

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

April 26, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its April Stated Meeting at Faith Presbyterian Church in Sierra Vista. Peter Vogel, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with prayer.

Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of three Teaching Elder members and the Ruling Elders present, with at least three churches being represented by Ruling Elders. Commissioners attending for the first time and other guests were welcomed. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by Presbytery for this meeting. Presbytery approved granting privilege of the floor to corresponding members and visitors.

ROLL

There were 17 Teaching Elder commissioners and 29 Ruling Elder commissioners present, for a total of 46 voting members, as well as 13 registered visitors.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Mickie Choi (Riverside)

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

E Jon Hermes (101) (2)

Bisbee, Covenant

Vacant (2) Mary Alice Budge
Millicent Kasun

Casa Grande, First

A Ben Seller (101) (3) Marge Shepherd
A Bill Heinle (105)

Cliff, Trinity

A David Goble (101) (2)

Coolidge, Community

E Ann Graham-Johnson (108) (2)
E Larry Graham-Johnson (108)

Douglas, First

A Carlos Montaña (101) (3) Morris Eckhardt

Florence, First

A John Johnson (101) (2)
E William Dean (109)

Globe, First

E Bill Norton (101) (2) Linda Clark
E Edmund Lowe (109) Misti Harmon

Green Valley, Valley

E Lawrence DeLong (101) (3) Eloise Fredrickson
P Diane Christopher (103) Jim Nelson
E Joe Hawkins (109)

Miami, Divine Grace

E Melynda Foust (105) (2) Barb Kannegaard

Safford, Shepherd of the Valley

E Robbin MacDonald (101) (2) Dorothea Bailey

San Manuel, Community

A Jeff Dixon (101) (2)

Sells, Papago United

Vacant (2)

Sierra Vista, Faith

P Virginia Studer (101) (2) George Van Otten
George Wheat

Silver City, First

P Bob Reese (101) (2) Anne Sherrell

Superior, Presbyterian Church

Vacant (1)

Tucson, Christ Church

P Steve Melde (101) (2) Shirley MacLain

P Steve Brownson (105) Donna Kuehn

Joseph Skelly (109)

Tucson, Immanuel

A John Tittle (101) (2)

A Larry Biehl (105)

Tucson, Korean Church

A Jung Sook Kim (101) (2)

Tucson, Mountain Shadows

E Rachel Srubas (101) (2)

Tucson, Northminster

P Andrew Ross (101) (5) Martha Allen

A Mary Beth McSwain (103) Donald Burg

P Kenneth Skodiak (103) Paul Carey

E Pete Seiferth (103) Marie Galloway

P John Cheek (103) Susan Naegle

E Richard Rowley (109)

Tucson, St. Andrew's

A Jim Toole (101) (5)

P Carla Williams (103)

E Jennifer Wilcox Cummins (103)

Tucson, St. John on the Desert

A Lesley Abrams (2) Kim Patton

E Gary Gard (109) Susan Patton

Tucson, St. Mark's

P Scott Opsahl (105) (2) LC Arnold

Irwin Richards

Tucson, Southside

E Alison Harrington (101) (2) Jill Markwart

E John Fife (109)

Tucson, The Holy Way

P Ray Thomas (101) (2) Doug McIntyre
Mooneen Rangenhurf

Tucson, Tortolita

A Tom Green (105) (2)

Tucson, Trinity

Vacant (2) Leone Mohney
A William Voigt (103)

Other Ministers

A	Midhat Abraham (646)	E	Ralph Hensley (299)
P	Mark Adams (405)	E	James Hervey (299)
E	Lance Barker (299)	E	Edward Hunt (299)
P	George Bitar (791)	A	Michael Japenga (797)
A	Kenneth Brown (405)	E	James Jenson (299)
A	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)
A	John Chanslor (299)	E	George Pike (299)
E	Lerold Chase (299)	E	William Rhoades (299)
E	Paul Choi (299)	A	Luke Roske-Metcalf (501)
E	Walter Clark (299)	E	Lee Sankey (299)
E	James Cobb (299)	E	Robert Seel (299)
E	John Davies (299)	P	Don Shepherd (299)
E	Ellen Dawson (641)	E	Michael Smith (299)
P	John Dunham (299)	E	Valerie St. John-DeLong (299)
E	George Easley (299)	E	John Stevenson (299)
E	William Evans (299)	E	Ralph Strong (299)
E	Norman Fedderly (299)	A	Patricia Toole (797)
A	David Fife (701)	E	John Wall (299)
P	Stephanie Hamilton (641)	E	Dave Wasserman (299)
E	James Hargleroad (299)	E	Marney Wasserman (797)
E	Roberta Hargleroad (299)	A	Brandon Wert (797)
E	Mary Harris (299)	E	Sue Westfall (304)
E	Ralph Hawthorne (299)	E	James Wilson (299)

Ministry for Leadership

Debbie Bouchard
Frank Bouchard

Bob Schulz

Ministry Moderators

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

Bonnie Thompson (PWP)
Peter Vogel (Moderator)

Staff Members Present

Beth Kath

Carolyn McBurney

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda:

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9:00 a.m.	Call to Order and Opening Prayer	Peter Vogel
9:05 a.m.	Welcoming First Time Commissioners, Teaching Elders, Guests	
	Enrolling Corresponding Members	
	Establishing a Quorum	
	Approving the Docket	
	Approving the Consent Agenda	
	Approving the Minutes	
	Receiving New Business	
	Being Greeted by our Host Congregation	Virginia Studer
	Sharing the Peace of Christ	Peter Vogel
9:20 a.m.	Worship and Celebration of the Lord’s Supper	
	Commissioning GA Commissioners and YAAD	
10:20 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	Café Justo Mission Information	Adrian Gonzalez
10: 55 a.m.	CPM Report	Harriet Marsh
	Inquirer Matthew Grover (St. Andrew’s) - Move to Candidacy	
11:20 a.m.	Ministry for Service Report (Nominations)	Peggy Free
11:30 a.m.	Tortolita Administrative Commission Report	Ray Thomas
11:40 a.m.	Celebration of Ordination Anniversaries (COM)	Scott Opsahl
11:50 a.m.	Brad’s Words of Mission, Celebration and Prayer	Brad Munroe
Noon	Lunch	
1:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Campus Ministry Report	Susan Naegle
1:10 p.m.	Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship Report	Marshall Worden
	New Church Development Funding	
1:30 p.m.	Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program	Mickie Choi (PILP)
1:40 p.m.	Synod of the Southwest Meeting Report	Marie Galloway
1:50 p.m.	Adjourn	

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/commissions under the Bylaws of the Presbytery:

4/26/14 Consent Agenda

1CA

1. Ministry for Leadership

Actions taken at the January 8, 2014 meeting

Approved request from the Presbytery of Grand Canyon that the August presbytery meeting be a joint meeting and be held at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale.

Approved referral of the job descriptions for the two office personnel to the Joint Personnel Committee with concern over the definition of the word “exempt” at the request of Treasurer Debbie Bouchard.

4/26/14 Consent Agenda

2CA

Approved an employment termination date for Sue Westfall with Presbytery de Cristo of February 14, 2014.

Actions taken at the February 12, 2014 meeting

Approved the following Officers of the Corporation: Peter Vogel (President), Stephanie Hamilton (Vice President), Robert Schulz (Secretary) and Deborah Bouchard (Treasurer).

Approved the following signatories on the JPMorgan Chase Bank account: Deborah Bouchard, Susan Naegle and Stephanie Hamilton.

Actions taken at the March 12, 2014 meeting

Approved providing an opportunity for Presbytery commissioners to fill out a written questionnaire with three questions posed: (1) What in this meeting helped you to grow as a follower of Jesus? (2) What in this meeting helped you to grow as a Teaching or Ruling Elder? (3) What in this meeting helped your church grow in effective ministry and mission?

2. Committee on Ministry

Actions taken at the February 6, 2014 meeting

Kim, Jung Sook

Approved the dissolution of the temporary Supply Pastor relationship between the Rev. Jung Sook Kim and Korean Presbyterian Church, at her request, effective June 30, 2014.

Voight, William

Approved the appointment of the Rev. Bill Voight to serve as Moderator of Trinity Presbyterian Church, effective February 23, 2014, until an Interim Pastor is hired.

Temporary Moderators

Approved the appointments of the Rev. Ann Graham-Johnson to serve as Moderator to the Coolidge Session on February 9, 2014, and the Rev. Jim Cobb to serve as Moderator to the Superior Session on February 23, 2014.

Actions taken at the March 6, 2014 meeting

Temporary Moderators

Approved the appointment of Ruling Elder Mary Jo Norton to serve as Moderator to the Superior Session, through the end of March 2014. Approved the appointment of the Revs. Mike Smith and/or John Johnson to serve as Moderator to the Papago United Session, effective March 6, 2014 through January 2015 or until another pastor is available.

Temporary Lord's Supper

Approved Ruling Elders Arvada Adams, LouElla Martinez and Diane Marks to serve the Lord's Supper, with appropriate training, at Papago United Presbyterian Church when a Teaching Elder is not available, effective March 6, 2014 through January 2015 or until another pastor is available.

Korean Presbyterian Church

Approved the MIF for Korean Presbyterian Church as amended to clarify the compensation available, specifically with regard to benefits under the Board of Pension, with the understanding that COM will monitor discussions with potential candidates.

Actions taken at the April 3, 2014 meeting

Freitas, Eneyas

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Eneyas Freitas from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon in order that he may serve as Stated Supply Pastor to Historic First Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, effective March 1, 2014.

Approved extension of the appointment of the Rev. Valerie de la Torre (Presbytery of Santa Barbara) to moderate the Session of Divine Grace Presbyterian Church through June 30, 2014, or until the Rev. Melynda Foust returns (whichever is first), and to "labor within the bounds" through the end of June 2014.

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

3. Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Actions taken at the March 6, 2014 meeting

Approved Inquirer Mat Grover of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for examination by the Presbytery for enrollment as a Candidate for the office of Teaching Elder.

4. MEPF New Church Development Administrative Commission

Actions taken at the January 21 and March 25, 2014 meetings

Approved minutes of previous meetings, received monthly financial reports and reviewed Fellowship attendance data.

Approved the revised Position Description for the Organizing Pastor.

Approved the budget for calendar year 2014.

Approved, because of financial exigency, moving Reverend Bitar from full-time to half-time status, effective May 1, 2014.

5. Stated Clerk

REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS

In addition to those previously reported, the following Session records for 2012 were reviewed by the Session Record Committee on Saturday, October 19, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church in Globe prior to the Presbytery meeting:

Approved without exception

First, Globe
First, Silver City
St. Mark's, Tucson

Approved with exception

Community, Coolidge
Valley, Green Valley

The following churches' records have not yet been reviewed for 2012:

First, Casa Grande
First, Douglas *
Trinity, Cliff *

Korean, Tucson
Sells, Papago United
Southside, Tucson *

*More than one year behind

The meeting was opened in prayer and then the records were exchanged and reviewed. Reviewing each other's session records is great learning tool. I encourage all clerks to attend with their books when possible. Many thanks to those who came to help read the books, your time and effort were greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Lopshire-Kading, Chair Session Record Review

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24-25, 2014 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WELCOME

The Rev. Virginia Studer, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to Faith Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Brad Munroe delivered the sermon. He and Virginia Studer presided over the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special music was provided by Faith musicians. The offering collected during the worship service was dedicated to Presbyterian Campus Ministry. A commissioning service was held to recognize Presbytery de Cristo's commissioners to the 221st General Assembly, Bill Norton (TE) and Dick Kampa (RE), as well as YAAD Alina Kanaski.

CAFÉ JUSTO UPDATE

Adrian Gonzalez of Café Justo reported that there were now four coffee co-ops, representing 110 families, involved in the partnership. Ten full-time jobs had been created and a water purification system had been installed for the roasting facilities. The children were going to school, a church worshipping community had begun, and almost half the revenue from coffee sales was going to the farmers. The new source of local employment had allowed families to be reunited.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT

Harriet Marsh presented Inquirer Matthew Grover of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church to be examined with respect to his faith, forms of Christian service and motive for seeking to be a Candidate. Mat, Director of St. Andrew’s Youth Discipleship Ministry, told about his faith background and his studies at the University of Dubuque online seminary. Presbyters asked several questions and there was an approved motion to arrest the questioning. The following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer Matthew Grover as a Candidate for the ordered ministry of Teaching Elder.

MINISTRY FOR SERVICE REPORT

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

<u>Committee on Ministry</u>	<u>Ministry for Administration</u>
2014 RE Cheryl Wood (Immanuel)	2016 Lesley Abrams (St. John on Desert)
2015 TE Ed Lowe (HR)	2016 RE Donald Burig (Northminster)
2015 TE Bob Seel (HR)	
2016 RE Marie Galloway (Northminster)	<u>Synod</u>
2016 TE John Johnson (First Florence)	2014 RE Lee Harbers (St. Andrew’s)
2016 RE Jean McElrath (St. Andrew’s)	
2016 RE Jim Nelson (Valley)	
2016 TE Rachel Srubas (Mountain Shadows)	
2016 RE Robin Thomas (The Holy Way)	

TORTOLITA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT

Ray Thomas reported on the work of the Commission, which had met with the Session of the church in April. The congregation was formed in 1986 and currently had 67 members. Each time one of their three pastors departed it had been difficult and the church lost members. The Commission had found the church financial viability to be in question and gave the Session a list of tasks to do within three months. If these were not completed the Administrative Commission could decide to assume the role of the Session.

CELEBRATION OF ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

The following 2014 anniversary milestones were recognized:

5 Years - 2009

Bill Norton
 Luke Roske-Metcalf

35 Years - 1979

Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow
 Roberta Hargleroad
 David Goble

45 Years - 1969

Jim Cobb
 Tom Green

30 Years - 1984

Andrew Ross

55 Years - 1959

Edmund Loew, Jr.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported on his first few months on the job, reflecting that he was finding de Cristo to have a sense of grace, community and unity even when people had differences. He was planning to approach the Synod for grant money to begin a Synod-wide CRE training program. He reported that MFL was developing a new Small Church Ministry program. Brad felt the Presbytery was adjusting well to the closing of the office in Tucson because everyone realized the Presbytery was people, not a place.

OTHER REPORTS

Student leaders Danielle Oxnam and Daniel Tannen from the Presbyterian Campus Ministry program at the University of Arizona gave an update on the ministry and what it had meant in their lives and then presented a slide presentation about the group's spring mission trip to Costa Rica.

Steve Brownson reported that a grant proposal was being submitted to the Synod of the Southwest for funding for the Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship New Church Development. The outreach was into its sixth year and their average attendance was 42 adults and kids, including three Moslem families. A short video had been created for a Presbyterian Foundation grant competition. The video was available for churches to use for a minute for mission during Sunday services.

Mickie Choi of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program gave an update on PILP's history of financial support to Presbytery de Cristo churches through building loans. She announced that Faith, Holy Way, Immanuel and Mountain Shadows had earned rebates through the investment program.

Marie Galloway reported on the March meeting of the Synod of the Southwest. Bylaws amendments were approved and Robin Thomas was commissioned as Associated Stated Clerk. The Synod was in the process of converting to a virtual office, with employees working from home.

Debbie Bouchard reported that churches were encouraged to investigate possible tax refunds available under the Affordable Care Act.

Mark Adams reported that Frontera de Cristo had begun a coffee shop ministry at Trinity for the prevention and intervention of drug and alcohol abuse.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Sierra Vista congregation was thanked for its hospitality. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 1:45 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for August 16, 2014, held as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon at Mountain View Presbyterian Church in Scottsdale.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 26, 2014 Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo were approved by the Presbytery at its Stated Meeting on August 16, 2014.

S/Robert S. Schulz

Robert S. Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

August 16, 2014

Date