

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON
 Saturday, September 10, 2016
 First Presbyterian Church, Turlock

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was convened at 9:03 a.m. with prayer by the Moderator RE Laurel Wisenor. TE Craig Wright welcomed the presbytery, and invited everyone to stay for lunch. The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present according to the Book of Order G-11.0202. (RE 14; TE 12; Churches 6; at 9 a.m.)

Attending	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
Ceres, Harvest	Jim Stochl	
Gustine, Community	Mark Hollingsworth	
Lodi, Grace	Bill McGuinness	Paul Lewis
		John Arthur
Manteca	Karl Hauser	Dan Gnade
		Danette Grant
Modesto, Geneva	Joshua Trautmann	Sara Du Bois
		Brian Du Bois
Patterson, Federated		
Stockton, First	Augustine Wright	Merilyn Vaughn
		Lee Mecum
Stockton, Trinity	Byron Nelson	Cheryl Lauron
Tracy, First	(C) Jennifer Warren Hauser	Nancy Rusch
		David Weisenberger
Turlock, Cortez	Clover Bailey	
Turlock, First	Craig Wright	Pat Wallace

Other Teaching Elders: Nancy Clegg, Lee Heim, John Russell-Curry, George Shabaz, David Warner, Wendy Warner

Corresponding Members: None

Ruling Elder Officers and Chairpersons:

- Laurel Wisenor, Moderator
- Robert Opie, Chair of Finance
- Candace Peterson, Chair of Committee on Ministry
- CLP Tim Nguyen, Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach
- Jennifer Warren Hauser, Chair of Mission

Others Present: Irene Lanchester (First, Turlock), Nate Trautmann (Geneva, Modesto), Perry Sedoo (Geneva, Modesto), Florence Woods (Trinity, Stockton), Christian Yones (First, Stockton), Joseph Torres (First, Stockton), Pilar Rodriguez (Trinity, Stockton), John Vaughn (First, Stockton), Lawrence Kennedy (Trinity, Stockton), Cecilia Moran (Trinity, Stockton)

Total number of teaching elders present: 15; Total number of ruling elders present: 17

Total number of congregations present: 7

The Stated Clerk adjusted the docket to move the recess to following the report of the Committee on Ministry. The docket was adopted. MSC.

First-Time Elders were introduced, and along with guests, were welcomed.

Worship: TE Craig Wright, RE Martin Purdy, and the choir, led by TE Wendy Warner, and musicians Anne Talcott and Dr. Wayne Kidwell led the presbytery in worship. The message from Luke 11:1-4 was titled "The Prayer that Changes Everything!"

Consent Agenda: Moderator RE Laurel Wisenor asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was MSC to approve:

- Approval of the Minutes of the Stated Meeting held on May 7, 2016
- Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on June 4, 2016
- Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting on July 30, 2016

Triennium Delegates Report – Cheryl Lauron, Cecilia Moran, Pilar Rodriguez, Chuck Lauron and Delegates to Triennium (Florence Woods, Joseph Torres, Christian Yones, Nate Trautmann) reported with personal reflections and video about their week at Perdue, Indiana.

Stated Clerk Report: TE Nancy Clegg

- Nancy gave an overview of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution, approved by the 222nd General Assembly
- The final dismissal of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia was completed with the signing of a Quitclaim Deed, Indemnification Agreement, and the transfer of records and approved payment to the presbytery on August 29, 2016. It was a time of farewells and prayer for both the church and the presbytery. Presbytery shared its regret with this dismissal.
- Cortez Administrative Commission - TE Joshua Trautmann, reported that Cortez is in many ways a new church development. Thanks were given to David Weisenberger (First, Tracy) for all the repairs and upgrades to the manse. Joshua shared the Mission Plan for the church as information and highlighted the possible pastoral leadership time and budget planning for 2017.

Interim Presbytery Coordinator's Report: TE Bill McGuinness

- Bill has met with ten pastors and the Stated Clerk to learn about their ministries and hopes and concerns for the presbytery.
- Bill introduced a good tool for congregations, one that he has used in his interim work. The U.S. Congregational Life Survey identifies strengths, and areas that need attention that the strengths can improve upon. It includes a survey to assess the following: Growing spiritually, meaningful worship, participation level of the congregation, a sense of belonging, care for children and youth, the focus on the community, sharing faith, welcoming new people, empowering leaders, and looking to the future. He shared a Power Point describing this survey tool, and encouraged churches to make use of this. It will be free for use by the churches, and he offers his coaching in the process.

General Assembly Commissioners Report: TE Gus Wright, RE Cecilia Moran

Gus and Cecilia shared personal reflections and committee involvement at the General Assembly in Portland June 18-24, 2016. They shared highlights of the work of GA. Gus shared a short video, the Assembly in Brief report, and a short summary. Cecilia served on the new Way Forward committee. There will be a new visioning committee, called the Way Forward Committee to set a new vision by 2020. There is a new Administrative Commission to address the structure of GA and the work of Office of the General Assembly and Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Personnel Committee: TE Gus Wright

Gus welcomed Bill McGuinness as the new Presbytery Coordinator. A new job description for the Mission Advocate will be received soon, to be approved by the presbytery in November.

Committee on Ministry: RE Candace Peterson

- At the recommendation of COM, it was MSC to dissolve the Pastoral Relationship between TE Gus Wright and First Presbyterian Church, Stockton, effective September 30, 2016. The congregation voted approval of the dissolution on August 28, 2016. The presbytery was led in prayer for Gus and his move to Colorado and future ministry possibilities.
- The 2016 Salary Report was distributed for information and review.

Recess – The Presbytery recessed for a short break.

Treasurer’s Report: TE Jim Stochl

- Mission Giving and Per Capita Giving - Jim reported that overall the presbytery is in good shape financially; only recently challenged by the hiring of a presbytery coordinator, which draws down the reserves. The mission giving is progressing adequately. Synod has made one error in reporting, yet the giving is still close to where it needs to be. Per capita needs to be strengthened. It was MSC to receive the Treasurer’s Report.
- Financial reviews have been done by the Treasurer for two churches. Jim offers his assistance in completing financial reviews.

Finance Committee Report: RE Robert Opie

- Covenant Community Church, Vacaville has been dismissed, however there still remained a line item to cover loan payments. Synod has discontinued that line item and released the money to the presbytery.
- A proposed budget will be presented to the November Stated Meeting. Any requests for budget items need to be received by Finance.
- Proposed revisions to the Financial Internal Control Procedures have been made that reflect the action of the presbytery to set up two different special funding grants; the Student Loan Debt Assistance Fund and the Housing Assistance Fund. The proposed procedures were distributed with the call to the meeting, and it was MSC to approve as distributed.

Committee on Preparation: TE Wendy Warner

CPM has voted approval, in compliance with G-2.0607 has determined that Candidate Jennifer Warren Hauser has been certified ready to receive a call. The presbytery joined together to lay hands on Jennifer and Chair Wendy led in prayer for Jennifer and her call in ministry.

Mission Committee: RE Jennifer Warren Hauser

- Mission Opportunity Grants are available for congregations.
- The job description for the Mission Advocate is finalized and being sent to Personnel.
- Mission Trip report – Bethel Ministries in Guatemala – RE Marcy Wright shared a video summary of the trip, which included twelve participants from various churches, primarily sponsored by First Presbyterian Church, Turlock.

- Mission Advocate TE Clover Bailey – The Season of Peace emphasis is now through World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2016, when the dedication of the Peace and Global Witness Offering is received. Clover led in prayer for the vision to do the mission of Christ’s church.

Healthy Congregations Committee: TE Karl Hauser

- Karl thanked those who attended the All Presbytery Picnic, and showed pictures.
- Karl gave a short report about the sponsored concert in the summer, which didn’t go as planned, but was appreciated by those who attended. It was a learning experience around the idea of hosting a large concert.

Nominating Committee Report: TE David Warner

Election of Committee Members – David encouraged members to respond to invitations to serve on committees for 2017.

New and Unfinished Business/Friendly One Minute Announcements

- TE David Warner recognized TE George Shabaz and his ministry to a small congregation of Assyrian-speaking members in need of a church community.
- TE Karl Hauser, on behalf of Presbyterian Women, had flyers announcing the Fall Gathering.
- TE Hauser also announced an organ concert at Manteca.
- RE Cecilia Moran announced the Ethnic Concerns Consultation, and invited anyone interested – all are welcome to attend.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: RE Laurel Wisenor

- The Moderator thanked First Presbyterian Church for their hospitality and lunch.
- The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton will be held on November 5, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, Tracy.
- It was MSC to adjourn, and RE Wisenor led the presbytery in prayer at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk