

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO
Saturday, May 13, 2017
Woodland Presbyterian Church
“Interculturally Building Bridges and Deepening Relationships”

Teaching Elders	F	M	S	N	Teaching Elders	F	M	S	N	Teaching Elders	F	M	S	N
Anderson, Pamela	P	P			Kim, Jong Choon	P	P			Spangler, Brian	P	E		
Andrew, Garrett					Kim, Julie	P				Sprinkle, Lori	E	P		
Azzarito, Bob	P	P			Kitchens, Jim	E	P			Stephens, Sarah		P		
					Krong, Peggy	P				Stevens, John G.	P	P		
Bagai, Paul	P	P								Stoldt, Carl				
Barnes, Warren	P	P			Lee, Dou Sub					Streeter, Noble				
Bourne Patty	E	E			Lee, Hong-Jei					Suwabe, Grace	P	P		
Brewer, Stephen					Lee, Yubang Joshua	P	P			Symons, Nancy				
Butcher, Gordon					Leverenz, Arnold									
					Link, Walter					Tabler, Jerry				
Carroll, David	P				Little, Timothy H.	P				Taylor, Jerry W.				
Chapman, Jeffrey										Thompson, Leon	P			
Chendo, John					Masih, Aamir		P			Tiwa, Agustinus				
Chiolis, Richard					Masuno, Kazuo					Tobin, Mary Lynn		E		
Cho, Sung Yun					McAllister, Sherrie					Torres, Tina				
Christopher, Shannon					McCallum, Allen					Trinh, Philip				
Cootsona, Gregory	E	P			McEntyre, John					Tripp, Tom		P		
Cordier Robert	P				McHattie, Ron									
Cox, Garry					McIntosh-Smith, Kathy	P				Van Beek, Aart	P	P		
Cross, Margaret “Peggy”	E				McNamara, E. Dexter	E	E			Van Sant, Bradley				
Crumley, C. Eugene					McNary, Jack	P	P			Vandercook, Lynne				
Cubbon, Ernest					Messick-Watkins, Alison	P				Vaughn Quinn				
Cullerton, Gail					Meyer, Robert					Vincent, Libby				
					Moon, Stephen					Vraa, Dan		P		
Dahlke, Jeri Viera	P	P												
Davis, Judith		P								Waterman, Donna	P			
DeVries, Keith	P	E			Nelson, Hugh					Watkins, Robert	P	P		
Dorf, Joy					Neufeld-Erdman, Chris	E	P			Wells, Dan				
Drotts, Wally	P				Noble, Hayes	P				Wells, Henry G.				
					Nordman, Wes	P	P			Whitney, Stephen				
					Norman, Christin	P	P			Williams, David J.	P	P		
Eberthart-Phillips, Jason					Norman, William		P			Winter, Kenneth	P	P		
Eisel, Jack										Wylie, Richard	P			

Fedor, Edward	P	P		O'Neill, Judy				Young, Ian				
Fernandez, Robert		P		Pearson, Richard				Yule, Robert	P	E		
Fong, Kimberly				Pierce, Sandy								
				Prout, Dan	E			Zazzera, James G.		P		
Habicht, William								Zeek, James				
Hansen, Henry				Ratcliff, David				Zhang, Lucy	P	P		
Hartmire, Wayne C.				Raymond, Ross	P	P						
Headden, Andrew F.				Richards, Jeff	P	P						
Heiple, Bruce				Richards, Lydia								
Henderson, Stan		P		Robbins, Matt								
Herbert, George "Skip"				Robinson, John L.								
Herman, Ivan	P	P		Rooker, Lewis								
Hinkle, Richard	P	P										
Horne, Julie				Sabey, Peter								
Hoyt, Beth				Saldine, Kristin	P	P						
Hull, Winston R. "Rick"	P	P		Schilbe, Lisa								
Hwangbo, Kab	P			Shaw, Jeanie		E						
				Shearly, Mary								
				Shin, Ted Kyoungtai								
Jackson, Helen				Shoemaker, Brett		P						
				Sisterson, Thomas								
Keller, Eric				Smith, Stephen W.		P						
Kendall, Lloyd				Smith, Thomas		E						
Kerr-Carpenter, Colin				Solecki, Brian								
Kersting, Christopher				Soucy, Ronald								

Ruling Elder Commissioners					
Auburn, Auburn (2)			Sacramento, Faith (4)		Visitors/Observers
Kim Douglass			Hazel Watson		Edrine Ddungu
Ron Markham					Lynn T. Nelson
			Sacramento, Grace Community (2)		Virgil K. Nelson
Burney, Burney (2)					Howard McMackin
Melanie Kerns			Sacramento, Grace Presbyterian (2)		Earl Lavagnino
Michael Kerns			Don Anderson		Jennifer French
					Janice Kamikawa
Carmichael (4)			Sacramento, Northminster (3)		Cecilia Moran
Joan Hurlock			Ellen Cochran		Al Taylor
Marie Segur			Darlene Edwards		Unreadable
			Ron Middlekauff		Peg Vanderkar
Chico, Bidwell (7)					Gayna Lamb-Bang
			Sacramento, Parkview (2)		Penni Elaine
Citrus Heights, Celtic Cross (3)			May O Lu		Larry Wight
Karen Sturdevant			Carol Sakai		Mary Ann Wight
Audrey Samora					Sandy Buscheck
			Sacramento, Westminster (4)		Tim Buscheck
Colusa, First (2)			Sharyl Stevens		Stan White
			Gordon Zerkel		John Rue
Corning, First (2)			Diane Houle		Kim Rue
Davis, Davis Community (4)			Walnut Grove, Walnut Grove Community (2)		
Sue Bennett					
David Rue			West Sacramento, Trinity (2)		
Betty Lou Schultz			Kathy Trott		
Bob Schultz			J.M. Goed		
El Dorado Hills, Capital Korean (2)			Woodland Presbyterian (2)		
			Mike Tucker		
Elk Grove, Peace (2)			Phyllis Avalos		
Esparto, Countryside Comm. (2)			Yuba City, St. Andrews (4)		
			Daniel O'Broclyn		
Folsom, Journey (3)					
Wayne Mitchell					
Anne Indermill					
			Other Ruling Elders w/Vote		
Loomis, Shepherd of the Sierra (3)			Marie Segur, Treasurer		
Rich McCormac			Bob Schultz, Moderator		
Kent Milton			Judy Angell, COR Chair		
Marysville, First (2)			REs w/Voice, No Vote		
Kathy McKenzie			Claire Pisor, Recording Clerk		
Orland, Orland Federated, (2)					
			Corresponding Members		
Oroville, Trinity (2)			TE Nancy Clegg, Stockton		
Mike Ratto			Mark T. Frey, Cascades/Board of Pensions		
			Mark Koenig, New York City/Mission Agency		
Placerville, El Dorado Co. Federated (3)					
Ron Johnson					
Sharon Fraser					
Don Vanderkar					
Red Bluff, Red Bluff (3)					
Kathryn Thompson					
Sacramento, Bethany (2)					
Mary Harbison Sindle					
Dolores McMackin					

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Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:03 a.m. by Moderator RE Bob Schultz. The credential report was given: 21/134 TEs; 36/79 REs for a total number of voting commissioners of 57 with 15/29 Congregations represented. A quorum was declared present. (G-3.0304) Moderator Schultz welcomed first-time ruling elders, and seated corresponding members: Stated Clerk TE Nancy Clegg (Stockton), TE Mark Frey (Cascades) with the Board of Pensions, TE Mark Koenig (New York City), PCUSA Coordinator for Racial and Intercultural Justice; Other guests: Lorenzo Cuesta, Parliamentarian. TE Christin Norman welcomed the Presbytery to the Woodland Presbyterian Church that celebrated its 50th year as a chartered church with 30 years at its current location. One of their recent mission ministries has been assisting with the interfaith temporary homeless shelter, housing guests there on a rotational basis.

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

1. Approval of Honorary Retirement of TE Jong C. Kim effective 3/1/17
2. Approval of Honorary Retirement of TE Ross Raymond effective 8/20/17

Hearing no objection, the Docket was adopted with the addition of a report from Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Stated Clerk – TE Nancy Clegg

- **Annual Session Minutes Review.** Session clerks participated in a review of church records on April 1. Twelve churches’ minutes were reviewed; 18 are still outstanding. Of those conducted, the following were completed without exception: Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church, Citrus Heights; The Presbyterian Church, Red Bluff; Bethany Presbyterian Church, Sacramento; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento; St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Yuba City; Woodland Presbyterian Church; First Presbyterian Church, Corning; Faith Presbyterian Church, Sacramento; Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento; Carmichael Presbyterian Church; Davis Community Church.
- **Annual Salary Reports.** The chart of salary reports for pastors of the Sacramento Presbytery was distributed with the caveat that those with “*” indicated that they have not been updated for 2017. The Stated Clerk encouraged churches to submit those reports for the Committee on Ministry to review.
- **Minutes from the February Presbytery Meeting.** Council meets the end of May and at that time will approve the minutes from the February meeting after which they will be posted on the presbytery website.
- **Administrative Commission for First, Marysville.** TE Tom Tripp, Chair, reported that he, along with AC members TE Chris Kersting (HR) and RE Michael Rado (Oroville), continue to work with the session and pastor to consider what their sense of vision might be for the future and to evaluate the prospects of selling the current property. It appears that the scope of the work for the AC is expanding beyond its initial authority. Thus, the Committee on Ministry recommends the presbytery to empower the work of the Marysville Administrative Commission to encompass the whole of the ministry of the church, including its pastoral leadership and its future. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Administrative Commission for Burney.** RE Louis Nevins has resigned from this AC. Moderator Schultz requested of the presbytery that TE Leon Thompson (H.R.) be appointed to fill the vacancy. Hearing no objection, his appointment was approved.

Committee on Ministry—RE Hazel Watson

- **Examine for Ordination and Membership Candidate Janice Kamikawa.**
After reviewing Candidate Janice Kamikawa's path to ordination, RE Watson recommended to the presbytery that she be examined for ordination and membership in the Sacramento Presbytery. After examination, it was moved and seconded to approve her for ordination and membership in the Sacramento Presbytery. MOTION CARRIED. TE Judi Davis offered prayer for Janice.
- **Approval of Call of Janice Kamikawa to Validated Ministry as Chaplain.**
It was moved and seconded to approve Janice to a validated ministry position as Chaplain. MOTION CARRIED. She will serve at Kaiser, UC Davis Medical Center and the juvenile detention center.
- **Ordination Commission for Janice Kamikawa.**
The following people were nominated to Janice Kamikawa's ordination commission:
RE Bob Schultz, Davis Community; RE Jim Carter, Bethany Presbyterian; TE Judy Davis, The Gathering; RE Donna Komure-Toyama, Parkview Presbyterian Church; TE Aart Van Beek, Parkview Presbyterian Church; TE Lorie Sprinkle, Bethany Presbyterian Church; RE Hazel Watson, Faith Presbyterian Church. The ordination service will take place on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 5625 24th Street, Sacramento, CA 95822. **Hearing no objection, the commission was approved.** Corresponding members for Ordination/Installations Commission who will participate include the following: TE Mary Ellen Azada, Presbytery of San Gabriel; RE Tim Buscheck, Presbytery of San Francisco; TE Nancy Clegg, Presbytery of Stockton; TE Ted Esaki, Presbytery of San Jose; TE Lyn Juckniess, Presbytery of San Francisco; TE Mark Stryker, Presbytery of San Francisco; RE Mary Ann Wright, Presbytery of San Francisco
- **COM recommended that presbytery waive the requirement that a retiring pastor may not be in contact with the church for two years, for the duration of one year, so that TE Stan Henderson (Oroville) may continue to work part time on a volunteer basis, and that the COM liaison works closely with the pastor and the session to ensure that the pastor "volunteers" half time. Following the year of volunteer service, the effect of the policy will be reinstated for the required two year duration. MOTION CARRIED.**
- **COM recommended that presbytery approve the honorary retirement of TE Stan Henderson effective 8/1/2017. MOTION CARRIED.**
- **Recognition of newly retired Teaching Elders.**
 - TE Jack McNary spoke on behalf of TE Ross Raymond—17 years of ministry
 - TE Yubang Joshua spoke on behalf of TE Jong C. Kim—36 years of ministry
 - RE Mark Ratto spoke on behalf of TE Stan Henderson—29 years of ministryTE Jack McNary offered prayer for these Teaching Elders as they enter into their retirement.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry—TE Jim Kitchens

- TE Kitchens reported that CPM has certified as ready to receive a call Candidate Andrea Chaumont.
- **CPM recommended that Sacramento Presbytery receives Penni Elaine, a member of the Burney Presbyterian Church, as an extraordinary candidate in the ordination process, waiving the requirement of an inquiry phase in her process, as allowed under G-2.0610.** Rationale provided for this motion included the following: 1) Ms. Elaine already has a Masters in Divinity from an accredited seminary, 2) has taken coursework in both biblical languages and 3) has agreed to do additional coursework in Reformed theology, polity and worship under CPM guidance. The committee also wishes to expedite her preparation for ordination so that the ministry being rebuilt at Burney may have permanent installed leadership as soon as possible. Ms. Elaine spoke to her sense of call and appreciation for the members of the Burney congregation. **MOTION CARRIED with unanimous consent.** TE Jim Kitchens offered prayer for Penni Elaine.

Board of Pensions Report—TE Mark Frey, Board of Representative

TE Frey expressed gratitude for the 300 years of service starting in the Synod of Philadelphia in 1717 for the care of the pastors and their families of what is now the PCUSA. Guided by the theological basis of their values, they seek to care for those who serve. To that end, they are continually improving on the policies and programs

available to members that seek to reduce deductibles and to evaluate benefits, especially now for those who are non-clergy employees. He reminded the presbytery of the enrollment/reenrollment dates for 2017.

Pastoral Support Ministry Report—TE Lucy Zhang, member and TE Pamela Anderson, ex-officio member

- **Grant Application for Preaching Pastors' Conference**—It was moved and seconded to approve the application process for a grant application to the PCUSA Restricted Funds for a Preaching Pastors' Conference. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Pastors were reminded of the on-going benefits available to them through the Pastoral Support Ministry including luncheons with other pastors, reduced rates to preaching conferences and spiritual direction vouchers. The next preaching conference will be held at Zephyr Point Conference Grounds on October 2-4. The speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joy Moore from Fuller Seminary.

Mission Support Ministry Report—TE Ivan Herman

- **New Mission Trip Guidelines and Grant Application for Presbytery Mission Funds**
There is a new Mission Trip Resource Handbook available on the Sacramento Presbytery website. In addition, there are new deadlines set for those applying for Presbytery Mission Funds:
 - March 15 for all trips July – October
 - Sept. 15 for November to June.
- It was moved and seconded to approve an application to the PCUSA Restricted Funds for a \$1600 for Grace Presbyterian Church to be used to assist with the work of their food justice program Cal Fresh Booth. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- **TE Herman introduced TE Sarah Stevens, Member of the Presbytery serving in France and this year's Distinguished Alumna Award Recipient at San Francisco Theological Seminary.** TE Kristin Saldine spoke of TE Sarah Stevens' years of ministry beginning locally within the presbytery. TE Stevens shared about the work she has done both domestically and internationally, building relationships across faith traditions and working to remedy the atrocities of human trafficking. She spoke to her ordination vows and ordained status and how they have helped her live into her professional role. She expressed thanks and gratitude for the support of the Sacramento Presbytery that, over the years, has validated her ministry as a PCUSA Teaching Elder.

Budget and Finance Report—RE Earl Lavagnino, Presbytery Accountant

- Accountant Lavagnino reported on the status of the presbytery mission and ecclesiastical budgets that currently stand with an \$80,000 deficit. Budget and Finance is working toward resolving this deficit issue however there remains in unrestricted assets \$574,000 that will provide only 4 more years to balance the budgets if no other measures are taken. There are only 14 of the 29 presbytery churches contributing to the mission budget.
- He reported on two church treasurer workshops that were provided in April with good attendance. Two topics of critical importance for churches to address are the minimum wage/salary laws and the difference between employees and independent contractors.

Congregational Support Ministry Report—TE Rick Hull

In broadening the definition of "congregational support", this ministry team is working to better connect churches with each other as needs are identified in congregations. Resources on the presbytery website include a grant application for a program-oriented endeavor. The library at the presbytery office is available with many new and innovative resources for churches to explore. There are also human resources available, folks with knowledge within our congregations, to share. Point persons on the ministry team include TE Brett Shoemaker for youth; Terri Bacon for Christian Education and Formation programs; Jackie Barts, who is working to improve communication between and among congregations. Churches are encouraged to access the Sacramento Presbytery website for additional information.

Committee on Representation Report—RE Judi Angell

Thanks were expressed to TE Christin Norman (Woodland) and all who planned so well for this presbytery meeting that honors diversity and inclusiveness.

Intercultural Worship—RE David Rue, preaching

Presbytery joined in worship, with leadership from the Committee on Representation and invited guests to represent the diversity within the presbytery. Scripture reading was shared from John 4:1-9, and RE Rue shared the message, “Crossing Borders in our Faith Journey.” Hymns were sung in different languages, and litanies and prayers brought awareness of unity in our diversity.

LUNCH RECESS – Presbytery recessed for lunch, and reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

Updated Credential Report as of 12:30 p.m.

39 TE and 42 RE totaling 81 with 20 congregations represented.

Keynote Speaker – “Interculturally Building Bridges and Deepening Relationship” - TE Mark Koenig, Coordinator of Racial and Intercultural Justice, PMA of the PC(USA)

Interim General Presbyter TE Rob Watkins introduced the keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Koenig, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Rev. Koenig’s remarks addressed the intercultural challenges we face individually and as a denomination. He suggested that the first steps to building an intercultural community include 1) examining ourselves, 2) building relationships by listening to each other’s stories and 3) sharing power. He invited the presbytery into discussion considering the question: When is one time you have crossed borders to build intercultural community? Next he asked presbytery to consider why building intercultural communities matters and why do we care? He posited that there are both practical and ecclesiastical reasons, pointing out that by the year 2040, there will likely be no majority culture in the USA. He invited the presbytery into a discussion of “What Biblical stories and theological themes invite us to cross borders and build intercultural communities?” His closing comments addressed what resources are available through the PCUSA for next steps that we as congregations and as a denomination can take. He invited the presbytery into a discussion to consider what each of us as individuals might consider as a “next step”, asking “What is God calling you to do, to be or to change to build bridges and intercultural communities?” His final comments reminded all that this work takes time—that it is spiritual work and prayer is critically important as we invite the Spirit to teach and guide us.

Announcements

- 1) **Recruitment materials available for San Francisco Theological Seminary.** Rev. Sarah Stevens provided materials to share with folks who may be interested in the seminary.
- 2) **Next meeting of the presbytery.** Thursday, September 14 at Shepherd of the Sierras in Loomis, CA.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Bob Schultz.

Respectfully submitted,

TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk
RE Claire Pisor, Recording Clerk