

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

August 12, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at Valley Presbyterian Church in Paradise Valley as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, also serving as a leadership formation event. Presbytery de Cristo Moderator Bill Voigt and Grand Canyon Moderator George Prohaska opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with prayer.

PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting of the Presbytery was convened by Bill Voigt. Commissioners attending for the first time were welcomed. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by the Presbytery for this meeting. 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.

ROLL

There were 20 Teaching Elders, 17 churches, 6 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 3 Ruling Elder members of the Ministry for Leadership and 1 Ruling Elder ministry moderator present. Attendance was established through registration in the workshops. There were 28 registered visitors.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Clayton Cobb (The Pacific)

Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)

Teaching Elders Present – 20

Adams, Mark
Bitar, Georges
Cheek, John
Grover, Mat
Harrington, Alison

Lyman, Elizabeth
Melde, Steve
Munroe, Brad
Norton, Bill
Phillips, Paul

Ross, Andy
Sigmon, Mack
Skodiak, Ken
Smith, Bart
Smith, Elizabeth

Thomas, Ray
Tittle, John
Toole, Jim
Ver Berg, Sara
Voigt, Bill

Churches Present – 17

Christ
First Casa Grande
First Douglas
First Globe
First Silver City

Immanuel
Mountain Shadows
Northminster
Papago United
Southside

St. Andrew's
St. John on the Desert
St. Mark's
The Holy Way
Tortolita

Trinity Tucson
Valley

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 6

Abrams, Lesley
Biehl, Larry

Brownson, Steve
Heinle, Bill

Munroe, Laura
Norton, Mary Jo

RE Leadership Commission Present – 3

Linda Freeman

Bob Schulz

Bonnie Thompson

RE Committee/Commission Moderators Present

Russ Amling (COR)

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath

Carolyn McBurney

Teaching Elders Excused

Abraham, Midhat	Davies, John	Hensley, Ralph	Seel, Robert
Barker, Lance	Dean, William	Hervey, Jim	Shepherd, Don
Brown, Kenneth	de La Torre, Valerie	Hunt, Edward	Smith, Michael
Brown, William	Dunham, John	Jenson, Jim	St. John, Valerie
Buchanan-Barrow, Dorothy	Easley, George	Loew, Edmund	Stevenson, John
Buehler, William	Evans, Bill	MacDonald, Robbin	Strong, Ralph
Chanslor, Don	Fife, John	Moore, Della	Studer, Virginia
Chase, Lerold	Green, Thomas	Pennock, William	Wall, John
Clark, Walter	Hargleroad, James	Pike, George	Wert, Brandon
Cobb, Jim	Hargleroad, Roberta	Ross, John	Williams, Carla
Cole, Harry	Harris, Mary	Rowley, Richard	Wilson, James
Cummins, Jennifer	Hawkins, Joe	Sankey, Lee	

Churches Excused

Community Benson

Teaching Elders Absent

Akins, Steve	Fife, David	Johnson, John	Seifert, Pete
Chon, Myungwon	Goble, David	Letts, Thomas	Toole, Patricia
Dixon, Jeff	Hamilton, Stephanie	Montano, Carlos	
Elgin, Paul	Hermes, Jon	Reese, Robert	

Churches Absent

Community San Manuel	Faith	Trinity Cliff
Covenant	First Florence	Shepherd of the Valley
Divine Grace	Korean of Tucson	Superior

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

9:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Bill Voigt and George Prohaska
9:05 a.m.	Welcoming First Time Commissioners and Guests	
	Enrolling Corresponding Members	
	Establishing a Quorum	Bill Voigt
	Approving the Docket	
	Receiving Commission Reports	
	Approving the Consent Agenda	
	Receiving New Business	
	Approving the April 22, 2017 Presbytery Minutes	
	Welcome and Arrangements	Dave Joynt
	Nominations	Bill Voigt
9:15 a.m.	Election of GA Commissioners & YAAD	Bill Voigt
10:00 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord's Supper	
11:15 a.m.	Workshops: Session 1	
12:15 p.m.	Lunch – with PDA Message and Montlure Update	
1:30 p.m.	Workshops: Session 2	
2:45 p.m.	Workshops: Session 3	
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn	

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:

8/12/17 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the June 28, 2017 meeting

Approved, as recommended by the Administration Committee, that Presbytery de Cristo adopt a policy to forward Per Capita to the Synod and General Assembly only in the amount received for that purpose by the Presbytery, provided that the payment does not result in a deficit budget.

Elected, on the behalf of the Presbytery, the following person to serve on the Nominations Committee:

TE Bill Norton Class of 2019

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the July 6, 2017 meeting

McComb, Andrew

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Andrew McComb (HR) from the Presbytery of San Francisco to Presbytery de Cristo, effective July 6, 2017.

Ver Burg, Sara

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Sara Ver Burg as a Member-At-Large from Winnebago Presbytery to Presbytery de Cristo, effective July 6, 2017.

Cheek, John

Approved dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. John Cheek and Northminster Presbyterian Church, at his request, and granted Rev. Cheek the status of Honorably Retired, effective August 1, 2017.

Sigmon, Mack

Ratified the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Lawrence McBride Sigmon as Pastor to Trinity Presbyterian Church on Sunday, May 21, 2017:

Teaching Elders

Steve Melde

Amy Sigmon

William Voigt

Ruling Elders

James Hooper (Trinity)

James Nelson (Valley)

Roberta Westergaard (Trinity)

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3. Stated Clerk Report

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

Minutes of Service of Installation/Ordination – Rev. Sungmin Song April 29, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Sungmin Song met at Korean Presbyterian Church of Tucson on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Song, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

John Cheek
 Brad Munroe
 Mike Smith
 William Voigt

Ruling Elders

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

Respectfully submitted,
 William Voigt, Moderator

Minutes of Service of Installation – Rev. Mack Sigmon May 21, 2017

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Lawrence McBride Sigmon met at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. and did install Rev. Sigmon, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Steve Melde
 Amy Sigmon
 William Voigt

Ruling Elders

James Hooper (Trinity)
 James Nelson (Valley)
 Roberta Westergaard (Trinity)

Respectfully submitted,
 William Voigt, Moderator

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2016 were reviewed and approved:

April 22, 2017

St. Mark's
 The Holy Way
 Trinity

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 the Insurance Board, has property and liability coverage to protect the presbytery's facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2017-1/1/2018.

SYNOD REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The Synod of the Southwest 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 October 7, 2016 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 23, 2015 – October 17, 2015 were approved without exception.

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**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS REPORTED BY PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2016**

MINISTERS

Ministers on Roll 12/31/15	85
Gains	
Received from Presbyteries	1
Ordained	0
Received from Denominations	0
Restored	0
Total gains	+ 1
Losses	
Deaths	4
Dismissed to Presbyteries	2
Dismissed to Denominations	0
Other Removals	0
Total losses	<u>- 6</u>
Ministers on Roll 12/31/16	80

INQUIRERS/CANDIDATES

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/16	2
Candidates on Roll 12/31/16	1

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members 12/31/15	5,546
Gains	
17 and under	17
18 and over	97
Certificate	75
Other Gains	49
Total gains	+ 238
Losses	
Certificate	65
Death	153
Other	220
Total losses	<u>- 438</u>
Active Members 12/31/16	5,346
Male	2,054
Female	3,292

BAPTISMS

Children	25	Adult	3
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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 3,398

AFFILIATE MEMBERS 193

ADULT MEMBER AGE

25 + under	262
26 – 45	523
46 – 55	420
56 – 65	715
65+	2,771

COMPOSITION

	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Asian	25	1	0
Black	15	0	0
African American	15	1	0
African	73	1	2
Middle Eastern	6	0	0
Hispanic	75	3	6
Native American	15	1	0
White	3,480	163	154
Other	1	0	0

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PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Receipts		Expenditures	
Regular Contributions	6,777,759	Local Program	7,408,324
Capital/Building	494,967	Local Mission	530,866
Investments	240,537	Capital Expenditures	820,570
Bequests	125,943	Investment	5,548
Other Income	1,500,937	Per Capita	162,514
Subsidy	34,770	Validated Mission	116,256
		Theological Education	2,493
		Other Mission	

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 ministry committees under the Bylaws and Manual of Operations:

8/12/17 Consent Agenda

1. Administration Committee Report

Actions taken at the April 6, 2017 meeting

Approved the amended Handbook of Operations for the Administrative Committee.

Approved appointment of Denny Honodel as a member of the combined Personnel Committee.

Authorized Robert Schulz, Corporate Secretary and Stated Clerk/Associate, to 1) sign deeds and legal documents on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo involving transfer of church property to Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Ajo and transfer of the manse to Presbytery de Cristo, and 2) sign legal and sales documents required for the sale of the manse on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo, with proceeds from the sale of the manse to be used to pay off old Good Shepherd PILP grants.

Actions taken at the May 11, 2017 meeting

Received a Per Capita Report indicating that 47% had been received and 18 of 31 churches had paid 50% or more of their pledge.

Approved having the annual Presbytery financial review done in August by Denny Honodel and Larry Norrid, covering a period of time to be determined by them, before establishing the next Presbytery budget.

Approved transfer of current New Covenant endowment investment funds (Account 1082) to the following 2 self-maintained, social justice oriented funds, with Larry Norrid and Bob Schulz designated as managers for Account 1082 until Larry’s term ends in January 2018 at which time a new committee member will be assigned:

- Vanguard FTSE Social Index Fund Investor Shares (65%)
- Certificate of Deposit maturing in 5 years (35%)

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Approved a request from Community Presbyterian Church in Benson to be forgiven 50% of their per capita for 2017 while they update their rolls, with the understanding that they consider paying the entire 2017 per capita amount if they become able to do so.

Approved establishing a Presbytery de Cristo policy to forward per capita money to GA and Synod based on per capita actually received from Presbytery churches.

Actions taken at the July 13, 2017 meeting

Ratified the action taken by Community Presbyterian Church in San Manuel to sell their manse with proceeds to be used to satisfy a loan from Presbytery de Cristo in the amount of \$9,600.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

APPROVAL OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The minutes of the April 22, 2017 Stated Meeting were approved as presented.

WELCOME

The Rev. David Joynt, Senior Pastor, welcomed both presbyteries to Valley Presbyterian Church.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bill Voigt presented the following nominees for our representatives to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri from June 16-23, 2018. All had submitted applications which were published with the call to the Presbytery meeting. Voting took place via written ballot to elect one Teaching Elder commissioner, one Ruling Elder commissioner and one YAAD. Those serving as counters were Denny Honodel, Ruth McPherson and Janet Rowe.

Teaching Elder Commissioner

Bart Smith (St. Mark's)
Rachel Srubas (Mountain Shadows)

Ruling Elder Commissioner

Eloise Fredrickson (Valley)
Carol Schurr (Immanuel)

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD)

Michael Tuohy (Immanuel)

Results were TE Bart Smith, RE Eloise Fredrickson and YAAD Michael Tuohy. Alternates were TE Rachel Srubas and RE Carol Schurr.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Kelly Nieto delivered the sermon "God Reigns" based on Isaiah 52:7. The Revs. Kelly Nieto and David Joynt presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$1,338.95, was dedicated to the ministry of Frontera de Cristo. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and came to \$50.74 for each presbytery.

LEADERSHIP FORMATION/EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

Leaders for the day’s workshops were:

A Clerk’s Toolkit: Clerk of Session Training	Bob Schulz, Jeanette Miller
The Benefit of Offering Benefits	Clayton Cobb
Discovering Your Plan for Church Growth	David Joynt
Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 1)	Jen Fraser, Allen Hilton
Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 2)	Jen Fraser, Allen Hilton
Politics, Polarization and the People of God (Part 3)	Jen Fraser, Allen Hilton
The Ruling Elder: Who Am I? How Can I Serve?	Gale Watkins
Using Social Media to Reach Your Congregation and Community	Amy Grover
Daily Doses: Finding Balance and Renewal Now	Andy Ross
Small Group Leadership	Bob Schulz
Ending the Isolation: A Look at Immigrant Issues	Alison Harrington, Elizabeth Smith
What Can Starbucks Teach Us About the Church and Worship	Frank Walmsley
What Our Churches Can Learn from New Worshipping Communities	Brandon and Kristin Willett
Why Should Elders Know about the Confessions	Frank Walmsley
Desert Spirituality	Rachel Srubas
Covenantal Restoration	Phebe Packer
Advocating for Immigrant Children in Federal Custody	Gladis Molina
Stewardship as a Year-Round, Fun-Filled, Joyous Adventure	Brad Munroe
Active Shooter Response Workshop	Marc Gerardis
Cracking the Nut on Youth Ministry	Drew Hulse

MONTLURE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CAMP UPDATE

Kellie von Borstel gave an update on the future of Montlure during lunch. She reported the summer overnight camping sessions and the traveling day camps had gone extremely well. Montlure was already making plans for the summer of 2018. Kellie said the Montlure Board was encouraged by their ongoing work with the U.S. Forest Service.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Valley congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to formally adjourn the joint Presbytery meeting for Presbytery de Cristo and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon following the completion of the workshops at 4:00 p.m. There was a closing prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for October 21, 2017, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Green Valley.

Robert S. Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

Date