

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – November 19, 2008

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at First Presbyterian Church, El Cajon was convened by the Moderator, Elder Elizabeth Crews at 5 p.m. She led the presbytery in prayer. The Rev. Steve Locke, 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			Carolyn Benson
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	D. J. Kelly J. Y. Cook B. Roth	101 103 193	Ann Calvert Bob Shuff
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 Dick Berry
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	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 J. Medcalf M. Sedgwick G. Spearman	101 103 193 797	Bobby Foushee Matt Hurley Owen Wickstrand 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	101	Larry Rega
13	Oceanside, First	E. Wilson D. A. Walker	103 109	Donna Robertson Brian Maynard 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	101 103 103 109 109	David Buck Mike Kendall Claire Padgett
15	San Diego, Christ United	E. Girod G. W. Smith	105 109	Ardelle Matthews Al Littlefield
16	San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker J. L. Messervé	101 797	David Helkenn Stu Elder
17	San Diego, First	W. Ray	103	Maurice Caskey(e)

		M. E. Walls L. Riley P. R. Pulliam	103 109	Marilyn Carnes Tina Thompson Peggy Baker
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	M. Watson	101	Johana Smith Loreto Remorca, Jr.
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	A. Deuel	101	Jane Kay
23	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
24	San Diego, Point Loma Community	J. Powell R. Brown A. Sultz	101 103 109	John Pearson Charles MacVean Bob Moore Kristine Zortman
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey N. Nybo R. Sparling(e) M. Wasef J. Farell J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 103 109	Lois Sheldon Lois V. Farley Jeanne Pochel Polly Purcifull(e) Cindy Paget
26	San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
27	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Sam 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(e) J. Espitia	101 103 103 103 107 107	Ellen Larson Russ Love Elizabeth Wilson 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	Hank Morris 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	P. Lual	301
* Discovery Valley	C. Kohlbry	301
Director, Reality Changers	Chris Yanov	305
* Iglesia Church	Efrain Romero	301
Director, Pres Urban Ministries	Gunnar DePaul	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Elizabeth Morrison, Palisades Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Taeler Morgan
Cynthia "Thia" Espinosa Hobson
David Rohde
Ryan Ross

Dawn Neldon
Brent Barclay
Angela McClane
Deborah Mitchell

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 Missions Committee
* Nancy Harber	Chair, Human Resources
* Doris Pate	Chair, Nominating Committee
* Leslie Evans	At Large Member of Council
Steve Rybicki	Director of Administration and Missions Services
Steve Elliott	Webmaster
Carole Ostrander	Minute Clerk
Machelle Christiansen	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

* = voting member

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Jay Shirley Village Rancho Santa Fe
Rosalind Marver, First Presbyterian Oceanside
Connie Jones, First Presbyterian Oceanside
Scott Cadwallader, First Pres Oceanside
Rudy Kosits, First Presbyterian, San Diego
Eloise Housman, Solana Beach

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	R. P. Goodhart	299	D. Newhouse	299
P. D. Allen	761	J. Hagelanz	299	P. C. Paik	797
H. Allen	797	C. Hammond	299	P. Powell	797
R. W. Anderson	299	L. A. Henderson	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	W.W. Hoffmann	299	T. R. Respass	299
R. Benson	299	C. M. Hong	299	E. Reynolds	645
C. Berry	797	R. F. Hughes	299	G. Robertson	797
R. C. Betters	299	R. Humphries	299	J. H. Robertson	109
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	T. A. Jasso	299	D. Satre	797
D. R. Burnight	299	L. S. Johnson	797	T. M. Simpson	797
J. H. Calhoun	299	T. F. Johnson	299	J. J. Skelly	299
J. Chambers	299	H. Jonas	299	B. S. Smith	299
H. Christ	309	R. H. Kim	797	D. C. Smith	299

M. Cross Sexton	299	C. Kohlbray	301	M. Smith	761
R. R. Cunningham	299	T. C. Lai	791	W. A. Soldwisch	405
D. A. Davis	299	C. S. Lee	791	G. L. Stewart	299
S. W. DeLong	299	A. Y. Lin	791	W. A. TeSelle	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	B. E. Lucas	797	L. E. Vick	299
R. B. Dulaney	299	E. V. Lyons	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
D. R. Edic	299	W. B. Mack	299	A. J. Wartes	299
B. C. Fairchild	299	R. H. Mayo	299	D. Webster	797
P. Fisher	797	T. H. McPhatter	299	P. Weiler	299
V. Ford	299	C. M. Mershon	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	R. L. Miller	299	R. T. Williams	299
R. Garton	299	A. Mills	404	S. E. Wirt	299
J. Garza	299	R. J. Myers	105	W. G. Wollam	299
		D. H. Nason	654		

Attendance:

Ministers	53
Elders	586
Corresponding	1
Inquirers/Candidates	8
Visitors/Others	9
Total	127

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Report of the Stated Clerk

1. Presbytery VOTED to approve the proposed docket as corrected.
2. The Stated Clerk read an order of the Presbytery Permanent Judicial Commission as required by the Book of Order D11.0700. The commission met the week of October 6, 2008:

Rev. Dr. Lewis S. León has been found guilty of six (6) charges of sexual abuse as defined at *Book of Order* D-10.0401c. Each of the actions of which he was found guilty occurred after January 1, 2000. Pursuant to *Book of Order* D-10.0401b, such charges may have been brought regardless of the date on which an offense was alleged to have occurred. Therefore, the allegations and charges are found to have been filed timely. The pretrial conference was held timely, having been delayed multiple times at the request of the accused. A period that exceeds 30 days occurred between the completion of the pretrial conference and the commencement of the trial. A full quorum of the Permanent Judicial Commission was present for every session of the trial and subsequent deliberations. Therefore, it is concluded that the verdicts are in order.

THIS PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION, ACTING AS A COURT OF THE
CHURCH, THEREFORE IMPOSES THE CENSURE OF TEMPORARY EXCLUSION
FROM THE EXERCISE OF ORDAINED OFFICE.

Whereas, you, Rev. Dr. Lewis S. León, have been found guilty of multiple counts of the offense of sexual abuse, and by such offenses you have acted contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); now, therefore, the Presbytery of San Diego, in the

name and authority of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), does now declare you temporarily excluded from the office of Minister of the Word and Sacrament from October 11, 2008, for a period of six (6) months, and until completion of the following rehabilitation program supervised by the Presbytery of San Diego Committee on Ministry acting on behalf of the Presbytery and as described below:

Dr. León shall undergo counseling and training in the standards of ethical conduct for ordained officers of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The expenses associated with such counseling shall be the sole responsibility of Dr. León. Dr. León shall make public acknowledgement of his guilt to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside, as part of the rehabilitation program.

The Committee on Ministry shall have the authority pursuant to *Book of Order* D-12.0104b and D-12.0104c to select the counselor for the rehabilitation program, provide other appropriate conditions attendant to such counseling, and to determine when the rehabilitation program has been completed successfully.

All seven members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (Rev. Hollis Allen, Elder Maurice Caskey, Rev. Bob Davis, Elder Nancy Harber, Elder Jeanne Pochel, Rev. Paul Pulliam, and Rev. Glen Spearman) were present for the presentation of evidence and fully participated in the decision.

Their decision is dated the 10th of October 2008.

Following the reading of this decision, the Moderator of Presbytery, Elder Elizabeth Crews, read from the book of Galatians and offered prayer for Dr. Leon and his family, the members of the Oceanside Presbyterian Church and all those affected by this matter.

3. The Stated Clerk reported that pursuant to the Presbytery *Manual of Operations, Part I*, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery of San Diego in 2009, contingent on the vote of the Presbytery to affirm the Chairs of Standing Committees:

President – Council Moderator – Elder Elizabeth Crews
Vice-President – Council Vice-Moderator – to be named by the Council
Moderator
Secretary – Stated Clerk of Presbytery – Elder Linda Therien
Treasurer – Chair of Budget Property & Finance – Elder Owen Wickstrand

These officers will be responsible for managing the corporate affairs of the Presbytery in 2009.

4. The Stated Clerk reported that the Governing Body Relations Committee of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii has reviewed the 2007 minutes and rolls of presbytery and has found the minutes without error or omission. The report of their review was approved by the Synod Assembly on October 24, 2008.
5. The Stated Clerk reported for the record, the Permanent Judicial Commission members whose terms ended in the past six years and are listed in accordance with *Book of Order* D-5.0102 and D-5.0206b:

Class of 2003 – Rev. Willard James and Elder Dorothy Smith.
Class of 2005 – Rev. Glen Spearman and Rev. Harvey Throop
Class of 2007 – Rev. Robert Davis, Elder Nancy Harber and Elder Fred Jacobs

6. The Stated Clerk reported that there have been no changes to the *Manual of Operations, Part I*, in 2008 and remains the same as approved in 2005. A copy of this manual is included in the official minutes of Presbytery for 2005.
7. The Stated Clerk acknowledged the presbytery's responsibility to the encouragement, guidance and resourcing of its member churches (G-11.0103f) and during 2008 has done the following:
 - Sponsored a presbytery-wide "Leadership Training Event" in January 2008
 - Worked with Rev. Alan Roxburgh of ALLELON – a movement of missional leaders
 - At the direction of the Executive Presbyter, established a vision team for the presbytery
 - Supported a presbytery-wide golf tournament as an opportunity for fellowship as well as fund raising
 - Supported a presbytery-wide Garden Party for the benefit of the Presbyterian Urban Ministry program that served as a fund raiser but also an opportunity for fellowship
8. The Stated Clerk reported that the transfer of the Rev. Phillip J. Weiler from the Presbytery of Northern Plains is now complete.
9. The Stated Clerk reported that permission was granted the Rev. Jeanne W. Baum, a minister member in good standing of Long Island Presbytery, to perform a wedding in San Diego County on October 11, 2008.
10. The Stated Clerk reported that permission was granted to the Rev. Kikanza Nuri-Robins, a minister member in good standing of Pacific Presbytery, to administer the sacrament of communion at the December 5, 2008 meeting of Presbyterian Women at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Spring Valley.
11. The Stated Clerk reported that the 2007 financial audit is complete. Auditors Leaf & Cole has issued a clean audit for the calendar year 2007. Specifically it states:

"In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Presbytery of San Diego as of December 31, 2007, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."
12. The Stated Clerk reported that the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church has reported the correction of an exception cited in the review of their minutes and clarified two administrative findings.
13. The Stated Clerk reported the resignation of Elder Michael Williams from the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2010, effective December 31, 2008 and Rev. Jan Cook, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2009, effective December 31, 2008. Both resignations were received with regret and referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate replacements.
14. The Stated Clerk reported a vacancy has been created on the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2010, previously held by the Rev. Dr. Lewis Leon, effective October 11, 2008, as a result of a decision rendered by the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery of San Diego.

15. The Stated Clerk reported that the offering received at the September meeting of Presbytery was \$747.00.
16. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission to ordain and install Jake Medcalf has completed their work and is dismissed with thanks. Rev. Medcalf is now enrolled as a minister member of San Diego Presbytery. A copy of their report is on file in the Stated Clerk's office.
17. The Stated Clerk recommended that Elder Jack Shelver, member of Faith Presbyterian Church and Chair of the Administrative Commission for Fallbrook be given voice at this meeting of presbytery. The Presbytery voted this privilege.
18. The Stated Clerk reported 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*.

The Presbytery voted to receive the report of the Stated Clerk.

REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO

Synod Assembly - October 24-25, 2008, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

Marilyn Carnes, Rudy Kosits, Maurice Caskey and Doris Pate were the elder commissioners and Clark Cowden and Doug Nason were the minister commissioners. Jack Shelver, Chair of the Synod Council attended as did Charles Pate as an observer. The meeting was held at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

1. The budget for 2009 was presented and approved. Synod per capita remains unchanged from 2008. Budgeted amounts are:
 - Ecclesiastical Budget — \$230K
 - Council Budget — \$582K
 - CCPM Budget — \$160K.
2. The Synod voted that the \$7.2 million proceeds from the sale of the Wilshire properties be invested and accounted for separately. The principal may be utilized only for uses approved by the Synod Assembly. Income may be budgeted annually through the synod budget process.
3. The Assembly voted to set aside \$200,000 of the principal from the sale of the Wilshire properties to assist presbyteries with legal costs associated with property litigation, to be used following a policy that will be established by the Council.
4. Reports were received from each presbytery and a few organizations.
5. The Nominating Committee made the following nominations for 2009:
 - Moderator, Elder Steve Salyards [currently Vice Moderator], San Gabriel Presbytery
 - Vice-Moderator, Elder Jane Smith, Riverside Presbytery
 - Treasurer, Jack Shelver, San Diego Presbytery.

They were elected; the moderator and vice moderator were installed during the closing worship service.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice R. Caskey
Elder Commissioner

Monthly Report of the Administrative Commission (AC) for Fallbrook Presbyterian Church

Since our last report to the Presbytery the A.C. has had one meeting and has been in internal communication by telephone and e-mail. There has been a meeting between the Fallbrook Session and their attorney and the A.C. and the Presbytery attorney. Nothing substantive was accomplished at the meeting. Fallbrook reported that they had held a congregational meeting and taken a vote on the question of leaving the Presbyterian Church (USA) and that the vote was overwhelming in favor of leaving. After considerable discussion about the proper way to accomplish such actions, the Fallbrook Session and the A.C. agreed on a process. It was agreed that we would defer further consideration of dismissal of the Fallbrook Church to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church until the Property issues can be resolved. Following that meeting the judge who is hearing the lawsuit brought by the Fallbrook Church against the Presbytery of San Diego agreed to continue the restraining order regarding certain activities by both parties.

The Fallbrook Session has made a proposal regarding the property issue. The A.C. will be meeting on November 19th to consider the proposal and to formulate a response.

Other actions of interest regarding the lawsuit and the property issue are (1) a very recent decision by the 4th District Court of Appeal involving the Episcopal Diocese and the Fallbrook Episcopal congregation that may strengthen the position of a denomination regarding property ownership and (2) at the recent Synod Assembly a proposal from the Officers of the Synod (as recommended and reported by the Chair of Council Jack Shelver) to release two hundred thousand dollars from the proceeds of the Wilshire property sale to support a legal defense fund in the event such a fund and a policy to implement the fund is approved at the December 6 meeting of the Synod Council.

Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

The following are actions voted by the Council being reported to Presbytery

At their meeting on October 21, 2008 the Council voted to:

1. Suspend the Standing Rule in Chapter IV, II.5 (page 20 in the *Manual of Operations, Part I*) to allow the Council to meet only in the months the Presbytery does not meet. Therefore, the Council set the first Tuesday in January, March, May and October 2009 as their meeting dates. They further acted to empower the Executive Committee of the Council (ECC) to act for the Council, if necessary, in the months the presbytery does meet. Note: The 2009 Council will be asked at their meeting in January 2009 to ratify the Council meeting dates to insure that the 2008 Council does not obligate the 2009 Council.
2. Instruct the Stated Clerk to include in the Council report for the February 17, 2009 meeting of Presbytery, a recommendation that the Presbytery revisit the issue of receiving Honorably Retired Pastors on the consent agenda.
3. Instruct the Stated Clerk to include the election of committee members on the consent docket at presbytery meetings but schedule those nominated to Chair committees to be voted by voice.
4. Set the start time of 4 p.m. for the November Presbytery meeting with a pre-presbytery meeting to discuss the overtures received from the 218th General Assembly to begin at 2:30 p.m.

5. Suspend the Standing Rules in Chapter II.A.1(a) & II.A.2(a) so that the 2009 Presbytery Moderator (Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker) and Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect (Elder Gerry Tayler) can assume their offices on January 1, 2009, and be installed at the February 2009 meeting of Presbytery.
6. Instruct the Stated Clerk to extend an invitation to the current moderator of the General Assembly, the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, to attend a meeting of presbytery in 2009 and further to preach and/or lead a Pre-Presbytery event.
7. Voted based on the understanding or assurance that there is no specific designation, to consolidate various funds for the purpose of reducing the 2008 deficit and positioning the Presbytery of San Diego for better financial management of their funds. (Elders Elizabeth Crews and Anne Clark requested their “no” votes be recorded and Elder Nancy Harber asked that her “abstention” be recorded.) The funds are:
 - a. Sudanese Van Fund, \$10,245 to the Sudanese Operating Fund
 - b. Sudanese Scholarship Fund, \$1,000 to the Sudanese Operating Fund
 - c. Iglesia Building Fund, \$12,610.26 to the Iglesia Operating Fund
 - d. Iglesia Youth Program Fund, \$29,816.85, to the Iglesia Operating Fund
 - e. Torres Family Fund, \$5,837.89 to the Reality Changers Fund
8. Voted to redirect all investment income, less Pratt-Kurz, Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM), Imperial Valley New Church Development and Iglesia Operating Fund to the shared Missions budget for Fiscal Year 2008 and 2009. The estimated increase to shared missions is \$20,000 for 2008 and 2009. (Elders Elizabeth Crews and Anne Clark requested their “no” votes be recorded.)
9. Approve an increase in the Per Capita apportionment from \$25.00 per member to \$30.00 per member for 2009 with an adjustment as necessary for Synod per capita should it be adjusted. The breakdown of the \$30.00 is therefore \$21.36 for presbytery, \$6.04 to General Assembly and \$2.60 to the Synod. For information: Since this vote was taken by Council, the Synod Assembly has met and voted to maintain their per capita apportionment at \$2.60.
10. Approve transferring up to \$140,000 from designated reserves to the general operating fund to offset legal expenses and other ordinary and necessary operational expenses incurred in 2008. It is the expectation of the Council that this amount will be paid back to the reserves on the sale of the Ramona property. (Elders Elizabeth Crews and Anne Clark requested their “no” votes be recorded)
11. Recommend to presbytery the approval of the preliminary 2009 budget as presented, including a 3% COLA (\$9,400) for eligible staff on the payroll one year.
12. Increase by \$60,000 the line of credit for Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (MMPC) with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). This brings their total to \$360,000. MMPC voted August 31, 2008 in a special congregational meeting to approve this additional funding.

The Committee on Ministry took the following actions at their meeting on September 23, 2008:

1. The COM voted to receive the resignation of the Rev. Richard Hayward as Stated Supply from Linda Vista Presbyterian Church effective October 27, 2008.

2. The COM voted to appoint the Rev. Margaret Walls to moderate the session and congregation of Linda Vista Presbyterian Church until a permanent Moderator can be named.
3. The COM reported the completion of a triennial visit with the Lakeside Presbyterian Church session in June 2008.
4. The COM voted to appoint the Rev. Chuck Hammond to moderate the session and congregation of Oceanside Presbyterian Church until further notice.

Actions of the Committee on Preparation (CPM) being reported to Presbytery

1. The CPM reports completion of an annual consultation with Ms. Marie Rene Roth, a candidate under care from the Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church.
2. The CPM reports their concurrence with the request of Mr. Neil Kramer to withdraw from the CPM process.
3. The CPM reports completion of an annual consultation with Ms. Penny Parsons, an Inquirer under care from the La Jolla Presbyterian Church.
4. The CPM reports that Candidate Dianne Kettlewell, of Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church, has passed her final assessment and is authorized to seek a call and circulate a Personal Information Form (PIF).
5. The CPM reports that Candidate Dee Crimmel, of Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church, has passed her final assessment and is authorized to seek a call and circulate a PIF.
6. The CPM reports that pursuant to *Book of Order G-14.0461*, the committee has acted to remove Inquirer Patricia Berry from the preparation for ministry process.

The Presbytery voted to receive the reports of the commissioners to Synod Assembly, the Administrative Commission to Fallbrook Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery Council, the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The following business was voted on consent:

From the Stated Clerk

1. The minutes of the stated meeting of Presbytery on September 16, 2008 were approved.
2. The Presbytery confirmed the appointment of Elder Carole Ostrander as Minute Clerk for 2009. Elder Ostrander has served in this capacity since 2006 and also serves as the Clerk of Session of Escondido Westminster Presbyterian Church and Clerk for the Administrative Commission for Fallbrook Presbyterian Church. She has agreed to serve the presbytery in this capacity.

From the Ecclesiastical Committee

That the Presbytery receive and approve their report on the annual review of church minutes:

WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS

Christ, Rancho La Costa, Carlsbad
Chula Vista, Chula Vista
Faith, San Diego
Fallbrook, Fallbrook
First Presbyterian, Oceanside
First Presbyterian, San Diego
Fletcher Hills, El Cajon
Grace, Vista
Lakeside Community, Lakeside
Linda Vista, San Diego

Mira Mesa, San Diego
Pacific Beach, San Diego
Palisades, San Diego
Rancho Bernardo Community, San Diego
Solana Beach, Solana Beach
Trinity, Spring Valley
Village Community, Rancho Santa Fe
Westminster, Escondido
Westmorland, Westmorland

ONE EXCEPTION

First Presbyterian, El Cajon
Northminster, San Diego
Westminster, San Diego

THREE EXCEPTIONS

First Presbyterian, Brawley
Graham Memorial, Coronado
La Jolla, La Jolla

TWO EXCEPTIONS

Point Loma Community, San Diego

MORE THAN THREE EXCEPTIONS

Christ United, San Diego
La Mesa, La Mesa
Mt. Soledad, La Jolla
Southeast Community, San Diego

2. That the revised by-laws for Westmorland Presbyterian Church be approved. They are found as Attachment I.
3. That the following addition to the By-laws of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church be approved:

ARTICLE XII: ELECTRONIC VOTING

1. For E-notification, including but not limited to setting or changing meeting dates or approval of Committee-requested fund-raising events, the Session may be polled using electronic mail (e-mail), telephone or fax. Approval by electronic voting for routine matters will require approval by the majority of Elders. The Clerk of Session shall maintain a record of such polling and enter the results in the Session minutes.
2. Urgent action on a non-routine matter. If a need arises to have Session take urgent action on a non-routine matter,
 - a. Elders must first be notified via e-mail that an electronic vote is requested. If there are no objections to taking this action outside of a called meeting, a motion, duly made and seconded, may be presented for voting by e-mail.
 - b. The Elder requesting the electronic vote will send the motion to the Moderator who will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. If the Moderator determines the action is not appropriate to consider outside of a called Session meeting, the motion will be sent back to the requestor to bring forward at the next Session meeting. For motions approved by the Moderator, the Clerk will send the motion to all Session members and will tally the vote responses. All Elders who are entitled to vote must have the opportunity to provide a response and the vote must be unanimous for the action to be considered approved. The actions of the e-mail vote will be reflected in the minutes of a subsequent Session meeting.

From the Presbytery Council

The Council recommended the following to serve the Presbytery Nominating Committee in 2009:

Rev. Dr. Steve Locke, Class of 2011
Rev. Harvey Throop, Class of 2011
Elder Roylee York, Class of 2011
Elder Doris Pate, Class of 2009

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

Budget Property & Finance	Elder Bob Grendell, Class of 2011 (Village) Elder Owen Wickstrand, Class of 2011 (La Jolla)
Ecclesiastical Committee:	Rev. Dr. Bob Mentze, Class of 2011
Evangelism Committee:	Rev. Scott Mitchell, Class of 2011 Rev. Dr. Tom Theriault, Class of 2011 Rev. Paul Kang
Human Resources Committee:	Elder Sandee Rugg, Class of 2011 (San Diego 1 st) Elder Winnie Davis, Class of 2011 (Taiwanese)
Committee on Ministry:	Rev. Dr. Pamela Powell, Class of 2011 Rev. Dr. Alan Deuel, Class of 2011 Rev. Wayne Hoffman, Class of 2011 Elder David Buck, Class of 2011 (Village) Elder Larry Rega, Class of 2011 (Lakeside) Rev. Randy Yenter, Class of 2011 Elder Jeanne Pochel, class of 2010 (Rancho Bernardo)
Missions Committee	Rev. Brian Reed, Class of 2011 Rev. Ray Sparling, Class of 2011 Elder Cheryl Foster, Class of 2011 (Brawley)
Preparation for Ministry	Rev. Ronn Garton, Class of 2011 Rev. Michael Sedgwick, Class of 2011 Elder Maurice Caskey, Class of 2011 (San Diego 1 st)
Committee on Representation	Janette Kim, Class of 2011 (Korean Presbyterian) Fred Ayre, Class of 2011 (Christ United San Diego)
At-Large members of Council	Rev. Jim Rauch, Class of 2010 Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, Class of 2010

The Committee on Ministry recommended the following:

1. That the 2009 minimum salary/housing for pastors serving in calls be established at \$50,873. This is an adjustment of 2.8% over 2008.
2. That the pulpit of the Oceanside Presbyterian Church be declared vacant after December 1, 2008, if no appeal is pending in the disciplinary case involving the Rev. Dr. Lewis Leon, pursuant to D-12.0104.f.

3. That the Rev. Dr. Chuck Hammond be approved to serve as the Stated Supply of Oceanside Presbyterian Church, effective October 11, 2008, and until further notice.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended the following:

1. That Angie McClane, a member of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as an Inquirer.
2. That Daniel So, a member of the Korean Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as an Inquirer.
3. That Jeya So, a member of the Korean Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as an Inquirer.
4. That Deborah Stark Mitchell, a member of San Diego Westminster Presbyterian Church, be enrolled as an Inquirer.

This completes the items voted on consent.

The following business was voted on the floor of Presbytery

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended and Presbytery VOTED:

1. That Inquirer Cynthia “Thia” Espinosa Hobson be advanced to candidate.
2. That Inquirer Dave Rohde be advanced to candidate.

The Ecclesiastical Committee presented the overtures referred by the 218th General Assembly for discussion and vote. The presentation was made by Executive Presbyter, Clark Cowden for Committee Chair, Elder Anne Clark. The Presbytery voted by written ballot and the following tally is the presbytery vote:

Overture	Result of Vote
08-A Vows of Membership	APPROVE 83/9/0
08-B Revises ordination standards	DISAPPROVE 17/74/0
08-C Replaces ‘sympathy’ with ‘compassion’ in description of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Deacons	APPROVE 72/20/2
08-D Changes General Assembly Council(GAC) to General Assembly Mission Council (GAMC)	APPROVE 83/4/1
08-E Changes and modifications to non-geographic presbyteries	DISAPPROVE 11/82/0
08-F Gives presbyteries discretion whether to give voice/vote to Certified Christian Educators	APPROVE 72/30/2
08-G Synod Membership on Permanent Committee	DISAPPROVE 12/75/6
08-H Ordination exams	APPROVE 88/8/3
08-I Mandates voice/vote for Certified Christian Educators	DISAPPROVE 13/81/3
08-J Alternative Forms of Resolution on	APPROVE

Amending D-2.0103 and D-10.0202b	86/4/6
08-K Roman Catholic Church – mutual recognition of baptism	APPROVE 84/12/2
08-L Episcopal Church – recognizing ministers and ministries	APPROVE 42/54/4
08-M Korean Presbyterian Church in America – establish covenant relationship	APPROVE 90/5/2
08-N Moravian Church – adopting a covenant partnership agreement	APPROVE 85/8/3

The Presbytery Council recommended:

1. That the Rev. Harvey Throop, Pastor of Palisades Presbyterian Church, be elected to Chair the Presbytery Nominating Committee in 2009.

Special Recognition: The Moderator, Elder Elizabeth Crews recognized Rev. Neal Nybo for his tireless three years of work as the Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, Moderator of Presbytery and Chair of the Presbytery Council. He was presented with a card and gift and the presbytery affirmed him and his service.

The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommended:

1. That the 2009 budget as proposed by the committee be approved. The proposal is as follows:

Per Capita Budget		PSD Budget Classes	Shared Mission Budget		
Income	Expenses		Income	Expenses	
345,242		Per Capita Income			note 5
		Shared Missions Income	150,000		
		Interest Income	23,005		
	101,930	Executive Presbyter		50,205	note 1
	60,767	Stated Clerk			
	103,000	PSD Administration		103,000	note 2
	6,300	COM			
	3,600	CPM			
	3,100	Communications		3,100	
		IC/PC		1,200	
	5,000	Administrative Commission			
	11,500	BP&F		2,500	note 4
		Human Resources		1,000	
	48,245	Council		2,000	note 6
		Evangelism		2,000	
		Mission		8,000	
	1,800	Presbytery Meetings (6)			
345,242	345,242	2009 budget	173,005	173,005	
		PUM	185,000	185,000	
		Iglesia	98,850	98,850	note 3

		Reality Changers		
		Sudanese	24,000	24,000
		Mt Laguna Retreat Center	7,500	7,500
		Trinity Fellowship		
		Other		
		Total Missions	315,350	315,350
				note 7
345,242	345,242	Total 2009 Budget	488,355	488,355
0		Net	0	
		Total Combined Budget:		
		\$833,597		

- note 1 EP budget is split 67% to Per Capita and 33% to Shared Missions
note 2 Admin salaries and other costs are split 50/50%
note 3 Iglesia real income is expected to be 52,500 supplemented by Funds
note 4 BP&F includes the annual audit of \$11,500
note 5 Per Capita = 16163 members as of 12/2007 @ \$21.36 per member
Per Capita could be reduced by Fallbrook membership of 459; \$9,804
note 6 Council's per capita expenses are estimated legal fees
note 7 If Shared Mission giving exceeds \$190K, defer \$20K for fund raising study

Deficit avoidance in FY2009:

Income:	
Increase in Per Capita income	73,336
Investment/Interest Income	20,000
Expenses:	
No church loans	60,000
Elimination of Sudanese costs	50,000
Increase over 2008 budget	203,336

Presbytery VOTED to pull item 11, 3% COLA from the budget for discussion. Presbytery VOTED to not eliminate the 3% COLA. Presbytery VOTED to refer back to the BP&F committee to decrease the 2009 budget by 5% less than 2008 budget and report back by the February meeting with their recommendations.

Steve Rybicki reported that Presbytery is expecting \$56k in per capita and shared giving still due from churches to be received by the end of the year. They will look into receiving funds for legal expenses incurred in the civil case with Fallbrook Presbyterian Church from the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii.

The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommended to Presbytery and the Presbytery voted to elect:

1. The Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker as Moderator of Presbytery for 2009.

2. Elder Gerry Tayler of Christ La Costa as Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect 2009. The following is a brief bio on Elder Tayler:

Gerry became a Presbyterian in 1950 when she was 12 years old. She has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church since that time. Gerry has served as an Active Elder twice having just completed a three year term at Christ La Costa. In addition she has served in the following positions:

Moderator of the Cabinet of Mission, Witness and Stewardship for three years in Lake Michigan Presbytery
Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan for three years.
Served on the Council of Lake Michigan Presbytery for three years
Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant for three years.
Served on the Polity Committee, the Budget and Finance Committee and also the Social Justice and Peacemaking Committee of the Synod of the Covenant
Served three years on the Council of the Synod of the Covenant
Vice-Moderator for Justice and Peace Concerns for Presbyterian Women Churchwide for three years
Served two years in San Diego Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Gerry has been married to Bill for almost forty-nine years, has three children and five grandchildren.

3. The Presbytery voted to elect the following to serve Chair of their respective committees:

Elder Owen Wickstrand, Budget Property & Finance
Elder Anne Clark, Ecclesiastical Committee
Elder Nancy Harber, Human Resources
Elder Eloise Housman, Committee on Ministry
Elder Bill Tayler, Missions
Rev. John Moser, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Rev. Scott Mitchell, Evangelism Committee

The Committee on Ministry recommended and the Presbytery voted:

1. That Mr. Nate Landis, a Candidate under care of the Presbytery of San Diego, be examined for ordination to the position of Evangelist, and further that this position be validated by the Presbytery. (His *Statement of Faith* is found at the end of these minutes on page 18.)
2. That Mr. Landis be ordained on Sunday, December 7, 2008 @ 4:30 pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church by the following Administrative Commission:

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Moderator (or her designate)
Elder Tom Wickstrom, Northminster
Elder Geoff Hsu, Rancho Bernardo
Rev. Kevin Womack
Rev. David Pierson
3. For information: It is the intent of Mr. Landis and Rev. Markus Watson, Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, that Nate become a Parish Associate, without remuneration, at Northminster once qualified by ordination.

4. That member churches of the Presbytery of San Diego be encouraged through their sessions to designate their 2008 Christmas Joy offering for special needs of pastors within the San Diego Presbytery.
5. To approve the establishment of an extra-budget, ongoing benevolence fund to be administered by the Committee on Ministry to address special needs of pastors and Commissioned Lay Pastors in San Diego Presbytery. (This fund would operate similar to a Deacon's fund)
6. The COM recognized Pastor Richard Hayward for his twenty years of service to Linda Vista Presbyterian Church. Pastor Hayward addressed the presbytery and members and friends of his congregation were invited to join him for a time of prayer with the presbytery.
7. The COM recognized Pastor Jan Cook for her many years of service to the Presbytery and the churches she has served. Jan has received and accepted a call to be an Associate Pastor at a Presbyterian Church in Hilton Head South Carolina and will be leaving in mid January. Members and friends of Christ La Costa and other churches she has served joined her for a time of prayer before the presbytery.

Executive Presbyter Report

Pastor Clark Cowden recognized Gunnar DePaul, who is leaving Presbyterian Urban Ministries to work in South America against human trafficking. He also recognized Chris Yanov, founder of Reality Changers, which has become an independent 501C3 and will be leaving the presbytery staff.

Pastor Cowden then addressed the Presbytery with his thoughts and announced that a grant of \$100,000 had been awarded to the Presbytery by the General Assembly for the ministry of Marc Pena. More information will be forthcoming on this project.

Leadership Connection Report

Leslie Evans announced the upcoming Leadership Connection Day on Saturday, January 24th at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery adjourned at 8:50 pm with prayer by the Moderator.

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

Nate Landis Statement of Faith

1. THE BIBLE

I believe the sixty-six canonical books of the Bible as originally written were inspired of God and therefore free from error. They constitute the only infallible guide in faith and practice.

2. THE TRIUNE GOD

I believe there is one God, creator and sustainer of all things, infinite in being and perfection. He exists eternally in three Persons; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are of one substance and equal in power and glory.

3. HUMANITY AND SIN

I believe humans are created in the image of God and therefore possess intrinsic and eternal value. Through disobedience, God's beloved children fell from their sinless state and plunged into a state of separation from God, estrangement from neighbor, and spiritual death. This also brought upon the entire race the sentence of eternal death. Humans can only be saved from this condition by the grace of God, through faith in the work of Jesus Christ alone.

4. JESUS CHRIST

I believe in the eternally pre-existent Son who became incarnate without human father, born of the virgin Mary. In the Lord Jesus Christ, the divine and human natures united in one Person, both natures being whole, perfect, and distinct. To make salvation possible, Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross as the sinner's substitute, shedding His blood for the remission of sins. Christ's sacrifice was sufficient to cover the sins of all who repent and this salvation shall be preached to all people. On the third day, He rose from the dead in the body which has been laid in the tomb. He ascended to the right hand of the Father, where He performs the ministry of intercession. He shall come again, personally and visibly to complete His saving work and to consummate the eternal plan of God.

5. THE HOLY SPIRIT

I believe that the Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Triune God. He empowers the church and convicts the world of sin. He applies the work of Christ to humans who believe. Through repentance, justification, and adoption humans receive a right standing before God. By regeneration and sanctification, a believer's nature becomes renewed.

6. SALVATION AND MISSION

I believe that Christian disciples, having turned to God in penitent faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are accountable to God for living a life separated from sin, marked by obedience to Scriptural commandments, and characterized by the fruit of the Spirit. It is their responsibility to contribute by word and deed to the universal spread of the Gospel and the advancement of the kingdom of God.

7. THE END OF THE AGE

At the end of the age, I believe the bodies of the dead shall be raised. The righteous shall enter into full possession of eternal life in God's presence. The wicked shall be condemned to eternal death apart from God and His goodness.

8. SACRAMENTS

I believe that the Sacraments were instituted by God through the ministry of Jesus. They seal us in our redemption, confirm our identity as members of God's covenant community, and mark us to participate in the church's mission. In Baptism, we participate in Jesus' death and resurrection; it is the sign and seal of oneness with Him. It symbolizes the washing and cleansing of sin through Christ. I believe that in the Lord's Supper we eat and drink in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. This unites us with Christ and fellow believers who gather around the table in the presence of our Lord.