

Presbytery de Cristo

Commission Reports

April 21, 2018 Stated Meeting

Items approved by a commission, which includes our Leadership Team and the Commission on Ministry (COM), were approved in accordance with the responsibilities assigned by our Bylaws and Manual of Operations as well as the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109 and G-3.0307) and are reported here for the information of the Presbytery. Our commissions have been given the authority to consider and conclude matters referred to them by the Presbytery.

Any presbyter may request that an item within the Commission Reports be clarified. Any questions or comments on these actions will be reported back to the respective commission.

Items in the Stated Clerk Report are included here for the information of the Presbytery.

The following reports are included:

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1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Leadership Team as a commission under the Bylaws and Manual of Operations of the Presbytery:

Actions taken at the January 24, 2018 meeting

Approved a review of recent Presbytery budgets to check for receipts for a past year's expenses which were received after the close of the year, and to correct the process so that actual income and expenses are recorded within a given year.

Reviewed the 2018 connection budget and approved its presentation to the Presbytery for approval.

Reviewed the current process for determining concurrence for GA submitted overtures and approved continuing with that process for 2018, with plans to consider an alternative process for the next General Assembly meeting in 2020.

Approved the formation of an Administrative Commission to discern and initiate further process, if needed, in response to reported actions of Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church in Safford regarding dissolution and sale of its building to a local church.

Approved, acting as the Presbytery's Board of Trustees, authorization for the Presbytery de Cristo attorney to prepare legal documents to prevent the outright sale of the church property by Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church without inclusion of the Presbytery in the process.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken on behalf of Presbytery de Cristo in accordance with the responsibilities granted to the Commission on Ministry under the Bylaws and Manual of Operations of the Presbytery:

Actions taken at the February 1, 2018 meeting

Hargleroad, Roberta

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Bobbie Hargleroad (HR) from the Presbytery of Denver to Presbytery de Cristo, effective February 1, 2018.

Reese, Robert

Validated the ministry of the Rev. Robert Reese as a chaplain at Casa de la Luz hospice for 2018.

Papago United

Approved sending a note of thanks to Bill Pawson of the EPC for his concern about the congregation of Papago United Presbyterian Church, but informing him the Presbytery would pursue other options for providing pulpit supply to the church.

Southside

Received the report of COM's Appreciate Inquiry visit to Southside Presbyterian Church on November 20-21, 2017.

Pulpit Supply List

Approved the 2018 Pulpit Supply List.

Shepherd of the Valley

Authorized a transfer of responsibility for the discernment process for the dissolution or dismissal of a church to the Administrative Commission established by the Leadership Commission of Presbytery de Cristo to address property issues for Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church; and authorized the COM liaison for the church to work with the Administrative Commission.

Appointed the Rev. Jennifer Cummins to serve as Moderator of the Shepherd of the Valley Session, effective February 1, 2018, until the Administrative Commission established by the Leadership Commission assumed jurisdiction.

Actions taken at the March 1, 2018 meeting**Medina, Mark**

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Mark Medina and Valley Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective March 25, 2018, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$72,890	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	18,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Continuing Ed Allowance	4,800	Study Leave	Two weeks
Travel Allowance	.535/mile		

Cheek, John

Approved renewal of the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. John Cheek (HR) and First Presbyterian Church of Silver City, on a part-time basis (10-13 days/month), for a period of eight months effective May 1, 2018, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary	\$150/day
Housing Allowance	555.55/month

Cummins, Jennifer

Approved, in accordance with actions taken at the August 3, 2017 COM meeting, an installation date of March 4, 2018 and approved the following Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Jennifer Cummins as Pastor to Tortolita Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.:

<u>Teaching Elders</u>	<u>Ruling Elders</u>
Brad Munroe (Pres Pastor)	Chuck Brown (Tortolita)
Pete Seiferth (Northminster)	Lee Harbers (St. Andrew's)
Carla Williams (HR)	Liz Lopshire-Kading (Community Benson)

Validation of Ministries

Approved the annual Validated Ministry forms for Mark Adams (Frontera de Cristo), Georges Bitar (Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship), Valerie de la Torre (Grand Canyon University professor) and David Fife (Casa de la Luz hospice chaplain).

COM-administered Restricted Accounts

Approved a sub-committee of Brad Munroe, Bill Ricker and Eloise Fredrickson to develop specific parameters for administering COM grant requests and have a proposal for COM at the April 5 meeting.

Approved requesting that Restricted Fund 3166 - Church Revitalization and Restricted Fund 2205 - Mustard Seed Grant be merged, if approved by the Administration Committee, with COM to be permitted to define a process for distribution of the resulting fund.

Southside Grant Request

Approved a request for Jennifer Cummins, COM liaison to Southside, to consult with Pastor Alison Harrington regarding Southside's \$4,000 congregational revitalization grant request.

Actions taken at the April 5, 2018 meeting**COM-administered Restricted Accounts**

Approved a request from Southside Presbyterian Church for a one-time distribution of \$4,000 to be taken from restricted fund line item 3166 (Church Revitalization), with Southside required to produce an after-action report for COM on what they have done and what they have learned regarding challenges and best practices for their proposed ministry.

Approved a recommendation to the Administration Committee to merge restricted fund line item 2205 (Mustard Seed Grant) into restricted fund line item 3166 (Church Revitalization).

Approved a recommendation to the Administration Committee to define the restricted fund line item 3166 (Church Revitalization) as follows: "Purpose: to equip, nurture, and support church leaders to empower their congregations to experience renewed vitality and extend the invitation to participate in God's Church through Jesus Christ."

Approved a Church Revitalization Application Form (Restricted Fund 3166) for use in distributing funds from restricted fund line item 3166 (Church Revitalization).

Valley Presbyterian Church

Approved a request that Brad Munroe and Josefina Ahumada communicate with the Valley Administrative Commission regarding the AC's role and boundaries as related to establishing original jurisdiction.

3. Stated Clerk Report**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION****Minutes of Service of Installation/Ordination – Rev. Jennifer Cummins March 4, 2018**

The Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Jennifer Cummins met at Tortolita Presbyterian Church, Tucson, on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. and did install Rev. Cummins, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4). Members of the Administrative Commission were:

Teaching Elders

Brad Munroe (Pres Pastor)
Pete Seiferth (Northminster)
Carla Williams (HR)

Ruling Elders

Chuck Brown (Tortolita)
Lee Harbers (St. Andrew's)
Liz Lopshire-Kading (Community Benson)

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Lopshire-Kading

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

The following Session records for 2017 were reviewed and approved on January 26, 2018:

Divine Grace

First Casa Grande

Immanuel