

MINUTES

Stated Meeting of Presbytery de Cristo

January 30, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Presbytery de Cristo of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its Annual Stated Meeting via Zoom teleconference. Josefina Ahumada, Moderator, opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. with prayer. There was a time to recognize the indigenous people of the area.

Bob Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate, reported that a quorum was present, consisting of eight Teaching Elder members and eight Ruling Elder commissioners, with at least eight churches being represented by Ruling Elders. Corresponding members were introduced and approved for enrollment by the Presbytery.

ROLL

There were 28 Teaching Elders, 38 Ruling Elder commissioners, 2 Commissioned Ruling Elders, 3 Ruling Elder members of the Leadership Commission and 2 Ruling Elder ministry moderators present, for a total of 73 voting members.

Corresponding Members Enrolled

Rocha, Conrad (Synod of the Southwest)

Yates, Sharon (Synod of the Southwest)

Teaching Elders Present – 28

Adams, Mark	de la Torre, Valerie	Melde, Steve	Seiferth, Pete
Bitar, Georges	Dunham, John	Munroe, Brad	Smith, Bart
Brown, Bill	Elgin, Paul	Munroe, Laura	Smith, Elizabeth
Brown, Ken	Harrington, Alison	Norton, Bill	Smith, Mike
Cheek, John	Johnson, John	Rico, Renée	Title, John
Christopher, Diane	Letts, Tom	Ross, Andrew	Ver Burg, Sara
Cummins, Jennifer	Lindsey, Craig	Scubas, Rachel	Voight, Bill

Churches/Ruling Elder Commissioners Present – 38

Christ - Bart Kimball, Doug Thompson, Karl Ver Burg	Northminster - Kimberly Metcalf, Susan Naegle, Soniya Soyannwo, Art Watson
Community Benson - Hilbert Bernal	Papago United- -Evan Thomas
Covenant - Margot Walker	Sierra Vista - Sonja Vander Meulen
Faith - Ruth Van Otten	Southside - Tom Anderson, Doug Larson
First Casa Grande - Denny Honodel, Jim Morphew, Larry Pazier, Peter Vogel	St. Andrew's - Louise Davis, Greg Lantz, Judy Markham
First Douglas - Jean Tsuya	St. Mark's - Melinda Burke, Betsy Hughes, Cathy Lurvey, Irvin Richards
First Florence - Heidi Lowe	Superior - GeorgAnn Greissinger
First Globe - Dick Ledbetter	Tortolita - Michael Cummins
First Silver City - Ruth McPherson	Trinity - John Hill, Leone Mohney
Immanuel - Debby Johnson, Liz Wallendorf	Valley - Judy Aguayo
Mountain Shadows - Madeline Bosma, Cassi Fraley	

Commissioned Ruling Elders Present – 2

Heinle, Bill

Norton, Mary Jo

RE Leadership Commission Present – 3

Ahumada, Josephina Nelson, Jim Schulz, Bob

RE Committee/Commission Moderators Present – 2

Amling, Russ Thompson, Bonnie

Staff Members Present

Houser, Sue Kath, Beth McBurney, Carolyn

AGENDA

Presbytery approved the agenda. Rules of Decorum and Debate and Procedures for Voting were included in the agenda.

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:

1/30/21 Commission Reports

1. Leadership Team Report

Actions taken at the October 28, 2020 meeting

Elected CRE Josefina Ahumada as Leadership Moderator and TE Steve Melde as Leadership Moderator-Elect for 2021.

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between SWERV and Presbytery de Cristo as recommended by the Administration Committee with the stipulation that no money be allocated from the Connecting budget, and authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to sign the Memorandum on behalf of the Presbytery.

2. Commission on Ministry Report

Actions taken at the November 5, 2020 meeting

Rico, Renée

Approved renewal of the Transitional Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Renée Rico and Faith Presbyterian Church for a period of one year, subject to 60 days notice for termination, on the following terms and the transfer of her membership from the Presbytery of San Joaquin to Presbytery de Cristo, effective December 1, 2020:

Salary	\$39,597.60	Pension/Medical	BOP dues as required
Housing Allowance	39,833.85	Dental/Vision insurance	
Professional Expenses	5,000	Vacation	Four weeks per policy
Mileage Reimbursement	2,000	Study Leave	Two weeks
Continuing Ed	2,700	Sick/Personal Leave	10 days

1/30/21 Commission Reports

Munroe, Laura

Ratified the appointment by the Moderator of the following Administrative Commission to Ordain the Rev. Laura Munroe, in her Validated Ministry as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice Family Care of Tucson, on Sunday, October 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.:

Teaching Elders

John Cheek
Brad Munroe
Bailey Pickens
Rachel Srubas

Ruling Elders

Josefina Ahumada (Papago United)
Louise Boost (St. Andrew's)
Ruth McPherson (First Silver City)

COM liaison

Approved George Vander Meulen as a COM liaison to our congregations, with Craig Lindsey to be his COM member contact and George to attend COM meetings if he desires.

St. Andrew's

Appointed Mat Grover to serve as temporary moderator of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Session.

Edwards, Denise

Authorized Stated Clerk Bob Schulz to approve renewal of the temporary membership of the Rev. Denise Edwards, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), in Presbytery de Cristo and her service as Parish Associate at Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church, with an effective date to be determined.

Action taken at the December 3, 2020 meeting

Holy Way

Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) of The Holy Way Presbyterian Church for distribution within the PC(USA) to recruit their next pastor, with suggestions noted to improve the MIF.

Actions taken at the January 7, 2021 meeting

Cheek, John

Approved renewal of the Interim Pastor Agreement between the Rev. John Cheek (HR) and The Holy Way Presbyterian Church for a period of one year effective January 1, 2021, subject to 30 days notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary & Housing	\$70,000	Pension/Medical	BOP retirement dues
		Vacation	Three weeks
		Study Leave	One week
		PDA assignment	Two weeks

Pickens, Bailey

Approved the Temporary Pastor Agreement between the Rev. Bailey Pickens and St. Mark's Presbyterian Church as their Pastor for Faith Formation on a part-time basis (approximately 20 hrs/week) for a period of one year effective January 1, 2021, subject to 30 days' notice for termination, on the following terms:

Salary and Housing	\$26,650	BOP Pension/Death/Disability	
		Vacation	Four weeks
		Study Leave	Two weeks
		Personal Day	One Sunday

1/30/21 Commission Reports

Phillips, Paul

Approved the transfer of membership of the Rev. Paul Philips (HR) from Eastminster Presbytery to Presbytery de Cristo, effective January 7, 2021.

3. Stated Clerk Report

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

Minutes of Service of Ordination – Rev. Laura Munroe October 24, 2020

The Administrative Commission to Ordain the Rev. Laura Munroe met via Zoom on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. and did ordain Rev. Munroe in her Validated Ministry as a Hospice Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Hospice Family Care of Tucson 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
Bailey Pickens
Rachel Srubas

Ruling Elders

Josefina Ahumada (Papago United)
Louise Boost (St. Andrew's)
Ruth McPherson (First Silver City)

Respectfully submitted,
Josefina Ahumada

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 1/1/2021-12/31/2021.

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:

1/30/21 Consent Agenda

1. Administration Committee Report

Actions taken at the August 25, 2020 meeting

Recommended to the Presbytery's Board of Trustees (Leadership Commission) selling the Presbyterian Campus Ministries (PCM) interest in the CCC facility on the University of Arizona campus, with the proceeds of the sale to be used for PCM programming.

Recommended to the Leadership Commission approval of Presbytery de Cristo support of a new mission service program defined as SWERV 2020 (South West Emergent Response Volunteers), with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to define the partnership, for support of communities and individuals within the Presbytery with no financial obligations coming from the Connecting portion of the current budget.

1/30/21 Consent Agenda

2. Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Action taken at the September 3, 2020 meeting

Approved allowing Candidate Joy Church of Faith Presbyterian Church to complete her exegesis as an oral examination.

Action taken at the November 5, 2020 meeting

Certified Candidate Joy Church of Faith Presbyterian Church as ready for examination by a Presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

3. Nominations Committee Report

Action taken at the October 16, 2020 meeting

Nominated the following persons for election by the Leadership Commission on behalf of the Presbytery:

<u>Leadership Commission</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>
2023 RE Peggy Free (Immanuel)	2023 RE Russ Amling (Northminster)
	2023 TE Sara Ver Burg (At Large)
<u>Commission on Ministry</u>	<u>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</u>
2023 RE Barbara Callaway-Pollack (Trinity)	2023 TE Renée Rico (Faith)
2023 TE Andrew McComb (HR)	
2023 RE Jim Nelson (Valley)	<u>Administration Committee</u>
2023 TE Pete Seiferth (Northminster)	2023 RE Lew Riggs (Northminster)
<u>Synod of the SW Commissioner</u>	<u>Montlure Council</u>
2022 RE Eloise Fredrickson	2023 Cameron Mitchell
2022 TE Bill Voigt	2023 Sara Ver Burg

Action taken at the November 20, 2020 meeting

Nominated the following persons for election by the Leadership Commission on behalf of the Presbytery:

<u>Leadership Commission</u>	<u>Nominating Committee</u>
2023 TE Paul Elgin (First Casa Grande)	2023 RE Sonja Vander Meulen (Faith)
<u>Commission on Ministry</u>	<u>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</u>
2022 TE Mark Adams (Frontera de Cristo)	2023 Georgia Bach (Trinity)
2023 RE Margaret Walker (Covenant)	2023 Brian Parker (Mountain Shadows)
<u>Mission Committee</u>	<u>Administration Committee</u>
2023 RE Billie Holbrook (Trinity)	2023 Judy Aguayo (Valley)
2023 RE Treena Parvello (Southside)	2023 RE Heidi Lowe (First Florence)
2023 RE Bonnie Thompson (Northminster)	<u>Permanent Judicial Commission</u>
<u>Synod of the SW Commissioner</u>	2026 RE Petr Vogel (First Casa Grande)
2022 RE Abe Valenzuela (Southside)	

1/30/21 Consent Agenda

Action taken at the January 15, 2021 meeting

Nominated the following persons for election by the Leadership Commission on behalf of the Presbytery:

Nominating Committee
2023 RE Tom Harmon (First Florence)

APPROVAL OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

The minutes of the October 17, 2020 Stated Meeting were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

WORSHIP

The worship service began with the reading of the 2020 Necrology Report. The Rev. Terry Marks delivered the sermon based on Judges 6:1-14 and 2 Timothy 1:3-7. Special music was provided by Crosswinds Presbyterian musicians. The offering was dedicated to Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp.

NECROLOGY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

Teaching Elders	Dorothy Buchanan-Barrow Virginia Studer		
Ruling Elders	Florence	First	Miriam Reed
	Sierra Vista	Faith	Mary Davis, John Eaton
	Silver City	First	Kenneth Havens
	Superior	Superior	Roy Chavez, Kimberly Lopez-Byrd
	Tucson	Christ	Glee Alberding, Jack Dimond, George Mosley, Mike Rowe, Bob Waldren
	Tucson	Mountain Shadows	Hib Knape
	Tucson	Northminster	Hal Hoag, Maxine Ugalde, Mike Ugalde
	Tucson	St. Andrew's	Charles Deibel, Dennis McLean, Eleanor Rogers, Diane Wilcox
	Tucson	St. John on the Desert	Dewit Green
	Tucson	St. Mark's	Charles Ares, Lou Kirkpatrick, Jan McCoy, John McGregor
	Tucson	Trinity	Bill Davies, Barbara Kittle

RATIFICATION OF 2021 MODERATOR AND MODERATOR-ELECT

Due to the Covid pandemic officers were asked to serve another year. The following was approved:

MOTION: To ratify CRE Josefina Ahumada remaining as Presbytery de Cristo Moderator and TE Steve Melde as Moderator-Elect for 2021.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION

There was an approved motion to recess the Presbytery meeting and convene the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. The following was approved:

MOTION: To elect the 2021 Presbytery de Cristo corporation officers:

President	Josephina Ahumada
Vice President	Steven Melde
Treasurer	Bill Winters
Secretary	Robert Schulz

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

NAVAJO RELIEF PROGRAM REPORT

Conrad Rocha gave an update on the effort to provide assistance for Native American churches and chapels within the Synod during the Covid lockdown. A collaborative effort between the Synod and the Presbytery of Grand Canyon raised \$429,766. Over 200 families received food, supplies and gift cards. Support was given to pastors and churches received help with utility payments.

PRESENTATION OF 2021 CONNECTING BUDGET

Bob Schulz reported on the Connecting Budget for 2021 based on projected income of \$174,280 and projected expenses of \$172,372. The split of combined expense for combined personnel was 25% de Cristo and 75% Grand Canyon. Both presbyteries' budgets were displayed side-by-side on the 2021 budget. Presbytery de Cristo per capita for 2021 was:

Presbytery	\$26.77
Synod	5.75
GA	<u>8.98</u>
	\$41.50

MONTLURE CORPORATION MEETING

There was an approved motion to recess the Presbytery meeting and convene the annual corporate meeting of Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc. Richard Gray explained it had been a challenging year due to Covid. They had a two-week virtual summer camp. Montlure received one PPP loan for salaries and had applied for a second loan. They were working with the U.S. Forest Service on returning to the camp in Greer and were planning a Phase 1 capital campaign to raise \$150,000. The following was approved:

MOTION: To elect the 2021 Montlure Presbyterian Properties, Inc. corporate officers:

President	Brad Munroe
Vice President	Jan Palmer
Vice President	Josefina Ahumada
Secretary	Robert Schulz

The Montlure meeting was adjourned.

PRESBYTERY PASTOR REPORT

Brad Munroe reported there would be an integrated Presbytery meeting for de Cristo and Grand Canyon on April 24. Separate fall meetings were planned, de Cristo in October and Grand Canyon in November. COM was working on a new team model. Training videos were being developed for CPM and COM. Synod of the Sun was taking over our IT when Carolyn McBurney retired mid-March. Carolyn was thanked for her service.

STATED CLERK REPORT

Bob Schulz reported revised Bylaws and Manual of Operations would be ready for approval at the April meeting. The Administrative Committee for Covenant Bisbee had finished its task and members were thanked for their service.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT – JAMES MARTIN

Bill Heinle presented Inquirer James Martin to be examined with respect to his Christian faith, forms of service and sense of Call. James fielded several questions from the floor. His background included serving two years with the Borderland YAV program. There was an approved motion to arrest the examination. James was excused from the meeting for the vote and, as recommended by CPM, the following was approved:

MOTION: To enroll Inquirer James Martin of First Douglas Presbyterian Church as a Candidate for Teaching Elder.

James was welcomed back into the meeting and Bill Heinle gave the charge. A prayer was offered for James as he continued the journey towards becoming a Teaching Elder.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Crosswinds congregation was thanked for providing the morning worship. The motion was made to adjourn and the meeting was closed in prayer at 12:30 p.m. The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery was scheduled for April 24, 2021.

Robert Schulz, Stated Clerk/Associate

Date