

STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SANTA ANA
13922 Prospect Ave., Santa Ana
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3:00 P.m. Thursday, November 18, 2010

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Dinner at 4:45 p.m.; Worship at 5:45 p.m.; Open Space at 6:30 p.m.; (time estimate: 90 minutes)

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

- 2:00 p.m. Orientation to Proposed Amendments B-O with Stated Clerk Geckeler
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments
- 3.00 p.m. **Call to Order/Prayer/Quorum - Moderator Marie Crenshaw**
Approval of Docket
Seating of New Commissioners and Corresponding Members
Introduction of "New" Pastors: Rev. Yoonsuk Joseph Shin (Temporary Supply at Anaheim Korean; KPCA);
Transitions: Jeff McCrory to Member at Large; Frank Baresel transfer to North Puget Sound; deaths of Ralph Conrad and Jay Campbell; Jay Chin (military chaplain) to Korea;
- 3:15 p.m. **Consent Agenda**
- 3:18 p.m. **Omnibus Motion:** Report of Council, COM, CPM (non action items)
- 3:20 p.m. **Committee on Preparation for Ministry/COM, Rev. Kathy Sizer**

 Examination for Ordination: **Adel Malek.** Call to Tentmaking
 Denominational Partnership (404); Ministry to Egyptian congregation in the U.S..
- 3:40 p.m. **Committee on Nominations Rev. Leanne Strommen, Moderator**
- 3:50 p.m. **Vote on Proposed Amendments B-O**

 The Bills and Overtures Commission is recommending that Proposed Amendments B-O be approved by Consent Agenda voting. This means any member of presbytery may pull any item from the docket to be voted on at the February meeting (so that members have time to study the item in question). *All of these items were approved by GA by voice vote, consensus, or margins of better than 10:1.*
- 4:00 p.m. **Council: Rev. Steve Yamaguchi, Moderator**

 Proposed Draft Mission Budget 2011-2012
 TRUSTEES ACTIONS FOR 2011:
 President: Lanny Hawkinson
 Corporate Secretary: W. Keith Geckeler
 Treasurer:

 Representative to Council:
- SIGNATURE APPROVAL:** Moved to approve the following trustees and employees of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to sign all checks, wire transfers and other funds transfers for the Presbytery. All transactions will require two signatures. This action to be effective January 1, 2011
 President: Lanny Hawkinson

Corporate Secretary: W. Keith Geckeler
Treasurer: John Scott
Presbytery Pastor: Steven Yamaguchi
Associate Presbytery Pastor: Tom Cramer
Two other trustees:
1 Anne Christensen
2 Rob Ebert

- 4:20 p.m. **Trustees and Staff Relations:**
Settlement of Home Equity Agreement for Presbytery Pastor.
- 4:30 p.m. **Presbytery Pastor's Presbyter's Report** – *Steve Yamaguchi*
- 4:40 p.m. **New Business**
- 4:45 p.m. **Thanks to Host Church and Adjourn**

DINNER: 4:45 p.m.

WORSHIP: 5:45 p.m. *INCLUDES NECROLOGY REPORT AND COMMUNION*

OPEN SPACE 6:30 P.M.

Richard Blackburn, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center "The Road to Damascus: The Church and Change in an Age of Anxiety", Richard Blackburn, LMPC

NEXT GATHERING: FEBRUARY 24, 2011; 2 TO 8:30 p.m. at TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Schedule for that Gathering is as follows:

2-5 P.M. Open Space; 5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Council met Tuesday, November 2, 2010 with a quorum. The meeting was constituted with devotions and prayer.

Council approved the minutes of their September 7th meeting and approved the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting of the presbytery.

Legal Cases. APP/SC Keith Geckeler reported on two legal cases involving the presbytery.

Trustees Report:

1. Report/Recommendations from Trustees {Hawkinson}
 - a. 2011-2012 Budget Docs [MAJOR ITEM FOR THE MEETING]
Motion: Recommend taking Proposed 2011-2012 Working Budgets to September meeting of Presbytery for action..
 - b. **Motion: Council approved recommending to Presbytery the following action regarding election of corporate officers for 2011:**
President: Lanny Hawkinson
Secretary: W. Keith Geckeler
Treasurer: John Scott
 - c. **Motion: Council approved recommending to Presbytery approval of following check signers (via corporate resolution)**
Lanny Hawkinson
W. Keith Geckeler
John Scott
Steven Yamaguchi
Tom Cramer
Rob Ebert
2. Debriefed Council Retreat
3. Approved Bills and Overtures recommendations for Process for Addressing Proposed Amendments
 - a. Change May presbytery meeting to May 19 because May 26 is just before Memorial Day weekend
 - b. Schedule Open Space before business meeting for May 19 meeting.
 - c. Schedule presbytery vote for May 19 for Belhar, G-6 change, and RFG.
 - d. Reserve all open space at May 19 meeting for presentations about GA voting

The full design for presentations appears in Appendix A.
4. Electronic Meetings Votes
Approved election of Synod Commissioners
Approved USC Medical Center Chaplaincy proposal.
5. 2011 Meetings
Council: February 1; May 3; August 30; November 16, 2010
Presbytery: February 24; May 19; September 15; November 17

APPENDIX A: FULL DESIGN FROM BILLS & OVERTURES

November 18, 2010 presbytery meeting: Vote to be taken on Proposed Amendments B through O as consent docket.

1. Keith Geckeler will post explanations and pro's-con's on LRP web site by November 10 — items may be pulled by any presbyter for voting in February.
2. Pre-presbytery workshop (2:00 – 3:00 PM) November 18th on these amendments: Keith Geckeler presiding
3. Open Space: 2 hours after presbytery Belhar: Jerry Tankersley and Jim Wilson presiding
 - a. Include copies of Belhar and time for significant “walk through” of document by Jerry.
 - b. Jim to interview Jerry about common objections to Belhar
 - c. Jim to emcee and ask for responses from attendees after each of those answers by Jerry
 - d. This is only education presentation about Belhar
 - e. Voting on Belhar will be at the May presbytery meeting. As this would be a change in Book of Confessions, it requires a 2/3 vote of the presbyteries to pass.

February 24, 2011 presbytery meeting: Vote to be taken only on any of Proposed Amendments (B through O) which may have been removed from the November consent docket

1. Open Space (1 hour): Board of Pensions presentation by Art Mills (yet to be confirmed) and Howard Prohl (Dr. John Huffman who is on advisory panel for that issue to Board of Pension will be invited to participate)
2. Open Space (3 hours) Two non-confrontational presentations: 1 on G-6/sexuality and one on New Form of Government, both to be repeated at the May Open Space
 - a. RFG: Keith Geckeler & Dr. Steve Smith (Stated Clerk/Pacific Presbytery) and Ron Kernaghan.
 - b. Six person team to develop presentation on Sexuality issues.

Web: Rick to ask Tom Dykhuizen to add to LRP web site

1. Video for u-tube format all these presentations, including Board of Pensions if possible
2. Links to resources

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) has met twice since the last regular meeting of the presbytery. In accordance with action taken at their meetings, CPM reports the following:

Annual Consultations Approved

Reviewed and approved Annual Consultations for the following, continuing them in the process. A summary of the Consultations will be sent to their session and seminary (where applicable):

Inquirer Kelly Dickson
Candidate Malia Griffice
Candidate Jessica Knutzen

Candidate Nancy Pearson
Inquirer Anna Porath
Inquirer Ryan Romberg

Inquirers Enrolled

Enrolled Mr. **Kwan Park**, a member of Shin-II Presbyterian Church in Norwalk, as an inquirer according to Book of Order Chapter 14, and a covenant agreement was made with him based on Form 2, which shall also include the following:

- a. Approve Kwan's M.Div. degree from Fuller Theological Seminary
- b. That all required core courses be completed according to the Book of Order and CPM guidelines; and
- c. That Kwan complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Enrolled Mr. **Alex Wirth**, a member of Grace First Presbyterian Church in Long Beach, as an inquirer according to Book of Order Chapter 14, and a covenant agreement was made with him based on Form 2, which shall also include the following:

- d. Approve Alex's attendance to McCormick Theological Seminary
- e. That all required core courses be completed according to the Book of Order and CPM guidelines; and
- f. That Alex complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Approved to Take Ordination Exams

The following inquirers and candidates were approved to take ordination exams January 2011: David Chavez, Renee Coffman-Chavez, Malia Griffice, Benjamin Jara, Nancy Pearson, Ryan Romberg

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Committee on Ministry (COM) has met twice since the last regular meeting of the presbytery. In accordance with action taken at its meetings, COM reports the following:

Examination for Membership

Examined and approved **Candidate Adel Malek** for membership, validated his ministry as tentmaker, and granted him permission to labor outside the bounds, pending successful examination for ordination and presbytery approval.

Approve the part-time Temporary Pastoral Relationship between **Anaheim Korean Presbyterian Church** and the **Rev. Yoonsuk Joseph Shin**, member of KPCA, effective October 1, 2010 with the following terms of call:

Salary and Housing	\$48,000
Medical Coverage	\$8,784

Study Leave \$1000
Vacation: 30 calendar days
2 weeks study leave

Approved negotiations with **Pastor Joseph Kim** in order to facilitate negotiations with the merger between Orange United Korean Church in Orange and **Canaan Presbyterian Church**, Santa Ana, to go forward and for his eventual membership in the PCUSA.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relationship

Approved the dissolution of the Pastoral Relationship between **Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory** and Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, effective October 31, 2010 Approved the Member at Large status of Rev. Jeff McCrory.

Call/Terms of Call

Approved the change in terms of call for **Rev. Daniel Jiménez** to ½ time Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana at the recommendation of the church and Rev. Jiménez. This change allows First to hire a half-time youth director, which already has had a positive effect in the youth group.

Approved the call of Geneva Presbyterian Church, Laguna Hills, to **Rev. Leanne Strommen** as Temporary Stated Supply Associate Pastor for 12 months effective November 1, 2010 with the following terms of call:

Salary & Housing	\$55,000
Expenses	1,000
Study Leave	2 weeks
Vacation	2 weeks

Ordinations/Installations

Approved the following Administrative Commission to ordain **Jeff Pearson**, a Candidate under care certified ready to receive a call, on behalf of San Diego Presbytery, on Sunday, December 5, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Laguna Presbyterian Church:

Moderator of the Commission: Rev. Kathy Sizer

Ministers

Rev. Jerry Tankersley, Laguna PC
Rev. Tim Yee, St. Andrews PC

Elders

Jackie Pearson –Laguna Presbyterian Church
Sue Currie –Tustin Presbyterian Church

Mr. Pearson received the call as a part-time temporary supply pastor at La Jolla Presbyterian Church, effective November 17, 2010.

Parish Associates:

Approved **Rev. Dee Hazen** and **Rev. Ron Eckert** at San Clemente through December 31, 2011.

Approved dissolution of Parish Associate relationship between **Rev. Don Thies** and Presbyterian Church of the Master at his request (for health reasons) and affirmed his Honorable Retirement status.

Approved **Rev Mike Regele** as Parish Associate at Irvine Presbyterian Church with responsibilities in teaching, preaching, and Sacraments.

Transfers

The transfer of **Rev. Frank Baresel** to Presbytery of Puget Sound to become Designated Pastor of Lake Forest Park Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2010 is complete.

Approved the transfer **Rev. David Watson** to the Presbytery of San Joaquin upon receipt of confirmation they have received him as a member and are requesting his transfer.

Deaths

Rev. Ralph Conrad passed away suddenly of a heart attack on the morning of September 27. He was Temporary Supply Pastor of First United Presbyterian Church, Long Beach. He was 70.

Rev. Jay Campbell passed away on Sunday, November 7. He was 94.

Validation

Approve validation of **Rev. Amadeo Torres** as Member at Large through December 31, 2011. Rev. Torres is in Florida, actively seeking a call.

Pastor Emeritus

Concurred with the request of Placentia PC to place on the docket of their annual meeting a motion to grant the title of Pastor Emeritus to the **Rev. Dave Throop** at the time of his retirement, May 1, 2011. This is with the understanding of G-14.0620 that such an honorary relationship has no pastoral authority or duty.

Compensation Minimums

COM opted not to raise the \$48,000 minimum full time salary in order not to add to the financial burden due to the economy, which has affected all our churches.

Lombard Mediation Training

\$10,000 of Leadership Development money was previously approved for scholarship/financial assistance for those wishing to attend (need based).

\$500 for COM members (10 scholarships)

\$350 for individuals from presbytery (up to 14)

Miscellaneous

Prayer for **Rev. Jay Chin** who has been assigned as military chaplain to Korea. Nearly 35 years since he relocated to the U.S. with his family.

COM received reports and updates from the Response Coordinating Team and from the various Pastor/Associate Pastor Nominating Committees through their COM liaisons.

Statement of Faith

Adel Malek

Trinity: I believe in the Triune God: One in essence and Three in Persons. God the Father is the Creator, Sustainer and Provider. Christ Jesus, the Son, crucified to atone for our sins and rose again for our righteousness. The Holy Spirit convicts us for sins, comforts, challenges, and sanctifies us. All three Persons of the Trinity are coequal, eternally coexistent, and have the same attributes. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three persons of the Trinity, who in their relationship with each other are also one God.

Christ: I believe in Christ Jesus of Nazareth, the Word of God alive. He is my Lord and my Savior. He is God incarnate. Jesus came to teach, heal and redeem us. Because of his love to us and through suffering on a cross, though without sin, he reconciled us with God and freed us from the slavery of sin, justifying us by his grace. The unblemished sacrifice triumphed over death and rose again. I believe in Christ's bodily resurrection, which gives us hope for a new creation and faith in him and in eternal life. Jesus Christ is the head of the church. He will come again to judge all humans.

Holy Spirit: I believe that the Spirit points to God's self-revelation in the person of Jesus and operates to make the knowledge of Jesus Christ known. This can be seen in relation to inspiration, interpretation and proclamation of the Scriptures, and the Spirit's work in relation to salvation by illuminating sinners and giving them the gift of faith in Jesus Christ. In the Christian experience, faith is followed by the ongoing indwelling of the Spirit in the church and in the lives of Christians, leading, guiding, comforting, challenging and equipping God's people to serve Jesus Christ. When the church carries out its mission and ministries in the world, we see the Spirit's work to make the gospel of Jesus Christ known in word and in deed. The Spirit gives us varieties of gifts, not to keep, but to show God's love and hope to others.

Church: I believe that the Church is holy because the head of the church is Jesus Christ. Although all the members of all churches are sinners, we are saved by God's grace in Jesus Christ. We are holy because of Christ's work, not ours. The church is also catholic, i.e., universal and one because we unite ourselves in a fellowship of believers with others who are disciples of Jesus Christ, and because we have one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. The visible church is the community of Christians who outwardly profess their faith in Christ. The invisible church extends through the ages and includes those who entered into the "church triumphant." The church is a community that is sent into the world by Jesus Christ to represent the reign of God's kingdom through its service and through the proclamation of the Gospel.

Scripture: I believe in the authority of the Bible, the Word of God written, which includes both the Old and New Testaments. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit and given to humanity through human writers. This means that through Scripture God's self-revelation is conveyed to us. The same Spirit, who inspired the Scripture writers, helps us in interpreting and proclaiming the Bible. Scriptures principally teach who God is, what we are to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of us. God's Word, both alive (Jesus Christ) and written (the Bible), has the power to transform and nurture humanity. Our confessions should be studied in the light of both the Bible and their historical context.

Sacraments: I believe that Jesus instituted the sacraments of baptism, in the name of the Triune God, and the Lord's Supper (Eucharist), to remember Christ's sacrifice on our behalf. The Sacraments are outward signs and seals for an inward reality, which is God's grace. They are signs of God's covenant or special relationship with us. In Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension, he has given us the gift of salvation. Persons of faith in the church are strengthened in their faith when we see these signs of salvation enacted in worship. Sacraments are God's gracious gift to remind us of our salvation in Christ.

Salvation: I believe that Jesus atoned, by his work on the cross, for my sins and elected me before the foundation of the earth by grace through faith. He calls us for salvation, for ministry, life and service and sanctifies us through the Spirit. Now, we have "eternal life" through God's gift in Jesus Christ. This is the gospel, the good news of our salvation. I believe that "once saved, always saved," which also means "perseverance of the saints." This belief depends on God's faithfulness and according to God's promises.

Christian Life and Hope: I believe that our ultimate hope is that Jesus will come again to judge all humans. Then, we will have resurrected bodies controlled by the Spirit and we will live forever on a new earth. Until he comes again, and to give away this hope to others, we are to be agents of justice, give to the poor, pray for the sick, defend those who cannot defend themselves and be a voice for the voiceless.