

PRESBYTERY OF RIVERSIDE January 8, 2008  
STATED MEETING Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario

MINUTES

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Riverside was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Carol Entler, at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario, California. The moderator called on the Parish Associate, Rev. Dick Mitchell, to open the meeting with prayer and share some of Westminster's history and community involvement.

The Moderator declared that a Quorum was present.

Presbytery **VOTED** to seat the following corresponding members (see census):

Pastor Park  
Elder Kim, Hamni Presbyterian Church

Presbytery **VOTED** to seat the following corresponding members approved for the duration of their contracts in our Presbytery:

Tom Duggan, Interim, Community Presbyterian Church; Crestline

New commissioners were introduced to Presbytery (see census).

Pat Laflin, Indio  
Jim Throckmorton, Ridgecrest

Guests: Don Adams of Hemet, Harvey Stevens of Palm Springs

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the docket as presented.

Presbytery **VOTED** by a two-thirds vote to hear the Reports of Committees that were not published on the website prior to the meeting, but were provided in the meeting folder.

Elder Wes Rousser presented the **Committee on Nominations** report:

Presbytery VOTED to approve the slate with corrections from the Nominations Committee as follows:

Rev. Doug Gerrard - Moderator  
Sam Roberts, Vice-Moderator  
Rev. Andrew Parnell, Committee on Ministry Class 2008  
Pat Singer, PJC Class 2113  
Rev. Tom Rennard, Committee on Ministry Class 2009  
Scotty Methven, Committee on Ministry Class 2010  
Diane Horn, Congregational Nurture Team Class 2010

There were no YAD applications have been received.

The committee is requesting nominees for General Assembly commissioners for 2010. Stated Clerk Jan Willette presented the **Stated Clerk's** report.

INFORMATION ITEMS FOR THE RECORD:

All correspondence has been referred to the appropriate committee, governing body, or individual.

1. The following dates and locations have been approved for presbytery meetings 2008:
  - a. Tuesday, March 11 - Magnolia Presbyterian Church, Riverside
  - b. Tuesday, May 8 - Bethany Presbyterian Church, Rialto
  - c. Tuesday, July 8 - Need host church
  - d. Tuesday, September 9 - Mountain View Community Presbyterian Church, Wildomar
  - e. Tuesday, November 11 - First Presbyterian Church, Redlands
2. Upon approval of the Polity and Records Committee and the Committee on Ministry, a category of "inactive retired" effective January 1, 2008 has been created in accordance with G-11.0101b for the purpose of redressing the imbalance of clergy/laity in the Presbytery. The inactive retired are listed as follows:

Anton Fabian  
O. William Hansen  
Dieter Hessel  
Richard Knowles  
Dean Miller  
Herbert Moise

Robert Myers  
Norman Roadarmel  
Robert Thomas  
Orquida Van Beck  
Stuart Wood

Please note that the inactive retired maintain full rights and privileges, including voice and vote when in attendance at Presbytery meetings.

3. The report of the number of Commissioners to be elected by each Session is attached as Appenidx A.
4. The following persons have served on the Permanent Judicial Commission During the past six years:

Class of 2003  
James Warren  
Rev. Pat Stout  
Jean Throckmorton

Class of 2005  
Jim Anderson  
Rev. Brad Copeland

Class of 2007  
Louis Kimes  
William McGuigan

5. Necrology report for 2007:
  1. Glenn Whitlock (HR) 5-18-2007
  2. Kenneth Berg (HR) 6-12-2007
  3. Robert Brown Bannister (HR) 9-16-2007
  4. Robert Flagg 11-19-2007

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 13, 2007.  
Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the observance of the Lord's Supper at the meeting of Presbytery January 8, 2008 in accordance with the Directory of Worship W-3.6204(3).

Presbytery **VOTED** to enroll the following as voting members of Presbytery from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009:

A. Elder members of Committee on Ministry

Jan McMurtry as co-chair  
Don Reiersen  
Nora Casner  
George Griffin

Jim Shepherd  
Leon Bennett  
Ginni Rassieur  
Pat Singer

B. Elders serving as Committee Chairs on Presbytery Council

Carol Entler, Council Moderator  
Anne Smith CNT  
Susan Skoglund P&F  
Joan Carpenter P&R

Wes Rousser NOM  
Samuel Roberts REP  
Marjorie Boyer PW  
Carol Stanley ELDT

C. Jacquie Lyman, General Assembly Council

Louis Kimes- Treasurer  
Diane Frasher- Resource Center

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the report on non-parish clergy, completed by COM (See Appendix B).

Presbytery engaged in a time of worship, led by the Elder Carol Entler, which included Audrey playing the organ, communion, and the Installation of Officers – Moderator (the Rev. Doug Garrard) and Vice-Moderator (Sam Roberts).

The outgoing Moderator relinquished the gavel to the in-coming Moderator, Rev. Doug Garrard.

MODERATOR'S MOMENT – Rev. Doug Garrard

Spoke of new beginnings. Greeted and thanked the Presbytery for his appointment.

The Rev. Jack Schutte presented the **Acting Interim Executive Presbyter's Report**.

Jack Schutte reported on the cross cultural joining of two congregations:

First Church of Fontana, Presbytery of Riverside, and Shalom Presbyterian Church of the Hammi Presbytery are now worshipping together. Synod has to overture to General Assembly to allow this to happen.

Palm Desert wants to be the first church to use "Hit the Bull's Eye," the pilot project. A group of pastors went to Wisconsin to be trained to be consultants to help churches learn the key to growth and turning around the local congregation.

Rev. Schutte and his wife are leaving for their vacation in Europe and will be back at the end of January.

The Elder Carol Entler presented the **Presbytery Council** report.

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Council discussed suggestions related to the Colton property.
2. Recognition in absentia of The Rev. Sylvia Karcher's service to the Presbytery as Vice Moderator (2005), Moderator (2006), and Past Moderator and Council Chair (2007).

For Action:

Presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following individuals to the Presbytery Committee on Nominations (3 female elders, 3 male elders, 3 clergy):

- a) Class of 2008:
  - i. The Rev. John Stout
  - ii. [One male elder vacancy]
- b) Class of 2009:
  - i. The Rev. Gary Hindman
  - ii. Elder Izar Martinez (First Presbyterian Church, Redlands)
- c) Class of 2010:
  - i. Elder Martha Vieten
  - ii. Elder Wes Rousser
  - iii. Elder Marilyn Mittelstadt

Continuing members are Elder Karen Dwight (2008) and The Rev. Sylvia Karcher (2009). There remains one male elder vacancy in the Class of 2008.

Rev. Jerry Hangen presented the **Committee on Ministry** report.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. The Committee voted to approve the request from St. Andrew CPC to extend Interim Contract for Reverend Patricia L. Stout for up to one year beginning December 10, 2007 with no change in terms of contract.
2. Annual COM retreat will be held January 12, 2008 at Northkirk Presbyterian Church.
3. COM representatives met with Pastor Kim of the Emmanuel Korean Fellowship nesting at Beaumont Presbyterian Church and his credentials have been found in order. Reverend Peter Kwon has agreed to work on behalf of COM with the Pastor and congregation.

The **Presbytery VOTED** to approve the **Consent Agenda** from the Committee on Ministry.

1. The committee voted to approve the request from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario, to extend the relationship with Reverend Dr. C. Richard Mitchell as Parish Associate effective January 1, 2008; terms of position to be determined.

2. The committee voted to approve CIF from Temecula Grace Presbyterian Church and authorized the APNC to call an Associate Pastor.

**ACTION ITEMS**

The **Presbytery VOTED** to approve a change in membership status from Minister at Large to Honorably Retired for Reverend John E. Stout, effective on January 8, 2008.

The **Presbytery VOTED** to approve the appointment of Andrew Short to serve as Stated Supply Pastor at Victoria Presbyterian Church, Riverside effective January 1, 2008 at the following terms

Salary	\$31,503
Housing	\$12,527
Allowance (vouchered) for books, periodicals and media	\$ 1,800
Total	\$45,830
Pension	31.5% minimum pro-rated (see below)
Study Leave: one week every six(6) months up to two (2) weeks per year, the 1 <sup>st</sup> study leave will be taken during the 1 <sup>st</sup> half of January 2008 for continuation of doctoral work at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary	\$ 600
Vouchered reimbursable expenses/fees related to service as pastor to include mileage at current IRS rate for church related functions and expenses for lunch/dinner meetings	\$ 3,994
Vacation: One(1) week every three months up to 31 days/year; weeks may aggregated and be used together before end of contract	

and that he be named Moderator of Session pending review of his credentials. Representatives of COM along with the Acting Executive Presbyter met with Reverend Short and found his qualifications and experience to be in order and appropriate to the position. Presbytery also voted to receive Andrew into membership of Presbytery of Riverside pending his transfer from Grace Presbytery.

The **Presbytery VOTED** to approve vacating the Associate Pastor position at First Presbyterian Church, Hemet effective February 28, 2008 or before for pension purposes.

The **Presbytery VOTED** to affirm request the intention of First Presbyterian Church, Fontana, a member of Riverside Presbytery and Shalom Presbyterian Church of

Hammi Presbytery to merge their congregations and transmit the overture to the Synod of California and Hawaii accordingly.

Rev. John E. Stout was honored for his service.

Elder Susan Skoglund presented the **Property & Finance Committee** report.

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Finance will now meet third Tuesday of the month.
2. Actions are moving forward on the insurance proposals with a Pre-Presbytery event in March.
3. Colton to date, no leadership has stepped forward to act on any of the ideas given.
  - a. The appraisal is moving forward.
  - b. A part-time caretaker has been hired.
  - c. There is a clean-out process event occurring at Colton on Saturday, January 12, 2008

Elder Susan Skoglund presented the **Interim Executive Search Team report**, which has completed the CIF and will be submitting it soon.

Rev. Dean Kokjer presented the **Colton Dream Team** report provided comments including a request for a site manager for the Colton property.

Elder Anne Smith and Rev. Ken McCullen presented the **Congregational Nurture Team Report**.

Thanked those who have served on this committee, those continuing and those moving on, and those joining.

The Rev. Brad Copeland presented the **French Valley NCD Report**

He spoke of the raising of money for the NCD.

Presbytery **VOTED** to take an offering for the French Valley – New Church Development, which raised \$800.00.

On behalf of General Assembly , Hearts and Hands and Riverside Presbytery, CNT presented a plaque to thank Jan Opdyke for her service with Hearts and Hands.

Certified Christian Educator Carol Stanley presented the **Education and Leadership Team report**.

- Reminder that LeAD is coming on February 9, 2008 at First Presbyterian Church in San Bernardino. A brochure with the keynote speaker and workshop leaders was provided. The Presbytery members were asked to register for the classes before leaving the meeting.
- Reminder that the Association of Presbyterian Church Educator's Annual Event will be held February 13-16 in San Diego, California.

Rev Charlie Brown presented the **Mission and Stewardship Team** report.  
Reminder to order packages now for One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

Elder Diane Frasher presented the **Resource Center** report:

Handed out a survey to insure the resource center is filling the needs of the Presbytery.

**Polity and Records** – NO Report.

**Committee on Representation** – No report.

Presbytery **VOTED** to receive all reports given at this meeting.

Presbytery **VOTED** to authorize the Stated Clerk to communicate a resolution of thanks to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario for hosting this meeting.

There being no further business, Presbytery **ADJOURNED** with prayer by Rev. Dick Mitchell from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ontario at 5:09 p.m.