

**PRESBYTERY OF RIVERSIDE
MINUTES of the STATED MEETING**
at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Rialto, California.

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Riverside was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Samuel Roberts, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday January 12, 2010 at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Rialto, California. The moderator welcomed us, and then opened the meeting with prayer.

The roll was taken by registration cards as follows:

81 persons were in attendance. **Emboldened** indicates present.

	<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
1	Apple Valley	Mike Clark Becky Sage David Loleng	101 103 103	Tina Woltil Robert McConnell Robin Oerman
2	Beaumont	Scott Mason	101	Wanda Wallace
3	Big Bear	Don Strongman	108	Marilyn Kane Liz Baer
4	Cathedral City	Doug Uhls	299	Bob Barrett
5	Corona	Bill MacDonald	191	Marilyn Mittelstadt Dianne Horn
6	Crestline	Tom Rennard	101	Shirley Durant Nancy Laughlin
7	Fontana	Diane Frasher	301	Phyllis Hart
8	Fontana Shalom	Nathaniel Park	101	
9	Hemet	Larry Thorson	101	Kitty Volmer John Adams Evalyn Demeaux
10	Idyllwild	Dick Olson	101	Robert Lockhart Jerry Buchanan
11	Indio	Will Eisenhower	101	Pat Laflin Suk Haverty
12	Lake Arrowhead	Bill Stanley	101	Elizabeth Bear Sue Grant
13	Ontario	Nelson Grande	101	Ginny Mansfield
14	Palm Desert	Doug Garrard Denn Denning Julie Hodges	101 103 108	Floyd Rhodes Carol Benford Frank Christian
15	Palm Springs	William Johnson	299/105	Calvin Custer
16	Rancho Cucamonga	Karen Greschel	101	Margaret Merhoff
17	Redlands Community	CLP Jan Opdyke	107	Addie Collins
18	Redlands First	Open		Izar Martinez Helmi Merkly
19	Rialto	Samuel Roberts	107	Lois Long
20	Ridgecrest	Ralph Mueller	101	Jim Throckmorton
21	Riverside, Calvary	Dean Kokjer Erin Thomas	101 103	Don Ashley Jane Rouser

				Howard Born
22	Riverside, Magnolia	Brad Copeland Andrew Parnell	101 103	Gary Platner Patricia Platner Flora Livingstone
23	Riverside, Victoria	Andrew Short	299/105	Elizabeth Bristow
24	San Bernardino First	Sandy Tice Eric Ledermann	101 103	Wanda Skipper Melodee Kistner
25	San Bernardino, Good Shephard			Margarito Ramos
26	Temecula, Grace	Earl Stewart	299/105	Edgar Schaap Marti Treckman Dave Holt
27	Temecula Valley Korean	Peter Kwon	101	Grace Snell
28	Twentynine Palms	Charlie Brown	101	Miles Boardman Walt Holland
29	Upland First	Tina Blair	105	Bill White Joan Schell
30	Upland Taiwanese	Joshua Hsieh	101	Sue Chen
31	Wildomar	Joe Mazzela	101	Jerry Baynard Scotty Methvan
32	Yucaipa	Temp Supply		John Brennan
33	Yucca Valley	Luke Jones	101	Mitzi Shamble Royce Boydston

Other Ministers

Azeem Alam	797	Dieter Hessel	299	Janice Nessibou	795
Dan Allen	797	James Huffstutler	299	Douglas Parrott	299
Dennis Barger	797	Gary Hindman	299	Hughston Peyton	305
Hameed Barkat	707	William Huntley	644	Charles Pridmore	503
Joseph Beltran	701	Art Ihnen	299	Charles Rassieur	299
Sue Berry	299	John Inglis	299	Paul Reeves	797
Roger Beukelman	797	Ezra Kang	795	Norman Roadarmel	299
Tim Boyer	797	Julius Jackson	644	Don Shamble	299
Doug Bowman	299	James Karcher	299	Jack Schutte	299
Musiko Budi	797	Sylvia Karcher	299	Scott Stolte	797
Duncan Campbell	299	Doug Kitchen	795	Patricia Stout	797
J Campbell Nelson	501	C Donald Keeny	299	John Stout	299
Mickie Choi	405	Richard Knowles	299	Harry Summers	299
Jennifer Cibelli	797	Albin Kovar	299	Dennis Tarr	797
Wilbur Christy	299	Dale Kraai	795	Sandra Taulbee	797
Galdino DonJuan	299	Karen Lloyd	707	Robert Thomas	299
Ronald Duvall	797	David Loleng	403	Martha Thorson	791
John Etchberger	797	Linda Lloyd	648	Doug Uhls	299
Anton Fabian	299	Gerald Lyman	299	Jean Throckmorton	299
Kenneth Gammons	299	George Marchak	299	Chai Seng Wang	299
Edith Gause	299	Jamieson	299	Orquida Van Beek	299

Noe Falconi	299	Bill MacDonald	191	Gordon West	701
Harry Green	299	Ken McCullen	299	Jan Willette	299
Jerry Hangen	797	William	299	Stuart Wood	299
Darel Griffin	299	Richard Mitchell	299	Diana Wright	299
O William Hansen		Dean Miller	299	Caleb Wu	301
David Hall	299	Herbert Moise	299	Paul Wu	703
Rick Harrison	305	Michael Moreland	797		
Maxine Hall	299	William Nelson	299		
Anita Hendrix	302				

Other Voting Elders:

Donna Misterley-P&F Chairperson
Jerri Rodewald-COR Chairperson
Carol Stanley-ELDT Chairperson
Wes Rousser-CON Chairperson
Joan Carpenter-P&R Chairperson
Jan McMurtry-COM Chairperson

Jacquie Lyman – GAMC
Virginia Rassieur-COM Member
Anne Smith- Desert Hills Yucca Valley
Louis Kimes-Treasurer
Jim Shepard-COM Member
Susan Skoglund-Moderator

Guests:

Kristina Hine- Candidate
Lee Ireland- Candidate
Claire Schlegel-Candidate

John Turner-Monte Vista Groves

The Stated Clerk declared that a Quorum was present.

The presbytery **VOTED that the proposed docket become the docket of this meeting.**

New elder commissioners were introduced to Presbytery. Elder Liz Baer, Elder Melodee Kristner, Elder Marilyn Kane. Candidate Clare Schlegel was also introduced.

The Stated Clerk respectfully requested that the presbytery to seat the following corresponding member:

The Rev. Dr. Tina Blair, Presbytery of San Gabriel, Interim Pastor at Upland, First Presbyterian Church.

WORSHIP

Presbytery engaged in a time of worship, led by the Rev. Sam Roberts, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church in which Elder Susan Skoglund became the moderator of the presbytery.

MODERATOR INFORMATION

The moderator expressed thanks for the privilege of moderating for 2010.

EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT

Rev. Anita Hendrix presented a written report and highlighted membership loss, the demographics of our presbytery with special attention to our Hispanic majority population within the bounds of the presbytery and the sharing our Christian faith.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk Pro Tem moved that the following persons per their request or past request be placed on the inactive roll of the Presbytery:

The Rev. Douglas Bowman
The Rev. Duncan Campbell
The Rev. Anton S. Fabian
The Rev. Dieter Hessel
The Rev. Ezra Bu-Ing Kang
The Rev. Douglas A. Kitchen
The Rev. Richard Knowles
The Rev. Dale Kraai
The Rev. George Marchak
The Rev. Dean Miller
The Rev. D. Richard Mitchell
The Rev. Herbert W. Moise
The Rev. Janice Nessibou
The Rev. Douglas M. Parrott
The Rev. Norman P. Roadarmel
The Rev. Robert Thomas
The Rev. Orquida Van Beck
The Rev. Stuart Wood

VOTED and PASSED

The Stated Clerk reminded us of Chapters 9 and 11 of the Form of Government, and specifically the need to redress the imbalance.

Proposed Redress of Imbalance Plan:

The Stated Clerk Pro Tem moves that the Presbytery of Riverside adopt the following provisions to bring the balance of ministers and elder commissioners into parity for meetings of the Presbytery from February 1, 2010 until January 31, 2011, based on 116 minister members of the Presbytery on December 31, 2009:

Subtract from the number of ministers the 18 on the Inactive List and 4 who are without resident status: John Campbell-Nelson of Thailand, Dieter Hessel of Maine, Linda Lloyd of Arizona, Charles Pridmore of Puerto Rico in accordance with Book of Order G-11.0101b.

116 ministers minus 18 and minus 4 yields **94** elder commissioners needed for parity

Elders allotted to congregations by the Book of Order G-11.0100 36
33 congregations each allowed one elder
3 congregations with membership above 500 allowed two elders
(Apple Valley: Church of the Valley; Palm Desert: Community; Upland: First)

Elders with voice and vote by the Book of Order and/or presbytery action Moderator Susan Skoglund Commissioned Lay Pastors: Jan Opdyke, Samuel Roberts, Hart Tan Certified Church Educator: Carol Stanley	5
Elders allotted by the Standing Rules of Presbytery Council Members who are elder moderators of committees and teams COM – Jan McMurtry; CON – Wes Rousser; COR – Jeri Rodewald; GAC –Jacquie Lyman; Polity and Records – Joan Carpenter; Property and Records – Donna Misterly, President of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery – Lola Pinder	7
Elders allotted by Presbytery action to redress the situation Elders on COM: Shepard, Methven, Rassieur, Smith Elders on CPM: Williams, Boardman, Laughling, Garcia, J. Rousser	9
Each congregation sends one additional elder commissioner The congregations with membership just below 500 in descending Size to send one additional elder commissioner:	33
San Bernardino: First; Temecula: Grace; Hemet: First, Redlands, First	<u>4</u>
 Elder Commissioners	 94

AND that the Stated Clerk Pro Tem be instructed to send letters to each session and to each elder commissioner by virtue of position informing them of this action and encouraging participation as a voting members of the Presbytery.

PASSED

A. CONSENT AGENDA

The presbytery **VOTED to approve the consent agenda which includes:**

1. approval of the minutes of the Stated Meeting of Presbytery November 10, 2009
2. receipt of the following committee and staff reports
 - Polity & Records
 - Congregational Nurture Team
 - Mission and Stewardship
 - Staff Reports from Mario Janesin and Diane Frasher

3. dismiss with thanks the following administrative commissions to install pastors:

For the Rev. Bill MacDonald at Corona:
First Presbyterian Church October 11, 2009

For the Rev. Karen Greschel at Rancho Cucamonga:
Northkirk Presbyterian Church October 18, 2009

For the Rev. Will Eisenhower at Indio:
St. Andrew Community Presbyterian Church October 25, 2009

B. Education and Leadership Development Team

Certified Christian Educator Carol Stanley presented a report promoting Presbyterian Camps and Conferences winter and summer events and the LEaD event of March 13, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino.

C. Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Rev. Erin Thomas, moderator, presented the report.

- A At its November meeting, the committee certified Candidate Claire Schlegel ready to receive a call and gave permission for her to circulate her Personal Information Form.

At its November meeting, the certified Candidate Certified Ready Lee Ireland ready to receive a call and gave permission for him to circulate his Personal Information Form.

The presbytery VOTED to enroll the Rev. Frank Hsin-Kuang Hsieh, a member of Upland, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer.

D. Presbytery Council

The Rev. Douglas Garrard presented the council report. He reminds us of our newly adopted vision:

Connected congregations in deep discipleship with Jesus Christ who are faithful and active witnesses to God's love, justice, and peace.

In accord with the first two responsibilities of the Council in the Standing Rules of the Presbytery:

- a. To develop and communicate a vision for the mission of the Presbytery;
- b. to consider and recommend to Presbytery directions in mission strategy,

Council informs the Presbytery of the new Vision Statement with deep gratitude for the participation of the Presbytery in giving wisdom and guidance.

The presbytery **VOTED FOR FIRST READING of the following and questions were invited for clarification:**

First Reading of Change in Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Riverside

To delete Rule 4.07 The Assistant Clerk shall be elected for a three-year term beginning on January first following election, and may be re-elected. The Assistant Clerk is responsible for the Minutes of both Presbytery and Council. The Assistant Clerk shall report to the Stated Clerk.

To add Rule 4.07 The Recording Clerk shall be elected by the Council upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee for one year terms renewable with the following duties:

- a. To assist the Stated Clerk during the presbytery meeting by recording the actions

- b. To prepare the first draft of the minutes of the presbytery meeting to submit to the Stated Clerk
- c. To provide assistance to the Stated Clerk as needed about the *Book of Order* and *Robert's Rules of Order*

The presbytery **VOTED to elect to the Committee on Nominations:**

Class of 2010 Martha Vieten	Female Elder
Class of 2012 Izar Martinez	Male Elder
Class of 2012 Karen Greschel	Female Minister

Nominations from the floor were requested. There were none.

E. Committee on Ministry

The moderator of the committee, Elder Jan McMurtry presented the report.

1. The presbytery **VOTED to change the position at Fontana: First Presbyterian Church from Organizing Pastor to Temporary Supply Pastor effective January 1, 2010**
2. The presbytery **VOTED that the contract for Temporary Supply Pastor between the Rev. Diane Frasher and the session of the Fontana, First Church be approved for one- third time.**

Terms of the Contract as follows:

Salary and housing	\$14,666.67
Pension and medical @ 31.5%	<u>8,376.24</u>
Total	\$23,042.91
Mileage reimbursement @ \$.50per mile in 2010	\$ 933.00
Professional/Business reimbursement	<u>216.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,149.00

Study leave and vacation added on a prorated basis monthly and must be used before end of the contract.

Study Leave – 2 weeks and \$200/per year; maximum accumulation to 6 weeks and \$550

Vacation – 31 days, not to exceed five Sundays; no carry-over allowed

Contract effective for one month beginning January 1, 2010 and renewable on a monthly basis. The contract may be renewed by signatories or terminated by any of the individual signatories with written notice at least 14 days before the last day of the month.

(Signatories: Diane Household, Clerk of Session, Rev. Diane Frasher, Jan McMurtry, COM Chair)

3. The moderator of Committee on Ministry invited **Candidate Lee Ireland** to the floor microphone and invited the body to ask any questions about his Statement of Faith. The moderator invited the Candidate to introduce himself and say why he was excited to take the call to Cathedral City, Community Presbyterian Church.

The presbytery **VOTED to arrest the examination of Mr. Ireland.**

The presbytery **VOTED to sustain the examination of Mr. Ireland and to accept him as a member of the presbytery upon ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.**

There was a request by a presbyter for Lee to more fully introduce himself, which he did and was prayed for by his pastor, Dr. Blair.

The presbytery **VOTED to approve the following Ordination plans and Commission for Mr. Ireland:**

Date January 31, 2010

Place – First Presbyterian Church, Upland

Time – 3:00 pm

Members of the Commission:

Elder Susan Skogland, Moderator (or appointee)

Rev. Darel Griffin – Honorably Retired

Rev. Dr. Sandy Tice - First Church, San Bernardino

Elder Miles Boardman – Little Church of The Desert, 29 Palms

Elder Larry Farrell – First Church, Upland

Elder Helen Hyde – Community Church, Cathedral City

Rev Nelson Grande-Westminster Church, Ontario

Others on the commission:

Rev. Dr. Tina Blair – Presbytery of San Gabriel

Elder Anne Smith – Yucca Valley, Desert Hills

Elder Bob Barrett – Community Church Cathedral City

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Prichard – Presbytery of Los Ranchos

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nordquist – Pacific Presbytery

Elder Suzanne Swartz – Pacific Presbytery

4. The presbytery **VOTED that following ordination (January 31, 2010) for Mr. Ireland become the Stated Supply Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church, Cathedral City effective February 1, 2010 with the following terms:**

Salary \$4000.00

Housing \$19,000.00

Study Leave \$600.00

Auto Reimbursable \$2,000.00

Business Expense \$1,000.00

Reimbursable

Pension \$2,760.00

(Pension, death, disability – 12% of salary of \$23,000)

\$6,692.00

(Medical – 19.5% of minimum \$34,320)

Total \$36,052.00

Study leave 2 weeks
Vacation 31 days (4 Sundays maximum)

Number of hours 27 per week

Note: The Pastor is responsible for Social Security as per Federal Law

AA/EEO Guidelines of the General Assembly and presbytery were followed.

5. The presbytery **VOTED to approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Robert Danial Allan and the Yucaipa Valley Presbyterian Church effective December 31, 2009.**

Note: The Committee on Ministry proceeded with the formation and implementation of an Inquiry Team as approved by presbytery at its November meeting. The Team met with members of Yucaipa Valley PC and with the Rev. Allan. A report was prepared, submitted and received by committee and the team was dismissed with thanks. On December 31, 2009, the Rev. Allan submitted his resignation to the session.

6. The presbytery **VOTED to approve the contract between the Rev. Dr. Edith Gause, HR and the session of Yucaipa Valley Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2010 at 40% minimum terms with the following terms:**

Salary		
Pastor's Salary		\$17,600
Board of Pension Post-retirement dues		<u>\$ 2,112</u>
	Total	\$19,712

Professional Business/Mileage Reimbursement		
Mileage reimbursement @ \$.50/per mile	\$ 1,120	
Professional /Business Expense reimburse.	<u>\$260</u>	
	Total	\$1,380

Study leave and vacation added on a prorated basis monthly and must be used by the end of the contract.

Study Leave – 2 weeks and \$240 per year maximum
Accrued at 1.17 days per month
Vacation – 31 days, not to exceed five Sundays
Accrued at 2.58 days per month

Note: This contract shall continue on a month-to-month basis with the concurrence of the Committee on Ministry until two (2) weeks notice is given by either party (Signatories: Rev. Dr Edith Gause and Jeanette Wood, Clerk of Session)

F. Polity and Records Committee

The moderator of the committee, Elder Joan Carpenter presented. She highlighted the ten churches who have not had records reviewed for several years:

Apple Valley, Church of the Valley
Lake Arrowhead, Community
Temecula Valley, Korean
Upland, First
Beaumont, First
Palm Springs, Palm Springs
Twenty-nine Palms, Little Church of Desert
Yucaipa, Yucaipa Valley
Fontana, First
Redlands, Community

A presbyter asked for what was needed for the review, and the moderator of the committee offered her email.

G. Committee on Nominations

The moderator of the committee, Elder Wes Rousser presented.

The presbytery **VOTED**

Committee on Ministry	Class of 2012	Elder Robert Spitzer
Congregational Nurture Team	Class of 2012	Elder Barbara Hartley
Educational Leadership Development Team	Class of 2012	Rev. Jim Karcher

Nominations from the floor were offered by the moderator. There were no nominations from the floor.

H. Property and Finance Committee

The moderator of the committee, Elder Donna Misterly presented.

The presbytery **VOTED approval of the Letter of Intent that has been reached between the Calvary Presbyterian Church of Riverside and the Riverside Community Hospital and which approved by the session of the Calvary Church on December 22, 2009.**

The presbytery **VOTED to receive the Monthly Financial Statements for the Month of December 2009.** See Appendix A

I. Conclusion

The moderator reminded people that there was a distributed update from the Stated Clerk Search Committee in which the Stated Clerk *pro tem*'s term has been extended to June 30, 2010. The committee will make a report to the February Council meeting.

The moderator invited the former moderator to the microphone who with the assistance of the executive presbytery installed both the moderator and vice moderator.

The Lord's Supper was shared.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Vice Moderator the Rev. Ralph Mueller at 4:46p.m..