

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON
 Saturday, May 1, 2010
 First Presbyterian Church
 Turlock, California

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was called together at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Ken Robbins. Host Pastor Craig Wright led the assembly in worship and the commissioning of the Youth Triennium participants from the Presbytery of Stockton. The Youth Triennium will be held at Purdue University, July 20-24, 2010.

Attending:

Ministers

Elder Commissioners

Ceres Harvest

Willis T. Sperry

Columbia First

Janet Russell

Jim Brandt

Delhi Community

Paul Fandl

Bruce Bush
Randy Beard

Escalon

Troy Onsager

Gustine Community

Lodi Grace

David Hill

Jason Hill

Manteca

David Warner

Sharon Miller

Merced Central

Henry Greene
David McGurk

Bill Truitt
John Aleman

Merced Sierra

Modesto Geneva

Peggy Crelin
Debbie Scheffler

Modesto Trinity

David Kerr

Mel Nelson
Dolly Sexton

Newman Orestimba

Jeff Ogden

Russell Ramos

Patterson Federated

Stockton Calvary

Stockton First

Gus Wright

Merilyn Vaughn

Stockton Lincoln	Bob Mitchell	Marge Ramirez
Stockton Trinity	Byron Nelson	Letty Aspiras Chuck Lamron
Tracy First	Everett Bosch	Robert Opie Jonathan Carr
Turlock Cortez	Nancy Clegg	Qula Kuenzinger
Turlock First	Craig Wright	H. Thomas Hoy
Turlock St. John's		Albert Pourtaverdi Jouliet David
Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach		Tim Nguyen

Other Clergy -

Tino Ballesteros, William David, Lee Heim, Wendy Warner HR, Jay P. Olson, Associate
Presbyter

Corresponding Members –

Jeri Viera Dahlke, Rolfe Granath, Patricia M. Strand, Sandy Brown, San Joaquin/Calvin
Crest

Presbytery Officers – (not listed as a Minister, above)

Kenneth Robbins, Moderator-elect

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk

Charlie Brown, E&LD Chair

Bianca Makoor, COM Chair

Others Present – John Vaughn, Stockton First, Mike Reyes, Stockton Trinity, Perry Sedoo,
Modesto Trinity, Margaret Kuglin, Ceres and David Zollinger, Doris Fiorini, Terri Rodgers, Bryan
King, Paul Hazelton, John Sims and June Lampert, all from Turlock First.

Total number of ministers present: 20

Total number of voting elders present: 27

A quorum was present.

The Moderator announced that the Sierra Administrative Commission, with the concurrence of the Presbytery Council, had asked that consideration of their report and recommendations be withdrawn from the docket. Further, the Presbytery had received a letter from members of the Sierra Presbyterian Church Session objecting to the inclusion of the Administrative Commission's report and recommendations based on lack of notice to the Sierra Congregation. The Moderator announced that the Presbytery Council was calling a special meeting of the Presbytery for Saturday, May 15, 2010 at 9:00 AM at St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church in Turlock to consider the report and recommendations of The Sierra Administrative Commission

It was **VOTED** to adopt the agenda

It was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the Stated Meeting of February 6, 2010

The Moderator called for the introduction of first-time Commissioners and the seating of Corresponding Commissioners.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Cindy Zellman presented a Treasurer's report which is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

COM Chair Bianca Makoor presented motions on behalf of the committee as follows:

Moved, that the Presbytery approve, pending the approval of the Trinity congregation, the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Les Malakian and Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Modesto, and grant Mr. Malakian the status of Honorably Retired, effective August 1, 2010.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Moved, that the Rev. Jay P. Olson be designated an At-Large Minister effective July 1, 2010.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Moved, that the Presbytery renew Tim Nguyen's commission as a Commissioned Lay Pastor for three years (until the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton in May, 2013, (per G-14.0450ff). Included in this commissioning are permission to administer the Lord's Supper, administer the Sacrament of Baptism, and to perform services of Christian marriage as approved by and reported to the Lincoln, Stockton session. Mr. Nguyen shall have voice and vote in Presbytery and be counted as an elder for purposes of parity.

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Moved, that the Presbytery approve the annual Ministers Salary Report as presented. (The report is attached to these minutes as an addendum).

The Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

REPORT AND MOTION FROM CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MERCED.

Rev. Henry Green announced that the Caledonia Presbyterian Church Session (Portage, Wisconsin) has filed a complaint against John Knox Presbytery citing irregularities in its approval of the ordination of Scott D. Anderson to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Mr. Anderson, a self-avowed homosexual maintaining a relationship with another man, declared a departure (or "scruple) and requested an exception from complying with the behavioral requirements of G-6.0106(b). John Knox Presbytery granted that exception.

Caledonia Presbyterian Church has asked other Presbyteries to join in their complaint.

Central Presbyterian Church moved that the Presbytery of Stockton approve and ratify the statement of complaint against John Knox Presbytery and that the Presbytery of Stockton petition the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Lakes and Prairies to add the Presbytery of Stockton to the list of Complainants in the remedial complaint filed with such Permanent Judicial Commission concerning irregularities in the approval of the ordination of Scott D. Anderson to be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament at the meeting of John Knox Presbytery on February 20, 2010. Further, it is moved that the Presbytery of Stockton concur in the appointment of the Committee of Counsel which has already been named by the Session of Caledonia Presbyterian Church.

The motion received a second from the floor.

Moderator Ken Robbins informed the Presbytery that, as a member of the Central Church Session, he had abstained from voting on the Session's resolution to Presbytery.

Voting Commissioners of the Presbytery debated the question.

A call to close debate received a second and Presbytery **VOTED** to close debate.

The question was called for and Presbytery **VOTED** by paper ballot to approve the motion as stated. [yes-37; no-8, abstain-4]

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

David Kerr, chair of the Nominating Committee, nominated Bruce Bush as Elder Commission to Synod and Sandy Robinson as a member of the Presbytery's Committee on Mission and Outreach. Presbytery **VOTED** to elect Bruce Bush and Sandy Robinson to those positions. Dave

noted that a Female Clergy Commissioner to Synod is still needed and anyone interested in serving in that capacity should contact him.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Keith Drury shared with presbytery significant milestone's for two of our CPM Candidates. Nori Miyagawa will graduate from San Francisco Theological Seminary on May 21, 2010. Janice Desterhaft will be ordained and installed as the Associate Pastor of Broadmoor Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge, LA on May 2, 2010.

COUNCIL REPORT

Council Chair Troy Onsager informed Presbytery that the Presbytery Council is continuing to make progress towards identifying the issues that will need to be resolved as we move towards the dissolution of the Sierra Mission Partnership. Council is now meeting on a monthly basis. Dave McGurk reported on the continuing negotiations with the Presbyteries of Nevada and Sacramento surrounding the disposition of the real estate holdings in Sacramento and of the future of the SMP Resource Center.

CALVIN CREST REPORT

Sandy Brown, Calvin Crest's Director of Development, reported on the Conference Center's plans for the summer season and added his thanks to the Presbytery for its continuing support.

RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF JERI VIERRA DAHLKE AND ROLFE GRANATH

The Presbytery expressed its gratitude to Rev. Jeri Vierra Dahlke, Director of the SMP Resource Center, and to Rev. Rolfe Granath, SMP Associate for Congregational Support for their service to our congregations. Both Jeri and Rolfe will be leaving SMP employment in the near future as the partnership finishes its work.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER

The Rev. Jay P. Olson expressed her gratitude to the Presbytery for the warm associations that have been developed by means of a power point presentation featuring pictures of many of the Presbytery activities that she has been involved with.

Presbytery responded with a light-hearted musical number, "Amazing Jay," prepared and led by Dave and Wendy Warner. Gifts were given to Jay and members of the congregation expressed their thanks for her service.

CLOSING

Moderator Ken Robbins expressed thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Turlock for their hospitality and lunch. He announced that the next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be held on September 11, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Stockton beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Presbytery **VOTED** to close the meeting with prayer by the Moderator.

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk