

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – September 16, 2008

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at Chula Vista Presbyterian Church, San Diego was convened by the Moderator, Elder Elizabeth Crews at 5 p.m. She led the presbytery in prayer. The Rev. Bob Davis, 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>
1	Brawley, First	R. J. Myers	105	Carolyn Benson
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	D. J. Kelly J. Y. Cook B. Roth	101 103 193	Ann Calvert Bob Shuff
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	R. Davis	101	Hugo Carbajal Cora Gregory
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath	101	Frank Wuerfel Langdon Smith
5	El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke(e)	101	Cindy Graham Dick Berry
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack B. Reed L E. Raines W. C. Manning	101 103 109 109	Patsy Battenfield Bob Battenfield
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch	101	Carole Ostrander Dave Cumming
8	Fallbrook, Fallbrook	J. G. Marroquin	103	Paul Mattson Jerry Budd
9	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham M. Sedgwick G. Spearman	101 193 797	Bobby Foushee Matt Hurley Owen Wickstrand Mary Kinyon
10	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	J. Moser E. Piper	101 797	Jane Camerer
11	La Mesa, La Mesa	D. Pierson	101	Jerry Moody
12	Lakeside, Community	R. W. Mentze	101	Larry Rega
13	Oceanside, First	L. Leon E. Wilson D. A. Walker	101 103 109	Donna Robertson Brian Maynard Todd Nalley Paul Hefner(e) Barry Farrell
14	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca J. K. Farley S. Mitchell D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 103 109 109	David Buck Mike Kendall(e) Claire Padgett
15	San Diego, Christ United	E. Girod G. W. Smith	105 109	Ardelle Matthews Al Littlefield(e)
16	San Diego, Faith	C. M. Lenocker J. L. Messervé	101 797	David Helkenn Stu Elder

17	San Diego, First	W. Ray M. E. Walls L. Riley P. R. Pulliam	105 103 103 109	Maurice Caskey Marilyn Carnes Ernie Mitemmeyer Peggy Baker
18	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
19	San Diego, Linda Vista	R. R. Hayward H. M. Heath, Jr.	106 109	Steve Awe Marjorie Reid
20	San Diego, Mira Mesa	W. L. James (e)	101	Patrick Hubbard
21	San Diego, Northminster	M. Watson	101	Johana Smith Loreto Remorca, Jr.
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	A. Deuel	101	Jane Kay
23	San Diego, Palisades	H. G. Throop	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet
24	San Diego, Point Loma Community	J. Powell R. Brown A. Sultz	101 103 109	John Pearson Charles MacVean Bob Moore Kristine Zortman
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey N. Nybo R. Sparling M. Wasef J. Farell J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 103 109	Lois Sheldon Lois V. Farley Jeanne Pochel Polly Purcifull Cindy Paget
26	San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
27	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Sam Tsai
28	San Diego, Westminster	T. Wolfe	191	Marcy Bergqvist William Hodgkiss
29	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan B. E. Moller T. D. Theriault(e) J. Kerkhoff J. Lagerstrom J. Espitia	101 103 103 103 107 107	Ellen Larson Russ Love Elizabeth Wilson Dana Jacobs Barry Billingsley(e)
30	Spring Valley, Trinity	R. W. Yenter (e)	101	Charles Porter Bob Hensley
31	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter W. C. Bynagte	101 797	Chuck Enger Joseph Purser
32	Westmorland, Community	E. Crews	108	Ruth Hoskins

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Executive Presbyter	Clark Cowden	302
* Stated Clerk	Linda Therien	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	P. Lual	301
Director, Reality Changers	Chris Yanov	305
* Iglesia Church	Efrain Romero	301
Director, Pres Urban Ministries	Gunnar DePaul	305

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Rev. Elizabeth Morrison, Palisades Presbytery (NJ)
Rev. Rolfe Granath, Sacramento Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

Sharon Ramirez

MODERATOR

* **Elizabeth Crews**

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

* **C. M. Lenocker**

* John Lucas	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Anne Clark	Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
* Michael Williams	Chair, Committee on Ministry
* Bill Tayler	Chair of the Presbytery Missions Committee
* Nancy Harber(e)	Chair, HR
* Doris Pate	Chair, Nominating Committee
* Leslie Evans	At Large
Steve Rybicki	Director of Finance & Administrative Services
Steve Elliott	Webmaster
Carole Ostrander	Minute Clerk
Machelle May	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

* = voting member

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

Eloise Housman, Solana Beach Pres
Pat Kellenbarger, Solana Beach Pres
Robert Matthews, Christ United San Diego
Pam Rega, Lakeside Community Presbyterian
Carmen Carbajal, Chula Vista Presbyterian
Maria Zack, Village Church
Jack Shelver, Faith Presbyterian
Linda Simpson, Faith Presbyterian
Capt Ken Ireland, Graham Memorial
Jim and Lori Meals, First Presbyterian, San Diego
John Turner, Los Ranchos Presbytery/Monte Vista Grove
Jill Hammer, Presbyterian Foundation
Marc Pena, Chula Vista Presbyterian Church

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	R. P. Goodhart	299	P. C. Paik	797
P. D. Allen	761	J. Hagelanz	299	P. Powell	797
H. Allen	797	C. Hammond	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
R. W. Anderson	299	L. A. Henderson	299	T. R. Respass	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr.	299	W.W. Hoffmann	299	E. Reynolds	645
R. Benson	299	C. M. Hong	299	G. Robertson	797
C. Berry	797	R. F. Hughes	299	J. H. Robertson	109
R. C. Betters	299	R. Humphries	299	D. Satre	797

J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	T. A. Jasso	299	T. M. Simpson	797
K. Bottomly	797	L. S. Johnson	797	J. J. Skelly	299
D. R. Burnight	299	T. F. Johnson	299	B. S. Smith	299
J. H. Calhoun	299	H. Jonas	299	D. C. Smith	299
J. Chambers	299	R. H. Kim	797	M. Smith	761
H. Christ	309	C. Kohlbry	301	W. A. Soldwisch	405
M. Cross Sexton	299	T. C. Lai	791	G. A. Spearman	797
R. R. Cunningham	299	C. S. Lee	791	G. L. Stewart	299
D. A. Davis	299	A. Y. Lin	791	M. Taxer	299
S. W. DeLong	299	B. E. Lucas	797	W. A. TeSelle	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	E. V. Lyons	299	L. E. Vick	299
R. B. Dulaney	299	W. B. Mack	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
D. R. Edic	299	R. H. Mayo	299	A. J. Wartes	299
B. C. Fairchild	299	T. H. McPhatter	299	D. Webster	797
P. Fisher	797	C. M. Mershon	299	P. Weiler(e)	299
V. Ford	299	R. L. Miller	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	A. Mills (e)	404	R. T. Williams	299
R. Garton	299	D. H. Nason	654	S. E. Wirt	299
J. Garza	299	D. Newhouse	299	W. G. Wollam	299

Attendance:

Ministers	45
Elders	48
Corresponding	2
Inquirers/Candidates	1
Visitors/Others	15
Total	111

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Report of the Stated Clerk

1. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Rev. Elizabeth Wilson from the Philadelphia Presbytery is complete. It is further reported that the Administrative Commission elected to install Rev. Wilson as the Associate Pastor of Oceanside Presbyterian Church has completed their work and is dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
2. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Rev. Dr. Walter Ray from Foothills Presbytery is complete. Rev. Ray is serving as the Interim Pastor of San Diego First Presbyterian Church.
3. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Rev. Dr. Fred Wollerman, an honorably retired member of presbytery, to Denver Presbytery is complete.
4. The Stated Clerk reported the Administrative Commission elected to install the Rev. Dr. Alan Deuel as Pastor of Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church has completed their work and is dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
5. The Stated Clerk reported that the 2007 Minutes and corresponding rolls of the presbytery of San Diego have been submitted to the Governing Body Relations Committee of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii for their annual review. Results of this review will be reported at the Synod Assembly in October 2008.

6. The Stated Clerk reported the Presbytery of San Diego continues to maintain adequate property and liability insurance with coverage through Covenant Presbyterian Insurance Program. Copies of the policy and coverage amounts are on file in the Finance Office of the Presbytery.
7. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Rev. Dr. Andrew M. Smith to the Presbytery of San Francisco effective June 11, 2008, is complete.
8. The Stated Clerk reported that the transfer of Rev. Douglas Satre from the Presbytery of the Cascades is complete.
9. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Rev. Jennifer Blake to Los Ranchos Presbytery is complete.
10. The Stated Clerk reported that permission was granted the Rev. Mamie Broadhurst, a minister member in good standing of the Chicago Presbytery, to conduct a wedding on July 19, 2008, within the bounds of the San Diego Presbytery.
11. The Stated Clerk reported receiving notice from the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii that the Synod allocated \$120,000 of the unused portion of a Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) investment as a compensating deposit to benefit the Korean Presbyterian Church of San Diego (Pin #10361) who has a loan with PILP.
12. The Stated Clerk reported the death of the Rev. Jack Peters on October 31, 2006. No additional information about this matter is available but has been verified with the Presbyterian Board of Pensions.
13. The Stated Clerk acknowledged that the Resolution/Overture voted by the Presbytery at a called meeting on August 12, 2008, has been forwarded to the Office of the General Assembly.
14. The Stated Clerk reported the transfer of Candidate Zachary Kintner from the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) of San Diego to the Presbytery of San Fernando where he was examined for ordination. Mr. Kintner successfully completed his CPM process in San Diego and received a call to serve as Pastor of the Sherman Oaks Presbyterian Church. Mr. Kintner was ordained and installed on Sunday, August 17, 2008, and now is a minister member of San Fernando Presbytery.
15. The Stated Clerk reported the receipt of a letter from the session of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego indicating their displeasure with recent actions by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They ask for all members and friends of First Presbyterian to pray with them as they seek God's will as to the best way to respond to the actions. A copy of this communication is available from the Stated Clerk upon request.
16. The Stated Clerk reported a vacancy on the Evangelism Committee, Class of 2008. Ms. Julie Reeves of Brawley Presbyterian Church resigned her membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) therefore is ineligible to serve the elected membership of this committee. The vacancy has been referred to the Presbytery Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement.
17. The Stated Clerk reported the receipt of notice from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Asian Congregational Enhancement Justice and Compassion Office that they had approved a \$5,000 gift to subsidize the San Diego Taiwanese Presbyterian Church that

was chartered in 2008. The check has been received and forwarded to the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church.

18. The Stated Clerk reported the receipt of the 2007-2008 Annual Report from Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of San Diego. Copies of this report are available from the Stated Clerk.

19. The Stated Clerk reported that permission has been granted to the Rev. Richard C. Fennig , a member in good standing of the Presbytery of Plains and Peaks, to officiate at a wedding on October 11, 2008, within the bounds of the Presbytery of San Diego.

20. The Stated Clerk reported that the disciplinary matter before the Permanent Judicial Commission of Presbytery is calendared for trial the week of October 6, 2008.

21. The Stated Clerk reported that all official correspondence and communications received since the last 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 are actions voted by the Council being reported to Presbytery

At their meeting on June 3, 2008 the Council voted to:

1. Authorize John Lucas, Chair of the Presbytery Budget Property & Finance Committee, to dialogue with the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church to renegotiate the Presbytery office lease or explore other options should these negotiations fail.
2. Accept the invitations of Faith Presbyterian Church to host Presbytery in February 2009 and the invitation of Northminster Presbyterian Church to host Presbytery in April 2009.
3. Concur in the recommendations of Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, Executive Presbyter:
 - a. That the San Diego Presbytery serve as a host presbytery for the Presbyterian Global Fellowship meeting to be held in Long Beach, California from August 14-16, 2008. The conditions were that that Presbytery would support their mission, make a financial contribution, provide volunteers for the conference, and designate two people to head up recruitment of volunteers;
 - b. That Presbytery stated meetings begin at 5 p.m. through September 2009;
 - c. And, that a mini-council retreat be held on August 26, 2008.
4. Extend the practice of Honorably Retired (HR) Pastors ordinarily not reading aloud their Statements of Faith at Presbytery.
5. Ordinarily have the HR Pastors voted on consent with a comprehensive written report and Statement of Faith published with the agenda.

6. Move Rev. Bob Myers from Interim Pastor to Stated Supply effective June 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 with the following terms:

Salary - \$16,435	Dental Reimbursement \$710
Housing - \$14,633	1/2 SECA - \$2374
Auto reimbursement - 1,983	Board of Pensions - \$10,368
Study Leave/Books - 1,167	Total - \$48,836
Medical Reimbursement - 1,166	

At their meeting on August 5, 2008 the Council voted to:

1. Retain two attorneys to serve as co-counsel in representing the Presbytery in civil litigation. The attorneys are Elder Michael Williams, a sole practitioner and Elder Robert Hanna, a partner in the law firm of Best, Best & Krieger. This litigation is required in response to the civil suit filed against the Presbytery of San Diego by the Fallbrook Presbyterian Church.
2. Concur in the request of the Stated Clerk and the Budget, Property & Finance Committee that \$15,000 be put on retainer with these two attorneys - \$10,000 to Mr. Hanna and \$5,000 to Mr. Williams.

At their meeting on August 26, 2008 the Council voted to:

1. Appoint Revs. Steve Locke and Chris Lenocker and Elder Elizabeth Crews to begin the process to “develop and make available to congregations a process that exercises the responsibility and power to ‘divide, dismiss, or dissolve churches in consultation with their members’ with consistency, pastoral responsibility, accountability, gracious witness, openness, and transparency,” as called for in the Resolution/Overture voted by Presbytery at the called meeting on August 12, 2008.
2. Thank Revs. Bob Davis and Steve Locke for their efforts and hard work in drafting the overture voted by the presbytery on August 12, 2008.
3. Authorize the Budget Property & Finance Committee to negotiate with the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church to extend the Presbytery office lease from September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009, contingent on the approval of all the parties.

Actions of the Committee on Ministry (COM) being reported to Presbytery

The Committee on Ministry took the following actions at their meeting on June 17, 2008:

1. The COM voted to not approve a grant request received from Minister W. All other items of business conducted at this meeting were voted at a special called meeting of Presbytery on July 15, 2008.

The Committee on Ministry took the following actions at their meeting on July 29, 2008”

1. The COM voted to concur in the request of the Los Ranchos Presbytery and the Rev. Jennifer Blake that her credentials be transferred to them in order that she might receive and accept the call of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Los Alamitos to be their Associate Pastor effective August 1, 2008, with the following terms:

Salary \$35,000
 Housing 25,000
 Deferred Income 8,000
 Continuing Ed 2,200
 Business Expense 3,000
 Medical Supplement 1,100

2. The COM voted to concur in the request of the Brawley Presbyterian Church Session and the Rev. Bob Myers that his Stated Supply relationship be dissolved effective August 31, 2008.

Actions of the Committee on Preparation (CPM) being reported to Presbytery

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following action at their meeting on June 10, 2008:

1. The CPM reported that Inquirer Rus Kosits has met with the committee and completed his annual consultation.

The following business was voted on consent:

From the Stated Clerk

1. The minutes of the stated meeting of Presbytery on May 20, 2008 were approved.
2. The minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery on July 15, 2008 were approved.
3. The minutes of the called meeting of Presbytery on August 12, 2008 were approved.
4. The following statistical report to General Assembly as of December 31, 2007 was approved:

Total Communicant Members (net loss of 50 from 2006)	16,320
Baptisms – Children	231
Baptisms – Adult	93
Attendance in Church School	9,028
Average Church Attendance	9,694
Officers	903
Financial Data:	
Potential Giving Units	10,993
Budgeted Income	\$29,104,426
Budgeted Expense	\$29,959,285
Receipts:	
Regular Contributions	\$21,801,302
Investment Income	531,714
Other Income	9,479,545
Capital Building Fund	4,614,839
Bequests	1,097,946
Subsidy or Aid	403,065
Expenditures:	
Local Program	\$25,835,350
Local Mission	1,150,420

Capital Expenditure	2,509,520
Investment Expense	157,212
Per Capita Apportionment	358,049
Validated Mission	765,820
Theological Fund	21,526
Other Mission	1,867,738

From the Presbytery Nominating Committee

Elected to serve as Commissioners to the Synod Assembly in 2008:

- Class of 2008 – Rev. Dr. Douglas Nason
- Class of 2009 – Elder Marilyn Carnes, San Diego First
Elder Rudy Kosits, San Diego First
Rev. Art Mills
Rev. Dr. Steve Locke
- Alternates - Elders Charles & Doris Pate – Westmorland

For information: Already elected to the Class of 2008: Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, Elder Rod Rodriguez & Elder Maurice Caskey.

From the Evangelism Committee

That the following motion presented in the call to this meeting of Presbytery be withdrawn:

“The Evangelism Committee presents Trinity Life New Church Development (NCD) under the leadership of Mr. Marc Pena for your prayerful consideration. We anticipate asking Presbytery approval of the NCD at the November 18, 2008, stated meeting. The committee asks the presbytery to authorize ongoing fundraising by the Evangelism Committee to support the work of Trinity Life NCD, including permission to apply for General Assembly NCD funds. The delay in asking for approval of the NCD itself will provide time for the Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation for Ministry to continue their conversations and process with Mr. Pena.”

The Committee will present a new motion during their report scheduled for 8:20 p.m.

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

That their request to present Inquirer Dave Rohde to advance to Candidate be withdrawn. Mr. Rohde will be presented at the November 2008 meeting of Presbytery.

From the Budget Property & Finance Committee

That at the request of the session of the Rancho Santa Fe Village Church that they be authorized to increase their line of credit from the current amount of 11.2 million to 14.3 million. A future congregational vote will be required to authorize any borrowing beyond an amount of 8.9 million which is the maximum amount of borrowing authorized by the congregation.

Background: The church session approved this increase at their regular meeting on September 9, 2008, and the Budget Property & Finance Committee of Presbytery voted on the matter on September 14, 2008. This larger line of credit will allow the church to lock-in very favorable financing terms for their construction loan and will provide a potential source of financing for the proposed Christian Education building. In accordance with the minutes of a special called meeting of the Village Church congregation on July 16, 2006, a future congregational vote would be required to authorize any borrowing beyond 8.9 million.

From the Committee on Ministry

1. That Presbytery concur in the request of the session of Westmorland Presbyterian Church that Elder Elizabeth Crews be approved to continue as the part-time temporary supply of the church from June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. The terms are:

Salary - \$425 per week
Housing/manse provided - \$825 per month
Utilities (including water/trash, electricity, natural gas)
Local mileage of .48 cents per mile reimbursed
2 weeks paid vacation per year
30 hours per week

From the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

1. That Mr. Andrew Sagar, a member of the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church be enrolled as an Inquirer retroactive to August 12, 2008.

From the Ecclesiastical Committee

1. That the following changes to the By-Laws of the Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church be approved. These changes have been approved by the congregation of Lakeside Presbyterian Church and the Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery. Changes are found at the end of these minutes. Exhibit I. (page 13)
2. That the following changes to the By-Laws of the Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church be approved. These changes have been approved by the congregation of Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church and the Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery. Changes are found at the end of these minutes. Exhibit II. (pages 14-15)
3. That the revised By-Laws for Northminster Presbyterian Church be approved. These updates have been approved by the congregation of Northminster Presbyterian Church and the Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery. A full copy of these by-laws is found at the end of these minutes. Exhibit III. (pages 16-26)
4. That the By-Laws for Westminster Presbyterian Church San Diego be amended in Article II (Officers, The Session) Section XI (Electronic Voting) as follows. These changes have been approved by the congregation and Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery. A copy of the changes can be found at the end of these minutes. Exhibit IV. (page 27)

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(End of business voted on consent)

Report of the Executive Presbyter – Pastor Clark Cowden

1. Rolfe Granath of Church Financial Campaign Services asked that the congregations consider a 1% increase of household income to meet the needs of their operating budgets.
2. Jill Hammer of the Presbyterian Foundation announced that John Turner has resigned and she is taking his place.
3. Clark reported on his activities among the churches, Presbyteries and General Assembly during his first year as Executive Presbyter. Clark was also recognized for his 20 years of service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Leadership Connection Day

Elder Leslie Evans announced the upcoming Leadership Connection Day on Saturday, January 24th at Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

Budget Property & Finance

Steve Rybicki, Director of Finance & Administrative Services, addressed the 2008 budget, focusing on the Per Capita Assessment. He reported that he has contacted all pastors whose churches have not committed to meet their per capita pledge and shared mission pledge. The presbytery has about a \$200,000 deficit for 2008. Mr. Rybicki informed the presbytery that when the 2009 budget is presented for their approval it will be balanced.

Military Chaplains

Pat reminded the presbytery that there are 383 chaplains in the armed forces. There will be a chaplain recognition day that churches are encouraged to celebrate on November. Captain Ken Ireland reported on the challenges of being a chaplain.

The Missions Committee Report

Bill reported on mission giving issues, and that the past emphasis has been on mission giving to the presbytery. The Presbytery Mission committee would then decide on how to spend the mission dollars. The churches are now identifying their own missions and giving directly to

them, including time and talent. The missions chosen by the Presbytery are now facing a funding shortfall, and the committee must make a conscious decision to stop supporting some of them. The committee is looking for ways to connect churches with the missions supported by the Presbytery. Bill Taylor challenged the commissioners to take back to their sessions the need of the presbytery mission committee.

Elder Maria Zack presented "An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God's Ministry". The full text of this document can be found at the end of the minutes. Presbytery VOTED to adopt the document. Exhibit V. (pages 28-30)

Administrative Commission for Fallbrook

Elder Jack Shelver reported that there have been three committee meetings since August 12, there have been two court session meetings, and things are progressing.

Presbytery Nominating Committee

The Presbytery Nominating Committee nominated the following to serve as Moderator and Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect in 2009:

Moderator - Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Faith Presbyterian Church
Vice-Moderator/Moderator Elect - Elder Gerry Tayler, Christ Rancho La Costa Presbyterian Church

The floor was open for nominations during the report of the committee as well as at the end of the meeting. None were received and the Moderator declared the nominations closed. This business will be voted by presbytery in November 2008.

The Evangelism Committee recommended and Presbytery VOTED the following:

1. The Evangelism Committee presents Trinity Life Fellowship, which is a missional outreach opportunity under the leadership of Mr. Marc Pena. Three churches in Presbytery of San Diego have already come alongside this ministry. Evangelism Committee therefore moves the opportunity be presented to other churches in the presbytery for their consideration, and that the Presbytery be authorized to receive and disburse funds that are designated for support of Trinity Life Fellowship, and that the Evangelism Committee be authorized to pursue funding grants within the denomination and outside organizations.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommended and Presbytery VOTED:

1. That Inquirer Sharon Ramirez be advanced to Candidate.

The Presbytery adjourned at 9:07 pm with prayer by the Moderator.

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

ELECTRONIC VOTING:

- a. For E-notification, including but not limited to setting or changing meeting dates or approval of Committee-requested fund-raising events, the Session may be polled using electronic mail (e-mail), telephone or fax. Approval by electronic voting for **routine** matters will require approval by the majority of Elders. The Clerk of Session shall maintain a record of such polling and enter the results in the Session minutes.
- b. Urgent action on a **non-routine** matter.
 - i. If a need arises to have Session take urgent action on a non-routine matter, Elders must first be notified via e-mail that an electronic vote is requested. If there are **no objections** to taking the action outside of a called meeting, a motion, duly made and seconded, may be presented for voting by e-mail.
 - ii. The Elder requesting the electronic vote will send the motion to the Moderator who will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. If the Moderator determines the action **is not appropriate** to consider outside of a called Session meeting, the motion will be sent back to the requestor to bring forward at the next Session meeting.

For motions approved by the Moderator, the Clerk will send the motion to all Session members and will tally the vote responses. **All Elders** who are **entitled to vote** must have the **opportunity to provide a response** and the vote must be **unanimous** for the action to be considered approved. The actions of the e-mail vote will be reflected in the minutes of a subsequent Session meeting.

Amendment 1: *Article V, Section 4, item b*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
Youth Elders and Youth Deacons should be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation. Youth Elders and Youth Deacons shall be members of the church under the age of twenty-five.	Youth Elders and Youth Deacons should be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation. Youth Elders and Youth Deacons shall be members of the church under the age of twenty-five <u>twenty-one</u> .	Youth Elders and Youth Deacons should be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Congregation. Youth Elders and Youth Deacons shall be members of the church under the age of twenty-one.

Amendment 2: *Article VIII, Section 1, item a*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of twenty-four elected, ordained and installed Deacons and two elected, ordained and installed Youth Deacons.	The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of twenty-four elected, ordained and installed Deacons and <u>a minimum of two</u> elected, ordained and installed Youth Deacons.	The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of twenty-four elected, ordained and installed Deacons and a minimum of two elected, ordained and installed Youth Deacons.

Amendment 3: *Article VI, Section 1, item a*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
The Session of this church shall consist of eighteen, ordained and installed Elder-Trustees, and all installed Pastors. This will be accomplished by reducing the class size of newly elected Elder-Trustees from nine to six for three-year terms beginning in 2002 (class of 2005). Currently serving Elder-Trustees will complete their terms of service. Vacancies in Elder-Trustee classes ending 2002, 2003, and 2004 will not be filled unless class size becomes less than six.	The Session of this church shall consist of eighteen, ordained and installed Elder-Trustees, and all installed Pastors. This will be accomplished by reducing the class size of newly elected Elder-Trustees from nine to six for three-year terms beginning in 2002 (class of 2005). Currently serving Elder-Trustees will complete their terms of service. Vacancies in Elder-Trustee classes ending 2002, 2003, and 2004 will not be filled unless class size becomes less than six.	The Session of this church shall consist of eighteen, ordained and installed Elder-Trustees, and all installed Pastors.

Amendment 4: *Article IV Section 4, Special Meetings, item a*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
A Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be held in March on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of electing elder-trustees, deacons and the Congregational Nominating Committee members; and, to transact any other business properly stated in the Notice of the Call of Meeting.	A Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be held in March <u>May</u> on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of electing elder-trustees, deacons and the Congregational Nominating Committee members; and, to transact any other business properly stated in the Notice of the Call of Meeting.	A Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be held in May on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of electing elder-trustees, deacons and the Congregational Nominating Committee members; and, to transact any other business properly stated in the Notice of the Call of Meeting.

Amendment 5: *Article V. Section 3, Election, item a*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
Elder-Trustees, Deacons and Congregational Nominating Committee members shall be elected at the Special meeting of the congregation normally held in March or at the Annual meeting or other Special meeting called for that purpose.	Elder-Trustees, Deacons and Congregational Nominating Committee members shall be elected at the Special meeting of the congregation normally held in March <u>May</u> or at the Annual meeting or other Special meeting called for that purpose.	Elder-Trustees, Deacons and Congregational Nominating Committee members shall be elected at the Special meeting of the congregation normally held in May or at the Annual meeting or other Special meeting called for that purpose.

Amendment 6: *Article V. Section 5. Ordination and Installation, item a*

Current Bylaw 04/2002	Bylaw with Amendments 02/04/2007	Wording as Proposed for the Change
Elder-Trustees and Deacons having been duly elected at the Special Meeting of the Congregation normally held in March shall be ordained, if required, and installed to take office the following July.	Elder-Trustees and Deacons having been duly elected at the Special Meeting of the Congregation normally held in March <u>May</u> shall be ordained, if required, and installed to take office the following July.	Elder-Trustees and Deacons having been duly elected at the Special Meeting of the Congregation normally held in May shall be ordained, if required, and installed to take office the following July.

EXHIBIT III

**BYLAWS OF
NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

PREAMBLE

In order to define the rights and responsibilities of its members, boards, officers, and ministers; and, to provide for the orderly conduct and efficient management of the congregational and corporate affairs of this church these bylaws are adopted by the congregation on:

The 20th of July 2008

**ARTICLE I
GENERAL**

Section 1. NAME

- a. Both as "congregation" and "corporation", the name of this church shall be Northminster Presbyterian Church of San Diego.
- b. This church was organized on March 21, 1954, in the City of San Diego, in the county of San Diego, in the State of California, and incorporated by the State of California on April 6, 1956.

Section 2. RELATIONSHIPS

- a. This church is a particular congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and recognizes that the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is, in all its provisions, obligatory upon it and all its members, and is subject to the guidance and direction of the General Assembly, the Synod, and the Presbytery.
- b. These bylaws shall be in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as interpreted by the judicatories of jurisdiction, and the corporate laws of the State of California, and shall set forth the ecclesiastical and corporate structure and method of operation of this particular church.

Section 3. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

- a. The principal office for the transaction of the business of this church, including its corporate affairs shall be at 4324 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, in the City of San Diego, in the State of California.

Section 4. ELECTED OFFICES

- a. There shall be three elected offices of this church; The Session; the Board of Trustees; and the Board of Deacons.
- b. The Session of this church shall constitute and serve as The Board of Trustees as hereinafter provided.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES AND NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

Section 1. OBJECTIVES

- a. To bear witness to the Christian truths, to promulgate the doctrines and teachings of the Christian religion, and to promote fellowship among God's people.
- b. To receive, hold, and disburse gifts, bequests, devises, and other funds for these purposes.
- c. To hold in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and maintain or to lease available real estate and buildings, and any personal property which is deemed necessary for its purposes; to enter into, make and perform, and carry out contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, without limit to amount.

Section 2. NONPARTISAN ACTIVITIES

- a. This corporation has been formed under the California Nonprofit Religious Corporation Law for the religious purposes described above, and it shall be nonprofit and nonpartisan. This corporation shall function in accordance with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (3).
- b. The corporation shall not, except in insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes described above.

ARTICLE III

CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. Qualifications for admission to, and basis for termination or suspension from membership and the various classes of communicant members shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS OF CONGREGATIONAL MEMBERS

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. All meetings of the congregation may deal with both "ecclesiastical" and "corporate" affairs. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except in those cases where the Constitution of the Presbyterian "Church (U.S.A.) provides otherwise.
- b. The Moderator of the Session shall preside at "congregational" meetings. If he/she is unable to act, or if the subject to be discussed requires it, the Session may invite another minister of the Presbytery to preside.

- c. The Chair of the Board of Trustees shall preside at "corporation" meetings. If he/she is unable to act, or if the subject to be discussed requires it, the Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer, in that order, shall preside.
- d. The Clerk of Session shall act as Clerk or Recorder.
- e. The Minutes of the Congregation and/or Corporation meetings, when attested to by the Moderator and Clerk of Session, shall be referred to the Session for approval at its next scheduled meeting, and, when approved shall be incorporated in the Session Minute Book.

Section 2. ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

- a. Only Active members, of whatever age, shall be eligible to vote on all matters that come before the congregation and/or corporation.
- b. Voting by proxy is not allowed.

Section 3. ELECTRONIC VOTING

- a. For E-notification, including but not limited to setting or changing meeting dates or approval of Committee-requested fund-raising events, the Session may be polled using electronic mail (e-mail), telephone or fax. Approval by electronic voting for routine matters will require approval of the majority of Elders. The Clerk of Session shall maintain a record of such polling and enter the results in the Session minutes.
- b. Urgent action on a non-routine matter.
 - (1) If a need arises to have Session take urgent action on a non-routine matter, Elders must first be notified via e-mail that an electronic vote is requested. If there are no objections to taking this action outside of a called meeting, a motion, duly made and seconded, may be presented for voting by e-mail.
 - (2) The Elder requesting the electronic vote will send the motion to the Moderator who will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. If the Moderator determines the action is not appropriate to consider outside of a called Session meeting, the motion will be sent back to the requestor to bring forward at the next Session meeting.

For motions approved by the Moderator, the Clerk will send the motion to all Session members and will tally the vote responses. All Elders who are entitled to vote must have the opportunity to provide a response and the vote must be unanimous for the action to be considered approved. The actions of the e-mail vote will be reflected in the minutes of a subsequent Session meeting.

Section 4. ANNUAL MEETINGS

- a. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be held in January or February on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of receiving annual reports of the affairs of the congregation and corporation, and, to transact any and all business that may properly come before it.
- b. Special Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation may be called by:
 - (1) The Session
 - (2) The Session, at the request of the Presbytery or response to a written request of one-fourth of the Active members as specified in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - (3) The Board of Trustees where matters of a corporate nature only requires a Special Corporation Meeting.
- c. Other Special Meetings of the Congregation and Corporation may be called, on a date and at a time and place specified by the Session for the purpose of conducting only that business properly stated in the Notice of Call of Meeting.
- d. Notice of Call for Special Meetings shall state clearly the purpose of the meeting and no other business save that specified in the notice may be considered.

Section 5. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- a. A Notice of the date, time, and place of every Annual and Special Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation shall be given by announcement in the church bulletin for two consecutive Sundays, the second of which may be the date set for the meeting, and by mail at least one week in advance of the meeting.
- b. The Notice shall state clearly the purpose of the meeting.

Section 6. QUORUM

- a. A quorum for the transaction of business at all congregation and corporation meetings shall consist of one-tenth of the current active member roll.
- b. The members present at an Annual or Special Meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by any member for a quorum call.

ARTICLE V

NOMINATION, ELECTION, ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Section 1. CONGREGATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- a. There shall be a Congregation Nominating Committee composed of seven Active members. Two members shall be designated by and from the Session, one of whom shall be named by the Session as Moderator, and one named by the Session as Vice Moderator. One member shall be designated by and from the board of Deacons; and four Active members shall be elected by the congregation, none of whom shall be in active service on the Session or the Board of Deacons. The Pastor shall be a member of the Congregation Nominating Committee, but without vote.
- b. The Congregation Nominating Committee, having been elected, shall be constituted at its organization meeting following election to serve for one year. No member of the Congregation Nominating Committee shall serve more than three years consecutively.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS

- a. The Congregation Nominating Committee shall present for consideration by the congregation one qualified and eligible member only for each office to be filled, including the members of the congregation to serve on the succeeding Congregation Nominating Committee, giving attention to a fair representation of both male and female constituency of the congregation.
- b. Each nominee presented shall have consented to serve, if elected.
- c. Public notice of the names of nominees shall be given to the Active members of the congregation at least one week prior to the meeting at which election will take place.
- d. Subsequent to the report of the Congregation Nominating Committee nominations of qualified and eligible members may be made from the floor by any Active member, provided such nominee shall have consented to serve, if elected.

Section 3. ELECTIONS

- a. Elder-Trustees and Deacons shall be elected at the Special Meeting of the Congregation in October or at other Special Meetings called for that purpose. Congregation Nominating Committee members shall be elected at the January Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
- b. Elections may be by acclamation if there be but one nominee for each office to be filled. If there be more nominees than vacant offices, election shall be by written ballot. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of vacancies to be filled shall be elected, providing that a majority vote of all eligible voters present and voting shall be required to elect in every case.
- c. If any person elected to a church office declines to act, resigns with consent of the Session, dies, or ceases to be an Active member of this

church, his/her office shall be declared vacant and the vacancy shall be filled at the next Annual or Special meeting of the Congregation.

- d. Each elected church officer who declines to act and shall be absent, without excuse from three consecutive meetings of his/her office, or be absent with or without excuse from six meetings in one calendar year, shall be removed from office upon action of and due notification by the Session. The vacancy shall be filled at the next Annual or Special meeting of the congregation.

Section 4. TERMS OF OFFICE

- a. There shall be three classes, each of as nearly equal numbers as possible, of Elder-Trustees and Deacons, one class only of which shall expire each year.
- b. A full term of office shall be three years.
- c. No Elder-Trustee or Deacon shall serve in their respective office for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years.
- d. Any Elder-Trustee or Deacon having served for one full term plus any immediately preceding partial term, shall be ineligible to serve for a further term in the same office until at least one year has elapsed.
- e. There shall be a training period for Elder-Trustees Elect and Deacons Elect between the date of election and the date of ordination/installation on the Session or Board of Deacons.

Section 5. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

- a. Elder-Trustees and Deacons having been duly elected at the Special Meeting of the congregation in October shall after a period of study and preparation, be examined by the session, be ordained, if required, and installed to take office the following January.
- b. Elder-Trustees and Deacons having been duly elected at the Annual or other Special Meeting of the congregation shall after a period of study and preparation, be examined by the session, be ordained, if required, and installed to take office as soon as possible following election.
- c. The Session shall provide for the ordination and installation of Elder-Trustees and Deacons at a worship service no later than the twelfth Sunday following election.

ARTICLE VI

THE SESSION

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. The Session of this church shall consist of nine elected, ordained, and installed Elder-Trustees and the pastor.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. The Session shall hold regular meetings monthly except when cancelled by the Session by previous action. The date, time, and place of all meetings shall be prescribed by the Session.

Section 3. JOINT MEETINGS

- a. A joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons shall be held at least annually to confer on matters of common interest, with the Moderator of the Session presiding. No binding decision may be reached in such a joint meeting, but the Session and the Board of Deacons may act separately on matters committed to their care.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the Session may be called by:
 - (1) The pastor.
 - (2) The pastor when requested to do so by any two Session members.
 - (3) The pastor when directed to do so by the Presbytery.
- b. Notice of Special Meeting shall be by a minimum of twenty-four hours notice delivered personally or by telephone prior to such meeting.
- c. Notice of Special Meeting need not specify the purpose of the meeting.

Section 5. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator or other presiding officer, and one-third of the Elder-Trustees present in person, except for the reception and dismissal of church members, when the quorum shall be the Moderator and two members of the Session.
- b. Session members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by a member for a quorum call.

Section 6. OFFICERS

A. MODERATOR

- (1) The Moderator of the Session shall be the pastor.
- (2) When for prudential reasons it may appear advisable that some other minister should preside, the pastor shall, with the concurrence of the Session, invite another minister of the Presbytery to preside.
- (3) When this church is without a pastor, the Moderator of the Session shall be a minister appointed for that purpose by the Presbytery.

B. CLERK OF SESSION

- (1) *The Session at its organizational meeting each year shall elect an Elder as Clerk of Session from within or without its own membership.*

Section 7. POWERS AND DUTIES

- a. The Session shall have authority over all the affairs and activities of this church, both spiritual and corporate, except in such matters as may, by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or these bylaws be specifically accorded to the pastor, to the congregation, or to higher judicatories.
- b. The Session shall cause to be prepared "STANDING RULES" for the purpose of guidance of church officers, all committees, all member organizations, all members and staff.

ARTICLE VII

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. Elders elected to the Session shall thereby also be elected to be Trustees. The Elders-Trustees, while in office, shall constitute the Board of Trustees of this corporation. This Board shall be responsible to the congregation according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the corporate laws of the State of California, and these bylaws.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. Regular meetings of the Session shall also be considered to be meetings of the Board of Trustees and are as prescribed in Article VI, section 2, of these bylaws.

Section 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the Session shall also be considered to be meetings of the Board of Trustees and are as prescribed in Article VI, Section 4, of these bylaws.

Section 4. QUORUM

- a. A quorum is as prescribed in Article VI, Section 5, of these bylaws.

Section 5. OFFICERS

- a. The officers of this corporation shall be a Chair, Vice-Chair elected from within the Board of Trustees, a Secretary, and a Treasurer elected from within or without the Board of Trustees. These officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees, and each shall hold office until his/her successor has been elected, until he/she shall resign, or shall be removed or otherwise disqualified. Any officer may be re-elected to succeed himself/herself if eligible.
- b. The Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be named as members of the Finance Committee of the Session.
- c. A vacancy in any of these offices shall be filled by the Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Trustees. This does not apply to the election of Elder-Trustees which is the express privilege of the congregation.
- d. The duties and responsibilities of the officers of this corporation are as prescribed in the Session Standing Rules.

Section 6. POWERS

- a. The corporate powers of this church shall be exercised by the Board of Trustees. The board shall process formal corporate documents and perform duties required of it by law according to powers granted to a non-profit religious corporation by the laws of the State of California, and shall be in conformity with the Articles of Incorporation of this church.
- b. The Board of Trustees shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of the real property, or acquire real property subject to encumbrance or condition or lease its real property used for worship; or lease any other real property without the written permission of the Presbytery of San Diego, transmitted from the congregation through the Session.
- c. All real and/or personal property, now or hereafter acquired and any interests therein legal or equitable will be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the Presbytery of San Diego, its successors or assigns.
- d. Upon the winding up or dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), through the Presbytery of San Diego, a religious corporation, if it is still in existence and exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; but if it is not then in existence or exempt to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable and/or religious purposes and that has been established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code 501 (c)(3).

Section 7. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

- a. The Board of Trustees, subject to the limitations of these bylaws, may authorize any officer or officers, agents, to enter into any contract and execute any instrument in the name of, and on behalf of, this corporation. They may also be given authority in the name of the corporation to borrow money or incur indebtedness, and to cause to be executed and delivered promissory notes, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, or other evidence of debt and security thereof.
- b. Unless authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind this corporation to any contract or agreement.

Section 8. CORPORATE DOCUMENTS

- a. The Chair, or in his/her absence, the Vice-Chair, together with the Secretary or Treasurer, shall execute, in the name of the corporation, all contracts, deeds, encumbrances, notes and other instruments whereby the church may become bound as a corporation, and may affix the corporate seal to any such instruments that may require it.

ARTICLE VIII

THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Section 1. MEMBERS

- a. The Board of Deacons of this church shall consist of nine elected, ordained, and installed Deacons.
- b. The pastor shall be an advisory member of the Board of Deacons.

Section 2. REGULAR MEETINGS

- a. The Board of Deacons shall hold regular monthly meetings, except when cancelled by its previous action. The date, time, and place of all meetings shall be as prescribed by the Board of Deacons.

Section 3. JOINT MEETINGS

- a. A joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons shall be held as prescribed in Article VI, Section 3.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS

- a. Special meetings of the Board of Deacons may be called by:
 - (1) The pastor.
 - (2) The Session.
 - (3) The Moderator of the Board of Deacons.
 - (4) The Moderator of the Board of Deacons, when requested to do so by any two Deacons in active service.
- b. Notice for Special Meetings shall be made in a manner as prescribed by the Board of Deacons.

Section 5. QUORUM

- a. A quorum shall consist of the Moderator, or other presiding officer, and one-third of the currently elected, ordained and installed Deacons.
- b. Board of Deacon members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum, subject to a challenge by a member for a quorum call.

Section 6. OFFICERS

- a. MODERATOR. The Moderator of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.
- b. SECRETARY. The Secretary of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.
- c. TREASURER. The Treasurer of the Board of Deacons shall be elected by and from within the membership of the Board of Deacons.
- d. The minutes and financial records of the Board of Deacons shall be submitted to the Session for its review and approval when requested to do so by the Clerk of Session.

Section 7. DUTIES

- a. As the whole church is under the jurisdiction of the Session, the Board of Deacons shall also be under its supervision and authority. The Session may void or amend any action of the Board of Deacons, or direct the Board of Deacons to reconsider such actions.
- b. The office of Deacons is one of sympathy and service. The Board of Deacons shall have responsibility to minister to those in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.
- c. The Board of Deacons shall cause to be prepared "STANDING RULES" for the guidance of the Board of Deacons.

ARTICLE IX

INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. Members of the Session, members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Board of Deacons, elected officers, employees, and other agents are indemnified to the extent allowed by the nonprofit corporation laws of the State of California then in effect.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS

Section 1. GENERAL

- a. These bylaws may be amended and/or revised subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of California, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) at any Annual or Special Meeting of the congregation provided that a full reading of the proposed changes or a printed distribution of the same shall have been made in connection with the Notice of Call of the meeting.

Section 2. APPROVAL

- a. Amendments and/or revisions to these bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of quorum of eligible congregation members present and voting for approval.

CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK

I, the undersigned, certify that I am the presently elected and acting Clerk of the Session of this church, a California nonprofit religious corporation, and the above bylaws, consisting of twelve pages, are the bylaws of this congregation as adopted at a meeting of the congregation held on July 20, 2008

Elder Johana Smith
Clerk of Session

ELECTRONIC VOTING

a. For E-notification, including but not limited to setting or changing meeting dates or approval of Committee-requested fund-raising events, the Session may be polled using electronic mail (e-mail), telephone or fax. Approval by electronic voting for routine matters will require approval by the majority of Elders. The Clerk of Session shall maintain a record of such polling and enter the results in the Session minutes.

b. Urgent action on a non-routine matter.

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2. The Elder requesting the electronic vote will send the motion to the Moderator who will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. If the Moderator determines the action is not appropriate to consider outside of a called Session meeting, the motion will be sent back to the requestor to bring forward at the next Session meeting.

For motions approved by the Moderator, the Clerk will send the motion to all Session members and will tally the vote responses. All elders who are entitled to vote must have the opportunity to provide a response and the vote must be unanimous for the action to be considered approved. The action of the e-mail vote will be reflected in the minutes of a subsequent Session meeting.

An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God's Mission

As members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) committed to God's mission, accompanied by Global partners, we gathered together January 16-18, 2008 in Dallas, Texas. We acknowledge the rich Presbyterian heritage in world mission and reaffirm the Presbyterian understanding of God's mission as it is expressed in "Gathering for God's Future," the Good News of Jesus Christ is to be shared with the whole world. As disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sent into the world to join God's mission. As individuals and as a church, we are called to be faithful in this discipleship. Our mission is centered in the triune God. Our mission is God-called, Christ-centered and Spirit-led.

Our mission is both proclamation and service; it is the reason the church exists. Our renewed call from God is to face the challenges of witnessing and evangelizing worldwide, equipping the church for transforming mission, engaging in ministries of reconciliation, justice, healing and grace, and living the Good News of Jesus Christ in community with people who are poor, [persecuted, and living in the midst of violence].

The church is part of God's plan. We are called into the community of the church, and we call new disciples into that community. With Christ as our head, the church community exists for the sake of God's mission. We learn to serve in mission in a way that is faithful to the triune God. We are to model the kind of community God intends for all humanity. To be the church is to be one large mission society. 1

Grounded in this theological foundation we realize that God is calling us to new patterns of mission. The world has changed, and the majority of the world's Christians are now in Latin America, Africa and Asia. The great growth and mission faithfulness of the Church outside the West invite us into a new posture. We must listen and learn to receive. We must also be open to new patterns of collaboration.

These new patterns involve new cooperation and partnerships within the PC(USA).

I. We recognize that God calls us to mission that is grounded in confession of our sins, grows out of a life of prayer and is sustained in worship. Therefore, we covenant to live and serve together in God's mission according to the following values:

1. Trusting in the Holy Spirit and trusting in one another as each discerns how God is moving us in mission. (Acts 10)
2. Doing mission in the way of Jesus who humbled himself, showing the way of self-giving and self emptying. (Philippians 2)
3. Seeking to be faithful to God as we live and proclaim the fullness of Jesus Christ's good news; personal witness to those outside the church, justice for the oppressed and compassion for those in need. We accompany others in their efforts to be faithful. (Lk 4)
4. Affirming the complementary nature of God's gifts to all in the one body of Christ and encouraging one another in living out those gifts. (I Corinthians 12)
5. Recognizing our responsibility to each other by communicating openly, acting transparently and speaking and hearing the truth in love. (Ephesians 4)
6. Striving in our mission to be aware of the context out of which we come, to respect the persons with whom we labor and to honor the context in which they live. In an era of massive global inequalities we commit ourselves to be sensitive to and address the issues of power that result from our differences. (Philippians 2)
7. Valuing long-term relationships, partnerships characterized by perseverance and long-term commitments which support and encourage global partners. (I Thessalonians 2)

II. We seek to live out these mission values with humility, integrity and steadfastness. Recognizing that God invites us all to be full participants in God's mission, we commit ourselves to work cooperatively with one another in the following ways:

1. We will affirm and encourage World Mission as it continues to move from a regulatory role to a more enabling and equipping role.
2. We will celebrate and encourage diverse Presbyterian approaches and structures for mission while maintaining the unity of our participation in God's mission.
3. We will share responsibility for the education and preparation of all Presbyterians for mission.
4. We commit ourselves to seeking more mission personnel who will serve long-term in cross-cultural contexts through the PC(USA), and to supporting them fully.
5. We commit ourselves to enabling and supporting our global partners as they send their mission personnel in cross-cultural service.
6. We recognize and affirm the growing opportunity for cross-cultural mission in our own increasingly pluralistic and multi-cultural society, and we receive the global community from near and far as mission partners and God's gift to us. We seek increased integration between local and global mission.

III. As we move forward together in God's mission, we commit ourselves to calling the church to ongoing intercessory prayer for God's mission and to the following tasks:

1. We will form a Coordinating Committee to ensure that we will meet together to share and cooperate on a regular basis.
2. During the coming year we will work to address two immediate priorities:
 - a. to coordinate and collaborate in the sending of mission personnel.
 - b. to expand Presbyterian funding for mission personnel.
3. During the next three months we will share this document and invitation with our constituencies.

IV. With bold humility we invite those who would covenant with us to join in this new collaborative model of Presbyterian mission, and we ask for encouragement, for guidance and for prayer, remembering Jesus' own prayer:

The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:22-23)

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