

**THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS**  
**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**  
**about**  
**GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER NOMINEES**

**NAME:** Rick T. Hume, Elder

**CHURCH:** Laguna Presbyterian Church

**Local Church Experience:**

Rick Hume grew up in the Presbyterian Church and the Los Ranchos Presbytery. As a child, his faith was nurtured by many faithful Presbyterians including the Rev. Dr. Franklin of Calvary Presbyterian Church (later Covenant Pres. Church) in downtown Long Beach, who despite his busy Sunday schedule, drove Rick and his 5 siblings to Sunday school each week. In his youth, Rick attended our Synod's Camps and Conferences and joined Rev. Jim Deemer (Little Brown Church) on numerous backpack adventures.

Rev. Jon Moore once described Rick as a lifelong student of the bible. During an era known as the 'Jesus movement,' Rick often attended daily bible studies and Christian activities. As a college student at Cal Poly SLO he toured with a coral group known as 'The Sounds of Grace,' serving as their chaplain and delivering the gospel message at concerts. He also has participated in ministries to the less fortunate at the Long Beach Rescue Mission, House of Zacchaeus Coffee House and prison ministries.

In 1978, Rick Hume was ordained an Elder in the Presbyterian Church and served six years on the session at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church - Long Beach. In 1986, Rick and his young family moved to Laguna Beach where they became active members of Laguna Presbyterian Church (LPC). Over the years Rick has participated in and led regular bible studies. Today, he is serving his 6<sup>th</sup> year on session at Laguna Presbyterian Church and his 3<sup>rd</sup> year as the church's delegate to Presbytery. Each member of his family actively serves Christ – wife Juliette is the newsletter editor at LPC; his adult sons have been active leaders in the church's youth program; and his son Cameron (aka 'Sporx') is the Director of Pre-teen Ministries at Forest Home.

Since 2005, Rick Hume has served as the co-chair of Laguna Presbyterian Church's building committee. Construction broke ground in December 2007. The historic sanctuary and Youth Center was completely restored and the congregation rededicated the sanctuary in January 2010. The project's capital campaign has raised over \$8 mil in contributions and pledges, which included a \$500,000 contribution to the PC (USA) Helping Hearts and Hands mission campaign.

**Service to the Denomination: (Presbytery and beyond)**

Rick Hume has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church since 1978. He served 6 years on session at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church - Long Beach, where he also served as the church's representative to Los Ranchos Presbytery. He is currently serving his 6<sup>th</sup> year on session at Laguna Presbyterian Church and is his third year as the church's delegate to Los Rancho's Presbytery.

**Please answer the following four questions with the total length of your answers to be a maximum of one page.**

1. What do you believe the church is called to do in this world?  
In short, we are called by God to love Him with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. (Mark 12: 30-31)

We are called to be ambassadors of Christ, sharing God's message of reconciliation to the world. (2 Corinthians 5: 18-21)

We are called to "go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded." (Matt 28: 18-19)

We are called to practice the religion spoken of in the book of James, "religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1: 27)

2. How do the Scriptures mold your faith?  
The scriptures are Gods written word to us, to me. Scripture informs us (me) about God's interaction with his creation. The Old and New Testaments introduce us (me) to God's only begotten son Jesus Christ. Scripture provides instruction about how we are (I am) to live according to his will. Without scripture, we are (I am) rudderless, relying on our (my) own clever devises.

3. How have you sensed God's call to serve as a commissioner to General Assembly?

All four pastors at Laguna Presbyterian Church and numerous elders have individually asked me to consider serving as a commissioner to the 2010 General Assembly. Members of Laguna Presbyterian Church and the men in my Bible study/small group have also strongly urged me to serve. I have prayed for the Lord's wisdom and guidance, as I do not wish to enter into this responsibility and blessing alone.

God knows I will serve if it is his will for me to do so. Confirmation now rests with the members of Los Ranchos Presbytery. If elected, I will accept this as confirmation of God's call.

4. What do you see as the most significant issue(s) coming before the 2010 General Assembly?

We are faced with many pressing matters related to human sexuality, ordination standards, Israel, Palestine and peace in the world. The most significant issue facing the upcoming GA however, is choosing the criteria that will be used to make the decisions before the assembly. If our delegates submit to the inspired authority of Holy Scripture and the historic lessons of our confessions, our denomination will experience the benefits of the peace, unity and purity of our ordination vows.