

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO CALLED MEETING – October 18, 2011

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at the Village Community Presbyterian Church, Rancho Santa Fe, was convened by Rev. Dr. Paul Cunningham, Moderator, at 7:00 p.m. He led the presbytery in prayer. Rev. Dr. Jack Baca, 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	<b>J. Pazan</b>	191	John Benson
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	<b>D. J. Kelly</b> J. Knabe	101	Laurel Brown Bob Shuff
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	<b>R. Davis</b> M. Pena	101 107	<b>Cora Gregory</b> Joan Stroh
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Ann Steuer Bill McLennan
5	El Cajon, First	<b>S. W. Locke</b>	101	Judy Farrar <b>Dick Berry</b>
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack <b>K. Dawsey-Richardson</b>	101	<b>Patsy Battenfield</b> <b>Bob Battenfield</b>
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch	101	<b>Carole Ostrander</b> Denny Schepman
8	La Jolla, La Jolla	<b>P. Cunningham</b> J. Medcalf <b>M. Sedgwick</b> <b>J. Pearson</b>	101 103 103 108	<b>Bobby Foushee</b> <b>Jim Moe</b> <b>Bill Voyzey</b> <b>Mary Kinyon</b>
9	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	<b>J. Moser</b> <b>E. Piper</b>	101 797	Linda Rico
11	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze	101	<b>Gerie Morin</b>
12	Oceanside, First	<b>T. Beal</b> E. Wilson-Manahan D. A. Walker	191 103 109	<b>Paul Hefner</b> Dale Habermann Kay Nelson
13	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	<b>J. Baca</b> <b>J. K. Farley</b> <b>S. Mitchell</b> D. R. Caughey C. Dierenfield	101 103 105 109 109	Mark Nydam <b>Lyn Lloyd Smith</b> <b>Marilyn Buck</b>
14	San Diego, Christ United	G. W. Smith	109	Herman Collins
15	San Diego, Faith	<b>C. M. Lenocker</b> J. L. Messervé	101 797	<b>Nancy Harber</b>
16	San Diego, First	<b>J. Andrews</b> <b>M. E. Walls</b> P. R. Pulliam	101 103 109	<b>Marilyn Carnes</b> <b>Rudy Kosits</b> <b>Maurice Caskey</b>
17	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	R. John Park Young Ho Yoo
18	San Diego, Linda Vista	<b>R. Roth</b>	108	<b>Stephen Awe</b>

		H. M. Heath, Jr.	109	
19	San Diego, Mira Mesa	<b>B. Roth</b>	191	Thalia Rankin
20	San Diego, Northminster	<b>M. Watson</b> N. Landis	101 301	Polly Nelson
21	San Diego, Pacific Beach	<b>A. Deuel</b>	101	<b>Jane Kay</b>
22	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop Art Mills	101 404	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
23	San Diego, Point Loma Community	<b>J. Powell</b> K. Shaw	101 103	<b>Anne Fristrom</b> <b>John Pearson</b> Kristine Zortman Art Michalek
24	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. Humphrey N. Nybo R. Sparling M. Wasef J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 109	<b>Bob Newton</b> <b>Jeanne Pochel</b> Polly Purcifull <b>Jim Dunny</b> Richard Powers
25	San Diego, Southeast	Vacant	101	Melba Bland
26	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Sam Tsai
27	San Diego, Westminster	<b>T. Wolfe</b> M. Taxer	101 109	<b>Marcy Bergqvist</b> William Hodgkiss
28	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> <b>B. E. Moller</b> <b>T. D. Theriault</b> J. Kerkhoff <b>J. D. Espitia</b> <b>J. Lagerstrom</b> <b>P. Taylor</b>	101 103 103 103 103 107 107	<b>Ellen O'Connor</b> <b>Russ Love</b> Lola Jordeth Elizabeth Wilson
29	Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>R. W. Yenter</b>	101	Margy Becker <b>Greg Schwartz</b>
30	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter <b>W. C. Bynagte</b>	101 797	John Earnest William Dyer
31	Westmorland, Community	E. Crews	108	Charlie Pate

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Executive Presbyter	<b>Clark Cowden</b>	302
* Stated Clerk	<b>Linda Therien</b>	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	William Tut	107
Iglesia Presbiteriana	J'petul J'ernantes	305
Director, Presbyterian Urban Ministries	Deborah "Deb" Mitchell	305

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Jerry Deck, Presbyterian Global Fellowship  
 Rev. Dr. Dan Chun, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI  
 Rev. Dr. David Stoker, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI  
 Rev. Dr. Drew Hulse, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI

#### INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Angie McClane

MODERATOR - \* **Paul Cunningham**

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR - \***David Buck**

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

\* **Voting member of Presbytery**

**VISITORS AND GUESTS:**

Scott Cadwallader, First Oceanside

Geoff Hsu, Rancho Bernardo

Ron Mathieu, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI

Shelley Germaine, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI

Jim Moe, First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu, HI

Jacob \_\_\_\_\_, Sudanese Church

Elizabeth Crews, Westmorland Presbyterian Church & Member Next Wave Commissionm

**OTHER MINISTERS:**

R. K. Adams	299	J. Giddens	797	D. Newhouse	299
P. D. Allen	761	E. Girod	299	P. C. Paik	797
H. Allen	797	J. Hagelganz	299	D. Pierson	797
R. E. Anderson	299	C. Hammond	299	<b>P. Powell</b>	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. Bidy	299	C. M. Hong	299	J. Robertson	299
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	R. Humphries	299	D. Rohde	797
J. Breeding	797	W. L. James	299	D. Satre	791
D. R. Burnight	299	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797
J. H. Calhoun	299	<b>K. Johnson</b>	797	D. C. Smith	299
J. Chambers	299	L. S. Johnson	797	M. Smith	761
H. Christ	309	T. F. Johnson	299	W. A. Soldwisch	405
H. Cooper	797	C. Kohlbry	171	G. Spearman	299
M. Cross Sexton	299	T. C. Lai	791	G. L. Stewart	299
R. Cunningham	299	C. S. Lee	791	W. A. TeSelle	299
D. R. Davis	299	L. S. León	501	R. Trent	299
S. W. DeLong	299	A. Y. Lin	791	L. E. Vick	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	<b>P. Lual</b>	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
D. R. Edic	299	B. E. Lucas	797	A. J. Wartes	299
<b>I. Farrell</b>	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	39
Elders	34
Corresponding	4
Inquirers/Candidates	1
Visitors/Others	8
Total	86

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the proposed docket.

### **Committee on Ministry**

The Committee on Ministry recommended, and the Presbytery VOTED

- That the Presbyterian Global Fellowship be a validated ministry of the Presbytery of San Diego.
- That Rev. Jerry Deck be received into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego by transfer from Chicago Presbytery.

Rev. Deck presented his *Statement of Faith* and then was examined by the presbytery. He was received on a voice vote of the presbytery.

### **Next Wave**

The Next Wave Administrative Commission recommended and the Presbytery VOTED

- To receive the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego effective January 1, 2012, contingent on the approval of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Presbytery VOTED 71/6/0 after a time of questions, answers and debate.
- That the Rev. Dr. Dan Chun, Rev. Dr. David Stoker and Rev. Dr. Drew Hulse be received into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego by transfer from Pacific Presbytery. This request is contingent on the congregation being received as stated above and contingent on the approval of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The reception of these pastors would be concurrent with the reception of the congregation.

Revs. Chun, Stoker and Hulse were examined by the Presbytery and were received on a voice vote of the presbytery.

The Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 8:20 pm. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Carole Ostrander,  
Minute Clerk for  
Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Statement of Faith  
Jeremy "Jerry" Deck

I believe in the triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. I believe that God created this world, not out of need, but out of love. I believe that God created us, male and female to be in communion with God. But we tried to be God rather than to be with God, and because of this sinfulness, we an unholy people could not be with a holy God.

But God has chosen not to be God without us. And so, God called Abraham, beginning a people whom were chosen by God. God, however, did not simply call us from afar. This holy and loving God sent us the Son, Jesus, to walk with us in human form. In this sending, we see a God who is willing to serve us a broken people. But because of our sinfulness, and because of our desire to continue being "God," we killed the Christ, in an attempt to remain "God." We did not understand that God could never be killed by a feeble and sinful people. And in a testament to this, Christ was resurrected. And this resurrection, once and for all, revealed to us the sinfulness of ourselves and the love and grace of God. Because of the sacrifice and resurrection of Christ, we who have been called by God are able to be in relationship with God. The resurrection makes it clear that our ability to be in relationship with God has nothing to do with who we are and everything to do with who God is. God calls us, we do not call God.

This revelation of the Word of God (Jesus Christ) is revealed to us through the Word of God in the Scriptures. The words of the Scriptures allow us to see and be part of the story of God's grace and love and are to be the rule of our faith and lives. The Word of God is also given to us in the proclamation of Christ in preaching. In preaching God uses the lips of humans to bring forth the revelation of God. The Word of God is sealed upon our hearts through the sacraments. In infant baptism we are shown God's grace before we can respond in faith. In adult baptism we respond faithfully to God's grace. In the Lord's Supper we are bound to Christ and to one another. In all these things, it is through the Holy Spirit that the Word of God illumines our hearts and minds.

The Word of God reveals to us that God is a sending God. The Father sent the Son, the Father and Son sent the Holy Spirit, and the triune God sends us, the community of Christ, out into the world. As Christ served us, so are we to be servants to the world. We have been called to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of Christ that the Kingdom of God has come. This Kingdom calls us to continual conversion. A conversion of our person, a conversion of our communities, and a conversion of our world. This conversion is a transformation of our minds, bodies, and spirits, as well as a transformation of the structures and governments which rule this world. We are called to preach this Kingdom of God, until the glorious day when Christ returns and we, with all of the saints can worship God for eternity.

**The Rev. Dr. Dan Chun**  
**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, yet three Eternal Persons. Through Scripture, we know God has asked to be known as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as the primary names among other names.

The Father is sovereign, omnipotent, omniscient, all-loving.

I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God, as it says in Philippians 2, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death. Though fully human, He was also fully God. He was tempted like us but knew no sin. Jesus Christ is the only way for salvation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the Third Person of the Trinity. It is through the Spirit that God empowers and guides people and enables them to love unconditionally, hear His voice and do the Father's work.

Our goal on this earth is to have eternal fellowship with God and with other people. Hence, His Church is the epitome of His called people who live out this fellowship with God and humans. His church should demonstrate God's and His people's grace and love for one another. It is also a laboratory where people fail and succeed in His grace and love. The Church is God's chosen instrument to reach, forgive and nurture people in His Word and love.

I believe in all of the Spiritual Gifts listed in Romans, Ephesians and 1 Corinthians and that they are active today. The Spirit uses them in the Church to comfort, counsel and encourage. It is by the Holy Spirit that God continues to call people to repentance and salvation.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit God has created and uses the Holy Scriptures, God's infallible rule of faith and practice, to guide people towards Him and away from sin.

Jesus Christ has given us two sacraments by His commands through which people can experience and witness the grace of God. They are also marks of obedience for a follower of Christ and are symbols of forgiveness. They are: baptism and communion.

The act of Baptism shows the new life we have in Christ and displays to all that we and our family want to follow Him. It acknowledges a washing away of our sins through faith in Christ. Communion reminds us of Christ's death for our sake, and again that our sins can be forgiven due to the shedding of the Lord's blood. It is also a reminder of Jesus' humanity and divinity in that on the night of the First Communion, Jesus suffered physical and emotional pain which shows He is a Lord who can empathize with our pain. The good news is that He who knows us best, loves us most, even when we sin. Sin is following our will over God's.

Jesus will return to earth as He promised in the Holy Scriptures. Only our Heavenly Father knows when.

**The Rev. Dr. Drew Hulse**  
**Statement of Faith**

I believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons. Revealed to us in scripture as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God calls us into a redeeming, transforming relationship as we become the body of Christ, the church in the world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father, who, though He existed in the form of God did not consider equality with God a thing to be held onto, but taking the form of a human, lived out his servant nature by becoming obedient to the point of death. "God made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf that we might be the righteousness of God." Because God's word became incarnate in Christ we have one who sympathizes and understands our weaknesses and infirmities. Tempted in all ways, yet without sin, Jesus now, having conquered death, stands as our advocate before the Father. Our life is found in Christ's righteousness and is now a present and future reality of life eternal.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling presence of God through whom God empowers and comforts. It is the Holy Spirit who calls and empowers the church to be God's missional presence in the world, sharing the message of reconciliation that has been entrusted to the church as Christ's ambassadors. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit God has used human tools to bring the word of God to the world, the Holy Scriptures, God's infallible rule of faith and practice, through which, salvation is revealed in Jesus Christ. It is by the Holy Spirit that God continues to call people to repentance and salvation.

I believe the Church is God's chosen expression in the world today. The church is called and equipped to be God's instrument, joining God in the desire that none should perish. The church then is both the community of faith through whom individuals are nurtured and equipped, and it is also the very vehicle that God sends out into the world to carry out the purposes and message of the in breaking kingdom of God. As a worshiping and nurturing community, the church becomes a family of families, both nurturing the nuclear family and being a family to the widow and orphan.

I believe Jesus Christ, as Lord of the church has given to us two sacraments through which the church experiences and witnesses the grace of God, those being baptism and communion. Through baptism we celebrate and acknowledge our new life and our participation in the Body of Christ made possible by Christ's death. In Holy Communion we celebrate Christ's saving death and Christ's continued presence with the Church in its calling until we will share together again at the banqueting table. It is at the table that we understand that we have been given all we need to do the work to which we have been called.

I believe, that as ministers of the Gospel, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" we are called to labor for Christ's sake, that we might present each person complete in Christ. It is God who is at work, it is God who completes that good work in us in the day of Christ Jesus. It is the church that is called to be faithful in responding to God's calling.

## Statement of Faith

Dr. David C. Stoker

I believe in one God almighty, unchangeable and transcendent, the One who is, was, and ever shall be. I believe in God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three aspects of one God. The first person in the Trinity is the **creator God**, the judge and lawgiver, the just and merciful author of all that is. I relate best to Him as the father of the prodigal son, always extending grace as we make our way back to Him.

The second person in the Trinity is **Jesus** the Christ, our Savior, the Word made flesh, fully human and fully divine. He was begotten by the Father and came to earth as God incarnate, a sinless man born of the virgin Mary. He is the way, the truth and the life, the one Lord and Savior who heals our sin, mends our brokenness and reconciles us to God. He was crucified, died, rose again in the flesh, and ascended into heaven where He awaits those who will come to life eternal through Him and Him alone. Even as we wait for Christ's return to earth we pray 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

The third person in the Trinity is the **Holy Spirit**. The Spirit descended upon Jesus during His baptism and upon the disciples at Pentecost. The Spirit continues to blow like a wind calling us to repentance and salvation, guiding us to pray without ceasing and prodding us to live our lives in imitation of the Christ. I believe in all of the spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament and that they are active today. The Spirit uses them in the Church to comfort, counsel and encourage.

God spoke centuries ago and still speaks today through the **Holy Scriptures**. The Bible is the unique and authoritative source of God's word to us, as revealed through the working of the Holy Spirit. This written word of God bears witness to the one sufficient revelation of God, Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate. The Confessions of the Presbyterian Church are guides in the study and interpretation of Scripture. These statements, though not equal with Scripture, are standards through which the Church declares its identity and the ways in which it intends to live.

I believe in one **Church** universal, a community of believers instituted by Jesus Christ, who are called to love one another, make disciples of all people, and stand for justice and mercy. I believe that just as the Father sent Christ into the world, Christ sends His Church into the world to participate in the mission of God. The Church does not have a mission, it is mission.

I believe in the two sacraments instituted by Jesus Christ, **Baptism** and **Lord's Supper**, as visible signs and seals of the new covenant. In both sacraments God reaches down to us and we reach across to our brothers and sisters in the community we call church. In baptism we are cleansed as a sign of God's grace, regenerated by the Holy Spirit and ingrafted into Jesus Christ as a promise of new life. In the sacrament of the Lord's Supper we experience Christ in a mystical way, as He calls us to the table to nourish us with the bread of life and cup of salvation. These are the signs of the new covenant, binding us to our Lord and to one another as the body of Christ.