

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING – April 18, 2009

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at Chula Vista Presbyterian Church, was convened by Pastor Chris Lenocker, Moderator, at 9 a.m. He led the presbytery in prayer. 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	<b>E. Crews</b>	108	Carolyn Benson
2	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	<b>D. J. Kelly</b> <b>B. Roth</b>	101 193	Ann Calvert Bob Shuff(e) <b>Vanessa Forsythe A</b>
3	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	<b>R. Davis</b>	101	Joan Stroh(e) Cora Gregory(e) <b>Georgia Fleming A</b> <b>Irene Ainza A</b>
4	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. H. McElrath(e)	101	Frank Wuerfel(e) <b>Konrad Kerr</b> <b>Langdon Smith</b>
5	El Cajon, First	S. W. Locke(e)	101	Anne Clark (e) <b>Dick Berry</b> <b>Ruth Smith A</b>
6	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills (e)	K. Womack <b>B. Reed</b> L E. Raines W. C. Manning	101 103 109 109	<b>Patsy Battenfield</b> <b>Bob Battenfield</b>
7	Escondido, Westminster	J. S. Rauch (e)	101	<b>Carole Ostrander</b> Jean Swenk(e)
8	Fallbrook, Fallbrook			
9	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham(e) J. Medcalf(e) M. Sedgwick(e) G. Spearman	101 103 193 797	Bobby Foushee Mary Kinyon(e) <b>Bill Nichol</b> <b>Vicki Padula</b>
10	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	<b>J. Moser</b> <b>E. Piper</b>	101 797	<b>Jane Camerer</b>
11	La Mesa, La Mesa	<b>D. Pierson</b>	101	<b>JR Morgan A</b>
12	Lakeside, Community	<b>R. W. Mentze</b>	101	<b>Larry Rega</b>
13	Oceanside, First	Vacant E. Wilson(e) D. A. Walker	101 103 109	<b>Kay Nelson</b> Jackie Russell(e) <b>Dale Habermann</b>
14	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca <b>J. K. Farley</b> S. Mitchell(e) D. R. Caughey C. H. Dierenfield	101 103 103 109 109	<b>David Buck</b> Claire Padgett <b>Laura Metzger</b> <b>Bill Brackett</b>
15	San Diego, Christ United	E. Girod(e) G. W. Smith	105 109	<b>Herman Collins</b>
16	San Diego, Faith	<b>C. M. Lenocker</b> J. L. Messervé	101 797	<b>Stu Elder</b>
17	San Diego, First	<b>W. Ray</b>	105	

		M. E. Walls(e) <b>L. Riley</b> P. R. Pulliam	103 103 109	<b>Marilyn Carnes</b> <b>Peggy Baker</b> <b>Maurice Caskey</b>
18	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	Soon K Chang Kichull Kim
19	San Diego, Linda Vista	<b>H. M. Heath, Jr.</b>	109	<b>Marjorie Reid</b>
20	San Diego, Mira Mesa	<b>W. L. James</b>	299	<b>Patrick Hubbard</b>
21	San Diego, Northminster	M. Watson (e)	101	Johana Smith(e)
22	San Diego, Pacific Beach	A. Deuel(e)	101	Jane Kay(e)
23	San Diego, Palisades	<b>H. G. Throop</b>	101	Barbara Van Meter Ruth Sweet(e)
24	San Diego, Point Loma Community	<b>J. Powell</b> A. Sultz	101 109	<b>Charles MacVean</b> <b>Anne Fristrom</b> <b>John Pearson</b> <b>Kristine Zortman</b>
25	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	B. B. Humphrey <b>N. Nybo</b> R. Sparling(e) M. Wasef Joe Farrell J P. Lee	101 193 103 103 103 109	Lois Sheldon <b>Jeanne Pochel</b> <b>Polly Purcifull</b> Bob Newton(e) <b>Cec Chafin</b>
26	San Diego, Southeast	H. W. Cooper, Jr.	101	Donna Cooper
27	San Diego, Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	<b>Shang Nan Tsai</b>	101	<b>Sam Tsai</b>
28	San Diego, Westminster	<b>T. Wolfe</b> <b>M. Taxer</b>	191 109	<b>Marcy Bergqvist</b> <b>William Hodgkiss</b>
29	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> B. E. Moller <b>T. D. Theriault</b> <b>J. Kerkhoff</b> <b>J. Lagerstrom</b> <b>J. Espitia</b>	101 103 103 103 107 107	Ellen Larson(e) <b>Russ Love</b> Dorothy Griswold Brenda Thompson <b>Gail Steel</b>
30	Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>R. W. Yenter</b>	101	<b>Margy Becker</b> <b>Greg Schwartz</b>
31	Vista, Grace	T. Straeter <b>W. C. Bynagte</b>	101 797	<b>Joe Purser</b> Nancy Tiburski
32	Westmorland, Community	<b>E. Crews</b>	108	<b>Ruth Hoskins</b>

BOLD = Attended Meeting = excused A = Alternate

<u>SPECIAL OFFICES</u>		<u>ECC DESIGNATION</u>
* Executive Presbyter	<b>Clark Cowden</b>	302
* Stated Clerk	<b>Linda Therien</b>	303
* Sudanese-American NCD	<b>P. Lual</b>	301
* Discovery Valley NCD	C. Kohlbry	301
* Iglesia Church	Efrain Romero	301
* Trinity Life NCD	<b>Marc Peña</b>	301
Director, Pres Urban Ministries	<b>Roger Christiansen</b>	305

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

**Rev. Robert Trent** of Mackinac Presbytery

**Rev. Elizabeth Morrison** of Palisades Presbytery

INQUIRERS & CANDIDATES

**Juan-Daniel Espitia**, Solana Beach Presbyterian Church

MODERATOR

\* **C. M. Lenocker**

VICE-MODERATOR/MODERATOR ELECT

\* **Gerry Tayler**

* <b>Owen Wickstrand</b>	Chair, Budget, Property, and Finance Committee
* Anne Clark (e)	Chair, Ecclesiastical Committee
* <b>Eloise Housman</b>	Chair, Committee on Ministry
* <b>Bill Tayler</b>	Chair of the Presbytery Missions Committee
* <b>Nancy Harber</b>	Chair, Human Resources
* <b>Barry Billingsley</b>	Member-at-Large of Council
<b>Steve Rybicki</b>	Director of Administration and Missions Services
<b>Machelle Christiansen</b>	Presbytery Secretary/Receptionist

\* = voting member

VISITORS AND GUESTS:

- Bob and JoAnn Landis, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Robyn Owens, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Steve Oggel, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Pat Shank, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Claire Richmond, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Dorothy Marshall, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Jackie Peterson, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Jane Hops, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Bob Peterson, Westminster, Pt Loma
- David Braunet, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Lois Mousel, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Sheldon and Sandra Sickler, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Carol Lowe, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Richard E. Thomas, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Duane Donnie Granzy, Westminster, Pt Loma
- Paula Taylor, Solana Beach Presbyterian
- Rudy Kosits, San Diego First
- Jack Shelver, Faith Presbyterian Church (Fallbrook AC)
- Dottie Gricialoss, Solana Beach Presbyterian Church
- Gail Stue, Solana Beach Presbyterian Church
- Margaret Smith, Chula Vista Presbyterian Church
- Lam Thot Muang, Sudanese American Presbyterian

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	R. P. Goodhart	299	D. Newhouse	299
P. D. Allen	761	<b>J. Hagelganz</b>	299	P. C. Paik	797
H. Allen	797	C. Hammond(e)	299	<b>P. Powell</b>	797
R. W. Anderson	299	R. Hayward	299	F. W. Pritchard	299
K. C. Bealo, Sr. (e)	299	L. A. Henderson	299	T. R. Respass	299
C. Berry (e)	797	<b>W.W. Hoffmann</b>	299	E. Reynolds	645
R. C. Betters	299	C. M. Hong	299	G. Robertson	797
D. Bidby	299	R. F. Hughes	299	<b>J. H. Robertson</b>	299
J. H. Boller, Jr.	299	R. Humphries	299	<b>D. Satre</b>	791

R. Brown	797	<b>T. A. Jasso</b>	299	T. M. Simpson	797
D. R. Burnight	299	L. S. Johnson	797	B. S. Smith	299
J. H. Calhoun	299	T. F. Johnson	299	<b>D. C. Smith</b>	299
J. Chambers	299	R. H. Kim	797	M. Smith	761
H. Christ	309	C. Kohlbray	301	<b>W. A. Soldwisch</b>	405
<b>M. Cross Sexton</b>	299	T. C. Lai	791	G. L. Stewart	299
R. R. Cunningham	299	C. S. Lee	791	W. A. TeSelle	299
D. A. Davis	299	A. Y. Lin	791	L. E. Vick	299
S. W. DeLong	299	B. E. Lucas	797	H. S. Vigeveno	299
A. F. Desterhaft	299	E. V. Lyons	299	<b>A. J. Wartes</b>	299
D. R. Edic	299	W. B. Mack	299	D. Webster	797
B. C. Fairchild	299	R. H. Mayo	299	<b>P. Weiler</b>	299
<b>I. Farrell</b>	797	T. H. McPhatter	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
P. Fisher	797	C. M. Mershon	299	R. T. Williams	299
V. Ford	299	R. L. Miller	299	S. E. Wirt	299
J. D. Freeberg	797	A. Mills	404	W. G. Wollam	299
R. Garton	299	R. J. Myers	105		
J. Garza	299	D. H. Nason	654		

Attendance:

Ministers	39
Elders	52
Corresponding	2
Inquirers/Candidates	1
Visitors/Others	26
Total	120

The Moderator introduced Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

Presbytery VOTED to approve the proposed docket.

The Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the following report of the Stated Clerk

1. The Stated Clerk reported that the transfer of the Rev. Ian Farrell from the Presbytery of the Pacific to San Diego Presbytery is complete.
2. The Stated Clerk reported that the transfer of the Rev. Donald Biddy from Riverside Presbytery to San Diego Presbytery is complete.
3. The Stated Clerk reported the following resignations from Presbytery committees or commissions:

Elder Ruth Hoskins, Iglesia Administrative Commission  
Elder Roy Lee York, Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2011  
Rev. Brad Roth, Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2010

These vacancies have been referred to the Executive Committee of Council and the Moderator of Presbytery to address.

4. The Stated Clerk reported that the Office of General Assembly has acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) indicating that Fallbrook Presbyterian Church has been excused from remitting vacancy dues on their pastor and associate pastor positions.

5. The Stated Clerk reported that the records review of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church has been completed and two exceptions were cited. There were baptisms performed before being approved by Session and the required annual membership review was not completed. These exceptions were reported to the Session and the following responses were authorized. The church staff has been reminded that Session approval is required before performing baptisms and a review of the membership is currently being done.
6. The Stated Clerk reported that the records review of the Chula Vista Presbyterian Church was completed and one exception was cited – the annual audit was missing from the official record. It was determined that the audit was complete but not approved by the session until 2009. Corrective entries in the permanent minutes will be made.
7. The Stated Clerk reported that the records review of the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church was completed and two exceptions were cited – the age distribution of elders was not recorded and some baptisms were not pre-approved by the session. These exceptions have been remedied by reporting the age distribution of elders in the session minutes dated March 23, 2009 and the session will begin immediately approving adult and child baptisms prior to their occurrence.
8. The Stated Clerk reported the death on February 21, 2009 of Rev. Russell Benson, an Honorably Retired member of Presbytery. Details about the circumstances of his death or memorial have not been provided.
9. The Stated Clerk reported the death earlier this month of the Rev. Henry Jonas, an Honorably Retired member of Presbytery. A memorial service was held Saturday, April 11, 2009, at the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church Chapel at 3:00 p.m. There was a reception at the Remington Club following the service @ 16925 Hierba Drive, San Diego 92128. The family has established a memorial fund with Presbyterian Urban Ministries.
10. The Stated Clerk reported that the records review of the La Mesa Presbyterian Church has been completed and numerous exceptions and administrative corrections were cited. The exceptions were that congregational meeting minutes were not approved by the Session, certain statistics were not reported, presbytery commissioners were not elected, the session minutes did not show the approval of new elders and deacons, the session minutes did not record the approval of communion to shut-ins, no report of an annual audit, the terms of call for the Pastor were not recorded, the session minutes did not reflect approval of baptisms and the session minutes did not reveal a review of the membership rolls. Administrative corrections were the failure to record a quorum present, failure to elect the Clerk and a pro-tem Clerk, failure to conduct an annual review of the Deacon minutes, failure to record approval of dates of special offerings and failure to show a two-week notice of a called meeting. The corrective actions taken in response to this review were the Clerk of Session received training in the duties of the office which provided the following tools: Helpful Tools for Clerks of Session which includes the summary of the annual review of session records and the Handbook for Clerks of Session in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The Ecclesiastical Committee of Presbytery will provide direction for the clerk on request.
11. The Stated Clerk reported a special open enrollment for Long-Term Care insurance with the Presbyterian Board of Pensions. The open enrollment period will be held from April 15 to May 31, 2009 for optional Long-Term Care insurance provided by CAN. This special enrollment opportunity is the first in a decade and may not be offered for another ten years, if at all. All members of the Board of Pensions Benefit Plan are encouraged to review this opportunity.

12. The Stated Clerk requested a correction be made to the minutes of the February 17, 2009 minutes that were posted on the web. On page 4, Item #1, of the Stated Clerk's report – there is a statement that lists the corporate officers that are responsible for managing the corporate affairs of the Presbytery in 2009. This statement should be corrected to read “These officers of the corporation are those who are authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Presbytery for 2009.”
13. 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 Presbytery VOTED to receive and approve the following reports from the Presbytery Council, the Committee on Ministry, and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Presbytery Council met on March 3, 2009, and took the following actions:

1. Voted to receive the following report of the Administrative Commission (AC) for Fallbrook Presbyterian Church:

The Administrative Commission continues to meet regularly. The subcommittee of four members of the Commission also continues to meet with the four members of the Fallbrook Session Response Team. In recognition of the hurt that has been caused to the Presbytery by the filing of the lawsuit over title to the property, the Fallbrook Session has graciously offered to pay the Presbytery's legal costs. We thanked them for the gesture and said that we would pass it on to the Presbytery.

Offers and counter offers have been made by the Administrative Commission subcommittee and the Fallbrook Response Team with regard to settlement of the property ownership issue. All offers to date have been rejected by either the Fallbrook Session or the Administrative Commission. The lawsuit to settle the property ownership issue is still making its way through the legal system. Given the decision by the California Supreme Court in the Episcopal cases, our attorneys have filed a motion for Summary Judgment. A hearing on that motion has been set for July 16, 2009. If we prevail that will end the litigation and determine that the PC (USA) owns the property as set out in the trust clause of the Book of Order. If we do not prevail, the case will go to trial in the fall.

Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

2. Voted to approve the sponsorship of a missional leader training event about “moving back into the neighborhood” as requested by Clark Cowden. Harvey Throop, Elizabeth Crews and Owen Wickstrand requested that their “no” votes be recorded.
3. Received the report of the Executive Committee of Council that had conducted a staffing review of the Stated Clerk's office. They determined that there would be no changes in the scope, hours or duties of the Stated Clerk at this time. The Council then instructed the Chair of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, Rev. Harvey Throop, to have his committee begin the process of nominating five members of presbytery to serve as the Stated Clerk Review Committee for the Clerk's end of term review. The current term of the Clerk expires on December 31, 2009.
4. The Council voted to establish the start time of 5:00 pm for the stated meetings of the presbytery in June, September and November 2009.

5. The Council voted to accept the following invitations to host stated meetings of presbytery:

April 18, 2009 – Chula Vista (Saturday – start time 9 AM)  
September 15, 2009 – Fletcher Hills  
November 17, 2009 – Oceanside First  
February 16, 2010 – Rancho Santa Fe

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Council Moderator

The COM met on February 24, 2009, and took the following actions:

1. The COM voted to adopt the following policy regarding the newly established Benevolence Fund.

*As funds are available, the Committee on Ministry grants authority to the Committee on Ministry Chair, the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk to make decisions regarding distribution of the fund with the following limits:*

*Chronic need: up to \$2,500 per year – amounts in excess require the full Committee on Ministry approval. A chronic need is defined as an ongoing need not resolved or fully addressed by a one-time grant.*

*Acute need: Up to \$1,000 per event – amounts in excess require full Committee on Ministry approval. An acute need is defined as something sudden and unexpected.*

*These matters can be voted by electronic vote.  
This policy is operational forthwith.*

2. The COM voted to concur in the recommendation of their Chair that Rev. Randy Yenter serve as the committee Vice-Chair in 2009.
3. The COM voted to empower Clark Cowden and Barry Moller to develop and coordinate the next Pastor's Sabbath scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2009, with Rev. Dr. Bruce Humphrey as the featured speaker.

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

1. The COM voted to concur in the request of the Grand Canyon Presbytery and the Rev. Robert Dulaney, Honorably Retired member of San Diego Presbytery, that he be transferred to Grand Canyon retroactive to January 27, 2009.
2. The COM voted to concur in the request of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Rachel Brown, that the Associate Pastor relationship between the congregation and Rev. Brown be dissolved effective March 1, 2009. All financial obligations between the parties have been met.
3. The COM voted to concur in the request of the Session of Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (MMPC), contingent on a vote of the congregation, to allow MMPC to move towards calling a Designated Pastor.
4. The COM voted to begin the process of moving the Revs. Paul Dean Allen, Jon Freeberg and Brian Lucas to inactive status.

Elder Eloise Housman, 2009 Chair

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) met on March 10, 2009, and took the following actions:

1. The CPM reported the annual consultation with Candidates James and Katie Pazan has been completed.
2. The CPM reported the annual consultation with Candidate Aaron Smith has been completed.
3. The CPM reported that the enrollment date as a “Candidate” for David Rohde be corrected to September 16, 2008.

The CPM met on April 14, 2009 and reported the following actions:

1. The CPM reported that Candidate Trevor Buser has withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process on his own request.
2. The CPM reported that Candidate Elizabeth Ferguson has withdrawn from the preparation for ministry process on her own request.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

The following matters from the Stated Clerk, Presbytery Nominating Committee, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry and Ecclesiastical Committee were voted on consent

The Stated Clerk recommended the following:

1. That the minutes of the presbytery meeting on February 17, 2009, be approved.
2. That the Presbytery act to instruct the Moderator of Presbytery to appoint a five-person Investigative Committee in consultation with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk.

Background: On or about March 15, 2009, verbal allegations of an offense were received by the Stated Clerk. Subsequent to that conversation the Stated Clerk was delivered a partial statement of written allegations. The Stated Clerk anticipates additional statements will be received. The Executive Presbyter has been informed.

Pursuant to Book of Order D-10.0103 it states “Upon receipt of a written statement of an alleged offense, the clerk of session or the stated clerk of presbytery, without undertaking further inquiry, shall then report to the governing body only that an offense has been alleged without naming the accused or the nature of the alleged offense, and refer the statement immediately to an investigating committee.” Once this committee has been appointed, it will be convened by the Stated Clerk and they will begin their work.

The Committee on Ministry recommended the following:

1. That the Presbytery concur in the request of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church that Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) Jim Lagerstrom be continued in his role for another three years retroactive to January 17, 2009. His first term was effective January 17, 2006 for three years ending January 16, 2009.
2. That the Presbytery grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Willard L. James effective May 1, 2009.

Elder Eloise Housman, Chair

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) recommended the following:

1. That the Presbytery concur in their recommendation that Mr. Demetrio Aguilar be removed from the preparation for ministry process, pursuant to G-14.0463.  
Background: Mr. Aguilar was enrolled as an Inquirer in March 2001. Since that time he has not met with the committee, has not responded to numerous inquiries for clarification of his pursuit of ministry and has not made any attempt to maintain a relationship with the CPM. The decision by the CPM to recommend this action was unanimous.

Pastor John Moser, Chair

The Ecclesiastical Committee recommended the following:

1. That the following annual report of the review of church records be approved:

PRESBYTERY REVIEW OF 2008 RECORDS  
MARCH 2009

On March 7, 2009, the Ecclesiastical Committee held the annual Review of Records at Palisades Presbyterian Church in San Diego. The participation was good and the results of the Review are below. The clerk of the Taiwanese church was in attendance but the review is yet to be done.

CHURCHES WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS

Christ, Rancho La Costa, Carlsbad  
Pacific Beach, San Diego  
First Presbyterian, San Diego  
Fletcher Hills, El Cajon  
Grace, Vista  
Graham Memorial, Coronado  
Lakeside Community, Lakeside

Mira Mesa, San Diego  
Faith, San Diego  
Palisades, San Diego  
Solana Beach  
Westminster, Escondido  
Westminster, San Diego  
Westmorland

CHURCHES WITH ONE EXCEPTION

Chula Vista, Chula Vista  
First Presbyterian, El Cajon

Northminster, San Diego  
Village, Rancho Santa Fe

CHURCHES WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS

First Presbyterian, Brawley  
La Jolla, La Jolla

Point Loma Community, San Diego  
Rancho Bernardo, San Diego

CHURCHES WITH THREE EXCEPTIONS

Christ United, San Diego  
Linda Vista, San Diego

Trinity, Spring Valley

CHURCHES WITH MORE THAN THREE EXCEPTIONS

First Presbyterian, Oceanside  
La Mesa, La Mesa

Southeast Community, San Diego

SESSION RECORDS AND CLERKS WHICH WERE NOT PRESENT – RECORDS ARE STILL TO BE REVIEWED.

Fallbrook, Fallbrook  
Korean, San Diego

Mount Soledad, La Jolla  
Taiwanese, San Diego

The Committee will work with the clerks and pastors of these churches to complete their review.

2. The Presbytery voted to approve the following recommended changes to the by-laws of the Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church:

BYLAWS OF  
Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

ARTICLE IV. SESSION

Section 7.

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. 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.

c. 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 meeting.

d. For motions approved, 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.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 2.

Amendments and/or revisions to these Bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of ~~a quorum of~~ the eligible Congregation members present and voting for approval.

Anne Clark, Chair

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

Evangelism  
Preparation for Ministry  
Committee on Ministry  
Stated Clerk Review Committee

Rev. Brad Roth, Class of 2011  
Elder Art Michalek, Class of 2009, Pt Loma  
Rev. Art Mills, Class of 2009  
Elder Bill Tayler, Village Rancho Santa Fe  
Elder Maurice Caskey, San Diego First  
Rev. Jan Farley  
Rev. Dr. Steve Locke  
Rev. Dr. Ed Girod

Pastor Harvey Throop, Chair

The Committee on Ministry presented and Presbytery VOTED the following:

2. That the Rev. Robert Trent, Honorably Retired, be received into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego. His Statement of Faith is available at the end of these minutes.
3. That Elder Paula Taylor, a member of the Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, be voted a Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLP) at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church (SBPC) for a term of three years effective forthwith. Ms. Taylor answered the constitutional questions in the affirmative and was commissioned by the moderator. The COM further recommended that her authority as a CLP be as stated in G-14.0562.a, b, c, d & e.

G-14.0562a – Administer the Lord’s Supper.

G-14.0562b – Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.

G-14.0562c - Moderate the session of the congregation under the supervision of and when invited by the moderator of the session appointed by the presbytery, or when appointed by presbytery as moderator.

G-14.0562d - Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee, and when allowed by the state.

G-14.0562e - Have a voice and vote in meetings of the presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for purposes of parity).

Her *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of these minutes.

The terms of employment are as follows:

Base Salary/Housing	\$71,663
Car allowance	\$300 per month
Medical reimbursement	Up to \$3,000 per year
Study leave as approved by the Head of Staff & Executive Director	

4. That the Rev. Dr. Tony Wolfe be called as Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of San Diego retroactive to January 1, 2009. Dr. Wolfe’s *Statement of Faith* can be found at the end of these minutes. The COM voted 12/4/1 on this recommendation. Presbytery VOTED approval of this call, with one abstention.
5. The following terms of call were approved for Dr. Wolfe, retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Salary	\$22,866
Housing	37,595
Auto Allowance	
Continuing Education	
Four weeks paid vacation annually	
Two weeks continuing education annually – cumulative up to six weeks	

Elder Eloise Housman, Chair

The Council of Presbytery presented and Presbytery VOTED the following:

1. That the draft policy on the gracious separation of congregations be approved.  
Background: In late 2008, the Presbytery Council formed a sub-committee to draft a policy on gracious separation. That team was Elder Elizabeth Crews and Pastors Steve Locke and Chris Lenocker. These three consulted other presbyteries for input and

heard the desires of our Council. They returned to the Council with their recommendation for a policy which the Council then voted and forwarded to the presbytery for their approval. The first reading of this policy was introduced at the February 2009 meeting of the Presbytery and is now before you for ratification. The full text of this document can be found at the end of these minutes.

2. That Presbytery authorize a loan of \$40,000.00 to Executive Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden, in order to assist him in the purchase of a condominium, in satisfaction of a portion of the terms of his call, with the following provisions: The \$40,000.00 Note is to be fully amortized, monthly, over 10 years, at a rate of 1% above the interest rate that Presbytery receives on its invested funds. The note will be a personal loan to Dr. Cowden with the condition that the Note will be due and payable during the term of the Note, should the condominium be sold, or refinanced, or that the Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden is no longer employed as Executive Presbyter of the San Diego Presbytery. The effective date of the repayment terms will be determined prior to the release of funds with the Budget Property & Finance Committee. This agreement will be reported back to the Presbytery once the transaction is complete.

For information: The first deed of trust will be secured by an FHA loan which does not allow for a second deed of trust. The funds are to be made available to Dr. Cowden after May 15, 2009.

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Chair

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

1. To advance Inquirer Juan Daniel Espitia to Candidate under care of the Presbytery of San Diego.

Report of the Executive Presbyter

Rev. Clark Cowden reminded the Presbytery that it is not enough to work longer and harder, we have to work differently. He reported on the progress of the Missional Pastor Group. There will be a pastor's Sabbath day on May 21, 2009. A two-day conference about "Moving back into the Neighborhood" will be held in August on how churches can become involved in their community.

Pastor Clark Cowden

Report of the Budget Property & Finance Committee

Owen Wickstrand reported that "Wills" Sunday is May 3, 2009, and suggested that someone from every session present a report on this to their congregation.

Elder Owen Wickstrand, Chair

There was no new or unfinished business. Presbytery adjourned at noon with prayer by the Moderator.

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

STATEMENT OF FAITH  
Robert E. Trent --- February 2009

I believe in God Almighty – Father, Creator and Sustainer of Life; and in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord and Savior; and in the power and work of the Holy Spirit. What does this statement mean?

First of all, it involves a fundamental belief in a God who created the universe...He also created man in His image, and it was good...however, man broke the relationship with God when He disobeyed God's Word in the Garden of Eden. I believe in a God who from the beginning of time has worked diligently to establish a relationship with His Creation. Through time He has entered into various covenants with His people to restore them to the original relationship with God for which they were created. Consequently, God reigns as sovereign ruler over all of creation – all creatures, actions, things. Because of this unique relationship, we worship Him with a spirit of humility, forgiveness, and gratitude.

God, through Moses and the Ten Commandments, gave us the Law to guide us in our relationship with Him and with each other. But mankind disobeyed and subverted the Law...so God through His benevolent Love, sent His Son to earth to take on our sins and provide us with the means of salvation – faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I believe God was in Christ reconciling Himself to us through the life (teachings), death, and resurrection of Christ. Since then, God guides us through the power and work of His Holy Spirit. Consequently, my faith leads me to believe in the Triune God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. God in three persons – God's three way of being God.

I believe God can be seen through the life, death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. It was God Himself who came to earth in the person of the Christ Child, who grew to manhood as Jesus of Nazareth that He might experience our humanness and sinfulness. He willingly took on the sins of mankind through His Crucifixion, and brought us forgiveness, and hope for eternal life in His Resurrection. God created this “undeserved loving kindness” so that mankind might once again have direct access to Him. Consequently, I believe God's grace and salvation are attained only through confessing one's sins and proclaiming one's faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior...acknowledging Him as the supreme authority over every human authority, over the church and over our individual moral choices.

I believe that God is at work today in His third persona as Holy Spirit. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit working through our lives and the lives of others that God accomplishes His purposes here on earth. It is the Holy Spirit that teaches and leads believers in God's right ways and empowers them to love and serve God. God guides us to the truth through the Spirit-inspired words of Holy Scripture. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that peoples' lives are transformed – into a life of holiness, righteousness, power, and love. It is through the Spirit working in our lives that we are connected one to another and to the saving work of Christ.

Scripture records for us how, from the beginning of time, God entered into covenants with His people. Consequently, all who would confess their sins and turn from them in repentance, and put their faith and trust in Christ, are spiritually united with Christ and participate in a new covenant where there is salvation and redemption. Believers become members of the covenant community which we call the Church...and enjoy the covenant promises of eternal life and blessing.

As members in the fellowship of the Church, it is our mission to proclaim to all the world the good news of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. It is also our responsibility to demonstrate God's love toward one another – sharing in worship, fellowship, and nurture, and practicing a deepened life of prayer and service under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God has

provided us with two Sacraments to nurture our faith and remind us of the sacrifice Christ made for us. These are the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper...using the common elements of water, bread, and wine...to convey the grace, salvation and presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Baptism we celebrate our entrance into the life of the Spirit and the Christian community we call the church. In infant baptism, the parents promise to raise their child in the teachings of Christ and the church until such time as the child can reaffirm his/her own faith. Through the Lord's Supper, we celebrate the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross (His body broken, His blood shed for us). I believe that through these Sacraments, God through Jesus Christ, is present in the Spirit and that we are renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

These are the basic tenets of my faith. Through God's love I am given identity and purpose...through Jesus Christ I have a mediator who by His Grace has provided me with forgiveness and the strength to overcome...and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the vision and hope for eternal life and the restoration of my soul for which God originally created me.

Statement of Faith  
Paula A. Taylor

I worship, serve, love, and believe in the one living triune God Almighty, who reveals himself and his plan of salvation in Holy Scripture. God is both immanent and transcendent. In the mystery of his deity he will never be fully comprehensible to the human mind. Although one in nature, the triune God expresses himself in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. All were eternally co-existent and present before the creation of the world. God is love, and demonstrates his divine character by ruling over his creation with his sovereign grace and mercy.

I believe God created humanity in his image with free will, giving them stewardship over their lives and creation. In human pride and rebellion, sin entered the world and the intimate relationship between God and creation was forever broken. That separation is restored through repentance and faith in Christ in the now and ultimately completed when his kingdom comes.

I believe Jesus Christ is God's only Son and mediator between God and humanity. Through the incarnation of God, Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, he became a man, existing as both fully God and fully human. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, victory over sin was accomplished, once and for all time. In Christ's final sacrifice forgiveness and eternal life is offered, through unmerited grace, to all who believe.

I believe that through the atonement Jesus Christ was the perfect substitutionary sacrifice for all sin. Salvation is offered through Christ's righteousness and atoning work on the cross as a gift of God's grace to all who will receive it through faith. Christ's work of justification frees the believer from the penalty of sin, which is death. Reconciliation to God comes through belief in Jesus Christ and is given to his followers as their mission on earth, until he comes again to judge the living and the dead and establish his holy kingdom in full.

I believe God the Holy Spirit indwells Christians as the Spirit of truth and empowers them for the work of Christ on earth. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin, guides, teaches, intercedes in prayer, comforts, creates life, heals and testifies to truth within our spirit. The Holy Spirit is present with believers in a lifelong journey of sanctification and renewal as they submit their lives and their will to the work of the Holy Spirit, becoming more and more like Jesus Christ.

I believe in the Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, as the only true and inspired Word of God with the authority to give humanity all that is needed to understand faith and life. It is inspired both in the writing and in the reading as the Holy Spirit is active giving divine light to God's truth. The Bible, when taken in its entirety, is the written Word of God that reveals the true character of God and his plan of redemption in his Son, the Living Word, Jesus Christ. It is the record of salvation history offered through God's covenant faithfulness as demonstrated in the covenants he established with Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David, being finally established in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ and his shed blood.

I believe the church includes all believers who confess Jesus Christ as the Messiah, son of the living God and who seek to demonstrate God's kingdom on earth. The church is made up of forgiven sinners who are chosen, redeemed, called, set apart, gifted and equipped to live as God's servants and stewards in all aspects of life. God intends his church to be a community of grace where every believer actively participates in worship, service, and evangelism. The church is called to preach the gospel and administer the two sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper as signs and seals of ongoing life with Christ. Ordinary elements of water, bread, and cup are sacred reminders of God's covenant grace, received by faith, for the worshipping community. They represent initiation into the covenant community, God's forgiveness, our cleansing, new life in Christ and our nurture in the power and presence of our living Lord until he comes again to establish his kingdom and reign forever and ever.

STATEMENT OF FAITH  
The Rev. Dr. Tony Wolfe

It is by the grace of God that we are what we are: followers of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior of the world. Through this transforming personal and communal experience mediated to us by the presence of the Holy Spirit in and through the ministry of Jesus of Nazareth, we know that the love of God is real, that forgiveness is possible, and that eternal life is offered us here and now and everlastingly. Thus God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one in the work of creation and redemption, and equal expressions of God's reconciling love.

We are created in God's image: in our freedom, our creativity, our maleness and femaleness, our energy, intelligence, imagination, and capacity to love. The story of Adam and Eve is the story of each of us: we are created for intimate communion with our Maker and provided with all we need to live in harmony with God and one another; but in our freedom we turn away from God and focus on selfish desires, thus corrupting all our relationships. Without God, we reap the consequences of guilt, fear, shame and alienation.

The mystery of God's love for us is that we are not left in such a state of separation and condemnation. The Scriptures—the written word of God— bear unique and authoritative witness to God's manifold and ongoing efforts to bring us back into harmonious relationship with our Creator, with one another, and with the physical world around us. The good news is that Jesus' life, death and resurrection break down the dividing wall of hostility between us as human beings and between us and God. Jesus Christ makes God's love transparent. His sacrificial death on the cross reveals the depth of God's love for us and the pain God is willing to bear to make us whole. In the words of The Confession of 1967, "God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love" for all humanity.

It is by their fruits that we know those who truly love God. This fellowship of God-lovers constitutes the church, the community called to be the body of Christ in the world by loving the Lord God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind and our neighbors as ourselves.

In worship the church celebrates the sacramental mysteries of the sharing of the body and the blood of our Lord until he comes again; and of baptism as a reflection of our dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ. These are visible signs of the invisible grace by which we are what we are in obedience to Jesus Christ, which alone identifies the one universal church.

We share the good news of Jesus Christ in manifold modes of mission. While our experience of salvation is personal, it is never merely individual. Jesus calls us to serve as he served: feeding the hungry, welcoming the poor and the stranger, clothing the naked, healing the sick, and working in solidarity with the victims of exploitive social, economic and political systems.

We have hope for the future because we know the resurrected Christ, "the first born from the dead," who demonstrates the truth that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him" (NIV) and that nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. "Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto him forever and ever."

Juan-Daniel Espitia  
Statement of Call

I feel called to become an ordained Minister of Word and Sacraments. I enjoy and count as a blessing the patience and full support of my wife and children. The love and care of many church members has also been encouraging to me, along this path. The years in Yuma were of modest Christian service, starting a Hispanic Fellowship under the support of both Presbyterian Churches, while working on my LCSW work and our family. However, in my prayers I have been asking God to use me and my family in any settings and conditions that He would consider for us. When Solana Beach Presbyterian Church called me to serve in their ministry, I was glad and grateful for God's leading and opening this door, I saw my prayers being answered in a very clear way. I feel very blessed working in the ministry I currently have. The years I have served as CLP together with the preaching, teaching and overall involvement with the life of church, confirms within me, my call to full time ordained ministry within the parameters of the Presbyterian Church. I can see how my call matches with the gifts, experiences and training God allowed me to go through. I believe I am ready to commit myself to Ordained ministry, beyond the CPL stage and for the rest of my life. I am approaching ordination, trusting that the same Grace which has sustained me all throughout my life will continue sustaining me, guiding me and confirming what God has in mind for me and my family. I believe this is the next step God wants me to take at this time. I want to respond to His call. Further, I feel that God has been working in my life in preparation to participate in His work within the boundaries of the Presbyterian Church USA. I am also responding to several friends and ministers who have encouraged me to move ahead in the path to ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament. So, here I am, I want to offer my "two fish and five loaves of bread" trusting God will confirm His call through the leadership of the church. My ultimate goal is to seek and obey God's plan for me and my family.

Respectfully, Juan-Daniel Espitia

Gracious Separation of Congregations  
April 18, 2009

Introduction:

We are aware that, within congregations, there may be members and leaders with varying degrees of dissatisfaction, disaffection and discontent. Across our congregations there is a continuum of anxiety and confusion regarding the future of the church (local) and Church (denomination). The result may be different levels of response, support and action from the appropriate body of jurisdiction. The possible levels of discontent can be expressed in the following way:

- I. A congregation and/or its leadership may indicate concern about their relationship with the denomination;
- II. A congregation and/or its leadership may indicate concern about the implications of Chapter VIII of the *Book of Order* regarding the church property;
- III. A congregation and/or its leadership may indicate that it is considering the option of withdrawal from the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- IV. A congregation and/or its leadership has initiated specific, concrete action to withdraw—and/or is engaging in civil action regarding property matters.

In the case of levels I-III the presbytery will normally make use of the existing options of the Committee on Ministry as set forth in G-14.052j. The establishment of Response Teams by the COM will be the normal pattern of response.

1. Individual members of a particular church may at any time move their membership to another Reformed denomination, whether by reason of convenience, conscience, or indifference. (Book of Order G-10.0302b1-4)
2. A congregation may be dismissed only by the governing body of original jurisdiction (presbytery) and in consultation with receiving denomination's highest governing body. (Book of Order G-15.0203a and b; G-11.030i)
3. Congregations wishing to be so dismissed shall follow these steps:
  - a. The session shall meet with the Committee on Ministry. (Book of Order G-11.0500a, i, and j)
  - b. The minister and clerk of session shall request in writing the church's desire to leave the PC (USA) with attendant rationale and the signatures of the supporting session members.
  - c. The Committee on Ministries Response Team shall meet with the session of the discontent congregation.
  - d. The session shall call a congregational meeting, to be held no earlier than one month following its meeting with the Committee on Ministry and in accordance with Book of Order (G-7.0302b and c; G-7.0303a(1), b). At least 50% of the active membership must be present. Representatives of the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery staff must be present and have the privilege of the floor. The question to be discussed is: "Shall the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church request San Diego Presbytery to dismiss it to \_\_\_\_\_?" Ample time

shall be given to both those who favor and those who oppose such an action to discuss the possible action. No vote of any kind will be taken at this meeting.

- e. The session, no sooner than three months and no later than six months after the first meeting, may call a second congregational meeting. If called, at least 30 days notice shall be mailed to all the active members of the congregation in advance of the meeting and shall include the nature and purpose of that meeting. At least 67% of the members on the active roll must be present. Due diligence will be exercised to ensure that only those eligible to vote are allowed to do so. The question to be put before the congregation is: "Shall the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church request San Diego Presbytery to dismiss it to \_\_\_\_\_?" Ample time will be provided for those on both sides of the question to speak. Representatives appointed by the Presbytery (Committee on Ministry and staff acting on its behalf) shall have the privilege of the floor. Following discussion and prayer, a secret written ballot shall be taken on the motion. The choices being, "Request Dismissal", "Do Not Request Dismissal", or "Abstain". If three-quarters of the active members present and voting favor dismissal, the request shall go to the Presbytery. If at least one member, present and voting, contests the regularity of the second meeting, he/she may send the details of the allegations to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, who shall then convene the Permanent Judicial Committee for the purpose of rendering a decision. (Book of Order D-6.0102a(1)-d) At the meeting of Presbytery, which may be either a stated or called meeting, to consider a request for dismissal, the Presbytery shall:
- hear from members of the congregation requesting dismissal
  - hear from members of the congregation opposing dismissal
  - hear from the PJC if any irregularity has been alleged and if so its findings and recommendations
  - hear from representatives appointed by Presbytery (COM and Response Team) who were present at the second congregational meeting and who may have a recommendation to present to the Presbytery
  - be informed of any financial contributions or obligations related to this congregation through its relationship with any governing body of the PC (USA)
  - hear whether the denomination to which this church wishes to be dismissed is in conformity with the Book of Order for a denomination to which we may dismiss a congregation and whether we have met all of our obligations in such dismissal. (Book of Order G-15.0201, 15.0202a and b)
  - be informed of how this congregation's dismissal would affect the mission and ministry of this Presbytery.

After discussion and prayer, the Presbytery shall vote by secret written ballot on this question, "Shall the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church be dismissed to \_\_\_\_\_ subject to meeting any financial obligations appropriate to this action?" The votes cast must be "yes", "no", or "abstain".

- f. Following the vote, should the congregation's request for dismissal be sustained, it may then petition the Presbytery to receive its former property. No debate shall take place or action taken on this petition at this presbytery meeting. Debate and action on such a request must be taken at a separate meeting of presbytery which may be either a stated or called meeting.

The Presbytery will hear from a task force appointed by Presbytery's Council, Committee on Ministry, and the Executive Presbyter detailing any financial arrangements negotiated with the congregation, whether or not a viable continuing

congregation loyal to the PC (USA) exists which may make use of the property and what provisions have been made for their care if that should not be the case. After discussion and prayer, the Presbytery shall vote by secret written ballot on the following: “Shall the \_\_\_\_\_ Presbyterian Church, as it is being dismissed to \_\_\_\_\_ be allowed to retain its former property with the following provisions:

- The following financial arrangements \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The present name of the church may not be used in the future.
  - Original copies of session minutes and other historical documents related to the church’s life as a Presbyterian church (PC (USA) or its predecessors) will be turned over to the Presbytery for transmission to The Presbyterian Historical Foundation.
  - If the congregation separates for any reason from the body or its legal successor to which it is being dismissed within a period of ten years from the date of this Presbytery meeting, \_\_\_\_\_, the property will revert to this Presbytery or its legal successor. The votes cast shall be “yes”, “no”, or “abstain”.
4. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the appointment of an Administrative Commission and assumption of original jurisdiction in accordance with Book of Order G-11.0103s.
  5. The intent in any dispute within the life of the church is to achieve reconciliation. To that end, we wish to make clear our intention to continue to seek that goal and to assure any congregation which should separate from us of our continuing prayers for them and a willingness to welcome them back to that part of God’s family known as the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The IV level of discontent would demand the forming an Administrative Commission to act on behalf of the presbytery;

1. If civil and/or ecclesiastical (judicial) action is taken by leaders of or by a congregation to withdraw from the denomination and/or to challenge Chapter 8 of the Book of Order G-8.0200), the leaders and/or congregation are choosing to assume an adversarial position in opposition to the presbytery; any prior actions taken by the Presbytery regarding their future in the denomination or dismissal shall become null and void. In such situations, the Moderator of the Presbytery or Stated Clerk has authority to appoint, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter, an Administrative Commission., with any or all of the following additional powers:
  - a. to determine whether a schism exists within the congregation (G-8.0601, G-11.0103);
  - b. to determine which members represent the true church (G-8.0601); the Administrative Commission is authorized to utilize whatever legal and constitutional means are necessary to make this determination.
  - c. to make recommendations to the presbytery to dissolve pastoral relationships; or “...when it finds that the church’s mission under the Word imperatively demands it.” G-11.01030, the Administrative Commission may dissolve pastoral relationships, G-9.0503a(4); consistent with the provisions of the Constitution regarding such action (including but not limited to G-6.0501, G-6.0502 and G-6.0503 – “Renunciation of Jurisdiction”) and subject to review by the presbytery.
  - d. to take all legal action necessary to freeze the assets of the church (real and liquid);
  - e. to take all legal action necessary to freeze the membership rolls of the church effective as of the date of the formation of the Administrative Commission;
  - f. to take all legal action necessary to secure the building, grounds and other property of the church for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);

- g. to determine if and when a meeting of the congregation is appropriate for the purpose of voting to withdraw from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.);
- h. to call congregational meetings, and provide the moderator and clerk for that meeting and to determine who is an Active member entitled to vote;
- i. to report the results of all congregational votes to the presbytery and the presbytery Council;
- j. to authorize oversight of the church, its ministry and its property to a viable faction of the congregation that has been identified as the true church within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) according to the provisions of G-8.0601;
- k. to take all legal action necessary to secure the mailing lists of the church in order to be able to communicate directly with all members and contributors;
- l. to propose (in the event there is no viable faction of the congregation that has been identified as the “true church” within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)) to the presbytery the recommendation for the disposition of the property held by or for the church, and the assumption of the liabilities of the church; *{this may include, if consistent with Form of Government, a recommendation to dismiss to another Reformed body, with or without compensation to the presbytery}*
- m. to secure professional counsel as needed, including entering into any necessary contracts for services;
- n. to engage denominational officials in obtaining assistance in protecting the legal rights of the presbytery;
- o. to secure whatever civil interventions may be necessary to protect the interests of the presbytery;
- p. to assume original jurisdiction if facts in evidence so warrant such action;
- q. to dissolve the congregation if facts in evidence so warrant such action;
- r. to take all legal and ecclesiastical actions necessary to protect the interests of the presbytery.