

**STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF STOCKTON**  
**Saturday, February 6, 2016**  
**Geneva Presbyterian Church, Modesto**

**CALL TO MEETING**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Stockton was convened at 9:10 a.m. with prayer by the Presbytery Council Chairperson, TE Mark Hollingsworth. TE Joshua Trautmann welcomed the presbytery and gave instructions for lunch. The Stated Clerk declared that a quorum was present according to the Book of Order G-11.0202.

<b>Attending</b>	<b>Teaching Elders</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>
Ceres, Harvest Columbia, First	Jim Stochl Janet Russell	Jim Brandt Jon Whited
Gustine, Community Lodi, Grace	Mark Hollingsworth	Sandy Mahurin Kathleen Hill
Manteca	Karl Hauser	Danette Grant Sharon Miller
Modesto, Geneva	Joshua Trautmann	Sara DuBois Ken Howard
Patterson, Federated Stockton, First	Eun-Joo Myung Augustine Wright	Merilyn Vaughn Jim Landen
Stockton, Trinity	Byron Nelson	Letty Aspiras Cecilia Moran Nancy Rusch
Tracy, First Turlock, Cortez Turlock, First	Clover Bailey Craig Wright	Pat Wallace Margaret Steel Barbara Cantrell
Vacaville, Covenant		

**Other Teaching Elders:** Nancy Clegg, John Russell-Curry, Bill David, Steve Hanna, Lee Heim, David Warner, Wendy Warner, Julia Leeth

**Corresponding Members:** TE Bill McGuinness, Redwoods Presbytery

**Ruling Elder Officers and Chairpersons:**

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

**Others Present:** Brian DuBois (Geneva, Modesto), Steve Netniss (First, Turlock), John Vaughn (First, Stockton), Edmond Davis (Geneva, Modesto), Paul Lewis (Grace, Lodi), Pam Starks (Covenant Community, Vacaville), Cindy Sontemaria (Covenant Community, Vacaville), Rebecca Duvall (Covenant Community, Vacaville), Ethan Roschen (Covenant Community, Vacaville),

Mary Dallenbach (Covenant Community, Vacaville), Jack Battenberg (Covenant Community, Vacaville), Phyllis Tom (Geneva, Modesto), Judy Wagner (Geneva, Modesto), Perry Sedoo (Geneva, Modesto), Ramiro Jimenez (Covenant Community, Vacaville)

Total number of teaching elders present: 18

Total number of ruling elders present: 20

Total number of congregations present: 8

First-Time Elders were introduced. Corresponding Member TE Bill McGuinness from Redwoods Presbytery was introduced. It was MSC to seat TE McGuinness.

The docket was adopted as presented. MSC.

**Nominating Committee Report:** TE David Warner

- Election of Vice Moderator - The Nominating Committee brought for election TE Karl Hauser. It was MSC to elect TE Hauser as the Vice Moderator.

**Worship:** TE Joshua Traumann

TE Trautmann led worship and sermon "When I Was Hungry" from Matthew 25:31-46. The presbytery shared in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

TE Mark Hollingsworth, Chair of Council and outgoing moderator led in the Installation of Moderator RE Laurel Wisenor and TE Karl Hauser as Vice Moderator. The presbytery laid hands on them as TE Hollingsworth led in prayer.

TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk, read the Necrology for 2015 and said a prayer of thanks for the service of ruling elders and deacons who have joined the church triumphant.

**Consent Agenda:** Moderator RE Laurel Wisenor

- The item of Approval of the Minutes of the Stated Meeting held on November 7, 2015 was removed from the Consent Agenda for correction.
- Item from Committee on Ministry to validate the ministry of TE Mike McLellen (H.R.) as Chaplain at Sutter Tracy Hospital; \$31/hr, on call, per diem, 10-20 hrs/wk was MSC.
- Correction to the Minutes of November 7, 2015 was addressed - to change the motion from the Committee on Ministry to contribute \$15,000, rather than \$10,000, of presbytery funds to assist in the repairs of the Cortez church manse. It was MSC to approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 7, 2015 with that correction.

**Council Report:** TE Mark Hollingsworth

- Council brought before the presbytery three motions to Dismiss Covenant Community Presbyterian Church, Vacaville:
  1. It was MSC to allow the congregation of the Covenant Community Church of Vacaville to be dismissed at their request to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. (Two "No" votes were recorded.)
  2. It was MSC to approve the following terms of financial settlement as agreed by vote of the congregation on January 24, 2016: Lump sum payment in the amount of \$191,000.00 to the Presbytery of Stockton.

3. It was MSC that the effective date of dismissal shall be May 6, 2016 (90 days after date of the above affirmative votes)
  - A Service of Blessing for Covenant Community, Vacaville followed the votes of dismissal. TE Hollingsworth gave words of scripture and prayer, acknowledging the unity of the Spirit. All those present from Vacaville were seated up front. The Chair of the Coordinating Team, Ramiro Jimenez prayed for the presbytery and the Chair of the Presbytery Engagement Team, TE Clover Bailey, prayed for Community Covenant Presbyterian Church. A hymn was sung, and the presbytery passed the peace of Christ to members of the church.
  - Report of Interim Presbytery Coordinator Search Committee - TE David Warner reported that the deadline to receive PIF's has been extended. He requested prayer for this search process. The search committee is TE David Warner, TE Joshua Trautmann, and RE Cheryl Hunt (First, Stockton).
  - Presbytery Mission Statement - TE Wendy Warner distributed with the call to the meeting the proposed statement as a first reading. She and RE Jennifer Warren Hauser serve on the Council subcommittee to recommend a new mission statement.

**Stated Clerk Report:** TE Nancy Clegg

- TE Clegg introduced the overture on behalf of the Council: On Rescinding Item 05-04, Mid Council Commission Report, 222nd General Assembly. After questions and discussion it was MSC to concur with the overture from Santa Fe Presbytery.
- It was announced that the elected Young Adult Advisory Delegate is now not able to attend General Assembly. TE Clegg will be checking with the OGA regarding the submission of the elected alternate.
- Stated Meetings for 2016: May 7 at Harvest, Ceres; September 10 at First, Turlock; November 5 at located to be determined.
- Statistical Reporting is underway. Only four of the eleven congregations have completed reports. The deadline is in ten days. Of the four, two churches have had a growth in membership - First, Tracy and First, Turlock.
- Minister member cards from the PC(USA) have arrived and are available.

The presbytery took a brief recess.

**Treasurer's Report:** TE Jim Stochl

- The Treasurer reported good news, that the 2015 per capita and mission pledges have been fulfilled. Synod has a different accounting, and shows a different report, however obligations were met.
- The Synod Mission Remittance Form was projected for explanation and direction.
- The Treasurer offered assistance in completing a congregation's financial review.

**Finance and Administration Report:** RE Robert Opie

- Finance chair, RE Opie reported that Mission Giving pledges are down from 2015.
- The sale of the Eastside Presbyterian Church, Stockton has been finalized by the trustees of the presbytery.

- Finance recommended the 2016 Budget be revised accordingly:
  - Account 01-4410 Mission Advocate, revised to zero
  - Account 01-4520 Withdrawal from reserves, be revised to \$71,243
  - Account 01-5210 Stated Clerk effective salary, be revised to \$20,460
  - Account 01-5310 Treasurer effective salary, revised to \$8,184
  - Account 01-5360 Treasurer continuing education, be revised to \$1,000
  - Account 01-6210 General liability insurance, be revised to \$1,476

It was MSC to approve the revisions to the 2016 Budget.
- Finance recommended the higher yield transfer of presbytery funds held at the Synod of the Pacific. It was MSC to approve the transfer of \$550,000 from the Presbytery's demand deposit account at the Synod of the Pacific and fund three separate Synod of the Pacific Mission Development Certificates (MDC) - A 12 month MDC in the amount of \$100,000; A 24 month MDC in the amount of \$150,000; A 36 month MDC in the amount of \$300,000.

**Committee on Ministry:** RE Candace Peterson

- COM introduced TE Bill McGuinness for examination for membership. Bill read his statement of faith. Questions from the floor were received. Bill was excused for voting. It was MSC to receive TE McGuinness into membership.
- COM recommended approval of the Interim Pastor Contract for TE Bill McGuinness to Grace, Lodi; Annual Salary for Half Time \$36,000 (\$27,000 to fund a 403b account); Housing \$4,000; Continuing Education \$500 & 2 weeks; Mileage \$600; Vacation 4 weeks. It was MSC to approve the terms of call, effective February 7, 2016. (Mileage reimbursement will be corrected to reflect presbytery minimum.)
- The Cortez Administrative Commission recommended the Transitional Pastor Position terms of call be as follows: Effective Salary \$7,800; Mileage \$450; Study \$300 and 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays; Vacation 4 weeks, including 4 Sundays. It was MSC.

**Committee on Preparation:** TE Wendy Warner

TE Warner spoke to the status of Candidate Jennifer Warren Hauser's ordination exam results. The committee recommends that the Presbytery of Stockton waive the retaking of ordination exams already satisfactorily passed while Jennifer was under care of Santa Barbara Presbytery. It was MSC to waive retaking of the ordination exams while Jennifer Warren Hauser was under the care of the Santa Barbara Presbytery.

**Mission Committee:** RE Jennifer Warren Hauser

Mission provided the following for information:

- Guatemala Mission Trip is June 21-28, 2016 and is open to the whole presbytery.
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium is July 19-23, 2016 in Purdue, Indiana. Registration information can be obtained online or from the committee.
- Scott and Elmarie Parker – mission coworkers serving Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Iran have posted stories on [www.findaworld.org](http://www.findaworld.org)
- The committee wants contacts in each congregation; i.e. mission chair. Please provide name and contact info to Jennifer, the chairperson.

**Healthy Congregations Committee:** TE Karl Hauser

- TE Hauser highlighted the Safe Church Event and Elder/Deacon Training Event; Saturday, February 20 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Turlock
- The Youth Event was highlighted by member RE Sandy Mahurin; April 22-23, 2016 Youth Lock-In for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades. More information from the committee via Sandy.

**Nominating Committee Report:** TE David Warner

TE Warner, temporary chair, solicited ideas for nominations for service on presbytery committees.

**Personnel Committee Report:** TE Gus Wright

TE Wright highlighted the report sent with the call to the meeting. There were no questions.

**New and Unfinished Business/Friendly One Minute Announcements**

- RE Sharon Miller, President of Presbyterian Women, announced the PW Spring Gathering on April 9, 2016 at First, Stockton with special guest Linda Lee who traveled with the Global Exchange to the Caribbean and Guyana.
- TE Karl Hauser announced the Music Director position opening at Manteca Presbyterian Church.
- RE John Vaughn announced his completion on the Calvin Crest Board of Trustees, and reported on behalf of director Tony Biasell, a strong and increasingly good camp for summer camp options.
- Presbytery Prayer Ministry – RE Vaughn asked for updates of staff and those interested in joining the prayer ministry.
- RE Tim Nguyen invited the presbytery to join the Vietnamese Evangelistic Outreach in their celebration of their New Year tomorrow as part of their worship.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:** RE Laurel Wisenor

The Moderator thanked Geneva Presbyterian Church for their hospitality and lunch. It was MSC to adjourn. RE Wisenor adjourned the meeting with prayer at 12:20 p.m. Lunch was served following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk