

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO
Saturday, February 11, 2017
Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church, Citrus Heights

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

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

Ruling Elder Commissioners			
Auburn, Auburn (2)		Sacramento, Faith (4)	Visitors/Observers
Kim Douglass		Hazel Watson	JF Clegg
		Kevin Menager	Tamara Dunning
Burney, Burney (2)		Maria Rodriguez	Jamie Crook
Melanie Kerns			Janice Kamikawa
Michael Kerns		Sacramento, Grace Community (2)	
Carmichael (4)		Sacramento, Grace Presbyterian (2)	
William Dunn		Pat Stokes	
Barbara Farley			
		Sacramento, Northminster (3)	
Chico, Bidwell (7)		Larry Mustain	
Louis Nevins		Beth DePuy	
Bev Gray		Lynda Languasco	
Herman Gray			
		Sacramento, Parkview (2)	
Citrus Heights, Celtic Cross (3)		Janet Hill	
Karen Sturdevant		Effie Komure-Hanway	
Janet Souza			
		Sacramento, Westminster (4)	
Colusa, First (2)		Sharyl Stevens	
		Stephen McGough	
Corning, First (2)			
		Walnut Grove, Walnut Grove Community (2)	
Davis, Davis Community (4)			
Sue Bennett		West Sacramento, Trinity (2)	
David Rue		Anna Niemann	
Betty Lou Schultz		(Unreadable)	
El Dorado Hills, Capital Korean (2)		Woodland Presbyterian (2)	
Nam Kim		Mike Tucker	
		Phyllis Avalos	
Elk Grove, Peace (2)			
		Yuba City, St. Andrews (4)	
Esparto, Countryside Comm. (2)		Jim Ulrey	
		Corky Ulrey	
Folsom, Journey (3)			
Wayne Mitchell			
Janis Jonas			
Loomis, Shepherd of the Sierra (3)			
Rich McCormac			
Marysville, First (2)		Other Ruling Elders w/Vote	
Kathy McKenzie		Marie Segur, Treasurer	
		Bob Schultz, Moderator	
Orland, Orland Federated, (2)		Judy Angell, COR Chair	
Oroville, Trinity (2)			
Placerville, El Dorado Co. Federated (3)			
Ron Johnson		REs w/Voice, No Vote	
Peg Vanderkar		Laura Anderson, Substitute Recording Clerk	
Red Bluff, Red Bluff (3)			
		Corresponding Members	
Sacramento, Bethany (2)		TE Nancy Clegg, Stockton	
Howard McMackin		TE Steve Wirth, Los Ranchos (Foundation)	
Dolores McMackin		TE Deborah Wright, San Francisco (PneuMatrix)	

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Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 9:08 a.m. by Moderator RE Bob Schultz. The credential report was given by the Stated Clerk: 27/134 TEs and 33/79 Res, for a total number of voting commissioners of 60, with 16/29 congregations represented. A quorum was declared present (G-3.0304).

Moderator Schultz welcomed first-time ruling elders, and seated corresponding members. Ruling Elders: Janet Hill (Parkview) and Janet Sousa (Celtic Cross). Corresponding member: Stated Clerk TE Nancy Clegg (Stockton); Steve Wirth (Los Ranchos) with the Presbyterian Foundation; Deborah Wright (San Francisco) with PnewMatrix. Guests were introduced and welcomed: Tamara Dunning, Parliamentarian; Laura Anderson, substitute Recording Clerk.

TE Bob Yule, Pastor of Celtic Cross Presbyterian Church, welcomed the Presbytery.

The Consent Agenda was presented and approved as follows:

- From the Committee on Ministry: Approve annual Stated Supply relationship of TE Warren Barnes and Grace Presbyterian Church, Sacramento.
- From the Committee on Ministry: Approve annual Temporary Membership with TE Brian Solecki (Evangelical Covenant Church) and Bidwell, Chico.
- From the Committee on Ministry: Approve Temporary Membership of TE Ron McHattie (Redwoods Presbytery), Interim at Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church, effective date 08/01/2016.
- From the Committee on Ministry: Dissolve the Pastoral relationship of TE Eric Keller and Trinity, West Sacramento.
- From the Committee on Ministry: Approve Temporary Supply relationship of TE Peggy Cross with Trinity, West Sacramento, effective date 8/16/2016.
- From the Committee on Ministry: Approve Temporary Supply relationship of TE Kathy McIntosh-Smith with Countryside, Esparto.

The Docket was adopted with the following changes and additions:

- Change: The Council Report was moved to the first item.
- Additions: a report and celebration from the Pastoral Support Ministry; a report and motion from the Budget and Finance Committee; presentation of and motion concerning a resolution passed by San Francisco Presbytery, brought by the Mission Support Ministry.

Council Report – TE Wes Nordman

- Informational items: Council approved consulting work with PneuMatrix. The Bylaws Task Force will hold off on their work until after Council’s visioning process and retreat in March, which will be facilitated by PneuMatrix. The 2017 budget was approved.
- It was moved to dissolve the Administrative Commission for New Worshiping Communities and to create in its place a subcommittee of Congregational Support for New Worshiping Communities. MOTION CARRIED. During the discussion, TE Ken Winter, Chair of AC for NWC and TE Rick Hull, Chair of Congregational Support, noted that this structural change reflects the ongoing and more comprehensive work of this team as they support new worshiping communities; the scope and ongoing nature of their work exceed that intended for the originally commissioned AC.

Stated Clerk Report - TE Nancy Clegg

TE Nancy Clegg provided an introduction to the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution as recommended by the 222nd General Assembly. She described the presentation and voting process, which included introducing the amendments in groups and small-group discussion of some amendments, and called for four vote counters.

Presentation of and Voting on the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

- 16-A – “Child and Youth Protection Policy” – TE Nancy Clegg summarized the proposed amendment, which would require all councils to extend currently existing child protection policies to include youth. After general discussion, the call for the vote on 16-A was issued.
- 16-B – “Parity in Committees” – TE Nancy Clegg and RE Hazel Watson, GA Elder Commissioner serving on the GA committee that recommended this amendment, summarized the proposed amendment, which would change how committees above the Session level are formed by providing for membership of teaching and ruling elders in numbers “as nearly equal as possible.” After general discussion, the call for the vote on 16-B was issued.
- 16-C – “Ordered Ministry Titles” – RE Hazel Watson, also spoke for GA committee, summarized the eight sections of this amendment, which would mark a return to pre-2014 language for ordered ministry titles, including the change of Teaching Elder to Minister of Word and Sacrament; Ruling Elder to Elder; and Commissioned Ruling Elder to Commissioned Lay Pastor. After general discussion and small-group discussion, the call for the vote on all eight sections of 16-C was issued.
- 16-D – “Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church” – TE Nancy Clegg and RE Hazel Watson summarized the amendment, which would apply only to those individuals who have renounced jurisdiction of the PC(USA) specifically by exiting the disciplinary process prior to its conclusion. Amendment 16-D would create a possible path of reconciliation through the resumption of the judicial process. After general discussion and small-group discussion, the call for the vote on both sections of 16-D was issued.

- 16-E – “Certified Service Requirements” – TE Rob Watkins summarized the amendment, which would delete the word “handbook” in the Book of Order’s discussion of certification requirements and thereby reflect the widespread use of digital documents. After general discussion, the call for the vote on 16-E was issued.
- 16-F – “The Ministry of Members” – TE Rob Watkins summarized the amendment, which would add an eleventh responsibility – care of God’s creation – to the Book of Order’s current list of membership responsibilities. After general discussion and small-group discussion, the call for the vote on 16-F was issued.
- 16-G – “Access to the Lord’s Table” – TE Nancy Clegg summarized the amendment, which would make the Lord’s Table available to all “developing” Christians by eliminating the wording in the Book of Order that requires partakers to be baptized Christians. After general discussion and small-group discussion, the call for the vote on 16-G was issued.
- 16-H – “Directory for Worship” – TE Kristin Saldine summarized the amendment, repeating her presentation made at the meeting of the GA, which is a proposed revision to the Book of Order’s Directory for Worship, the last major revision of which occurred in 1989. After general discussion, the call for the vote on 16-H was issued.

Updated Credential Report (10:15 a.m.): 40/134 TE; 40/79 RE; for a total number of voting commissioners of **80**, with **19/29** congregations represented.

Presbyterian Foundation – TE Steve Wirth, Presbyterian Foundation

TE Steve Wirth provided an overview of the Presbyterian Foundation’s new initiative – a three-year grant with the Lilly Foundation to address economic challenges faced by church leaders and pastors. Whereas the Board of Pensions focuses on helping pastors with their individual financial needs, the Presbyterian Foundation works with churches to promote financial literacy and leadership amidst current societal and congregational changes. The Presbyterian Foundation is presently fostering financial leadership among pastors in their first five years of ministry and among new church plants. They are working towards a certificate program in Church Financial Leadership. Scholarships are currently available for pastors and church leaders wishing to take part in workshops on church finances and management.

Committee on Ministry Report – RE Hazel Watson

RE Hazel Watson reported that COM will have a training in February, at which they will discuss the findings of the vision task force. COM is shifting away from biennial visits as a checklist process and focusing on creating meaningful relationships between Presbytery liaisons and congregations’ sessions and pastors. There is a need for teaching elders and ruling elders to be a part of this process from the wider presbytery and to serve as a church liaison with a member of COM for a two-year period. The commitment would require only one COM meeting, to report back on findings. Those interested should contact General Presbyter TE Rob Watkins or Chair Hazel.

Congregational Support Ministry Report – TE Rick Hull

- TE Rick Hull gave thanks to TE Ivan Herman and RE Karen Sturdevant, his predecessors on the Congregational Support Ministry.
- Congregational Support is a program-oriented team that exists to support and encourage the health, vitality and growth of the congregations of the Sacramento Presbytery. Congregational Support has three foci in 2017: 1. To equip and support leaders at all levels of local ministry, including through the provision of consulting resources; 2. To support Presbytery-wide ministries, especially programs for youth and university students; 3. To support worshiping communities, including remnant communities and new worshipping communities. The overall aim and mission of Congregational Support is program partnership.
- The size of this committee is specified at 8 in the bylaws. Thus, there is a need to establish various subcommittees to accomplish the needed work. TE Hull anticipates there being 20-25 participants on these subcommittees. Through them, the committee will be able to enhance resource opportunities through the Resource Center, the MissionInsite program (Ken Winter) and PneuMatrix's church consulting for ministry development.

Introduction to PneuMatrix – TE Deborah Wright

- PneuMatrix is currently in partnership with the Presbyterian Foundation to consult on the fragility of churches. PneuMatrix has a good track record of supporting new ways of thinking through adaptive change. PneuMatrix will consult with three presbyteries this year, one of them being Sacramento. The aim of this consultation process is to build the adaptive capacity of the congregations involved and to train adaptive apprentices who will be able to carry on the work after this year is over.
- Wright asked how to “do” church in the post-Christendom era, during a trajectory of decline in the church as we have known it. The assumption of PneuMatrix is that technical answers or “known fixes” for familiar problems will not serve in this time of unfamiliar problems. Instead, what are needed are adaptive ideas – ideas that reckon with and respond to current challenges adaptively in ways that are likely to be novel and unfamiliar.
- Wright summarized the work of PneuMatrix this year: Ten congregations, each with a team of six to eight members and their pastor, will consult with a PneuMatrix principal. The work will involve assessing each participating congregation's current context, identifying adaptive challenges, and mapping the various paths that can be taken. The consultation will touch on a church's financial, spiritual and energetic capacities, so as to map out options that are realistic for that congregation. In addition, PneuMatrix will train ten adaptive change apprentices this year.

Pastoral Support Ministry – TE Hayes Noble

- TE Hayes Noble led the presbytery in celebrating TE Pamela Anderson's 12 years of service on the Pastoral Support Ministry.

- Two announcements: The monthly luncheon for pastors will take place on Tuesday, February 21, at Oz Barbecue; and there will be a preaching conference from May 1-3 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, with a discounted registration fee currently available.

Worship – TE Rob Watkins, Interim General Presbyter

- TE Rob Watkins led us in a time of worship and shared a message based on Matthew 15:1-9, in which he invited us to follow as faithfully as possible Jesus’ focus on putting people first, on bringing everyone to the table, and by letting the rule book be secondary.
- The Necrology Report of 2016 was offered by RE Bob Schultz and TE Pamela Anderson.

Lunch – The presbytery recessed for lunch.

Updated Credential Report (12:45 p.m.): 40/134 TE; 42/79 RE; for a total number of voting commissioners of **82**, with **20/29** congregations represented.

Budget & Finance Committee – RE Maria Rodriguez

With regard to Shepherd of the Sierra’s application for loan conversion, a motion was made and seconded to approve conversion of the existing Line of Credit for \$599,737.99 and the existing First Mortgage of \$1,087,992.11 into a new First Mortgage loan of \$1,687,729. This is for paying down the building mortgage and replacing/renovating a modular building on the property. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee on Representation Report – RE Judi Angell

RE Judi Angell informed the gathering that in California, the number of Hispanic Americans exceeds the number of Caucasian Americans. The number of Asian Americans may soon surpass that of Hispanic Americans. Given this, she invited all to take part in multicultural worship and learning opportunities.

Nominating Committee Report – TE Keith DeVries

The Nominating Committee presented nominees for the following vacancies:

- **Committee on Ministry (COM):**
Class of 2018: Male Teaching Elder, Bob Yule (Celtic Cross). Nominees were asked from the floor. There being none, the nominee was elected by acclamation.
- **Congregational Support Ministry Group:**
Class of 2017: Female Ruling Elder, Jackie Bartz (Celtic Cross). Nominees were asked from the floor. There being none, the nominee was elected by acclamation.
- **Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM):**
Class of 2017: Female Ruling Elder, Debbie Mitchel (Journey Church). Nominees were asked from the floor. There being none, the nominee was elected by acclamation.
- **Pastoral Development & Support Ministry Group:**
Class of 2018: Female Ruling Elder, Diana Wright (Westminster).
Class of 2019: Female Teaching Elder, Peggy Cross (At-large).

Class of 2019: Male Ruling Elder, Todd Carr (Celtic Cross).

Nominees were asked from the floor. There being none, the nominees were elected by acclamation.

- **Committee on Representation:**

Class of 2018: Female Ruling Elder, Joan Alston (Westminster). Nominees were asked from the floor. There being none, the nominee was elected by acclamation.

Mission Support Ministry Report – TE Ivan Herman

- Centsability Grants – TE Ivan Herman announced that Centsability grant forms are available on the presbytery’s website; those congregations that have or work with programs that combat hunger are urged to apply for a grant.
- Mission Support Grants – TE Ivan Herman also mentioned the availability of Mission Support Grant Applications on the presbytery’s website. These grants can help fund mission opportunities, from the local to the global.
- Refugee Resolution – RE Peg Vanderkar presented a resolution passed by the San Francisco Presbytery (see text of resolution, below). Motion was made and seconded to have the Sacramento Presbytery support this resolution. There were 79 votes in favor and 3 opposed.

MOTION CARRIED.

Text of the Presbytery of San Francisco’s Resolution:

Whereas the President of the United States, by Executive Order on January 27, 2017, has suspended visas or restricted entry for Syria, Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen (in essence banning the majority of Muslim refugees) entering into the United States, which serves to further harm those who are the very victims of terrorism, genocide, religious and gender-based persecution, and civil war,

And whereas this suspension contradicts the very foundations of our biblical faith to welcome the stranger and give safe haven to the refugee,

And whereas Jesus himself, with his family, began life as a refugee,

Be it resolved that the Presbytery of San Francisco, of the Presbyterian Church (USA), meeting on this 7th day of February, decries any policy that discriminates against refugees and asylees by nationality, race, or religion, as immoral and contrary to US tradition and our understanding of the biblical great ends of the Church,

And, further, urges the President to rescind this Executive Order and restore the integrity and values of compassion and hospitality essential to our identity as a nation.

Stated Clerk’s Report – TE Nancy Clegg

Amendment Results – All amendments passed, with the following breakdown of votes:

- 16-A Number of votes cast 76
 - Necessary for adoption (majority) 39
 - Votes for motion 74
 - Votes against 2

	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-B	Number of votes cast	76
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	65
	▪ Votes against	11
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-1	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-2	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-3	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-4	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-5	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-6	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	63
	▪ Votes against	14
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-7	Number of votes cast	76
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	64

	▪ Votes against	12
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-C-8	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	39
	▪ Votes for motion	64
	▪ Votes against	13
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-D-1	Number of votes cast	78
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	53
	▪ Votes against	25
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-D-2	Number of votes cast	78
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	55
	▪ Votes against	23
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-E	Number of votes cast	78
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	77
	▪ Votes against	1
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-F	Number of votes cast	79
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	71
	▪ Votes against	8
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-G	Number of votes cast	79
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	67
	▪ Votes against	12
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0
• 16-H	Number of votes cast	77
	▪ Necessary for adoption (majority)	40
	▪ Votes for motion	74
	▪ Votes against	3
	▪ <i>Illegal votes</i>	0

- Statistical Reporting: TE Nancy Clegg reported that two-thirds of the annual statistical reports have been submitted, with the deadline on February 17. Among reporting congregations, membership has declined by 182. Of these, 100 are due to deaths; the remainder are classified as “other” – for example, some congregations cleaned up their rolls. Current membership among these congregations stands at 7,409. Four churches showed growth: Auburn, Peace in Elk Grove, Shepherd of the Sierra in Loomis, and Grace United in Sacramento.
- Conversation with Northwest Coast Presbytery: TE Nancy Clegg reported that she and the executive presbyter of Stockton Presbytery visited the Northwest Coast Presbytery in Washington. This is a merged presbytery of what was three presbyteries. Given that Stockton Presbytery will likely fall below the ten congregations required for a presbytery to exist, conversations about new ministry models, including ones that involve partnerships with other presbyteries, both Sacramento and San Joaquin, will be vital as Stockton Presbytery thinks about future work and ministry in relationship with neighboring presbyteries.
- Teaching elder membership cards are available from TE Nancy Clegg.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

TE Nancy Clegg, Stated Clerk

RE Laura Anderson, Substitute Recording Clerk