

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON

Saturday, February 6, 2010
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Stockton, California

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was called together at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Troy Onsager. Host Pastor Hiromi Yonega led the assembly in worship.

Attending:

Ceres Harvest
Columbia First
Delhi Community
Escalon
Gustine Community
Lodi Grace
Manteca
Merced Central

Merced Sierra
Modesto Geneva
Modesto Trinity

Newman Orestimba
Patterson Federated
Stockton Calvary
Stockton First
Stockton Lincoln
Stockton Trinity
Tracy First
Turlock Cortez

Ministers

John Foster
Janet Russell
Paul Fandl
Troy Onsager
Mark Hollingsworth
David Hill
David Warner
Henry Greene
David McGurk

David Kerr
Les Malakian

Jeff Ogden

Hiromi Yoneda
Gus Wright
Bob Mitchell
Byron Nelson
Everett Bosch
Nancy Clegg

Elder Commissioners

Julie Falkenstein
Sandy Richardson
Bruce Bush
R.W. Curt

Laurel Wisenor
Pat Mattson
Susie Dickson
Charyn Paaske
Curtis Riggs

Perry Sedoo

Russell Ramos

Tadashi Agari
Marilyn Vaughn
Kathryn Kimball
Letty Aspiras
Robert Opie

Turlock First

Craig Wright

H. Thomas Hoy

Turlock St. John's

Edward Eissabake

George Givargis

Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach

Tim Nguyen

Other Clergy -

Tino Ballesteros, Lee Heim, Wendy Warner HR, Sam Casiano, HR, Jay P. Olson, Associate
Presbyter

Corresponding Members –

Jeri Viera Dahlke, Rolfe Granath, Mary Elva Smith Presbyter, Patricia M. Strand.

Presbytery Officers –

Kenneth Robbins, Moderator-elect

Paul Fandl, Vice Moderator-elect

Troy Onsager, Moderator, Incoming Chair of Council

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk

Charlie Brown, E&LD Chair

Bianca Makoor, COM Chair

David Hill, CPM Chair

Edward Eissabake, COR Chair

David Kerr, Nominations Chair

Cecilia Moran, Presbyterian Women

Others Present – Betty Baughman, Ceres Harvest, Margaret Kuglin, Ceres Harvest, Marilyn
Sena, Ceres Harvest, Marlin Sena, Ceres Harvest, Debra Foster, Ceres Harvest, David Baird,
Stockton First, Albert Pourtauerdi, Turlock St. John's, John Vaughn, Stockton First, Mel
Harding, Stockton Trinity, Fred Bentley, Stockton Calvary

Total number of ministers present: 25

Total number of voting elders present: 23

A quorum was present.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Moderator Troy Onsager welcomed the incoming Moderator, Elder Ken Robbins and the
incoming Vice-Moderator, the Rev. Paul Fandl, each of whom responded in the affirmative to
the questions of installation. Moderator Robbins was given the symbols of leadership, the

gavel and cross. Moderator Robbins acknowledged and thanked Troy Onsager for his service as Moderator for 2009.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Ken Robbins led the assembly in a memorial service for those Pastors and elders who died in 2009. Those remembered are:

Dana O Exum	January 4, 2009	Central Presbyterian Church, Merced
Mildred Elizabeth Michalec	March 10, 2009	Delhi Community Church, Delhi
Chilton Howard Greenwood	March 20, 2009	Grace Presbyterian Church, Lodi
Dee Leon Cederlind	May 6, 2009	First Presbyterian Church, Turlock
Jay B Anderson	May 7, 2009	Central Presbyterian Church, Merced
Delbert B. Main	July 23, 2009	Geneva Presbyterian Church, Modesto
Phyllis Gene Sullens	July 25, 2009	Central Presbyterian Church, Merced
Lincoln B Abraham	September 2, 2009	First Presbyterian Church, Turlock
Elinor Niles	September 20, 2009	Grace Presbyterian Church, Lodi
Ivan H Lowe	October 23, 2009	First Presbyterian Church, Turlock
Rev. Robert Lloyd Thomas	November 20, 2009	Orestimba Presbyterian Church, Newman
Lincoln Emil Isaac	December 2009	St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church
William A. Craft	December 18, 2009	Geneva Presbyterian Church, Modesto

It was **VOTED** to adopt the agenda

It was **VOTED** to accept the minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 7, 2009, with corrections.

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

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Ken Robbins, Chair of the Installation Commission, reported on the installation of Rev. Gus Wright as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Stockton. Presbytery **VOTED** to dismiss the commission.

COM Chair, Bianca Makoor, reported that Rev. John Oda, an "At Large" member of the Presbytery of Stockton, states that he is now an Ordained Elder and a Member in Full Connection with the California Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Oda is now serving as the Pastor of the Davis United Methodist Church. COM moved that, at his request, John Oda be released from the exercise of ordained office in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Presbytery **VOTED** to affirm the motion.

Bianca Makoor introduced documents that are currently in use by COM as a provisional committee Manual of Operation. COM moved that these documents be included in the Presbytery Manual of Operations and that COM be charged with the responsibility for their ongoing review and revision. Further, COM moved that Presbytery establish a task force to review the scope and content of the Presbytery's Manual of Operations. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motions.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Committee Chair David Hill moved that Presbytery remove Mr. Richard Huenefeld from the list of Candidates based on a lack of jurisdiction as Mr. Huenefeld withdrew his membership at Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Modesto and was no longer a member of a PCUSA church within Stockton Presbytery. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

COUNCIL

Moderator Ken Robbins moved that Presbytery approve the conversion of a Synod line-of-credit loan held by Calvary Presbyterian of Stockton to a conventional loan. Terms of the new loan are \$400,000 amortized for 20 years at 5.875% interest which includes a $\frac{3}{4}\%$ mission giving discount. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Ken Robbins informed Presbytery that Trinity United Presbyterian has converted their commercial construction line of credit to a conventional loan with Council's concurrence. Terms of the permanent loan are \$757,276.99 principle, amortized over 25 years at 4.66% fixed rate interest. The loan is held with Bank of the West. Presbytery had previously authorized the initial loan and this conversion at its May 2, 2009 meeting.

Ken Robbins announced that Council has appointed Elder Cindy Zellman as Presbytery Treasurer. Presbytery authorized the appointment of a Treasurer at its last meeting.

ONE MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Troy Onsager informed Presbytery that he and members of the Escalon Church will be traveling to Zimbabwe in March to distribute food packets. The group covets the prayers of the churches in Presbytery.

Dave McGurk announced that Tom Hawker, an Elder from Central, Merced, will be leading a Mediterranean area tour, "In the Footsteps of Paul," and including a visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. Contact information can be had by calling the CPC office.

Sandy Richardson reminded Presbytery that a good rate of return can be earned by investing in Synod of the Pacific Certificates of Deposit.

Paul Fandl announced that the Calvin Crest Board of Directors has appointed Tony Biasell as the Acting Executive Director. Plans are continuing to be made for a great summer of camping.

Jeri Vierra Dahlke shared that a Reformed Worship workshop will be held at the Sierra Mission Partnership office on April 27th. More information can be had by calling SMP.

REPORT FROM THE ASSOCIATE PRESBYTER

Jay P. Olson informed Presbytery that funds for Haiti relief efforts can be sent to either Synod of the Pacific or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance in Pittsburgh, PA

Jay led Presbytery in a "Celebration of General Mission Giving." Honored were the churches with the highest per-member giving to Presbyterian Missions in 2009. Those churches are Harvest Ceres, Cortez Turlock, Calvary Stockton, First Stockton and Geneva Modesto.

Jay reminded Presbytery that the theme for Easter's One Great Hour of Sharing offering is "Sharing Resources, Changing Lives."

NOMINATIONS

Dave Kerr introduced Breeann Wright from Turlock First church as the General Assembly Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) nominee. Breeann spoke briefly of her personal walk of faith and Presbytery voted to concur with the nomination.

Dave introduced Rev. David Warner as the nominee for General Assembly Pastor Commissioner Alternate. No other nominations were offered from the floor and Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the nomination.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Council Chair Troy Onsager reported on efforts to prepare the Presbytery for the dissolution of the Sierra Mission Partnership. Primary emphasis is being placed on identifying needs as Presbytery grows into a "stand-alone" organization. Council recognizes, too, the need to articulate and standardize committee functions and supports the establishment of a task force to determine the scope and content of a Presbytery Manual of Operations.

Dave McGurk reported on recent meetings among Stockton, Sacramento and Nevada Presbyteries regarding the assets jointly held in SMP. Sacramento has raised the question of equity in the SMP office building and Stockton has replied that our preference would be to

liquidate our share as soon as possible. Decisions regarding the disposal of the Resource Center will be made in May.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

The Book of Order section G-11.0101 allows Presbyteries to maintain voting parity between Ministers and Elder Commissioners. In the current year, it is found that the Presbytery of Stockton has 33 voting Ministers (Installed, Interim, Stated Supply, At-Large and active Honorably Retired), and 23 designated seats for Elder Commissioners.

Additional Elder Commissioners are appointed annually on a rotational basis among all the churches. Beginning with the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery (June 1, 2010), the following churches will be eligible to send one additional Elder Commissioner (for a total of two):

Harvest Ceres
Delhi Community
Geneva Modesto
Trinity Modesto
Patterson Federated
Calvary Stockton
Trinity Stockton
Tracy First
Cortez Turlock
St. John's Turlock

The term for these additional Elder Commissioners will end at the close of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery in February, 2011.

CLOSING

Moderator Ken Robbins expressed thanks to Calvary Church for their hospitality and lunch. He announced that the next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be held on June 1, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Turlock beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk