

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – September 20, 2011

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at the First Presbyterian Church, Oceanside, was convened by Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham, Moderator, at 5:00 p.m. He led the presbytery in prayer. Rev. Dr. Tim Beal, host pastor, welcomed the presbytery. The Presbytery entered a time of worship led by Dr. Cunningham and included a dialogue with leaders in education.

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>ECCLESIAS TICAL DESIGNATI ON</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
1	Brawley, First	<b>J. Pazan</b>	191	<b>John Benson</b>
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	<b>D. J. Kelly</b> <b>J. Knabe</b>	101 103	Laurel Brown Bob Shuff
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	<b>R. Davis</b> M. Pena	101 107	<b>Cora Gregory</b> <b>Joan Stroh</b>
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Ann Steuer Bill McLennan
5	El Cajon, First	<b>S. W. Locke</b>	101	<b>Dick Berry</b> <b>Bob Collins</b>
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack (e) <b>K. Dawsey- Richardson</b>	101 193	<b>Tom DiFiore</b> <b>Bridget Meckley</b>
7	Escondido, Westminster	<b>J. S. Rauch</b>	101	<b>Carole Ostrander</b> <b>Denny Schepman</b>
8	La Jolla, La Jolla	<b>P. Cunningham</b> <b>J. Medcalf</b> <b>M. Sedgwick</b> <b>J. Pearson</b>	101 103 103 108	<b>Bobby Foushee</b> Bill Nichol Vicki Padula <b>Mary Kinyon</b>
9	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	<b>J. Moser</b> <b>E. Piper</b>	101 797	<b>Linda Rice A</b>
11	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze(e)	101	<b>Gerie Morin</b>
12	Oceanside, First	<b>T. Beal</b> <b>E. Wilson-Manahan</b> D. A. Walker	191 103 109	<b>Al Franco</b> <b>Diane Maple</b> <b>Paul Hefner</b>
13	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	<b>J. Baca</b> <b>J. K. Farley</b> <b>S. Mitchell</b> D. R. Caughey C. Dierenfield	101 103 105 109 109	<b>Mark Nydam</b> Lyn Lloyd Smith <b>Marilyn Buck</b>
14	San Diego, Christ United	G. W. Smith	109	Herman Collins
15	San Diego, Faith	<b>C. M. Lenocker</b> J. L. Messervé	101 797	<b>Nancy Harber</b>
16	San Diego, First	<b>J. Andrews</b> <b>M. E. Walls</b>	101 103	<b>Marilyn Carnes</b> <b>Rudy Kosits</b>

		P. R. Pulliam	109	<b>Maurice Caskey</b>
17	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	R. John Park Young Ho Yoo
18	San Diego, Linda Vista	<b>R. Roth</b> H. M. Heath, Jr.	108 109	<b>Stephen Awe</b>
19	San Diego, Mira Mesa	<b>B. Roth</b>	191	<b>Thalia Rankin</b>
20	San Diego, Northminster	<b>M. Watson</b> N. Landis	101 301	<b>Polly Nelson</b>
21	San Diego, Pacific Beach	<b>A. Deuel</b>	101	<b>Jane Kay</b>
22	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop (e) Art Mills (e)	101 404	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
23	San Diego, Point Loma Community	<b>J. Powell</b> K. Shaw	101 103	<b>Anne Fristrom</b> <b>John Pearson</b> Kristine Zortman <b>Art Michalek</b>
24	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	<b>B. Humphrey</b> <b>N. Nybo</b> R. Sparling (e) M. Wasef J P. Lee	101 103 103 103 109	<b>Bob Newton</b> <b>Jeanne Pochel</b> <b>Polly Purcifull</b> <b>Jim Dunny</b>
25	San Diego, Southeast	Vacant	101	<b>Melba Bland</b>
26	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	<b>Shang Nan Tsai</b>	101	Sam Tsai
27	San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe M. Taxer	101 109	Marcy Bergqvist <b>William Hodgkiss</b>
28	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> <b>B. E. Moller</b> <b>T. D. Theriault</b> <b>J. Kerkhoff</b> <b>J. D. Espitia</b> J. Lagerstrom P. Taylor	101 103 103 103 103 107 107	<b>Ellen Larson</b> <b>Russ Love</b> <b>Lola Jordeth</b> <b>Elizabeth Wilson</b> <b>Sarah McAfee</b>
29	Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>R. W. Yenter</b>	101	Margy Becker Greg Schwartz
30	Vista, Grace	<b>T. Straeter</b> <b>W. C. Bynagte</b>	101 797	John Earnest William Dyer
31	Westmorland, Community	E. Crews	108	<b>Charlie Pate</b>

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Executive Presbyter	<b>Clark Cowden</b>	302
* Stated Clerk	<b>Linda Therien</b>	303
Sudanese-American NCD	William Tut	
Iglesia Presbiteriana	<b>J'petul J'ernantes</b>	
Director, Presbyterian Urban Ministries	<b>Deborah "Deb" Mitchell</b>	
*Urban Youth Collaborative	<b>Nate Landis</b>	301

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

**Elder John Turner, Presbyterian Foundation**  
**Rev. Jerry Deck, Chicago Presbytery & Director of Presbyterian Global Fellowship**  
**Rev. Jim Miller, San Gabriel Presbytery**

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

**Angie McClane, Candidate, Pt. Loma Community Presbyterian Church**

MODERATOR - Paul Cunningham

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR - David Buck

* Gerry Tayler	Council Chair
* <b>Owen Wickstrand</b>	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Paul Diller	Chair, Human Resources
* <b>Frances Lin</b>	Member-at-Large of Council
<b>Steve Rybicki</b>	Director of Administration and Missions Services
<b>Heather Paton</b>	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

\* **Voting member of Presbytery**

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Elder Desaree Bland, Southeast Presbyterian Church, Clerk of Session  
Sande Rajck, First Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside  
Wilfred Bodden, First Presbyterian Church San Diego  
Hugo Carbajal, Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana  
Carolyn Benson, First Presbyterian Church of Brawley  
Willie Davis, First Presbyterian Church San Diego  
Michael McKnight, Lakeside Presbyterian Church  
Anthony Prince, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, Glendora, California

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	J. Giddens (e)	797	D. Newhouse	299
P. D. Allen	761	E. Girod	299	P. C. Paik	797
H. Allen	797	J. Hagelganz	299	D. Pierson(e)	797
R. E. Anderson	299	C. Hammond	299	<b>P. Powell</b>	797
<b>K. C. Bealo, Sr.</b>	299	R. Hayward	299	B. Reed	797
R. C. Betters	299	L. A. Henderson	299	T. R. Respass	299
D. Bidly	299	<b>W.W. Hoffmann</b>	299	E. Reynolds	645
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	C. M. Hong	299	J. Robertson	299
J. Breeding	797	R. Humphries	299	D. Rohde	797
D. R. Burnight	299	W. L. James	299	D. Satre	791
J. H. Calhoun	299	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797
J. Chambers	299	<b>K. Johnson</b>	797	D. C. Smith	299
H. Christ	309	L. S. Johnson	797	M. Smith	761
H. Cooper	797	<b>T. F. Johnson</b>	299	W. A. Soldwisch	405
M. Cross Sexton(e)	299	C. Kohlbry	171	G. Spearman	299

R. Cunningham	299	T. C. Lai	791	G. L. Stewart	299
D. R. Davis	299	C. S. Lee	791	W. A. TeSelle	299
S. W. DeLong	299	L. S. León	501	R. Trent	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	A. Y. Lin(e)	791	L. E. Vick	299
D. R. Edic	299	P. Lual	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
I. Farrell (e)	797	B. E. Lucas	797	A. J. Wartes	299
P. Fisher (e)	797	W. B. Mack	299	<b>P. Weiler</b>	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	D. H. Nason	654	S. E. Wirt	299

Attendance:

Ministers	45
Elders	44
Corresponding	3
Inquirers/Candidates	1
Visitors/Others	10
Total	103

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the proposed docket and to receive and approve the following reports:

**Report of the Stated Clerk**

1. The Stated Clerk reported that the Overture referred to the General Assembly for consideration at the 2012 assembly has been assigned as follows: *Ovt 002 – On Urging the Board of Pensions to Refrain from Amending the Benefits Plan to Extend Eligibility for Same-Gender Partners.*
2. The Stated Clerk reported the resignation of Rev. Doug Kelly as Synod Commissioner, Class of 2011.
3. The Stated Clerk reported that the offering taken at the June meeting of presbytery was \$642.00.
4. The Stated Clerk reported that Rev. Jeremiah Knabe has been enrolled as a minister member of the Presbytery of San Diego.
5. The Stated Clerk reported that Ms. Kim Dawsey-Richardson has been ordained a Teaching Elder and has been enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of San Diego. The Administrative Commission to ordain and install Ms. Dawsey-Richardson has completed their work and have been dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
6. The Stated Clerk reported that the annual report of Presbyterian Women has been received and is available for distribution on the registration desk. A copy of this report will be made a permanent record of the minutes of this meeting.
7. The Stated Clerk reported that the Administrative Commission approved for the sole purpose of examining Inquirer Lindsey Santamaria to advance from Inquirer to Candidate has completed their work. The committee voted unanimously to advance her to Candidate and have reported this to Princeton Theological Seminary where she is a third-year student.

8. The Stated Clerk reported that the Investigative Committee appointed by the Moderator of Presbytery in February 2011, has completed their work and charges have been filed. The accused has been informed. The charges have been filed with the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Presbytery.
9. 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*.

Elder Linda Therien

### **Report of the Presbytery Council**

The Presbytery Council met on August 16, 2011 and took the following actions that are being reported to presbytery:

- Set the following dates for Council meetings in 2012
  - Tuesday – January 17 – retreat/meeting – noon to 4 pm
  - Tuesday – April 24 – meeting at Presbytery office – 4 pm
  - Tuesday – August 21 – retreat/meeting – noon to 4 pm
  - Tuesday – October 16 – meeting at Presbytery office – 4 pm
- Set the following dates for Presbytery meetings in 2012
  - Tuesday – February 21 – 5 pm @ the Rancho Santa Fe Village Presbyterian Church
  - Tuesday – May 15 – 5 pm at a location to be determined
  - Saturday – September 22 – 9 am at a location to be determined
  - Saturday – November 17 – 9 am at a location to be determined
- Voted to affirm the recommendations of the Budget Property & Finance Committee that Elders Bill Tayler, Paul Diller, David Buck, Owen Wickstrand, Clark Cowden and Steve Rybicki serve as the Audit Review Committee for the 2010 Presbytery audit.
- By consensus acted to waive the condition that limits distribution of monies from the “Missional Fund” to the first quarter of the year and allow an allocation be made now. The Council then voted to authorize a budget of \$9,980.00, to be taken from the Missional Fund, for the work of the “Next Wave Administrative Commission” to be used for their work during the remainder of 2011.
- Voted to authorize a one-time expenditure from the “Missional Fund” of up to \$4,000.00 to reimburse the Committee on Ministry budget for the amount spent prior to the formation of the Next Wave Administrative Commission on travel and related expenses with churches involved in exploring transfer opportunities to San Diego Presbytery. This transaction will not be done until the Committee on Ministry files an application for reimbursement.
- Voted to defer until the spring of 2012 any further discussion and/or action regarding the La Mesa Property report.

The Council VOTED by Email on June 15, 2011 the following:

- To move the September 20, 2011 meeting of Presbytery from El Cajon First to First Oceanside
- To move the November 15, 2011 meeting of Presbytery from First Oceanside to El Cajon First.

Elder Gerry Tayler, Chair

### **Report of the Committee on Ministry**

The Committee on Ministry met on August 23, 2011, and took the following action:

- Voted to concur in the request of Rev. Dr. Marvin Williams and the session of San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church that the installation of Dr. Williams be postponed to a date not yet determined.
- Voted to approve the request of the Rev. Cornelius Berry and the Presbytery of San Francisco that he be transferred to them retroactive to June 15, 2011.
- Voted to approve a one-year extension in the temporary supply agreement between the Westmorland Presbyterian Church and Elder Elizabeth Crews, retroactive to June 30, 2011.
- Voted to concur in the recommendation of the Stated Clerk that the minimum salary/housing package for installed pastors in the presbytery be set at \$51,890.00 for the year 2012. This represents no increase over 2011. In 2011 a 2% increase was voted.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair

### **Report of the Administrative Commission for Southeast Presbyterian Church**

The Administrative Commission (AC) for Southeast Community Church (PCUSA) (SE) has continued working with the officers of that church.

#### **Findings & Actions Since Last Report —**

1. The AC continues to work with SE to put its financial affairs in order.
  - SE drew \$3,124 from the Presbytery line-of-credit for the cost to repair a retaining wall.
  - The SE session plans repayment of the line-of-credit starting in October 2011. At this time \$23,341 had been drawn against the \$30,000 available. No additional draws are anticipated.
2. Representatives from the AC and SE session continued to meet and communicate by letter with the leadership of Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ, City of Hope International at Faith Chapel (CoHI) and Holly Drive Leadership Academy (HDLA) concerning the property leased for HDLA use. Those meetings have included a meeting with representatives from the City of San Diego City Attorney's office and Neighborhood Code Compliance Department (NCCD) and a site survey by NCCD. The current status of HDLA vacating the SE property is:

- Four of seven modular structures were removed by August 16, as required by the City Attorney's office. Three structures remain to be removed as well as the underground utilities discussed below.
- The NCCD has stated all utilities serving the HDLA modular building must be removed; most are underground. HDLA has not made any progress toward meeting that requirement.
- The AC has communicated with HDLA and Faith Chapel asking for a plan to complete the necessary actions identified by the NCCD in preparation for the attorneys to meet with the City Attorney's office no later than September 30, 2011.
- CoHI, in a letter dated September 2, 2011, stated that it will cut back the underground utilities as required by the NCCD. However, the Presbytery and SE may remain responsible for relatively minor costs to restore the SE property to its original condition.
- Presbytery's counsel is working with Faith Chapel's counsel to resolve the stipulated judgment of March 14, 2008, to which Presbytery is a party. However, satisfaction of the NCCD requirements will be necessary for that resolution.

3. The current SE financial condition is not adequate for the congregation to call even a part-time pastor. This does not include consideration of the liability for the Presbytery line-of-credit mentioned above. The church budget receives a significant portion of its income from a lease to Neighborhood House, Inc. to operate a Head Start school.

4. There currently are 4 vacancies on the 7-member session. The SE congregation elected replacements for some of those positions at a meeting on September 4, with installation of the replacement ruling elders scheduled for October.

### **Recommendations —**

It is recommended that:

1. The AC continue its work on behalf of the Presbytery to resolve the HDLA lease situation, including discussions with CoHI and Faith Chapel. Presbytery's counsel will work with Faith Chapel's counsel as necessary to resolve the stipulated judgment and associated permit issues.
2. The AC continue its work with the SE session to assess the overall effectiveness of the session and the health of the congregation in order to develop plans for the next 12 months.
3. The AC continue its work with the officers and members of SE. A report on progress will be provided at the November 15, 2011, meeting of the Presbytery.

The charge as approved by the Presbytery in November 2009 and amended in November 2010 is adequate at this time for the AC to continue doing its work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elder Maurice R. Caskey  
Moderator, Administrative Commission

### **Report of the Administrative Commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana**

The Administrative Commission (AC) for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana reports that they have continued their work as an AC and expect to report at the stated meeting of Presbytery on November 15, 2011, that the congregation is prepared to charter. A motion, recommended by the AC, will be introduced for the Presbytery to approve the "Covenant Agreement" of Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel, thereby authorizing it to become a chartered church of the Presbytery of San Diego and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A complete copy of their report is available on the registration desk and will be made a permanent part of the minutes of this meeting. The report is submitted for your review and study prior to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time the members of presbytery will be asked to vote this business.

The AC finds that their charge is sufficient to conduct this business and no modifications to their charge re required. Questions about this matter can be directed to any member of the commission or the Executive Presbyter.

Pastor Martha Sexton, Administrative Commission Chair

**The following business was voted on consent:**

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

1. That Urban Youth Collaborative, a 501(c)(3) corporation, directed by the Rev. Nate Landis, a minister member of San Diego Presbytery, be voted a validated ministry of the Presbytery of San Diego.
2. That the Rev. Dr. Art Mills be honorably retired effective October 31, 2011. Dr. Mills will retire from the Presbyterian Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) effective that date.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following:

1. That the *Book of Order 2009/2011* edition continue to be recognized by the Presbytery of San Diego and that the presbytery approve continuing compliance with this polity until such time that our relevant policy manuals and by-laws can be brought into compliance with the new Form of Government (NFog).

Background: The *Book of Order (BoO)* has undergone a major revision which became operative on July 10, 2011. The result of this is that there are many revisions needed in our “Manual of Operations” and by-laws of the Presbytery of San Diego that will take time to accomplish. A few examples of things that have changed are:

Pastors/Ministers of Word & Sacrament are now Teaching Elders  
Elders serving sessions are now Ruling Elders  
Commissioned Lay Pastors are now Commissioned Ruling Elders  
Designated Pastor designations do not exist  
Parish Associate designations do not exist  
Sexual Misconduct Policies are required  
The Committee on Ministry does not exist  
The Committee on Preparation for Ministry does not exist

There is an immediate need for a comprehensive rewrite of our existing policy manuals and the Ecclesiastical Committee will address this issue but until that is completed the adoption of the previous Book of Order will guide us through this time of transition. It should be noted that this kind of motion is being presented far and wide within the denomination as many

presbyteries and congregations were found unprepared when July 10<sup>th</sup> arrived and manuals were not updated for the changes many did not anticipate.

Pastor Jerry Andrews, Chair

### **Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) met on September 13, 2011 and took the following actions:

- Voted to approve the request of Inquirer Kate Satterstrom and the New Brunswick Presbytery that her status with the CPM be transferred to New Brunswick.
- Voted as an Administrative Commission to advance Inquirer Lindsay Santamaria to Candidate.

Pastor Margaret Walls, Chair

### **Business for Presentation and Action on the Floor**

Presbytery Nominating Committee presented and Presbytery VOTED:

1. The Nominating Committee placed the following names in nomination to serve as Synod Commissioners at the 2011 Synod Assembly on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>:

Rev. Rene Roth (Linda Vista)                      Rev. Dr. Steve Locke (El Cajon 1<sup>st</sup>)  
Elder Michael Williams (Village)              Elder Cora Gregory (Chula Vista)  
Elder Elizabeth Crews (San Diego First/Westmorland)  
Rev. Michael Sedgwick (La Jolla)

Additional Information: Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker (Faith) & Elder Barry Billingsley (Solana Beach) were previously elected to the Class of 2011 and will serve the Assembly in 2011.

2. The Presbytery Nominating Committee placed in nomination the following to serve the Presbytery as Moderator and Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect in 2012:

Moderator – Elder David Buck, Rancho Santa Fe Village Presbyterian Church  
Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect – Rev. Dr. Tim Beal, First Presbyterian  
Oceanside

Note: The election of the Moderator & Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect will take place at the November 2011 meeting of the presbytery.

Pastor Steve Locke, Chair

The Presbytery adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

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

Post meeting gathering:

Following adjournment of the stated meeting, the Next Wave Administrative Commission (AC) convened a “gathering” where the issues regarding the request of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu to transfer from the Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of San Diego were discussed. The primary presenter for this “gathering” was the Rev. Dr. Jack Baca, and he explained the process to date and the projected timeline for going forward. The Presbytery engaged in a time of Q&A with Dr. Baca and members of the AC and all expressed questions seemed to be answered.

Dr. Baca advised the Presbytery that the AC has asked the Moderator of Presbytery, the Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham, to call a special meeting of the Presbytery for Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Rancho Santa Fe Village Presbyterian Church in order to act on the request of Honolulu First to transfer to San Diego Presbytery. Contingent on a positive vote on that request, the Presbytery would then be asked to act on receiving their pastors as minister members of San Diego Presbytery. Both votes are contingent on the action of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii on November 6, 2011 and by the Middle Governing Body Commission of the General Assembly in February 2010. The request will establish an effective date of the transfer for both the church as pastors as January 1, 2012.

All the specifics of the work of the Administrative Commission can be found on their web site at [www.sdpnextwave.com](http://www.sdpnextwave.com)

Members of the AC are Rev. Dr. Jack Baca (Chair), Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Rev. Bob Davis, Rev. Dr. Michael McClenahan, Elder Elizabeth Crews, Elder Bobby Foushee and Elder Frances Lin. Ex-officio are Elder Linda Therien and Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden.