



STATED MEETING

of the Presbytery of San Diego
February 16, 2010 – 5:00 PM

*Pre-Presbytery meeting at 3:30 PM
Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham and Rev. Jake Medcalf*

**Rancho Santa Fe Village Community Presbyterian Church
6225 Paseo Delicias
Rancho Santa Fe**

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Gerry Tayler - Moderator 2010
Paul Cunningham - Vice-Moderator 2010/Moderator Elect 2011
Linda Therien - Stated Clerk
Carole Ostrander – Minute Clerk

PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE STAFF

Clark Cowden - Executive Presbyter

DIRECTIONS

North or south on I-5; exit a Via de la Valle and go east for several miles on a winding road;
Turn right at Paseo Delicias; church is on the right

North on I-5; take exit at Via Rancho Parkway, South on I-15; exit a Valley Parkway.
Go west to Del Dios Hwy, which will become El Escondido, CA Del Dios Hwy (S6).
This will change to Paseo Delicias. Church will be on the left

Please note: There is parking in a lot right near Paseo Delicias and also parking behind the Fellowship Center. There is major construction taking place at this sight and car-pooling is encouraged.

1. Please bring docket materials.
2. Commissioners requiring an excuse from the meeting should apply to the Stated Clerk.
3. Any committee chair desiring to meet with her/his committee must make arrangements with the host facility.
4. Forms for intercessory prayer are to be found on the registration table. If you wish Presbytery to remember someone in prayer, fill out the form and put on the clerk's desk by 6:00 p.m.
5. **Dinner reservations are \$10.00 and are required.** The deadline for reservations is Friday, February 12, 2010. There is a link from the Presbytery web site to make your reservation @ paulab@villagechurch.org or by calling Paula Borisoff @ 858-756-2441.

Upcoming Stated Presbytery Meetings

April 20, 2010 – Pacific Beach @ 5 pm
June 19, 2010 – Faith Presbyterian – Saturday @ 9 am
September 21, 2010 – San Diego First @ 5 pm
November 16, 2010 – Rancho Bernardo @ 5 pm

PROPOSED DOCKET
STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO
February 16, 2010 – Rancho Santa Fe Village Community Presbyterian Church

4:30 p.m. Registration

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

We used to be primarily a governing body
We are now primarily a relational community
We hope to become primarily a mission agency

5:00 p.m. **Call to Order & Prayer – Lighting of the “*Light of Christ*” Candle** – Elder Gerry Taylor, Moderator
Welcome by Host Pastor – Pastor Jack Baca
Report of the Stated Clerk – Elder Linda Therien
Enrollment of Commissioners; Recognition of corresponding members
Declaration of a Quorum; Approval of docket
Consent Docket/Reading
Only a simple request is needed to remove any item from the Consent Docket. All items removed from the Consent Docket will be considered under the report of the committee from which the item has been removed.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

5:15 p.m. **Presbytery at Worship** – Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, preaching
“I Hate Having to Love!” 1 Corinthians 13

6:00 p.m. **Recess for dinner**

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

6:45 p.m. **Election of General Assembly Commissioners** – Pastor Harvey Throop

7:05 p.m. **Budget Property & Finance** – Elder Owen Wickstrand

7:10 p.m. **Committee on Ministry** – Pastor Randy Yenter

- Approval of Rev. Brad Roth to serve as Designated Pastor at Mira Mesa Presbyterian
- Ordination Trial of Juan-Daniel Espitia and attendant business
- Motion to establish an Administrative Commission for La Mesa Presbyterian Church
- Motion to concur in Moderator's nominations to serve as the Administrative Commission contingent on the vote to establish the commission

8:00 p.m. **Executive Presbyter's Report** – Pastor Clark Cowden

8:15 p.m. **Evangelism Committee Report** – Pastor Scott Mitchell

8:20 p.m. **Peacemaking Committee Report** – Pastor Hal Heath

8:25 p.m. **Ecclesiastical Committee** – Pastor Jerry Andrews

- Overture Concerning the Number of General Assembly Commissioners
- Overture Concerning the Responsibilities of the General Assembly
- Overture Regarding Amending the Book of Order

8:55 p.m. **Unfinished business, announcements and pre-adjournment business**

9:00 p.m. **Adjourn with prayer & extinguishing of the “*Light of Christ*” Candle**

GO IN GOD'S NAME

Report of the Stated Clerk

1. The Stated Clerk reports that pursuant to the *Presbytery Manual of Operations, Part I*, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery of San Diego in 2010.

President – Council Moderator – Pastor Chris Lenocker
Vice-President – Council Vice-Moderator – Pastor Tim Beal
Secretary – Stated Clerk of Presbytery – Elder Linda Therien
Treasurer – Chair of Budget Property & Finance – Elder Owen Wickstrand

These officers are responsible for managing the corporate affairs of the Presbytery in 2010.

2. The Stated Clerk reports the following resignations from Presbytery committees:

Pastor Lee Riley, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2010
Pastor Brian Reed, Administrative Commission for Iglesia
Elder Gerry Tayler, Administrative Commission for Iglesia

These vacancies have been referred to the Nominating Committee of Presbytery and Presbytery Moderator to nominate replacements.

3. The Stated Clerk reports that the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Michael Sedgwick as an Associate Pastor at La Jolla Presbyterian Church has been dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
4. The Stated Clerk reports that the transfer of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Beal from the Presbytery of Baltimore has been completed.
5. The Stated Clerk reports that the Investigative Committee authorized by the Presbytery and appointed by the Presbytery Moderator in February 2009, has been dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
6. The Stated Clerk reports that the offering received at the November meeting of Presbytery was \$739.25.
7. The Stated Clerk submits the following report regarding the 2010 imbalance of minister members of presbytery and elder commissioners to presbytery:

The *Book of Order* requires the Stated Clerk to annually ascertain the number of resident ministers who are members of presbytery and the number of elders, which the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to presbytery meetings. When the number of ministers is larger, the Stated Clerk shall bring the imbalance to the attention of the presbytery. The presbytery shall redress the imbalance (G-11.0101). There are currently 138 ministers who are able to participate in Presbytery. In a review of the presbytery rolls of ministers, the Stated Clerk identified seventy-two who have not participated in presbytery life during at least the past year and are subtracted from the number of those participating for the purpose of determining the imbalance. This calculation leaves sixty-six minister members active in presbytery. Also taken into consideration in preparation of this report is the fact that the Fallbrook Church has been removed from the calculation.

Based on the 2008 statistics, each church of the presbytery of San Diego is entitled to one elder commissioner with the following exceptions:

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

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

In addition to this representation, the following elders are enrolled as members of Presbytery based on their election to office for 2010. They are:

Presbytery Moderator	Gerry Tayler (Village)
Stated Clerk	Linda Therien (Palisades)
Budget Property & Finance Chair	Owen Wickstrand (La Jolla)
Human Resources Chair	Paul Diller (Point Loma Community)
At-Large to Council	Paula Taylor (Solana Beach)
Commissioned Lay Pastors	James Lagerstrom (Solana Beach)
	Juan Daniel Espitia (Solana Beach)
	Marc Pena (Chula Vista)

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

There are fourteen churches eligible to add an additional commissioner based on membership totals that are more than one-half of the required number set by the *Book of Order* to be entitled to an additional representative. They are Vista, Trinity, La Costa, Chula Vista, Graham Memorial, El Cajon First, Fletcher Hills, Escondido, La Jolla, San Diego First, Point Loma Community, Palisades, Westminster San Diego and the Korean Church.

The recap of this analysis is as follows:

Minister members eligible to participate in Presbytery	138
Less ministers not participating in Presbytery	72
Net minister participants	66
Current elder commissioners determined by church membership	46
Additional elder commissioners assigned to churches	14
Elder members by virtue of office	8
Net elder participants	68
Net imbalance	2

Therefore, the final allocation of elder commissioners to presbytery from churches in 2010 is as follows:

First Brawley	1	Pacific Beach	1
Christ La Costa	2	Pt Loma Community	4
Chula Vista	2	Rancho Bernardo	5
Graham Memorial	2	Northminster	1
First Elcajon	2	Palisades	2
Fletcher Hills	2	Westminster San Diego	2
Westminster Escondido	2	Mira Mesa	1
Linda Vista	1	Southeast	1
La Jolla	4	San Diego Korean	2
Mount Soledad	1	Christ San Diego	1
La Mesa	1	Faith	1

Lakeside	1	Solana Beach	4
First Oceanside	2	Trinity Spring Valley	2
Rancho Santa Fe	3	Grace Vista	2
First San Diego	3	Westmorland	1
Taiwanese	1	Total elders from churches	60

8. The Stated Clerk reports the receipt of a notice from Dr. Gary Robertson that he has renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) effective November 18, 2009. This renunciation was received during the course of an investigation with charges pending that had not yet been filed.
9. 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

Actions of Council being reported to Presbytery

The Presbytery Council met on January 5, 2010 for a retreat and a very brief meeting. The meeting portion of the day was convened at 4:10 pm at the White Sands Retirement Home, with the Council Moderator, Chris Lenocker, leading the group in prayer. They took the following actions and received the following reports:

1. Voted to concur in the recommendation of the Council Moderator that Rev. Dr. Tim Beal serve as Vice-Moderator of Council for 2010.
2. Voted to empower the Executive Committee of the Council to approve proposed Presbytery agendas in 2010.
3. Voted to establish that the meeting dates of the Council for the remainder of 2010 be March 2nd, May 18th and October 19th.
4. Voted to empower the Executive Committee of the Council to serve as the Council Nominating Committee in 2010.
5. Voted to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Disaster Assistance Program.
6. Voted to commit the proceeds of \$2,500 from the Presbyterian Global Fellowship conference held in August 2009 at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to a line item in the presbytery financials dedicated to special presbytery events with use of the fund subject to the approval of the Council. They further acted to have this money now on deposit with Solana Beach Presbyterian Church transferred to the Presbytery.
7. The Council was informed that the status of the Fallbrook case vs the Presbytery of San Diego was on hold pending the receipt of the signed Order in the case. The Court has signed the Summary Judgment but the signed Order is pending.
8. Voted to elect Elder Pat Kellenbarger of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to serve the Presbytery Budget Property and Finance Committee, Class of 2012
9. Voted conditional approval of the call to Rev. Brad Roth to begin his service as Pastor of Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church on January 4, 2010, contingent on the official vote of the Presbytery on February 16, 2010.

Pastor Chris Lenocker, Council Moderator

Actions of the Committee on Ministry (COM) being reported to Presbytery

The COM met on December 1, 2009 and took the following action:

1. Voted to authorize a sub-committee of Pam Powell, Alan Deuel, Nancy Harber and Art Mills to read and approve or disapprove the Mission Study and Church Information Form (CIF) for San Diego Christ United and to report back to the full COM.

The COM met on January 26, 2010 and took the following actions:

1. Voted to concur in the request of the Seattle Presbytery and the Rev. Lee Riley, that he be transferred to them retroactive to November 16, 2009, in order that he be able to receive and accept the call of the Central Kitsap Presbyterian Church to be their Pastor. The following are the terms of call:

Effective Salary \$70,000
Full Board of Pensions participation
Assorted professional reimbursements of \$9,355
4 weeks vacation and two weeks study leave

2. Voted to authorize a sub-committee of Larry Rega, Art Mills and David Buck to read and approve or disapprove the Church Information Form and the "Missional Church" Mission Study of Christ Rancho La Costa and to report back to the full COM.
3. Voted that Randy Yenter be named as the Moderator of the La Mesa Presbyterian Church Session for their meeting on February 8, 2010.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair

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

The CPM met on January 12, 2010, and took the following actions:

1. The CPM VOTED to approve Ms. Taeler Morgan for Final Assessment and certified her ready to receive a call. Ms. Morgan was released to circulate a Personal Information Form and pursue a call.

Pastor Margaret Walls, Chair

Consent Agenda

The Stated Clerk recommends the following:

1. That the minutes of the presbytery meeting on November 17, 2009, be approved.
2. That Elder Jack Shelver, Chair of the Administrative Commission for Fallbrook, be given voice for the presbytery meetings in 2010 in order to speak to issues of the commission.

Elder Linda Therien

The Council Nominating Committee recommends the following:

1. That Elder Bobby Foushee, of La Jolla Presbyterian Church, be elected to serve the Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2011.

Pastor Chris Lenocker, Chair

The 2010 Presbytery Moderator recommends the following:

1. That the following be confirmed to serve on the Administrative Commission for Iglesia. For information: An Administrative Commission of this kind is required to have seven members and as of today has only one. These nominations are to fill the vacant positions:

Elder Virginia Gengor (Faith)
Pastor Martha Sexton
Pastor Ronn Garton
Pastor Don Edic
Vacancy
Vacancy

Elder Gerry Tayler

The 2009 Presbytery Moderator recommends the following :

1. That the following be confirmed to serve on the Administrative Commission for Southeast Presbyterian Church:

Elder Maurice Caskey (San Diego First)
Elder Anne Fristrom (Point Loma Community)
Elder Delores McNeely (Christ United San Diego)
Elder Ruth Sweet (Palisades)
Pastor Tom Johnson
Pastor Tom Simpson
Pastor Tony Wolfe

The commission has been convened and has begun their work. They have elected their officers and they are Elder Maurice Caskey, Moderator; Pastor Tom Johnson, Vice-Moderator; and Elder Ruth Sweet, Recording Clerk

Pastor Chris Lenocker

The Committee on Ministry recommends the following:

1. That the Presbytery concur in the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry that the pastoral relationship between the Rev. David Pierson and the congregation of La Mesa Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective January 31, 2010. The congregation voted on January 24, 2010, to receive his resignation by a vote of 19/6/0 and the Committee on Ministry voted January 26, 2010 to receive and approve this request with regret. All financial obligations between the parties will have been met at the end of the severance period.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommends the following:

1. That the proposed revisions to the Bylaws of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Escondido be approved.

Additional information: These Bylaws were first approved by the Westminster Session on October 20, 2009, the Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery on November 9, 2009 and the congregation of the church on January 24, 2010. The major change was to add a paragraph on E-Voting and some other reformatting of the document. Complete copies of the document (32 pages) can be obtained on the presbytery web site under the Meetings & Events tab.

2. That the *Manual of Operations, Part I*, as revised to be operational January 1, 2010, be approved as presented.

Additional information: The revised *Manual* was presented to the Presbytery for a first reading in November 2009. There have been no inquiries of the committee, the Stated Clerk or the Executive Presbyter regarding the proposed revisions. The revisions primarily amend the manual to reflect how business is actually working now but certain changes are noted below:

- Changes from February to January when the Stated Clerk reviews and corrects the imbalance of minister members of presbytery to elder commissioners (page 7)
- Changes from five Presbytery meetings a year to at least four with the Council of Presbytery charged with proposing the specific meeting dates each year (page 9)
- Changes the requirement of communion during Presbytery worship from the January meeting to once a year (page 9)
- Changes when the officers of presbytery assume office – from after their installation in February to January 1 of a given year (page 11)
- Changes how the Stated Clerk is elected (page 12 & page 14)
- Adds the Executive Presbyter and Executive Committee of Council to those with authority over Council agendas (page 13)
- Adds a level of accountability for Mission Project Staff and accountability to their Steering Committees (page 19)
- Eliminates the “Coordinating Cabinet” and can be found various places (page 20)
- Changes when the Council meets from nine times per year to four (page 20)
- Clarifies Ministry Teams accountability (page 22)
- Reduces size of Presbytery Nominating Committee from twelve to nine (page 27)
- Clarifies language for election of GA and Synod commissioners (page 28)
- Eliminates the Executive Committee of the Committee on Ministry (page 31)
- Reduces size of Missions Committee from twelve to nine and is a general rewrite to reflect how this committee functions today (page 35)
- Reduces size of Evangelism Committee from twelve to nine and is a general rewrite to reflect how this committee functions today (pages 36-37)
- A general rewrite of the Mission Projects Chapter (page 38-40)
- Adds the process for “Gracious Separation of Congregations” document that was approved by the presbytery on April 18, 2009 (page 57)
- Adds a statement that the Presbytery will not make up any shortfall in payments of per capita assessments to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and the General Assembly (page 58)

Pastor Jerry Andrews, Chair

Business for Presentation, Discussion and Action on the floor

The Nominating Committee of Presbytery recommends:

1. That the following be elected to serve as Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates to the 219th General Assembly to be held July 3/10, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

For Minister Commissioner

Pastor Tim Beal (Oceanside)

Pastor Bob Davis (Chula Vista)

As Alternate Minister Commissioner

Pastor Jerry Andrews (San Diego First)

As Elder Commissioner

Elder Eloise Housman (Solana Beach)

Elder Gerry Tayler (Village Rancho Santa Fe)

As Alternate Elder Commissioner

Elder Pat Kellenbarger (Solana Beach)

As Young Adult Advisory Delegate

Ryan Johnson (Palisades)

The following are brief bios on each of those being nominated:

Pastor Tim Beal

Tim Beal was ordained as a Minister of The Word and Sacrament on 1979. He earned his Bachelors' Degree as well as a Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan, and a Master's of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary. Dr. Beal is currently the Designated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside and serves on the 2010 Presbytery Council. Before starting at Oceanside, he was the Pastor of Woods Memorial Church in Severna Park, MD, the Executive Pastor at Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian, Pastor of Emmanuel Presbyterian in Thousand Oaks, CA, Organizing Pastor of Rancho San Diego Presbyterian Church in El Cajon, Pastor of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church in New Wilmington, PA, and Associate Pastor at Fairmont Presbyterian Church in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. In the Presbyteries of Baltimore, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Shenango and Western Reserve, Dr. Beal has filled many positions including; Moderator of the Presbytery, chaired Presbytery council, served on Committees of Ministry, Preparation for Ministry, Education and Leadership Development, Polity and Records, Evangelism, Mission Interpretation and Support. He was on the Executive Committee and Council of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and also served on several Administrative Commissions addressing crisis issues and Permanent Judicial Commission hearings. Dr. Beal is a superb preacher, as well as a skilled church administrator and spiritual leader.

Pastor Bob Davis

Bob Davis obtained a degree in American Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA before attending law school at Indiana School of Law (J.D. 1989). Bob began his professional career as an attorney in Indiana until 1995. During this time, he remained active as a Deacon at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis. In 1996, Bob moved to Pasadena, CA and began an Early Childhood Ministries Internship at La Crescenta Presbyterian Church. Bob was also serving as the Assistant to the Interim Pastor at La Crescenta where he helped the church during a time of transition by preaching, assisting in worship, teaching Bible study and preparing session docket. While at La Crescenta, Bob also attended Fuller Theological Seminary and earned his Masters of Divinity in 1999. On February 4, 2001, Rev. Davis was ordained and installed as the Associate Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Escondido. He has remained an active member of the San Diego Presbytery and has led the congregation of Chula Vista Presbyterian Church as their pastor since July of 2006. As a member of the Presbytery Bob has served on:

Ecclesiastical Committee from 2001-2006 (Chair 2002-2005)

Presbytery Council from 2002-2005

Permanent Judicial Commission from 2002-2008

Chair, AC for Southeast Community Church 2002-2004

Committee on Ministry from 2008-2010

Minister Commissioner to 218th General Assembly, 2008

Minister Commissioner to Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, 2009

In 2004, Rev. Davis was a candidate for Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 216th General Assembly in Richmond, Virginia.

Pastor Jerry Andrews

Jerry Andrews was ordained a Minister of Word and Sacrament on September 30, 1978 by the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler in southwest Pennsylvania. He holds five degrees including a Bachelor of Religious Education from William Tyndale College, a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, a Master of Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, Master of Art from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago. His first call was as the Pastor of Mill Creek United Presbyterian Church in Hookstown, PA (1978-1986). From 1987-1991, Dr. Andrews served as the Interim pastor for three different congregations in Northern Illinois. He became the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Ellyn in 1992 and helped guide the struggling congregation to a period of growth in membership and worship attendance, financial giving and campus/building improvement. While active at the Presbytery of Chicago, Dr. Andrews served as Moderator for the following committees: Building Partnerships: A Capital Campaign, Task Force on Presbytery Funding, Stewardship and Mission Support Committee, Ministry on Higher Education, Committee on Ministry, Mission Council, Permanent Judicial Commission, and the Peace, Unity, Purity Task Force. He was a Commissioner to General Assembly in 2001, and co-founded the Presbytery Coalition of which he was Moderator from 1999-2002 and from 2004-2009. On September 1, 2009 Dr. Andrews transferred to the Presbytery of San Diego and is currently the Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, San Diego as well as the chair of the 2010 Ecclesiastical Committee. Dr. Andrews is a strong, thoughtful evangelical leader who has served God locally and globally for 32 years.

Elder Eloise Housman

Eloise Housman was raised a Methodist/Episcopalian alternating between her father and mother's preferences. She attended a Catholic school in Junior High and was a leader in the "Episcopal Young People's Fellowship of Dallas in Senior High. She always felt God's presence as kind of a natural thing.

College and after lead her to drift from the church, as life and career were exciting. A mid a life crisis and divorce in 1982 caused her to turn to God again, and he was waiting.

Eloise became a Presbyterian in 1983 as a Christian born new in the Holy Spirit. At Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, since 1985, she has been an Elder and twice Deacon Moderator. She has served on many committees and attended many classes during these years. Her most recent meaningful class was Perspectives on the World Christian Movement. She also attended the Presbyterian Global Fellowship (PGF) conference in Long Beach. She was a San Diego Presbytery representative to the Presbyterian Board of Pensions Conference in 2009.

In San Diego Presbytery, Eloise has been on the Committee on Ministry for six continuous years and served as the Chair in 2009. She has served on Administrative Commissions and a mediation and is currently serving the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Presbytery Nominating Committee.

Eloise retired in 2008 from a long management, technical career at Southern California Edison in Information Technology. Her retirement goal has been to work for the Presbyterian Church, both at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church and at the Presbytery of San Diego with what skills she has and to do what she can to promote the 'unity and purity' of the church Presbyterian, and the gospel, in an increasingly fragmented secular society.

Elder Gerry Tayler

Gerry Tayler 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 & Peace Concerns for Presbyterian Women Churchwide for 3 years
- Served two years in San Diego Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Vice-Moderator of Presbytery in 2009
- Moderator of the Presbytery of San Diego in 2010

Elder Pat Kellenbarger

Pat Kellenbarger, granddaughter of pioneer missionaries in Pakistan and daughter of a Presbyterian pastor, has mission blood in her veins. Pat was raised in a Presbyterian manse, went to a Presbyterian college and has been active in churches from Virginia to Hawaii and Japan teaching Sunday school, serving on committees and volunteering her time in her local community and abroad. Pat is an elder at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church and has also served the PCUSA as:

- Chair, Missions Committee- Solana Beach Presbyterian Church
- Missions Committee- Christ Presbyterian Church, La Costa
- Chair, member and director of outreach agency- Presbytery of San Diego Missions Committee

Project Coordinator- Presbytery of San Diego Young Adult Volunteer in Missions
Director- Military Parish Visitors 1994-2002
Senior Case Manager- Presbyterian Crisis Center (now PUM) 2002-2008, 2009-present
Project Coordinator- 14 Mission trips to Gleanings for the Hungry (a special project for active senior adults)

Pat was nominated by General Assembly Nominating Committee to serve on the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel and served as chair of this committee from 2008-2009 and is now national development officer for PCCMP.

Ryan Johnson

Ryan Johnson is a member of Palisades Presbyterian Church where he has attended all of his twenty-one years. Ryan became a member of Palisades in 2002 and has been ordained an Elder. He currently serves as the Chair of the Christian Education Committee at Palisades. Two nights a week he assists in leading the elementary and high-school youth groups and has chaperoned countless youth retreats as well as been a counselor at Forest Home Summer Camp six times and participated eleven times as a camper.

Ryan works two part-time jobs – one at Ace Parking and one at Sea World. In his spare time he volunteers at the Allied Gardens Little League as a coach.

The Ecclesiastical Committee presents the following proposed overtures for consideration and vote:

1. An Overture Concerning the Number of General Assembly Commissioners:

The Presbytery of San Diego overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to replace G-13.0102b with the following language: “When the General Assembly meets biennially, it shall consist of equal numbers of elders and ministers from each presbytery, in the following proportion: each presbytery consisting of not more than 15,000 members shall elect one elder and one minister. Presbyteries consisting of more than 15,000 members shall elect one additional elder and one additional minister for each additional 15,000 members, so that:

Presbyteries of 15,001 to 30,000 members shall elect 2 elders and 2 ministers;
Presbyteries of 30,001 to 45,000 members shall elect 3 elders and 3 ministers;
Presbyteries of 45,001 or more members shall elect 4 elders and 4 ministers.

Rationale: When the General Assembly voted to move from annual assemblies to biennial assemblies, one of the reasons given to make the change was to save the denomination money. However, the move to biennial assemblies was also accompanied by an increase in the number of commissioners. The extra expense in paying for these additional commissioners meant that no financial savings were ever realized. The promise of reducing expenses never materialized. In the economy in which we live, we must continually look for ways to save money. While it may be nice to have extra commissioners, we can no longer afford this unnecessary luxury. It is time to return to the original, yet never realized, promise. As the income of the church continues to decline, we must look to reduce costs in unnecessary areas, so that funds can be directed toward more necessary areas. Because we live in the worst economy since the Great Depression, it is time to return to a leaner number of commissioners.

2. An Overture Concerning the Responsibilities of the General Assembly

The Presbytery of San Diego overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to eliminate G-13.0103q, which says that the General Assembly has the responsibility and power “to decide controversies brought before it and to give advice and instruction in cases submitted to it, in conformity with the Constitution.”

Rationale: G-13.0103 lists twenty-four responsibilities of the General Assembly. One of these responsibilities, letter “q”, has become overly dominant and has expanded way beyond the intent of the Constitution. Most General Assemblies spend an inordinate amount of time on trying to decide controversies, and not enough time on its more important responsibilities, such as

Setting priorities for the work of the church in accordance with the church’s
Mission under Christ and developing overall objectives for mission.

Our General Assembly process, procedures, and responsibilities are in need of reform. More and more commissioners return from the Assembly experience frustrated, confused, and unfulfilled. The General Assembly can no longer successfully decide controversies that are brought before it. In fact, in its attempts to decide controversies, the Assembly often creates more or bigger controversies. This drives members and congregations farther away from the national church, in a time where more and closer connections are needed.

As a part of the necessary reform of the General Assembly process and procedures, it is time for the Assembly to shift its time and energy to more important matters. What congregations need now are not more and more ill-fated and unsuccessful attempts to decide controversies, but a body that will study scripture together, pray together, seek the will of God and the mind of Christ together. We need an Assembly that focuses on theology, relationships, and mission. It is time to begin shifting to a new and more fulfilling paradigm of a national assembly. One key step in this process is the elimination of G-13.0103q.

3. An Overture Regarding Amending the Book of Order

The Presbytery of San Diego overtures the 219th General Assembly (2010) to amend G-18.0301c by adding **two-thirds vote**, so the new sentence would read “Proposed amendments must be approved by a **two-thirds vote** by the General Assembly..., and to amend G-18.0301d by adding **two-thirds**, so the new sentence would read “When the Stated Clerk has received written advice that a proposed amendment to the *Book of Order* has received the affirmative votes of **two-thirds** of the presbyteries...”

Rationale: Many of the controversial issues in the denomination today are being “decided” by very close votes, which while they may gain a little more than a majority, certainly do not indicate that a consensus, or a broad section of the church is in favor. On issues where emotions run hot, moving forward with a slight majority can do more harm than good. There are some issues that unless they have the support of a larger majority of the church, will end up splitting and dividing the church.

Many presbyteries across the denomination get increasingly frustrated and irritated with a General Assembly process that allows issues to continue to be sent to the presbyteries for repeated votes by a slim majority, only to see them get voted down again and again at the local level. A simple solution to the problem is that changes to the Book of Order would not be sent to presbyteries unless the Assembly approved them with a two-thirds vote. We already require a two-thirds vote on amending the Book of Confessions. It is time we require a two-thirds vote on amending the Book of Order, as well. Instead of having a majority vote for one part of the Constitution and a two-thirds vote for another part of the Constitution, it is time to make both amendment processes equal, and require a two-thirds vote for both parts.

Pastor Jerry Andrews, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommends the following:

1. That the Rev. Brad Roth be approved by the Presbytery to serve as the Designated Pastor for Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church effective January 4, 2010, for a term of two years. The terms of call are as follows:

Salary	\$31,184
Housing	24,000
SECA Reimbursement	4,366

Full Board of Pensions participation
4 weeks vacation
2 weeks continuing education

Travel expense - \$1,500
Continuing ed - \$1,500

This business was voted by the congregation on December 13, 2009 in a meeting moderated by Elder David Buck of the Committee on Ministry.

2. Contingent on the approval of item #1, the Committee on Ministry recommends the following Administrative Commission be approved to install Rev. Roth as the Designated Pastor of Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church on February 21, 2010 at 9:30 am at the church.

Elder Gerry Tayler, Moderator (Village)
Elder Polly Purcifull (Rancho Bernardo)
Elder David Buck (Village)
Elder Tom Kubow (Mira Mesa)
Rev. Neal Nybo
Rev. Don Edic

3. The Committee on Ministry recommends to the Presbytery that they examine Mr. Juan-Daniel Espitia for ordination so that he might receive and accept the call of the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to serve as their Associate Pastor for Hispanic Ministries. The following is his *Statement of Faith*:

**Personal Statement of Faith
Juan-Daniel Espitia**

I believe in the Triune God, as attested in the Scriptures, witnessed by the prophets, apostles and uniquely revealed in the birth, ministry, teaching death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in and through the guidance and communion with the Holy Spirit. God took the initiative in the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and take us back to God self, showing God's eternal Mercy and Grace. God has been revealed to us in three distinct ways, nevertheless one God. God created us to worship and love Him for ever.

I believe in Jesus Christ as the ultimate, complete and unique revelation of God to the whole of humanity, fully human and fully God. He came to show proclaim and re-define our still distorted views and understandings of God. We humans have departed from God and as a result, we have become deceived by the kingdoms of this Earth, alienated from one another, destructive, self centered creatures who are a threat to themselves, their neighbors, families and the planet.

Nevertheless, Jesus Christ, suffered in all areas of our humanness and on the Cross took our sins, out of costly love, so that the whole human race could have a new life which starts here and continues to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who since, the beginning, has been creating, working in our hearts and minds to confirm the message of the gospel so that through Faith and Faith alone, we could become participants of the eternal salvation. Only through the continual work of the Holy Spirit humans can have, clean, transformed and empowered lives as well as communion with God and one another. Finally the Holy Spirit, calls, prepares and sends men and women to serve out of love and gratitude to a world which desperately needs to be reconciled to God and to one another.

I believe the Scriptures consist of the sixty six books as we currently know them in the Bible. The Scriptures are the ultimate, rule for teaching and practice of the Christian life. The Authority of these Scriptures is absolute, they were inspired by God and currently are used by the Holy Spirit to teach, admonish and guide all aspects of the life of the Christian church and all members.

I believe Salvation is the work of God through the personal conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit, the awakening of faith in the repented sinner and the application of God's Grace, as the only basis for justification and Salvation. Thus, salvation is completely undeserved; human's best efforts to earn it or come near God are utterly useless. Humans can never obtain Salvation on their own efforts. Their only hope is to repent and solely trust in Jesus Christ's sacrifice which is the fulfillment of God's eternal promise and plan.

I believe The Church of Christ is the ultimate manifestation of God's eternal plan of redemption. The Church is composed by all repented sinners, who have been born again into God's family. Every one of them are equipped to and challenged to put their gifts into God's hands, to exercise their priesthood in God's service. These transformed people are called individually and corporately to witness, proclaim, teach and live out the message of God's kingdom on Earth.

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, repentance is the only road we must humbly walk.

In Baptism, we obey the Lord's example and commandment, we also express and publicly witness our spiritual reality of submission to Christ in the renewal which has internally occurred by the washing of the Spirit in our lives.

I believe in the second coming of The Lord Jesus Christ to this Earth. The Church is to walk in obedience and submission until the second coming of Christ, for which we and all nature yearn and pray. This is the only true and definite solution to the cosmic rebellion of the whole of human race. Jesus Christ will return as the King of kings and Lord of Lords to join the eternal choir with His master piece, his redeemed and universal Church.

4. The Committee on Ministry recommends, contingent on the successful completion of the ordination exam, that the following terms of call be approved:

Salary	\$24,260
Housing	40,000
Full participation in the Board of Pensions	
Reimbursed Expenses	
Auto (\$3,600)	
Professional (\$1,000)	
Continuing Ed (\$1,000)	
4 weeks paid vacation	
2 weeks paid study leave	

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

5. Contingent on the successful completion of the ordination exam and the approval of the terms of call, the committee recommends to Presbytery that the following Administrative Commission be approved to ordain and install Mr. Juan-Daniel Espitia on March 14, 2010, 10:30 am at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.

Elder Gerry Tayler, Moderator (Village Rancho Santa Fe)
Elder Minoa Chang (Solana Beach)
Elder Mary Hammond (Chula Vista)
Rev. Dr. Tom Simpson
Rev. Dr. Tom Theriault

6. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery concur in their recommendation that an Administrative Commission be authorized for La Mesa Presbyterian Church. The following is the motion:

**Creation of an Administrative Commission
for La Mesa Presbyterian Church**

February 16, 2010

WHEREAS, the La Mesa Presbyterian Church is currently without any pastoral leadership and can not financially afford to pay a Pastor on a full-time basis; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the La Mesa Presbyterian Church stands at forty-four with five of those being minors; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee of the La Mesa Presbyterian Church has been unable to fill two of the five elder positions resulting in the session to be only three at this time; and

WHEREAS, the La Mesa Presbyterian Church is unable to afford to pay support staff to care for the grounds, serve in the office as well as other usual duties typical of a church; and

WHEREAS, for the last year, one elder has served on a volunteer basis as the Church Secretary, Bookkeeper, Financial Secretary, Custodian and in any other capacity needed and is unable to continue; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 session and the 2010 session have met with the Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery, the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry and the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, and have expressed their desire to be assisted in moving forward and making difficult decisions as to their future; and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery leadership involved to date, concur with the Session that conversations need to begin immediately to determine the viability of the congregation and their ability to support ministry; and

WHEREAS, the La Mesa Presbyterian Church is facing decisions about how to deal with deferred maintenance and other structural matters of both the church facility and the manse; and

WHEREAS, the La Mesa Presbyterian Church has exhausted all but approximately \$5,000 of their financial reserves and are unable to identify means of dealing with the anticipated financial demands and are running a monthly deficit of approximately \$1,850; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Presbytery of San Diego hereby creates an Administrative Commission (AC) for La Mesa Presbyterian Church with the power to assume original jurisdiction of the Session. The members of the commission will be appointed by the Moderator of the Presbytery and affirmed by a vote of the Presbytery.

1. The commission is established in accordance with *Book of Order G-9.0503a(4)*.
2. This commission will have seven members as required by the *Book of Order G- 9.0504.b.3* and shall be composed of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible.
3. The commission may assume original jurisdiction to assume the responsibilities of the Session enumerated in *Book of Order G-10.0102a through G-10.0102.s*.
4. The commission shall have the authority to appoint a Moderator of the Session, pursuant to G-10.0103.b.
5. The commission will work with the session to establish a worship schedule and pulpit supply.
6. The commission may provide leadership training.
7. The commission may request that the Committee on Ministry recommend and provide resources as necessary.
8. The commission will report quarterly/monthly to the Presbytery or Presbytery Council.
9. The commission shall conduct their work in consultation with the Moderator of Presbytery, Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Presbytery Council and Committee on Ministry with the full understanding that none of these parties has a vote with the commission.
10. The commission is empowered to dissolve the congregation and corporation.
11. Any requests for expansion of the commission's authority must be brought to the Presbytery at a future date, in accordance with the *Book of Order*.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair