

Executive Director Report
September 2023

Vision: We are spiritual, missional, and relational leaders assisting and supporting congregations to become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.

Mission: We move toward our Vision by *Planting* churches, *Vitalizing* churches, *Discerning* with churches, and *Aligning* our polity to be more mission focused.

In the past three months:

- Met, prayer for, and engaged with pastors, elders, and sessions in the presbytery.
- Preached at Chula Vista, Fletcher Hills, Faith Presbyterian, Mt. Soledad Presbyterian, Trinity Presbyterian, Northminster.
- Finished Review of Cyclical SD, incorporated those recommendations into a larger recommendation from the Advisory Cabinet that is available on the Presbytery Website and will be discussed at Presbytery.
- Working with Committees in making changes to Presbytery structure and Manual of Operations.
- Met with other Executive Presbyters in our Synod.
- Attended presbytery committee meetings as ex-officio (CPM, COM, BPF, HR, Executive Council, Nominations, New Day Steering Committee, Real Estate Task Force, Cyclical SD, and DCV).
- Invited and accepted to serve on the Task Force for Ordination Standards for the PCUSA General Assembly.
- Met with the leadership at Inglesia Presbyteriana Emmanuel and held town hall style meeting.
- Continued discussions on financial income for Southeastern, Inglesia Presbyteriana Emmanuel, and Orange Ave.
- Began discussions with the Real Estate Task Force with organizations that deal with affordable housing.
- Began having discussions with Young Nak which is nested on the Linda Vista property about being a chartered PCUSA congregation.
- Worked on an in-depth process bringing a NWC from development through chartering. This handbook will now get the input from committees.
- Hosted “Church Safety and Security” Training led by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at Mira Mesa Presbyterian.
- Worked on a “Discerning a Churches Future” handbook to help churches develop a vision. This handbook will now get input from committees.
- Attended “Day of Learning” on stewardship with the Presbyterian Foundation.
- Wrote and submitted a grant to the Lily Foundation on Church Vitalization in partnership with the Riverside Presbytery and Santa Barbara Presbytery for \$1.25 million over 5 years. Awarding will be this fall.

- Began forming two task forces and two ad hoc task forces in consultation with Chair of Council, Moderator, and Moderator-elect.

My goal is to be a resource for your church. This may be to attend your worship service(s) to bring a *brief* word of greeting from the Presbytery and mingle with your congregation after services. I would also be available to meet with Sessions to discuss how we can bring resources to your church as it seeks to faithfully serve God. If you are looking for me to guest preach at your church, I would be honored.

Tell us what God is doing in your church and community. As I go from church to church, there are incredible stories of what God is doing in your church and community. We need to share these stories with one another. Please tell us your story so that we can share it with everyone else. If you have an event that you would like the Presbytery to know about, send me an email. We will be sending out a Presbytery Newsletter at the end of the month. Is there something that you would like included? Send it to me before the 20th of the month.

Mark your calendars:

October 24, 2023	Mandatory Boundary Training for Teaching Elders and Commissioned Ruling Elders
November 14, 2023	Accents Workshop Pre-Presbytery Event
February 17, 2024	Leadership Day at Faith Presbyterian Church