

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – November 18, 2010

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at the Community Presbyterian Church, Rancho Bernardo, was convened by Elder Gerry Tayler, Moderator, at 5:00 p.m. She led the presbytery in prayer. Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey, 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	J. Pazan	191	Cheryl Foster
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	D. J. Kelly	101	Laurel Brown Bob Shuff
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis M. Pena	101 107	Cora Gregory Joan Stroh
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Ann Steuer Bill McLennon
5	El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke	101	Judy Farrar Dick Berry
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack Vacant L E. Raines	101 103 109	Patsy Battenfield Bob Battenfield
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch	101	Carole Ostrander Jake Stellmach
8	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham J. Medcalf M. Sedgwick G. Spearman	101 103 103 797	Bobby Foushee Bill Nichol Vicki Padula Mary Kinyon
9	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	J. Moser E. Piper	101 797	Jane Camerer Linda Rico (A)
11	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze	101	Gerri Morin Michael McKnight (A)
12	Oceanside, First	T. Beal E. Wilson D. A. Walker	191 103 109	Jackie Russell Dale Habermann Kay Nelson
13	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca J. K. Farley € S. Mitchell D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 105 109 109	David Buck Bill Tayler Mike Williams(e)
14	San Diego, Christ United	E. Girod G. W. Smith	108 109	Herman Collins
15	San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker J. L. Messervé	101 797	Nancy Harber Stu Elder
16	San Diego, First	J. Andrews M. E. Walls P. R. Pulliam	101 103 109	Marilyn Carnes (e) Rudy Kosits Maurice Caskey
17	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
18	San Diego, Linda Vista	H. M. Heath, Jr.	109	Stephen Awe

19	San Diego, Mira Mesa	B. Roth	191	Thalia Rankin
20	San Diego, Northminster	M. Watson (e) N. Landis	101 301	Polly Nelson
21	San Diego, Pacific Beach	A. Deuel	101	Jane Kay
22	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop Art Mills	101 404	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
23	San Diego, Point Loma Community	J. Powell K. Shaw	101 103	Bob Moore Anne Fristrom John Pearson Kristine Zortman
24	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. Humphrey N. Nybo R. Sparling M. Wasef J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 109	Lois Sheldon Jeanne Pochel Polly Purcifull Bob Newton Cec Chafin(e)
25	San Diego, Southeast	Vacant	101	Melba Bland
26	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Sam Tsai
27	San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe M. Taxer	101 109	Marcy Bergqvist William Hodgkiss
28	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan B. E. Moller T. D. Theriault J. Kerkhoff J. D. Espitia J. Lagerstrom P. Taylor	101 103 103 103 103 107 107	Ellen Larson Russ Love Ellen O'Connor (A) Brenda Thompson Gail Steel Drew Hutton Elizabeth Wilson (A)
29	Spring Valley, Trinity	R. W. Yenter	101	Margy Becker Greg Schwartz
30	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 797	John Earnest William Dyer Hank Morris
31	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 (e)	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	P. Lual	301
Iglesia Presbiteriana	J'petul J'ernantes	305
Director, Presbyterian Urban Ministries	Roger Christiansen	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Wilson Gunn, Executive Presbytery, National Capital Presbytery
Rev. Jake Kim, Western Reserve Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Rene Roth, Candidate
Jeff Pearson, Candidate (under care of Los Ranchos)
Bev Franco, Candidate
Dee Crimmel, Candidate
Linda Rice, Candidate

MODERATOR - Gerry Tayler

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT - Paul Cunningham

* Owen Wickstrand	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Paul Diller	Chair, Human Resources
* Barry Billingsley	Member-at-Large of Council
Steve Rybicki	Director of Administration and Missions Services
Heather Paton	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

- Voting member of Presbytery

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Hugo Carbajal, Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana
Manuel Barrientos, Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana
John Turner, Presbyterian Foundation
Em Cummins, Pt Loma Community Presbyterian
Jack Shelver, Faith Presbyterian & Fallbrook Administrative Commission
Patricia Berry, Southeast Community Presbyterian Church
Patty Cowan, Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church
Rev. Rachel Anderson, General Assenbly staff/Pueblos Hermanos
Jackie Pearson, Laguna Presbyterian Church, Los Ranchos Presbytery
Debbie Pearson, Los Ranchos Presbytery
Dep Tuany, Sudanese American Presbyterian Church
Laminot Muany, Sudanese American Presbyterian Church
John L. Makuach, Sudanese American Presbyterian Church
John PelPel, Sudanese American Presbyterian Church

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	J. Giddens	797	D. Newhouse	299
P. D. Allen	761	R. P. Goodhart	299	P. C. Paik	797
H. Allen	797	J. Hagelanz	299	D. Pierson	797
R. E. Anderson	299	C. Hammond	299	P. Powell(e)	797
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	R. Hayward	299	B. Reed	797
C. Berry	797	L. A. Henderson	299	T. R. Respass	299
R. C. Betters	299	W.W. Hoffmann	299	E. Reynolds	645
D. Bidly	299	C. M. Hong	299	J. Robertson	299
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	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	K. Johnson	797	B. S. Smith	299
H. Christ	309	L. S. Johnson	797	D. C. Smith	299
H. Cooper	797	T. F. Johnson	299	M. Smith	761
M. Cross Sexton	299	C. Kohlbry	171	W. A. Soldwisch	405
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	797	L. E. Vick	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	A. Y. Lin	791	H. S. Vigeveno	299
D. R. Edie	299	B. E. Lucas	797	A. J. Wartes	299
I. Farrell	797	W. B. Mack	299	P. Weiler	299
P. Fisher	797	C. M. Mershon	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
V. Ford	299	R. L. Miller	299	R. T. Williams	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	D. H. Nason	654	S. E. Wirt	299
R. Garton	299				

Attendance:

Ministers	42
Elders	52
Corresponding	2
Inquirers/Candidates	5
Visitors/Others	16
Total	117

The Moderator introduced Pastor Bob Davis, Stated Clerk Pro Tem

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 offering taken at the Presbytery Worship service on September 21, 2010, was \$795.00 and was designated to Urban Youth Collaborative.
2. The Stated Clerk reported that the 2009 Roll, Registers and Minutes of the presbytery of San Diego were submitted to the Governing Body Relations Committee of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii for their annual review. Although the Synod recognized the minutes were very thorough and orderly, they cited one error and one omission. The error was the failure of the presbytery to record a review of all committee minutes and the exception was that the Presbytery did not have a report from the Committee on Representation.
3. The Stated Clerk reported the death of the Rev. Benjamin Cooper Fairchild on October 19, 2010, in La Jolla, California. Rev. Fairchild served twenty years as a Chaplain in the United States Navy and after retiring from the Navy served churches in Kennewick, Washington; Dapaau, Hawaii; and Mililani, Hawaii. In retirement he served nine years as the Chaplain of the White Sands in La Jolla. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jaye, two daughters and two granddaughters. A memorial service was held for Rev. Fairchild on Saturday, October 30th at the White Sands.
4. The Stated Clerk reported the death of the Rev. Arthur Fay Sueltz on October 21, 2010 in Northern California. Rev. Sueltz served as a minister for fifty years, leading congregations in Hanford, California; Lakewood, California; and Point Loma. Art is survived by his wife of sixty years, Mille and three children. A memorial for Rev. Sueltz will be held on Saturday, November 6th at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.
5. The Stated Clerk reported the enrollment of the Rev. Karla K. Shaw as a minister member of the Presbytery is complete. The Administrative Commission to ordain and install Rev. Shaw has been dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
6. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of the Rev. Rachel Brown to the Presbytery of Baltimore is complete.
7. The Stated Clerk reported that the annual audit conducted by Leaf & Cole is in the final stages of completion. A letter from Leaf & Cole dated September 14, 2010, states "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Presbytery of San Diego as of December 31, 2009, 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." There were however recommendations for improvement in cash reconciliation, investment activity and review of accounting transactions. These concerns are noted by the Budget Property and Finance Committee. Copies of the audit and any supporting documents are available from the Presbytery Office.

8. The Stated Clerk reported that the Director of Finance & Administrative Services of the Presbytery has confirmed for the Stated Clerk's office that the Presbytery carries adequate Property & Liability Insurance with Church Mutual. The policy period is June 1 through May 31 each year.
9. The Stated Clerk reported for the record, that the Permanent Judicial Commission members whose terms ended in the past six years are listed in accordance with *Book of Order* D-5.0102 and D-5.0206b:
 - Class of 2005 – Rev. Glen Spearman and Rev. Harvey Throop
 - Class of 2007 – Rev. Robert Davis, Elder Nancy Harber and Elder Fred Jacobs
 - Class of 2009 – Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey and Elder Jeanne Pochel
10. The Stated Clerk reported that the Presbytery has not voted any changes to the Manual of Operations, Part I during 2010 and it remains the same as approved in 2009. A copy of this manual is included in the official minutes of Presbytery in November 2009.
11. The Stated Clerk acknowledged that pursuant to the Presbytery *Manual of Operations, Part I*, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery of San Diego in 2011:
 - President – Council Moderator – Elder Gerry Tayler
 - Vice-President – Council Vice-Moderator – to be named by the President in 2011
 - Secretary – Stated Clerk of Presbytery – Elder Linda Therien
 - Treasurer – Chair of Budget, Property & Finance – Elder Owen Wickstrand

This structure defines who will manage the corporate affairs of the Presbytery in 2011.

12. The Stated Clerk acknowledged the presbytery's responsibility to the encouragement, guidance and resourcing of its member churches (G-11.0103f) and during 2010 has done the following:
 - Sponsored a presbytery-wide "Leadership Training Event" in February 2010
 - Sponsored a visit with the Moderator of the General Assembly for all pastor and elders
 - Sponsored a "Pastor's Sabbath" in May 2010
 - Sponsored an event led by Rev. Dr. Tod Bolsinger – "Canoeing the Mountains – Adaptive Leadership in Unchartered Territory"
13. Stated Clerk reported the resignation of Rev. Juan Daniel Espitia from the Task Force approved by the presbytery at their meeting on June 19, 2010, and the appointment by the Council Moderator of Rev. Brad Roth of the Missions & Evangelism committees to serve as his replacement. The Task Force is formulating recommendations to the Presbytery regarding certain funds, received and to be received, by the presbytery.
14. 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

Administrative Commission (AC) – Fallbrook Presbyterian Church

Jack Shelver reported that the escrow for the Fallbrook Church has closed and a payment from escrow in the amount of \$299,822 has been received. The AC will be thanked and dismissed in 2011.

Elder Jack Shelver

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Presbytery Council met on October 19, 2010, and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve the loan modification requested by San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church. This modification means a rate reduction on their loan from 5.25% to 5.0%.
2. Voted to instruct the Budget Property & Finance Committee and Human Resources Committee that no salary adjustments for presbytery staff were to be given in 2011 due to the struggling economy.
3. Voted to grant the request of the Session and Administrative Commission for Southeast Presbyterian Church that an additional \$20,000 be made available to the church to correct financial deficiencies that need to be addressed immediately. For example, delinquent amounts are owed to tax agencies and the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. This brings the total loan to \$30,000 which is due to be repaid by October 1, 2011.
4. Voted to authorize the request of the Stated Clerk that she be excused from the November 16, 2010 meeting of Presbytery and that she be allowed to designate a Clerk Pro Tem for this meeting. The Clerk indicated she would appoint the Rev. Bob Davis to serve in this capacity.
5. Voted to change the start time of the November presbytery meeting to 4:00 pm from 5:00 pm due to the large volume of business anticipated.
6. Voted to elect Rev. Ian Farrell to serve as a Synod Commissioner to the 2010 Synod assembly.
7. Voted to elect Elder Barry Billingsley (Solana Beach Presbyterian Church) to be a member of the Administrative Commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana.
8. Voted to correct the March 2, 2010 Council minutes to reflect that Elder Paul Diller abstained from the vote on the Presbytery lease with Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.
9. Voted to release \$5,000 from the Imperial Valley Fund for money to support a new church development project out of the Westmorland Presbyterian Church.
10. Voted to approve the request of the Presbytery Missions Committee and Presbytery Evangelism Committee that they be merged into one committee of nine members. The nine members will be divided into three classes. This new committee and its membership have been referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate the classes.
11. Voted to authorize the Executive Committee of the Council to approve the minutes of this meeting prior to the end of 2010.
12. Voted to suspend Standing Rule in Chapter XVI, IV.3. (a)(b)(c) to allow the Administrative Commission for the La Mesa Presbyterian Church, through their counsel, to permanently close the La Mesa Corporation. **Background information:** The Standing Rule waived says that when there is a dissolution of a church by the presbytery that the corporation shall be kept in existence. Counsel to the Administrative Commission advised that reasons to maintain the corporation is if memorial funds remain, legacies are pending, pending claims and/or lawsuits are unsettled etc. There are no remaining memorial funds and we know of no future bequests. There are no legal matters pending. Should a bequest be made in the future, the Presbytery is the successor and would likely be the beneficiary depending on how the will/trust of the party is written.

In Email VOTING by the Council they took the following action:

1. Voted to approve a sixty-month lease for a Xerox #7346 at \$681.90 per month with MWB Business Systems.
2. Voted to accept the invitation of the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church to host the April 2011 meeting of Presbytery. This meeting is Saturday, April 16, 2011.
3. Voted to accept the invitation of the Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church to host the June 2011 meeting of Presbytery. This meeting is Tuesday, June 21, 2011.

Pastor Chris Lenocker, Council Moderator

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

1. The Annual Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry is as follows:

Inquirers enrolled:	Lindsey Santamaria (Village) & Laura Agee (Solana Beach)
Advanced to Candidate:	Daniel So (Korean), Jeya So (Korean), Deborah Mitchell (San Diego Westminster), Angela McClane (Pt. Loma Community) Laura Jones (Christ La Costa)
Final Assessments:	Taeler Morgan (Escondido Westminster), Penny Parsons Hogan (La Jolla), Bev Franco (Oceanside) & Siv Ricketts (Solana Beach)
Annual Consultations:	Sharon Ramirez (Chula Vista) Andrew Sagar (Solana Beach) Megan Puckett (Rancho Bernardo) Deborah Mitchell (San Diego Westminster) Katie Pazan (Village) Nancy Corran (Solana Beach)
Transferred	Rus Kosits (Pacific Beach) to Redwoods Presbytery
Withdrawn	Sharon Ramirez (Chula Vista) Nancy Corran (Solana Beach)

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met on November 9, 2010, and took the following actions:

1. Voted to concur in the request of Inquirer Stew Montgomery of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, that he be withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process effective forthwith.
2. Voted to concur in the request of Aaron Smith of Faith Presbyterian Church, that he be withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process effective forthwith.
3. Voted to instruct the Stated Clerk to communicate a decision to Cara Rae Miller of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, that she has been withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process retroactive to January 12, 2010.

Pastor Margaret Walls, Chair

Report of the Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry met on September 28, 2010, and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve the request of the Rev. Rachel Brown and Baltimore Presbytery that she be transferred to them retroactive to June 17, 2010. Rev. Brown is serving as a hospital chaplain at St. Agnes Hospital in Catonsville, Maryland.

2. Voted to approve the request of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church and Rev. Jake Medcalf, that his designated term be extended until September 21, 2011, contingent on congregational approval.
3. Voted to concur in the request of John Knox Presbytery and Rev. Choon Man Hong that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of San Diego Presbytery, retroactive to May 18, 2010, in order that he be able to serve as the Interim Pastor of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Madison, Wisconsin.
4. Voted to affirm Rev. Phil Weiler to serve as our representative to the ARMSS program and ask that he submit an annual report to the committee of his activities with ARMSS.

The Committee on Ministry met on October 26, 2010, and took the following actions:

1. Voted to approve the request of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Webster and the Presbytery of New York, that he be transferred to them, retroactive to September 25, 2010, in order that he may receive and accept the call to serve as the part-time Pastor and Head of Staff of Central Manhattan Presbyterian Church.
2. Voted to approve the request of the Rev. John Chambers that he be given permission to labor outside the bounds of San Diego Presbytery in order to serve as the Interim Pastor at Utqiavik Presbyterian Church of the Yukon Presbytery, effective November 16, 2010, for ten months.
3. Voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Harry Cooper and the Southeast Presbyterian church retroactive to July 1, 2010. All financial obligations to the pastor were met by the church on October 31, 2010.
4. Voted to concur in the request of the Westmorland Presbyterian Church that Elder Elizabeth Crews be approved to serve as their full-time temporary supply pastor and to increase her compensation accordingly. New terms are:

Salary	\$35,880
Manse allowance	9,900
Utilities allowance	3,014
Total compensation	\$48,794

Report of the Synod Assembly

A Synod Assembly Report – October 29-30, 2010

There were very few action items to vote on at the Synod Assembly meeting. The Assembly mostly received information reports. Here is some of what took place:

The 2011 budget was approved.

The stimulus money to the presbyteries for 2011 was approved, with the synod withholding any unpaid per capita for 2010. If your church has not paid its per capita for this year, doing so, would help us receive more of this stimulus money.

The Synod Executive/Clerk search committee reported that they will be interviewing candidates in mid-November. A special Synod Assembly meeting may need to be called before the end of the year to vote on a possible candidate.

Workshops were offered on the Middle Governing Body commission and the proposed new Form of Government.

The Assembly approved changing synod commissioner terms from two two-year terms to three one-year terms. A series of recommendations from the Hanmi Administrative Commission were approved, while one was tabled for the time being.

The synod recognized the retirement of stated clerk and acting executive Margy Wentz which will take affect December 31, 2010. Words of thanks and appreciation were expressed by some of the commissioners.

Report of the Evangelism/Missions Committees

The Evangelism committee and Missions committee met on November 9, 2010, and voted to appoint Jerry Harris as the presbytery's mission advocate. Jerry is an elder at the Village Church, Rancho Santa Fe. Jerry will be available to talk to congregations about what is going on with missions within our presbytery and across our denomination. He will be a resource to help your church find out about missions you are interested in, and share stories of what Christ is doing in mission in many different places.

Pastor Scott Mitchell, Chair, Evangelism Committee
Pastor Jake Medcalf, Chair, Missions Committee

Report of the Administrative Commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana

An Administrative Commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana was authorized by the Presbytery in June 2008. The Commission was re-constituted in April 2010 with the following members: Ministers Don Edic, Ronn Garton, and Martha Cross Sexton; Elders Virginia Gengor, Marti Lipovsky, Bob Matthews, and Christy Zatkan. After Virginia Gengor broke her hip, Elder Barry Billingsley was added to the Commission.

The Commission has met regularly with the provisional officers of Iglesia. It soon became clear that the officers are deeply committed to making the church an effective center for ministry in its community. They are people of deep faith who are eager to grow spiritually and to facilitate the spiritual growth of others.

The Commission has encouraged the provisional officers to prepare themselves and their congregation for chartering as a church of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the following actions:

1. Develop a budget and a stewardship program for the congregation.
2. Provisional officers participate in study of the Book of Order and the Book of Confessions.
3. Provide Christian education to adults and youth in the congregation on church doctrine and practice.

Good progress is being made on all fronts.

1. A budget committee has been established, a realistic budget has been proposed, financial gifts to the church have been reviewed, and regular giving is being encouraged.
2. All officers and many other members of the community have attended training on the Book of Order and Book of Confessions led by Pastor Juan Daniel Espitia.
3. All officers and many members of the community, including youth and young adults, have attended classes led by lay pastor J'petul J'ernantes.
4. All officers and many other members of the community attended a weekend spiritual retreat sponsored jointly by Iglesia with the Spanish-speaking fellowships of Solana Beach Church and Chula Vista Church.

In addition, the provisional officers are finding many creative ways to engage children, youth and young adults in learning and practicing their faith, including through service and leadership.

The Administrative Commission encourages the participation of all churches of the Presbytery with Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana. A helpful way to do this is to send an ordained minister and elder to assist with communion on the first Sunday of each month. Representatives of Faith Church have already done this and representatives of Lakeside Church are scheduled in December. Please contact lay pastor J'petul J'ernantes (Pedro) if your church might be able to do this in 2011. His email is jjmayanmd1@yahoo.com. (You do not need to speak Spanish as the service is translated.)

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Martha Cross Sexton, Chair

Consent Agenda

The following business was voted on consent:

The Stated Clerk recommended and Presbytery VOTED:

1. That the minutes of the Presbytery meeting on September 21, 2010, be approved.
2. That the Presbytery confirm the appointment of Elder Carole Ostrander to serve as the Presbytery Minute Clerk in 2011.

Elder Linda Therien

The Nominating Committee of Presbytery recommended:

1. That the following be elected to serve committees of presbytery:

Budget Property & Finance	Elder Bill Tayler, Class of 2011 (Village) Elder Bev Franco, Class of 2013 (Oceanside) Elder John Pearson, Class of 2013 (Pt. Loma Community) Elder Tom Wickstrom, Class of 2013 (Northminster)
Ecclesiastical	Elder Ruth Sweet, Class of 2013 (Palisades) Rev. Tom Straeter, Class of 2013 (Vista)
Missions/Evangelism	Rev. Ray Sparling, Class of 2011 (Rancho Bernardo) Rev. Tom Theriault, Class of 2011 (Solana Beach) Rev. Josh Kerkhoff, Class of 2012 (Solana Beach) Rev. Jake Medcalf, Class of 2012 (La Jolla) Rev. Brad Roth, Class of 2013 (Mira Mesa) Elder Carole Ostrander, Class of 2013 (Escondido) Elder Hugo Carbajal, Class of 2012 (Iglesia) Rev. Juan Daniel Espitia, Class of 2013 (Solana Beach) Elder Elizabeth Crws, Class of 2011 (San Diego 1 st /Westmorland)
Human Resources	Rev. Neal Nybo, Class of 2013 (Rancho Bernardo) Rev. Doug Kelly, Class of 2013 (La Costa)
Committee on Ministry	Rev. Will Bynagte, Class of 2012 (Vista) Rev. Bob Davis, Class of 2013 (Chula Vista) Elder Jeanne Pochel, Class of 2013 (Rancho Bernardo) Elder Jack Shelver, Class of 2013 (Faith) Rev. Barry Moller, Class of 2013 (Solana Beach) Elder Delores McNeely, Class of 2013 (Christ San Diego)
Committee on Preparation	Elder Mary Kinyon, Class of 2011 (La Jolla) Rev. Kevin Womack, Class of 2012 (Fletcher Hills) Rev. Kevin Johnson, Class of 2013 (Military Chaplain) Rev. Margaret Walls, Class of 2013 (San Diego First) Rev. Dr. David McElrath, Class of 2013 (Graham) Elder Barry Billingsley, Class of 2013 (Solana Beach)

The Presbytery Council recommended the following:

1. That Presbytery elect the following to serve the Presbytery Nominating Committee:

Class of 2012	Elder Jeanne Pochel (Rancho Bernardo)
Class of 2013	Rev. Dr. Jack Baca (Village)
	Elder Elizabeth Crews (San Diego First/Westmorland)
	Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker (Faith)

Pastor Chris Lenocker, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following:

1. That the by laws of the Westminster Presbyterian Church be approved. A complete copy of this document can be found attached to these minutes. (pages 25-53)
2. That the annual review of session records be approved. The following is the report:

Brawley First	1 exception
Carlsbad, Christ La Costa	1 exception
<i>Chula Vista</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Coronado, Graham Memorial</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>El Cajon First</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Fletcher Hills</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Escondido, Westminster</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
La Jolla	1 exception
La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	6 exceptions
<i>Lakeside Community</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
La Mesa	2 exceptions
Oceanside First	4 exceptions
Rancho Santa Fe	0 exceptions
<i>San Diego</i>	
<i>Christ United</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Faith</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>First</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
Linda Vista	1 exception
<i>Mira Mesa</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
Northminster	1 exception
<i>Pacific Beach</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Palisades</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Point Loma Community</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Rancho Bernardo</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
Southeast	33 exceptions
<i>Westminster</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>
Taiwanese	8 exceptions
Solana Beach	1 exception
Spring Valley, Trinity	2 exceptions
Vista	<i>0 exceptions</i>
<i>Westmorland Community</i>	<i>0 exceptions</i>

Pastor Jerry Andrews, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommended the following:

1. That the following Administrative Commission be approved to ordain Candidate Taeler Morgan on Sunday, November 21, 2010, at Escondido Westminster Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm. This vote is contingent on Olympia Presbytery examining her for ordination on November 18, 2010, and her successful completion of the exam. Additional information: Ms. Morgan is certified ready to receive a call by the Presbytery of San Diego and she has now received a call to the University Place Presbyterian Church in University Place, Washington, which is a member church of the Olympia Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Moderator

Rev. Jim Rauch

Rev. Bob Davis

Rev. Dr. Pamela Powell

Rev. Dr. John Powell

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Elder Angela McClane (Pt. Loma Community)

Elder Cori Geving (Escondido Westminster)

As corresponding: Rev. Patrick Wisely (Olympia Presbytery)

Elder Valerie Zeeck (Olympia Presbytery)

Rev. Glen Scorgie (Presbyterian Church of Canada & Bethel Seminary)

2. That the Rev. Peter Lual be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective January 1, 2011.
3. That the Rev. Glen Spearman be granted the status of Honorably Retired retroactive to August 11, 2010.
4. That the 2011 salary minimum for called and installed pastors be \$51,890, which represents a 2% increase.
5. That the 2010 Salary Review of Pastors be approved. A copy is attached to these minutes.(Addendum I)
6. That the "Standards of Ethical Conduct" first adopted by the General Assembly in 1998 and reaffirmed by the Presbytery of San Diego in 2005, be reaffirmed. Additional information: The complete document can be found on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website, on the Presbytery web site under the "Resources" tab or from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery. All Clerks of Session have been sent a copy of this document.
7. That contingent on the successful completion of her ordination exam, that the following Administrative Commission be approved to ordain Rene Roth on Sunday November 28, 2010, at 3:00 pm at the Linda Vista Presbyterian Church.

Elder Gerry Tayler, Moderator (Rancho Santa Fe)

Elder Polly Purcifull (Rancho Bernardo)

Elder Laurel Brown (Christ La Costa)

Elder Cheryl Wright (Christ La Costa)

Elder Tom Hurn (Rancho Bernardo)

Rev. Doug Kelly

Rev. John Moser

As corresponding: Rev. David Turner (Presbytery of Grand Canyon)

Business voted on the floor

The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommended and Presbytery VOTED:

1. That Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham as Moderator and Elder David Buck as Vice-Moderator be elected to serve the Presbytery in 2011. The following is a brief bio on David Buck:

My first memory of my Christian past was participating in an all boys choir (now politically incorrect) called the Crusaders (now also not PC) at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Iowa. My friends and I were dismissed from that endeavor when our voices changed. The only Sunday School memory I have involved my middle school aged friends and me participating in our boys only (not PC) class misbehaving before our class and our teacher slammed his giant brick-laying hand down on the table and said "G#% D*\$%^T we're here to learn about Jesus Christ."

High School youth groups and Y-Teens young men's group (not PC) were important and carried me through my sophomore year at Iowa State University after which I became "too smart" to take my religion all that seriously.

Marilyn, my wife of 37 years, and I had one of those life-changing moments on Christmas Eve 1992 we joined 15 other Encinitas residents to feed the homeless in our community. After organizers drove around for several hours they managed to find three persons so most of us were no longer needed. We found the nearest Presbyterian Church and for the first time in our married life attended the Christmas Eve service. We have rarely missed a weekly worship since that time.

I learned the time and treasure parts of stewardship while attending Solana Beach Presbyterian Church and added the talent part when we moved our membership to Village Community Presbyterian Church in 1998. After a 30 year career in financial management I consulted for eight years with a variety of companies in a half dozen industries. Because I could manage my own commitments I was able to make time for service at Village Church. I am finishing my second three year term on Session. Web site design and content, monthly publications, then stewardship and addition of contemporary worship along with Sunday School for 6th graders (probably the most challenging) were the most significant efforts.

Communications was my first contact with Presbytery and I rebuilt and maintained the web site. I worked on the Property part of the Way Forward Work Group which "credentialed" me for the Fallbrook Administrative Commission. I completed my second of a two year term as Elder Commissioner to Synod Assembly this October. I am currently finishing my second year on Committee on Ministry and intend to serve the third year.

2. That the following be elected to serve as the Chair of their respective committees or as a member at large to the Presbytery Council in 2011:

Elder Frances Lin, At-large, Class of 2012 (Rancho Bernardo)
Rev. Markus Watson, At-large, Class of 2012 (Northminster)
Pastor Jerry Andrews, Ecclesiastical (San Diego First)
Pastor Jake Medcalf, Missions/Evangelism (La Jolla)
Elder Paul Diller, Human Resources (Point Loma Community)
Pastor Randy Yenter, Committee on Ministry (Trinity)
Pastor Margaret Walls, Committee on Preparation for Ministry (San Diego First)

3. That Standing Rule in Chapter IV,III.B.1 be waived to allow Elder Owen Wickstrand to be elected to serve a third year as the Chair of the Budget Property & Finance Committee.

Pastor Harvey Throop, Chair

The Presbytery Council recommended to Presbytery:

1. That Rev. Dr. Steve Locke be elected to serve as the Chair of the Presbytery Nominating Committee in 2011.
2. That the Presbytery concur in the request of the Administrative Commission for La Mesa Presbyterian Church that they be dissolved as a commission effective December 31, 2010, and further that their final report be filed with the Presbytery at the February 2011 meeting of the Presbytery. This action will allow for the remaining pieces of business to be finalized and the corporation closed as soon as possible.

Members of the commission to be recognized for their service to the commission are:

Rev. Dr. Steve Locke (Chair)
Rev. Harvey Throop
Rev. Ian Farrell
Elder Nancy Harber (Faith)
Elder Larry Rega (Lakeside)
Elder Don Griffith (Point Loma Community)
Elder Joan Stroh (Chula Vista)

Pastor Chris Lenocker, Chair

Pastor Chris Lenocker was recognized for his service as Chair of Council, Vice-Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of Presbytery. He was presented a gift of appreciation from the Presbytery.

The Administrative Commission for Southeast Presbyterian Church recommended:

1. That the Presbytery charge to the Administrative Commission for the Southeast Community Church (PCUSA), voted at its meeting on November 17, 2009, is expanded to include item "t" of paragraph 2 as follows:
 - t. to take actions for a non-monetary transaction regarding a lot-line adjustment for the real property located at 210 South Euclid Avenue, San Diego.

The following is their full report:

The Administrative Commission (AC) for Southeast Community Church (PCUSA) (SE) has continued working with the officers of that church regarding problem areas identified in the Presbytery's charge of November 17, 2009, and reported to the Presbytery at its last meeting.

Findings —

1. The congregation continues in its desire to be a viable church within the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.). However, the financial condition is questionable.
2. Services are being conducted each Sunday by pulpit supply ministers. The AC is assisting the SE session in scheduling supplies.
3. The SE congregation held a second "town hall" meeting on October 24. The members of the congregation remain informed of the problems and challenges facing SE at this time. The SE members that were present again displayed a sense of determination to return the church to being a vital part of the community.
4. SE line of credit from the Presbytery is being used to pay past due taxes and Board of Pension payments as well as make essential roof repairs.

5. The SE California corporation status was restored on October 27, 2010.
6. Three leases currently are in effect at SE.
 - a. A lease with Neighborhood House Association, for the Euclid Head Start Program school, which is operating normally.
 - b. A lease with Faith Chapel Church of God in Christ, for the Holly Drive Leadership Academy charter school (HDLA), which continues to be a complex situation. An offer was received from Faith Chapel to purchase a portion of the SE property for the use of HDLA.
 - c. A lease with Fuente De Salvation, which will be terminated by the end of 2010, by mutual agreement of that organization and SE.

Actions —

1. The Presbytery Council increased the line of credit to \$30,000, which is due on October 1, 2011.
2. The AC continues work with the Presbytery Budget, Property and Finance Committee to resolve certain matters related to the HDLA lease, including the stipulated judgment against the Presbytery.
3. The AC continues to work with the church to put its financial affairs in order.
4. The Council was advised of the Faith Chapel offer to purchase property. The Council declined the offer (neither the AC nor the SE session was in favor of accepting the offer).

Recommendations —

1. The Presbytery continue its financial support of SE until the fiscal crisis resulting from non-payment of taxes is resolved.
2. The AC continue the work begun with the officers and members of SE. A report on progress will be provided at the February 15, 2011, meeting of the Presbytery.
3. Revise the charge as approved by the Presbytery to include non-monetary transactions of real property related to the SE lot.

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

Executive Presbyter's Report — Pastor Clark Cowden

Clark spoke to the Presbytery about the challenges (3 congregational pastors resigned without new pastor replacements), 3 AC's, 1 church closed in 2010. Joys – resurrection of a closed church, military outreach ministry, Trinity Life opened 2nd site at the closed church with growth from 40 to 150 people in worship at that location, and new leaders raised up by God and ordained in 2010. Workshops in missional preaching and leadership in adaptive change were offered to the presbytery. Leadership workshop will be held in January at Rancho Bernardo, with a follow-up day in February with Ken Blanchard teaching what it would be to lead like Jesus. The second item of emphasis in 2011 will be missional congregational development, focusing on key issues affecting congregations. The third area of development will be to plant new churches and missional development. The fourth area is the area of spiritual development and stewardship.

The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommended, with concurrence from the Presbytery Council the Presbytery VOTED:

1. That the 2011 budget as proposed be approved. The following is a narrative in support of the recommendation. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes. (Addendum II)

2011 Proposed Budget
Budget Narrative

The total proposed budget for 2011 will be \$437,221, a reduction of \$50,014 from 2010 levels. This is due primarily to a reduction of non recurring legal fees and membership losses. To date we are 10% (\$33,703) under our income projections, but we are also 4% (\$11,332) under on expenses. We believe this pattern will continue through the end of the year. While we encourage churches to do their best to meet their per capita and mission goals, we believe we will end the year with a small reserve.

During these difficult economic times, we are not asking for an increase in the Presbytery's portion of per capita. However, General Assembly has increased their per capita forty-six cents. Therefore, per capita for 2011 will be \$30.46. The breakdown will be \$21.36 for the Presbytery, \$2.60 for Synod, and \$6.50 for General Assembly. A summary of the proposed changes for the 2011 budget are as follows:

1. Salaries and Benefits will remain the same as no cost of living increases or merit increases are recommended by the Presbytery Council.
2. Since 2011 is not a General Assembly year, the budget has been reduced \$5000 in the Stated Clerks line item.
3. Because Council has asked for all cash reporting for 2011, the depreciation expenses (\$35,000) have been removed from the Administration budget. Depreciation will be a year end adjustment to Presbytery assets.
4. Other committee expenses have been held to 2010 levels.

We are keeping an Income Reserve in the budget. This is money that we believe may be needed for ongoing legal expenses. We are hoping that we will not need this whole amount, but we know we will need something. We want to be prudent and plan with foresight, so that we don't lapse into a deficit. In terms of the budgeted amounts for the specific missions of the Presbytery:

1. Iglesia's budget remains at \$72,000. This reflects their effort to maintain their ministry at current levels with a small growth projection.
2. Presbyterian Urban Ministry (PUM) budget increases from \$200,000 to \$230,000. This increase is to provide services to ever increasing case loads. In 2008, PUM saw 8,000 clients, whereas in 2010 over 11,000 clients have been helped. This increase will be covered through their reserve account and their ongoing fundraising efforts.
3. The Mount Laguna Retreat Center budget is reduced again this year to \$1,600. This will cover all anticipated income and expenses.
4. The expenses of the Sudanese/Orange Ave. property and ministries are decreasing due to salary savings with Pastor Peter Lual retiring.
5. Trinity Life Church's budget reflects operating on two campuses, Chula Vista and La Mesa. Grant income and congregation tithes and offerings offset TLC expenses.

All of our missions encourage and appreciate your continued sacrifice and generosity. With your help, they will continue to be a blessing to those in their community.

Your Budget, Property, and Finance committee has worked hard this past year to steer our way through our challenging economy. We understand that we face the same challenges that our congregations do and to that point we believe that this budget is realistic and achievable. We are confident that this budget is good stewardship of the resources with which God has entrusted to us. We encourage you to approve it, so that we can move forward in the mission of God in our region in 2011. Thank you

2. Presbytery VOTED to adopt the 2011 proposed budget.
3. Presbytery VOTED to adopt the 2011 per capita as established at \$30.46 per communicant member.

Elder Owen Wickstrand, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee presented the following amendments received from the 219th General Assembly for vote. The following is a summary of the votes of the presbytery.

1. Amendment 10-A: *Gifts and Requirements – On Amending G-6.0106b (21/66/0)*
2. Amendment 10-B: *Removing the Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session – On Amending G-9.0203b (87/0/0)*
3. Amendment 10-C: *Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy – On Amending G-9.0404e (86/1/0)*
4. Amendment 10-D: *Nominating Committees – On Amending G-9.0801a regarding participation and representation (85/2/0)*
5. Amendment 10-E: *Presbytery /Rolls and Registers – On Amending G-11.0407 (19/66/2)*
6. Amendment 10-F: *Certified Christian Educators – On Amending G-11.0407and G-14.0730b regarding voice and voting rights (71/15/1)*
7. Amendment 10-G: *Synod Function – On Amending G-12.0100 to modify synod functions to allow synods sharing common boundaries to share administration services and create a shared judicial commission (85/1/1)*
8. Amendment 10-H: *Nominating Process – On Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a and G-13.0202b (85/2/0)*
9. Amendment 10-I: *Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services – On Amending W-4.4003, W-4.4004 and W-4.4006 (87/0/0)*
10. Amendment 10-J: *Stay of Enforcement – On Amending D-6.0103 (85/0/2)*
11. Amendment 10-K: *Preliminary Questions–On Amending D-6.0306,D-8.0302 and D-13.0302 (87/0/0)*
12. Amendment 10-L: *Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee – On Amending D-10.0202 (87/0/0)*
13. Amendment 10-M: *Time Limit – On Amending D-10.0401 (85/2/0)*
14. Amendment 10-N: *Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict on Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106 (86/1/0)*
15. Amendment 10-O: *Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission – On Amending D-13.0404 (84/3/0)*

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following overture be voted by the Presbytery to be forwarded to the 220th General Assembly. The vote in committee was 3/1/1.

Overture

San Diego Presbytery overtures the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to urge the Board of Pensions to refrain from exploring, developing or adopting amendments to the Benefits Plan to extend eligibility for spousal and dependent benefits under the Plan to Benefits Plan Members, their same-gender domestic partners, and the children of their same-gender domestic partners.

Rationale:

1. G-1.0302 provides "That, in perfect consistency with the above principle of common right [that "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship"], every Christian Church, or union or association of particular churches, is entitled to declare the terms of admission into its communion, and the qualifications of its ministers and members, as well as the whole system of its internal government which Christ hath appointed; that in the exercise of this right they may, notwithstanding, err, in making the terms of communion either too lax or too narrow; yet, even in this case, they do not infringe upon the liberty or the rights of others, but only make an improper use of their own."

2. Regardless of the action of a single General Assembly, the Constitutional standard for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is that self-avowed, unrepentant homosexual practice is contrary to God's will and purpose for humankind. Thus, it is detrimental to the life and health of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to require mandatory participation in Benefits Plan while simultaneously exploring, developing and/or adopting amendments to extend coverage to persons who specifically reject the standards of the church.

3. It is inappropriate for the Board of Pensions to take any action to extend coverage to persons whose manner of life is contrary to the historic, unchanged, Biblical, confessional, and constitutionally-approved standard of the church.

Motion carried.

Pastor Jerry Andrews, Chair

The Committee on Ministry recommended:

1. That Candidate Rene Roth, under care of our Committee on Preparation for Ministry, be examined for ordination. Her *Statement of Faith* is attached to these minutes. Ms. Roth has declared no scruples.
2. That contingent on her successful completion of the ordination exam that she be approved to serve as the part-time temporary supply pastor at Linda Vista Presbyterian Church effective December 6, 2010, with the following terms:

Salary \$28,000 Vacation – four weeks per year
Study Leave - \$1,000 and two weeks per year
Termination provision – 30 days notice by either party

3. That Jeff Pearson, a Candidate under care of the Los Ranchos Presbytery, be examined for ordination. His *Statement of Faith* is attached to these minutes. Mr. Pearson has declared no scruples.
4. That contingent on his successful completion of the ordination exam that he be approved to serve as a part-time 20-hour per week temporary supply pastor at La Jolla Presbyterian Church, effective November 17, 2010 through May 15, 2011, with the following terms:

Base Salary/Housing - \$22,000 Mileage Reimbursement - \$2,000
Monthly cell phone reimbursement - \$25 Part-time – 20 hours per week

5. Special recognition was paid to Pastor Peter Lual, Pastor of the Sudanese American Presbyterian Church for his faithful service to the Sudanese community for the past ten years. Pastor Peter was recognized with words spoken by his congregation and also members of Presbytery. The Presbytery prayed for him and presented him with a financial gift for his personal use.

Pastor Randy Yenter, Chair

The Presbytery adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

Elder Carole Ostrander, Minute Clerk for
Rev. Bob Davis, Clerk Pro Tem

Statement of Faith – Jeff Pearson

I believe in the one and only true God who in grace created and sustains all that exists. God alone is worthy of my worship because I am God's creation. I know God because God is revealed to me in the Bible. I believe the Bible is God's unique and authoritative self-revelation. God's self-revelation occurs in the context of human language and culture because God worked through the humanity of the inspired biblical authors.

The God I worship is a holy Trinity, eternally existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit indwell each other in an eternal communion while remaining distinct in their personal identities.

I believe in God the Father who created humanity in God's image to live in communion and dependence upon God. Our first parents rejected dependence on God by their disobedience. As a result, humanity lost communion with God and became divided from one another. In its fallen state humanity worships the creation rather than the Creator. As a member of fallen humanity, I share in its sinfulness. God the Father did not abandon humanity, but in grace called Israel into a covenant relationship in order to restore humanity. I glorify the Father because the Father is sovereign, just, loving, and merciful.

I believe in God the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully human. Christ lived in perfect obedience and dependence on the Father. Christ proclaimed the nearness and availability of God's rule to humanity. He fulfilled God's purpose for Israel. In Christ's suffering and death, he took humanity's sin upon himself, and reconciled humanity to God and human beings to one another. Through Christ's bodily resurrection from the grave he restored and glorified humanity. Christ is the only mediator between God and humanity. In grace, Christ calls me and all of humanity to repent and receive salvation and new life in him. I glorify Christ because he is my Lord and Savior.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who was sent by the Father through the Son to dwell in us. The Holy Spirit bears witness to the Son and convicts humanity of its sin. The Holy Spirit gives faith to me and mediates Christ's justification and sanctification to me. By the Holy Spirit, I am united to Christ and participate in the triune life. I receive gifts and empowerment for ministry from the Holy Spirit. I glorify the Holy Spirit because the Spirit is the Spirit of truth and comfort.

I believe in the holy universal church, the covenant people called by God in God's grace. As a member of the church, I am united to my brothers and sisters in Christ through the Spirit. The sacrament of baptism marks our entrance and membership in the covenant community. Baptism in the triune name represents our cleansing from sin and our union with Christ in his death and resurrection. The Lord's Supper is the visible sign of our ongoing communion with Christ as we are nourished by his body and blood unto eternal life. Christ is present spiritually as we partake of the elements of the sacrament in faith. In its worship and witness, the church is the provisional sign of the kingdom of God in the world. The church bears witness to God's sovereign love and justice by proclaiming the gospel, opposing oppressive structures, mediating peace and reconciliation in conflict, and advocating the responsible stewardship of the creation.

As I live a life of obedience in response to God's call, I long for the return of Christ when the kingdom will be consummated and I will enjoy eternal communion with God and God's people.

Statement of Faith - M. René Roth

I believe in the One, and only, living triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the Alpha and Omega, the Creator, and continual Sustainer of all, according to God's providence. God is transcendent and immanent. God is sovereign, as well as a "stooping God." God is relational, within the Trinity, as well as with creation. This is witnessed in the life and ministry of Jesus; in God's interactions with the people in Scripture; and in the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. God is righteous and just, as well as merciful and loving. God reveals His love and nature through His relationship with creation; through Jesus; and through Scripture, God's Holy Word.

Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, is God incarnate. He is the Christ, the Messiah, the Emmanuel. Jesus was fully divine, fully human. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary and is the only one to live a sinless life. Jesus died on the cross to atone for our sins, was resurrected, and ascended into Heaven so that we might have life, so that we might have relationship with the Triune God. This sacrificial act of love was God's way of redeeming humankind. We are justified because of God's grace, Christ's righteousness, and through faith alone in Jesus Christ. We can do nothing to earn this grace, nor do we deserve it. Even our faith is a God-given gift. Jesus lives eternally in Heaven and in each of us through the Holy Spirit. I believe Jesus is Lord and Savior of my life. He is the perfect expression of God's intention for humankind.

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, being of same substance, glory, and power as God; was, is, and forever will be our Sanctifier, Equipper, Comforter, and Sustainer. The Holy Spirit "hovered over the waters" at creation; conveyed the Word of God through the prophets; inspired the writers of Scripture; and is present today, working in our lives, enabling us to turn to God through Jesus Christ. The sanctifying work of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit equips us to become more like Christ and to be Christ's representation, despite our sinfulness, to a broken world.

Scripture is the authoritative Word of God. Through the Old and New Testaments, God's revelation of who God is, what God does, and how God loves, was and is made known to all people. Through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, Scripture becomes the living Word of God "and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that [all people] of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." God speaks to us in Scripture concerning all that is necessary for obedient faith in Jesus Christ.

Humankind was created in the image of God. Thus, humans were created perfect and have the capacity to reflect the glory of God. God has also given humankind the freedom to choose Him. This means we can choose to turn away from God. This turning from God is sin. In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve to be in relationship with God. However, they turned away. Because of their first sin, humankind is sinful by nature, and continues to defy and turn from God. Hence, we need God's help in being reconciled to God. This help was given through the blood of Christ. God's forgiving and unconditional love was displayed through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Christ atoned for our sins so that those who believe in Him will be redeemed. Because of Christ's blood, poured out for us, we are invited back into relationship with the Triune God for eternity. Because of this redeeming act, we are also able to become the humanity that God intended at creation, Christ's New Creation. All that is needed for redemption is the acceptance of this free gift of God's grace.

God's act of redemption and reconciliation is continued through the Body of Christ, the church. The priesthood of all believers makes up the church; and therefore, is called to be the New Creation through Jesus Christ. Through Jesus, we are justified and reconciled to God. Empowered and equipped by the Holy Spirit, the church works as Christ's agent in sanctification. As each of us grows into this New Creation, the Body grows. As the church is more like Christ, each of us will become more like Christ. Thus, we become the New Creation. Therefore, the church is called to proclaim the Gospel of God's salvation through Jesus Christ, to the ends of the earth, fulfilling the Great Commission until Christ returns.

Christ has given the church two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These sacraments symbolize and seal God's promises through Jesus Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, common elements of water, bread, and wine become sacred signs that point a worshipping community to the living Christ. Through the celebration of one Baptism and the regular sharing of the Lord's Supper, we are reminded of God reaching out to us first; the cleansing of our sins; our incorporation and new life in the Body of Christ; Christ's saving and reconciling work of humankind; and our communion with the living Christ. In partaking of these sacraments, we experience the real spiritual presence of Christ, we respond in faith to God's grace, and are strengthened spiritually so that we may continue on in the work that Christ has called us to do.

Church Bylaws

The Bylaws of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Escondido is the governing document for the congregation subject to the authority of higher judicatory bodies of the church. The Bylaws maybe changed by vote of the congregation with the review and approval of the Presbytery. The following is the current version of the bylaws.

BYLAWS

OF

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Revised x/xx/2010)

In order to define the rights and responsibilities of its members, boards, officers and ministers, and, to provide for the orderly conduct and efficient management of the congregational affairs of Westminster Presbyterian Church. These bylaws are adopted, as amended, by the congregation and the corporation on:

The 22nd day of January, 1989.

Amended on the 7th day of January, 1990.

Amended on the 6th day of May, 1990.

Amended on the 13th day of April, 1999.

Amended on the 23rd day of May, 2010 by the corporation and on 23rd day of May by the congregation.

ARTICLE I

GENERAL

Section 1. NAME

- a. Both as "congregation" and "corporation", the name of this church shall be Westminster Presbyterian Church.
- b. This church was organized on March 10, 1957 in the City of Escondido, in the County of San Diego, in the State of California, and incorporated by the State of California on February 13, 1959.

Section 2. RELATIONSHIPS

- a. This church is a particular Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and recognizes that the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is, in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and all its members, and is subject to the guidance and direction of the General Assembly, the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and the Presbytery of San Diego.
- b. These bylaws shall be in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); as interpreted by the judicatories of jurisdiction, and the corporate laws of the State of California, and shall set forth the ecclesiastical and corporate structure and method of operation of this particular church.
- c. The session is responsible for the mission and governance of this Church. Religious bodies may be incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Therefore, the church also is

Comment [M1]: Rewording the text in this manner makes it conform to the *BoO*.

Comment [M2]: As a matter of style, a positive statement is better than a negative. Further, this is merely a statement of fact as suggested.

incorporated for the purposes set forth in the *Book of Order (BoO)*. The Elders serving on the Session shall be the trustees of the corporation by reason of their office.

- d. All members on the active roll of the congregation also are members of the corporation.
- e. The Fiscal Year of the Church shall be the calendar year.

Section 3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

a. The office for the transaction of the business of this church, including its corporate affairs shall be at 1500 South Juniper in the City of Escondido, in the County of San Diego, in the State of California.

Section 4. ELECTED OFFICES

- a. There shall be two elected Boards within this congregation: the Session; and the Board of Deacons. The elected Board of corporation is the Board of Trustees.
- b. The elders serving on the Session of this church shall constitute and serve as the Board of Trustees as provided in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A).

Comment [M3]: Again, this clarifies the difference between the congregation and the corporation.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES AND NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

Section 1. OBJECTIVES

- a. To bear witness to the Christian truths; to promulgate the doctrines and teachings of the Christian religion and to promote fellowship among God's people.
- b. To receive, hold and disburse gifts, bequests, devises, and other funds for these purposes.
- c. To own and maintain or to lease available real estate and buildings, and any personal property which is deemed necessary for its purpose; to enter into, make and perform, and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purposes, without limit to amount.

Section 2. NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

- a. This Corporation has been formed under the California Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law for the religious purposes described above, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. This corporation shall function in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (3) as follows: "No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and which does not participate in, or intervene in, (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office."

b. The corporation shall not, except in insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercises any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described above.

ARTICLE III
CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. GENERAL

a. This Congregation shall be made up of all members on the rolls of this particular church, as determined by the Session regarding membership.

Section 2. CLASSES OF MEMBERS

a. There shall be four (4) classes of members: Baptized, Active, Inactive and Affiliate. The Session shall determine the particular class for each congregational member as set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S.A.).

b. Only Active members have the right to vote and hold office.

ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION

Section 1. GENERAL

a. All meetings of the congregation may deal with both "ecclesiastical" and "corporate" affairs. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except in those cases where the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and these Bylaws provide otherwise.

b. The Moderator of the Session shall preside at "congregational" meetings. If he/she is unable to act, or if the subject to be discussed requires it, the Session may invite another Minister of the Presbytery to preside.

c. The President of the Board of Trustees shall preside at "corporation" meetings. If he/she is unable to act, or if the subject to be discussed requires it, the Secretary or Treasurer, in that order, shall preside.

d. The Clerk of Session shall act as Secretary of congregational meetings. The Secretary of the Corporation shall act as Secretary of corporation meetings. If he/she cannot fulfill this duty, the congregation will elect a replacement at the beginning of the Congregational meeting. The Trustees shall designate a replacement from among the members of the Corporation for meetings of that body.

e. The Minutes of the Congregation meetings, when attested to by the Moderator and Clerk of Session, shall be referred to the Session for approval at its next scheduled meeting, and when approved shall be incorporated in the Session Minutes.

f. Minutes of the corporation meetings, when attested to by the Secretary and President, shall be communicated to the session for information and entered into the minute book for the corporation.

g. All congregational meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Section 2. ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

- a. All church members who are on the “Active Member” roll shall be eligible to vote on all matters that come before the congregation and/or corporation. The Session shall determine the Active membership.
- b. Voting by proxy is not allowed for either congregational or corporation meetings..
- c. When the moderator is not a member of the congregation, he or she may not vote in the meeting of the congregation. Where there is a tie vote, that moderator shall put the question a second time. If there is still a tie vote, the motion is lost.
- d. The President of the Corporation (or other presiding officer designated by the Trustees) is a member of the corporation and may vote on all matters at meetings of the corporation. Where there is a tie vote, presiding officer shall put the question a second time. If there is still a tie vote, the motion is lost.

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETINGS

- a. There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Congregation. These meetings shall be held no later than the second Sunday in February, on a date and at a time specified by the Session for the purpose of receiving annual reports of the affairs of the church; for presentation of the Session approved budget for the calendar year; to approve the Pastor(s) Terms of Call for the year; and, to transact any and all business that may properly come before it.

- b. There may be an Annual Meeting of the Corporation held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Congregation if there is a need to receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal, for the church; to accept and execute deeds of title to such property; to hold and defend title to such property; to manage any permanent special funds for the furtherance of the purposes of the church, all subject to the authority of the session and under the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), provided further that in buying, selling, and mortgaging real property, the trustees shall act only after the approval of the congregation granted in a duly constituted meeting. *(BoO G-8.0500)*
- c. No other matter save that specified in the Notice for Meeting may be considered at an Annual Meeting of either the Congregation or the Corporation.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

a. A Special Meeting of the Congregation shall be held no later than the last Sunday in May, on a date and at a time specified by the Session for the purpose of electing Church Officers and the Congregational Nominating Committee and a member to the Endowment Committee , and any other business included by the Session in the call for the meeting. Special meetings of the Congregation may be called at other times as deemed necessary by the Session.

b. Special Meetings of the Congregation may be called by:

- (1) The Session
- (2) The Session, at the request of the Presbytery, or.
- (3) The Session, in response to a written request of one-fourth of the Active members, addressed to the Session, and signed by those members, specifically stating the reason for such a meeting. Upon receipt of a written request the Session shall set the date, time and

place for the Special Meeting which shall be held within forty-five (45) days from receipt of the request.

(c. Special meetings of the Corporation may be called by:

(1) The Board of Trustees at its discretion,

(2) When directed by the Session, or

(3) When directed by the Presbytery.

d. No other matter save that specified in the Notice for Meeting may be considered at a special meeting of either the Congregation or the Corporation.

Section 5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

a. A notice of the date, time and place of every Annual and Special meeting of the congregation and/or corporation shall be given by announcement in the church bulletin for two successive Sundays, the second of which may be the date set for the meeting.

b. The Notice for Special Meetings shall clearly state the purpose of the meeting and no other matter save that specified in the Notice may be considered.

Section 6. QUORUM

a. A quorum for the transaction of business at all congregation and corporation meetings shall consist of a minimum of one-tenth of the Active membership roll, and who are present in person.

b. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of the congregation and corporation may be adjourned from time to time by the majority vote of the voting members present, but no other business shall be transacted.

c. The members present at an Annual or Special meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by any member for a quorum call.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION, ELECTION, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1. CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

a. There shall be a Congregational Nominating Committee composed of seven (7) Active members. One (1) member shall be designated by and from the Session, as Moderator; one (1) member shall be designated by and from the Board of Deacons and five (5) Active members of the Church, which, to the extent possible, shall include fair representation of all members of the Congregation.

b. The nominating committee shall be chosen annually and no member of the committee shall serve more than three years consecutively.

c. The pastor shall be a member of the Nominating Committee, serving ex officio and without vote.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS

a. The Congregational Nominating Committee shall present for consideration by the congregation one qualified and eligible member for each office to be filled, including the

members of the congregation to serve on the succeeding Congregation Nominating Committee, giving attention to a fair representation of both male and female constituency of the congregation.

b. Nominees shall be from the Active members, who shall have been on the Active roll one year prior to election. Exceptions to the one-year rule must be approved by the Congregation.

c. Each nominee shall have consented to serve, if elected, and their names shall be published in the church bulletin at least one week prior to the meeting of the congregation.

d. Subsequent to the report of the Congregational Nominating Committee, the Moderator shall call for nominations from the floor. Such nominations from the floor of qualified and eligible members shall be with the proviso that such nominees shall have previously consented to serve, if elected.

Section 3. ELECTIONS

a. Elders and Deacons shall be elected at a Special meeting of the congregation, called for that purpose. (See Art. IV, Sec. 4.)

b. Elections may be by acclamation if there be but one nominee for each office to be filled. If there be more nominees than vacant offices, election shall be by written ballot. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of vacancies to be filled shall be elected.

c. A majority vote from all voters present and voting shall be required to elect in every case.

d. If any person elected to a church office declines to act, resigns with consent of the Session, dies, or ceases to be a member of this church, his/her office shall be declared vacant and the

vacancy shall be filled by the congregation at its next Annual or a Special meeting called for that purpose

e. Each elected church officer who shall be absent, with or without excuse from three consecutive meetings of his/her office, or be absent with or without excuse from more than one-half of all meetings in one calendar year may be removed from office upon action of and due notification by the Session. The vacancy shall be filled by the congregation at its next Annual or Special meeting called for that purpose

Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

a. There shall be three classes of equal numbers each of Elders and Deacons, one class only of which shall expire each year.

b. A full term of office shall be three years.

c. No elder or deacon shall be elected for a term of more than three years, nor shall an elder or deacon serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder or deacon having served a total of six years shall be ineligible for reelection for a period of at least one year.

Section 5. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

a. Elders and Deacons having been duly elected at the Special meeting of the congregation in May shall be ordained, if required, and installed to take office the following June.

b. Elders and Deacons having been duly elected at the Annual or other Special meeting of the congregation shall be ordained, if required, and installed to take office immediately following installation.

c. The Session shall provide for the ordination, if required, and installation of Elders and Deacons at a church Worship service prior to serving. No elder/deacon shall begin service until s/he has been ordained and/or installed. The service of ordination and installation shall follow the *Book of Order*.

ARTICLE VI
THE SESSION

Section 1. MEMBERS

a. The Session of this church shall consist of fifteen (15) elected, ordained and installed Elders; the Pastor and all installed Associate Pastors.

b. Each member of the Session shall remain in office until his/her successor is duly elected and installed.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

a. The Session shall hold regular (stated) meetings once each month, except as is cancelled by its previous action. The date, time and place of all regular meetings shall be as prescribed by the Session.

Section 3. JOINT MEETING

a. A joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons shall be held at least annually to confer on matters of common interest, with the Moderator of the Session presiding. No binding decision may be reached in such a joint meeting, but the Session and the Board of Deacons may act separately on matters committed to their care.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

a. Special meetings of the Session may be called by:

- (1) The Moderator
- (2) The Moderator when requested to do so by any two Elders in Active service.
- (3) The Moderator when directed to do so by the Presbytery.

b. Notice of Special meetings shall be by first class mail four days prior to such meeting, or a minimum of twenty-four hours notice delivered personally or by telephone, or by electronic means using the guidelines of Section 8.

c. A Notice of Special meeting need not specify the purpose of the call for a Special meeting.

Section 5. QUORUM

a. A quorum for Stated Session meetings shall consist of the Moderator and one-third of the Elders of the Session and who are present in person. A quorum for Special Session Meetings shall consist of the Moderator, or other presiding officer, and at least five elected Elders present in person except for reception and dismissal of members when the quorum shall be the Moderator and two Elders of the Session.

b. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of the Session may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the voting members present, but no other business shall be transacted.

c. The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by any member for a quorum call.

Section 6. OFFICERS

a. Moderator. The Moderator of the Session shall be the Pastor, except as provided in the *Book of Order*.

(1) When for prudential reasons it may appear advisable that some other minister should be invited to preside, the Pastor shall, with the concurrence of the Session, invite another minister of the Presbytery to preside.

(2) When this church is without a Pastor, the Moderator of the Session shall be the minister appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery

(3) In the case of sickness or absence of the pastor, the session having obtained the approval of the pastor, may convene and elect another of its own members to preside.

(4) All meetings of the Session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

b. Clerk of Session. The Session at its organizational meeting each year shall elect an Elder (either active or inactive) as Clerk of Session.

Section 7. POWERS AND DUTIES

- a. The Session shall have authority over all of the affairs and activities of this church, both spiritual and corporate except in such matters as may, by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or these bylaws, be specifically accorded to the Pastor, to the congregation, to the corporation acting under the authority of the Session, or to higher judicatories.
- b. The Session shall cause to be prepared "Standing Rules" for the guidance of church officers, all committees, all member organizations, all members and church staff. These "Standing Rules" may from time to time be revised and/or amended at any meeting of the Session by majority vote.
- c. Service as Presbyters. It is a responsibility of the Session to maintain regular and continuing relationship to the higher governing bodies of the Church. This includes the election of commissioners to Presbytery, and hearing their reports. Elders are expected to act as Presbyters when so elected, and to make appropriate reports of their attendance at meetings.
- d. Staff. The Session shall provide for the administration of the program of the Church, including the employment of non-ordained staff, with concern for equal employment opportunity and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff.
- e. Committees. The Session shall form standing committees to implement the mission of the church. These committees shall meet regularly and shall report directly to the Session. The Standing Rules list the committees and their responsibilities.

f. If the Chair of a committee cannot attend a Session Meeting, Session may invite a member of the committee to attend Session and give the committee report.

g. The regular methods of voting on motions shall be by voice (the normal method), by show of hands (or standing) or by paper ballot; all in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order (§45).

Section 8 ELECTRONIC VOTING

a. For routine matters including but not limited to setting or changing meeting dates, calling a special meeting of the Session, 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/Trustees. The Clerk of Session shall maintain a record of such polling and enter the results in the Session minutes.

b. Urgent action on a non-routine matter. If a need arises to have Session take urgent action on a non-routine matter,

1. 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.

2. The Elder requesting the electronic vote will send the motion to the Moderator who will determine if the action is appropriate to consider outside a called Session meeting. If it is not appropriate, the motion will be sent back to the requestor to bring forward at the next Session meeting. If it is appropriate, the Moderator will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. The Clerk will send the motion to all Session members and will tally the vote responses. All Elder/Trustees 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.

ARTICLE VII

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. MEMBERS

a. The Elders, while in office, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of this Corporation. This Board shall be responsible to the corporation according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S.A.), the corporate laws of the State of California, and these bylaws.

b. The President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Corporation..

c. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall remain in office until his/her successor is duly elected and installed.

Section 2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

a. Special meetings of the BOARD OF TRUSTEES may be called by:

(1) President of the corporation.

(2) The President when requested to do so in writing by
any two Trustees.

(3) The President when directed to do so by the
Presbytery.

b. Notice of Special meetings shall be by first class mail four days prior to such meeting, or a minimum of twenty-four hours notice delivered personally or by telephone, or by electronic voting as described in Article VII, Section 8.

c. A Notice of Special meeting need not specify the purpose of the call for a Special meeting.

Section 4. QUORUM

a. A quorum for a Trustee meeting shall consist of the President or other presiding officer, and one-third of the Trustees of the Board and who are present in person. A quorum for Special Trustee Meetings shall consist of the President, or other presiding officer, and at least five elected Trustees present in person.

b. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of the Trustees may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the voting members present, but no other business shall be transacted.

c. The Trustees present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by any member for a quorum call.

Section 5. OFFICERS

a. The officers of this Corporation shall be a President and Secretary elected by and from the members of the Board of Trustees, and a Treasurer elected from within or without its own

Board membership, as prescribed by the Standing Rules. These officers shall be elected annually and each shall hold office until his/her successor is elected, or until he/she shall resign, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified. Any officer may be reelected to succeed himself/ herself.

b. The President and Treasurer shall be members of the Finance Committee of the Session.

c. A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting. This does not apply to the election of Elder/Trustees which is the express privilege of the congregation.

d. The duties and responsibilities of the Officers of this Corporation are as prescribed in the Session "STANDING RULES."

Section 6. POWER

a. The Corporate powers of this church shall be exercised by the Board of Trustees. The Board shall process formal corporate documents and perform duties required of it by law according to powers granted to a non-profit religious corporation by the laws of the State of California, and shall be in conformity to the Articles of Incorporation of this church.

b. The Board of Trustees shall not sell, mortgage or otherwise encumber any of the church's real property; acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition; or lease its real property for more than five years, without the written permission of the Presbytery of San Diego transmitted from the congregation through the Session.

c. All real and/or personal property, now or hereafter acquired and any interests therein legal or equitable will be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the Presbytery of San Diego, its successor or assigns.

d. Upon the winding up or dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) through the Presbytery of San Diego, a religious corporation, its successor or assigns and exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code; but if it is not then in existence or exempt, to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or religious purposes and that has established its tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).

Section 7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

a. The Board of Trustees, subject to the limitations of these bylaws, may authorize any officer or officers, or agents, to enter into any contract and execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, this corporation. They may be given authority in the name of the corporation to borrow money or incur indebtedness and to cause to be executed and delivered promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evidence of debt and security therefor. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent or employee, shall have any power of authority to bind this corporation to any contract or agreement.

Section 8. CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

a. The President, together with the Secretary or Treasurer, shall execute, in the name of the corporation all contracts, deeds, encumbrances, notes and other instruments whereby the

church may become bound as a corporation, and may affix the Corporate Seal to any such instruments that may require it.

ARTICLE VIII

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Section 1. MEMBERS

a. The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of fifteen (15) elected, ordained and installed Deacons. Each member of the Board of Deacons shall remain in office until his/her successor is duly elected and installed.

b. The Pastor and Associate Pastor(s) shall be advisory members of the Board of Deacons.

c. Youth Deacons

1. The Congregational Nominating Committee may nominate and the congregation may by vote in a congregational meeting elect one or more persons under twenty-one years of age to the office of deacon, to serve on the board of deacons for a term of one, two, or three years.

2. The deacon(s) so elected shall be in addition to the number of deacons specified in VIII, 1,a. above.

3. Youths will be nominated to the office of deacon when persons with the following qualifications are available:

A. The nominee is under twenty-one years of age.

- B. The nominee has demonstrated a record of spiritual character, honest
repute, exemplary life, brotherly and sisterly love. warm sympathy and
sound judgment.

 - C. The proposed term of office is consistent with the nominee's availability
for service.
4. If no person is available that meet the above qualifications, the Nominating
Committee will not be required to bring forward a nomination for “Youth
Deacon”.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. The Board of Deacons shall hold regular (stated) meetings once each month, except as
cancelled by its previous action. The date, time and place of all regular meetings shall be as
prescribed by the Board of Deacons.

Section 3. JOINT MEETINGS

- a. A joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons shall be held at least annually to
confer on matters of common interest, with the Moderator of the Session presiding. No binding
decision may be reached in such a joint meeting, but the Session and the Board of Deacons may
act separately on matters committed to their care.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

a. Special meetings of the Board of Deacons may be called by:

(1) the Moderator

(2) the Moderator when requested to do so by any two deacons in active service

(3) the Moderator when directed to do so by the session

b. Notice of Special meetings shall be by first class mail four days prior to such meeting, or a minimum of twenty-four hours notice delivered personally or by telephone or by electronic means using the guidelines of Section 8.

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Section 5. QUORUM

a. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator and one-third of the Board of Deacons

b. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of the Board of Deacons may be adjourned from time to time by the vote of the majority of the voting members present, but no other business shall be transacted.

c. The members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by any member for a quorum call.

Section 6. OFFICERS

a. Moderator. The Moderator of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.

(1) The Moderator shall open and close all meetings of the Board of Deacons with prayer.

(2) The Moderator of the Board of Deacons will organize and lead the meeting

b. Secretary. The Secretary of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.

(1) The Secretary shall keep a record of the Board's proceedings and submit such records to the Session for review when requested to do so by the Clerk of Session.

c. Treasurer. The Treasurer of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.

(1) The Treasurer shall keep records of account and shall report to the Board of Deacons periodically all financial transactions.

(2) The Treasurer shall be accountable to the Finance Committee of Session for any funds set aside for use by the Board.

Comment [M4]: Some requirement similar to this is appropriate to clearly note that any funds controlled by the Board are under the overall budget and accounting of the Session.

Section 7. DUTIES

a. As the whole church is under the jurisdiction of the Session, the Board of Deacons shall be under its supervision and authority. The records of the Board of Deacons shall be submitted to

the Session annually and at other times upon the request of the Session. The Session may amend or void any action of the Board of Deacons, or direct the Board to reconsider such actions.

b. The Office of Deacon is one of sympathy and service. The Board of Deacons shall have responsibility to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.

c. The Board of Deacons shall cause to be prepared Standing Rules for inclusion in the Session Standing Rules.

d. The Board of Deacons shall keep a record of its proceedings and all funds at its disposal and shall prepare and submit to the Session an annual report of its activities.

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. GENERAL

a. Members of the Session, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Board of Deacons, elected officers, employees, and other agents are indemnified to the extent followed by the non-profit corporation law of the State of California then in effect.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. GENERAL

a. Amendments or additions to these bylaws, not in conflict with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U. S.A.) or the laws of the State of California, shall be processed through the Session and submitted to the Congregation for approval.

Section 2. APPROVAL

a. After approval by Session, and submitted to the Presbytery of San Diego for Ecclesiastical Committee review, amendments or additions to these bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of a quorum of eligible congregation members present and voting for approval. Upon congregational approval, the bylaws will be sent to the Presbytery of San Diego for its approval.

Section 3. NOTICE

a. A Notice containing proposed amendments or additions and the call for a meeting of the members shall be made in the manner prescribed in Article IV. Sec. 5.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Clerk of Session of this church, a California non-profit religious corporation, and the above bylaws, consisting of 13 pages, are the bylaws of this Congregation as adopted at a meeting of the Congregation held on:

January 22, 1989

Elder Michael D. Dyekman

Clerk of Session

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Clerk of Session of this church, a California non-profit religious corporation, and the above bylaws were amended by action of the Congregation at a meeting held on:

January 7, 1990.

Elder David P. Cumming

Clerk of Session

Attested: Rev. Joyce DeGraaff

Moderator

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Clerk of Session of this church, a California non-profit religious corporation, and the above bylaws were amended by action of the Congregation at a meeting held on:

APRIL 13, 1999

Carole J. Ostrander

Clerk of Session

Attested: Rev. James Rauch

Moderator

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Clerk of Session of this church, a California non-profit religious corporation, and the above bylaws were amended by action of the Congregation at a meeting held on:

MAY 23, 2010

Carole J. Ostrander

Clerk of Session

Attested: Rev. James Rauch, Moderator

