

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING—NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The standing meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego was convened by Teaching Elder Sam Codington, Moderator, at 3:00 p.m. on the above date, at Christ United Presbyterian Church. He opened the meeting with prayer and a welcome was given by the Host Interim Pastor Rev. Jan Farley. A quorum was declared by Acting Stated Clerk Nancy Harber and the consent agenda, docket (with one addition) and her report were all approved. Worship was led by Noel Musicha and Jere Lester, both CREs from Ebenezer New Worshipping Community.

ROLL: It was VOTED that the rolls 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>TEACHING ELDERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
1-1	Brawley, First			Carl Stills
2-1	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	G. Bostrom E. VanGieson	101 103	Marcia Griffith
3-1	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	E. Wilson-Manahan	101	Joan Stroh Irene Ainza (A)
4-1	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. Rodriguez	105	Russell Allen
5-1	El Cajon, First	K. Dawsey-Richardson	101	Nancy Williams Cindy Graham (A)
6-1	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack	101	Jim Reisweber Lorna McMurray (A)
7-1	Escondido, Westminster	M. Sedgwick	101	Holly Nolan (e) Carole Ostrander (A)
8-5	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham S. Mitchell	101 103	Mary Kinyon Lynn Lansing Jen Marchesini Deanne Rohde Steve Vincent Jim Sedgwick (A)
9-1	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	M. Watson	105	William Green
10-1	Lakeside, Community	T. Avazian	101	Gerie Morrin Linda Sunkel (A)
11-2	Oceanside, First	M. Killeen	101	Gail Stewart Joan Anderson

12-4	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca (e) J. Cook (e) D. R. Caughey	101 105 109	Bob Frey Laura Metzger (e) Patrick Singer Michael Williams
13-1	San Diego, Christ United	J. Farley	105	Audrey Littlefield Harriet Thompson (A)
14-1	San Diego, Faith	S. Codington	101	Nancy Harber Joe Huffaker (A)
15-2	San Diego, First	J. Armstrong J. Myers	105 103	Maurice Caskey Kirk Rogers
16-1	San Diego, Iglesia Emmanuel			Hugo Carbajal Amado Olguin (A)
17-2	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	John Yoo
19-1	San Diego, Mira Mesa	D. McColl	105	John Sivers
20-1	San Diego, Northminster	J. Shirley N. Landis	101 301	Doug Gouger
21-1	San Diego, Orange Ave			
22-1	San Diego, Pacific Beach	B. Sperry	101	Steve Ritz (e)
23-2	San Diego, Palisades	C. Carroll	101	Deanna Atherton Jennifer White
24-4	San Diego, Point Loma Community	K. Shaw	101	Marty Smith (e) Sue Skala Barbett Wood
25-3	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	G. Kohler M. Wasef	105 103	Corey Buckner Tony Cook
26-1	San Diego, Southeast	R. Sparling (e)	106	Phil Bazier
27-1	San Diego, Taiwanese	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Kirk Davis Shawn Hsu (A)
28-1	San Diego, Westminster	M. Cochran	101	William Hodgkiss
29-4	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan J. D. Espitia J. Nelson C. Womack	101 103 103 103	Rachel Shaw Ericka Southcombe Travis Vining Bruce Huebner (A) Steve Rossier (A)
30-1	Spring Valley, Trinity	B. Barclay	101	Jeff Hansen
31-1	Vista, Grace	J. Denton	101	Scott Huston

32-1	Westmorland, Community		105	Leslie Lambe (e) Anne Mallory (A)
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OTHER PRESBYTERY MEMBERS and STAFF		ECC DESIGNATION
Executive Director	TE Sean Chow	302
Acting Stated Clerk	RE Nancy Harber	303
Vice-Moderator	*RE Em Cummins	
*Chair Executive Committee	*RE Lyn Lloyd-Smith	
*Chair Cyclical committee	*RE	
*Chair HR committee	*RE	
*At-large member Executive Committee	*RE Delores McNeely	
*At-large member Executive Committee	*RE Judy Enns	
Office Manager	Jennifer Sedgwick	
Director, New Day Urban Ministries	Raul Palomino	

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	T. F. Johnson	299	B. Reed	299
R. E. Anderson	299	C. Kohlbr	171	E. Reynolds	645
J. Andrews	299	T. C. Lai	299	L. Rice (e)	701
R.C. Betters	299	C. S. Lee	503	J. Robertson	299
J.H. Boller, Jr.	299	C. M. Lenocker	299	R. Roth	797
W. Bynagte	299	L. S. León	501	D. Satre	791
N. Byrd	299	A. Y. Lin	791	D. So	171
J. Chambers	299	S. Locke	299	J. So	171
F. Collins Lower	797	T. Loney (e)	761	W. A. Soldwisch	299
C. Cowden	797	P. Lual	299	G. Spearman	299
S.W. DeLong	299	E. McColl	797	G. L. Stewart	299
A.F. Desterhaft	299	D. McElrath (e)	299	T. Theriault	299
A. Deuel (e)	299	R. Mentze	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
B. Franco	701	J. Messervè	797	M. Wallman	299
R. Garton	299	B. Moller	299	M. Walls (e)	299
E. Girod	299	J Moser	299	P. Weiler	299
C. Hammond	299	M. Mudgett	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299

K. Hatlevig	701	K. Pazan	797	A. Wirth	797
C.M. Hong	299	D. Pierson	797	T. Wolfe	299
G. Horn	797	E. Piper	797	R Yenter	299
R. Humphries	299	N. Presa (e)	797	G. Ziccardi (e)	797
K Johnson	761	J. Rauch	299	R. Ziccardi (e)	797

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Sudanese American

Solana Beach

Ebenezer

Ebenezer

Iglesia Emmanuel

Chula Vista

William Tut*

Jpetul J'ernantes*

Jere Lester*

Noel Muschia*

Gonzalo Salinas*

Nicassio Rojas*

BOLD = Attended Meeting e = excused A = Alternate

* - Voting Member of Presbytery

Attendance:

Teaching Elders	36
Ruling Elders	27
Corresponding	
Inquirers/Candidates	
Visitors/Others	2
Total	65

Report of Acting Stated Clerk

The Acting Stated Clerk reported the following:

1. This meeting's offering was designated for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for humanitarian assistance in and around Israel/Palestine and was in the amount of \$778.00. 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 1.

Consent Agenda

The Acting Stated Clerk recommended the following and **they were approved:**

1. That the proposed minutes of the Presbytery Stated Meeting of September 19, 2023 be approved.
2. That the lease agreement published on line between the Presbytery (Sudanese Church) and St Abune Aregawi Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo church be approved.
3. That the leases between Christ United Presbyterian Church and the Neighborhood Home Association; between Christ United and the McGill School of Success, and between Christ United and the Presbyterian Church of Ghana be ratified.

REPORTS

1. Front Porch Ministries

Rev. Joel Drenckpohl reported on this Ministry which started under the support of Santa Barbara Presbytery in 1952 as a special ministry for college students. It is very successful today.

2. 1001 New Worshipping Communities

Sean introduced Rafael Viana and Gad Mpoyo who are working with non-English speaking people from different cultures in looking at how we build relationships as a church. They have created a book "Accents".

3. Vice Moderator Elder Em Cummins gave a report of his 3 days of training for incoming Moderators recently. He also shared copies with anyone interested of his advent devotional guide that he creates every year. This one is entitled "Tell me the Story of Jesus".

4. Report of Executive Director

Sean Chow

Sean reported on some of his activities this past month. He reminded us that as a Presbytery, we belong to one another and our differences come together as a Presbytery. He also reminded us of the recent loss of the wife of Jan Armstrong, Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian church, San Diego and of the loss of a member at Southeast. All are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sean encouraged us to continue looking for opportunities to dream dreams and grow. The report from Joel Drenckpohl shows us possibilities for some relationships with SDSU. We were also reminded that the office of the Presbytery will only remain in the facility at Pt Loma for another month and a half.

There were three requests for motions brought to the Presbytery for approval.

* It was moved to merge the Human Resources and the Ecclesiastical committees into one new committee, named the Operations Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

* It was also moved to approve changing the position of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery to a 15 hours per week position and approve the revised position description (available online). The motion was made, seconded and passed.

* It was moved to accept the review from the Cyclical Review Task Force on the funding of church planting initiative for the next two years, not to exceed \$150,000, which includes the Director of Innovation. Costs will stay within budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

Sean also reported that a complaint had been received against Pastor X and the process for handling this will be followed.

5. Report of the Executive Council

Lyn Lloyd Smith

The Council will continue to work on a recommendation for how offerings from Ordination/Installation services should be used and will report their recommendation back.

6. Report of Cyclical Committee

Eileen Van Gieson

Eileen reported that there will be some changes forthcoming, including a probable name change.

7. Committee on Ministry

Kevin Womack

Kevin reported that COM recommends the new minimum salary for pastors in this Presbytery be increased by 3.2% to \$66,560. This was approved. He also reported that the revisions to our Book of Order contain some significant changes to a Family Leave policy. This will require we modify our current policy. Until COM can get this changed, if any requests for family leave for pastors arise, the new Book of Order policy is the one that should be followed.

8. Nominating Committee

Jamie Nelson

Jamie reported that Judy Enns has accepted the nomination as Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect for next year. All appointments for committees, as listed on the attachment, were approved.

9. Budget, Property and Finance Committee

Jim Rauch

A discussion of the financial situation of the Presbytery was held. It was noted that with the move of Mike Williams out of town, there is a need to retain legal counsel for future use by the Presbytery. A discussion on per capita was held and it was recommended by BP&F that per capita for 2024 be increased by 10%. This was moved, seconded and passed. Thus the local per capita will be \$30.10, the Synod portion \$2.85 and the GA portion \$9.80, for a total of \$42.75.

The budget for 2024 was also presented. After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved by the Presbytery.

10. Greg Bostrom gave a final updated report on the former Linda Vista Church and property, more complete information is available on the web site. A comprehensive update of the outreach activities of Ebenezer Church that currently worships on that site, and how they are becoming such an integrated part of this community was given. The Administrative Committee was thanked for its work in this area.

A thank you was given to the Deacons at Christ United for the nourishments provided. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 5:40pm.