

## MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

April 22, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its April Stated Meeting at Christ Presbyterian Church in Tucson. Bill Voigt, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with prayer and the lighting of the Peace Candle.

Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of eight Teaching Elder members and eight Ruling Elder members, with at least eight churches being represented by Ruling Elders. Commissioners attending for the first time and Mark Medina, Interim Pastor at Valley, were introduced. Guests, including Allison Wood and several YAVs speaking later in the meeting, were welcomed. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by the Presbytery for this meeting.

### ROLL

There were 24 Teaching Elder commissioners and 29 Ruling Elder commissioners, 5 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 3 Ruling Elder members of the Ministry for Leadership and 1 Ruling Elder ministry moderator present, for a total of 62 voting members. There were 15 registered visitors.

### Corresponding Members Enrolled

Randy Campbell (Santa Fe)

David Ezekiel (Chicago)

Andrew McComb (San Francisco)

Emily Miller (Mid-Kentucky)

### Teaching Elders Present – 24

Cole, Harry

de la Torre, Valerie

Elgin, Paul

Foust, Jerry

Grover, Mat

Harrington, Alison

Harris, Mary

Johnson, John

Lyman, Elizabeth

MacDonald, Robbin

Medina, Mark

Melde, Steven

Munroe, Bradley

Norton, Bill

Seel, Robert

Seiferth, Peter

Shepherd, Don

Smith, Elizabeth

Smith, Michael

Song, Sung Min

Srubas, Rachel

Studer, Virginia

Voigt, William

Williams, Carla

### Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 29

Christ - Donna Kuehn, Pam Raines

Community Benson - Janet Hearn,

Liz Lopshire-Kading

Divine Grace - Ginny Jason, Jason Sanchez

First Casa Grande - Denny Honodel, Pete Vogel

First Florence - Laura Hoffman, Heidi Lowe

First Globe - Keith Gustafson, Misti Harmon

First Silver City - Sherrie Lavelle, Ruth McPherson

Immanuel - Gale Griffin

Mt. Shadows - Jayne Raffety, Jeff States

Northminster - Susan Naegle, Ray Sammons,

Bonnie Thompson, Lori Woods

Papago United - Rechanda Chavez

Shepherd of the Valley - Robin Dutt

St. Andrew's - Frank Bouchard, Jane Nott

St. Mark's - Joeine Green, Jan McCoy

Valley - George Curtis, Eloise Fredrickson,

Jim Nelson

### Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 5

Biehl, Larry

Brownson, Steve

Heinle, Bill

Munroe, Laura

Norton, Mary Jo

### RE Leadership Commission Present – 3

Linda Freeman

Cheryl Larson

Bob Schulz

### RE Committee/Commission Moderators Present – 1

Peggy Free (Nominating)

**Staff Members Present**

Beth Kath Carolyn McBurney

**Teaching Elders Excused**

|                          |                     |                  |                   |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Abraham, Midhat          | Davies, John        | Hervey, Jim      | Ross, John        |
| Barker, Lance            | Dunham, John        | Hunt, Edward     | Rowley, Richard   |
| Brown, William           | Easley, George      | Jenson, Jim      | Sankey, Lee       |
| Buchanan-Barrow, Dorothy | Evans, Bill         | Loew, Edmund     | Smith, Bart       |
| Buehler, William         | Fife, John          | Montaño, Carlos  | Stevenson, John   |
| Chanslor, Don            | Green, Thomas       | Moore, Della     | St. John, Valerie |
| Chase, Lerry             | Hargleroad, James   | Pennock, William | Thomas, Raymond   |
| Cheek, John              | Hargleroad, Roberta | Phillips, Paul   | Wilson, James     |
| Clark, Walter            | Hawkins, Joe        | Pike, George     | Wert, Brandon     |
| Cobb, Jim                | Hermes, Jon         | Remer, Jim       |                   |

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused**

Abrams, Lesley

**Teaching Elders Absent**

|                |                    |                     |                  |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Adams, Mark    | Chon, Myung        | Hamilton, Stephanie | Skodiak, Kenneth |
| Akins, Steve   | Christopher, Diane | Letts, Thomas       | Tittle, John     |
| Bitar, George  | Cummins, Jennifer  | Reese, Robert       | Toole, Jim       |
| Brown, Kenneth | Fife, David        | Ross, Andrew        | Toole, Pati      |
| Carr, John     | Goble, David       | Sigmon, Mack        |                  |

**Churches Absent**

|                      |               |                        |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Community Coolidge   | First Douglas | St. John on the Desert |
| Community San Manuel | Korean        | Trinity                |
| Covenant             |               |                        |

**AGENDA**

Presbytery approved the agenda, including the Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting:

|            |   |               |
|------------|---|---------------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | Call to Order, Lighting of Peace Candle and Opening Prayer  | Bill Voigt    |
| 9:05 a.m.  | Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests | Bill Voigt    |
|            | Enrolling Corresponding Members                             |               |
|            | Establishing a Quorum                                       |               |
|            | Approving the Docket  |               |
|            | Receiving the Commission Reports                            |               |
|            | Approving the Consent Agenda                                |               |
|            | Approving the January 27-28, 2017 Presbytery Minutes        |               |
|            | Receiving New Business                                      |               |
|            | Welcome and Arrangements                                    | Steve Melde   |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper                |               |
| 11:00 a.m. | Louisville Seminary Recruitment                             | Emily Miller  |
| 11:15 a.m. | Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Stories                         |               |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch & Ignite the Spark Review                             | David Ezekiel |
| 12:45 p.m. | Presbytery Pastor Report                                    | Brad Munroe   |
| 1:00 p.m.  | Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) Report      | Mickie Choi   |
| 1:15 p.m.  | Stated Clerk Report   | Bob Schulz    |

Agenda (continued)

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|-----------|---|---------------|
| 1:25 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendments – 16A, 16B, 16C, 16E, 16F  | John Cheek    |
| 1:45 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendment – 16D   | Robin Thomas  |
| 2:05 p.m. | Proposed GA Amendments – 16G, 16H   | Robin Thomas  |
| 2:25 p.m. | Revised Manual of Operations - Chapter 7 Mission Committee                                | Bob Schulz    |
| 2:35 p.m. | Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Stories   |               |
| 2:50 p.m. | Nominations Report  | Peggy Free    |
| 3:05 p.m. | Commission on Ministry Report<br>Ordination Anniversaries<br>Annual Salary Review Report  | Mike Smith    |
| 3:15 p.m. | Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report<br>Proposed Move to Candidacy - Laura Munroe | Harriet Marsh |
| 3:30 p.m. | Adjourn with Prayer   | Bill Voigt    |

**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 our committees under the Bylaws and Manual of Operations:

4/22/17 Consent Agenda

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**1. Administration Committee Report**

**Actions taken at the March 2, 2017 meeting**

Approved approaching a large reputable bank with a trust department to invest funds currently in Presbytery de Cristo investment accounts into a balanced portfolio, with a goal of increasing income and preserving capital.

Approved adding Larry Norrid, Bill Winters and Steve Larson as signatories for New Covenant funds (and successor investment funds), in addition to Stated Clerk Bob Schulz, with a requirement for two people to sign.

Elected RE Janet Rowe as the sole Moderator of the Administration Committee.

**2. Mission Committee Report**

**Action taken at the January 26, 2017 meeting**

Approved recommending the 2017 Mission Budget to the Presbytery.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

Presbytery received the Commission Reports as a record of actions taken on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo in accordance with the responsibilities granted to our commissions under the Bylaws and Manual of Operations:

4/22/17 Commission Reports

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### **1. Leadership Team Report**

#### **Actions taken at the November 30, 2016 meeting**

Approved the nomination of TE Stephanie Hamilton and TE Virginia Studer to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Approved the purchase of a new vehicle for the use of Presbytery Pastor Brad Munroe, same type of vehicle, with the title to be held by the Presbytery of Grand Canyon and a 70/30 split of costs between the two presbyteries.

Approved a process to report information at Presbytery meetings via a Consent Agenda and Commission Reports.

Approved underwriting the registration fee for members of Presbytery churches attending the “Leadership and Anxiety in the Church” workshop.

#### **Actions taken at the January 25, 2017 meeting**

Approved the nomination of Madeline Bosma (Mountain Shadows) to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Approved the 2017 Presbytery budget, as approved and submitted by the Administration Committee.

#### **Actions taken at the March 22, 2017 meeting**

Received the Annual Report submitted by the Administration Committee for 2016.

Approved a revised process to identify the number of Ruling Elder commissioners for each congregation at Presbytery meetings, to be approved by the Presbytery as a policy in the Operations Manual.

Approved changing the date for the October Presbytery meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley to October 21, 2017 to eliminate conflicts with a Synod meeting and the GA Polity Conference.

Ratified the action by COM to approve the Presbytery de Cristo Commission on Ministry Handbook with Policies and Guidelines.

### **2. Commission on Ministry Report**

#### **Action taken at the February 2, 2017 meeting**

##### **COM Handbook Approved**

Approved the Presbytery de Cristo Commission on Ministry Handbook with Policies and Guidelines, dated January 26, 2017.

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**Actions taken at the March 2, 2017 meeting**

**Song, Sungmin**

Approved the request of Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson to call Temporary Pastor Rev. Sungmin Song to be its installed Pastor, effective March 2, 2017, with an installation date to be determined.

**Medina, Mark**

Approved the Transition Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mark Medina and Valley Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective March 25, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, and the transfer of his membership from the Presbytery of Baltimore to Presbytery de Cristo on the following terms:

|                         |           |                 |                                       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| Salary & Housing        | \$90,890  | Pension/Medical | BOP dues as required                  |
| Travel Allowance        | vouchered | Vacation        | Four weeks per policy *               |
| Continuing Ed Allowance | 4,800     | Study Leave     | Two weeks *                           |
| SECA supplement         | up to 50% |                 | *pro-rated for actual time of service |

**Cole, Harry**

Approved the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Harry Cole and Community Presbyterian Church in Benson on a part-time basis for a period of one year effective March 5, 2017, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

|                         |          |                       |                       |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Salary                  | \$ 2,000 | Pension/Medical       | BOP dues as required  |
| Housing Allowance       | 20,000   | Soc Sec Reimbursement | \$770                 |
| Travel Allowance        | 6,200    | Vacation              | Four weeks per policy |
| Continuing Ed Allowance | 1,000    | Study Leave           | Two weeks             |
| Lodging Allowance       | 4,600    |                       |                       |

**Reese, Robert**

Approved the ministry of the Rev. Robert Reese as a chaplain at Casa de la Luz hospice as a Validated Ministry Outside a Congregation, effective March 2, 2017. (move him from MAL)

**Groves, Jerrold**

Approved removal of the Rev. Jerrold Groves from the Presbytery de Cristo Roll of Teaching Elders, effective March 2, 2017.

**CRE Evaluation Form Approved**

Approved a revised Commissioned Ruling Elder Annual Evaluation Form, with one correction, and its inclusion in the COM Handbook.

**Actions taken at the April 6, 2017 meeting**

**Cheek, John**

Approved renewal of the part-time Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. John Cheek and First Presbyterian Church in Silver City, NM, for one year effective May 1, 2017, on a stipend basis of \$150/day for 5 to 8 days per month with a housing and/or mileage expense allowance of \$555.55/month.

**Valley Administrative Commission**

Received a written report from Ray Thomas, moderator of the Valley Administrative Commission, with an update on changes in transitional pastoral staff and steps being taken to address financial concerns.

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**Song, Sungmin**

Approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Rev. Sungmin Song as Pastor to Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m., with changes to the commission members allowed as necessary:

Teaching Elders

John Cheek  
Brad Munroe  
Mike Smith  
Bill Voigt

Ruling Elders

Josefina Ahumada (Southside)  
Peggy Snyder (Tortolita)  
Peter Yang (Korean)

**Tortolita Administrative Commission**

Received the March 8, 2017 report of the Tortolita Administrative Commission and approved the recommendations in the report, as amended by COM, as follows:

1. That the Administrative Commission meet with the Tortolita Presbyterian Church Session and Designated Pastor Jennifer Cummins to share and celebrate the AC's assessment of the congregation's restored health and vitality;
2. That the Session and Jennifer Cummins be encouraged to review her temporary pastorate status to assess if a permanent Call is desired and, if so, for the Session to communicate a request to COM for approval;
3. That the Administrative Commission be dismissed, with thanks, after meeting with the Tortolita Session.

**Faith Presbyterian Church**

Approved a request from the Session of Faith Presbyterian Church to allow Ruling Elder Judy Mayhew to serve an additional year on Session, through 2018, for a total of seven years.

**3. Stated Clerk Report**

**REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS**

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

January 27, 2017

Immanuel

**APPROVAL OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 27-28, 2017 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**WELCOME**

Pastor Steve Melde and CRE Steve Brownson welcomed Presbytery de Cristo to Christ Presbyterian Church. The congregation was founded in 1956 and first worshiped in Fellowship Hall, where we held our meeting, prior to their construction of a sanctuary. Christ Presbyterian was currently holding both traditional and interactive contemporary worship services on Sunday mornings.

**WORSHIP**

The Rev. Steve Melde delivered the message based on “The Difference the Resurrection of Jesus Makes in My Life.” He had asked various friends and colleagues to videotape their answers to be shared with his congregation and the Presbytery. Steve Melde and Steve Brownson presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by Christ Presbyterian praise musicians. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$517, was dedicated to the Tucson Borderlands YAV program.

**LOUISVILLE SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Emily Miller, a recruiter for the seminary, spoke about their “Covenant for the Future” initiative which provides free seminary education.

**YAV STORIES**

Volunteers with the Tucson Borderlands Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program, a mission outreach of the PC(USA), spoke during the Presbytery meeting. Important components of their volunteer year included cohort support, vocational discernment, and leadership development while they participated in cross-cultural ministry. Presbyters enjoyed hearing from these five young people about their service experiences:

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|----------------|--|
| Rachel Lovins  | Community Food Bank in Tucson                          |
| Mira Matheson  | House of Neighborly Service                            |
| Mary Baldwin   | Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona              |
| Graham Duncan  | Primavera Foundation                                   |
| Erik Sandstrom | Community Food Bank and St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church |

**IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE COMMUNITIES**

Pastors Pete Seiferth (Northminster), Allison Harrison (Southside) and Elizabeth Smith (The Holy Way) were asked to share news about their activities with local immigrants and refugees. Elizabeth spoke about her volunteer service with Casa de Mariposa’s detention visitation program, an outreach to detainees in Eloy. Allison Harrison reflected “The antidote to fear is community” as she shared about legal and other services provided to refugees at Southside. Pete spoke about Northminster’s outreach to people from African countries, including asylum seekers, many of whom have become members of the congregation.

**PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT**

Brad Munroe spoke about the presbytery’s emphasis on congregational renewal, such as the topics covered in the Ignite the Spark series. He reflected that renewal was a long, slow, faithful obedience and he was thankful for the wonderful conversation partners within Presbytery de Cristo. David Ezekiel gave a summary of his Ignite the Spark presentation on the cycle of awakenings within the Church.

**PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT AND LOAN PROGRAM REPORT**

Bob Schulz announced that PILP had forwarded checks for Faith, Mountain Shadows and Immanuel representing earnings on their PILP investments for 2016.

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

The Presbytery responded to the proposed amendments from the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly in 2016. Final decisions on the amendments were dependent on voting by all 172 presbyteries. Stated Clerk Bob Schulz gave an overview of the proposed amendments.

**AMENDMENTS 16-A, 16-E AND 16-F APPROVED**

The following items were listed on a common consent agenda and presented by John Cheek on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. There was a request to remove 16-B and 16-C from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The following was approved by simple majority via voice vote:

**MOTION:** To approve these proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy – On Amending G-3.0106
- 16-E. Certified Service Requirements – On Amending G-2.1101
- 16-F. The Ministry of Members – On Amending G-1.0304

**AMENDMENT 16-B APPROVED**

After clarification on the reasoning for 16-B which reinforced the importance of balancing the number of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders on committees, the following was approved by simple majority via voice vote:

**MOTION:** To approve this proposed amendment to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 16-B. Parity on Committees – On Amending G-3.0109

**AMENDMENT 16-C APPROVED**

There was a time for comments on individuals' preference about retaining the title "Teaching Elder" instead of reverting to the previous "Minister of Word and Sacrament," which was the intention of the Amendment. A voice vote was taken but it was not definitive so there was a show of hands and the following was approved by simple majority vote:

**MOTION:** To approve this proposed amendment to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles, recommendations 1-8
  - 16-C.1. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending F-3.0202
  - 16-C.2. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending G-2.0102
  - 16-C.3. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending G-2.0301
  - 16-C.4. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending G-2.05, 2.0501
  - 16-C.5. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending G-2.0701
  - 16-C.6. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors – On Amending G-3.0307
  - 16-C.7. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors – On Amending the Directory for Worship and the Rules for Discipline
  - 16-C.8. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament – On Amending W-4.4001a

**AMENDMENTS 16-D, 16-G AND 16-H APPROVED**

These amendments were presented by Robin Thomas on behalf of our GA commissioners to the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. There was an approved motion to combine the vote on the amendments and the following was approved by simple majority via voice vote:

**MOTION:** To approve these proposed amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution:

- 16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church
  - 16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509
  - 16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401
- 16-G. Access to the Lord's Table – On Amending W.2.4011a. and b.
- 16-H. Directory for Worship – On Replacing *The Directory for Worship*



**MANUAL OF OPERATIONS REVISION**

Bob Schulz introduced a revised Chapter 7 for the Manual of Operations, as proposed by the Mission Committee, clarifying their responsibilities. The following was unanimously approved:

**MOTION:** To approve revised Chapter 7 – Mission Committee for inclusion in the Presbytery de Cristo Manual of Operations.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Peggy Free presented nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were approved:

|              |                               |              |                          |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Class</u> | <u>Commission on Ministry</u> | <u>Class</u> | <u>Mission Committee</u> |
| 2019         | RE Lori Woods (Northminster)  | 2019         | CRE Larry Biehl          |

Peggy announced that Nominating had selected Alison Harrington and Bart Smith as Teaching Elders to be encouraged to apply to serve as Commissioners from our Presbytery to the 2018 General Assembly. Churches invited to have one of their Ruling Elders apply were Immanuel and Valley. Other Teaching and Ruling Elders were welcome to apply. The election of one Teaching Elder Commissioner, one Ruling Elder Commissioner and one Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) was scheduled for the August 12, 2017 Presbytery meeting.

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

Mike Smith noted that the Annual Salary Review of Ordained Pastors for 2016-2017 had been distributed at the registration table. He also introduced Sungmin Song, the recently installed pastor at Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson.

Mike read a list of Teaching Elders celebrating significant ordination anniversaries in 2017, asking those present to stand to be recognized.

|                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <u>10 years</u><br>Paul Phillips | <u>35 Years</u><br>Jennifer Cummins<br>William Evans | <u>45 Years</u><br>Midhat Abraham           |
| <u>15 Years</u><br>Don Chanslor  | Jerry Foust<br>Raymond Thomas                        | <u>50 Years</u><br>John Fife<br>Joe Hawkins |
| <u>30 Years</u><br>William Voigt | <u>40 Years</u><br>Kenneth Brown                     | <u>60 Years</u><br>George Pike              |

**COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT**

Carla Williams presented Inquirer Laura Munroe to be examined with respect to her Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. Laura fielded several questions from the floor. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. Laura was escorted from the meeting for the vote and, as recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

**MOTION:** To enroll Inquirer Laura Munroe of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Christ congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 3:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 12, 2017, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley.

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Robert S. Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

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Date