

**Presbytery of Sacramento**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Presbytery Council**  
**March 29, 2017**

	Name	Class	J	March Retreat	Ma	My	Ag						
1	TE Pamela Anderson Moderator Elect	18	E	P	P								
2	RE Sue Bennett At Large	17	P	E	P								
3	TE Ivan Herman Mission Support	17	P	P	P								
4	TE Rick Hull Congregational Support	17	P	P	P								
5	TE Hayes Noble Pastoral Support	18	P	P	P								
6	TE Wes Nordman Chair of Council	17	P	P	P								
7	RE David Rue At Large	19	P	P	P								
8	RE Bob Schultz Moderator	17	P	P	P								
9	RE Pat Stokes At Large	18	P	P	P								
10	RE Hazel Watson Committee on Ministry	18	P	P	P								
		Member with Voice and No Vote											
	RE Judi Angell Committee on Representation	19	P	E	P								
	TE Keith DeVries Nominating Committee	18	P	P	P								
	TE Jim Kitchens Committee on Preparation	18	P	P	P								
	TE Jack McNary Personnel	18	P	P	P								
	RE Maria Rodriguez Budget and Finance	18	P	P	P								
		Staff											
	TE Nancy Clegg Stated Clerk		P	P	P								
	RE Marie Segur Treasurer	18		E	E								
	TE Robert Watkins Interim General Presbyter		P	P	E								

**Others Present:** RE Claire Pisor, Recording Clerk

## Opening Prayer and Devotion

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. with devotion by Council Moderator TE Wes Nordman. Based on the story of Jesus raising Lazarus, TE Nordman encouraged the Council to consider how they, as leaders of the Presbytery, would respond to the challenge to “unbind” that which needs to be unbound in our presbytery and what things need to be allowed to “die”. Some discussed their preference for identifying criteria for allowing things to pass and for recognizing the historical importance of why certain things were/are done. Some were encouraged by the opportunity to think more creatively about how to do ministry that would include elements that help us discern what the Spirit is leading us to and not simply exercises that “re-bind” us. Knowing our goals and understanding our vision would precede such choices. Following this discussion, the Council meeting was opened with prayer by TE Nordman. A quorum was declared present. Hearing no objections, **the agenda was approved.**

## Reports

### Stated Clerk—TE Nancy Clegg

- It was moved and seconded to approve the Council Retreat Notes of March 8, 2017. MOTION CARRIED.
- Minutes from the January 18 Council meeting and the February 11, 2017 presbytery meeting will be moved for approval at the next Council meeting.
- **Synod Executive Forum and Synod Clerks’ Gathering**
  - Due to the vacation of IGP Watkins, Stated Clerk Nancy Clegg attended this meeting of the 11 presbyteries in our Synod that was held in Sacramento. Executives discussed what their presbyteries are doing with the money from the dismissal of churches. Examples included: San Jose presbytery is using 1/3 for presbytery support, 1/3 for congregational development and 1/3 is going to local mission projects. SF is putting ½ for presbytery administration and ½ for church support. They also are using only interest from principal for these purposes. Clarification of how Sacramento Presbytery’s dismissal money is being used was requested.
  - Concluding the Synod Executives meeting, the Stated Clerks gathered afterwards and shared ideas that covered much of the general work of Stated Clerks. Topics discussed included addressing the process by which a dismissed TE from the denomination might return; validating TEs who are serving in non-PCUSA positions; general sharing of training resources; handling conflict. Nancy was interested in establishing a “Bills and Overtures” committee in our presbytery. The spring meeting of the Synod of the Pacific will be meeting in Sacramento May 11-12. Observers are invited to attend.
- **Administrative Commissions**
  - Burney— Penni Elaine is meeting with CPM to assess what must be done for her to be ordained.
  - Capital Korean, El Dorado Hills—RE David Rue, member of the AC, is a liaison and offered a report. There is great concern about the ability of a small, aging congregation of 40-50 to sustain the costs of a building. TE Yubang Lee (H.R.) is getting tired and preaching duties have been turned over to a “parish associate”, TE Kab Hwangbo, a relatively new member of the presbytery. There are concerns about bringing an English-speaking pastor. Their Mission Information Form is not completed. They are going to need financial support for a pastor for probably 5 years. The AC will meet again after Easter. TE Rick Hull has suggested a “new way of thinking” in order to move forward to sustain the congregation. Legacy funding may be able to be used to assist in this process. David requested more communication between AC and Congregational Support to clarify this possibility.
  - Journey, Folsom—By-laws are being drafted and a MIF is started. Membership stands at about 60-70. An interim pastor will be sought.
  - First Marysville—No update is available.
  - New Worshiping Communities—No update available.

### **Next Stated Presbytery Meetings—Dates and Locations**

- At the May 13 meeting in Woodland, the theme will be “Diversity and Reconciliation”. Multicultural worship service will be offered by Christin Norman, pastor at Woodland. Rev. Mark Koenig (Louisville) will be the special speaker. Input from Council re: order of the day-- Start with some business, have worship before lunch.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting in Loomis. Mandatory Professional Boundaries training will be included as a component. It was moved and seconded to invite RE Rick Ufford-Chase to speak. MOTION CARRIED. A theme has not be determined.

### **Moderator – RE Bob Schultz**

- Sending in ministry notes ahead of the Council meeting is appreciated. Moderator Schultz was complimented on his leadership of the February presbytery meeting.

### **Ministry Group Updates**

Each chairperson submitted electronically updated reports on their areas of ministry prior to the Council meeting. Time on the docket for the May presbytery meeting was requested as follows:

- COM—10 minutes to recognize newly-retiring/retired Teaching Elders
- Mission Support—10 minutes to review new guidelines for mission trips, share news of funding support provided for books to Uganda, mission trips to Honduras and Nicaragua and local food ministries.
- Pastoral Support—5 minutes to review the continuing work of this group and introduce their new brochure.
- Committee on Representation—10 minutes.  
Ex-Officio Docket Time Requests:
- Nominating Committee—5 minutes to present candidates.
- Budget and Finance—5 minutes.

### **Ex-Officio Reports**

#### **Budget and Finance – RE Maria Rodriguez**

- RE Rodriguez expressed thanks for the diverse skills on the finance team. One of her goals is to make financial information more understandable and accessible.
- Council requested a financial report monthly. RE Rodriguez offered to send out a concise report electronically before each Council meeting.

#### **Nominating Committee – TE Keith DeVries**

It was moved and seconded to nominate TE Dick Wylie and RE Audrey Samora to the class of 2019 on the nominating committee. MOTION CARRIED. One opening remains on the nominating committee for a female member, class of 2017. RE Angell took the opportunity to request that the nominating committee continue to consider non-Sacramento residents as potential candidates to the nominating committee.

#### **Personnel – TE Jack McNary**

Personnel will continue to receive evaluations for Interim General Presbyter Watkins until April 12. A motion regarding the direction for finding a permanent GP will probably be forthcoming by September. Council was asked, “What gift is the most important for an GP in the life of our presbytery?” The following responses were offered:

- Pastor to the pastors and ruling elders
- Strong relational gift
- Peaceful presence
- Ambassador for the presbytery to each congregation

- Flexible
- Connections within the denominational setting and information to return to the presbytery
- Ruling Elders need paid staff positions' support for the institutional polity and for equipping and empowering leadership, shared by all presbytery staff
- Facilitation on how processes can be accomplished

**Adjournment**—The next Council meeting is May 31, 2017 at starting at 9:30 a.m. It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting 12:04 p.m. MOTION CARRIED. After corporate prayers were shared, TE Nordman closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

RE Claire Pisor	TE Nancy Clegg
Recording Clerk	Stated Clerk