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# STATED MEETING

of the Presbytery of San Diego

February 19, 2019 - 4:00 pm

**Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church**

**PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Rev. Fairlight Lower – Moderator

Ruling Elder Wells Lyman, Vice-Moderator /Moderator Elect

Rev. Bob Davis – Acting Stated Clerk

Ruling Elder Carole Ostrander – Minute Clerk

##### PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE STAFF

Rev. Michael Mudgett, Executive Presbyter

**DIRECTIONS**

**455 Church Way, El Cajon, CA 92020**

**Going East or West on I-8, take the 125 NORTH exit, turn LEFT on Fletcher Parkway, proceed to the second stop light and turn RIGHT on Chatham; make immediate turns – LEFT on Witherspoon, RIGHT onto Calvin, LEFT on Church Way and continue to the top of the hill.**

**619-463-6331**

Please bring docket materials.

1. Commissioners requiring an excuse from the meeting should apply to the Stated Clerk via the presbytery web site 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.
3. Dinner information: A meal will be offered for $12, please make your reservations by February 13, 2019 to: [Jean.service@fhpc.org](mailto:Jean.service@fhpc.org) or calling 619-463-6631 .

**Upcoming Stated Presbytery Meetings 2019**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 – Christ Presbyterian Church, La Costa

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 – Westminster Presbyterian Church, Escondido

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church, San Diego

**Announcements:**

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**Documents to download for this meeting:**

1. **Docket**
2. **Minutes, November 13, 2018**
3. **Minutes, Special Called Presbytery Meeting January 24, 2019**
4. **Statement of Faith – Minister X for Faith Presbyterian**
5. **Evangelism and Mission – Proposed Letter**

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**Docket**

3:30 p.m. Registration begins

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

4:00 p.m. **Call to Order & Prayer** Sue Skala

(in the sanctuary)

4:10 p.m. **Welcome by Host Pastor – Pastor Kevin Womack**

4:15 p.m. **Acting Stated Clerk’s Report** Bob Davis

**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**

4:25 p.m. **Worship** with communion, installation of 2019 officers & necrology report

Installation of the Rev. Fairlight Lower as Moderator of San Diego Presbytery

Installation of Ruling Elder Wells Lyman as Vice-Moderator of San Diego Presbytery

Installation of Ruling Elder Frances Lin as Stated Clerk of San Diego Presbytery

The Rev. Megan Cochran, preaching, “Be Strong and Courageous”.

5:15 p.m. **2019 Presbytery Moderator’s Report**  Fairlight Lower

5:25 p.m. **Cyclical San Diego Update** Daniel So

5:45 p.m. **Executive Presbyter’s Report** Michael Mudgett

5:55 p.m. **Executive Committee’s Report** Sue Skala

**ENGAGE IN FELLOWSHIP & DINNER**

6:00 p.m. **Dinner Break** (dinner and the remainder of the meeting will be in the Life Center)

**CONTINUE IN GOD’S WORK**

7:00 **Nominating Committee** Chris Kohlbry

7:15 **Evangelism and Mission** Eileen Moran

7:45 p.m. **Committee on Ministry** – Mike Sedgwick

* 1. Presentation of Minister X for examination to be the installed pastor at Faith Presbyterian
  2. Recommendation for and administrative commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel
  3. Recommendation for mandatory training regarding the prevention of sexual harassment and misconduct

8:20 p.m. **Unfinished business, announcements & adjournment**

**GO IN GOD’S NAME**

**Report of the Acting 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 2019:

President – Executive Committee Moderator –Sue Skala

Vice-President – Executive Committee Vice-Moderator – TBD

Secretary – Stated Clerk of the Presbytery – Frances Lin

Treasurer – Chair of the Budget Property & Finance –Greg Bostrom

1. That the following is the imbalance report for 2019 (based on 12/31/17 totals):

Teaching Elder (Minister) members eligible to participate in Presbytery 115

Less Teaching Elders ***not*** participating in Presbytery 53

Net Teaching Elders participating **62**

Ruling Elder commissioners determined by church membership 53

Ruling Elder members by office or CRE status with vote\*\* 6

Net Ruling Elder participants **62**

**Net imbalance (ruling elders over teaching elders) 0**

There are currently 115 Teaching Elder (Minster of Word and Sacrament) members of Presbytery; but 53 have been deemed to have “not participated” by virtue of not attending any of the meetings in 2018. They are subtracted from the number of those participating for the purpose of determining the imbalance. This calculation leaves 62 teaching elders active in the presbytery.

Based on 2017 statistics (the last full year with official reporting), each congregation of San Diego Presbytery is entitled to one (1) elder commissioner with the following exceptions:

First El Cajon 2

La Jolla 5

Oceanside 2

Village 4

First San Diego 2

San Diego Korean 2

Palisades 2

Point Loma Community 4

Rancho Bernardo Community 5

Solana Beach 4

\*\* 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 2018. They are:

Executive Committee Chair -- Sue Skala (Point Loma Community)

Presbytery Vice-Moderator – Wells Lyman (Palisades)

Ecclesiastical Committee Chair – Maurice Caskey (First, San Diego)

At-Large to Executive Committee – Holly Nolan (Westminster, Escondido)

At-Large to Executive Committee – Lloyd Tooks (First San Diego)

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

Paula Taylor (Solana Beach)

Chris Brewster (Orange Avenue)  
William Tut (Sudanese)

Steve Peters (Southeast)

1. The following is the necrology report for members of San Diego Presbytery in 2018:
2. Roberta Jeanne “Bobbie” McKee died on January 3, 2018. She was an active member of Faith Presbyterian Church and, among a life of other service, was Moderator of the San Diego Presbytery in 1993.
3. The Reverend H. Hollis Allen, who died on July 13, 2018. Rev. Hollis was a minister member of San Diego Presbytery.
4. The Reverend Richard Hayward on July 27, 2018. Rev. Hayward was a minister member of San Diego Presbytery.
5. Bob Battenfield, who died on September 30, 2018.  Bob was a member of Fletcher Hills and a faithful servant of this Presbytery for many years.
6. 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.

Pastor Bob Davis

Acting Stated Clerk

**Report of Committee On Ministry**

1. Pursuant to Manual of Administrative Operations, Chapter 8.IV.B, the COM acted on behalf of the presbytery and found in order the following terms of call for Minister X for Faith Presbyterian Church, contingent upon his successful examination and approved transfer into membership of San Diego Presbytery:

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| **Effective salary** | |  | **Reimbursable expenses (by voucher)** | |
| Cash Salary | $40,000 |  | Expense, Study Leave, Book, Sabbatical, Auto | $4,500 |
| Housing Allowance | $45,000 |  | Dental | $1,000 |
| Pension (breakout below) | $31,450 |  | Moving Allowance, one time, up to | $4,500 |
| Defined Benefit Pension Plan: 11% | $9,350 |  |  |  |
| Death & Disability: 1% | $850 |  |  |  |
| Medical coverage PPO: 25% | $21,250 |  |  |  |

Full medical, pension, disability, and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions Paid Vacation Four weeks; Paid Study Leave Two weeks.

In every sixth year of continuous service, the congregation will provide for a six-week Sabbatical Leave, continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing for pulpit supply in the pastor's absence.

1. That the request of Eliecer Barrantes to transfer his membership from San Diego Presbytery to San Joaquin Presbytery was denied.

**Consent Agenda**

**The Stated Clerk recommends the following:**

1. That the proposed minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on November 13, 2018 be approved.
2. That the Standards for Ethical Conduct, Sexual Misconduct and Harassment Prevention Policy, and the Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy approved and in effect for San Diego Presbytery be reaffirmed for 2019.

Pastor Bob Davis, Acting Stated Clerk

**The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommends the following:**

That the presbytery *approve the listing for sale* of the San Diego United Korean Presbyterian Church property at 3010 North Evergreen Street, San Diego, *with the understanding that the Presbytery must approve the final sale of the property* before close of escrow.

Rationale:

At a congregational meeting on December 2, 2018, the San Diego United Korean Presbyterian Church, currently located in Point Loma, voted by 68-14 to sell its property and relocate to an as yet undetermined site in northern San Diego.

This decision is based on three factors:

1) Evangelism and mission: most Korean-American people live in northern San Diego.

2) Membership: most SDUKPC members live in northern San Diego and currently commute 25-40 minutes to worship.

3) Finances: the church has had difficulty paying the mortgage and supporting the budget since losing more than half its members due to changes in standards for marriage and ordination at the General Assembly level.

SDKUPC is in conversation with Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church regarding a variety of options for sharing space as one possibility for the church's future.

**The Committee on Ministry recommends the following:**

1. To approve the transfer of the Rev. Robert Davis from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECOP) effective April 1, 2019. ECOP has voted to receive him pending action by San Diego Presbytery.

Rev. Mike Sedgwick, Chair

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

**The Nominating Committee recommends the following:**

COM Class of 2021 (replacing Frances Lin) Alex Wirth - M, Pt. Loma

CPM Class of 2020 (election as chair) Markus Watson - M, Westmorland

Class of 2020 (filling vacancy) David McElrath - M, Graham Memorial

E&M Class of 2019 (new slot) Winnie Davis - E, Taiwanese

E&M Class of 2020 (new slot) Ben Brown - E, Christ United

E&M  Class of 2021 (new slot) Maddie Cheng  - E, RBCPC

Chris Kohlbry, Chair

**The Evangelism and Mission Committee recommends the following:**

The Presbytery approve the following letter and give authority to the EP, Stated Clerk, together with the Executive Committee’s sub-committee on leadership (Vice Moderator, Moderator, and chair of Executive Committee) the authority to distribute the letter to certain elected regional, state, and federal officials, chaplains, our PCUSA’s stated clerk, together with the discretion to publish the letter in the media.

Text as follows:

To local, state, and national officials and their chaplains, appropriate media channels, and the general public,

We, the Presbytery of San Diego, believe in the God made visible in Jesus Christ. Our highest allegiance is to our God, whose realm knows no walls, and transcends all borders. Because silence is consent, we must not, and cannot, stay silent as we hear the cries of God’s oppressed children who are fleeing their homes in Central America for fear of death. We decry the inhumane treatment of legal asylum seekers.

We speak out against the dismal treatment of our fellow children of God because the story of displaced people has always been our story. Displaced people, including Abraham and Moses, have frequently been the ones sent to guide and lead God’s people. The Son of God himself, Jesus Christ, the one we seek to follow, fled political persecution with his family and sought refuge in Egypt. Asylum seekers echo the voices of those who have always called us back to God’s way of welcome and justice, and so we seek to amplify their voices as a presbytery of bold, faithful disciples of Christ.

We prayerfully urge:

…a humanitarian approach to border policies and immediate aid for those forced to wait at the border.

…an increase in personnel and resources to process asylum claims and eliminate the backlog of cases in immigration court.

…an ethic of compassion in dealing with all who cross our border that upholds their rights, dignity, and humanity.

…an end to the separation of families and inhumane detention of those legally seeking asylum and an acknowledgement of the trauma caused by such immoral policies thus far.

…a de-escalation of the rhetoric and the use of force around immigration policies.

…an end to demonizing and dehumanizing immigrants.

…a political will to address our deeply flawed immigration system.

We urge your consideration of these concerns because God’s love knows no borders and reaches all of humanity.

Prayerfully,

The Presbytery of San Diego

**The Committee on Ministry recommends the following:**

1. That Minister X be examined for membership by way of transfer (his Statement of Faith is provided at the end of the agenda).
2. That the Presbytery to establish an administrative commission for Iglesia Presbiteriana Emmanuel with the following charge and authorities:

* To explore a new viable model/models for ministry at Emmanuel;
* To explore leadership for the new model/models;
* To have the authority to make decisions about use of property in consultation with session of Emmanuel;
* The administrative commission is authorized for a term 12 months, reporting quarterly to COM, and is renewable as needed;
* The administrative commission shall consist of no less than seven members, with a minimum of 3 who are bi-lingual; and,
* Has a budget of $200 to be drawn from the Committee on Ministry.

That the following members of the administrative commission be approved: Jorge Suarez, RE Chula Vista Presbyterian; Paul Kang, TE Korean United Presbyterian Church; and James Gisolia, RE, Pt. Loma Community Presbyterian Church; and Ed Piper, TE at large -- are all individuals with Spanish language fluency. In addition, the following would be approved as members of the administrative commission:

1. To approve a recommendation from COM for the Presbytery to have mandatory sexual harassment prevention training for all pastors to attend; and to strongly encourage staff to attend as well.

Rev. Mike Sedgwick, Chair

Statement of Faith – Minister X

Faith Presbyterian Church

The one true God is known by us in three eternal persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is the source of life and created the world good. God rules creation with justice and mercy, and out of love God liberates and sustains the life of creation as mothers and fathers protect and nurture their children. We have been created to worship God by reflecting God’s character as representatives of God in the world.

We have supplanted our worship of God with worship of self and have cut ourselves off from the One who gives life. Our harmful self-interest has become natural to us. We choose death instead of life, lies instead of truth, greed instead of generosity. Our culpable shortsightedness has not deterred God from reigning as rightful king and defender of life. As seen throughout the Old Testament and into the New Testament, God has promised to tenaciously pursue us like wayward children that we might be restored into true life as God’s own people.

Jesus Christ, God’s Son was sent by God to liberate us and to urge us to turn away from loving only ourselves. Christ is like us in all things except sin and is therefore the perfect mediator between God and us. Christ has embodied God’s character as we see Christ exposing injustice and delivering the abused. By his suffering and death on the cross, Christ has satisfied the consequences of our self-defeating rejection of God’s purposes. On the cross, Jesus has conquered the violence of sin and death by taking it into his own body and by responding in love. Having received the benefits of Jesus’ sacrificial love in faith, we are now no longer alienated from God and are at peace with God.By Christ’s resurrection and ascension, Christ has won victory over death, and we have been freed from the entanglement of sin. We are being healed and shaped into a community that finds forgiveness at the foot of the cross and that seeks to embody forgiveness toward others.

Chosen by God for restoration, the Church is a community of unworthy people who have been called into Christ’s new family. We are a diversely gifted community whose unity is in Christ. We are instructed by Scripture in the patterns of faith and the way of Christ. We practice two sacraments, which signify our identity in Christ. We practice Baptism with water, which represents our dying and rising with Christ and our initiation into the family of God. We practice the Lord’s Supper with the bread and the cup, which recalls God’s promise to restore us into true life as God’s own people. The Lord’s Supper is a foretaste of the great banquet feast when people from north and south, east and west will sit at the table of God. These two visible signs and seals mark us as the community that has been restored by Christ and where restoration continues to happen by the Spirit.

The Spirit sanctifies, comforts, teaches, equips, and leads the Church in the way of Christ. The Spirit convicts the Church when it strays and empowers the Church in its mission. As the Church exists for others and gives voice to the voiceless, the Church’s joy in service is a sign and gift of the Spirit.

As a trustworthy witness to Christ, Scripture calls the Church to fulfill its purpose of rightly worshiping God by continuing Christ’s mission of mending the wounds of abuse and neglect. Scripture nourishes the Church in its faith, hope, and love. When we stray, we are called to admonish one another and to repent that each of us might be restored into the fullness of life in the Church.

Always praying for the restoration of persons outside the Church, the Church invites all persons that they might be drawn into relationship with Christ and renewed by the Spirit. This involves the Church living and proclaiming God’s promise of restoration to all peoples. In gratitude and hope for when all things will be made new, we continue Christ’s expressed mission of mending broken relationships.