

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – March 20, 2007

The March 20 meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego was held at Chula Vista Presbyterian Church and was convened by the Moderator, Rev. Neal Nybo at 2:30 p.m. He led the presbytery in prayer and introduced honored guests of the day. The Rev. Bob Davis, host pastor, welcomed the presbytery.

ROLL: It was VOTED that the roll would be taken by card, and that those registering during the meeting, together with corresponding members, and those requesting leaves of absence (when granted) constitute the roll. A quorum was present.

<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
Brawley, First	R. J. Myers	105	Carolyn Benson
Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	D. J. Kelly	101	Gerry Tayler
	J. Y. Cook	103	Laura Mitchell
Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis	101	Gil Balkam Cora Gregory
Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Frank Wuerfel Absent
El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke(e)	101	Cindy Graham A Ruth Smith
El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack	101	Patsy Battenfield Les Campbell
	B. Reed	103	
	L E. Raines	109	
	W. C. Manning	109	
Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch	101	Jacci Murphy Dave Cumming
Fallbrook, Fallbrook	K. Bottomly (e)	101	Paul Mattson(e) Jerry Budd(e)
	J. G. Marroquin (e)	103	
La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham	101	Betsy Wiedle Bill Abrell Jim Rodisch Leslie Evans
		103	
La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	Pamela Powell	105rk	Roylee Yo
La Mesa, La Mesa	D. Pierson	101	Robert Voss
Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze(e)	101	Gerrie Morrin
Oceanside, First	L. Leon	101	Rosalind Marver Phyllis Bird Sande Rajcic Bill Downer
Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca	101	Ruth Grendell Claire Padgett Laura Metzger
	J. K. Farley	103	
	M. Swarner	103	
	D. R. Caughey	109	
	C. H. Dierenfield	109	
San Diego, Christ United	C. Berry	101	Freddie Jackson James Grice
San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker	101	Nancy Harber
	J. L. Messervé	797	
San Diego, First	D. D. Webster	101	Maurice Caskey Chris Sloan Marilyn Carnes
	M. E. Walls	103	
	L. Riley	103	

San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
San Diego, Linda Vista	R. R. Hayward H. M. Heath, Jr.	106 109	Steve Awe
San Diego, Mira Mesa	W. L. James	101	Patrick Hubbard
San Diego, Northminster	S. Mitchell	105	Rudy Kosits
San Diego, Pacific Beach	Alan Deuel	191	Jane Kay
San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop(e)	101	Barbara Van Meter Deanna Atherton
San Diego, Point Loma Community	John Powell R. Brown E. Girod Art Sueltz	101 103 105 109	John Ledford Anne Fristrom A Victor Anderson John Pearson
San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey T. Beal R. Sparling Mofid Wasef Joe Farell J P. Lee	101 103 193 193 103	Lois Sheldon Lois V. Farley Jeanne Pochel Polly Purcifull Fred Bartels Cindy Paget
San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe	191	Marcy Bergqvist William Hodgkiss
Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan(e) B. E. Moller N. Nybo T. D. Theriault J. Kerkhoff J. Lagerstrom	101 103 103 103 103 107	Keith Johnson Russ Love Bob Rantzow Dana Jacobs
Spring Valley, Trinity	R. W. Yenter	101	Miguel Durazo Charles Porter Charles Starrett
Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 797	Hank Morris Joseph Purser
Westmorland, Community	Vacant		Ruth Hoskins

BOLD = Attended Meeting (e) = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Stated Clerk	Linda Therien	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	P. Lual	301
* Discovery Valley NCD	C. Kohlbry	301
Director, Reality Changers	Chris Yanov	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Mickie Choi, minister member of Riverside Presbytery
 Dan Pursell, Theological Education Fund
 Peter Crouch, Vice-President of San Francisco Theological Seminary
 Rev. John Moser, Minister member of Sacramento Presbytery
 Efrain Romero Espitia, Member of the Presbytery of Mexico

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Rene Roth
 Michael Sedgewick

MODERATOR

* **Neal Nybo**

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

* **Elizabeth Crews**

* Carole Ostrander	Minute Clerk; Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
* John Lucas	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Bob Battenfield	Member-at-Large of Council
* Michael Williams	Chair, Committee on Ministry
* Bill Tayler	Chair, Human Resources Committee
* Leslie Evans	Member-at-Large of Council
Machelle May	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist
Macia Borgman	Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Visitors: Scott Sabin, Aida Araleli Padillo Ardelle Matthews Babs and Art Miley Jim Beatty John Scott Lynn Madden Scott Sabin Mindy Beard	Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church Iglesia Presbyterian Church Christ United Presbyterian Church Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church Christ United Presbyterian Church Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church Mt. Soledad Presbyterian Church Realilty Changers

* = voting member

OTHER MINISTERS

R. K. Adams	299	R. P. Goodhart	299	J. L Peters	299
P. D. Allen	761	J. Hagelganz	299	E. M. Piper	797
H. Allen	797	C. Hammond	299		
R. W. Anderson	299	H. M. Heath, Jr.	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	L. A. Henderson	299	P. R. Pulliam(e)	299
R. Benson	299	W.W. Hoffmann	299	T. R. Respass	299
R. C. Betters	299	C. M. Hong	299	E. Reynolds	645
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	R. F. Hughes	299	G. Robertson(e)	797
J. H. Boller, Sr.	299	R. Humphries	299	J. H. Robertson	109
S. Bowen (e)	797	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797

D. R. Burnight	299	L. S. Johnson (a)	797	J. J. Skelly	299
J. H. Calhoun	299	T. F. Johnson	299	B. S. Smith	299
J. Chambers	299	Henry Jonas	299	D. C. Smith	299
		R. H. Kim (e)	797	M. Smith (e)	761
H. Christ	309	T. C. Lai (e)	791	W. A. Soldwisch	405
M. Cross Sexton	299	C. S. Lee (e)	791	G. A. Spearman (a)	797
R. R. Cunningham	299	A. Y. Lin	791	G. L. Stewart	299
D. A. Davis	299	B. E. Lucas (a)	797	M. Taxer	299
S. W. DeLong	299	E. V. Lyons	299	W. A. TeSelle	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	W. B. Mack	299	L. E. Vick	299
G. Don Juan	299	R. V. Martinez	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
R. B. Dulaney	299	R. H. Mayo	299	A. J. Wartes	299
D. R. Edic	299	T. H. McPhatter	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
B. C. Fairchild	299	C. M. Mershon	299	R. T. Williams	299
P. Fisher (a)	797	R. L. Miller	299	S. E. Wirt	299
V. Ford	299	A. Mills (e)	404		
J. D. Freeberg (a)	797	D. H. Nason (a)	654	W. G. Wollam	299
R. Garton	299	D. Newhouse	299	F. Wollerman	299
J. Garza	299	P. C. Paik (a)	797	V. Zirbel	299

Attendance:

Ministers	46
Elders	46
Corresponding	5
Inquirers/Candidates	2
Visitors/Others	11
Total	110

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therein, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of San Diego.

Stated Clerk's Report

1. The Stated Clerk reported the following resignations:

Elder Jeanne Pochel, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2008 and Bonnie Adams, Human Resources, Class of 2009. These resignations have been accepted with regret and referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate replacements.

Elder Michael Mudgett, Administrative Commission for Christ United. This resignation has been referred to the Moderator of Presbytery to nominate a replacement.

2. The Stated Clerk reported that the Synod Council will meet for their stated meetings in 2007 on the following dates – February 3, 2007, June 16, 2007, September 29, 2007 and December 8, 2007. These meetings will be held at the Synod Offices in Los Angeles. The Synod Assembly will meet October 25 – 27, 2007 at a location yet to be determined.
3. The *Book of Order* requires the Stated Clerk to annually ascertain the number of resident ministers who are members of presbytery and the number of elders, which the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to presbytery meetings. When the number of ministers is larger, the Stated

Clerk shall bring the imbalance to the attention of the presbytery. The presbytery shall redress the imbalance (G-11.0101). There are currently 145 ministers who are able to participate in Presbytery. In a review of the Presbytery rolls of “other” ministers the Stated Clerk has identified sixty-eight who have not participated in presbytery life during at least the past year and are subtracted from the number of those participating for the purpose of determining the imbalance. This calculation leaves seventy-three minister members active in presbytery.

Based on the 2005 statistics, each church of the Presbytery of San Diego is entitled to one elder commissioner with the following exceptions:

Graham Memorial	2	Point Loma Community	3
La Jolla	3	Rancho Bernardo	5
First Oceanside	3	Palisades	2
Rancho Santa Fe	3	Solana Beach	4
First San Diego	2		

In other words, twenty-two churches are entitled to one commissioner and nine churches more than one as detailed above. Based on this calculation there are forty-nine elder commissioners appropriated to Presbytery based solely on church membership statistics.

In addition to this representation, the following elders are enrolled as members of Presbytery based on their election to office during 2007. They are:

Presbytery Vice-Moderator	Elizabeth Crews (San Diego 1 st)
Stated Clerk	Linda Therien (Palisades)
Committee on Ministry Chair	Mike Williams (Solana Beach)
Budget Property & Finance Chair	John Lucas (Mt Soledad)
Human Resources Chair	Bill Tayler (Christ Carlsbad)
Ecclesiastical Committee Chair	Carole Ostrander (Escondido)
At-Large to Council	Bob Battenfield (Fletcher Hills)
	Leslie Evans (La Jolla)

The combination of elder commissioners from churches and those that hold membership by virtue of their office is fifty-seven.

There are fifteen churches eligible to add an additional commissioner based on membership totals that are more than one-half of the required number set by the *Book of Order* to normally be entitled to an additional representative. They are Christ La Costa, Chula Vista, El Cajon First, Fletcher Hills, Westminster Escondido, Fallbrook, First Oceanside, Point Loma Community, Rancho Bernardo, Westminster San Diego, San Diego Korean, Christ San Diego, Trinity, San Diego First, and Grace Vista.

The recap of this analysis is as follows:

Minister members eligible to participate in Presbytery	145
Current number of elder commissioners determined by Church membership	49
Imbalance (ministers over elders)	96
Less ministers unable to participate in Presbytery	68
Elder members of presbytery by virtue of office	8
Net imbalance	20
Additional elder commissioners assigned to churches	
With one-half plus members to move up one elder commissioner	15
Imbalance	5

Therefore, the final allocation of elder commissioners to Presbytery from churches in 2006 is as follows:

First Brawley	1	Pacific Beach	1
Christ Carlsbad	2	Pt. Loma Community	4
Chula Vista	2	Rancho Bernardo	6
Graham Memorial	2	Northminster	1
First El Cajon	2	Palisades	2
Fletcher Hills	2	Westminster San Diego	2
Westminster Escondido	2	Mira Mesa	1
Fallbrook	2	Southeast	1
La Jolla	3	San Diego Korean	2
Mt. Soledad	1	Christ San Diego	2
La Mesa	1	Faith	1
Lakeside	1	Solana Beach	4
First Oceanside	4	Trinity Spring Valley	2
Rancho Santa Fe	3	Grace Vista	2
First San Diego	3	Westmorland	1
Linda Vista	1	Total elders from churches	64

4. The Stated Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Rev. Ralph Hamburger, a minister member of San Gabriel Presbytery, sharing his feelings about his sixty years in America and the privilege he was given of citizenship and the opportunity to serve as a disciple of Christ. Rev. Hamburger served the Presbytery of San Diego as its first director of metropolitan mission, later known as Greater Parish Ministry from 1965-1969.
5. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Dr. Tony Wolfe as the Designated Pastor for Westminster Presbyterian Church of San Diego has completed their work and been dismissed.
6. The Stated Clerk reported that the National Presbyterian Men's Conference will be held from April 27-29, 2007 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky.
7. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission elected by presbytery to assume broad jurisdiction of the Christ United Presbyterian Church of San Diego has been convened and received their initial training. The Rev. Leon Fanniel of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii participated in this training. The Commission has begun to do their work and has elected the Rev. Martha Cross Sexton to serve as their Chair.
8. The Stated Clerk reported that all official correspondence and communications received since the last stated meeting have been referred to the appropriate governing body, committee, commission or staff in accordance with the *Manual of Operations, Part I*.

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the report of the Stated Clerk.

Report of the Presbytery Council

Council Chair, The Rev. Dr. Jack Baca, reported that the following actions were taken at the January 16, 2007 meeting of Council:

1. The Council VOTED to move the March 2008 meeting of Presbytery from March 18, 2008 to March 11, 2008. Background: The change was voted because the normal Presbytery meeting

date of March 18 is Tuesday of Holy Week. It was the judgment of the Council that it would be near impossible to expect a well-attended meeting at this particular time.

2. The Council affirmed the appointment by Council Moderator, Jack Baca, that Rev. Dr. Steve Locke be the Vice-Moderator of Council in 2007.
3. The Council VOTED to authorize the Finance Department of Presbytery to pay payroll and bills prior to adoption of the 2007 budget at the March 2007 meeting of Presbytery.
4. The Council VOTED to authorize the Executive Committee of Council (ECC) to serve as the Nominating Committee of Council for 2007.
5. The Council VOTED to “sunset” the Presbyterian Night at the Padres.

Dr. Baca further reported that the following actions were taken at the February 6, 2007 meeting of Council:

1. The Council VOTED to approve the Church Information Form (CIF) for the Executive Presbyter position.
2. The Council VOTED to accept the invitation of Chula Vista Presbyterian Church to host Presbytery on March 20, 2007 and further to host the recognition dinner for Pastor Andy Smith.
3. The Council VOTED to affirm the nominations of Elders Andrea Hetheru of Southeast Presbyterian Church and Elder Barry Billingsley of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to serve on the Administrative Commission for Christ United Presbyterian Church.
4. The Council VOTED to suspend Chapter XII of the *Manual of Operations, Part I* for six months to allow for a new design to be developed by the Missions Committee in cooperation with the Ecclesiastical Committee.
5. The Council VOTED to approve the request of the Budget, Property & Finance Committee to authorize John Lucas, Treasurer and Chair of the committee and Marcia Borgman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services to sell, assign, transfer and/or deliver any/all stock, bonds, and/or other securities registered in the name of this corporation.
6. The Council VOTED to overture the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii to distribute to each Presbytery \$300,000 in assets. These assets are to consist first of Synod loans in that Presbytery, plus cash to total \$300,000.

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the report of the Presbytery Council.

Council Chair, Rev. Dr. Jack Baca reported on his observations from the General Assembly conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, regarding the future of the Presbyterian Church, the changing landscape of churches and the declining membership of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Jack Baca further reported that the Interim Executive Search Committee had completed their work and introduced Elder Linda Therien who will serve as the Acting Presbytery Executive. Elder Therien will serve a dual role of Stated Clerk and Acting Executive until such time as a new executive is in place. The Presbytery affirmed this appointment.

Report of the Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) report was given by Elder Michael Williams.

1. The COM VOTED to approve Rev. Michael McKim, a minister member in good standing of Santa Barbara Presbytery, to labor inside the bounds of San Diego Presbytery in order that he might serve as the part-time Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside. The Presbytery of Santa Barbara has granted permission for Rev. McKim to serve outside their bounds.
2. The COM was informed that Los Rancho Presbytery has granted permission to Rev. Sandy Bowen to labor within their bounds on a temporary basis.
3. The COM VOTED to grant permission to the Rev. Allen Lin to serve the Chinese Evangelical Church of San Diego, retroactive to September 17, 2006, in order that he may become the permanent Mandarin Associate Pastor of the congregation.
4. The COM VOTED to appoint Rev. Joe Robertson to moderate the Westmorland session in December and then Elder Michael Mudgett to moderate the session and congregation in 2007 until such time as a permanent moderator is in place.
5. The COM VOTED that if the way be clear, that Efrain Romero Espitia be approved to conduct all pastoral duties at Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana with the exception of the sacraments for a period of one year. Background: Mr. Espitia is under care of the Presbytery of Mexico and has been seminary educated where he earned a degree in theology. He is currently preparing for ordination exams with the Presbytery of Mexico. After a comprehensive nationwide search over many months, the search committee for a leader of Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana was unanimous in their choice of Efrain Romero Espitia. The COM encourages Mr. Espitia to seek ordination within one year.
6. The COM acted to appoint the Rev. Dr. Andy Smith to moderate the session of Northminster Presbyterian Church for an indefinite period.
7. The COM acted to authorize Elder Elizabeth Crews to serve as Pulpit Supply at Westmorland Presbyterian Church to include moderating the session and congregation as well as approved her to serve communion while she is serving in this capacity.
8. The COM VOTED to release the Rev. Justin "David" Burgess to the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley in order that he might accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Euyfaula, Alabama effective November 1, 2006. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary/Housing	50,382	Travel Allowance	\$ 2,000
Board of Pensions	15,618	Continuing Ed	1,500
SECA	3,750	Total	\$ 75,750
Supplemental Ins	2,500	4 weeks vacation/3 weeks education leave	

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the report of the Committee on Ministry.

Special Presentation

Peter Crouch, Vice-President of San Francisco Theological Seminary spoke on a particular alumnus who has throughout his career as a Minister of Word and Sacrament exhibited and practiced a commitment to students and the arts, and announced that the Rev. Dr. Michael Taxer, recently-retired pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Diego had been voted by the Board of Trustees of San Francisco Theological Seminary to be their 2007 distinguished alumnus. He will be given the opportunity to address the graduates of the seminary in the spring of 2007. Dr. Taxer was recognized with a standing ovation by the assembly and received congratulations from the Moderator and others present.

A large contingent of members of San Diego Westminster were also present for this surprise presentation and to offer their heartfelt congratulations to their former Pastor.

Report of the Work Group on the Way Forward

The report of the Work Group on the Way Forward was given by their Chair, Vice-Moderator Elizabeth Crews. Elder Crews reported that the following individuals agreed to serve as chairs of the following sub-committees:

Leadership & New Way of Being Presbytery – Rev. Dr. Mike McClenahan, Solana Beach
Theology and Ordination Standards – Rev. Dr. Tim Beal, Rancho Bernardo
Property – Elder David Buck, Rancho Santa Fe
Per Capita – Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr., Northminster
Networks & Partnerships – Rev. Paul Cunningham, La Jolla
Vigilance & Contingency – Rev. Bob Davis, Chula Vista
National Leadership – Rev. Dr. Steve Locke, El Cajon First

The Presbytery VOTED to receive this report.

Crisis Center Bequest Annual Report

The Crisis Center Bequest Annual Report was prepared by Elder Jim Beatty of Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church.

During 2005, the Presbytery of San Diego received a bequest from the estate of F. Helen Pratt-Kurz “exclusively for the use of the crisis center”. As directed by the Presbytery, the Budget, Property, and Finance Committee (BP&F) established a Fund Committee to manage assets of the bequest for the benefit of the Presbyterian Crisis Center.

As approved by Council, the total amount received of \$392,500 was invested with Smith Barney as investment manager. The value of the Pratt-Kurz bequest on February 28, 2007 was \$ 447,203.

Designated gifts from churches and individuals, grants, and proceeds from fundraisers during 2006 exceeded budgeted Crisis Center operating receipts. Center operating expenses were lower than planned and were covered by receipts. Largely as a result of the generosity of churches and individuals, there will be no requirement for a distribution to the Crisis Center from the Pratt-Kurz bequest this year.

In accordance with the Investment Policies and Objectives, all earnings will be reinvested for the first three years if possible. An exception to this policy will be made if Presbytery determines that there is an urgent need to fund Crisis Center operating expenses or pressing emergent capital requirements.

The Pratt-Kurz bequest, gratefully received, can provide substantial income to the Crisis Center in perpetuity if allowed to grow. Continued strong support by churches and individuals is urged so that the vital mission of the Crisis Center can continue.

Respectfully submitted,
James Beatty, Fund Committee

The Presbytery VOTED to receive the Crisis Center bequest annual report.

Administrative Commission for Christ United report

The following report of the Administrative Commission for Christ United was presented by Rev. Martha Cross Sexton.

This Administrative Commission was constituted on February 6, 2007 and has met subsequently on February 27, March 8, and March 17. The Commission has received orientation and training from Presbytery and Synod staff.

Members of the Commission appointed by the Moderator of the Presbytery are:

Rev. Martha Cross Sexton (Honorably Retired) – Moderator
Elder Carole Ostrander (Westminster-Escondido) – Secretary
Elder Barry Billingsley (Solana Beach)
Rev. Herb Christ (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Alan Deuel (Pacific Beach)
Elder Andrea Hetheru (Southeast)

At least one additional member will be appointed by the Presbytery Moderator.

The Commission has attended worship and a session meeting at Christ United Church. Representatives have met with Pastor Cornelius Berry and are in the process of scheduling meetings with the members of the Session. We plan also to meet with the staff and members of the congregation.

The Commission has called a congregational meeting of Christ United Church on Sunday, March 25, 2007 for the purpose of introducing the Commissioners and outlining the process to be used by the Commission as we “inquire into and settle the difficulties therein” [G-9.0503 (4)] in accordance with our Charge from the Presbytery.

We request the prayers of the Presbytery for the officers and members of Christ United Church and for the members of the Administrative Commission.

Martha Cross Sexton, Moderator
March 14, 2007

The Presbytery VOTED to receive this report.

The following business was VOTED on consent:

The Stated Clerk recommended to Presbytery:

1. That the minutes of the January 16, 2007 meeting of Presbytery be approved.
2. That the Clerk be granted permission to approve all excused absences for this meeting.

Elder Linda Therien

The Presbytery Council recommended to Presbytery:

- 1. That they concur with the Council decision to authorize the Executive Committee of Council (ECC) to act for the Council, if necessary, in the months presbytery meets and further to suspend the Standing Rule in Chapter IV, II.5 (page 20 of the *Manual of Operations, Part I*) to allow the Council to not meet in the months were Presbytery does meet. Therefore the Council would only meet in the months of February, April, June and October unless the ECC determines there is a need for the Council to convene. Background: The same motion was passed in 2006 and was considered a successful trial. The Council was called together one time by the ECC during the year.

Pastor Jack Baca, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommended to Presbytery:

- 1. That the following Administrative Commission be elected to ordain Peter “Michael” Mudgett on Sunday, May 6, 2007, at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church at 4:00 pm.

Rev. Neal Nybo, Moderator
 Rev. Jan Farley
 Rev. Art Sueltz
 Rev. John Powell
 Elder Gordon Lutes, Point Loma Community
 Elder Charlie Walker, San Diego First
 Elder Lois Farley, Rancho Bernardo

As corresponding: Rev. Brad Gustafson, Presbytery of the Plains and Peaks

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the consent agenda.

The Committee on Ministry recommended and the Presbytery VOTED the following:

- 1. That the Presbytery concur in the request of the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church and the Rev. John Moser that he be received into membership of the presbytery in order that he might accept the call of the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church to become their Pastor effective May 1, 2007.

The terms of call are as follows:

Salary/Housing	\$88,800
Car Allowance	4,500
Books, Expenses, Resources	1,500
Medical/Dental Reimbursement	3,000
Continuing Education	1,000

Full participation in the Board of Pensions benefit program
 Four weeks vacation annually
 Two weeks education leave annually
 Reasonable moving expenses

Rev. Moser’s *Statement of Faith* is appended to these minutes.

2. That the Presbytery concur in the following individuals to serve on the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Moser on Sunday, May 20th @ 4 PM at Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church:

Rev. Neal Nybo, Moderator
Rev. Barry Moller
Rev. Jan Farley
Rev. Dr. Pam Powell

Rev. Paul Pulliam
Elder Michael Williams, Solana Beach
Elder Scott Sabin, Mount Soledad

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended and the Presbytery VOTED the following:

1. That Inquirer Rene Roth be advanced to Candidate.
2. That Candidate Michael Sedgwick be granted the status of extraordinary candidate in accordance with *Book of Order G-14.0313.c* and that he be permitted to begin the process of seeking a call to ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.
Background: Mr. Sedgwick was enrolled by Presbytery as an Inquirer in December 2005. He is a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church and was taken under care of their session in September 2005. He was encouraged in his pursuit of ministry by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hammond. Mr. Sedgwick graduated from seminary in August 2006 and passed all of the written ordination exams in January 2006. In order for him to proceed with seeking a call, the presbytery needs to vote by a 3/4 vote to waive the one-year requirement of candidacy. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends approval.

Pastor Powell introduced Mr. Michael Mudgett, a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery and announced that he had received and accepted a call to be a Designated Associate Pastor at Malibu Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mudgett was examined for ordination by the calling presbytery and will be ordained by San Diego on May 6, 2007. He will be transferred to the Presbytery of the Pacific in Los Angeles. The Presbytery offered their heartfelt congratulations.

Pastor Powell introduced Ms. Inez Ellerd, a Candidate under the care of the Presbytery and announced that she had received and accepted a call to be the Pastor of the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of Alaska. Ms. Ellerd was examined for ordination by the presbytery of call but will be ordained by San Diego on April 29, 2007. She will be then be transferred to the Presbytery of Alaska. The Presbytery offered their heartfelt congratulations.

Pastor John Powell, Chair

The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommended and the Presbytery VOTED the following:

1. That the Presbytery approve the 2007 budget as proposed by the committee. The following is the proposed budget:

	2007 Budget	2006 Actual	\$ Change	% Change
Income				
PRESBYTERY PER CAPITA INCOME	269,000.00	278,477.69	(9,477.69)	-3.40%
SHARED MISSION PRESBYTERY	175,000.00	176,784.57	(1,784.57)	-1.01%
STANDING COM. OF COUNCIL & ADMIN	6,100.00	9,630.77	(3,530.77)	-36.66%
CRISIS CENTER INCOME	229,548.00	275,690.58	(46,142.58)	-16.74%
OTHER MINISTRY TEAM INCOME	16,457.41	15,844.91	612.50	3.87%
SUDANESE INCOME	72,200.00	80,944.59	(8,744.59)	-10.80%
REALITY CHANGERS INCOME	297,850.00	222,480.91	75,369.09	33.88%
IGLESIA INCOME	78,272.14	74,921.83	3,350.31	4.47%
STANDING COMMITTEES OF PRESB	42,938.48	39,158.40	3,780.08	9.65%
Total Income	1,187,366.03	1,173,934.25	13,431.78	1.14%
Expense				
MINISTRY TEAMS EXPENSES	19,612.00	30,248.15	(10,636.15)	-35.16%
ECCLESIASTICAL EXPENSES	329,200.98	284,088.17	45,112.81	15.88%
STANDING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL	82,500.00	44,225.27	38,274.73	86.54%
STATED CLERK'S OFFICE	58,174.06	52,336.13	5,837.93	11.15%
SUDANESE EXPENSE	89,517.80	98,520.01	(9,002.21)	-9.14%
REALITY CHANGERS EXPENSE	282,540.00	207,048.51	75,491.49	36.46%
IGLESIA EXPENSE	89,433.20	76,749.65	12,683.55	16.53%
STANDING COMMITTEES OF PRESBY	53,030.00	108,526.36	(55,496.36)	-51.14%
Total Expense	1,213,582.04	1,134,682.02	78,900.02	6.95%
Net Income	-26,216.01	39,252.23	(65,468.24)	-166.79%

- Notes
1. Crisis Center decreased in inc. based on projected lower returns in 2007 in investment portfolio
 2. Reality Changers increased income projection based on anticipated program expansion
 3. Ecclesiastical expense increase due to staff addition - Dir. Of Finance & Admin. Services
 4. 2007 Standing Committee of Council includes \$40,000 for EP moving & search expense
 5. 2006 Standing Committees of Presbytery expense includes \$66,000 pmt to Habitat for Humanity from fund balance.

New Business

Martha Sexton, Chair of the Administrative Commission for Christ United reported that Elder Nancy Harber had been nominated by Moderator Neal Nybo to serve the commission. The Presbytery affirmed this appointment.

Adjournment

The Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 6:05 pm and were dismissed with prayer and grace. The Presbytery then engaged in a dinner celebration for the Rev. Dr. Andy Smith and in recognition of his five years as our Executive Presbyter.

Carole Ostrander, Minute Clerk for
Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Statement of Faith
John R. Moser

God is creator of all there is and has self-revealed in a three-person unity of being - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Though *our* understanding of this three-person revelation is clouded by human failures, we trust Jesus' own affirmation of it as the reliable description of God's being and the doorway for humanity to enter into a right relationship with God.

Humanity is God's highest creation, bearing the image of God both in male and female. We reflect God's image in our creativity, imagination, courage, love, and purity. But God's image is marred in us by our rebellion against God's loving lordship. This is sin. This fracture distorts our freedom into foolish excess, our power into abuse, our purity into self-righteousness, our stewardship into subjugation. But God's great love does not settle for broken people. We are lost but God is reaching for us. God reached out to restore us first through covenant and then finally, uniquely, personally through Jesus Christ.

Christ Jesus is God incarnate on earth – holy and human. He taught God's Word, modeled God's way through a sinless life, and finally bridged the chasm that our sin had created. He did what we could not do – pay the penalty for our sins by his death upon the cross. Rising on the third day, defeating the power of sin and death, Christ sits at God the Father's right hand in lordship over all things. Through Him, the Father sent the Holy Spirit to us.

Holy Spirit reveals God's character as Helper by personally indwelling believers. The Spirit convicts of sin, comforts in distress, spurs to action, inflames to zeal. Without the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, a church is dead and listless. But alive in the Spirit, a church energetically serves the Lord with gifted skill and reclaims lives from the power of Satan. The Spirit illuminates our understanding of Scripture.

Scripture is the revelation of God's drama with humanity. This holy and human drama surges from creation to human corruption. It soars to God's establishment of a covenant and plummets with human failure and disobedience. It culminates in Jesus Christ's redeeming work from which the church is established and moves out to reclaim humanity back into God's kingdom. God's Word does not fail to achieve God's purpose for it – to call people to faith, convict us of sin, guide us to salvation in Christ and comfort us through all the challenges of life. Sincere Christians do differ in interpretation and application of scripture, yet we can be confident in its message when we are aided by the orthodox scholarship of the church.

The Church is the corporate world wide followers of Jesus Christ throughout all time. As the *Body of Christ* our union with him transmits to us his resurrection power and eternal life. We suffer also the rejection and opposition of the world he came to save yet knew him not. The Church is placed in the world to bring Christ's whole salvation to all people. Salvation centers in spiritual regeneration, yet radiates out into all spheres of human life - physical, communal, political, moral. The Body of Christ experiences, and must protect, a spiritual unity among followers of Christ through humility, forbearance, accountability, and discipline. For those purposes, leaders are called, gifted, and commissioned to preach, teach, pastor, and lead congregations. As the *Bride of Christ* we receive the benefits of his righteousness in God's eyes and enjoy the forgiveness of sins as declared by the sacraments of baptism and Lord's Supper. Our actual good standing in God's favor never changes, while our gradual sanctification grows over the course of an obedient life. Our glorification will come when God culminates the grand drama of life with the return of Christ to whom every knee will bow and tongue confess is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.