

**Presbytery of Sacramento
Meeting of the Presbytery Council
Minutes
October 7, 2015**

	Name	Class	J	A	J	O
1	TE Pamela Anderson Pastoral Support	16	P	E	E	
2	RE Sue Bennett At Large	17	P	P	E	E
3	TE Jeff Chapman At Large	15	A	A	A	
4	RE Julie Edwards At Large	16	P	P	P	E
5	TE Ivan Herman Congregational Support	15	P	P	E	
6	TE Wes Nordman Moderator Elect	15	P	P	P	P
7	TE Lori Sprinkle Chair of Council	15	P	P	P	E
8	TE Tom Tripp Committee on Ministry	15	E	P	P	P
9	Edrine Ddungu Mission Support	15	P	P	P	P
10	RE Peg Vanderkar Moderator	15	P	P	P	P
Ex-officio						
	RE Loren Douglas Budget and Finance	15				P
	TE Jim Kitchens Committee on Preparation	15				
	RE Jack McNary Personnel	15		P	P	
	TE Jay Wilkins General Presbyter		P	P		
	TE Nancy Clegg Stated Clerk		P	P	P	P

Others Present: RE Earl Lavagnino, Presbytery Accountant

Opening Prayer and Devotion

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 a.m. by Moderator Peg Vanderkar.

- A devotion from Job and other lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday, was shared by Moderator Elect Wes Nordman. How do we learn to trust and let go, knowing that God is in control, even in the midst of challenging and changing times.
- Introductions were made.
- Council members reviewed the responsibilities of Council in light of the presbytery vision. There is a desire to connect even more even as we continue to lose members. It is important to continue to “build bridges” and “coordinate relationships”. EX: Ethnic Fellowships and New Worshiping Communities are supported and nurtured by Congregational Support, and can be more broadly shared with other committees and presbytery as a whole; mission speakers and coordination of presbytery-wide events; education of denominational identity for congregations; sharing resources more effectively; making presbytery involvement inspirational and meaningful so that vitality is contagious.
- The agenda was approved by consensus. Budget and Finance was inserted as the first report.

Presbytery Planning – TE Nancy Clegg

- Next Stated Meeting is planned for November 19, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. The theme is “Celebration of Ministry”. It was discussed to have new worshiping communities and ethnic fellowships share about their ministries and recognize other validated ministries as well. It was suggested to have Faith invite a leader of a fellowship or NWC to preach at worship. Worship can be just before lunch, to better include the presbytery attendance. Celebration of the Lord’s Supper and the Installation of the Moderator and Moderator Elect will also take place. Nancy does not have other pending requests for time.
- Presbytery Meeting Dates and Locations for 2016: Possible dates were discussed similar to 2015: February 20 (Saturday), May 14 (Saturday) to accommodate a mission speaker from Louisville, September 22 (Thursday), and November 17 (Thursday). Possible locations mentioned were Carmichael, Marysville, Loomis, and Grace, Sacramento.

Reports

Budget and Finance – RE Loren Douglas and RE Earl Lavagnino

The proposed 2016 Per Capita Budget and Mission Budget was handed out, and questions were answered. The Council did not approve the proposed budget because of the lack of a quorum.

Personnel Committee—TE Nancy Clegg for RE Al Bare

- Interim General Presbyterian Search Process is continuing. The preliminary search did not bring a candidate of mutual agreement, so the MIF will be re-posted with the CLC, and a letter will be sent to pastors and churches with an update on the search process.

Committee on Ministry – TE Tom Tripp

- There is a committee working on a PET and PNT Training.
- Current PET is with Journey Church, Folsom. Also need one for Peace, Elk Grove.
- Tom shared about new developments with Capital Korean, El Dorado Hills and Zion, Sacramento. CKPC is seeking dismissal, yet there is an obvious split in the church. COM is recommending an AC. Zion is departing without process, and an AC needs to guide the steps necessary in their departure. A possible date for a special meeting is October 15. The Stated Clerk and the Moderator will follow through.

Stated Clerk Report – TE Nancy Clegg

- Minutes Clerk Position - The position is still open.
- Administrative Commissions
 - New Worshiping Communities AC—A request to have a NWC open their own bank accounts and manage separate from the supporting congregation. Is this legitimate? Nancy and Presbytery Accountant Earl are getting advice.
 - Burney AC— There is hope in establishing a congregation on the property.
 - Remedial Complaint - The case filed with the Presbytery PJC continues.
 - Stockton Presbytery – A date has yet to be set with several members of a committee to discuss potential connections as presbyteries.

Moderator – Peg Vanderkar

- Presbytery Planning Sub-committee – October 29 at 1:00 p.m. was set as a tentative date and time to meet.

Congregational Support – Ivan Herman

No report

Mission Support Ministry Group – Edrine Ddungu

- Nancy reported on the visit of the International Peacemaker. It was a tremendous message and visit; lunch hosted by the committee at the presbytery office, visits with two congregations and other individuals. As good as it was, it is unfortunate that more churches and individuals were not a part of the time made available.
- Edrine has extended the invitation for a presbytery visit to the director of World Mission, Hunter Ferrell. His availability is in the spring, so possibly can be in conjunction with the May presbytery meeting.

Pastoral Support Ministry Group – TE Pamela Anderson

No report

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the Moderator at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Nancy Clegg
Stated Clerk