

***Your Synod Executive/Stated Clerk
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*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace
of God, serve one another with whatever
gift each of you has received.”*

1 Peter 4:10

**The Synod of Southern California
and Hawaii**

December 18, 2010

Introducing

Elder Doska Ross

for your consideration as the next

Executive/Stated Clerk

of the

***Synod of Southern California
and Hawaii***



Background:

Doska has worked in presbyteries in Ohio, Detroit and Stockton, California and currently in Louisville, Kentucky. She has taught Spanish in public schools, worked in accounting at a large law firm and as a small business owner and operator. Doska spent parts of her childhood in Guatemala.

Doska received her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish from Miami University in Ohio and her MBA from Cal State University, Stanislaus. She was ordained in 1977 and has been a clerk of session, presbytery moderator and stated clerk of her presbytery. She currently serves on the New Covenant Trust Company Board of Directors. Doska comes to us as a servant, a listener and a leader.



"I am so excited at the prospect of offering myself for this partnership with the synod! I pray that my gifts, experience and willingness to serve will be used by God to deepen our relationships and encourage the sharing of the Good News in this part of our beloved church."

~ Doska Ross, Candidate for EP/SC

More recently:

For the past nine years Doska has been the Manager of Polity Guidance and Training for the Office of the General Assembly. Besides an active presence in Stated Clerks' and Committee on Ministry (COM) training, and distinguished service in the Synod of Puerto Rico task force, Doska has been one of the "go-to people" for COM moderators, executives and stated clerks of presbyteries. Her unflappable and direct manner inspires careful service as does her ability to always keep the real-life situation in view.

Chorus:

God has smiled on [us]
God has set [us] free
God has smiled on [us]
He's been good to [us].

Isaiah Jones

Come see why!

Comments from the Search Committee:

"Doska Ross's skills are a great match to the needs of this synod. She is a strong leader, but with silk gloves, who has a great deal of experience from local church all the way to General Assembly. Doska is creative, a good listener, calm in tense situations and has a thorough working knowledge of the Book of Order."

~ Elder Pat Niles, Los Ranchos Pres

"Doska is completely humble and gentle to everyone and she will make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

~ Elder Heidi Ahn, Hanmi Pres

"Doska is a quiet servant. She listens before she leaps, and loves her Lord and the Church."

~Tom Rennard, Riverside Pres

Doska Ross is well aware of the changing and transitional role of synods, and the particular challenges of our Synod. She is willing to think outside the box, take the time to "earn the right to be heard" by leaders in the synod and the presbyteries, and to represent and further Jesus Christ's Presbyterian witness in and to Southern California.