



**STATED MEETING**  
of the Presbytery of San Diego  
June 16, 2009 - 5:00 p.m.

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church  
17010 Pomerado Road  
San Diego

**PRESBYTERY OFFICERS**

Chris Lenocker – Moderator  
Gerry Tayler – Vice Moderator/Moderator Elect 2010  
Linda Therien - Stated Clerk  
Carole Ostrander – Minute Clerk

**PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE STAFF**

Clark Cowden - Executive Presbyter

**DIRECTIONS**

From I-15, turn east at Rancho Bernardo Road and proceed to Pomerado Road.  
Turn left onto Pomerado. The church is a short distance from this intersection on the left.

1. Please bring docket materials.
2. Commissioners requiring an excuse from the meeting should apply in writing to the Stated Clerk.
3. Any committee chair desiring to meet with her/his committee must make arrangements with the host facility.
4. Forms for intercessory prayer are to be found on the registration table. If you wish Presbytery to remember someone in prayer, fill out the form and put on the clerk's desk.
5. Dinner reservations are \$7.00 and are required. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, June 11, 2009. Reservations can be made by calling the church at (858) 487-0811.

**Upcoming Presbytery Meetings**

**September 15, 2009 – Fletcher Hills - 5:00 pm**  
**November 17, 2009 – Oceanside First – 5:00 pm**  
**February 16, 2010 – Rancho Santa Fe Village**

**PROPOSED DOCKET**  
**STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO**  
June 16, 2009, Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church

4:30 p.m. Registration

**ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

***We used to be primarily a governing body***  
***We are now primarily a relational community***  
***We hope to become primarily a mission agency***

5:00 p.m. **Call to Order & Prayer** – Pastor Chris Lenocker, Moderator  
**Welcome by Host Pastor** – Pastor Bruce Humphreys  
**Report of the Stated Clerk** – Elder Linda Therien  
**Enrollment of Commissioners; Recognition of corresponding members**  
**Declaration of a Quorum; Approval of docket**  
**Consent Docket/Reading**  
*Only a simple request is needed to remove any item from the Consent Docket. All items removed from the Consent Docket will be considered under the report of the committee from which the item has been removed.*

**PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

5:15 p.m. **Presbytery at Worship** – Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hammond preaching  
An offering for the Presbytery will be received during worship

**ENGAGE IN FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT**

6:00 p.m. **Break for Dinner**

**ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK**

6:45 p.m. **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – Pastor Margaret Walls  
- Present Inquirer Linda Rice to advance to Candidate  
- Present Inquirer Bev Franco to advance to Candidate  
- Present Inquirer to advance to Candidate

7:35 p.m. **Committee on Ministry** – Elder Eloise Housman  
- Presentation of Ian Farrell as Stated Supply of Linda Vista Presbyterian Church

7:40 p.m. **Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM)** - Roger Christiansen, Director

7:45 p.m. **Executive Presbyter's Report** – Pastor Clark Cowden

8:00 p.m. **Budget Property & Finance** – Elder Owen Wickstrand

8:10 p.m. **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** – Carolyn Peterson & Maurice Caskey

8:20 p.m. **Unfinished business, announcements and pre-adjourning business**

8:25 p.m. **Adjourn with prayer**

**GO IN GOD'S NAME**

### Report of the Stated Clerk

1. The Stated Clerk reports that the transfer of the Rev. Robert Delaney to the Grand Canyon Presbytery is complete.
2. The Stated Clerk reports the following resignations have been received with regret:
  - Rev. David McElrath, Evangelism, Class of 2010
  - Rev. Margaret Walls, Committee on Ministry, Class of 2009
  - Rev. Kevin Womack, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2010
  - Elder Nancy Harber from the Synod Committee on Cross Presbytery Ministries
  - Steve Elliott from the Iglesia Steering Committee

These vacancies have been referred to the Nominating Committee of Presbytery and the Nominating Committee of the Synod to nominate replacements.

3. The Stated Clerk reports that permission was granted to the Rev. Stephen Clark of the Presbytery of Southern New England to perform a marriage within the jurisdiction of the San Diego Presbytery on May 30, 2009.
4. The Stated Clerk reports the death of the Rev. Dr. Thomas McPhatter on Friday, May 1, 2009. Dr. McPhatter was 85 years old. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church of San Diego.
5. The Stated Clerk reports the death of Irene Hightower Smith, wife of the Rev. George Walker Smith on May 11, 2009. Services were held at San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church on May 18, 2009.
6. The Stated Clerk reports that the records review of the Linda Vista Presbyterian Church has been completed and three exceptions were cited. The Clerk of Session acknowledged the errors and indicated they have been corrected. The Clerk further acknowledged that the errors cited were a result of her failure to record certain actions in the minutes of the session.
7. The Stated Clerk reports that permission was granted to Rev. Aart Van Beek of Sacramento Presbytery to perform a marriage within the jurisdiction of the San Diego Presbytery on May 16, 2009.
8. The Stated Clerk reports the transfer of the Rev. Robert Trent to San Diego Presbytery from Mackinac Presbytery has been completed.
9. The Stated Clerk reports that the appropriate response to the appeal filed with the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii by the Dr. Lewis León has been completed. A hearing on the appeal is anticipated to be heard in August 2009.
10. The Stated Clerk reports that the Administrative Commission elected by the Council of Presbytery to examine Inquirer Penny Parsons to advance to Candidate has completed their work and has been dismissed with appreciation and thanks. The Administrative Commission, moderated by Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, voted unanimously to advance Ms. Parsons to Candidate.
11. The Stated Clerk reports the offering received at the April 21, 2009 meeting of presbytery was \$403.00.
12. The Stated Clerk reports the death of Ruth Smith, wife of Rev. Devore "Dee" Smith, on Tuesday, June 2, 2009. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Smith is survived by two adult children. Services are pending.

13. The Stated Clerk reports 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

### **Actions of Council being reported to Presbytery**

The Presbytery Council met on May 5, 2009 and took the following actions:

1. The Council VOTED to take \$40,000 from funds on deposit with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) to fund the Presbytery approved loan to Executive Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden.
2. The Council VOTED to approve the sale of a designated piece of property to the Lakeside Water District for \$82,000. This property is a 1,054 square foot plot for the Flow Control Facility and 1,826 square feet in an easement area for structure and pipeline access. Additional information: The Lakeside Church intends to invest this money first to improve their parking lot with better access to the sanctuary and increase the number of handicapped parking spaces. Once the cost of these improvements is determined the church will consider how the remaining funds are invested in their property.
3. The Council VOTED to approve two pre-presbytery events. A presentation by Rev. Kevin Park of General Assembly on June 16, 2009 on stewardship titled "Why Don't American Christians Give More Money to the Church?" and on September 15, 2009 a presentation by Rob Weingartner of the Presbyterian Outreach Foundation.
4. The Council considered two applications to the Unrestricted Funds Grant Program of the General Assembly for submission to the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii for their consideration. Only one application was able to be forwarded and the Council VOTED to forward the application prepared by Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden from the fund for Preaching and Teaching the Bible in the west.
5. The Council VOTED to approve an application to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program of the General Assembly for a \$75,000 grant recommended by the Presbytery Disaster Assistance Committee (PDAC) of Presbytery. The Council further VOTED to approve a ten-minute presentation by PDAC at the June 16, 2009 meeting of presbytery.
6. The Council VOTED to approve the following Administrative Commission to ordain Jay Shirley:

June 7, 2009 – 3:00 pm – Rancho Santa Fe Village Presbyterian Church

Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Moderator

Rev. Jan Farley

Rev. Jim Rauch

Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden

Elder Don Smith (Village)

Elder Barry Billingsley (Solana Beach)

Elder Bob Brodersen (Solana Beach)

Corresponding: Rev. Dr. Phil Butin, San Francisco Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Jack Baca

Rev. Scott Mitchell

Rev. John Moser

Rev. Barry Moller

Rev. Doug Austin (Village)

Elder Bob Rantzow (Solana Beach)

7. The Council VOTED to approve the following Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Dr. Tony Wolfe as the Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of San Diego:

May 17, 2009- 4:00 pm – Westminster Presbyterian Church of San Diego

Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Moderator  
Elder Deb Mitchell (Westminster San Diego)  
Elder Delores McNeely (San Diego Christ United)  
Corresponding: Rev. Donald E. Wagner, Jr. (Chicago Presbytery)  
Rev. Darrell D. Myers (San Fernando)  
Rev. Barry Moller  
Elder Em Cummins (Pt Loma Comm)

8. The Council VOTED to amend their prior action of March 2009 as recommended by the Missions Committee, that Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM) be deleted from the motion that required it become its own 501.c.3 project with a target date of February 28, 2009. (Jim Rauch asked his “no” vote be recorded)

**Background:** The Missions Committee recommended and the Council voted at their meeting in March 2009, the following motion:

The Missions Committee recommends to the Presbytery Council that a date of February 28, 2010 be set as the date by which our three remaining directly supported missions – Presbyterian Urban Ministries (PUM), Iglesia and the Sudanese American Presbyterian Church become independent of direct Presbytery support. That PUM become a 501.c.3 organization and that Iglesia and the Sudanese congregation become chartered churches in the Presbytery. As part of this motion it is assumed that all the projects could continue to receive the support of the Presbytery as it may be available but that they would be expected to develop sources of funding independent of the presbytery.

The Missions Committee has now revisited this matter after further consultations with the Director of PUM and the PUM Steering Committee and recommends the portion of this motion dealing with PUM be withdrawn so that the amended motion would read as follows:

The Missions Committee recommends to the Presbytery Council that a date of February 28, 2010 be set as the target date by which our two mission churches that are directly supported by the Presbytery - Iglesia and the Sudanese Congregation - become independent of direct Presbytery support. Iglesia and the Sudanese Congregation are to become chartered churches in the Presbytery. As part of this motion it is assumed that the two churches would continue to receive the support of the Presbytery as it may be available but that they would be expected to develop sources of funding independent of the presbytery.

**Additional information:** Following the Missions Committee vote on this change they also affirmed their new position that “The Missions Committee supports and approves that PUM should not become a 501.c.3 organization at this time.”

The Mission committee expressed its position that 501.c.3 status is in the best interest of PUM but that it would not be productive to push them in that direction since the steering committee and director of PUM are not in favor of this move. Until the steering committee and PUM leadership are able to see the benefits of becoming a 501.c.3 organization, it can not work.

9. The Council VOTED to make Trinity Life Fellowship a mission of the Presbytery of San Diego. Trinity is a State of California 501.c.3 but is waiting for federal tax-exempt status. The Council will invite Marc Pena to the October meeting of Council for an update on his ministry.

10. The Council VOTED, with regret, to receive the resignation of Rev. John Moser from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2010. The vacancy was referred to the Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement to the committee as well as to nominate a member to serve as Chair.
11. The Council VOTED to receive the monthly report of the Administrative Commission (AC) for Fallbrook Presbyterian Church. The AC reported, through the Stated Clerk, that they continue their work, meet on at least a monthly basis as a full AC and in smaller groups with members of the Fallbrook Church. The Council VOTED to authorize the AC to pursue property appraisals and title searches to determine easements, zoning etc. in preparation for further legal processes that will follow.
12. The Council VOTED an Administrative Commission be established for the sole purpose of acting on the application of Inquirer Penny Parsons of La Jolla Presbyterian Church to advance to Candidate. The Commission elected is named in the motion that follows:

Presbytery of San Diego  
Administrative Commission  
Committee on Preparation for Ministry

May 5, 2009

WHEREAS, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) has had Ms. Penny Parsons under their care as an Inquirer since March 20, 2007;

WHEREAS, the CPM has guided Ms. Parsons as she pursues her Masters of Divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons has worked faithfully with her liaison from the committee, Elder Polly Purcifull;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons had an annual consultation before the full CPM in November 2008;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons has been recommended by her session at La Jolla Presbyterian Church to be advanced to candidacy;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons was to have appeared before the Presbytery on April 18, 2009 to advance to candidacy but had to choose between the meeting of presbytery or an uncles unexpected death and funeral;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons met with a sub-committee of the CPM on April 21, 2009, and this sub-committee recommends she be advanced to candidate;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons has now returned to Princeton, where she is fully engaged in class work, an Internship and Clinical Pastoral Education and, thus, is unable to return to the San Diego area until the fall of 2009 at the earliest;

WHEREAS, the cost of a two-day trip to attend the June 16, 2009, meeting of presbytery is unaffordable for Ms. Parsons and the CPM as well as impractical given her school and study schedule;

WHEREAS, Ms. Parsons' scholarship funding by the General Assembly would be in jeopardy if she is not a candidate for ministry by May 2009;

WHEREAS, the CPM acknowledges this process is highly unusual for San Diego Presbytery but has been practiced in other presbyteries;

WHEREAS, the CPM recognizes that very extenuating circumstances has caused it to seek an alternative way to accomplish this next step and it does not anticipate that this practice would become common;

WHEREAS, the CPM voted unanimously to request the Council elect the CPM as an Administrative Commission and that Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Moderator of Presbytery, be elected to serve as well;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Presbytery of San Diego hereby creates an Administrative Commission with the sole power to examine Ms. Penelope "Penny" Parsons to advance to Candidate status prior to the next meeting of Presbytery.

This commission is established with the expectation that her examination be conducted in a teleconference or video conference between San Diego and Princeton, New Jersey, prior to the end of May 2009 and likely on May 12, 2009, the normal meeting date of the CPM;

Two members of the 2009 CPM will not be available to serve as commissioners for this purpose. The commission therefore is:

Rev. John Moser, CPM Moderator  
Elder Lola Buie (Christ United San Diego)  
Rev. Elizabeth Wilson  
Rev. Michael Sedgwick  
Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker

Elder Mary Kinyon (La Jolla)  
Elder Art Michaleck (Pt Loma Community)  
Elder Rudy Kosits (San Diego First)  
Elder Sam Tsai (Taiwanese Presbyterian)  
Rev. Lee Riley

The Commission will be dismissed immediately upon reaching a decision as to advance Ms. Parsons to Candidate or not advance her to Candidate. Ms. Parsons is fully aware that there is no guarantee an administrative commission would vote, as the Presbytery, in her favor.

The Commission shall report its findings to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Council Moderator

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

The COM met on March 31, 2009, and took the following actions:

1. The COM VOTED to approve the following terms of call for Jay Shirley, a candidate under care of the Presbytery, and a candidate for Designated Associate Pastor at El Montecito Presbyterian Church in Riverside Presbytery:

Salary/Housing	\$70,000
After six months (\$76,000)	
Pension/Medical/Death/Disability	22,050
Total Salary/Benefits	\$92,050

Reimbursed expenses	
Auto	2,000
Study Leave/Continuing Ed	1,000
Books	750
Personal Business Expenses	1,000
Total reimbursable expenses	\$ 4,750

Vacation – 31 calendar days  
Continuing Ed/Study Leave – 14 calendar days  
Cost of living adjustment in January of each year  
Moving costs up to \$10,000

2. The COM VOTED to grant permission to the Rev. Elizabeth Morrison, a minister member of Palisades Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of San Diego Presbytery, only in the capacity as a Chaplain with San Diego Hospice. This permission is granted for up to one year effective forthwith and will be reviewed at least annually by the COM.
3. The COM VOTED to extend the stated supply relationship of Elder Elizabeth Crews with Westmorland Presbyterian Church through June 30, 2010, contingent on the formal written request of the session.
4. The COM VOTED to approve the 2009 salary survey of pastors in installed positions. This report is available on request or at the presbytery meeting on June 16, 2009.

Elder Eloise Housman, Chair

### **Actions of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) being reported to Presbytery**

The CPM met on May 12, 2009 as an Administrative Commission and took the following action:

1. The CPM VOTED to advance Inquirer Penny Parsons to Candidate.

The CPM met on May 12, 2009 as a committee and took the following actions:

1. The CPM met with Candidate Mary Beck and completed her annual consultation.
2. The CPM met with Candidate Dave Rohde of La Jolla Presbyterian Church for his Final Assessment. The CPM VOTED to approve his Final Assessment and authorized him to circulate his Personal Information Form (PIF) and begin the search for a call to ministry.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

### **Consent Agenda**

**The Stated Clerk recommends the following:**

1. That the minutes of the presbytery meeting on April 21, 2009 be approved.

Elder Linda Therien

**The Committee on Ministry recommends the following:**

1. That the Presbytery concur in their recommendation that the request of the session of the Linda Vista Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Ian Farrell for Rev. Farrell to serve as their Stated Supply effective June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010 with the following terms be approved:

Salary/Housing - \$25,000 (all salary amount designated for housing allowance)

Retirement - \$3,000 per year payable quarterly to his IRA

Vacation – 4 weeks per year

Study Leave – 1 week per year

A copy of the job description, also approved by the COM, is on file with the Stated Clerk's office.

Elder Eloise Housman, Chair

**The Ecclesiastical Committee recommends the following:**

1. That the following changes to the bylaws of the San Diego Christ United Presbyterian Church be approved subject to the congregational vote on June 14, 2009:

Article 6, Section 8 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.

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 Pastor who will send it to the Clerk requesting the e-mail vote. If the Pastor 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 Pastor, 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.

Anne Clark, Chair

**The Nominating Committee of Presbytery recommends the following be elected to serve Presbytery committees:**

Rev. David McElrath, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2010

Rev. Margaret Walls, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2009

Rev. Margaret Walls, Chair, Committee on Preparation for Ministry in 2009

Pastor Harvey Throop, Chair

**Business for Presentation and/or Action on the Floor**

**The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends the following:**

1. That Inquirer Linda Rice be advanced to Candidate.
2. That Inquirer Bev Franco be advanced to Candidate.
3. That Inquirer (to be named) be advanced to Candidate.

Pastor Margaret Walls, Chair Elect