

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – January 15, 2008

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

17	San Diego, First	<b>M. E. Walls</b> <b>L. Riley</b> <b>P. R. Pulliam</b>	103 103 109	<b>Maurice Caskey</b>  <b>Marilyn Carnes</b> Leonard Swanson <b>Chris Sloan</b>
18	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
19	San Diego, Linda Vista	<b>R. R. Hayward</b> H. M. Heath, Jr.	106 109	Steve Awe <b>Marjorie Reid</b>
20	San Diego, Mira Mesa	<b>W. L. James</b>	101	<b>Patrick Hubbard</b>
21	San Diego, Northminster	<b>M. Watson</b>	101	Johana Smith <b>Loreto Remorca, Jr.</b> <b>(A)</b>
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	<b>A. Deuel</b>	191	<b>Jane Kay</b>
23	San Diego, Palisades	<b>H. G. Throop</b>	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
24	San Diego, Point Loma Community	J. Powell(e) <b>R. Brown</b> <b>E. Girod</b> Art Sueltz	101 103 105 109	John Pearson <b>Anne Fristrom</b> Victor Anderson <b>Emery Cummins</b>
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	<b>B. B. Humphrey</b> <b>N. Nybo</b> <b>R. Sparling</b> <b>M. Wasef</b> <b>J. Farell</b> J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 103 109	<b>Lois Sheldon</b> <b>Lois V. Farley</b> <b>Jeanne Pochel</b> <b>Polly Purcifull</b> Cindy Paget
26	San Diego, Southeast	<b>H. W. Cooper, Jr.</b>	101	Donna Cooper
27	San Diego, Westminster	<b>T. Wolfe</b> M. Taxer	191 109	Marcy Bergqvist <b>William Hodgkiss</b>
28	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> <b>B. E. Moller</b> T. D. Theriault (e) J. Kerkhoff J. Lagerstrom J. Espitia	101 103 103 103 107 107	Keith Johnson <b>Russ Love</b> <b>Bob Rantzow</b> <b>Dana Jacobs</b> <b>Barry Billingsley</b>
29	Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>R. W. Yenter</b>	101	Charles Porter Bob Hensler
30	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 797	<b>Hank Morris</b> <b>Joseph Purser</b>
31	Westmorland, Community	<b>E. Crews</b>	108	<b>Ruth Hoskins</b>

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Executive Presbyter	<b>Clark Cowden</b>	302
* Stated Clerk	<b>Linda Therien</b>	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	P. Lual	301
* Discovery Valley NCD	<b>C. Kohlbry</b>	301
Director, Reality Changers	<b>Chris Yanov</b>	305
* Iglesia Church	Efrain Romero	301
Director, Pres Urban Ministries	<b>Gunnar DePaul</b>	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

**Rev. Rosalind Ziccardi, New Hope Presbytery**  
**LT. Cdr. Scott Kroener, CHC, USN, Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy**  
**Rev. Elizabeth Wilson, Philadelphia Presbytery**  
**Rev. Shang Nan Tsai, General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church**  
**Elder Angelica Michail, Moderator of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii**

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

**Inquirer Linda Rice, a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church**  
**Candidate Tina Thompson, San Diego 1st**

MODERATOR

**\* Elizabeth Crews**

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

**\* C. M. Lenocker**

<b>* John Lucas</b>	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
<b>* Anne Clark</b>	Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
<b>Bob Battenfield</b>	Fletcher Hills/Communications Committee Chair
<b>* Michael Williams</b>	Chair, Committee on Ministry
<b>* Bill Tayler</b>	Chair of the Presbytery Missions Committee
<b>Loreto Remorca, Jr.</b>	Chair, Taiwanese Administrative Commission
<b>Carole Ostrander</b>	Minute Clerk
<b>Machelle May</b>	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

\* = voting member

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Members of the Westmorland Presbyterian Church:  
Doris & Charles Pate  
Eunice & Bob Koon  
Sally & Roy Johnson  
Shirley Augusta  
Ruth Hoskins

OTHER MINISTERS

R. K. Adams	299	C. Hammond	299	J. L Peters	299
P. D. Allen	761	L. A. Henderson	299	<b>E. M. Piper</b>	797
<b>H. Allen</b>	797	W.W. Hoffmann	299	P. Powell(e)	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 (a)	645

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

Attendance:

Ministers	53
Elders	46
Corresponding	5
Inquirers/Candidates	2
Visitors/Others	10
Total	116

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

### **Report of the Stated Clerk**

The Stated Clerk reported the resignation of Elder Bill Tayler as a member and Chair of the Presbytery Human Resources Committee effective forthwith, contingent on his election as member and Chair of the Presbytery Missions Committee.

The Stated Clerk reported the following have been elected to serve the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii by the Synod Assembly and that by virtue of office Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden will serve as a member of the *Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries*.

Rev. Dr. Mofid Wasef, *Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries*, Class of 2008  
 Elder Nancy Harber, *Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries*, Class of 2009  
 Elder Linda Therien, *Permanent Judicial Commission*, Class of 2013  
 Rev. Jennifer Blake, *Committee on Representation*, Class of 2010  
 Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr. *Nominating Committee*, Class of 2009

The Stated Clerk reported that all official correspondence and communications received since the last meeting has been referred to the appropriate governing body, committee, commission or staff in accordance with the *Manual of Operations, Part I*.

**Report of the 2007 Executive Committee of Council  
Fire Relief Committee**

The following individuals have been named by the Executive Committee of Council to serve on the Presbytery of San Diego Fire Relief Committee.

Jan Rasmussen (Rancho Bernardo)  
Maurice Caskey (1<sup>st</sup> San Diego)  
Carolyn Peterson (Christ La Costa)  
Hank Peterson (Christ La Costa)  
Loreto Remorca, Jr. (Northminster)  
Larry Muschek (Solana Beach)  
Aubrey Huskey (Solana Beach)

**Report of the Presbytery Council**

The Presbytery Council reported that the invitation of the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church to host the March 11, 2008 meeting of Presbytery has been accepted.

The Presbytery Council reported that the invitation of the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church to host the September 16, 2008 meeting of the Presbytery has been accepted.

**Report of the Administrative Commission to San Diego Christ United**

The Commission congratulates those newly elected to the Session, the Board of Deacons, and the Nominating Committee of Christ United Church. We thank the Lord Jesus for calling into service persons with such a rich mix of gifts, skills, and talents. We ask for the prayers of the Presbytery that they will be blessed with the energy, imagination, and wisdom to lead the Church into a very fruitful period of ministry and that the members of the Church will support and be blessed by these leaders. In the next three months the Commission will offer training for members of the board of deacons and members of the session, a task specifically assigned to the Commission in the Charge approved by the Presbytery of San Diego. The Commission expects to complete its work with the Christ United Church Personnel Committee by the end of March.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Cross Sexton, Moderator

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the reports of the Stated Clerk, Executive Committee, Council and Administrative Commission to San Diego Christ United.

**Consent Agenda**

The following business was voted on consent:

**Stated Clerk's Report**

The minutes of the November 20, 2007, meeting of Presbytery were approved.

## **Nominating Committee**

The following were elected to serve on the Presbytery Missions Committee:

Pastor Ray Sparling, Class of 2010 (Rancho Bernardo)  
Elder Cheryl Foster, Class of 2008 (Brawley)  
Elder Lois Sheldon, Class of 2009 (Rancho Bernardo)

## **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Linda Rice, a member of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church, was enrolled as an Inquirer effective January 8, 2008.

**Worship:** The Presbytery entered a time of worship and celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion. Rev. Neal Nybo preached and his sermon title was *“The Third Riskiest Thing God Ever Did.”* The annual necrology report was given by the Rev. John Boller, Jr. for his father, Rev. John Boller, Sr; by Rev. David McElrath for Rev. Virgil Zirbel; by Margaret Walls for Rev. Robert Mayo and by Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker for Rev. Leon Raines. The Presbytery prayed for those departed.

**Executive Presbyter:** Clark Cowden addressed the Presbytery and emphasized the work currently being done by the Fire Relief Committee of Presbytery. He announced a Presbytery Council Retreat scheduled for January 25 & 26, 2008 and the National Association of Presbyterian Educators meeting in San Diego February 13 – 16, 2008.

**Missionaries in Pakistan:** Pastor Paul Pulliam led the Presbytery in a time of prayer for our missionaries around the world but most especially in Pakistan.

## **Way Forward Work Group (WFWG)**

Pastor Paul Cunningham reported for the “Networks & Partnerships” sub-committee of the WFWG and Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr. reported for the “Redirect Per Capita and Mission Giving” sub-committee of the WFWG. There will be a vote at the March 11, 2008 meeting of Presbytery regarding the complete WFWG report.

## **Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM)**

Mr. Gunnar DePaul, Director of PUM, presented updated information about the status as well as the vision for the ministry. He shared that they are self-sufficient for 2007 and are sharing a positive witness for Christ through the ministry. He hopes to share greater plans for the ministry in the near future and invites all those interested and able to volunteer at their center.

## **The following business was voted by the Presbytery**

The following three minister commissioners, three elder commissioners and one Youth Advisory Delegate as well as their alternates were elected to represent the Presbytery at the 218th General Assembly to be held in San Jose from June 21/28, 2008:

Minister commissioners:	Bob Davis (Chula Vista)
	Steve Locke (El Cajon)
	Tom Straeter (Vista)

Alternate minister commissioner	Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden
Elder commissioners:	Carole Ostrander (Westminster Escondido) Doris Pate (Westmorland) Maurice Caskey (San Diego First)
Alternate elder commissioner:	David Buck (Village Rancho Santa Fe)
Youth Advisory Delegate	Mr. Timothy Hanna (Pt. Loma Community)
Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate	Miss Kaley Partington (Chula Vista)

**The Nominating Committee recommended and the Presbytery VOTED**

To elect Elder Bill Taylor to serve as a member of the Missions Committee, Class of 2010, and to serve as the Chair.

To elect Pastor David Pierson to serve as the Chair of the Presbytery Evangelism Committee in 2008, with the Standing Rule in Chapter IV, Item III.B.1 suspended

**The Committee on Ministry recommended and Presbytery VOTED**

To receive **Rev. Elizabeth Wilson**, minister member of the Presbytery of Philadelphia into membership of the Presbytery in order that she may receive and accept the call of the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside to be their Associate Pastor. Her *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of these minutes

The Presbytery approved the following terms of call for Rev. Wilson:

Salary/Housing	\$52,000
Board of Pensions	16,380
FICA Paid	3,978
Auto	3,000
Expense Reimbursement	1,000
Study Leave Reimbursement	1,000
Moving Costs Reimbursement	4,000

These terms of call also include a loan of up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a home. The terms of the loan would be as follows:

Recorded second trust deed against the property  
 Simple interest at the same rate as the first trust deed (not compounded)  
 No monthly payments and no prepayment penalty  
 All due and payable the earliest of 5 years: refinancing the property; sale of the property; within 6 months of the termination of the Call.

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

**Rev. Don Edic** - The Presbytery paused to recognize the retirement of Rev. Don Edic. Rev. Edic shared some of his life story and was celebrated with prayer and a standing ovation. The Presbytery prayed for him and his family in their days of retirement.

**Rev. Shang Nan Tsai**, a minister member of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, was received into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego, in order that he may become the Pastor of the San Diego Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, effective March 11, 2008. His *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of these minutes.

The following terms of call for Rev. Tsai were approved:

Salary	\$21,900
Housing	27,600
Utilities Allowance	850
Deferred Compensation	7,000
Continuing Ed	750
Full participation in the Board of Pensions	
Paid Vacation – 4 weeks annually & Study Leave – 2 weeks annually	

**The Administrative Commission to the San Diego Taiwanese Presbyterian Church recommended and Presbytery VOTED the following:**

The congregation now known as the San Diego Taiwanese Presbyterian Church will be chartered as a member church of the San Diego Presbytery, effective March 11, 2008.

The Administrative Commission elected by the Presbytery will be dissolved with appreciation and thanks effective March 11, 2008.

**Background:** In 2007 the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. Neil Nybo, nominated and the Presbytery elected a seven member Administrative Commission for the purpose of chartering a church as enumerated in the *Book of Order G-9.0502 and G-9.0503*. The Administrative Commission members are:

Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr., Chair (Northminster)  
Elder Michael Williams (Village Rancho Santa Fe)  
Elder Minoa Chang (Solana Beach)  
Elder Juan-Daniel Espitia (Solana Beach)  
Rev. Paul Pulliam  
Rev. Dr. Tom Theriault  
Rev. Allen Lin

Ex-officio: Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden (Executive Presbyter) & Elder Linda Therien (Stated Clerk)

Asian Presbyterian Council consultant: Rev. Dr. Edward Tanng

**Pre-Adjournment business** – Pastor Herb Christ reported that the First Annual PUM Golf Tournament and silent auction was a success and approximately \$9,000 was raised for the ministry. He encouraged more to participate in 2008 and asked for volunteers to work with the planning committee.

The Presbytery adjourned at 6:45 pm with prayer by the Moderator.

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

## **Statement of Faith Elizabeth Wilson**

I believe in God as my creator<sup>1</sup>, redeemer and sustainer. God is three in one. Our Lord is just as real today as when the world was created. I believe that God sent God's one and only son to die on a cross in order to save the world from sin and eternal separation. The great I am has always desired to be in relationship with God's people. From the beginning of creation Yahweh has covenanted with humans in order that the divine presence would be known in the lives of all who believe. God does not need to have this relationship with the creation, but chooses to do so because our Lord is a God of relationships.

Because God wanted to be in redemptive relationship with God's people Jesus was sent to earth. He was sent to earth to show God's great love for all by Jesus' death and resurrection. On the cross our sins were paid for once and for all. The gap in relationship between God and humans was taken away with Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Jesus' death on the cross restored life to all those who proclaimed Jesus' name. The wage for human's sin was no longer death because the sacrifice was already made for all sins.

While Jesus was on earth he lived a life which was blameless. He was fully human and fully divine. Jesus came to earth in human form in order to save the human race. He was the new Adam who came to repair the damage of sin in the world. Through Jesus' death and resurrection we have been saved by the grace of God. Jesus will return in the fulfillment of time in order to finish the work he began while he was on earth.

The Holy Spirit is the presence of God on earth. Just before Jesus returned to heaven he told his disciples that he was going to provide for them his presence on earth even though it would not be him in the flesh, but rather the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is seen as the person of the Godhead who equips the saints for their work. All work of God which is done on earth is done through the power of the Spirit.

Each of the members of the trinity are of the same substance. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit all work together as one. We do not worship three gods, but one God with three distinct persons.

Before Jesus returned to heaven he also commanded the disciples to go out and preach to the nations teaching them all he had commanded, baptize<sup>2</sup>, and also to share in the Lord's Supper<sup>3</sup>. Baptism and the Lord's Supper have deep roots in our faith. Baptism is a sign of the covenant and the claim that God has on our life. By the waters of Baptism we are claimed as the people of God. The actual administration of the sacrament does not claim us, but it is an outward sign of an inner faith and calling.

Communion is a celebration of the grace that we have been given by Jesus' death on the cross. In Christ's command that we "do this in remembrance of me" we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection on the cross with common elements of bread and wine set apart for a holy purpose which we celebrate in the presence of our Lord.

The Church is the living witness of Christ on earth. In the Great Commission Jesus called the disciples to "go out and make disciples teaching them all I have commanded". We are called as the people of God to do the same. We are called to be the witness of Christ on earth proclaiming all that has been given to us. We as Christians have all been called to a great purpose for the ministry of the Church. We have each been gifted and we as the priesthood of all the believers are called to do the work of the Savior in the world.

We can proclaim all that has been given to us through the scriptures. The Bible is the Word of God. It is the witness we have of the covenant and of Jesus' life, work, death and resurrection. It is the living testament of God's reign.

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<sup>1</sup> Genesis 1

<sup>2</sup> Matthew 28:19

<sup>3</sup> Luke 22:14-23

**Statement of Faith**  
**Rev. Shang Nan Tsai**

I believe in the unity of the Triune God as three Persons in one eternal nature. God, a Trinity, is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, identical in nature: all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere present and unchangeable; infinitely perfect in love, truth, righteousness, justice, goodness, grace and mercy.

I believe Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was both fully God and fully man, two natures in one Person, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a human virgin named Mary. He performed miracles to manifest His deity, lived a sinless life, suffered and died as the only completely satisfactory sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. He arose from the dead on the third day and His bodily resurrection guarantees the resurrection of all who believe in Him as Savior by faith alone. He ascended to the right hand of God the Father where He reigns over the universe and intercedes for Believers. He will return to earth to further establish His kingdom.

I believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every Believer at the moment of saving faith. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, reveal truths from God the Father, and reveal the love and power of God. During this age the Holy Spirit convinces men of sin, regenerates the believing sinner, indwells, guides, instructs, and empowers the Believer for godly living and service. I believe that Christians should witness for Christ in His power and that ability to successfully do so requires a sincere, ongoing study of God's Word and accountable fellowship with other Believers.

I believe that the Bible is revealed by God, the record of His redemption and the guide of our faith and life. The Bible reveals the being, nature, and character of God, the nature of God's creation, and especially His will for the salvation of human beings through Jesus Christ. The Bible is therefore our supreme and final authority in all matters that it addresses.

I believe that the Church is the fellowship of God's people, called to proclaim the salvation of Jesus Christ and to be ambassador of reconciliation. It is both universal and rooted of all the nations land, identifying with all its inhabitants, and through love and suffering becoming the sign of hope. I believe that through the grace of God, human beings are brought to repentance, their sin forgiven, that they may glorify God through lives of devotion, love and dedication.

I believe Baptism and Communion are the two sacraments left to the believers to be nourished in our faith and encouraged us in our pursuit to live as children of light. In communion, the Lord Jesus personified the Passover and provided us the assurance of the Holy Spirit until He comes back. In communion, The church is also made one body in Christ. God asks us to evaluate ourselves individually and as a community before becoming partakers of His communion. Baptism is to obey the Lord's example and commandment, it also express and publicly witness of the spiritual reality of our submission to Christ, in the renewal which has occurred by the washing of the Spirit in our lives.

I believe the love of God is perfect. His love for all mankind transcends across all racial ethnic groups. God would not despise even a single soul. In order to serve God faithfully and effectively through my service to the people from Taiwan I would like to dedicate my life by joining the Presbyterian Church of this land in response to His gracious call.