

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON
Saturday, September 11, 2010
First 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 Ken Robbins. Host Pastor Gus Wright led the assembly in worship.

Attending:**Ministers****Elder Commissioners**

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

Janet Russell

Paul Fandl

Troy Onsager

David Hill

David Warner

David McGurk

Henry DeGraaff

David Kerr

Gus Wright

Bob Mitchell

Byron Nelson

Everett Bosch

Sandy Richardson

Bruce Bush
Randy Beard

Laurel Wisenor

Sharon Miller

Curtis Riggs

Perry Sedoo
Ken Howard

Cindy Zellman

Russell Ramos

Tadashi Agari

Barbara Beasley

Marge Ramirez

Letty Aspiras
Chuck Lamron
Robert Opie

Turlock Cortez	Nancy Clegg	Qula Kuenzinger
Turlock First		
Turlock St. John's		Jouliet David
Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach		Tim Nguyen
Other Clergy -		
William David, Lee Heim, Cindy Hamilton, John Russell Curry, Wendy Warner HR		

Corresponding Members –
Jeri Viera Dahlke

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

Kenneth Robbins, Moderator
Keith Drury, Stated Clerk
Charlie Brown, E&LD Chair
Bianca Makoor, COM Chair

Total number of ministers present: 18

Total number of voting elders present: 22

A quorum was present.

Presbytery VOTED to adopt the agenda with additions

Presbytery VOTED to accept the minutes of the Stated Meeting of May 1, 2010 and the Called Meeting of May 15, 2010.

The Moderator called for the introduction of first-time Commissioners and the seating of Corresponding Commissioners. Presbytery VOTED to seat Rev. Jeri Vierra Dahlke as a Corresponding Member.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT

Keith Drury announced that the Session of the Merced Sierra church has filed a complaint against the Presbytery of Stockton based on the Presbytery's action of May 15, 2010 ordering that the church should be closed. The Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Pacific has accepted the complaint and issued a Stay of Enforcement. A hearing before the Synod PJC has been scheduled for September 22, 2010 in Oakland, CA.

Pursuant to authority granted by Presbytery at the called meeting of May 15, 2010, a successor to the Merced Sierra Administrative Commission, composed of Ministers John Russell-Curry, Edward Eissebake, and David Warner, and Elders Russell Ramos, Cindy Zellman, Tom Hoy and

Sharon Miller was appointed by the Presbytery Council. [Empanelment of this Administrative Commission is pending due to the PJC Stay of Enforcement.]

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

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

COM moved that Presbytery approve the request of the Rev. Melanie Saint James to be released from the exercise of Ordained Ministry under the provision of G-6.600a. Presbytery VOTED to approve the motion.

COM moved that those pastors currently earning less than minimum salary on a full-time basis should be brought up to Stockton Presbytery minimums.

An amendment to the motion was offered, changing the word “should” to “shall.” Presbytery VOTED to accept the amendment.

COM moved that raises for pastors generally should be 3% or more for 2011. Churches finding this unreachable may substitute and increase of 1.5% plus an additional week of vacation.

An amendment was offered stating that Presbytery of Stockton Minimum Salaries for pastors shall be raised by 3%. Presbytery VOTED to accept the amendment.

The motion was re-stated as follows: Those pastors currently earning less than minimum salaries shall be brought up to Stockton Presbytery minimums. Minimum salaries for pastors shall be raised by 3% for 2011. Churches finding this unreachable may substitute an increase of 1.5% and an additional week of vacation.

Presbytery VOTED to accept the motion.

COUNCIL

With the authority delegated to the Moderator by Book of Order D-6.0302a and Presbytery of Stockton Standing Rule 3.0201a, a Committee of Counsel composed of Rev. Troy Onsager, Rev. Jeff Ogden and Elder Cindy Zellman was appointed for the purpose of providing a timely answer to the Complaint against the Presbytery by Sierra Presbyterian Church of Merced and objecting to the Stay of Enforcement issued by the PJC of the Synod of the Pacific.

The Presbytery Council has approved the appointments and moved that Presbytery again ratify the authority of the Moderator and concur with these actions.

Presbytery VOTED to approve the motion.

NOMINATIONS

Chair David Kerr nominated Elder Sharon Miller to fill a vacancy on the currently sitting Sierra Church Administrative Commission. Nominations were opened to the floor and there were none. Presbytery VOTED to approve the nomination.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Chair David Hill moved and Presbytery VOTED to delegate to Presbytery Council the authority to appoint an Ordination Commission for Candidate Matthew Knapp. Ordination will occur at Merced Central, followed by Installation by the Presbytery of San Francisco at Centerville Church in Fremont.

REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS TO THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Elder Commissioner Sandy Richardson and YAAD delegate Breeann Wright reported on their work and observations while attending the July 3-10 General Assembly. Minister Commissioner Jeff Ogden was unable to be present at this meeting.

COUNCIL

Moderator Ken Robbins announced that the Book of Order and Book of Confessions proposed amendments sent by the General Assembly for each Presbytery's consideration will be scheduled as follows:

November 2010 - Study and voting on Book of Order amendments other than the New Form of Government.

February 2011 – Study the New Form of Government and the Belhar amendment to the Book of Confessions.

May 2011 – vote on nFOG and Belhar.

ONE MINUTE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Richardson announced that the Synod of Pacific is offering new, advantageous loan rates to churches.

David Warner paid tribute on the passing of Elder David Baird from First Presbyterian, Stockton.

David Kerr announced that Session Clerks are being called for Minutes Reading at Trinity Modesto on October 16, 2010.

MISSION OUTREACH

Chair Bill David moved that Presbytery approve the committee's application to the Presbyterian Hunger Program for continued funding of the Hunger Action Enabler position. Presbytery VOTED to approve the motion.

NOMINATIONS

Chair David Kerr moved the nomination and election of Elder Sharon Miller to a four-year term, class of 2014, as Synod Commissioner from Presbytery of Stockton. Nominations were opened to the floor. There were none. Presbytery VOTED to approve the nomination.

David Kerr moved the nomination and election of Minister Hiromi Yoneda to serve on the Cortez Church Administrative Commission. Nominations were opened to the floor. There were none. Presbytery VOTED to approve the nomination.

COUNCIL

Council members made a series of presentations regarding issues facing the Presbytery during the dissolution of the Sierra Mission Partnership. As follow, each presentation included a motion for the Presbytery's consideration but voting was held only after all presentations were completed.

Troy Onsager presented for discussion a revised Mission Statement for the Presbytery and moved its adoption. (The mission statement is attached as an amendment to these minutes).

Dave McGurk presented for Presbytery approval the proposal for the Executive Presbyter's duties, qualifications, skills and characteristics along with a proposed compensation package. (attached as an amendment to these minutes)

Dave Kerr presented for adoption a 2011 Unified Presbytery Budget, which includes a Presbytery per capita assessment increase to \$6.80. (attached as an amendment to these minutes)

It was moved that Presbytery give Council permission to develop a "Church Information Form" (CIF) for use by an Executive Search Committee.

The Presbytery Council nominated the following Ministers and Elders to serve as an Executive Presbyter Search Committee:

Rev. Jeff Ogden, Pastor Newman, Oristimba
Rev. Dave McGurk, Assoc. Pastor Merced, Central
Rev. Janet Russell, Stated Supply, Columbia First
Elder Cecilia Moran, Stockton Trinity
Elder Ken Robbins, Presbytery Moderator
Elder Carol Bedell, Stockton, Lincoln
Elder Carol Adams, Escalon

Additional nominations were invited from the floor and none were made.

Each of the five motions were restated by the Vice-Moderator. Additional discussion was invited from the floor. There was none.

Presbytery VOTED to accept all five motions.

CLOSING

Moderator Ken Robbins expressed thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Stockton for their hospitality and lunch. He announced that the next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be held on November 6, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church in Tracy beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Presbytery VOTED to close the meeting with prayer by the Vice Moderator Paul Fandl.

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk

APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY VOTE
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON
AT THE STATED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2010