration desk. Churches were encouraged to submit a salary report to the Presbytery office if their information was missing.

The following ordination anniversaries for 2019 were celebrated:

<u>65 Years</u> (1954) Kwang Cheol Kim Paul Moser Dick Zabriskie	<u>45 Years</u> (1974) Don Houdeshell John Poling	<u>35 Years</u> (1984) Wes Avram Peggy Hegeman Mae Hicks Gayle Parker Tom Parker Mary Saylor Kyle Weir
<u>60 Years</u> (1959) Barrie Gray Frank White	<u>40 Years</u> (1979) Fred Anderson Helmi Fulton Bob Malsack Terry Palmer Jed Schenck Tom Tripp	<u>30 Years</u> (1989) Myung Bae Kim Bruce Stahmer Judy Wellington Jay Wilcher
<u>55 Years</u> (1964) Mike Jousan		<u>25 Years</u> (1994) Suzanne Citron Craig Miller
<u>50 Years</u> (1969) Joe Keesecker Allan Latty Alfred Merwald Terry Swicegood		

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe announced John Calvin Presbyterian Church had become a Hunger Action congregation.

Brad reported the Combined Personnel and Finance teams for Grand Canyon and de Cristo were reviewing the shared staff plan which had been in place since 2014. The most recent renewal was in effect through the end of 2019. Staff members had kept track of their hours over a three-month period resulting in 68% spent on Grand Canyon and 32% spent on de Cristo. This closely mirrored the current 70% Grand Canyon/30% de Cristo split for financial support of staff cost and administrative expenses. Brad suggested that a merger of the two presbyteries might be a good thing to consider in the future.

Brad reported the Presbytery had been contacted by the Presbyterian Mission Agency regarding changes made to materials for the Congregational Revitalization Initiative (CRI). Grand Canyon had been participating in this pilot project which Brad had named the Thrive Project. Grand Canyon had withdrawn from CRI but planned to continue a similar program with those congregations already participating. Brad explained it was important not to let this situation affect our relationship with the denomination.

NOMINATION OF GA COMMISSIONERS

Bob Schulz reported that Nominations was presenting the following, under the procedure outlined in the Presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations, as nominees to serve as commissioners at 224th General Assembly in July 2020:

Teaching Elders	Kelsy Brown (Pinnacle)	Mike Nieto (Valley)
	Ann Conklin (First Mesa)	José Olagues (HR)

The following churches were to be asked to submit a nominee to attend GA:

Ruling Elders	First Sacaton	John Calvin
	First Yuma	Trinity Chinle
	Gilbert	

Voting to select two Teaching Elders and two Ruling Elders GA commissioners and one YAAD was scheduled for the August Presbytery meeting.

MODIFICATIONS TO MANUAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Bob Schulz explained that several policies in our Manual of Administrative Operations dealt with matters under the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ministry and should logically be moved to the COM Handbook. The following was approved:

MOTION: To approve, as recommended by the Commission on Ministry, that Part 13. Sabbatical Leave Policy for Parish Ministers and Educators and Part 15. Minimum Salary for Teaching Elders be transferred from the Presbytery’s Manual of Administrative Operations to be inserted as policies in the Commission on Ministry Handbook since it is COM, as a commission of the Presbytery, which has the authority to take actions to execute the requirements of these policies.

Bob recommended moving another policy, and the following was approved:

MOTION: To approve, as recommended by Stated Clerk Bob Schulz, that Part 12. Continuing Membership and Validation of Ministry Policy be transferred from the Presbytery’s Manual of Administrative Operations to be inserted as a policy in the Commission on Ministry Handbook.

Bob explained that the Manual of Administrative Operations would continue to list Parts 12, 13 and 15 with the notation “Reference the Commission on Ministry Handbook for current requirements.”

NEW BUSINESS

Bob Schulz noted that an item of new business had been submitted. Discussion was to be added to the afternoon agenda.

OPEN SPACE GROUP DISCUSSIONS

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

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| Eliminating Synods | Ed Spence |
| Changing Lives & Communities through Running/Team World Vision | Gale Watkins |
| What Do You Want Most for Our Presbytery? | Tom Lineweaver & Jen Fraser |
| Thrive Project 2.0 – What We Are Learning about Congregational Renewal | Brad Munroe |

NEW BUSINESS

The following new business was requested by Chuck Proudfoot. He fielded questions. There was an approved motion to call the question and the following was approved:

MOTION: That the Leadership Commission design a process that would allow the Presbytery of Grand Canyon to address its roll and responsibility to fulfill its mandate in G-3.01 and G-3.0301a &b using F-1.0304 (six Great Ends of the Church) as guidance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the First Sun City congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 24, 2019, at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church in Tempe.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Presbytery Leadership Team, acting on its delegated authority, approved the Minutes of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon Stated Meeting of March 9, 2019 at the Leadership Team meeting on April 3, 2019.

S/Robert Schulz
Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

April 3, 2019
Date