

# Presbytery of Grand Canyon

## Commission Reports

### April 24, 2021 Stated Meeting

Items approved by a commission, which includes our Leadership Team, Commission on Ministry (COM) and Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), were approved in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by our Bylaws and Manual of Operations as well as the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109 and G-3.0307) and are reported here for the information of the Presbytery. Our commissions have been given the authority to consider and conclude matters referred to them by the Presbytery.

Any presbyter may request that an item within the Commission Reports be clarified. Any questions or comments on these actions will be reported back to the respective commission.

The following reports are included:

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## 1. Leadership Team Report

*The following is a summary of actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Leadership Team under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### Actions taken at the February 3, 2021 meeting

Approved supporting a focus on post-Covid scenarios for the April 24 Presbytery meeting.

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

<u>Leadership Team</u>		<u>Commission on Ministry</u>	
2021	RE Kathleen Griffin (Church of the Master)	2023	TE Jeff Baxter (HR)
<u>Congregational Resourcing</u>			
2021	Whitney Mira (First Light NWC)		
2022	Gail Soderquist (First Mesa)		

### Actions taken at the March 3, 2021 meeting

Approved combining the current websites for the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and Presbytery de Cristo into a single website.

Approved thanking Presbytery Moderator Ben Seller for sending a letter to Dr. Cara Christ, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services, expressing his gratitude for her services during the Covid pandemic.

Authorized Bob Schulz, Scott Fischer and Paul Frieling to determine the account from which to draw \$200,720 for site remediation at the First Sacaton Presbyterian Church property.

## 2. Commission on Ministry Report

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Ministry (COM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

### Actions taken at the January 26, 2021 meeting

#### **Voigt, Thomas**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Thomas Voigt to be Pastor to Emanuel Presbyterian Church and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective April 19, 2021 on the following terms:

Salary	\$31,500	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	28,500	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Auto Allowance	vouchered	Study Leave	Two weeks
Expense Allowance	1,200	Moving Costs	\$7,500
Study Allowance	1,000		
Book Allowance	300		

#### **Thomas, Vonna**

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Vonna Thomas (HR) from the Seattle Presbytery to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, effective January 26, 2021.

**Cole, Harry**

Ratified the Designated Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Harry Cole and Community Presbyterian Church in Yarnell for a period of one year effective January 4, 2021, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$34,000	Pension	\$6,960
Housing Allowance	24,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Mileage Allowance	5,000		

**Lloyd, Linda**

Approved renewal of the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Linda Lloyd and Celebration of Life Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2021, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$18,128	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	27,192	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	vouchered		plus two weeks 2020 carry over
		Study Leave	Two weeks

**Woodard, Chris**

Approved in principle the request by Valley Presbyterian Church to extend a Pastoral Call to the Rev. Christopher Woodard, moving him from Temporary Supply Pastor for Missions to a new ordained, installed pastor position, pending congregational approval, with Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to request a Call agreement and job description to be approved at a future COM meeting.

**Japenga, Michael**

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Mike Japenga as Director of Clinical Services at Awakening Recovery Center effective October 30, 2020 as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation.

**Garcia Guzman, Joaquin**

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Joaquin Garcia Guzman as a pastor serving Iglesia Luterana Vida Nueva in Glendale effective December 31, 2020 as a Validated Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction.

**Lopez Loreda, Martha**

Ratified the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Martha Lopez Loreda and Install the Rev. Martha Lopez Loreda as Associate Pastor to Memorial Presbyterian Church on Sunday, January 10, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.:

<u>Teaching Elders</u>	<u>Ruling Elders</u>
Joaquin Garcia Guzman	Teri Conrad (Crosswinds)
Cynthia Jennison	Selena Keesecker (Guadalupe)
Brad Munroe	Mary Lynn Walters (Memorial)
Jose Olagues	
Ben Seller	

**First Peoria**

Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) of First Presbyterian Church in Peoria for distribution within the PC(USA) to recruit their next pastor.

**Betania Proposed Pastoral Changes**

Approved following a proposed four-step pastoral transition process for Betania Presbyterian Church while the Rev. Gonzalo (Derney) Ramos moves toward retirement in February 2022 from his role as Pastor at Betania Presbyterian Church with COM affirming in concept, but not as final authorization, the proposal pending successful completion of the following steps:

1. COM liaisons meet with the Session to confirm their understanding of the proposal and agreement with it.
2. COM liaisons meet with the congregation to confirm their understanding of the proposal and agreement with it.
3. Following Session and congregational approval, COM authorize the transition of the Rev. Betty Ricardo Gomez from Associate Pastor to Co-Pastor at Betania and the transition of the Rev. Derney Ramos from Pastor to Co-Pastor;
4. Authorize the transition of the Rev. Betty Ricardo Gomez from Co-Pastor to Pastor upon the retirement of the Rev. Derney Ramos and approve in concept the request to nominate him as a Parish Associate upon his retirement and dissolution of his Pastoral Call, if such a request is made.

**Actions taken at the February 23, 2021 meeting****Woodard, Christopher**

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Chris Woodard to be Associate Pastor to Valley Presbyterian Church effective February 7, 2021 on the following terms:

Salary	\$ 0	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	60,380	SECA	\$4,620
Auto Allowance	3,400	Medical Deductible	\$3,000
Expense Allowance	1,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Study Leave Allowance	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks

**McCabe, Norma**

Approved renewal of the Stated Supply Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Norma McCabe and Kayenta Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective February 4, 2021, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$10,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing/telephone/utilities provided		Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Travel Allowance	2,500	Study Leave	One week
Study Allowance	300		

**Blincoe, Robert**

Granted the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Robert Blincoe, effective April 1, 2021 with gratitude for his many years of service to Frontiers.

**Crelin, Benjamin**

Approved the ordination of Candidate under care Ben Crelin of Desert Palms Presbyterian Church as a Teaching Elder by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, dependent upon his successful examination by our Presbytery at its April 24, 2021 meeting.

Approved the employment of Ben Crelin as a Communications Officer at Tyndale House in Oxford, England as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

**Actions taken at the March 23, 2021 meeting****Felix, Robert**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Robert Felix and Chandler Presbyterian Church for a period of six months effective November 16, 2020, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following annualized terms:

Salary	\$33,100	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	14,400	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Reimbursed Expenses	3,400	Study Leave	Two weeks

**Wellington, Judy**

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Judy Wellington and Gilbert Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective March 1, 2021, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$3,713/month	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	1,591/month	Vacation	Four weeks/year
Study Allowance	106/month	Study Leave	Two weeks/year
Mileage Reimbursement	at IRS rate		

**Hodgson, David**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. David Hodgson and First Presbyterian Church of Peoria on a part-time basis (two-thirds) for a period of one year effective March 7, 2021 subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$16,800	Retirement Plan	\$5,000
Housing Allowance	16,800	Vacation/Study Leave	One week/3 months
Auto Allowance	4,050	Sick Leave	2 days/month if needed
Business Expenses	1,000		

**Lawson, Terilyn**

Approved the transfer of the Rev. Terilyn Lawson from the Presbytery of the Cascades to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon as a Member At-Large effective March 23, 2021.

**Gilbert**

Authorized members of the Metro East cluster (Mary Saylor, George Prohaska and Linda Worsnop) to approve the Terms of Call for the pastor candidate for Gilbert Presbyterian Church should that be necessary prior to the next COM meeting.

### **3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report**

*Actions taken on behalf of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) under the Bylaws and/or Manual of Administrative Operations of the Presbytery:*

#### **Action taken at the January 19, 2021 meeting**

Approved, after consultation with the CRE applicant, continuing our covenant relationship with George Prohaska of Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church for another year.

#### **Action taken at the February 16, 2021 meeting**

Enrolled Charles Gillette of Valley Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer for the office of Teaching Elder.

#### **Actions taken at the March 16, 2021 meeting**

Approved the psychological examination required by the Presbytery, usually performed by a local psychologist, to be administered to Inquirer Samantha Innanen by Midwestern Ministry Development Center in Texas at a cost of \$450.

Enrolled Susan Goe of Mingus View Presbyterian Church as a CRE Applicant.

Approved seeking a tailored program for CRE Applicant Susan Goe by Brad Munroe and Mike Hegeman, with input from CPM liaison Peggy Roberts serving in an advisory capacity.