

## MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

August 25, 2018

### 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 as a joint meeting with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon, also serving as a leadership formation event. Presbytery de Cristo Moderator Liz Lopshire-Kading and Grand Canyon Moderator Judy Wellington opened the meeting at 9:10 a.m. with prayer and lighting of the peace candle.

Beth Kath, Administrative 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 other guests were welcomed. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by the Presbytery for this meeting. The agenda was approved. The Rev. Jim Toole, Pastor, welcomed Presbytery to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

### ROLL

There were 24 Teaching Elder commissioners and 34 Ruling Elder commissioners, 4 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 2 Ruling Elder members of the Leadership Commission and 1 Ruling Elder ministry moderators present, for a total of 64 voting members. There were 84 registered visitors.

### Corresponding Members Enrolled

Clayton Cobb (The Pacific)

Kathryn Threadgill (South Alabama)

Conrad Rocha (Synod of the Southwest)

### Teaching Elders Present – 24

Adams, Mark

Grover, Mat

Reese, Robert

Studer, Virginia

Brown, Kenneth

Harrington, Alison

Ross, Andrew

Thomas, Raymond

Christopher, Diane

Lloyd, Linda

Seiferth, Peter

Tittle, John

Cole, Harry

McComb, Andrew

Sigmon, Mack

Toole, Jim

de la Torre, Valerie

Melde, Steven

Skodiak, Kenneth

Ver Berg, Sara

Elgin, Paul

Munroe, Bradley

Srubas, Rachel

Voigt, William

### Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 34

Christ - Janet Rowe, Linda Tillema

Northminster - Russ Amling, Ray Sammons

Community Benson - Carol Dempster,

Papago United - Rechanda Chavez

Liz Lopshire-Kading

Southside - Lisa Anderson, Josefina Ahumada

Faith - Renee Olthoff, Gene Raymond,

St. Andrew's - Scott Fiore, Cedric Hay, Jane Nott,

Don Townsend

Kevin Oxnam, Mike Thompson

First Casa Grande - Kay Svedjan, Pete Vogel

St. Mark's - Carol Diekmann, Jan McCoy,

First Douglas - Robert Victor

Nancy Pfafflin

First Silver City - Ruth McPherson

The Holy Way - Robin Thomas

Immanuel - Gale Griffin, Carol Shurr, Anne Thornes

Trinity Tucson - Billie Holbrook, Alice Smedley

Mountain Shadows - Laura Carey, Cassi Fraley

Valley - Judy Aguayo, Jim Nelson

### Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 4

Abrams, Lesley

Biehl, Larry

Heinle, Bill

Munroe, Laura

### RE Leadership Commission Present – 1

Carol Peeler

**RE Committee/Commission Moderators Present – 1**

Peggy Free (Nominating)

**Staff Members Present**

Beth Kath Carolyn McBurney Mackenzie Skodiak

**Teaching Elders Excused**

Abraham, Midhat	Cummins, Jennifer	Loew, Edmund	Sankey, Lee
Barker, Lance	Davies, John	Jenson, Jim	Seel, Robert
Brown, William	Dunham, John	MacDonald, Robbin	Shepherd, Don
Buchanan-Barrow, Dorothy	Easley, George	Medina, Mark	Smith, Bart
Buehler, William	Evans, Bill	Moore, Della	Smith, Elizabeth
Carr, John	Fife, John	Norton, Bill	Smith, Michael
Chanslor, Don	Green, Thomas	Pennock, William	St. John, Valerie
Chase, Lerry	Harris, Mary	Pike, George	Stevenson, John
Cheek, John	Hawkins, Joe	Remer, Jim	Williams, Carla
Clark, Walter	Hervey, Jim	Ross, John	Wilson, James
Cobb, Jim	Hunt, Edward	Rowley, Richard	

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Excused**

Mary Jo Norton

**Teaching Elders Absent**

Akins, Steve	Goble, David	Letts, Thomas	Toole, Patricia
Bitar, George	Hamilton, Stephanie	Montaño, Carlos	
Chon, Myung	Hermes, Jon	Song, Sungmin	
Fife, David	Johnson, John	Sigmon, Amy	

**Churches Absent**

Community Coolidge	Divine Grace	Shepherd of the	Tortolita
Community San	First Florence	Valley	Trinity Cliff
Manuel	First Globe	St. John in the Desert	
Covenant	Korean of Tucson	Superior	

**Commissioned Ruling Elders Absent**

Brownson, Steve

**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:

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**1. Leadership Team Report**

**Action taken at the April 25, 2018 meeting**

Approved, acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, the submittal of a Southside Presbyterian Church PILP loan application for \$1 million for improvements and expansion of the church, upon the formal approval of the loan and project by the Administration Committee.

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**Actions taken at the June 27, 2018 meeting**

Approved, acting as the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, conveying ownership of the Topawa Chapel from the Papago United Presbyterian Church and Presbytery de Cristo to the “Mission to the Nations” for the sum of \$1.00 (one dollar) and other valuable consideration, to be accepted with the approval of the Tribal Council.

Approved, acting at the Presbytery’s Board of Trustees, the following regarding Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc. (Organization):

Presbytery de Cristo acknowledges the relationship of the organization, approves the programmatic purposes of the organization and agrees that Presbytery de Cristo will exercise oversight responsibility for the organization, its programs and its financial integrity. (Note: Presbytery de Cristo shares these responsibilities with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.)

Approved, acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the election of the following nominee as provided by the Nominations Committee, with approval by the candidate to serve:

Commission on Ministry  
2020 TE Andrew McComb

**2. Commission on Ministry Report**

**Actions taken at the May 3, 2018 meeting**

**Shepherd of the Valley**

Approved informing the Session of Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church that COM declines the request of the Session to have one of their church members resume serving as the Session moderator.

**Divine Grace**

Received the report of COM’s Appreciate Inquiry visit to Divine Grace Presbyterian Church on April 15, 2018.

**Actions taken at the June 7, 2018 meeting**

**Community Benson**

Authorized the Session of Community Presbyterian Church in Benson to form a search team to begin the process of seeking a three-year Designated Pastor, with an emphasis on revitalization and redevelopment.

**Pickens, Bailey**

Ratified the appointment by the Moderator of the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Bailey Pickens, under the care of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, and to install the Rev. Bailey Pickens as Director of Presbyterian Campus Ministries, a Validated Ministry of Presbytery de Cristo, at St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church in Tucson on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.:

Teaching Elders

Mark Adams (Frontera de Cristo)  
Mat Grover (St. Andrew’s)  
Brad Munroe (Presbytery Pastor)  
Bart Smith (St. Mark’s)  
Elizabeth Smith (The Holy Way)

Ruling Elders

Leslie Abrams (St. John on the Desert)  
Josefina Ahumada (Southside)  
George Curtis (Valley)  
Liz Lopshire-Kading (Community Benson)  
Freeman Taber (St. Andrew’s)

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**Actions taken at the August 2, 2018 meeting**

**Interim Pastor Search Process Policy**

Approved stipulating within the Interim Pastor Search Process policy that an Interim is required to have served as an Interim Pastor, or have Interim Level 1 training certified by a certified trainer within the past five years, or that the Interim will agree to participate in that training within the first year of the Interim position.

Approved the Interim Pastor Search Process policy, as amended, to be added to Appendix 2 in the COM Handbook.

**Williams, Carla**

Approved the transfer of the Rev. Carla Williams from Presbytery de Cristo to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon effective July 1, 2018, with the understanding that she may continue as a member of the de Cristo Committee on Preparation for Ministry during the time she spends as an Interim Pastor in Grand Canyon.

**3. Stated Clerk Report**

**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

**Minutes of Service of Ordination and Installation – Rev. Bailey Pickens June 2, 2018**

The Administrative Commission to Ordain Bailey Pickens met at St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, Tucson, on Saturday, June 2, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. and ordained the Rev. Bailey Pickens, following the guidelines set forth in the Directory for Worship (W-4.4) and installed the Rev. Pickens as Director of Presbyterian Campus Ministries, a Validated Ministry of Presbytery de Cristo. Members of the Administrative Commission were:

<p><u>Teaching Elders</u>                  Mark Adams (Frontera de Cristo)                  Mat Grover (St. Andrew’s)                  Brad Munroe (Presbytery Pastor)                  Bart Smith (St. Mark’s)                  Elizabeth Smith (The Holy Way)</p>	<p><u>Ruling Elders</u>                  Leslie Abrams (St. John on the Desert)                  Josefina Ahumada (Southside)                  George Curtis (Valley)                  Liz Lopshire-Kading (Community Benson)                  Freeman Taber (St. Andrew’s)</p>
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Respectfully submitted,  
 Liz Lopshire-Kading

**REPORT ON REVIEW OF SESSION RECORDS**

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

May 30, 2018  
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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF INSURANCE COVERAGE**

As required by the *Book of Order* (G-3.0112) 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 1/1/2018-1/1/2019.

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS REPORTED BY PRESBYTERY DE CRISTO  
TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR 2017**

MINISTERS

Ministers on Roll 12/31/16	80
Gains	
Received from Presbyteries	7
Ordained	1
Received from Denominations	0
Restored	0
Total gains	+ 8
Losses	
Deaths	1
Dismissed to Presbyteries	2
Dismissed to Denominations	0
Other Removals	0
Total losses	- 3
Ministers on Roll 12/31/17	85

INQUIRERS/CANDIDATES

Inquirers on Roll 12/31/17	2
Candidates on Roll 12/31/17	1

ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active Members 12/31/16	5,346
Gains	
17 and under	17
18 and over	141
Certificate	73
Other Gains	22
Total gains	+ 253
Losses	
Certificate	44
Death	146
Other	258
Total losses	- 448
Active Members 12/31/17	5,151
Male	2,604
Female	2,547

BAPTISMS

Children	29	Adult	5
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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE 3,243

AFFILIATE MEMBERS 141

ADULT MEMBER AGE

25 + under	243
26 – 45	518
46 – 55	433
56 – 65	795
65+	2,695

COMPOSITION

<u>COMPOSITION</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
Asian	32	2	0
Black	14	0	0
African American	14	1	0
African	66	1	2
Middle Eastern	11	0	0
Hispanic	90	8	7
Native American	14	1	2
White	3,315	146	138
Other	1	1	0

**SUMMARY OF STATISTICS (continued)**

**PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL STATISTICS**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Expenditures</b>	
Regular Contributions	7,024,075	Local Program	7,786,697
Capital/Building	611,698	Local Mission	421,439
Investments	268,411	Capital Expenditures	506,804
Bequests	183,791	Investment	9,109
Other Income	1,704,757	Per Capita	180,721
Subsidy	0	Validated Mission	142,626
		Theological Education	2,362
		Other Mission	185,335

**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:

8/25/18 Consent Agenda

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**1. Administration Committee Report**

**Actions taken at the May 10, 2018 meeting**

Approved the application of Southside Presbyterian Church for a \$1 million PILP loan, payable over a 20-year period, for expansion and upgrades.

Approved, as requested by COM, merging restricted fund line item 2205 (Mustard Seed Grant) into restricted fund line item 3166 (Church Revitalization).

Approved defining 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.”

**Action taken at the July 12, 2018 meeting**

Approved and endorsed the approach outlined in a concept report regarding the future of Coolidge Community Presbyterian Church, with the information to be communicated to the Session in September when members have returned from summer vacation.

**2. Mission Committee Report**

**Action taken at the April 19, 2018 meeting**

Approved an emergency funding request from Tucson Borderlands YAV Andie Sweetman in the amount of \$1,000.

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**Action taken at the May 17, 2018 meeting**

Approved disbursement of excess mission monies as follows, with a special project at Companeros en Mision to be given priority at the next dispersing of excess money:

Middle Eastern Presbyterian Fellowship	\$2,000
Presbyterian Campus Ministry	\$2,000
Korean Presbyterian Church	\$1,500

**APPROVAL OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 21, 2018 Stated Meeting were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business. Information was shared about the July 16-20, 2019 Triennium.

**WORSHIP**

The Rev. Kathryn Threadgill delivered the sermon based on Matthew 28:16-20. The Revs. Kathryn Threadgill and Judy Wellington presided over the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper. Special music was provided by St. Andrew’s Presbyterian musicians.

The offering collected during the worship service, totaling \$1,060 and split equally between the two presbyteries, was dedicated to Youth Triennium. The Cents-ability collection, a program of the Presbyterian Hunger Ministry, took place at lunch and totaled \$47.30, to be split equally between the two presbyteries.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Liz Lopshire-Kading presented nominations on behalf of the committee. There being no nominations from the floor, the following were approved:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Leadership</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>COM</u>
2020	RE Doug Seaver (Northminster)	2020	TE Mark Medina (Valley)
<u>Class</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Synod Commissioner</u>
2020	Ray Sammons (Northminster)	2019	TE Mary Harris (HR)

**LEADERSHIP FORMATION/EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

Overview of Thrive	Kathryn Threadgill
What Divides Us, Part 1	GC Reconciliation Team
What Divides Us, Part 2	GC Reconciliation Team
Cultivating Lifelong Discipleship	Pete Seiferth
How To “Send Us Out” Instead of “How Do We Bring Them In”?	Kristin and Brandon Willett
Incarnationalism: The Church in the Public Square	Eric Ledermann
Empowering Servant Leadership	Carla Williams
Care Model: A Vital Sign of a Healthy Congregation	Linda Lloyd
Inspired Worship: The Heart of a Thriving Congregation	Rachel Srubas

Improving Church Communication – Doing without Triangles!	Ed Spence
Great Recipes for Clerks and the Handbook	Carol Gerlach, Jeanette Miller
Understanding Doctrine of Discovery: Native & White Peoples Reconciling	Charlotte Fafard, Linda Worsnop
Effective Church Websites	Bet Hannon
Honoring a Life: Advance Care Planning	Ginny Schoffelman
Are We Really Ending Hunger and Poverty? Strategies for Ministry	Tamara Zivic
Opioid Health Crisis: Equipping our Faith Communities to Respond	Cathy Witte
Disaster Preparedness Planning: Out of Chaos - Hope	Bonnie Thompson
Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries	Mike and Sheryl Campbell
Tech Tools for Ministry	Bet Hannon
Immigration: How can the Church play a proactive role to support families?	Leslie Vogel
Native American Partnerships	Norma McCabe, Clyde Parks
The Transitional Journey – the work of the Church and the Interim Pastor	Harry Cole
How Do We Lead Our Congregations Towards Christian Anti-Racism	Shawn Bawulski
Best Skills, Best Churches	Tully Fletcher, Megan Trequair

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the St. Andrew’s 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 3:15 p.m. There was a closing prayer. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for October 13, 2018, at St. John on the Desert Presbyterian Church in Tucson.

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Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

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