

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – May 15, 2007

The May 2007 meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego was held at La Jolla Presbyterian Church and was convened by the Moderator, Rev. Neal Nybo at 2:30 p.m. He led the presbytery in prayer and introduced honored guests of the day. The Rev. Paul Cunningham, host pastor, welcomed the presbytery.

ROLL: It was VOTED that the roll would be taken by card, and that those registering during the meeting, together with corresponding members, and those requesting leaves of absence (when granted) constitute the roll. A quorum was present.

<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>MINISTERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>ELDERS</u>
Brawley, First	<b>R. J. Myers</b>	105	<b>Cheryl Foster A</b>
Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	<b>D. J. Kelly</b> <b>J. Y. Cook</b>	101 103	<b>Gerry Tayler</b> <b>Laura Mitchell</b>
Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis	101	Gil Balkam <b>Cora Gregory</b>
Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath(e)	101	<b>Frank Wuerfel</b> <b>Langdon Smith</b>
El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke(e)	101	Cindy Graham Ruth Smith
El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	<b>K. Womack</b> <b>B. Reed</b> L E. Raines W. C. Manning	101 103 109 109	<b>Patsy Battenfield</b> Les Campbell
Escondido, Westminster	<b>J. S. Rauch</b>	101	<b>Jacci Murphy</b> <b>Dave Cumming</b>
Fallbrook, Fallbrook	K. Bottomly(e) <b>J. G. Marroquin</b>	101 103	<b>Paul Mattson</b> Jerry Budd
La Jolla, La Jolla	<b>P. Cunningham</b>	101 103	<b>Matt Hurley</b> Leslie Evans <b>Marcia Borgman</b>
La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	<b>J. Moser</b>	101	<b>Jane Camerer A</b>
La Mesa, La Mesa	<b>D. Pierson</b>	101	<b>Jerry Moody</b>
Lakeside, Community	<b>R. W. Mentze</b>	101	<b>Gerrie Morrin</b>
Oceanside, First	<b>L. Leon</b> <b>J. Blake</b>	101	<b>Dan Pursell</b> Phyllis Bird Sande Rajcic Bill Downer
Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	<b>J. Baca</b> <b>J. K. Farley</b> <b>M. Swarner</b> D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 103 109 109	Ruth Grendell Claire Padgett Laura Metzger <b>Dave Buck</b>
San Diego, Christ United	<b>C. Berry</b>	101	<b>Ardelle Matthews A</b> James Grice
San Diego, Faith	<b>C. M. Lenocker</b> J. L. Messervé	101 797	<b>Nancy Harber</b>
San Diego, First	D. D. Webster M. E. Walls(e) L. Riley	101 103 103	<b>Chris Sloan</b> <b>Tina Thompson</b> <b>Marilyn Carnes</b>

San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
San Diego, Linda Vista	R. R. Hayward H. M. Heath, Jr.	106 109	<b>Steve Awe</b>
San Diego, Mira Mesa	W. L. James(e)	101	Patrick Hubbard
San Diego, Northminster	<b>S. Mitchell</b>	105	<b>Rudy Kosits</b> <b>Loreto Remorca</b>
San Diego, Pacific Beach	<b>Alan Deuel</b>	191	<b>Jane Kay</b>
San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop(e)	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet(e)
San Diego, Point Loma Community	<b>John Powell</b> <b>R. Brown</b> <b>E. Girod</b> Art Sueltz	101 103 105 109	John Ledford <b>Anne Fristrom</b> Victor Anderson <b>John Pearson</b>
San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	<b>B. B. Humphrey</b> <b>T. Beal</b> <b>R. Sparling</b> <b>Mofid Wasef</b> Joe Farell(e) J. P. Lee	101 103 193 193 103 109	<b>Lois Sheldon</b> <b>Lois V. Farley</b> Jeanne Pochel <b>Polly Purcifull</b> Fred Bartels <b>Cindy Paget</b>
San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
San Diego, Westminster	<b>T. Wolfe</b>	191	<b>Marcy Bergqvist</b> William Hodgkiss(e)
Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> <b>B. E. Moller</b> <b>N. Nybo</b> <b>T. D. Theriault</b> J. Kerkhoff <b>J. Lagerstrom</b> <b>J. Espitia</b>	101 103 103 103 103 107 107	Keith Johnson <b>Russ Love</b> <b>Bob Rantzow</b> <b>Dana Jacobs</b> <b>Lola Jordeth A</b>
Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>R. W. Yenter</b>	101	Miguel Durazo <b>Bob Hensler A</b>
Vista, Grace	<b>T. Straeter</b> <b>W. C. Bynagte</b>	101 797	<b>Hank Morris</b> <b>Joseph Purser</b>
Westmorland, Community	Vacant		<b>Ruth Hoskins</b>

BOLD = Attended Meeting    = excused    A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Stated Clerk	<b>Linda Therien</b>	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	<b>P. Lual</b>	301
* Discovery Valley NCD	<b>C. Kohlbry</b>	301
Director, Reality Changers	Chris Yanov	305

### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Phil Weiler of Northern Plains Presbytery  
 Chaplain Mark Smith  
 Rev. Jennifer Blake, Pacific Presbytery  
 Rev. John Turner, Moderator Los Ranchos Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Jake Medcalf, La Jolla Presbyterian Church  
 Jay Shirley, Village Church

MODERATOR

\* Neal Nybo

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

\* Elizabeth Crews

* <b>Carole Ostrander</b>	Minute Clerk; Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
* <b>John Lucas</b>	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* <b>Bob Battenfield</b>	Member-at-Large of Council
* <b>Michael Williams</b>	Chair, Committee on Ministry
* <b>Bill Tayler</b>	Chair, Human Resources Committee
<b>Machelle May</b>	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist
<b>Macia Borgman</b>	Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Visitors: Atil Weiler Clio McEuen Clark McEuen Rodney Jackson Juan Daniel Espitia Samuel Tsai Steve Tsai Karen Vietmeier	 Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church Solana Beach Presbyterian Church Solana Beach Presbyterian Church Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Taiwanese Presbyterian Church Director of Finance for Presbytery of Los Ranchos

\* = voting member

OTHER MINISTERS

R. K. Adams	299	R. P. Goodhart	299	J. L Peters	299
P. D. Allen	761	J. Hagelanz	299	<b>E. M. Piper</b>	797
<b>H. Allen</b>	797	<b>C. Hammond</b>	299	<b>P. Powell</b>	797
R. W. Anderson	299	H. M.Heath, Jr.	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	L. A. Henderson	299	<b>P. R. Pulliam</b>	299
R. Benson	299	W.W. Hoffmann	299	T. R. Respass	299
R. C. Betters	299	C. M. Hong	299	E. Reynolds	645
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	R. F. Hughes	299	G. Robertson	797
J. H. Boller, Sr.	299	R. Humphries	299	<b>J. H. Robertson</b>	109
S. Bowen (e)	797	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797
D. R. Burnight	299	L. S. Johnson	797	J. J. Skelly	299
J. H. Calhoun	299	T. F. Johnson	299	B. S. Smith	299
J. Chambers	299	<b>H. Jonas</b>	299	D. C. Smith	299
H. Christ	309	R. H. Kim	797	G. W. Smith	109
<b>M. Cross Sexton</b>	299	T. C. Lai	791	M. Smith	761
R. Cunningham	299	C. S. Lee	791	W. A. Soldwisch	405
D.A.Davis	299	<b>A. Y. Lin</b>	791	G. A. Spearman	797
S. W. DeLong	299	B. E. Lucas	797	G. L. Stewart	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	E. V. Lyons	299	<b>M. Taxer</b>	299
G. Don Juan	299	W. B. Mack	299	W. A. TeSelle	299

R.B. Dulaney	299	R. V. Martinez	299	L. E. Vick	299
D. R. Edic	299			H. S. Vigeveno	299
<b>B. C. Fairchild</b>	299	T. H. McPhatter	299	A. J. Wartes	299
P. Fisher	797	C. M. Mershon	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
V. Ford	299	R. L. Miller	299	R. T. Williams	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	A. Mills	404	S. E. Wirt	299
R. Garton	299	D. H. Nason	654	W. G. Wollam	299
J. Garza	299	<b>D. Newhouse</b>	299	F. Wollerman	299
J. Giddens	797	P. C. Paik	797	V. Zirbel	299

Attendance:

Ministers	55
Elders	40
Corresponding	3
Inquirers/Candidates	3
Visitors/Others	18
Total	119

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of San Diego.

**Stated Clerk's Report**

1. The Stated Clerk reports the following resignations:

Rev. Art Mills, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2007  
 Les Armstrong from the Human Resources Committee, Class of 2007  
 Rev. Tim Beal from the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2007, effective July 1, 2007  
 Rev. James Giddens from the Committee on Representation, Class of 2008

These resignations have been received with appreciation and regret and referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement.

2. The Stated Clerk reports that the Administrative Commission to ordain P. Michael Mudgett to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament has completed their work. A copy of their report is available from the Clerk's office.
3. The Stated Clerk reports the death of The Rev. Dr. Robert "Bob" Mayo on March 29, 2007 in San Diego, surrounded by his family and loved ones. Services for Dr. Mayo were held at the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church on Good Friday, April 6, 2007.
4. The Stated Clerk reports receipt of a letter from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of the General Assembly, inquiring about the shortfall in per capita payments from the San Diego Presbytery to the denomination in 2006.
5. The Stated Clerk reports that the Administrative Commission to ordain Inez Ellerd to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament has completed their work. A copy of their report is available from the Clerk's office.
6. The Stated Clerk reports that all official correspondence and communications received since the last stated meeting have been referred to the appropriate governing body, committee, commission or staff in accordance with the *Manual of operations, Part I*.

Elder Linda Therien

The following reports were received and approved by the Presbytery:

### **Report of the Presbytery Council**

The following actions were taken by the Council at their meeting on April 3, 2007:

1. The Council VOTED to affirm the vision statement for the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii adopted by the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to be that of San Diego. The vision statement says:

The Council engaged in significant discussion but were unanimous in their vision that the Synod as we know it today must cease to exist. The action of the Council was to affirm the vision statement put forth by the Los Ranchos Presbytery as follows:

- To eliminate the Synod as we know it
- To determine which functions presently assigned the Synod are absolutely essential, and
- To decide to whom those functions would most effectively be assigned

Background: The Synod of Southern California & Hawaii is engaged in a process to study and discern what their future should be as a middle governing body. Each presbytery in the Synod was asked to provide their statement to reflect what each presbytery thought our Synod should look like. This statement was needed by May 11, 2007 therefore was developed by the Council at their stated meeting on April 3, 2007. The Stated Clerk and Moderator of Presbytery communicated this decision to the Stated Clerk of the Synod in a letter dated April 12, 2007. Copies are available from the Stated Clerk.

2. The Council voted to approve the hiring of Gunnar De Paul as the permanent Director of the Crisis Center.
3. The Council voted to authorize the purchase of a used car for use by Efrain Romero Espitia of Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana.
4. The Council approved the sale of property at 5031 Canosa Avenue in San Diego by the Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church in order to liquidate their interest in the property.
5. The Council voted to approve the request of La Jolla Presbyterian Church that they refinance their first mortgage.
6. The Council voted to concur in the recommendation of the Budget Property & Finance Committee that the Presbytery support Escondido Westminster Presbyterian Church (WPC) by maintaining deposits up to \$120,000 with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) for a period not greater than two years authorizing PILP to draw on these funds if WPC fails to make any loan payment in full within fifteen days of the due date; and that the Presbytery enter into a loan agreement with WPC that requires repayment of any amounts drawn by PILP within twelve months of the initial draw down and at the same time pay off the current loan of \$33,125.
7. The Council voted to approve the following Administrative Commission to ordain Candidate Inez Ellerd to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. The date and time of the ordination as well as her terms of call to the Metlakatla Presbyterian Church in Alaska Presbytery were also approved:

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Moderator  
Elder Jane Cameer (Mt Soledad)  
Elder Rosaland Marver (Oceanside)  
Rev. Ed Piper  
Rev. Dr. Pamela Powell

Sunday, April 29, 2007 @ 6:30 pm at Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church

Terms of Call:

Salary \$29,000  
Board of Pensions 12,064  
Full use of church manse with utilities paid by the church  
Vacation at 2.5 days per month  
Continuing education at two weeks per year cumulative to four weeks  
Adequate moving expenses

Pastor Jack Baca, Council Moderator

### **Presbytery Moderator's Report**

1. Pastor Neal Nybo gave an update on Cursillo and encouraged those interested in the program be in contact with him at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.
2. The Presbytery Moderator reports the appointment of Rev. Margaret Walls to replace Rev. Dr. Tim Beal as Chair of the sub-committee for Theology and Ordination Standards on the Work Group on the Way Forward.

Pastor Neil Nybo

### **Report of the Committee on Ministry**

1. The Committee voted to approve the revised Interim Pastor contract for Rev. Scott Mitchell as Interim Pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church retroactive to January 1, 2007.
2. The Committee voted to recommend to Council that the Administrative Commission to ordain Candidate Inez Ellerd as a Minister of Word and Sacrament as well as the terms of call to Alaska Presbytery be approved. Specific details of this business is found in item #7 of the Council report found on page 2 of this packet.
3. The Committee voted to concur in the request of the Presbytery of San Jose to transfer Rev. Jeff Holmes to them so that he might receive and accept the call of the Gilroy Presbyterian Church to be their Designated Pastor retroactive to February 12, 2007.

Terms of call are as follows:

Salary/Housing	\$95,000
Social Security Supplement	7,125
Board of Pensions	29,925
Reimbursable Auto	2,000
Reimbursable Office Expenses	1,000
Reimbursable Book Expenses	1,500
Total	\$137,050

One-month vacation and two weeks study leave

4. The Committee voted to dissolve the Associate Pastor position for Hispanic Ministries at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church retroactive to June 30, 2006.
5. The Committee voted to approve the request of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church that the Rev. Glen Spearman be invited to serve as Parish Associate at the church. Specific details of the relationship are pending.
6. The Committee voted to concur in the request of The Rev. Galdino Don Juan and the Riverside Presbytery that he be transferred to them as Honorably Retired.

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

**Report of the Administrative Commission for  
Christ United Presbyterian Church of San Diego**

The Commission called a congregational meeting on March 25 and at that time explained the Charge from the Presbytery, outlined the planned activities of the Commission, and answered questions from members.

In the last two months the Administrative Commission has attended all meetings of the Session and of the church committees, including Personnel, Christian Education, Worship, and Evangelism. The Property Committee has kept us informed of matters before them by means of email.

The minutes of Christ United Presbyterian Church for the last six years have been reviewed and the exceptions have been discussed with the Session. Financial records have been gathered and are ready for review by the Commission.

The Pastor and all members of the Session have been interviewed by Commission members except one who has been in the hospital. Training in moderating session meetings has been provided to the pastor and training in parliamentary procedure has been provided for the Session. A meeting with the Board of Deacons has been requested. Staff of Christ United Church will be interviewed by the Commission during the month of May.

The Commission has been impressed with the skills and gifts God has distributed among the officers and members of Christ United Church. We remain hopeful that the present conflict can be reconciled. We request the prayers of the Presbytery for the pastor, other officers, and members of Christ United Church and for the members of the Administrative Commission.

Rev. Martha Cross Sexton, Moderator  
Elders Barry Billingsley, Nancy Harber, Andrea Hetheru & Carole Ostrander (Secretary)  
Revs. Herb Christ and Alan Deuel

The following business was voted on consent:

1. That the minutes of the March 20, 2007, stated meeting of Presbytery were approved.
2. The Clerk was granted permission to approve all excused absences for this meeting.

Elder Linda Therien  
Stated Clerk

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended to Presbytery:**

1. That David Rhode, a member of the La Jolla Presbyterian Church be enrolled as an Inquirer retroactive to April 10, 2007.

2. That Penny Parsons, a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church be enrolled as an Inquirer retroactive to April 10, 2007.
3. That Bryan Eckert, a member of the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church be enrolled as an Inquirer retroactive to April 10, 2007.
4. That Beverly Franco, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside be enrolled as an Inquirer retroactive to May 8, 2007.
5. That on his own request, Inquirer Roberto Shim be removed from the preparation for ministry process in order that he might seek ordination in the Presbyterian Church in America.

Pastor John Powell, Chair

**Report of the Committee on Ministry**

1. The Committee on Ministry VOTED to approve the terms of call for P. Michael Mudgett to the Malibu Presbyterian Church of the Pacific Presbytery. Rev. Mudgett was ordained to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament on May 6, 2007, and began his service in Malibu on April 1, 2007. His Presbytery membership will be transferred to Pacific. The terms are as follows:

Salary/Housing	\$75,000.00
Social Security Supplement	5,737.50
Pension Dues	23,625.00

4 weeks vacation per year – 2 weeks study leave cumulative up to 6 weeks  
 Sick leave of 8 days per year accrued to a maximum of 24 days  
 Spiritual reflection days – 2 days annually (1 every six months)  
 Reimbursed moving expenses  
 Travel & Professional expenses - \$5,000 per year  
 Continuing Education - \$1,000 per year

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

**The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following:**

1. That the Presbytery approve the review of session records and rolls for 2006 as follows:

San Diego Presbytery Ecclesiastical Committee  
 Review of Minutes – May 2007

<u>Church</u>	<u>Exceptions</u>
Christ Carlsbad	No exceptions
Christ United San Diego	Four exceptions
Chula Vista	No exceptions
Lakeside Community	No exceptions
Westmorland Community	No exceptions
Faith San Diego	No exceptions
Fallbrook	No exceptions
First Brawley	No exceptions
First El Cajon	No exceptions
First Oceanside	No exceptions

First San Diego	No exceptions
Fletcher Hills	No exceptions
Grace Vista	One exception
Graham Memorial	No exceptions
La Jolla	No exceptions
La Mesa	Three exceptions
Linda Vista	No exceptions
Mira Mesa	No exceptions
Mount Soledad	Five exceptions
Northminster	No exceptions
Pacific Beach	Three exceptions
Palisades	No exceptions
Point Loma Community	One exception
Rancho Bernardo	No exceptions
Solana Beach	No exceptions
Southeast San Diego	Three exceptions
Trinity Spring Valley	Four exceptions
Village Rancho Santa Fe	No exceptions
Westminster Escondido	No exceptions
Westminster Point Loma	No exceptions

Elder Carole Ostrander, Chair

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the consent agenda.

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended and the Presbytery VOTED the following:**

**Jake Medcalf:** That Inquirer Jake Medcalf, a member of La Jolla Presbyterian Church, be advanced to Candidate.

Pastor John Powell, Chair

**The Committee on Ministry recommended and the Presbytery VOTED the following:**

**Juan Daniel Espitia:** That Elder Juan Daniel Espitia be voted a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) and further that he be approved to serve in this capacity at the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church as the Director of their Hispanic Ministries program. Elder Espitia's *Statement of Faith* can be found on page six of this packet. This commission is effective when voted by the presbytery and is valid for a period up to three years. Pursuant to *Book of Order G-14.0801.c* he will authorized to perform the following functions:

- Administer the Lord's Supper
- Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
- Have a voice in meetings of presbytery
- Have a vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).
- Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee, and when allowed by the state.

The approval of the following financial terms for Juan Daniel Espitia:

Salary \$60,000  
 Car allowance - \$300 per month  
 Medical Reimbursement up to \$3,000 per year (pro-rated for  
 Ministry Year 2007)  
 Study Leave, as approved by Supervisor and Executive Director  
 Moving expenses and temporary housing not to exceed \$5,000

A service of commissioning, led by Moderator Nybo, was performed before the Presbytery.

**Rev. Jennifer Blake**

To enroll the Rev. Jennifer Blake into the membership of the Presbytery in order that she might accept the invitation of the session of Oceanside Presbyterian Church to serve as their Interim Associate Pastor for Ministries of Young Adults, Young Families and Youth, effective April 24, 2007. Her *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of these minutes.

To approve the following financial terms for Pastor Blake:

Salary/Housing	\$48,000
Auto	3,000
Expense Reimbursement	500
FICA paid	3,672
Study Leave Allowance	750
Medical Deductible	1,000
Board of Pensions	15,705
Total	\$72,377

**Rev. Phil Weiler,**

To enroll the Rev. Phil Weiler, an honorably retired member of the Presbytery of Northern Plains, into membership of San Diego Presbytery. A copy of his *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of the minutes.

**Rev. James Giddens**

Rev. Giddens has served as our Crisis Center Director and will now return to active duty Army service. Rev. Giddens expects to be sent to a base in Texas for advance study and work towards a doctoral degree. Elder Nancy Harber of Faith Presbyterian Church and a member of the Presbytery Human Resources Committee led the Presbytery in prayer for Rev. Giddens and his family.

**Rev. Dr. Timothy Beal**

Pastor Beal shared with the Presbytery that he has received and accepted a call to Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in the Baltimore, Maryland area. Tim was recognized for his service at Rancho Bernardo Presbyterian Church as their Executive Pastor, his service to the Committee on Ministry and his exemplary service as the Chair of the Administrative Commission for La Jolla Presbyterian Church. Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey led the presbytery in prayer for Rev. Beal, his wife Cherie and their family.

Elder Michael Williams, Committee on Ministry Chair

**The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommended and the Presbytery VOTED to receive the following presentation of 1st quarter operating results:**

**ASSETS****Current Assets****Checking/Savings**

Petty Cash	24.04
CASH	201,034.62
INVESTMENTS	1,135,392.50
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	<u>450,131.35</u>

**Total Checking/Savings** 1,786,582.51

**Other Current Assets**

Note Receivable-Romero	2,400.00
Note Receivable-Lual	1,654.90
Accrued Interest Receivable	1,543.19
Accounts Receivable-ADP	353.56
PREPAIDS	<u>2,544.35</u>

**Total Other Current Assets** 8,496.00

**Total Current Assets** 1,795,078.51

**Fixed Assets**

VEHICLES	17,854.00
LAND	675,680.96
BUILDING & IMPROVEMENTS	1,199,327.91
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	164,175.21
ACCUMULATED DEP & AMORT	<u>-444,587.08</u>

**Total Fixed Assets** 1,612,451.00

**Other Assets**

NR-Mt. Soledad (5/16/06)	35,000.00
NR-Mt. Soledad (6/02/05)	25,000.00
NR-Westminster	<u>33,125.58</u>

**Total Other Assets** 93,125.58

**TOTAL ASSETS** 3,500,655.09

**LIABILITIES & EQUITY****Liabilities****Current Liabilities****Other Current Liabilities**

**ACCRUALS** 7,671.52

**Total Other Current Liabilities** 7,671.52

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**Equity**

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	58,741.66
RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	23,292.40
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	1,441,002.06
GM Plant FB	1,628,772.08
Retained Earnings	287,807.24
Net Income	<u>53,368.13</u>

**Total Equity** 3,492,983.57

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY** 3,500,655.09

Marcia Borgman, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

## **Announcements & Updates**

Pastor Mark Swarner, Chair, **Missions Committee** reported on the Missions Challenge 2007.

Pastor Martha Cross Sexton, Chair reported on the **Peacemaking & Social Justice Ministry Team**.

Elder Bill Tayler, Chair gave an update on the progress of the **Executive Presbyter Search Committee**.

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Chair gave an update on the progress of the **Way Forward Work Group**.

## **Adjournment**

The Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 6:05 pm and were dismissed with prayer and grace.

Carole Ostrander, Minute Clerk for  
Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

STATEMENT OF BELIEF  
Philip J. Weiler - April 9, 2007

*In God:* I believe in God as God has been and continues to be revealed to me through the Spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, whom I have known since childhood as Sovereign, Savior, and the Christ. Jesus of Nazareth identified the God of Israel as his father, and promised the gift of his spirit to those who believed in him. Thus I have come to identify God as the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*About the Bible:* I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments (the words of which are conditioned by the times and places of their writing) to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, and in this sense, God's word to us.

*About creation:* The first Biblical story of creation expresses the ideal, namely, that humans are created in the image of God. It is this ideal that God seeks to see humanity, and all life, enjoy. But the present reality is something else. In the second Biblical story of creation, and the stories that immediately follow, alienation and violence pervade human life. The ancient story of Adam and Eve's rebellion against God ties our present troubles to the earliest days of human existence. We reflect in our common life the discords in their relationships. From this plight God seeks to save us.

*About salvation:* The Old Testament writings tell of God's repeated efforts to rescue creation, and of humanity's persistent disobedience to God's instructions. I believe that by the Incarnation of God in Jesus of Nazareth, the Jewish prophet Jeremiah's prediction of a future covenant of reconciliation was announced and enabled in human form. Jesus taught his hearers that God was his Father (and theirs), that God loved everyone, and that God's intention for humanity was that we should live in loving relationships with God and all others, forgiving those who wrong us as God has forgiven us. I believe that Jesus' life demonstrated God's love, and that his crucifixion, followed by his resurrection, confirmed its efficacy. Jesus' death was the uniquely supreme expression of the atonement (reconciliation) that had been at the heart of the Israelite/Jewish system of holy sacrifices. Those who repent and believe the gospel (good news) are called (elected) by God to join together as members of the Church, the Body of Christ.

*About the Church:* Active Church membership is our testimony to this salvation, which is provided freely by God's grace and received solely by our faith. Participation is a means of strengthening our commitment to service in the name, and following the example, of Jesus Christ. As a Presbyterian (by choice, not by birthright), I believe that the preliminary principles of church government contained in our Constitution are a valid basis for expressing God's love in ordering our common life. As we live by these principles within the church, we practice the mutual love to which we have been called, and demonstrate to the outside world the way God wants humans in every community to live in corporate/political life.

*About the Christian life:* I believe that the means of grace (the Word, the Sacraments, and prayer) are ways by which God's grace can be affirmed and experienced by Christians within the life of the Church. Specifically: the reading, but especially the proclamation of the words of Scripture that testify to God's grace revealed in Christ awaken within the seeker a desire to unite with Christ and the Church, and, within the individual believer, new dedication to faithful living. Baptism (the sacrament of admission to the family of God) and the Lord's Supper (the sacrament of our unity with Christ and one another) unify the entire congregation through renewed expressions of love, faith, and hope. Common prayer expresses our corporate responses to the Gospel; individual prayer is the believer's ongoing conversation with God, both within the Church's meetings and along the personal pilgrimage through life, on which journey we are called to bring God's light to the world's darkness.

**Statement of Faith**  
*Rev. Jennifer L. Blake*

**I believe in the One Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe God is the creator; the author of life and that each of us were created in God's image, shaped and formed with love by the master's hands. I believe God is full of compassion and longs to be in communion with his creation. It is out of that compassion that God was willing to send his son into the world to reconcile sinful humanity back into a covenant relationship.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son, our redeemer and my personal Lord and Savior. I believe Jesus is fully human and yet fully God. Jesus was born of human flesh, lived a common life, died a cruel death and rose victorious from the grave, conquering death once and for all. While on earth Jesus ministered to the hurt and afflicted, the poor and the outcast displaying the love of God to all of creation. He is the Living and Reigning Lord.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our sustainer, our comforter, and our guide. When Christ went up to heaven he promised the coming of another, the Spirit of God, to come and dwell among us. The Spirit is God in our midst, a constant reminder of God's unconditional love and sacrifice. Through God's gift of the Holy Spirit we are empowered to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ, to the sick and the poor, sharing the Creator's love with all his creation.

I believe we are saved by grace, through faith. It is our faith in Christ's death on the cross that our sins are forgiven and we become recipients of grace. And grace is extended to us from God, it is not something that we deserve, or we can achieve on our own. Grace is a gift given to all who confess and believe Jesus Christ is Lord. For it is because of Christ's death upon the cross that our sins are forgiven.

I believe the Scriptures are the inspired word of God written by human hands. That Word contains the eternal and inviolable truth, which flows from the mouth of God into the hearts of all who see, hear and believe. The scriptures are given as directions and guidelines for all of God's children to follow.

I believe the Church is a Family of Faith, united by a common thread. Each of us, as believers, are given gifts and talents to be used for God's good and glory in God's church. Together we celebrate two Sacraments both of which are a sign and seal of God's covenantal claim upon our lives. In Baptism we are claimed and treasured as a child of God, grafted into the body of Christ, cleansed from our sins. We become members in the Family of Christ, brothers and sisters bonded through faith. It is out of that sense of Family that we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Through the bread and the cup we are reminded of Christ's amazing sacrifice, that he was willing to die so that we could live. Each time we celebrate Communion we look forward with anticipation to a time when we will be united with Christ.

Statement of Faith  
Juan-Daniel Espitia

I believe in the Triune God, as attested in the Scriptures, witnessed by the prophets, apostles and uniquely revealed in the birth, ministry, teaching death and resurrection of Jesus Christ in and through the guidance and communion with the Holy Spirit. God took the initiative in the Lord Jesus Christ to deliver us from sin and take us back to God self, showing God's eternal Mercy and Grace. God has been revealed to us in three distinct ways, nevertheless one God. God created us to worship and love Him forever.

I believe in Jesus Christ as the ultimate, complete and unique revelation of God to the whole of humanity, fully human and fully God. He came to show proclaim and redefine our still distorted views and understandings of God. We humans have departed from God and as a result, we have become deceived by the kingdoms of this Earth, alienated from one another, destructive, self centered creatures who are a threat to themselves, their neighbors, families and the planet. Nevertheless, Jesus Christ, suffered in all areas of our humanness and on the Cross took our sins, out of costly love, so that the whole human race could have a new life which starts here and continues to eternal life.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who since, the beginning, has been creating, working in our hearts and minds to confirm the message of the gospel so that through Faith and Faith alone, we could become participants of the eternal salvation. Only through the continual work of the Holy Spirit humans can have, clean, transformed and empowered lives as well as communion with God and one another. Finally the Holy Spirit, calls, prepares and sends men and women to serve out of love and gratitude to a world which desperately needs to be reconciled to God and to one another.

I believe the Scriptures consist of the sixty six books as we currently know them in the Bible. The Scriptures are the ultimate, rule for teaching and practice of the Christian live. The Authority of these Scriptures is absolute, they were inspired by God and currently are used by the Holy Spirit to teach, admonish and guide all aspects of the life of the Christian church and all members.

I believe Salvation is the work of God through the personal conviction of sin by the Holy spirit, the awakening of faith in the repented sinner and the application of God's Grace, as the only basis for justification and Salvation. Thus, salvation is completely undeserved; humans best efforts to earn it or come near God are utterly useless. Humans can never obtain Salvation on their own efforts. Their only hope is through Jesus Christ's sacrifice which is the fulfillment of God's eternal promise and plan.

I believe The Church of Christ is the ultimate manifestation of God's eternal plan of redemption. The Church is the ultimate manifestation of God's eternal plan of redemption. The Church is composed by all repented sinners, who have been born again in God's family. Every one of them are equipped to and challenged to put their gifts into God's hands, to exercise their priesthood in God's service. These transformed people are called individually and corporately to witness, proclaim, teach and live out the message of God's kingdom on Earth.

I believe Baptism and Communion are the two sacraments left to the believers to be nourished in our faith and encouraged us in our pursuit to live as children of light. In Communion, the Lord Jesus personified the Passover and provided us the assurance of the Holy Spirit until He comes back. In communion, The church is also made one body in Christ. God asks us to evaluate ourselves individually and as a community before becoming partakers of His communion, repentance is the only road we must humbly walk. Baptism is to obey The Lord's example and commandment, it also express and publicly witness of the spiritual reality of our submission to Christ, in the renewal which has occurred by the washing of the Spirit in our lives.

I believe in the second coming of The Lord Jesus Christ to this Earth. The Church is to walk in obedience and submission to until the second coming of Christ, for which we and all nature yearn and pray. This is the only true and definite solution to the cosmic rebellion of the whole human race. Jesus Christ will return as the King of kings and Lord of Lords to join the eternal choir with His master piece, his redeemed and universal Church.

I believe in God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. God is both the creator and the author of our lives and that, which governs our lives. It is out of God's love that we were created and empowered with gifts that make us who we are. It is only through God's abiding devotion that we can continue to grow and to become all that God intends for us to be until the day when our creator calls us home.