

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON
Saturday, November 6, 2010
First Presbyterian Church
Tracy, California

Call to Worship:

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was convened at 9:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Ken Robbins. Host Pastor Everett Bosch led the assembly in worship.

<u>Attending:</u>	<u>Ministers</u>	<u>Elder Commissioners</u>
Ceres Harvest	John Foster	Chris Dempsey
Columbia First		Jim Brandt
Delhi Community	Paul Fandl	Randy Beard
Escalon	Troy Onsager	Bob McCune
Gustine Community	Mark Hollingsworth	
Lodi Grace	David Hill	Laurel Wisenor
Manteca	David Warner	Pete Ludwiesen
Merced Central	David McGurk Henry Greene	Curtis Riggs Marcie Corria
Merced Sierra		
Modesto Geneva		Ruth Crabtree LeRoy Campbell
Modesto Trinity	David Kerr	David Zellman Dolly Sexton
Newman Orestimba	Jeff Ogden	Russell Ramos
Patterson Federated		
Stockton Calvary	Hiromi Yoneda	Tadashi Agari
Stockton First	Gus Wright	Earl Roider
Stockton Lincoln	Bob Mitchell	Kathryn Kimball
Stockton Trinity	Byron Nelson	Letty Aspiras Chuck Lamron
Tracy First	Everett Bosch	Robert Opie Lynda Mendoza

Turlock Cortez	Nancy Clegg	
Turlock First		Thomas Hoy
Turlock St. John's	Edward Eissabake	Jouliet David
		Albert Pourtaverni
Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach		Tim Nguyen
Other Clergy -	Lee Heim, Les Malakian, Jay Olson, John Russell Curry, Wendy Warner HR	

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

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

Corresponding Members –

Skip Herbert, Presbyterian Foundation (Sacramento Presbytery)
Mark Frey, Board of Pensions (Cascades Presbytery)
John McFadden, Board of Pensions (Chicago Presbytery)

Other Guests –

Mary Elva Smith, Acting General Presbyter, Sierra Mission Partnership
Elder R.L. Whitt, Escalon; Elder Doris Fiorini, Turlock First; Elder Marilyn Vaughn,
Stockton First; Elder John Vaughn, Stockton First; Elder Mel Nelson, Modesto Trinity;
Tony Biasell, Calvin Crest.

Total number of ministers present: 22

Total number of voting elders present: 28

A quorum, as stated in the Presbytery Standing Rules, shall comply with Book of Order G-11.0202

A quorum of the presbytery shall be any three minister members and the elder members present, provided that at least three churches are represented by elders.

A quorum was present.

Presbytery VOTED to adopt the agenda with additions

Presbytery VOTED to accept the minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 11, 2010.

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

Presbytery VOTED to seat the following as Corresponding Members;

Skip Herbert, Presbyterian Foundation (Sacramento Presbytery)

Mark Frey, Board of Pensions (Cascades Presbytery)

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Report from Participants in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium:

Youth and adult delegates from the Presbytery of Stockton to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium, held at Purdue University July 20-24, 2010, presented a multi-media presentation of their experiences.

Report from the Rev. Mark Frey, The Board of Pensions:

Mark Frey, Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions, gave the Presbytery an overview of the Board's current activities, year-to-date investment returns and an update on medical plan offerings.

Report from the Minister Commissioner to the 219th General Assembly:

Jeff Ogden shared his impressions of last summer's General Assembly meeting in Minneapolis and his participation on the Ordination Standards committee.

Nominations:

David Kerr reported on the Annual Review of Session Minutes held at Trinity, Modesto on November 6, 2010. The following churches failed to submit minutes for review:

Central Presbyterian Church, Merced

Sierra Presbyterian Church, Merced (2008, 2009 and 2010)

Orestimba Presbyterian Church, Newman

The Federated Church, Patterson (follows Methodist form of government)

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Stockton

St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock

David Kerr presented the Nominating Committee's report for 2011. The Committee nominated Paul Fandl as Presbytery Moderator and Ken Robbins as Chair of Council. The Nominating Committee moved that nominations for the Vice Moderator position be re-addressed at the February, 2011 Stated Meeting. Additional nominations for Moderator and Chair of Council were opened to the floor. There were none made. Presbytery VOTED to elect Paul Fandl as Presbytery Moderator and Ken Robbins as Chair of Council for the calendar year 2011 and to reconsider the position of Vide Moderator at the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Nominating Committee nominated Elder Cindy Zellman to serve a three year term (2011-2013) as Presbytery Treasurer. Nominations were opened to the floor and there were none made. Presbytery VOTED to elect Cindy Zellman as Presbytery Treasurer for a three year term.

The Nominating Committee nominated additional Presbytery Committee members as stated on their report. Nominations were opened to the floor and none were made. Presbytery VOTED to elect the Committee Members as identified in the nominating report. [The Nominating report is attached as an addendum to these minutes.]

MID-MORNING BREAK

One Minute Announcements:

Tony Biasel, Executive Director at Calvin Crest, offered his availability to church staffs who may be interested in evaluating their camping programs.

Pastor Edward Eissabake asked Presbytery and the congregations to pray for Iraqi Christians following the recent massacre in an Iraqi Catholic church. At the request of commissioners, Pastor Edward led the Presbytery in prayer.

Additionally, Pastor Edward announced that St. John's church had purchased a small parcel adjacent to their property.

David Warner has available a DVD video regarding the Seminary Support Network and is available to share it with sessions and answer their questions.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Cindy Zellman presented a financial balance sheet and Ecclesiastical Program budget report for the period ending October 31, 2010. Also presented was a report on per capita funding participation by congregations, year-to-date. Each of these reports is attached to these minutes as an addendum.

Stated Clerk's Report:

Keith Drury presented certificates of appreciation to pastors and elders celebrating either the 25th or 50th anniversary of their ordination in 2010. Those recognized were:

Elders

Lincoln	Drew Meyers
	Sherry Shields
Tracy	Don Burnett
Delhi	Lisa Landis
Cortez	JF Clegg
Merced Central	Roger Norris
	Martin Hadley (50 th)
Turlock First	Sheri Cripe

Trinity

Carol W. Decker
Rex D Zellman (50th)

Ministers on the 25th Anniversary of their Ordination:

Hiromi Yoneda
Bill David
Mark Hollingsworth

Keith Drury read to Presbytery the decision of the Synod of Pacific's Permanent Judicial Commission in the case, Sierra v. Presbytery of Stockton in which the PJC dismissed the complaint of the church and lifted the stay of execution.

Report from the General Presbyter:

Mary Elva Smith, temporary acting General Presbyter for the Sierra Mission Partnership, bid the Presbytery good bye, noting that the SMP will be dissolved effective December 31, 2010. Mary Elva charged the Presbytery to remain faithful to its calling of service to the Church and commended it for strong leadership and innovative methodology.

Merced Sierra Administrative Commission:

Russell Ramos, chair of the Sierra Administrative Commission updated the Presbytery on current activities. As noted earlier, the Synod PJC has dismissed the complaint of Sierra v. Presbytery of Stockton but the church still has the option of complaining to the General Assembly PJC.

On October 13, 2010, the Sierra church allowed homeless Merced residents to begin camping on church property. Because of the perceived liability involved, the Administrative Commission declared their right to Original Jurisdiction over the property. Efforts are ongoing to regain control over the property.

Executive Search Committee:

Dave McGurk reported that the Presbytery's PIF for the Executive Presbyter position has been completed and posted on the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection system. Several applicants have already returned Personal Information Forms and the committee is establishing a process for review.

Committee on Ministry:

COM chair Banca Makoor presented revisions to the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy and moved that the Presbytery adopted. Presbytery VOTED to adopt the revised Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy. The revised policy is amended to these minutes.

Bianca Makoor moved and Presbytery VOTED to approve the service of the Rev. Les Malakian as Parish Associate at Modesto Trinity Presbyterian Church pending approval by vote of the Trinity congregation.

Bianca Makoor announced that COM had approved the terms of call for the Rev. John Foster to continue serving as Interim Pastor at Ceres Harvest Presbyterian Church.

Council – Appointment of Ordination Commission:

CPM chair David Hill announced that Presbytery Moderator, Ken Robbins, had appointed a Commission to serve at the Ordination of candidate Matt Robbins to be held at Merced Central church on November 14, 2010. The commission members are Ministers Henry Greene, Dave McGurk, David Hill and Paul Fandl and Elders Sharon Miller (Manteca), Ronda Douglas (Merced Central) and Bianca Makoor (Turlock St. John's).

Council – Appointment to fill Committee Vacancies:

Presbytery Council chair Troy Onsager moved that Council be authorized to fill vacancies occurring on Presbytery Committees and that actions taken by committees while vacancies exist be deemed valid so long as the appointments are ratified by Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting. Presbytery VOTED to approve the motion.

Recognition of Departing Sierra Mission Partnership Personnel:

Presbytery noted that with the dissolution of the Sierra Mission Partnership, the SMP staff that has served us so long and well will be moving on to other ministries. Gifts were presented to Mary Elva Smith to share with Pat Strand, Barbara Rohrs and Frances McHugh with the Presbytery's deepest gratitude.

CLOSING

Moderator Ken Robbins expressed thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Tracy for their hospitality and lunch (and even breakfast!). He announced that the next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be held on February 6, 2011 at Community Presbyterian Church in Delhi beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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

Keith Drury, Stated Clerk