

Presbytery de Cristo
Stated Meeting
Leadership Formation/Education Event
August 17, 2013
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its August Stated Meeting at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Tucson. This was a joint meeting with neighboring Presbytery of Grand Canyon. Moderators Pete Seiferth and Bob Schulz opened the meeting at 8:45 a.m. with the lighting of the Peace Candle and prayer. Sue Westfall, Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk, 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.

GREETINGS

The Rev. Jim Toole, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment for this meeting.

Leaders for the day's Leadership Formation workshops were introduced:

Seven Tech Tips for Churches	Tully Fletcher
Collaborative Community Partnerships	Bruce Johnson
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	John Cheek and Karen Smith
Reaching Young Adults in the Church	Amy Jacober
Social Media for Churches	Eric Ledermann
But We've Never Done It That Way Before	Pete Seiferth
From Global to Local: Impacting Refugees	Natalia Winberry
Engaging Prison Ministry	Richard Taylor
Changes in BPO Medical Dues	Clayton Cobb
Are We Making Disciples or Raising Money?	Dave and Marney Wasserman
Ministering to Those Affected by Suicide	Hilary Cummings
Come, Build, Hope (AMOR Ministries)	Forrest Fowler
Writing Your Faith Story	Rachel Srabas

ROLL

There were 39 minister commissioners and 49 elder commissioners present, for a total of 88 voting members, as well as 32 registered de Cristo visitors.

Corresponding Members

De Cristo – Clayton Cobb (Pacific)	Grand Canyon – Judith Wellington (Santa Fe)
Thomas Tewell (Greater Atlanta)	Naomi Barcanic (ELCA)

Churches/Ministers/Elder Commissioners

E = Excused; A = Absent; number after minister = occupational code; number before elder commissioner = number of commissioners for church.

Ajo, Good Shepherd

Vacant (2) William Taube

Benson, Community

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

Bisbee, Covenant

Vacant (2)

Casa Grande, First

E Ben Seller (101) (3) Denny Honodel
 Bill Heinle (105) Marcey Honodel

Cliff, Trinity

E David Goble (101) (2)

Coolidge, Community

Ann Graham-Johnson (108) (2) Carolyn Gilbert
 Larry Graham-Johnson (108) Phyllis Mikles

Douglas, First

E Carlos Montaño (101) (3)

Florence, First

John Johnson (105) (2) BJ Brown Ferguson
 E William Dean (109) Jessie Laing

Globe, First

E Bill Norton (101) (2)
 E Edmund Lowe (109)

Green Valley, Valley

Lawrence DeLong (101) (3) Judy Aguayo
 Diane Christopher (103) Jim Nelson
 E Joe Hawkins (109) Debbi Shippy

Miami, Divine Grace

Melynda Foust (105) (2)

Safford, Shepherd of the Valley

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

San Manuel, Community

Jeff Dixon (101) (2)

Sells, Papago United

Myra Schouten (105) (2) Avada Adams
 Hilbert Schouten (105) Louella Martinez

Sierra Vista, Faith

Virginia Studer (101) (2) Judy Mayhew
 Gene Raymond

Silver City, First

Bob Reese (101) (2) Anna Dye
 Ruth McPherson

Superior, Presbyterian Church

Vacant (1)

Tucson, Christ Church

E Steve Melde (101) (2)
 E Steve Brownson (105)
 A Joseph Skelly (109)

Tucson, Immanuel

E John Tittle (101) (2) David Powell
 E Larry Biehl (105) Edward Vander Woude

Tucson, Korean Church

Jung Sook Kim (101) (2)

Tucson, Mt. Shadows

Rachel Srubas (101) (2) Shane Cryderman

Tucson, Northminster

Andrew Ross (101) (5) Russell Amling

Kenneth Skodiak (103) Donald Burg

Pete Seiferth (103) Linda Carey

John Cheek (103) Paul Carey

E Richard Rowley (109) Susan Naegle

Tucson, St. Andrew's

Jim Toole (101) (5) Brian Cochran

Carla Williams (103) Greg Jester

Jennifer Wilcox Cummins (103) Carmen Morris

Del Rieschick

Dudley Woodard

Tucson, St. John on the Desert

Lesley Abrams (2) Jan Kelm

E Gary Gard (109) Bruce Stewart

Tucson, St. Mark's

Scott Opsahl (105) (2) Pat Mueller

Irwin Richards

Tucson, Southside

E Alison Harrington (101) (2) Jason Chavez

A John Fife (109) Karen Stewart

Tucson, The Holy Way

Ray Thomas (101) (2) Dee Ellis

Tucson, Tortolita

Tom Green (105) (2) Lisa Teagar

Tucson, Trinity

Marney Wasserman (101) (2) Terry Dalke

William Voigt (103) Alice Smedley

Other Ministers

A	Midhat Abraham (646)	E	George Easley (299)
	Mark Adams (405)		Bill Evans (299)
E	Lance Barker (299)	E	Norman Fedderly (299)
	George Bitar (791)	A	David Fife (701)
	Kenneth Brown (405)		Enevas Frietas (791)
E	William Brown (654)		Stephanie Hamilton (641)
A	Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow (299)	E	James Hargleroad (299)
E	William Buehler (299)	E	Roberta Hargleroad (299)
A	John Carr (797)	E	Mary Harris (299)
A	Lerold Chase (299)	E	Ralph Hawthorne (299)
A	Paul Choi (299)	E	Ralph Hensley (299)
A	Yoo Kyoong Chung (797)	E	Jim Hervey (299)
E	Jim Cobb (299)	E	Edward Hunt (299)
A	Alberto Cordova (797)	E	Mike Japenga (797)
E	John Davies (299)	E	Jim Jenson (299)
	Ellen Dawson (641)	A	Gretchen Larson-Wolbrink (797)
	John Dunham (299)	E	Della Moore (299)

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| A | Bill Pennock (299) | E | John Stevenson (299) |
| E | George Pike (299) | E | Ralph Strong (299) |
| A | Bill Rhoades (299) | A | Nuhad Tomeh (797) |
| E | Luke Roske-Metcalf (501) | E | Patricia Toole (797) |
| E | Lee Sankey (299) | A | John Wall (299) |
| | Robert Seel (299) | E | Brandon Wert (797) |
| | Don Shepherd (299) | | Sue Westfall (304) |
| | Mike Smith (299) | E | James Wilson (299) |
| E | Valerie St. John-DeLong (299) | | |

Ministry for Leadership

Debbie Bouchard

Frank Bouchard

Ministry Moderators

John Johnson (Committee on Ministry)

Jasper Melton (Ministry for Administration)

Dick Kampa (Nominating Committee)

Peter Vogel (Moderator-Elect)

Harriet Marsh (Committee on Preparation for Ministry)

Staff

Jennifer Miller

Mary Anne Nollsch-Abshier

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

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| 8:30 a.m. | Registration | |
| 8:45 a.m. | Opening Prayer and Lighting of the Peace Candle | Pete Seiferth and Bob Schulz |
| | Greetings from St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church | Jim Toole |
| | Establishing a Quorum | Sue Westfall and Tony Cook |
| | Enrolling Corresponding Members | |
| | Introduction of Workshop Leaders | |
| 9:15 a.m. | Worship & Celebration of the Lord’s Supper | Tom Tewell, Preaching |
| 10:30 a.m. | Plenary with Tom Tewell, Macedonian Ministries | |
| 11:20 a.m. | Break | |
| 11:30 a.m. | Workshops: Session One | |
| 12:15 p.m. | Lunch | |
| 1:15 p.m. | Workshops: Session Two | |
| 2:15 p.m. | Workshops: Session Three | |
| 3:15 p.m. | Presbytery Meeting | |
| | Opening Prayer | Pete Seiferth |
| | Introduction of First Time Commissioners | |
| | Ministry for Leadership Report | |
| | First Reading of Proposed Bylaws | |
| | Committee on Ministry Report | John Johnson |
| | Examination of Mary Beth McSwain for Ordination as Teaching Elder | |
| | Adjournment | |

WORSHIP

The Rev. Thomas Tewell delivered the sermon about “Marching Off the Map” in our collective and individual Christian faith journeys. The Revs. Pete Sieferth and Martha Sadongei presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by the St. Andrew’s praise team and choir. The worship included an offering received for the CPM’s of the two presbyteries and a special time of recognition honoring Mary Anne Nollsch-Abshier on her retirement. In addition, the Matthew 25 offering of material and financial resources was received for the Migrant Center in Agua Prieta.

PRESENTATION ON SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Tom Tewell, founder of Macedonian Ministries, spoke about the important role that small groups can play within the life of a congregation, helping members move from viewing each other as “respectable” Christians to understanding each other as “real” Christians. He reminded us that Jesus himself chose to model Kingdom priorities by spending time within a small group – the twelve disciples. Tom gave the following Top 10 countdown of reasons why Jesus’ followers should participate in a small group:

10. Small groups give people the support to face adversity and challenges.
9. Small groups provide an environment where substantive learning can take place and creative new ideas can be considered.
8. Small groups help people break down stereotypes by getting to know and love people who are not like them.
7. Small groups hold each other accountable to be and do their best.
6. Small groups provide an environment in which people can experience the healing power of humor.
5. Small groups teach people the importance of confidentiality by providing a safe environment in which to be honest and vulnerable with one another.
4. Small groups give people the courage to take a risky step of faith.
3. Small groups have a leader/mentor/spiritual director who sets the tone for Christian community to be built.
2. Small groups teach people the importance of “being present” with one another.
 1. Jesus himself was in a small group!

He modeled the kind of life that He wanted his followers to live.

He modeled the priorities of the “Kingdom of God.”

He gave the disciples an example of a prayerful life.

WORKSHOPS ON LEADERSHIP FORMATION

The joint meeting gave our presbyters the opportunity to share with Grand Canyon Presbytery our tradition of devoting one meeting each year to leadership development. Attendees could select three options from thirteen one-hour workshops led by fellow pastors and lay people on a variety of subjects. Our joint portion of the meeting was concluded with prayer, including thanks given for the lunch to be served, as attendees were dismissed to attend their workshops.

RECONVENE FOR PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO MEETING

Pete Seiferth, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. with prayer. First time commissioners and guests were welcomed to the Presbytery meeting. Sue Westfall introduced Jennifer Miller, the new part-time Assistant to the Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk.

MINISTRY FOR LEADERSHIP REPORT

Tom Green presented a report from the Ministry for Leadership regarding their proposed revision to the Presbytery Bylaws and the following was **approved**:

MOTION: That the Presbytery receive the proposed Bylaws for first reading and study, with action to approve the Bylaws scheduled for the October 19, 2013 meeting.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

John Johnson, representing COM, presented Mary Beth McSwain, Candidate under care of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, for examination for the office of Teaching Elder. Mary Beth received a call to be the Temporary Associate Pastor for Worship Arts at Northminster Presbyterian Church. She read her Statement of Faith and the floor was opened for questions. Presbytery approved ending the examination, Mary Beth was escorted from the room, and the following was **approved**:

MOTION: To sustain the examination of Mary Beth McSwain and proceed to ordination.

Mary Beth was welcomed back into the room with applause, and members of Northminster joined her as a prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Pete Seiferth.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 4:00 p.m. by Pete Seiferth. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for October 19, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Globe.

Sue Westfall, Presbytery Pastor/Stated Clerk

Date