



STATED MEETING  
of the Presbytery of San Diego  
February 22, 2024 - 3:00 pm

## **Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church**

### **PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Teaching Elder Rev. Sam Codington – Moderator  
Ruling Elder Em Cummins, Vice-Moderator /Moderator Elect  
Teaching Elder Rev. Alex Wirth –Acting Stated Clerk

### **PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Teaching Elder Sean Chow, Executive Director

Please bring docket materials.

1. Commissioners requiring an excuse from the meeting should apply to the Stated Clerk via the presbytery website at [www.presbyterysd.org](http://www.presbyterysd.org)
2. Any committee chair desiring to meet with her/his committee must make arrangements with the host facility.

### **Documents to download for this meeting:**

1. **Docket**
2. **Minutes, November 14, 2023**

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**Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
**Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church**

**Docket**

2:30 p.m.     **Registration begins**

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME**

3:00 p.m.     **Call to Order & Prayer** Sam Codington

3:10 p.m.     **Welcome by Host Pastor** Karla Shaw

3:15 p.m.     **Acting Stated Clerk’s Report** Alex Wirth

**Declaration of a Quorum; Approval of Docket & Consent Agenda**

*Only a simple request is needed to remove any item from the Consent Agenda. All items removed from the Consent Agenda will be considered under the report of the committee from which the item has been removed.*

**ENGAGE IN GOD’S WORK & WORSHIP**

3:20p.m.     **Worship-**

Installation of the Ruling Elder Em Cummins as Moderator of San Diego Presbytery  
 Installation of the Ruling Elder Judy Enns as Vice-Moderator of San Diego Presbytery  
 Rev. Dan Koeshall, Senior Pastor, MCC San Diego will preach.

4:00 p.m.     **Executive Director Report** Sean Chow

4:10 p.m.     **Committee on Ministry** Liz Wilson-Manahan

4:20 p.m.     **Executive Committee** Sam Codington

4:30 p.m.     **Committee of Preparation for Ministry** Jan Farley

4:40 p.m.     **Committee on Innovation and Church Planting** Eileen VanGieson

4:50 p.m.     **Nominating Committee** Jaime Nelson

5:00 p.m.     **Real Estate Task Force** Greg Bostrom

5:20 p.m.     **South Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship** Lam Muang

5:30 p.m.     **PILP presentation** Sung-Joo Park

5:40 p.m.      **New Day Urban Ministries**

Raul Pamomino

5:50 p.m.      **Adjournment with Prayer**

Em Cummins

### **Report of the Stated Clerk**

The Stated Clerk reports the following:

1. That pursuant to the Presbytery *Manual of Operations, Part I*, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery in 2024:

President – Executive Committee Moderator –Sam Codington  
Vice-President – Executive Committee Vice-Moderator – Liz Wilson-Manahan  
Secretary – Stated Clerk of the Presbytery – Alex Wirth  
Treasurer – Chair of the Budget Property & Finance –Paul Cuningham

2. **Imbalance report:**

That the following is the imbalance report for 2024 (based on 12/31/22 totals):

Teaching Elder (Minister) members eligible to participate in Presbytery	111
Less Teaching Elders <b>not</b> participating in Presbytery	59
Net Teaching Elders participating	<b>52</b>
Ruling Elder commissioners determined by church membership	44
Ruling Elder members by office or CRE status with vote**	8
Net Ruling Elder participants	<b>52</b>
<b>Net imbalance (ruling elders over teaching elders)</b>	<b>0</b>

There are currently 111 Teaching Elder (Minster of Word and Sacrament) members of Presbytery; but 59 have been deemed to have “not participated” by virtue of not attending any of the meetings in 2023. They are subtracted from the number of those participating for the purpose of determining the imbalance. This calculation leaves 52 teaching elders active in the presbytery.

Based on 2022 statistics (the last full year with official reporting), each congregation of SanDiego Presbytery is entitled to one (1) elder commissioner with the following exceptions:

La Jolla	4
Oceanside	2
Village	3
First San Diego	2

Point Loma Community	3
Rancho Bernardo	3
Solana Beach	3

\*\* In addition to the ruling elders representing each congregation, the following ruling elders are enrolled as members of Presbytery based upon their election to office for 2024.

Presbytery Moderator – Em Cummins (Point Loma)  
 Presbytery Vice-Moderator – Judy Enns (Solana Beach)

Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) with Presbytery membership and vote are:

- Jpetul J’ernantes (Solana Beach)
- William Tut (Sudanese)
- Jere Lester (Ebenezer)
- Noel Muschia (Ebenezer)
- Gonzalo Salinas (Iglesia Emmanuel)
- Nicasio Rojas (Chula Vista)

**3. Necrology Report:**

The following is the necrology report for members of San Diego Presbytery in 2023:

- Rev. Dr. Thomas Simpson passed away on March 11, 2023.
4. The offering collected at the Presbytery meeting Nov. 14, 2023 was given to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund for humanitarian assistance in and around Israel/Palestine and was in the amount of \$778.00.
  5. Status of complaint against Minister X. An Investigative Committee has been formed, investigated the complaint, and concluded not to move forward. Complaint has been closed.
  6. 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.

Alex Wirth, Acting Stated Clerk

**Consent Agenda**

**The Stated Clerk recommends the following:**

1. That the proposed minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on November 14, 2023 be approved.

2. The Nominating Committee nominations for the following members to serve, be approved.  
Jamie Nelson as chair of the Nominating Committee (class of 2026)  
Paul Cuningham as chair of BP&F (class of 2026)  
Karla Shaw on BP&F (class of 2026)  
Gena Wilson on the nominating committee (class of 2026)  
Carol Childs on the Permanent Judicial Council (class of 2029)  
Trish Collins on the Permanent Judicial Council (class of 2029)

### **REPORTS**

- Executive Director Report (Attachment A)

### **Business to be presented and/or VOTED on the floor**

#### **1. Committee on Ministry Recommends the following:**

- A. Recommends approving moving Jeff Meyers to Presbytery to move from Associate Pastor to Senior Pastor at First Presbyterian Church San Diego. (75% vote required)
- B. A motion was made and approved to continue the process with Rev. Leshner and Brawley

#### **2. Executive Committee Report:**

- A. Motion for TE Sean Chow to serve as the Acting Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of San Diego for the month of January 2024.
- B. MSC Motion for TE Alex Wirth to serve as the Acting Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of San Diego starting February 1<sup>st</sup> until a new Stated Clerk is elected. Compensation will be \$400 per week for 10 hours.
- C. MSC To nominate to Presbytery the 2024 Nominations Committee:  
Jaime Nelson (T) Solana Beach  
Nancy Harber (R) Faith  
Jenna Wilson (R) Village  
Ray Sparling (T) Southeast  
Alan Deuel (T) At Large  
Mike Sedgwick (T) Westminster, Escondido
- D. MSC To set aside the standing rules to designate Jaime Nelson (T) Solana Beach as Chair of Nominations for a third consecutive year.

### 3. Nominating Committee Report:

The nominating committee will present a slate for the Stated Clerk search committee for vote.

#### Attachment A

#### Executive Director Report

February 2024

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 two months:

- Met, prayer for, and engaged with pastors, elders, and sessions in the presbytery.
- Preached at San Diego Taiwanese, Pacific Beach, and Korean Presbyterian.
- 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).
- Working with committees in making changes to Presbytery structure and Manual of Operations. Specifically, recommendations and updating charters where a first read will come at the May Presbytery meeting.
- Served as Acting Stated Clerk in January.
- As required, completed the process for personnel reviews for all presbytery staff.
- Worked with Presbytery Staff to preserve necessary documents and files. Downsizing and moving office to remote operations.
- Participated in conversations on Affordable Housing.
- Met with a team to strategize the best use for grants available to the Presbytery. Began writing grants.
- Continued conversations about campus ministries.
- Working on bringing Presbytery policies into compliance with updated Book of Order
- Resourced churches and ministries with grant opportunities within the PCUSA and Synod.
- Participated in New Day strategy retreat.
- Served as a member of the General Assembly Task Force on Ordination Standards