

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

August 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale. This was a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, also serving as a leadership formation/education event. Moderators Peter Vogel and Martha Sadongei opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer.

Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment at this meeting. Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of three Teaching Elder members and the Ruling Elder members present, with at least three churches being represented by Ruling Elders. The Rev. Steve Beard, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Mountain View Presbyterian Church.

ROLL

There were 33 Teaching Elder commissioners and 39 Ruling Elder commissioners present for a total of 72 voting members.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Valerie de la Torre (Santa Barbara)

Mark DeVries (Middle Tennessee)

Churches/Ministers/Elder Commissioners

P=present/E=excused/A=absent; number after minister=occupational code; number before elder commissioner= # of commissioners for church

Benson, Community

A Jon Hermes (101) (2) Liz Lopshire-Kading

Bisbee, Covenant

Vacant (2)

Casa Grande, First

P Ben Seller (101) (3) Denny Honodel

P Bill Heinle (107) Marge Shepherd

Cliff, Trinity

A David Goble (101) (2)

Coolidge, Community

P Larry Graham-Johnson (108) (2) Carolyn Gilbert

Douglas, First

A Carlos Montaña (101) (3)

Florence, First

P John Johnson (101) (2)

E William Dean (109)

Globe, First

P Bill Norton (101) (2) Janie Cooper

E Edmund Lowe (109) Misti Harmon

Green Valley, Valley

P Lawrence DeLong (101) (4) Eloise Fredrickson

P Diane Christopher (103) Jim Nelson

E Joe Hawkins (109)

Miami, Divine Grace

Vacant (2) Barb Kannegaard

Safford, Shepherd of the Valley

E Robbin MacDonald (101) (2) Dorothea Bailey
Carol Peeler

San Manuel, Community

A Jeff Dixon (101) (1)

Sells, Papago United

Vacant (3) Avada Adams
Rechanda Chavez
Louella Martinez

Sierra Vista, Faith

A Virginia Studer (101) (2) Monica Davis
Deborah Wyatt

Silver City, First

P Bob Reese (101) (2) Elizabeth Lay
Ruth McPherson

Superior, Presbyterian Church

P Mary Jo Norton (107) (1)

Tucson, Christ Church

P Steve Melde (101) (3) Janet Rowe
P Steve Brownson (107) Pam Raine
Donna Kuehn

Tucson, Immanuel

P John Tittle (101) (3) Peggy Free
E Larry Biehl (107) Joey Samoy

Tucson, Korean Church

Myung Chon (1050) (3) Peter Yang

Tucson, Mountain Shadows

P Rachel Srubas (101) (2) Skip Brauns
Cassi Fraley

Tucson, Northminster

P Andrew Ross (101) (5) Martha Allen
P Mary Beth McSwain (103) Russell Amling
P Kenneth Skodiak (103) Marie Galloway
P Pete Seiferth (103) Susan Naegle
P John Cheek (103) Sally Wiger
E Richard Rowley (109)

Tucson, St. Andrew's

A Jim Toole (101) (5) Jane Nott
P Carla Williams (103) Bill Ricker
P Jennifer Wilcox Cummins (103)

Tucson, St. John on the Desert

A Lesley Abrams (107) (2)
E Gary Gard (109)

Tucson, St. Mark's

E Scott Opsahl (105) (2) Joeine Green
Irwin Richards

Tucson, Southside

P Alison Harrington (101) (3)
E John Fife (109)

Tucson, The Holy Way

E Ray Thomas (101) (2)

Tucson, Tortolita

P Tom Green (105) (2) Annette Trask
Jim Trask

Tucson, Trinity

E Foust, Jerry (2) Leone Mohney
P William Voigt (103) Alice Smedley

Other Ministers

E	Midhat Abraham (646)	E	James Hervey (299)
P	Mark Adams (405)	E	Edward Hunt (299)
E	Lance Barker (299)	A	Michael Japenga (797)
P	George Bitar (791)	E	James Jenson (299)
P	Kenneth Brown (405)	A	Jung Sook Kim (797)
E	William Brown (654)	A	Gretchen Larson-Wolbrink (797)
E	Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow (299)	E	Della Moore (299)
E	William Buehler (299)	P	Brad Munroe (304)
E	John Carr (797)	E	Bill Pennock (299)
E	Lerold Chase (299)	E	George Pike (299)
E	Paul Choi (299)	E	William Rhoades (299)
E	Walter Clark (299)	E	John Ross (299)
E	James Cobb (299)	E	Lee Sankey (299)
E	John Davies (299)	E	Robert Seel (299)
P	Ellen Dawson (641)	P	Don Shepherd (299)
E	John Dunham (299)	E	Michael Smith (299)
E	George Easley (299)	E	Valerie St. John-DeLong (299)
P	William Evans (299)	E	John Stevenson (299)
A	David Fife (701)	E	Ralph Strong (299)
P	Ann Graham-Johnson (299)	P	Patricia Toole (797)
P	Stephanie Hamilton (641)	E	John Wall (299)
E	James Hargleroad (299)	A	Dave Wasserman (299)
E	Roberta Hargleroad (299)	A	Marney Wasserman (797)
E	Mary Harris (299)	A	Brandon Wert (797)
E	Ralph Hensley (299)	E	James Wilson (299)

Ministry for Leadership

Debbie Bouchard
Frank Bouchard

Bob Schulz

Ministry Moderators

Tommy Calhoun (Ministry for Administration)
Peggy Free (Nominating Committee)
Harriet Marsh (Committee on Preparation for Ministry)

Bonnie Thompson (PWP)
Peter Vogel (Moderator)

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath

Carolyn McBurney

WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark DeVries, Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at First Presbyterian Church in Nashville and founder of Ministry Architects, gave the sermon about the importance of a vital youth ministry within each of our churches. Reminding us of the promise we make during a baptism, he encouraged presbyters of all ages to consider the nurture of our next generation of Christians to be everyone’s responsibility.

The Revs. Steve Beard and Lyn Corazin presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and special music was provided by Mountain View musicians. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to the Mathew 25 Border Ministry program.

COMMISSIONING OF CRE MARY JO NORTON

Mary Jo Norton (First Globe) was commissioned during the worship service as a CRE to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder to the Presbyterian Church of Superior. Her husband Bill, pastor at First Globe, participated in the commissioning.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION/EDUCATON WORKSHOPS

Leaders for the day’s Leadership Formation workshops were:

A Clerk’s Toolkit: Clerk of Session Training	Bob Schulz
“Peculiar People” – What Is Distinctive About Presbyterians?	Gale Watson
Becoming a Faith Community that Connects	Ron Hawkins
Mental Illness First Aid	Lyle Mazer
The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence	Ken Page
A Menu for Food Justice: Strengthening the Anti-Hunger Network	Tamara Zivic
Leadership Skills for Reservation and Other Small Churches	Donn McGuirk
Compassion Fatigue – Help for Caregivers	John Cheek and Laura Munroe
Deacons In Action	Mary Saylor
“You’ll Regret that Tattoo!”: Cultural Shifts and the Church	Pete Seiferth and Brad Munroe
Why Driving a Car and Evangelism Are Similar	Ken Skodiak
Changing Innovations in Worship	Mary Beth McSwain
How To Worship Like a Presbyterian	Shelly Moe
Serving Communion to the Homebound	Karen Muenich
Faith and Aging	Diane Christopher
Twelve to Twenty-two and Beyond, Keeping Students Engaged	Ellen Dawson and Tully Fletcher
Sustainable Models for Youth Ministry	Mark DeVries
Sustainable Models for Children’s Ministry	Mark DeVries
Take a Breather and Conspire with The Spirit	Rachel Srubas

PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting of Presbytery de Cristo was reconvened with prayer by Moderator Peter Vogel. Those attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed.

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

COMBINED de CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING

9:00 a.m. Call to Order Moderators Peter Vogel and Martha Sadongei
Lighting of the Peace Candle and Opening Prayer

GRAND CANYON BUSINESS MEETING

9:05 a.m. Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests Martha Sadongei
Establishing a Quorum (Grand Canyon)
Approving the Docket (Grand Canyon business meeting)
Approving the Consent Agenda (Grand Canyon)
Receiving New Business (Grand Canyon)
Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report
Presbytery Pastor Report
Adjourn (Grand Canyon business meeting)

9:30 a.m. * Break to move to Plenary and Worship

COMBINED de CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING AND WORSHIP

9:40 a.m. Enrolling Corresponding Members Moderators Peter Vogel and Martha Sadongei
Establishing a Quorum (de Cristo)
Receiving New Business (de Cristo)
Welcome and Arrangements Steve Beard, Mountain View
Sharing the Peace of Christ
9:45 a.m. Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper Rev. Mark DeVries, preaching
Commissioning of Mary Jo Norton as a CRE

11:10 a.m. Break

WORKSHOPS

11:15 a.m. * Workshops: Session One
12:15 p.m. * Lunch
1:00 p.m. * Workshops: Session Two
2:15 p.m. * Workshops: Session Three

DE CRISTO BUSINESS MEETING

3:30 p.m. * Reconvene with Prayer Moderator Peter Vogel
Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests
Approving the Docket (de Cristo business meeting)
Approving the Consent Agenda (de Cristo)
Approve the Minutes of April 26, 2014 meeting
Presbytery Pastor Report
Adjourn

COMBINED de CRISTO AND GRAND CANYON PRESBYTERY MEETING

Adjourn Combined Meeting Moderators Peter Vogel and Martha Sadongei
Closing Prayer

*Order of the Day

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 26, 2014 Stated Meeting were approved, with a correction to the attendance roll.

CONSENT AGENDA

Presbytery approved the Consent Agenda as a record of actions taken on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the various ministry teams/committees/commissions under the Bylaws of the Presbytery:

8/16/14 Consent Agenda

1CA

1. Ministry for Leadership Report

Action taken at the April 9, 2014 meeting

Approved submitting a grant application to the Synod of the Southwest seeking full funding for the Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship (MEPR) new church development for the remainder of 2014.

Action taken at the May 14, 2014 meeting

Endorsed the Synod of the Southwest's approval of the grant for MEPR.

Action taken at the June 4, 2014 meeting

Approved on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo the following persons to serve as PC(USA) ordination exam readers for August and November 2014:

Frank Bouchard (Ruling Elder)

Peter Seiferth (Teaching Elder)

John Ross (Teaching Elder)

Peter Vogel (Ruling Elder)

Action taken at the July 9, 2014 meeting

Approved referral to Ministry for Administration responsibility for resolving insurance coverage issue for Divine Grace Presbyterian Church in Miami.

2. Ministry for Administration Report

Action taken at the April 24, 2014 meeting

Approved the move of funds from Account 3160 Reserve for Salary Support to Account 5530 Salaries and Benefits to cover salary for former Presbytery Pastor Sue Westfall through June 30, 2014.

Actions taken at the July 17, 2014 meeting

Authorized Larry Norrid and Bob Schulz to continue negotiations and take any necessary actions required of MFA to facilitate the completion of registration of property titles in Jones County, Texas, that will result in Trans Oil Company releasing to Presbytery de Cristo all oil revenues currently held due to questions on clear ownership of mineral rights.

Approved leasing a car for use by Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe.

3. Committee on Ministry Report

Action taken at the April 3, 2014 meeting

Recommendation to Presbytery

Approved requesting that Presbytery grant the COM Moderator the authority to appoint Ruling Elders, with proper instruction, to serve the Lord’s Supper on specific dates for specific congregations.

Actions taken at the May 13, 2014 meeting

Roske-Metcalf, Luke

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Luke Roske-Metcalf, at his request, from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area, effective May 13, 2014.

Graham-Johnson, Larry

Approved extension of the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Larry Graham-Johnson and Community Presbyterian Church in Coolidge, on a 30-hour per week basis, for a period of six months effective May 1 through October 31, 2014, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following annually-based terms:

Salary	\$17,148.75	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
Housing Allowance	18,000	Vacation	Eight weeks
Auto Allowance	2,000		
Continuing Ed Allowance	1,711		
Study Leave Allowance	TBA		

Foust, Jerry

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Jerry Foust and Trinity Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective July 7, 2014, subject to 30 days notice for termination, and his transfer of membership from the Presbytery of St. Andrew to Presbytery de Cristo, on the following terms:

Salary	\$33,000	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	25,000	Medical Supplement	\$4,000
Prof Expense Allowance	5,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Relocation Allowance	3,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Moving Expenses	2,000*		

* Conditional, at end of pastoral service.

Actions taken at the June 5, 2014 meeting

de la Torre, Valerie

Approved extension of the appointment of the Rev. Valerie de la Torre to serve as Moderator of Divine Grace Presbyterian Church and to serve Sacraments through September 30, 2014.

McSwain, Mary Beth

Approved renewal of the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mary Beth McSwain and Northminster Presbyterian Church, on a 30-hour per week basis, for a period of one year effective July 15, 2014, subject to 30 days notice for termination, renewable with approval of Presbytery, on the following terms:

Salary	\$14,020	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	21,000	Vacation	Four weeks
Book/Study Allowance	1,500	Study Leave	Two weeks

Fedderly, Norman

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Norm Fedderly (HR), at his request, from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Milwaukee, effective May 20, 2014.

Actions taken at the July 3, 2014 meeting

Norton, Mary Jo

Approved Mary Jo Norton for commissioning by Presbytery de Cristo as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) to the Presbyterian Church of Superior, responsibilities to include preaching, administering Sacraments, and moderating the Session, with terms of call to be approved at the August 2014 meeting of COM.

Chon, Myung Won

Approved the Pastoral Call of the Rev. Myung Won Chon, subject to approval of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, to be Temporary Pastor to Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson for one year, on a part-time 20-hour per week basis, and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to Presbytery de Cristo, effective July 6, 2014, on the following terms:

Salary	\$24,000	Pension/Medical	NA
		Vacation	Four weeks per policy
		Study Leave	Two weeks

Westfall, Sue

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Sue Westfall, at her request, from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, effective July 1, 2014.

Small Church Companionship Team Ministry proposal

Approved adoption of the Small Group Companionship Team program to build a stronger relationship between small churches and the Presbytery, offer nurture and encouragement, and link small churches to available resources within the larger denomination.

4. Joint Presbytery Staffing Plan Team Report

Approved recommendation to Presbytery de Cristo that, having finalized position descriptions for the administrative staff serving both Presbytery de Cristo and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and anticipating acceptance of the offers made to the current employees serving in these positions on a interim basis, and therefore having completed the duties of the Joint Presbytery Staffing Plan Team, the Team should be dissolved.

5. Stated Clerk Report

Annual Statement of Insurance Coverage

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0122) it is noted that Presbytery de Cristo, through annually renewed policies issued by Church Mutual Insurance Company, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery's facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2014-1/1/2015.

Synod Review of 2013 Presbytery Minutes

The Synod of the Southwest Interim Executive/Stated Clerk, the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Santa Fe and Sierra Blanca, and the Stated Clerk/Associate of Presbytery de Cristo and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon met in Phoenix on April 11, 2014 and reviewed the minutes, rolls and registers of Santa Fe, Sierra Blanca, de Cristo and Grand Canyon. The Minutes of Presbytery de Cristo covering January 25, 2013 – December 14, 2013 were approved, with exceptions.

Financial Review

As noted in the January 24-25, 2014 Presbytery packet: A decision was made by MFA to conduct an annual review, as allowed by the *Book of Order*, rather than conduct a formal audit.. The FY 2012-2013 financial records, including PDC, PCM, and YAVIM, have been reviewed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn the business meeting of Presbytery de Cristo. The combined meeting of the two presbyteries was then adjourned with prayer at 3:15 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery was scheduled for October 18, 2014, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Tucson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 16, 2014 Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo were approved by the Presbytery at its Stated Meeting on October 18, 2014.

S/Robert S. Schulz

Robert S. Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

October 18, 2014

Date