

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO CALLED MEETING – September 18, 2007

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Escondido was convened by the Moderator, Rev. Neal Nybo at 2:30 p.m. He led the presbytery in prayer. The Rev. James Rauch, 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>
1	Brawley, First	R. J. Myers	105	Carolyn Benson
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	D. J. Kelly J. Y. Cook Bradley Roth	101 103 193	Gerry Tayler (e) Laura Mitchell
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis	101	Jay Dalseth(e) Cora Gregory
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Frank Wuerfel Langdon Smith
5	El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke	101	Judy King Jan Lorentzen
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack B. Reed L E. Raines W. C. Manning	101 103 109 109	Patsy Battenfield Les Campbell
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch	101	Jacci Murphy Dave Cumming
8	Fallbrook, Fallbrook	K. Bottomly J. G. Marroquin	101 103	Paul Mattson Jerry Budd
9	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham M. Sedgwick G. Spearman	101 103 797	Bobby Foushee Marcia Borgman Mary Kinyon
10	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	J. Moser	101	Jane Camerer
11	La Mesa, La Mesa	D. Pierson	101	Jerry Moody
12	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze	101	Michael McKnight A
13	Oceanside, First	L. Leon J. Blake D. A. Walker	101 105 109	Dan Pursell Phyllis Bird Rosalind Marver Sande Rajcic
14	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca J. K. Farley Vacant D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 103 109 109	David Buck Mike Kendall Claire Padgett A
15	San Diego, Christ United	C. Berry G. W. Smith	101 109	Ardelle Matthews James Grice
16	San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker J. L. Messervé	101 797	Nancy Harber
17	San Diego, First	Vacant M. E. Walls	101 103	Maurice Caskey Tina Thompson

		L. Riley P. R. Pulliam	103 109	Marilyn Carnes Leonard Swanson Chris Sloan
18	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
19	San Diego, Linda Vista	R. R. Hayward H. M. Heath, Jr.	106 109	Steve Awe Marjorie Reid
20	San Diego, Mira Mesa	W. L. James	101	Patrick Hubbard
21	San Diego, Northminster	Vacant	101	Loreto Remorca
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	Alan Deuel(e)	191	Jane Kay(e)
23	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
24	San Diego, Point Loma Community	J. Powell R. Brown E. Girod Art Suelztz	101 103 105 109	John Pearson Anne Fristrom Victor Anderson Emery Cummins (e)
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey R. Sparling M. Wasef J. Farell J P. Lee	101 103 103 103 109	Lois Sheldon Lois V. Farley Jeanne Pochel Polly Purcifull Cindy Paget
26	San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
27	San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe M. Taxer	191 109	Marcy Bergqvist(e) William Hodgkiss
28	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan B. E. Moller N. Nybo T. D. Theriault J. Kerkhoff J. Lagerstrom J. Espitia	101 103 103 103 103 107 107	Keith Johnson Russ Love Bob Rantzow Dana Jacobs Barry Billingsley
29	Spring Valley, Trinity	R. W. Yenter	101	Charles Porter Bob Hensler
30	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 299	Hank Morris Joseph Purser
31	Westmorland, Community	E. Crews	108	Ruth Hoskins

BOLD = Attended Meeting = 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 (e)	301
Director, Reality Changers	Chris Yanov	305
* Iglesia Church	Efrain Romero	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Markus Watson, Presbytery of Cincinnati

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, San Joaquin Presbytery

Rev. Mark Tammen, Blackhawk Presbytery, General Assembly Staff

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Inquirer Dorothy Crockett, LaJolla Presbyterian Church
 Inquirer Dianne Kettlewell, Fletcher Hills Presbyterian
 Inquirer Kim Dawsey-Richardson, Fletcher Hills Presbyterian
 Inquirer Dee Crimmel, Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church

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 Taylor (e)	Chair, Human Resources Committee
Machelle May	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist
Macia Borgman	Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Steve Elliott	Webmaster/Member Mt Soledad
Visitors: Rev. Patrick Gichuhi Jack Shelver Rev. Shang-Nan Tsai Elder Samuel Tsai Rev. Dr. Edward Tannng Debbie Kelly Lancy Lightenberg Peggy Brown Louella Irwin Virginia Sabella Isabelle McCutchen Rudy Kosits Ruthe Anne Christ Curtis McKee, Steve Elliott Robert Moore Paul Hefner Steve Rybicki	Presbyterian Church of East Africa Faith Presbyterian, Synod Moderator Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Synod Asian Presbyterian Council Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Rancho Bernaredo Community Presbyterian Northminster Presbyterian Church Northminster Presbyterian Church Northminster Presbyterian Church Northminster Presbyterian Church Northminster Presbyterian Church Faith Presbyterian Church Faith Presbyterian Church Webmaster Pt. Loma Presbyterian First Presbyterian, Oceanside Westminster, Escondido

* = voting member

OTHER MINISTERS

R. K. Adams	299	C. Hammond	299	J. L Peters	299
P. D. Allen	761	L. A. Henderson	299	E. M. Piper	797
H. Allen	797	W.W. Hoffmann	299	P. Powell	797
R. W. Anderson	299	C. M. Hong	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	R. F. Hughes	299	T. R. Respass	299

R. Benson	299	R. Humphries	299	E. Reynolds	645
R. C. Betters	299	T. A. Jasso	299	G. Robertson	797
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	L. S. Johnson	797	J. H. Robertson	109
D. R. Burnight	299	T. F. Johnson	299	T. M. Simpson	797
J. H. Calhoun	299	H. Jonas	299	J. J. Skelly	299
J. Chambers	299	R. H. Kim	797	B. S. Smith	299
H. Christ	309	T. C. Lai	791	D. C. Smith	299
M. Cross Sexton	299	C. S. Lee	791	M. Smith	761
R. R. Cunningham	299	A. Y. Lin (e)	791	W. A. Soldwisch	405
D. A. Davis	299	B. E. Lucas	797	G. A. Spearman	797
S. W. DeLong	299	E. V. Lyons	299	G. L. Stewart	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	W. B. Mack	299	W. A. TeSelle	299
R. B. Dulaney	299	R. V. Martinez	299	L. E. Vick	299
D. R. Edic	299	R. H. Mayo	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
B. C. Fairchild	299	T. H. McPhatter	299	A. J. Wartes	299
P. Fisher	797	C. M. Mershon	299	D. Webster	797
V. Ford	299	R. L. Miller	299	P. Weiler	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	A. Mills	404	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
R. Garton	299	S. Mitchell	797	R. T. Williams	299
J. Garza	299	D. H. Nason	654	S. E. Wirt	299
R. P. Goodhart	299	D. Newhouse	299	W. G. Wollam	299
J. Hagelganz	299	P. C. Paik	797	F. Wollerman	299

Attendance:

Ministers	65
Elders	41
Corresponding	3
Inquirers/Candidates	4
Visitors/Others	17
Total	129

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk's Report

1. The Stated Clerk reported the following resignations:

Elder Myna Spearman, Synod Commissioner, Class of 2007
 Rev. Glen Spearman, Synod Commissioner, Class of 2007
 Rev. Dr. Andy Smith, Synod Commissioner, Class of 2007
 Elder Andrea Hetheru, Administrative Commission to Christ United San Diego
 Pastor Mark Swarner, as member and Chair of the Missions Committee, Class of 2009
 Pastor Doug Webster, Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2011
 Pastor Tom Johnson, Synod Commissioner, Class of 2007

These resignations have been received with appreciation and regret and referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement.

2. The Stated Clerk reported the following resignations from the Presbytery Nominating Committee:

Elder David Whitmoyer, Class of 2008
 Rev. Edwin Piper, Class of 2008

These resignations have been received with appreciation and regret and referred to the Council of Presbytery to nominate a replacement.

3. The Stated Clerk reported the death of The Rev. John Boller, Sr. on July 15, 2007 in Palm Desert, California.
4. The Stated Clerk reported the death of The Rev. (Chester) Virgil Zirbel on May 22, 2007 and the death of his wife, Virginia Ray Zirbel on May 9, 2007. A memorial service for Rev. and Mrs. Zirbel was held at Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church on July 7, 2007.
5. The Stated Clerk reported granting permission to the Rev. Robert L. Badgley, a minister member in good standing of Sacramento Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of San Diego Presbytery on October 26, 2007, in order to officiate at a wedding.
6. The Stated Clerk reported that the 2007 Synod Assembly is scheduled to begin on Thursday evening, October 25, 2007 and adjourn on Saturday, October 27, 2007 at noon. The meeting will be held at the Hacienda Hotel at the Los Angeles Airport.
7. The Stated Clerk reported the announcement by the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Publishing Corporation the appointment of Marc Lewis as Acting President and Publisher. He replaces Davis Perkins who has resigned.
8. The Stated Clerk reported that the transfer of Rev. John Moser from Sacramento Presbytery is complete.
9. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Moser has completed their work and has been dismissed. A report of their work is on file in the Clerk's office.
10. The Stated Clerk reported that the 2006 Minutes and corresponding rolls of the Presbytery of San Diego have been submitted to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, Governing Body Relations Committee, for their annual review. The results of this review will be reported at the Synod Assembly in October 2007.
11. The Stated Clerk reported that the Presbytery carries adequate property and liability insurance with coverage through Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program. Copies of the policy and coverage amounts are on file in the Finance Office of the Presbytery.
12. The Stated Clerk reported that the following churches have responded to and corrected the exceptions found in the annual review of their records and minutes of 2006:

La Mesa Presbyterian Church
Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church
Grace Presbyterian Church
Trinity Presbyterian Church
13. The Stated Clerk reported receiving Annual Reports from the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of San Diego for the years 2001 through 2007. These reports have been filed with the Missions Committee and are on file in the Clerk's office.
14. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission to ordain Robert "Robbie" and Lindsey Carnes as ministers of Word and Sacrament has completed their work and have been

dismissed. The membership of Rev. Robert and Rev. Lindsey Carnes has been transferred to the Presbytery of Wabash Valley. The report of the Administrative Commission is on file with the Stated Clerk.

15. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Bradley Roth as a minister of Word and Sacrament has completed their work and have been dismissed. A copy of their report is on file with the Stated Clerk.
16. The Stated Clerk reports the following deadlines leading up to the 218th General Assembly to be held in in San Jose, California from June 21/28, 2008.

120-day deadline	February 22, 2008
For overtures requesting amendment to or interpretation of the <i>Book of Order</i> . These overtures are automatically referred to The Advisory Committee on the Constitution for advice to the General Assembly (G-18.0301).	
60-day deadline	April 22, 2008
For overtures having financial implications for current or future budgets (must consult with affected entities)	
45-day deadline	May 7, 2008
deadline for all other overtures	
30-day deadline	May 22, 2008
time by which consultation with affected entity must have occurred	
Overtures not timely received will be returned to the originating Governing body.	

17. 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*.

Elder Linda Therien

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

The following reports were received and approved by the Presbytery:

Report of the Executive Presbyter Elect

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden reported that Andy Smith, former Executive Presbyter of San Diego, has accepted a position as Church Advisor for World Vision, working in the San Francisco area.

Clark thanked Linda Therien for her months serving as acting Executive Presbyter. His first day at work will be Monday, October 8th. He is looking forward to meeting with sessions and preaching at San Diego churches.

Report of the Presbytery Council

Jack Baca gave an update on Executive Presbyter housing and stated that a letter had been sent by the Stated Clerk to the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii requesting funds to help with housing. He further thanked and recognized Elder David Buck for his service as presbytery webmaster for 6 years.

Presbyterian Church of East Africa

Rev. Patrick Gichuhi of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa gave an update on the growth, concerns and issues the churches in East Africa are facing.

Administrative Commission Report – San Diego Christ United

Pastor Martha Cross Sexton gave an update on San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church. The full report can be found at the end of these minutes.

PERCEPT Presentation

Elder Paul Hefner gave a demonstration of the PERCEPT capabilities in determining population characteristics within ZIP codes, and instructed church leaders how to get access to this service.

Administrative Commission Report – Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr., Chair gave an update on conversations with the Taiwanese congregation desiring to join the San Diego Presbytery.

Report of the Presbytery Council

The following actions were taken by the Council at their meeting on June 5, 2007 and Are being reported to Presbytery.

1. The Council VOTED to approve the recommendations of the Presbytery Moderator that Elders Elizabeth Crews of 1st San Diego and Elder Elizabeth Wilson of Solana Beach be recommended to represent San Diego Presbytery on the Synod Mission Design Task Force. These two names were submitted to the Synod Nominating Committee for a final decision.
2. The Council VOTED to approve a change in terms of the Westminster Escondido loan to commit to keep \$120,000 on deposit for four years at PILP, vice three years as previously approved.
3. The Council VOTED to present an overview of the PERCEPT program at a future meeting of Presbytery.
4. The Council VOTED to receive and approve the report of the Crisis Center Steering Committee, as approved by the Missions Committee, and further to change the name of the Presbyterian Crisis Center to Presbyterian Urban Ministries.

5. The Council VOTED to endorse the application of the *Niles Sisters Development Initiative* from Presbyterian Women of San Diego. Their application is for a grant from the Birthday Offering fund of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The total request was for \$200,000.
6. The Council VOTED the following grants to be awarded from the Campus Ministry Fund of Presbytery:
 - To fund Urban Youth Collaborative for Nate Landis of First Presbyterian San Diego at \$12,000.
 - To fund the College Ministry proposal for La Jolla Presbyterian Church at \$20,000.
 - To fund the Campus Ministry Program for Solana Beach Presbyterian Church at \$16,000.

The following actions were taken by Council at their meeting on September, 4, 2007 and are being report to Presbytery:

1. The Council VOTED to move the October 2007 meeting of the Council from the first Tuesday of the month (October 2nd) to the second Tuesday of the month (October 9th) in order to be able to include the Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden as the Executive Presbyter in that meeting. Dr. Cowden begins his service to the Presbytery on October 8, 2007.
2. The Council acted to appoint the Executive Committee of Council to serve as the Council Nominating Committee whose responsibility it is to nominate the Presbytery Nominating Committee.
3. The Council VOTED to accept the invitation of the Village Church Rancho Santa Fe to host the November 2007 meeting of Presbytery.
4. The Council VOTED to accept the invitation of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego to host the January 2008 meeting of Presbytery.
5. The Council VOTED to approve two fund raising events being planned by Presbyterian Urban Ministries. The first is a concert at Faith Presbyterian Church on November 4, 2007 and the second a golf tournament on November 16, 2007 at Admiral Baker Golf Course.
6. The Council VOTED to approve the application process for use of the Campus Ministry Fund contingent on approval from the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to concur in the request that the funds be used for other than “facilities” as determined in the original agreement with the Synod.
7. The Council VOTED to approve the concept of a housing loan to Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden and supported the effort by the Budget Property & Finance Committee to ask the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to assist the Presbytery with this business. The Stated Clerk has written the Synod with this request on August 29, 2007.
8. The Council VOTED to approve an expenditure of approximately \$2,500.00 from the Sudanese Rebuilding Fund.
9. The Council VOTED to approve the production of a bulletin insert to be used by churches to better inform church members of the mission projects of the Presbytery.

Pastor Jack Baca, Council Moderator

Report of the Committee on Ministry

At their regular meeting on June 26, 2007, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions and are now reporting them to Presbytery:

1. The Committee VOTED to approve Elder Elizabeth Crews, a member of San Diego First Presbyterian Church, to serve as Temporary Supply to Westmorland Presbyterian Church retroactive to June 1, 2007.
2. The Committee VOTED to concur in the request of the Rev. Sandy Bowen and the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to transfer her membership to Los Ranchos. Rev. Bowen is serving as an Associate Pastor in a Reformed Church of America congregation.
3. The Committee VOTED to validate the ministry of Rev. John Breeding, an ordained Pastor in the American Baptist denomination, pending transfer of his ordination to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

At their regular meeting on August 28, 2007, the Committee on Ministry took the following Actions and are now reporting them to Presbytery:

4. The Committee VOTED to approve the request of Rev. John Chambers to be granted a one-year extension to labor outside our bounds in Riverside Presbytery in order to serve as a part-time Parish Associate.
5. The Committee VOTED to dissolve the pastoral relationship of Rev. Dr. Douglas Webster and First Presbyterian Church of San Diego effective August 12, 2007. Dr. Webster has accepted a position on the faculty of Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Webster will become a member-at-large of San Diego Presbytery until such time as he requests to transfer his membership.
6. The Committee VOTED to appoint the Rev. Margaret Walls to moderate the session of First Presbyterian San Diego until an Interim Pastor has been secured.

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

The following business was voted on consent:

1. The minutes of the May 15, 2007 stated meeting of Presbytery were approved.
2. The minutes of the July 27, 2007 called meeting of Presbytery were approved.
3. The Presbytery authorized the Stated Clerk to approve all excused absences for this meeting.
4. The Presbytery approved the summary of the Statistical Report to General Assembly as of December 31, 2006 as follows:

Total Communicant Members (net loss of 371 from 2005)	16,370
Baptisms – Children	167
Baptisms – Adults	108

Attendance in Church School	11,750
Attendance Church Attendance	9,546
Officers	971
Financial Data:	
Potential Giving Units	10,504
Budgeted Income	\$23,973,316
Budgeted Expense	\$26,638,422
Receipts:	
Regular Contributions	\$22,395,406
Investment Income	545,695
Other Income	4,822,130
Capital Building Fund	
Bequests	7,203,478
Subsidy or Aid	572,996
	377,186
Expenditures:	
Local Program	\$22,674,390
Local Mission	1,458,478
Capital Expenditure	3,370,515
Investment Expense	407,290
Per Capita Apportionment	349,626
Validated Mission	690,818
Theological Fund	27,474
<i>Other Mission</i>	<i>1,414,003</i>

The Presbytery Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following:

1. For Synod Commissioners – Class of 2007 – Elder Bob Battenfield
Elder Patsy Battenfield
Rev. Rachel Brown
Rev. Will Bynagte
For Synod Commissioners – Class of 2008 - Rev. Brian Reed
Rev. Chuck Hammond
Elder Doris Pate
Elder Charles Pate
Elder Maurice Caskey
Elder Rod Rodriguez
Elder Nancy Harber
Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden
Rev. Dr. Chr Lenocker
2. The Committee advised the Presbytery that Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef was elected to the Class of 2008 of the Committee on Ministry and asked that this be corrected to the Class of 2009.
3. For the Committee on Ministry – Class of 2008 – Rev. Willem Bynagte
4. For the Permanent Judicial Commission – Class of 2011 – Elder Maurice Caskey

Pastor Doug Kelly, Chair

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

1. That the following Administrative Commission be elected to install the Rev. Neal Nybo as Designated Associate Executive Pastor, Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef as Associate Pastor and Rev. Ray Sparling as Associate Pastor of Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 4:00 pm at Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church.

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Co-Moderator (1st San Diego)
Rev. Neal Nybo, Co-Moderator
Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey
Rev. Barry Moller
Elder Bill Tayler, La Costa
Elder Linda Therien, Palisades
Elder Cindy Paget, Rancho Bernardo
Elder Monier Estefanos, Rancho Bernardo
Elder Bill Patterson, Rancho Bernardo
Elder Bob Lauer, Rancho Bernardo
Elder Tom Miller, Rancho Bernardo
Elder Beth Nidzieko, Rancho Bernardo

2. That the 2008 minimum salary for pastors serving in calls be established at \$49,487.

Background: The 2007 minimum was \$47,860. The U. S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) reports a 3.4% change in the consumer price index in 2007 over 2006. This minimum salary adjustment is based on this figure.

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following:

1. That the proposed revised by-laws of Christ Presbyterian Church of Rancho La Costa be ratified, retroactive to February 11, 2007, the date they were voted by the congregation. A copy of this document can be found at the end of these minutes.
2. That the proposed revised by-laws of Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church be ratified, retroactive to July 22, 2007, the date they were voted by the congregation. A copy of this document can be found at the end of these minutes.

Elder Carole Ostrander, Chair

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended to Presbytery:

1. That the request of Inquirer Rosalind Shepherd-Marver, a member of Oceanside First Presbyterian Church, to withdraw from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry process, be granted retroactive to January 17, 2007.

Pastor John Powell, Chair

The Moderator of Presbytery recommended the following:

1. That the following be elected to serve on the Administrative Commission exploring the chartering of a Taiwanese Presbyterian Church:

Pastor Tom Theriault (Solana Beach)
Elder Juan Daniel Espitia (Solana Beach)

Pastor Neal Nybo

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the consent agenda.

The Presbytery Nominating Committee Report

The Presbytery Nominating Committee nominated the following to serve as Moderator and Vice-Moderator (Moderator Elect) in 2008.

As Moderator – Elder Elizabeth Crews – San Diego First Presbyterian Church
As Vice-Moderator – Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker – Faith Presbyterian Church

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor.

Additional information: Chapter II.A.4.b of the Presbytery's *Manual of Operations* states "Nominations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator may be made from the floor at the September stated meeting, with the consent of the individual to be nominated, prior to adjournment of that meeting, at which time nominations shall be closed."

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

Dorothy Crockett: That Dorothy Crockett, a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church, be advanced to Candidate.

After the Presbytery VOTED to advance Ms. Crockett, the Moderator asked her the constitutional Questions required as listed in the *Book of Order*. Ms. Crockett answered all questions in the Affirmative. Prayer was offered for her as she continues her journey towards ordination.

Dianne Kettlewell: That Dianne Kettlewell, a member of Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church, be advanced to Candidate.

Kim Dawsey-Richardson: That Kim Dawsey-Richardson, a member of Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church, be advanced to Candidate.

Dee Crimmel: That Dee Crimmel, a member of Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church, be advanced to Candidate.

After the Presbytery VOTED to advance Ms. Kettlewell, Mrs. Dawsey-Richardson and Ms. Crimmel, the Moderator asked them the constitutional questions required by the *Book of Order*. All answers were in the affirmative. Prayer was offered for these individuals as they Continue in their journey towards ordination.

Pastor John Powell, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommended and presbytery VOTED the following:

1. To receive the Rev. Markus Watson into the membership of the San Diego Presbytery in order that he might receive and accept the call of the Northminster Presbyterian Church to become their Pastor effective October 1, 2007. His *Statement of Faith* is at the end of the minutes.
2. To approve the following terms of call:

Salary/Housing	\$75,000
Auto	\$2,000
FICA reimbursement	5,737
Medical/Dental	1,500

Reimbursable expenses:

Total Cash	\$87,437
Study Leave	\$ 2,000
Board of Pensions	23,615
Professional	1,200
Total	\$111,062

Reimbursables will be paid on an accountable plan.

Paid vacation of four weeks annually

Paid continuing education leave of 2 weeks annually

Moving & relocation expenses - \$8,000

The principles of the Churchwide Equal Employment Opportunity Plan as adopted by Presbytery were followed.

2. To approve the following Administrative Commission to install Rev. Watson on October 14, 2007 at 2 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Neal Nybo, Moderator
Rev. Scott Mitchell
Rev. John Boller, Jr.
Elder Em Cummins (Point Loma Community)
Elder Michael Williams (Rancho Santa Fe)
Elder Tom Wickstrom (Northminster)
As corresponding: Rev. David Watson of Beaver-Butler
Presbytery

Vice-Moderator, Elizabeth Crews, was asked to moderate the next portion of the Committee on Ministry report.

3. The committee presented the Rev. Neal Nybo as the candidate for the call to Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church to serve as their Designated Executive Associate Pastor with the following terms. The Presbytery VOTED approval.

Salary	\$ 45,000
Housing	45,000
Board of Pensions	28,350

Auto	1,000
Professional Expenses	1,000
Study Leave	2,000
Total	\$122,350

Vacation – 4 weeks

Study Leave – 2 weeks

The principles of the Churchwide Equal Employment Opportunity Plan as adopted by Presbytery were followed.

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

Pre-adjournment business

Rev. Herb Christ announced the upcoming Presbyterian Urban Ministries golf tournament and their concert fundraiser for the Presbytery Urban Ministries.

Adjourn

The Presbytery adjourned at 6:30 pm with prayer.

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

Article VII.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws of Christ Presbyterian Church of Rancho La Costa.

Article IV, Section 3. a. be amended to state:

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be held in ~~January~~ September on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of receiving annual reports of the affairs of the congregation and corporation, and, to transact any and all business that may properly come before it - - including the presentation of the Session approved budget for the ~~calendar~~ fiscal year and to approve the pastors' compensation for the ensuing ~~calendar~~ fiscal year.

Article VII. Board of Trustees, Section 6. Powers, subsection d. be amended to state:

Upon winding up or dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, specifically the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) through the San Diego Presbytery, a religious corporation, if it is still in existence and exempt under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Revenue & Tax Code section 214; but if it is not then in existence or exempt to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or religious purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501©(3). No part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of private persons.

Proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Christ Presbyterian Church of Rancho La Costa.

Article of Incorporation Section VI (b) be amended to state:

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment of, or provision for payment of, all debts and liabilities of this Corporation, shall be distributed to the PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO, a religious corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for religious and/or charitable purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, if it is then in existence and exempt under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, but if it is not then in existence or exempt, to its successor corporation which is affiliated with and under the religious principles and beliefs of the ~~UNITED PREBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA~~ PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) which is also organized and operated exclusively for religious and/or charitable purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If that organization is not exempt under section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then to another organization which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or religious purposes meeting the requirements for exemption provided by section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As used herein, section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 501©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code shall also include successor section in later Codes.

Upon dissolution or winding up of the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) the use and disposition of any real or personal property owned or used by this entity in states other than where

incorporated shall be limited to the purposes stated in the foregoing paragraph in such manner as to satisfy the requirements of the laws of such states for exemption of such property from property taxation in such states.

BYLAWS OF PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In order to define the rights and responsibilities of its members, boards, officers, and ministers, and to provide for the orderly conduct and efficient management of the congregational and corporate affairs of this church, the latest revision of these bylaws was approved unanimously by the congregation at a special congregational meeting on July 22, 2007.

[Except where noted, references are from the
Book of Order of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part II, 2005 – 2007]

ARTICLE 1

GENERAL

Section 1. NAME

- a. Both as “congregation” and “corporation,” the name of this church shall be THE PACIFIC BEACH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.
- b. This church was organized on September 16, 1888, by the Presbytery of Los Angeles and incorporated by the State of California on December 15, 1921.

Section 2. RELATIONSHIPS

- a. This church is a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and recognizes that the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is, in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and all its members. It is subject to the guidance and direction of the general assembly, the synod of jurisdiction, and the presbytery of jurisdiction.
- b. These bylaws shall be in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as interpreted by the judicatories of jurisdiction, and the corporate laws of the State of California, and shall set forth the ecclesiastical and corporate structure and method of operation of this particular church.

Section 3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

- a. The principal office for the transaction of the business of this church, including its corporate affairs, shall be at the Church Buildings, 1675 Garnet Avenue, City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California 92109.

Section 4. ELECTED BOARDS

- a. There shall be three (3) elected boards of the church: the session, the board of trustees, and the board of deacons.
- b. The session of this church shall constitute and serve as the board of trustees as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

Section 1. PURPOSE

- a. To proclaim the gospel and bear witness to Jesus Christ; to worship God; to learn and teach the doctrines and values of the Christian faith; to encourage fellowship among God’s people; to minister in the church and community; and to show compassion and promote justice in the broader community.

- b. Our mission at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church is to:
Seek
Always
Love and
Transformation through Christ

Section 2. OBJECTIVES

- a. To receive, hold, and disburse gifts, bequests, devices, and other funds for these objectives.
- b. To own and maintain or to lease available real estate and buildings and any personal property which is deemed necessary for its purposes; and to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, without limit to amount except as provided in Article 7, Section 9 of these bylaws.

Section 3. NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

- a. This corporation has been formed under California nonprofit religious corporation law for the religious purpose and objectives described above and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. This corporation shall function in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c)(3), as follows: “No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in, including the publishing of distribution of statements, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.”
- b. The corporation shall not, except in insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purpose and objectives described above.

ARTICLE 3

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. Qualification for admission to and basis for termination or suspension from membership in this church shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Section 2. CATEGORIES OF MEMBERS

- a. There shall be four (4) categories of members: baptized, active, inactive, and affiliate. The session shall determine the particular category for each congregational member as set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). [G-5.0202]
- b. Only active members have the right to vote and hold office.
- c. No member shall hold more than one (1) membership.

Section 3. CHURCH ROLLS

- a. There shall be four (4) types of church rolls maintained: baptized, active, inactive, and affiliate. The names of the members shall be placed upon, removed, or deleted from the rolls of the church only by order of the session whenever the session is fully satisfied that such action is justified [G-10.302]

Section 4. RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

- a. Persons may be received into membership in this church by vote of the session, after appearing before that body and making confession or reaffirmation of their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, or after presenting certificates of transfer from some other church with which our denomination is in communion. These persons shall be publicly received by the pastor and the congregation at a worship service, and shall enjoy all the privileges and be bound by all the obligations involved in the sacred relationship of membership. [G-10.0102(b)] and [W-4.2001 – 2004]

Section 5. CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a. A member of this church will cease to be such by death, by personal request, by orderly withdrawal to join some other Christian denomination, or by regular dismissal. [G-10.0302(b)].

ARTICLE 4

MEETINGS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. All meetings of the congregation may deal with both “ecclesiastical” and “corporate” affairs. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert’s Rules of Order, except in those cases where the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides otherwise.
- b. The pastor shall be the moderator of all meetings of the congregation except those corporation meetings required to be moderated by an officer of the corporation, according to California Corporation Law [G7.0306]. In congregations where there are co-pastors, they shall, when present, alternately preside at meetings. When the church is without a pastor, the moderator of the session appointed by the presbytery shall preside at all congregational meetings. If it is impractical for the pastor or the moderator of session appointed by presbytery to preside, he or she shall invite, with the concurrence of the session, another minister of the presbytery to preside. A presbytery may appoint a lay pastor as moderator of session to the church to which she or he is commissioned. The person assigned to the commissioned lay pastor as mentor and supervisor shall also supervise his or her work as moderator. In addition, the moderator of the session of a church with a vacant pulpit may request an elder who is, or has been, a member of that presbytery’s committee on ministry, the stated clerk, executive presbyter, or associate executive presbyter, to preside; such elder may not moderate the meeting of a congregation of which that elder is a member. When this is not expedient, and when both the pastor and the moderator of the session and the session concur, a member of the session may be invited to preside.
- c. The president of the board of trustees shall preside at corporation meetings when required by law. If he or she is unable to act, or if the subject to be discussed requires it, the vice president, secretary, or treasurer, in that order, shall preside.
- d. The clerk of session shall act as clerk and recorder.
- e. The minutes of congregation/corporation meetings, when attested to by the moderator, clerk of session, and the president of the corporation when necessary, shall be referred to the session for approval at its next scheduled stated meeting and, when approved, shall be incorporated in the session minute book.
- f. All congregation/corporation meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Section 2. ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

- a. Only active members, of whatever age, shall be eligible to vote on all matters that come before the congregation/corporation. The session shall determine the active membership.
- b. Voting by proxy is not allowed except in corporate matters where civil law specifically requires. [G-7.0404]

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETING

- a. The annual meeting of the congregation/corporation shall ordinarily be held in January, on a date and at a time and place specified by the session. The annual meeting may consider such business as electing officers, receiving annual reports from session committees and church organizations, including financial reports; for presentation of the session approved budget for the calendar year and, to transact any and all business that may properly come before it. It shall review the adequacy of the compensation of the pastor or pastors upon report of the prior review by the session. [G-7.0302(b)]

b. Section 4. SPECIAL MEETING IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

- a. A special meeting of the congregation/corporation shall ordinarily be called by the session and held in October, November or December, on a date and at a time and place specified by the session, for the purpose of electing church officers and the congregation nominating committee members, and to transact any other business properly stated in the notice of call of the meeting. [G7.0302(b)]

Section 5. OTHER SPECIAL MEETINGS

Other special meetings of the congregation/corporation may be called by:

1. the session;
2. the session at the request of the presbytery; or
3. the session when requested in writing by one fourth of the members on the active roll of the particular church.

- a. No other matters other than those specified in the notice may be considered.

Section 6. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- a. A notice of the date, time, and place of every annual and special meeting of the congregation/corporation shall be given by announcement in the order of worship for two (2) consecutive Sundays, the second of which may be the date set for the meeting.
- b. When calling a pastor, public notice of the time, place and purpose of the congregational meeting shall be given at least ten (10) days in advance, which shall include two (2) successive Sundays.
- c. Notice for special meetings shall clearly state the purpose of the meeting.

Section 7. QUORUM

- a. The quorum of a meeting of the congregation/corporation shall be not less than one-tenth (1/10th) of the active members. [G-70305]
- b. See Chapter 11, Section 40 on "Quorum" in *Robert's Rules of Order, 10th Edition*

ARTICLE 5

OFFICER NOMINATION, ELECTION, ORDINATION, AND INSTALLATION

Section 1. CONGREGATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be a congregational nominating committee composed of up to seven (7) active members. Two (2) elders shall be designated by the session, one of whom shall be currently on the session and serve as moderator of the committee, one member shall be designated by and from the board of deacons, and a majority of active members, none of whom shall be in active service on the session or board of deacons, shall be elected by the congregation at the special meeting in October, November or December. The pastor shall be a member of the congregation nominating committee without a vote.

- b. The congregation nominating committee shall be elected annually and no member of the committee shall serve more than three (3) consecutive years.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS

- a. The congregation nominating committee may present for consideration by the congregation at the special meeting in October, November or December qualified and eligible members only for each office to be filled, whether for expired terms or vacancies, including the members of the congregation to serve on the succeeding congregation nominating committee, giving attention to a fair representation of both male and female constituency of all ages and ethnic origin in the congregation the principles of inclusiveness found in [G-9.0104] and [G-4.0403].
- b. The congregation nominating committee may choose to nominate and the congregation may choose to elect one or more persons under the age of twenty-five (25) years of age to the office of elder or deacon, to serve on the session or board of deacons for a special term of up to three years. All other factors of election, ordination, and service shall apply to such elders or deacons.
- c. The nominating committee's report shall be publicized in the order of worship at least one (1) week before its presentation to the congregation.
- d. Each nominee presented shall have consented to serve if elected.
- e. Subsequent to the report of the congregation nominating committee, nominations of qualified and eligible members may be made from the floor by any active member, provided such nominee shall have consented to serve if elected.

Section 3. ELECTIONS

- a. Elders, deacons, and congregation nominating committee members shall be elected at the special meeting of the congregation in October, November or December and/or other special meetings called for that purpose.
- b. Elections may be by acclamation if there is only one nominee for each office to be filled. If there are more nominees than vacant offices, election shall be by written ballot. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of vacancies to be filled shall be elected, provided that a majority vote of all eligible voters present and voting shall be required to elect in every case.
- c. If any person elected to a church office declines to act, resigns with consent of the session, dies, or ceases to be an active member of this church, his or her office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled at the next congregational meeting called for that purpose.
- d. Any serving elder or deacon who is absent, with or without excuse from three (3) consecutive meetings of his or her office or is absent, with or without excuse, from six (6) meeting in one (1) calendar year, may be removed from office upon action of and due notification by the session. The vacancy shall be filled at the next congregational meeting called for that purpose.

Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

- a. There shall be two and no more than three (3) classes of equal numbers each of elders and deacons. The classes shall be as nearly equal in number as possible. One class only shall expire each year. [G-14.0201(a)]
- b. A full term of office shall be three (3) years.

- c. No elder or deacon shall be elected for a term of more than three years, nor shall an elder or deacon serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder or deacon having served a total of six years shall be ineligible for reelection to the same board for a period of at least one year. Terms of elders or deacons shall expire when their successors have been ordained and installed.
- d. The offices of elder-trustee and deacon are perpetual. [G14-0203]

Section 5. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

- a. Elders or deacons, having been duly elected at the special meeting of the congregation in October, November or December, shall be ordained, if required, and installed in the month of January at the first regular Sunday morning worship service which is practical for that purpose. They shall take office immediately following installation. The session shall provide training and examination as required in [G-14.0205].

ARTICLE 6

THE SESSION

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. The session of this church shall consist of up to fifteen (15) elected, ordained, and installed elders, the pastor, and all installed associate pastors, all of whom are entitled to vote.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. The session may hold regular stated meetings at least quarterly; they may be held monthly. The time and place of all meetings shall be prescribed by the session. Notice of stated meetings need not be given.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the session may be called by:
 1. the moderator;
 2. the moderator when requested to do so by any two session members; or
 3. the moderator when directed to do so by the presbytery.
- b. Notice of special meetings shall be by one of the following with a minimum of twenty-four hours notice:
 1. session action at a regular stated meeting;
 2. First Class mail five days prior to the special meeting;
 3. telephone by the clerk of session; or
 4. electronic mail (e-mail) to be sent with "Request Read Receipt."

Any elders not responding to 2, 3, or 4 above shall be contacted again by the clerk of session by telephone prior to the special meeting.

- c. Notice of special meetings shall specify the purpose of the meeting.

Section 4. JOINT MEETING WITH DEACONS

- a. A joint meeting of the session and the board of deacons shall be held at least annually to confer on matters of common interest, with the moderator of the session presiding. No binding decisions may be reached in such a joint meeting, but the session and the board of deacons may act separately on matters committed to their care.

Section 5. QUORUM

- a. The quorum of a meeting of the session shall consist of the moderator or presiding officer, and one-third of the elders, except for the reception and dismissal of church members, when the quorum shall be the moderator and two (2) members of the session. [G-10.0202]
- b. See Chapter 11, Section 40 on “Quorum” in *Robert’s Rules of Order, 10th Edition*

Section 6. OFFICERS

- a. Moderator: The moderator of the session shall be the pastor. When for prudent reasons it may appear advisable that some other minister should preside, the pastor shall, with the concurrence of the session, invite another minister of the presbytery to preside. If this church should be without a pastor, the moderator of the session shall be a minister appointed for that purpose by the presbytery. In case of sickness or absence of the pastor the same expedient may be adopted; or the session, after having obtained the approval of the pastor, may convene and elect another of its own members to preside. The moderator shall provide for all meetings of the session to be opened and closed with prayer.
- b. Clerk of Session: The session shall elect a clerk, and may also elect an assistant clerk, for such term as may be determined; both must be elders but need not be in active service. They shall be recommended by the pastor for approval of the session.
- c. Treasurer: The session, at its January meeting, shall elect a church treasurer, who will work at the direction of and under the supervision of the session. [G10.0401(a-d)] defines the minimum standards of financial procedures that shall be observed.

Section 7. POWERS, DUTIES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The session shall have authority over all the affairs and activities of this church, both spiritual and corporate, except in such matters as may, by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), California Corporation Laws, or these bylaws, be specifically accorded to the pastor, the congregation or higher governing bodies.
- b. Duties shall be in accord with [G-10.0102(a-s)].

Section 8. VOTING

- a. If a need arises to have session take urgent action on a time sensitive administrative change or oversight, elders may first be notified via electronic mail that an electronic vote is requested. If there are no objections to taking action outside of a meeting, a motion, duly made and seconded, may be presented for voting by e-mail. A single electronic NO vote would cause the vote to be postponed until the next meeting. The outcome of the vote will be sent to each session member and be included in the minutes of a subsequent session meeting.

ARTICLE 7

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. Elders elected to the session shall thereby also be elected to be trustees. The trustees, while in office, shall constitute the board of trustees of this corporation. This board shall be responsible to the congregation in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Corporation Laws of the State of California, and these bylaws.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. Regular meetings of the session shall be considered to be meetings of the board of trustees and are as prescribed in Article 6, Section 2 of these bylaws.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the session shall also be considered to be meetings of the board of trustees and are as prescribed in Article 6, Section 3 of these bylaws.

Section 4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum is as prescribed in Article 6, Section 5 of these bylaws.

Section 5 OFFICERS

- a. The officers of this corporation shall be a president and a vice president elected from within the board of trustees; a secretary, who may be an elder or the clerk of session; and a treasurer, elected from within or without its own membership. These officers shall be elected annually by the board of trustees, and each shall hold office until his or her successor has been elected or until he or she shall resign or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified. Any officer may be reelected to succeed him or herself if eligible.
- b. A vacancy in any of these offices shall be filled by the board of trustees at any regular or special meeting of the board of trustees. This does not apply to the election of elders which is the express privilege of the congregation.
- c. The duties and responsibilities of the officers of this corporation are as prescribed in the Session-Board of Trustee "STANDING RULES."

Section 6. POWERS

- a. The corporate powers of this church shall be exercised by the board of trustees. The board shall process formal corporate documents and perform duties required of it by law according to powers granted to a nonprofit religious corporation by the laws of the State of California. All actions of the board shall be in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation of this church.
- b. The board of trustees shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of the church's real property, or acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition, or lease its real property used for worship, or lease any other real property for more than five (5) years, or execute a loan, without the written permission of the presbytery, transmitted from the congregation through the session.
- c. All real and/or personal property, now or hereafter acquired and any interests therein, legal or equitable, will be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the presbytery of jurisdiction, its successors or assigns.
- d. Upon the winding up or dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the presbytery, a religious corporation, if it is still in existence and exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; but if it is not then in existence or exempt, to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or religious purposes, which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

Section 7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- a. The board of trustees, subject to the limitations of these bylaws, may authorize any officer, agent, or employee to enter into any contract and execute any instrument in the name of and on behalf of this corporation. They may also be given authority in the name of the corporation to borrow money or incur indebtedness, subject to the limitations set forth in Article 7, Section 9 below and to the approval of the congregation and the presbytery, and to cause to be executed and delivered promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evidence

of debt and security therefore. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power of authority to bind this corporation to any contract of agreement.

Section 8. CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

- a. The president or, in his or her absence, the vice president, together with the secretary or treasurer, shall normally execute, in the name of the corporation, all contracts, deeds, encumbrances, notes, and other instruments whereby the church may become bound as a corporation, and may affix the corporate seal to any such instruments that may require it.

Section 9. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURES AND BORROWING

- a. Expenditures from any unbudgeted funds beyond ten percent (10%) of the church budget in one year shall require approval of the congregation. The borrowing of funds shall have the approval of the session, the congregation and the presbytery.

ARTICLE 8

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. The board of deacons of this church shall consist of up to eighteen (18) elected, ordained, and installed deacons. The pastor and associate pastor shall be advisory members of the board of deacons.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. The board of deacons shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly; they may be held monthly. The date, time, and place of all meetings shall be as prescribed by the board.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the board of deacons may be called by:
 1. the pastor;
 2. the session;
 3. the moderator of the board of deacons; or
 4. the moderator of the board of deacons when requested to do so by any two (2) deacons in active service.
- b. Notice of special meetings shall be by one of the following with a minimum of twenty-four hours notice:
 1. board of deacon action at a regular meeting;
 2. First Class mail five days prior to the special meeting;
 3. telephone by the secretary of the deacons; or
 4. electronic mail (e-mail) to be sent with "Request Read Receipt."
- c. Notice of special meetings shall specify the purpose of the meeting.

Any deacons not responding to 2, 3, or 4 above shall be contacted again by the secretary of the deacons by telephone prior to the special meeting.

Section 4. JOINT MEETING WITH SESSION

- a. A joint meeting of the board of deacons and the session shall be held annually as prescribed in Article 6, Section 4 of these bylaws.

Section 5. QUORUM

- a. The board of deacons shall determine its own quorum. [G-6.0405]

Section 6. OFFICERS

- a. Moderator: The moderator of the board of deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the board of deacons. The moderator shall provide for all meetings to be opened and closed with prayer.
- b. Vice Moderator: The vice moderator of the board of deacons, elected from within the board, shall assume the duties of the moderator when the moderator is unable to perform them.
- c. Secretary: The secretary, elected from within the board, shall keep a record of the board's proceedings and generally submit such records to the session for review monthly but at least once each year or when requested to do so by the clerk of session for review by session.
- d. Treasurer: The treasurer, elected from within the board, shall keep records of account and shall generally report all financial transactions monthly but at least annually to the board of deacons and session for review.

Section 7. DUTIES

- a. The office of deacon is one of sympathy and service. The board of deacons shall have responsibility to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. The deacons shall organize such ministry teams as it may deem desirable for the proper functioning of its work.
- b. The board shall assume such duties, not limited to the foregoing, as may be delegated by the session. The session may select and appoint other members of the congregation to assist the deacons in their ministry of compassion.
- c. As the whole church is under the jurisdiction of the session, the board of deacons shall also be under its supervision and authority. The session may void or amend any action of the board of deacons, or direct the board of deacons to reconsider such actions.
- d. The board of deacons shall cause to be prepared "STANDING RULES" for the guidance of the board of deacons for inclusion in the session/board of trustee "STANDING RULES."

ARTICLE 9

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Section 1. ELECTION

- a. The church historian, if there is one, shall be elected by the congregation for a term of three (3) years. The election shall be held at the special meeting of the congregation/corporation in October, November, or December after nomination for the office is made by the congregation nominating committee. The church historian may succeed himself or herself if so elected.

Section 2. DUTIES

- a. The church historian, if there is one, shall compile, catalog, and conserve, by storing in a designated place in the church, all such materials as have historical value for the church, and make them available to those having responsible positions in the life of the church.

ARTICLE 10

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. Members of the session, members of the board of trustees, members of the board of deacons, elected officers, employees, and other agents are indemnified to the extent allowed by the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California then in effect.

ARTICLE 11
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. These bylaws may be amended and/or revised subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of California, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at any annual or special meeting of the congregation provided that a full reading of the proposed changes or a printed distribution of the same shall have been made in connection with the notice of call of the meeting.

Section 2. APPROVAL

- a. Amendments and/or revisions to these bylaws shall require a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote of a quorum of active members present and voting in order to be approved.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting clerk of the session of this church, a California Nonprofit Religious Corporation, and the above bylaws, consisting of twelve (12) pages, including this page, are the bylaws of the congregation as adopted at a meeting of the congregation held on July 22, 2007.

Betsy Martin, Clerk of Session

Markus D. Watson - Statement of Faith

I believe in God Almighty, the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This triune God spoke the universe into existence, breathed life into humanity, and continues to mercifully sustain the cosmos and the human race.

Humanity, however, does not deserve such mercy. God created us to be in harmonious relationship with God. But soon after creation, we turned our back on God, choosing instead to follow our own desires and appetites. With this rejection of God, called sin, we condemned ourselves to an existence of eternal separation from God. This separation is the supreme death penalty.

But God's mercy persevered. God did not give up on humanity, choosing the people of Israel to be God's instrument of blessing and reconciliation in the world. Eventually, God the Father sent God the Son into the world to be incarnated as the man, Jesus Christ, through whom complete and final reconciliation would be accomplished. This Jesus, who was fully God and fully human, lived a sinless life. He healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, raised the dead, and proclaimed the nearness of the Kingdom of God.

I believe that Jesus Christ was crucified and buried. Humanity's death penalty—the result of sin—was finally and completely paid by Jesus Christ on the cross. Because of his sinless life, Jesus was able to take upon himself the sinfulness of the entire world, and as he cried out, "Father, why have you forsaken me?" Jesus Christ, the Son of God, experienced that separation from God which every human being deserves. It is this event that takes away humanity's guilt and makes reconciliation with God possible. It is through faith and repentance, by God's grace, that a person responds to God, establishing reconciliation between God and that person.

I believe that God raised Jesus Christ to life with a glorified body three days after his crucifixion. The resurrection must never be separated from the crucifixion, for it is the resurrection that demonstrates the certainty that Jesus' death was indeed effective for humanity's reconciliation with God. Ultimately, the resurrection reveals Jesus Christ's supremacy as the Son of God.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is present among us today, empowering, comforting, and counseling the people of God to carry on Christ's ministry of compassion, justice, and reconciliation. The Holy Spirit gives gifts to God's people to help them carry out that ministry.

I believe in the Scriptures. They are the authoritative Word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and written down by people who listened to God with receptive hearts, giving us an account of God's work in bringing the world back into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

I believe in the invisible, universal church. While it may be divided by disputable matters, the universal church stands united in proclaiming God's message of reconciliation to the world, declaring the love and power of the triune God, the incarnation of God in Christ, and the continuing activity of God in the world today. I also believe in the local, visible church, God's uniquely ordained instrument called to glorify God, proclaim the good news of reconciliation, and create a loving community where people can draw close to God and experience God's love as expressed in the lives of fellow believers.

I believe that both sacraments—baptism and the Lord's Supper—are signs of God's covenant with humanity and seals of the salvation offered to us. Baptism, which is to be administered only once, is a symbol and an assurance demonstrating the fact that God has cleansed us by his grace and has grafted us into the body of Christ. It is available to those who profess Christ as their Lord and savior, as well as to infants of those who make the same profession. The Lord's Supper, which is to be administered often, signifies our embrace of the suffering and death of Christ and assures us of the complete forgiveness of sins offered to us through Christ's sacrifice. It is open to those who approach the Lord's table with a humble heart, recognizing their need for Christ's forgiveness.

I live my life in joyful anticipation of one day seeing the risen Jesus, of standing in awe before God Almighty, of enjoying the eternal presence of the Holy Spirit, and of living forever with other believers in perfect harmony as we worship God eternally.

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION
FOR CHRIST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO**

1. The fact finding element of our work is now completed.
We have interviewed the pastor, members of session, and the staff.
We have met with the Board of Deacons.
We have attended all meetings of the session since February 2007
and almost all of the church committee meetings.
We have interviewed all members of the congregation who indicated an interest in speaking
with us.
We have reviewed the session minutes and the financial records of the church
 2. We have taken the following actions:
 - A. Advised the pastor and clerk that the church roll needs to be brought up-to-date, as there
have been almost no changes recorded since 2002..
 - B. Instructed the Session to elect one of its members to the Nominating Committee
to serve as Chair, and the Session has done this.
 - C. Advised the Session that the Bylaws of CUPC are currently not in compliance with
Book of Order G-14.0201b, which requires that the members of the
Nominating Committee serve only for a one-year term.
The Commission requested that the session approve an amendment to the Bylaws, to be
recommended to the congregation for their approval.
The Session has approved this change and will present it to the congregation
at the next congregational meeting.
 - D. The Administrative Commission will begin meeting with the Nominating Committee this
week for the purpose of training them for their task of nominating elders and deacons..
 - E. On September 8th, the Administrative Commission took original jurisdiction of the Personnel
Committee.
Commissioner Nancy Harber has been appointed Chair of the Personnel Committee and
Carole Ostrander Vice-Chair.
They have thanked former members of the Committee for their service.
They are now appointing new members from the session and congregation.
Some of the new members are previous members of the Committee
to assure continuity.
3. The Commission expects to have its final recommendations ready before Thanksgiving 2007.
It is likely that we will have business to bring before Presbytery in November.

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