

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – May 20, 2008

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, San Diego was convened by the Moderator, Elder Elizabeth Crews at 5 p.m. She led the presbytery in prayer. The Rev. Michael McClenahan, 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 B. Roth	101 103 193	Laura Mitchell Gerry Tayler
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis	101	Hugo Carbajal Cora Gregory
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Frank Wuerfel Langdon Smith
5	El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke	101	Cindy Graham Jan Lorentzen
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack B. Reed L E. Raines W. C. Manning	101 103 109 109	Patsy Battenfield Bob Battenfield
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch(e)	101	Carole Ostrander 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	101 193 797	Bobby Foushee Matt Hurley Marcia Borgman Mary Kinyon
10	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	J. Moser E. Piper	101 797	Jane Camerer
11	La Mesa, La Mesa	D. Pierson	101	Jerry Moody
12	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze(e)	101	Michael McKnight
13	Oceanside, First	L. Leon E. Wilson D. A. Walker	101 103 109	Donna Robertson A Brian Maynard(e) Todd Nalley Paul Hefner Barry Farrell
14	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca J. K. Farley S. Mitchell D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 105 109 109	David Buck Mike Kendall(e) Claire Padgett
15	San Diego, Christ United	E. Girod G. W. Smith	108 109	Ardelle Matthews(e) Al Littlefield
16	San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker J. L. Messervé	101 797	David Helkenn

17	San Diego, First	W. Ray M. E. Walls L. Riley P. R. Pulliam	105 103 103 109	Maurice Caskey Marilyn Carnes(e) Ernie Mittemeyer A Peggy Baker(e)
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 (e)	101	Patrick Hubbard
21	San Diego, Northminster	M. Watson	101	Johana Smith Loreto Remorca, Jr.
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	A. 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 Art Sueltz	101 103 109	John Pearson Charles MacVean Victor Anderson Kristine Zortman
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey N. Nybo R. Sparling M. Wasef J. Farell J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 103 109	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, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Samuel Tsai
28	San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe M. Taxer	101 109	Marcy Bergqvist William Hodgkiss
29	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan B. E. Moller T. D. Theriault J. Kerkhoff J. Lagerstrom J. Espitia	101 103 103 103 107 107	Ellen Larson Russ Love Elizabeth Wilson A Dana Jacobs Barry Billingsley
30	Spring Valley, Trinity	R. W. Yenter	101	Charles Porter Bob Hensley
31	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 797	Chuck Enger Joseph Purser
32	Westmorland, Community	E. Crews	108	Ruth Hoskins

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

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

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rolfe Granath, Sacramento Presbytery Church Financial Campaign Services
Rev. Don Bidy, Riverside Presbytery
Rev. Sandy Bowen, Los Ranchos Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Mary Beck, Candidate, Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church
Aaron Smith, Faith Presbyterian Church

MODERATOR

* Elizabeth Crews

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

* C. M. Lenocker

* John Lucas	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Anne Clark	Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
* Michael Williams	Chair, Committee on Ministry
* Bill Tayler	Chair, Presbytery Missions Committee
* Leslie Evans	At Large
Steve Elliott	Webmaster
* Doris Pate	Chair, Presbytery Nominating Committee
Machelle May	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

* = voting member

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Bev Franco, Oceanside Presbyterian
Anne Fristrom, Point Loma Presbyterian
Marilyn Helken, Elder, Faith Presbyterian
Bonnie McElwain, Mt. Soledad Presbyterian
Carole Bidy, El Cajon First
Jonathan Villafuerte, Reality Changers
Cecelia Villegas, Reality Changers
Joshua Carrasco, Reality Changers
Charles Pate, Brawley Presbyterian

OTHER MINISTERS

R. K. Adams	299	C. Hammond(e)	299	P. Powell	797
P. D. Allen	761	L. A. Henderson	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
H. Allen	797	W.W. Hoffmann	299	T. R. Respass	299
R. W. Anderson	299	C. M. Hong	299	E. Reynolds	645
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	R. F. Hughes	299	G. Robertson	797
R. Benson	299	R. Humphries	299	J. H. Robertson	109
N. Berry	797	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797
R. C. Betters	299	L. S. Johnson	797	J. J. Skelly	299
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	T. F. Johnson	299	A. Smith	797
D. R. Burnight	299	H. Jonas	299	B. S. Smith	299
J. H. Calhoun	299	R. H. Kim	797	D. C. Smith	299
J. Chambers	299	T. C. Lai	791	M. Smith	761
H. Christ	309	C. S. Lee	791	W. A. Soldwisch	405
M. Cross Sexton	299	A. Y. Lin	791	G. A. Spearman	797

R. R. Cunningham	299	B. E. Lucas	797	G. L. Stewart	299
D. A. Davis	299	E. V. Lyons	299	W. A. TeSelle	299
S. W. DeLong	299	W. B. Mack	299	L. E. Vick	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	R. H. Mayo	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
R. B. Dulaney	299	T. H. McPhatter	299	A. J. Wartes	299
D. R. Edic	299	C. M. Mershon	299	D. Webster	797
B. C. Fairchild	299	R. L. Miller	299	P. Weiler	299
P. Fisher	797	A. Mills	404	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
V. Ford	299	S. Mitchell	797	R. T. Williams	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	D. H. Nason	654	S. E. Wirt	299
R. Garton	299	D. Newhouse	299	W. G. Wollam	299
J. Garza	299	P. C. Paik	797	F. Wollerman	299
E. Girod	797	J. L Peters	299		
R. P. Goodhart	299				
J. Hagelganz	299				

Attendance:

Ministers	52
Elders	43
Corresponding	3
Inquirers/Candidates	2
Visitors/Others	17
Total	117

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Report of the Stated Clerk:

1. The Stated Clerk reports the following members of Presbytery will be elected at the General Assembly in 2008 to serve the following entities of the General Assembly:

Elder Jack Shelver, General Assembly Council Budget Committee (Faith)
Pastor Clark Cowden, General Assembly Council
2. The Stated Clerk reports the death of the Rev. Dr. Neil Brown on March 13, 2008 in San Diego, California at the age of seventy. A memorial service was held at Northminster Presbyterian Church on March 29, 2008. Dr. Brown was a former Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of San Diego.
3. The Stated Clerk reports the death of the Rev. Rafael V. Martinez on March 6, 2008, in San Marcos, California at the age of eighty-four. Rev. Martinez served in ministry in San Diego Presbytery for many years as a visible advocate for immigrants. A memorial service was held in San Marcos on March 16, 2008.
4. The Stated Clerk reports the death of the Rev. Winifred "Winnie" Inez Ellerd on April 22, 2008. Rev. Ellerd was ordained by the Presbytery of San Diego on April 29, 2007. She served her one-year in ordained ministry as the Pastor of the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church in Metlakatla, Alaska. A memorial service was held on May 3, 2008 at the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church.

5. The Stated Clerk reports that permission was granted to the Rev. Dorothy LaPenta, a minister member in good standing of National Capital Presbytery, to perform a wedding on April 26, 2008, within the bounds of this presbytery. The wedding was held in the chapel at the United States Naval Amphibious Base.
6. The Stated Clerk reports that the Investigative Committee appointed by the Moderator in June 2007, has completed their work and charges have been filed. The charges have been filed with the Permanent Judicial Commission.
7. The Stated Clerk reports the receipt of a letter from the Presbyterian Foundation informing the Presbytery that a payment of \$4,533.59 was being made to the Presbytery for the explicit purpose for scholarships to ministerial students in the San Diego Presbytery. This was a gift from the estate of Ben and Anna Mae Gumm, charter members of Faith Presbyterian Church and former members of East San Diego Presbyterian Church. The gift has been deposited in the William MacInnes Scholarship & Loan fund to be administered by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
8. The Stated Clerk reports that all official correspondence and communications received since the last 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

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Presbytery Council took the following actions at their meeting on April 8, 2008:

1. Received the resignation of Elder Loreto Remorca, Jr. from the Presbytery Evangelism Committee, Administrative Commission for the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church and the Work Group on the Way Forward. The resignation was received with appreciation and regret and the Stated Clerk was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Elder Remorca for his many years of faithful service.
2. Approved the request of the Administrative Commission for the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church to support their recommendation that the Presbytery apply to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii Committee on Cross-Presbytery Ministries (CCPM) for financial support of \$20,800 over four years.
3. Voted to accept the invitations to host presbytery – May 20, 2008 @ Solana Beach and November 18, 2008 at El Cajon First.
4. Voted to establish the Presbytery meeting schedule for 2009 to the third Tuesday in February, April, June, September and November. (The previous schedule was the third Tuesday in January, March, May, September and November)
5. Voted to request that the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii allocate \$120,000 from the McKee fund of the Synod to lower the interest rate on the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) for the Korean Presbyterian Church of San Diego.
6. Voted to invest up to \$10,000 to purchase updated computer equipment for the Presbytery Office with the funding to come from funds to be determined by the Budget, Property & Finance Committee (BP&F).

7. Voted to approve a pre-presbytery meeting in May to be led by representatives from the Presbyterian Global Fellowship.
8. Voted to suspend the Standing Rule in Chapter VI.I.A of the Presbytery *Manual of Operations* that requires twelve members to be elected to the Presbytery Nominating Committee and instead require nine members in 2008. Further, the Council voted to recommend to the Presbytery Ecclesiastical Committee that they consider a permanent change in the Standing Rules to reflect this change.
9. Voted to recommend to Presbytery that the request of the Evangelism Committee of Presbytery to apply to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii for a New Church Development (NCD) grant of \$300,000. (This would be to support an NCD to reach second generation Hispanic/Latino families in South San Diego)
10. Voted to elect Rev. Brad Roth to serve as a member of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2010.
11. Voted to authorize the BP&F committee to list for sale the vacant property in Ramona, California, owned by the Presbytery. The subject property is located in the city of Ramona, County of San Diego, State of California, located along San Vicente Road, with a lot size of approximately 4.2 gross acres. The parcel numbers are #284-241-01, 284-241-02, and 284-241-03.
12. Voted to approve the recommendation of the BP&F committee that the Presbytery offices move from their present location to 6390 Greenwich Drive, Suite 185 in San Diego.
13. Voted to approve the removal of Marcia Borgman as a signer on Presbytery bank accounts and add Fred Hall, Director of Administration & Mission Services.
14. Voted to concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry that the Standing Rule found in the *Manual of Operations, Chapter I.V.K* be suspended for the May 20, 2008 meeting of presbytery only. This rule requires applicants for membership in presbytery read aloud their *Statements of Faith*.
15. Voted to approve an Administrative Commission to install Rev. Elizabeth Wilson as an Associate Pastor at Oceanside Presbyterian Church on Sunday, April 20, 2008, at 4:00 pm at the church. Members of the commission are:

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Moderator (First San Diego)
 Elder Eloise Housman (Solana Beach)
 Elder Scott Cadwalder (Oceanside)
 Rev. John Moser
 Rev. Paul Cunningham
 Rev. Jan Cook

Pastor Neil Nybo, Chair

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports the following action:

1. The CPM concurred with the request of Inquirer Lyle Watson to withdraw from the preparation for ministry process.

2. The CPM acted to approve the final assessment of Candidate James Pazan, a member of the Rancho Santa Fe Village Community Church, in April 2008.
3. The CPM acted to approve the final assessment of Candidate Katie Pazan, a member of the Rancho Santa Fe Village Church, in April 2008.
4. The CPM acted to approve the final assessment of Candidate Zach Kintner, a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church, in November 2007.
5. The CPM acted to approve the final assessment of Candidate Nate Landis, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego, in March 2008.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

The Committee on Ministry reports the following:

1. The COM voted to concur with the Rev. Dr. Wayne Hoffman and the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church session that their Parish Associate relationship be dissolved effective December 31, 2007.
2. The COM reports that the Shared Grant for Minister Y that was submitted for consideration to the Presbyterian Board of Pensions has been approved.
3. The COM reports that triennial visits to church sessions have been completed in 2008 with La Mesa, Brawley and Lakeside.
4. The COM reports they have completed their annual consultation with Commissioned Lay Pastor, Jim Lagerstrom. Mr. Lagerstrom continues to serve at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church and his current term will expire in January 2009.

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the reports of the Stated Clerk, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Presbytery Council.

Consent Agenda

The following business was voted on consent:

Stated Clerk's Report

1. That the minutes of the stated meeting of Presbytery on March 11, 2008 were approved.

The Way Forward Work Group (WFWG) recommended to Presbytery:

1. That item #5 in their list of recommendations presented at the March 11, 2008 meeting of Presbytery, that was referred back to committee to review the language, be approved as originally presented.

The language is as follows:

That the Presbytery of San Diego receive and implement the report from the “*Redirect Per Capita and Mission Giving*” Work Group.

The report is as follows:

Redirect per capita and mission giving – Create clear guidelines for congregations and the Presbytery for the giving of per capita and mission dollars based on support of the Great Ends of the Church and a strong missional focus – such as redirecting per capita to global, national and local ministries of the PC (USA) that reflect the purposes stated above; give mission dollars to mission entities that reflect the above focus and purpose.

Background: This piece of business was returned to the WFWG as voted by Presbytery. Members of the WFWG met with the maker of the motion that returned the business and that person acknowledged his misunderstanding of the recommended report and motion. The maker of the motion withdrew his objection and concerns and the business is back before the presbytery for vote.

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Chair

The Nominating Committee of Presbytery recommended to Presbytery the following to be elected to serve committees of Presbytery:

1. Elder Nancy Harber as Chair of the Human Resources Committee in 2008
2. Elder Paul Diller, Human Resources Committee, Class of 2009 (Pt. Loma Community)
3. Elder Winnie Davis, Human Resources Committee, Class of 2008 (Taiwanese Presbyterian)
4. Elder Sam Tsai, Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2009 (Taiwanese Presbyterian)
5. Elder Christy Zatkin, Mission Committee, Class of 2009 (La Jolla)
6. Elder Owen Wickstrand, Budget Property & Finance, Class of 2008 (La Jolla)
7. Elder Jeanne Pochel, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2008
8. Elaine Elliott, Member and 2008 Chair of the Committee on Representation, Class of 2010
9. Elder Rod Rodriguez, Committee on Representation, Class of 2010
10. Rev. Dr. Jean Messerve, Committee on Representation, Class of 2010
11. Rev. Ronn Garton, Missions Committee, Class of 2008

Elder Doris Pate, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommended to Presbytery:

1. That the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Christopher Kohlbry with Discovery Church be validated.
2. That the request of the Session of Palisades Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Art Mills that he be invited to serve as Parish Associate be approved. The following is the position description:

Purpose: To provide pastoral services on an as needed, as available basis in support of the Pastor. (Book of Order G-14.0515)

Relationship: The Parish Associate serves at the invitation of the Pastor and reports to him as Head of Staff.

Areas of Ministry: Substitute preaching, assisting in worship leadership including communion, leading prayer, teaching adult classes and pastoral visitation and counseling.

Remuneration: No remuneration is given. Ministry expenses are reimbursed.

Annual Review: Every April, the Pastor and Parish Associate will review the previous year's ministry and determine if the relationship will continue for an additional year.

3. That the request of the Session of the San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dr. Ed Girod for Dr. Girod to serve as their Stated Supply Pastor effective May 1, 2008, and further that he be appointed to serve as Moderator of their Session and Congregation be approved. The terms are as follows:

Salary	\$29,692
Housing	35,000
Board of Pensions	21,351
Vision, Dental, Medical Deductions & Copayments	1,625
Books & Study Leave	1,030
Auto Expense	3,090
FICA reimbursement	5,084

4 weeks per year paid vacation shall accrue quarterly
2 weeks per year of paid study leave shall not accrue

4. That the request of the Session of the Rancho Santa Fe Village Community Church that Rev. Scott Mitchell be approved to serve as their Interim Associate Pastor effective March 16, 2008 be approved. The terms are as follows:

Salary	\$25,000
Housing	40,000
Board of Pensions	20,600
Reimbursable Business Expense	2,400

4 weeks vacation accrued at one week per quarter
Two weeks study leave accrued at .5 weeks per quarter
Use of church auto for church related business

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended:

1. That the Presbytery enroll Ms. Laura Jones of Christ Presbyterian Church of Rancho La Costa as an Inquirer, retroactive to March 11, 2008.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

This concludes the business voted on consent.

Worship

The Presbytery completed their opening business and then went directly into a time of worship. During this worship service, the Presbytery chartered the "Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of San Diego" with many members of the congregation participating. The Taiwanese choir sang and added greatly to the spirit of the day. In lieu of a formal sermon a "Theological Reflection" was presented titled "The Davidson Affair" which was written by Rev. Henk Vigeveno.

Dinner Break

The Presbytery moved from the sanctuary to the Family Life Center and were blessed with a time of fellowship and dinner. The meal was in honor of our new church family just commissioned and included traditional Chinese food.

Reality Changers

Mr. Jonathan Villafuerte, Site Director of the Solana Beach site of Reality Changers and Ms. Cecelia Villegas, City Heights Site Director presented an update on their ministry. They introduced one of their students by the name of Joshua Carrasco who gave a powerful testimony of what the program has meant to him.

Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM)

Rev. Herb Christ reminded the Presbytery of the PUM golf tournament/fund raiser scheduled for Friday September 12, 2008.

Presbyterian Global Fellowship (PGF)

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden introduced Mr. Dave Peterson and Ms. Kelly Kannwischer of Presbyterian Global Fellowship who gave a presentation on the work of the PGF. The presentation was informative and all were encouraged to try and participate in their annual meeting scheduled for August 14 – 16, 2008 in Long Beach, California.

The Missions Committee presented two items:

The Missions Committee presented “An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God’s Mission” and a proposal to establish an Administrative Commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana. Neither item was discussed and both were presented as a first reading.

An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God’s Mission

As members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) committed to God’s mission, accompanied by Global partners, we gathered together January 16-18, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. We acknowledge the rich Presbyterian heritage in world mission and reaffirm the Presbyterian understanding of God’s mission as it is expressed in “Gathering for God’s Future,”

The Good News of Jesus Christ is to be shared with the whole world. As disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sent into the world to join God's mission. As individuals and as a church, we are called to be faithful in this discipleship. Our mission is centered in the triune God. Our mission is God-called, Christ-centered and Spirit-led. Our mission is both proclamation and service; it is the reason the church exists...

Our renewed call from God is to face the challenges of witnessing and evangelizing worldwide, equipping the church for transforming mission, engaging in ministries of reconciliation, justice, healing and grace, and living the Good News of Jesus Christ in community with people who are poor, [persecuted, and living in the midst of violence] ...

The church is part of God's plan. We are called into the community of the church, and we call new disciples into that community. With Christ as our head, the church community exists for the sake of God's mission. We learn to serve in mission in a way that is faithful to the triune God. We are to model the kind of community God intends for all humanity. To be the church is to be one large mission society. '

Grounded in this theological foundation we realize that God is calling us to new patterns of mission. The world has changed, and the majority of the world's Christians are now in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The great growth and mission faithfulness of the Church outside the West invite us into a new posture. We must listen and learn to receive. We must also be open to new patterns of collaboration. These new patterns involve new cooperation and partnerships within the PC(USA).

I. We recognize that God calls us to mission that is grounded in confession of our sins, grows out of a life of prayer and is sustained in worship. Therefore, we covenant to live and serve together in God's mission according to the following **values**:

1. Trusting in the Holy Spirit and trusting in one another as each discerns how God is moving us in mission. (Acts 10)
2. Doing mission in the way of Jesus who humbled himself, showing the way of self-giving and self emptying. (Philippians 2)
3. Seeking to be faithful to God as we live and proclaim the fullness of Jesus Christ's good news; personal witness to those outside the church, justice for the oppressed and compassion for those in need. We accompany others in their efforts to be faithful. (Luke 4)
4. Affirming the complementary nature of God's gifts to all in the one body of Christ and encouraging one another in living out those gifts. (I Corinthians 12)
5. Recognizing our responsibility to each other by communicating openly, acting transparently and speaking and hearing the truth in love. (Ephesians 4)
6. Striving in our mission to be aware of the context out of which we come, to respect the persons with whom we labor and to honor the context in which they live. In an era of massive global inequalities we commit ourselves to be sensitive to and address the issues of power that result from our differences. (Philippians 2)
7. Valuing long-term relationships, partnerships characterized by perseverance and long-term commitments which support and encourage global partners. (I Thessalonians 2)

II. We seek to live out these mission values with humility, integrity and steadfastness. Recognizing that God invites us all to be full participants in God's mission, we commit ourselves to **work cooperatively** with one another in the following ways:

1. We will affirm and encourage World Mission as it continues to move from a regulatory role to a more enabling and equipping role.
2. We will celebrate and encourage diverse Presbyterian approaches and structures for mission while maintaining the unity of our participation in God's mission.
3. We will share responsibility for the education and preparation of all Presbyterians for mission.
4. We commit ourselves to seeking more mission personnel who will serve long-term in cross-cultural contexts through the PC(USA), and to supporting them fully.
5. We commit ourselves to enabling and supporting our global partners as they send their mission personnel in cross-cultural service.
6. We recognize and affirm the growing opportunity for cross-cultural mission in our own increasingly pluralistic and multi-cultural society, and we receive the global community from near and far as mission partners and God's gift to us. We seek increased integration between local and global mission.

III. As we move forward together in God's mission, we commit ourselves to calling the church to ongoing intercessory **prayer** for God's mission and to the following **tasks**:

1. We will form a Coordinating Committee to ensure that we will meet together to share and cooperate on a regular basis.
2. During the coming year we will work to address two immediate priorities:
 - a. to coordinate and collaborate in the sending of mission personnel.
 - b. to expand Presbyterian funding for mission personnel.
3. During the next three months we will share this document and invitation with our constituencies.

IV. With bold humility we **invite** those who would covenant with us to join in this new collaborative model of Presbyterian mission, and we ask for encouragement, for guidance and for prayer, remembering Jesus' own prayer:

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:22-23)

Consultation Participants

Carol Adcock	Paul Freisen	Lien Nguyen
Anne Barstow	Sue Fricks	Setri Nyomi
Marilyn Borst	Sherron George	KT Ockels
Will Browne	Joan Gray	James Oudom
Vernon Broyles	Tim Hart-Andersen	Greg Roth
Barbara Campbell-Davis	Jo Ella Holman	Bill Simmons
Nancy Cavalcante	Rhashell Hunter	Dale Stanton-Hoyle
Tae Su Cheong	Francie Irwin	Ellie Stock
Carol Clarke	Cliff Kirkpatrick	Scott Sunquist
Patricia Cuyatti	Karla Koll	Tom Taylor
John Daniel	David Kpobi	Rick Ufford-Chase
Enos Das Pradhan	Sara Lisherness	Linda Valentine
David Dawson	Tricia Lloyd-Sidle	Scott Weimer
Don Dawson	Victor Makari	Rob Weingartner
Enock De Assis	Kathy Matsushima	Doug Welch
Lionel Derenoncourt	Mike McCormick Huentelman	Jim Wilson
Paul Detterman	Milton Mejia	Bill Young
Hunter Farrell	Jim Milley	Jake Young
Ann Ferguson	Dave Moore	Maria Zack
Judia Foreman	Rachel Morris	

These individuals came from a number of groups engaged in global mission including:

Advisory Committee on the Constitution	Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship
Association of Presbyterian Mission Pastors	Presbyterian Global Fellowship
General Assembly Council (PCUSA)	Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers
Joining Hands Against Hunger	Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
Medical Benevolence Foundation	Presbyterian Women
Mission Networks	Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers Program
Mission Directors from Large Congregations	Presbyterians for Renewal
Mission Professors from PCUSA Seminaries	Presbytery Partnerships
New Wilmington Mission Conference	Racial, Ethnic and Women's Ministries (PCUSA)
Office of the General Assembly (PCUSA)	Relief and Development (PCUSA)
The Outreach Foundation	Witherspoon Society
Pastors from Large Congregations	World Mission (PCUSA)
Pastors from Immigrant Churches	World Mission Initiative
Peace and Justice (PCUSA)	

Joined by Global Partners from: Colombia – Peru – Ghana – Vietnam - India

Motion to establish an Administrative Commission

Presbytery of San Diego
Administrative Commission
For Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana of San Diego
June 2008

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit has been sustaining this congregation for (25) years, from its infancy downtown at San Diego First Presbyterian Church under Tom Simpson's pastorate, through its move to its own campus in multi- ethnic Golden Hills, where it nurtured a fledgling Reality Changers in its midst. Very grateful for Presbytery-wide involvement over the years, this immigrant fellowship with roots in the Reformed tradition contemplates its own future position in San Diego Presbytery, but that fades without an Administrative Commission.

WHEREAS, the church has exhibited resiliency, integrity and faithfulness in the face of being without an ordained pastor in a recent (5) year period. Membership loss from this period has weakened, and lack of annual elections has wearied, lay leadership who have functioned in a session role since the early years (as well as a commendable PNC), but cannot be Session-in-fact without being given that authority by an Administrative Commission.

WHEREAS, newly called, bilingual, Pastor Ephrain Romero brings vision and energy, biblical preaching and pastoral care to his flock, he cannot take in new members without being given that authority by an Administrative Commission.

WHEREAS, this congregation, after so many years of persevering, finds it painful to be considered "not a real church", and now feels hopeful of Presbytery consideration to work with an Administrative Commission.

WHEREAS, the steering committee to Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana continues to interface with pastor and "session", but faces insurmountable frustration in pursuing the goal of guiding this church toward charter, without the authority of an Administrative Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, San Diego Presbytery, in determining its strategy for mission with Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana, hereby creates an Administrative Commission to educate and enable church leaders to govern under PCUSA guidelines; to provide broad oversight to the pastor and elected lay leadership, and to proceed to recognize those leaders as elders as soon as appropriate.

1. The Administrative Commission is established in accordance with G 9.0503a(2)(a).
2. Administrative Commission members should be comfortable in both English and Spanish with at least one Administrative Commission member present at any meeting of session, member of the Administrative Commission functioning as moderator.
3. Administrative Commission shall as soon as possible provide for the examination and reception of new members; also the reconstitution or affirmation of the session and deacons, putting into place a nominating committee, congregational election, and training of elders and deacons by class.
4. The commission will have the following powers and authority as described in Chapter X of the Book of Order. Specifically Section G-10.0102: B, I, K, L, M, and P in order to implement the preparation of leadership of the congregation to take on the responsibilities and function of a session. Expansion of authority may be granted by San Diego Presbytery.

B. to receive members into the church upon profession of faith, upon reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or upon satisfactory certification of transfer of church membership, provided that membership shall not be denied any person because of race, economic or social circumstances, or any other reason not related to profession of faith;

I. to establish the annual budget, determine the distribution of the church's benevolences, and order offerings for Christian purposes, providing full information to the congregation of its decision in such matters;

*K. to engage in a process for education and mutual growth of the members of the session;
L.. to instruct examine, ordain, install and welcome into common ministry elders and deacons on their election by the congregation and to inquire into the faithfulness in fulfilling their responsibilities;*

M. to delegate and to supervise the work of the board of deacons and the board of trustees and all other organizations and task forces within the congregation, providing for support, report, review, and control;

to provide for the administration of the program of the church, including employment of non-ordained staff, with concern for equal employment opportunity, fair employment practices, personnel policies, and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff, including all employees;

P. to maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the church, including

- i. electing commissioners to presbytery and receiving their reports; sessions are encouraged to elect commissioners to the presbytery for at least one year, preferably two or three;
 - ii. nominating to presbytery elders who may be considered for election to synod or General Assembly;
 - iii. in both the above responsibilities, implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness to ensure fair representation in the decision making of the church;
 - iv. observing and carrying out the instructions of the higher governing bodies consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
 - v. welcoming representatives of the presbytery on the occasions of their visits;
 - vi. proposing to the presbytery and, through it, to the synod and the General Assembly such measures as may be of common concern to the mission of the whole church;
 - vii. sending annually to the stated clerk of the presbytery statistical and other information according to the requirements of the presbytery.
5. Administrative Commission shall report to San Diego Presbytery approximately half-yearly.
6. Pastor, lay leaders, and San Diego Presbytery will work with Administrative Commission in the continuing life and ministry of Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana.

General Assembly Commissioners

The Moderator of Presbytery invited those elected to be commissioners to General Assembly forward for a brief commissioning service. Revs. Bob Davis & Steve Locke and Elders Maurice Caskey, Carole Ostrander and Doris Pate were present. (Rev. Tom Straeter and Youth Advisory Delegate Timothy Hanna were unable to be present)

The Moderator conducted the commissioning service and then invited all those present who planned to attend the 218th General Assembly to come forward and she offered prayer for them all.

The following business was voted by voice of the Presbytery

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the Committee on Ministry recommendation:

1. That the Rev. Douglas Satre, currently a member of the Presbytery of the Cascades, be received into membership of the Presbytery and this his ministry with Floresta be validated. (His Statement of Faith is at the end of the minutes)

Additional information: The Mission Statement of Floresta is “Floresta, a Christian nonprofit organization, reverses deforestation and poverty in the world, by transforming the lives of the rural poor.”

2. That the Rev. Donald Bidy, an Honorably Retired member of Riverside Presbytery, be received into membership of the Presbytery. (His Statement of Faith is at the end of the minutes)

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

Administrative Commission for San Diego Christ United

Rev. Martha Cross Sexton reported for the commission and informed the Presbytery that their work had been completed and they requested their dismissal. The Presbytery VOTED to concur in the request and dismissed them effective May 25, 2008 with appreciation and thanks. The following is their final report:

This Administrative Commission was created by the Presbytery on November 21, 2006 to reconcile conflict between the pastor and administrative staff, between the pastor and clerk of session, and between the pastor and the session. These goals have now been accomplished as a result of the following events:

With the encouragement of the Administrative Commission, the pastor resigned November 1, 2007.

The Clerk of Session resigned in September 2007 and the session elected another member of session to serve for the rest of the year.

At the direction of the Administrative Commission, all members of the session completed their terms December 31, 2007.

A new session was elected by the congregation in December 2007 and these newly elected members of session have been ordained (when appropriate), installed, and extensively trained by the Administrative Commission.

The session elected an experienced inactive elder to serve as Clerk of Session for 2008. Members of the board of deacons have been ordained and installed (when appropriate) and trained by the Administrative Commission.

The 2007 church nominating committee was trained by the Administrative Commission and the 2008 church nominating committee received preliminary training from the Commission.

The Project 6:15 Committee has continued to work throughout this period and has presented to the session and congregation an imaginative and do-able plan for revitalizing the ministries of the church to its community and members. The plan has been approved by both groups.

A committee was appointed by the session to select a Stated Supply for the Church. The Rev. Ed Girod was called by the session to begin service May 1, 2008 and is now serving.

The Administrative Commission has been impressed by the hard work, dedication, and spiritual commitment of the persons now on session. They demonstrate faithfulness to Christ and to Christ United Church. They have accepted their role as servant leaders and are working to encourage harmonious relationships among church members, among staff, and among session members. They have willingly shouldered all the responsibilities of their office and are exercising strong leadership to strengthen the congregation and its ministries. With the assistance of Stated Supply/Moderator Rev. Ed Girod, we anticipate fruitful ministry for this Church.

Therefore, the Administrative Commission for Christ United Church requests its dissolution by the Presbytery of San Diego to be effective Sunday, May 25, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Martha Cross Sexton, Moderator
Elder Nancy Harber, Vice-Moderator
Elder Carole Ostrander, Secretary
Elder Barry Billingsley

Rev. Herb Christ
Rev. Dr. Alan Deuel
Elder Garry Thornton

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommend and Presbytery VOTED:

1. That Inquirer Aaron Smith of Faith Presbyterian Church be advanced to candidate.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

The Presbytery adjourned at 9:07 pm with song and with prayer by the Moderator.

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

Rev. Douglas Satre
Statement of Faith
April 2008

1. I believe in one God, Creator of all things, all-powerful and perfect in love and righteousness, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, co-equal in power and worthy of worship and obedience.

2. Humans were created by God in his image, to live in perfect harmony with God, with each other, and with the rest of God's creation. Rather than choosing to obey God, humans sinned against God and as a result sin and death entered the world. The result of sin is our separation from God, strife in human relationships and the failure of humans to live up to our responsibility as the stewards of God's creation.

3. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's eternal Son, the only mediator between God and humanity. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and fully shared and fulfilled our humanity in a life of perfect obedience to God. His death for our transgression revealed God's divine love and upheld God's divine justice, paying the penalty for our sins and removing our guilt. He rose from the grave the third day, victorious over sin, death and the devil. I believe Christ shall return to earth in triumph, when he shall raise the dead, judge the world, separate the righteous from the wicked, and establish God's everlasting kingdom.

4. By faith in Jesus Christ we receive God's gift of reconciliation, become God's children, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit assures us that we belong to God and empowers us to live joyful lives of holiness, ministry and obedience to God.

5. Jesus instituted two sacraments in his earthly ministry, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Both are signs and seals of Christ's redemptive work. Baptism is a sign of our belonging to God's covenant people and also signifies our washing and renewal through faith. In the Lord's Supper we are reminded of Jesus' sacrifice for our sin and encounter the spiritual presence of Jesus in a unique way.

6. I believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the uniquely inspired written word of God, possessing God's authority in all matters of faith and life. They are to be interpreted according to their context and purpose, in reverent obedience to the Lord who speaks through them.

7. I believe in one holy, Christian church, united in the bonds of love and endowed with the gifts and power of the Spirit to carry out its ministry of joyfully proclaiming and demonstrating the gospel as a redeemed community. The church is called to represent Christ on earth and to serve Christ by: preaching the gospel and making disciples of all nations, striving for social justice, and by relieving human distress and need.

STATEMENT OF FAITH
Rev. Don Biddy – May 2008

My personal faith has been in steady progression since my early youth, and it is still growing and gaining new and vital meaning as I continue to love and follow my Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

I believe in Almighty God, Yahweh, the God of Abraham and Moses, the one whom Jesus called Father. God is eternal, infinite and beyond measure or comprehension.

I believe Jesus Christ is the answer to the ills of our society and the only true means of achieving personal peace – which is mandatory for any lasting world peace. It must begin with the individual. By being at peace with myself and with others I give substance and validity to the gospel I preach.

I am convinced of the need for public worship, for a sustained personal growth in the faith and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in our duty to provide practical and loving service to all who are suffering and in need.

I believe the Holy Spirit is God Active in our world today, and we must pray for and respond to the Spirit's leading in all the affairs and activities of the church.

I believe the Old and New Testaments of the Bible to be the true Word of God. It is our certain rule of faith and practice. It clarified what we are to believe about God, as well as informing how we are to live. I was personally inspired by the Scriptures to believe in God and to accept Jesus as Lord. It has never failed to inspire me. No piece of literature has had such a profound impact on humanity. It is my duty and pleasure to preach and teach the Bible, and to try my best to bring the world of the Scriptures into our world today.

I believe in prayer. It is the means of communion with God and is essential to the spiritual health of individuals and of the church. I have witnessed many answers to prayers, my own and others. I am pledged to teach and to demonstrate the joys and power of prayer.

Evangelism is our response to the Great Commission, implying sensitive and creative sharing of God's love. I am overtly evangelical. Our faith is too precious to hoard, and it grows in us as we share it with others.

I am committed to the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition of faith. I am a Presbyterian by choice. The denomination's confessions of faith are consistent with Scripture, and its polity promotes order and efficiency. Yet, we are open to new ideas and are tolerant of others and their differences. Its openness, tolerance and loving spirit convinced me of its quiet strength and enduring character.