

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO STATED MEETING –February 16, 2021

The Stated meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego at was convened by Ruling Elder Wells Lyman, the outgoing Moderator, at 4:05 p.m. via Zoom. He led the Presbytery in prayer. He also recognized the outgoing Executive Committee Chair, Fairlight Collins Lower, for her service to the Presbytery over the last three years. Teaching Elder Mike Wallman was installed as the Moderator and Ruling Elder Lyn Lloyd Smith was installed the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery for 2021. Teaching Elder Mike McClenahan led a conversation on the vision regarding new worshipping communities with Teaching Elder Megan Cochran, Ebenezer Leader, Noel Musicha, and Cyclical San Diego Director, Teaching Elder Daniel So. There were breakout sessions for small group gatherings at the end of the meeting for further conversations and fellowship time.

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>TEACHING ELDERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
1-1	Brawley, First	<b>M Galbraith</b>		<b>Carl Stills</b>
2-1	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	<b>G. Bostrom</b> <b>E. VanGieson</b>	101 103	<b>Karen McLachlan</b>
3-1	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	<b>E. McColl</b>	105	<b>Joan Stroh</b> Cora Gregory (A)
4-1	Coronado, Graham Memorial	<b>D. McElrath</b> J. Joseph (e)	101 103	Ralph West
5-1	El Cajon, First	<b>K. Dawsey-Richardson</b>	101	<b>Nancy Williams</b> Cindy Graham (A)
6-1	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	<b>K. Womack</b>	101	<b>Daniel Decker</b> Jim Reisweber (A)
7-1	Escondido, Westminster	<b>M. Sedgwick</b>	101	<b>Nancy Scholder</b> <b>Carole Ostrander (A)</b>
8-5	La Jolla, La Jolla	<b>P. Cunningham</b> <b>S. Mitchell</b>	101 103	<b>Mary Kinyon</b> <b>Lynn Lansing</b> <b>Deanne Rohde</b> Pam Taunton <b>Christy Zatkan</b> Jen Marchesini (A) Steve Vincent (A)
9-1	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	<b>J. Moser</b>	101	<b>William Green</b> Cindy Green (A)
10-1	Lakeside, Community	<b>T. Avazian</b>	101	Gerie Morrin <b>Linda Sunkel (A)</b>

11-2	Oceanside, First	<b>M. Killeen</b> <b>E. Wilson-Manahan</b>	101 103	David McNulla <b>Steven McConnell</b> John Dowling (A)
12-4	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	<b>J. Baca</b> <b>J. K. Farley</b> <b>N. Presa</b> D. R. Caughey	101 103 103 109	Michael Dyer <b>Patrick Singer</b> <b>Michael Williams</b>
13-1	San Diego, Christ United	<b>N. Byrd</b>	101	Audrey Littlefield
14-1	San Diego, Faith	<b>S. Codington</b>	101	<b>Nancy Harber</b> Joe Huffaker (A)
15-2	San Diego, First	<b>J. Andrews</b> J. Myers	101 103	<b>Maurice Caskey</b> <b>Rudy Kosits</b> Cheryl Kosits (A)
16-1	San Diego, Iglesia Emmanuel			Hugo Carbajal Amado Olguin (A)
17-2	San Diego, Korean	Y. H. Kang	101	
18-1	San Diego, Linda Vista	<b>R. Roth</b>	108	<b>Stephen Awe</b>
19-1	San Diego, Mira Mesa	<b>D. McColl</b>	105	<b>Gary Huber</b>
20-1	San Diego, Northminster	<b>J. Shirley</b> N. Landis	101 301	Rom Sarno
21-1	San Diego, Orange Ave			
22-1	San Diego, Pacific Beach	S. Locke	105	<b>Steve Ritz</b>
23-2	San Diego, Palisades	<b>G. Ziccardi</b> <b>R. Ziccardi</b>	105 105	<b>Ruth Sweet</b> <b>Barbara Van Meter</b>
24-4	San Diego, Point Loma Community	<b>K. Shaw</b> <b>A. Wirth</b>	101 103	<b>Gresham Bayne</b> <b>Em Cummins</b> Art Michalek <b>Barbett Wood</b>
25-4	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	M. Wasef	103	Corey Buckner <b>Mady Cheng</b> Richard Fowler Craig Riddle Jim Dunny (A) Le' Kubow(A)
26-1	San Diego, Southeast	<b>R. Sparling</b>	106	D Lund Phil Bazier (A)
27-1	San Diego, Taiwanese	<b>S. Tsai</b>	101	<b>Winnie Davis</b> Nick Tsai (A)
28-1	San Diego, Westminster	<b>M. Cochran</b>	101	<b>William Hodgkiss</b>

29-4	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	<b>M. McClenahan</b> <b>J. D. Espitia</b> <b>J. Nelson</b>	101 103 103	<b>Ericka Southcombe</b> <b>Cathy Tyre</b> <b>Sue Burgess</b> <b>Mark Halling</b>
30-1	Spring Valley, Trinity	<b>B. Barclay</b>	101	Don Axe
31-1	Vista, Grace	<b>M. Wallman</b>	105	<b>Patrick Ryan</b>
32-1	Westmorland, Community	<b>M. Watson</b>	105	Cari Agusta Anne Mallory (A)

<u>OTHER PRESBYTERY MEMBERS and STAFF</u>		ECC DESIGNATION
Executive Presbyter		302
Stated Clerk	<b>RE Frances Lin</b>	303
*Vice-Moderator	<b>*RE Lyn Lloyd-Smith</b>	
*Chair Executive Committee	<b>*RE Wells Lyman</b>	
*Chair E&M committee	<b>*RE Jim Sedgwick</b>	
*Chair HR committee	<b>*RE Judy Enns</b>	
*Chair, Nominating Committee	<b>*RE Sue Skala</b>	
*At-large member Executive Committee	<b>*RE Laura Metzger</b>	
Office Manager	<b>Jennifer Sedgwick</b>	
Director, New Day Urban Ministries	Raul Palomino	

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	K Johnson	761	B. Reed	299
R. E. Anderson	299	T. F. Johnson	299	E. Reynolds	645
R.C. Betters	299	J. Kerkhoff	797	<b>L. Rice</b>	701
J.H. Boller, Jr.	299	J. Kim	797	J. Robertson	299
<b>W. Bynagte</b>	299	<b>C. Kohlbray</b>	171	D. Satre	791
J. Chambers	299	T. C. Lai	299	T. Simpson	797
<b>F. Collins Lower</b>	797	C. S. Lee	503	M. W. Smith	761
<b>C. Cowden</b>	797	<b>C. M. Lenocker</b>	299	<b>D. So</b>	171
S.W. DeLong	299	L. S. León	501	<b>J. So</b>	171
A.F. Desterhaft	299	A. Lin	501	W. A. Soldwisch	299
<b>A Deuel</b>	299	A. Y. Lin (e)	791	G. Spearman	299
D.F. Edic	299	<b>T. Loney</b>	761	G. L. Stewart	299
V. Ford	299	P. Lual	299	M. Taxer	299
<b>B. Franco</b>	701	<b>R. Mentze</b>	299	T. Theriault	299
R. Garton	299	J. Messervè	797	H. S. Vigeveno	299

E. Girod	299	B. Moller	299	<b>M. Walls</b>	299
J. Hagelganz	299	<b>M. Mudgett</b>	299	P. Weiler	299
C. Hammond	299	K. Pazan	797	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
W.W. Hoffman	299	D. Pierson	797	M. Williams	751
C.M. Hong	299	<b>E. Piper</b>	797	T. Wolfe	299
G Horn	797	<b>J. Rauch</b>	299	R Yenter	299
R. Humphries	299				

## Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Sudanese American  
Solana Beach  
Solana Beach  
Southeast

William Tut\*  
Paula Taylor\*  
**Jpetul J'ernantes\***  
Steve Peters\*

BOLD = Attended Meeting e = excused A = Alternate  
\* - Voting Member of Presbytery

## Corresponding

Mark Hong – Synod Executive

## Guests Present:

Cheryl Kosits – HR committee  
Megan Benjamin – inquirer  
Jeremiah Lester – Ebenezer  
Noel Musicha – Ebenezer  
Holly Nolan  
Neal Nybo  
Harriet Thompson  
James Wilson

## Attendance:

Teaching Elders	52
Ruling Elders	42
Corresponding	1
Inquirers/Candidates	1
Visitors/Others	7
Total	103

## Section 1: Reports

### A. Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports the following:

1. That pursuant to the *Presbytery Manual of Operations, Part I*, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery in 2021:

President – Executive Committee Moderator –Wells Lyman  
Vice-President – Executive Committee Vice-Moderator – Chris Lenocker  
Secretary – Stated Clerk of the Presbytery – Frances Lin  
Treasurer – Chair of the Budget Property & Finance –Jim Rauch

2. That the following is the imbalance report for 2021 (based on 12/31/20 totals):

Teaching Elder (Minister) members eligible to participate in Presbytery	111
Less Teaching Elders <b>not</b> participating in Presbytery	49
Net Teaching Elders participating	<b>62</b>
Ruling Elder commissioners determined by church membership	52
Ruling Elder members by office or CRE status with vote**	10
Net Ruling Elder participants	<b>62</b>
<b>Net imbalance (ruling elders over teaching elders)</b>	<b>0</b>

There are currently 111 Teaching Elder (Minster of Word and Sacrament) members of Presbytery; but 49 have been deemed to have “not participated” by virtue of not attending any of the meetings in 2020. They are subtracted from the number of those participating for the purpose of determining the imbalance. This calculation leaves 62 teaching elders active in the presbytery.

Based on 2019 statistics (the last full year with official reporting), each congregation of San Diego Presbytery is entitled to one (1) elder commissioner with the following exceptions:

La Jolla	5
Oceanside	2
Village	4
First San Diego	2
San Diego Korean	2
Palisades	2

Point Loma Community	4
Rancho Bernardo Community	4
Solana Beach	4

\*\* In addition to the ruling elders representing each congregation, the following ruling elders are enrolled as members of Presbytery based upon their election to office for 2021. They are:

Presbytery Vice-Moderator – Lyn Lloyd Smith (Village)  
 Executive Committee Chair -- Wells Lyman (Palisades)  
 Evangelism and Missions Chair – Jim Sedgwick (La Jolla)  
 Human Resources Committee Chair – Judy Enns (Rancho Bernardo Community)  
 Nominating Committee Chair -- Sue Skala (Point Loma Community)  
 At-Large to Executive Committee – Laura Metzger (Village)

Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) with Presbytery membership and vote are:

Paula Taylor (Solana Beach)  
 Jpetul J’ernantes (Solana Beach)  
 William Tut (Sudanese)  
 Steve Peters (Southeast)

3. The following is the necrology report for members of San Diego Presbytery in 2020:
  - Rev. George Walker Smith passed away on February 15, 2020
  - Rev. Duane Walker passed away on November 5, 2020
4. 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.

Frances Lin, Stated Clerk

## **B. Information**

1. Strategic Planning Special Committee Report (attachment A) Paul Cunningham, Chair
2. Evangelism and Mission Report (attachment B) Jim Sedgwick, Chair
3. Nominating Committee reports that they are working on candidates who will be serving on the Interim EP Search Committee. There will likely be a special called meeting in March for the Presbytery to elect the members of the search committee. A notice will be sent out in advance of the special called meeting. Sue Skala, Chair

## Section 2. Consent Agenda

**The Stated Clerk** recommends, and **the PRESBYTERY VOTED:**

That the proposed minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on November 17,2020, be approved.

## Section 3: Business to be presented and/or VOTED on the floor

1. **The Presbytery voted** to suspend the requirements of the standing rule prohibiting Presbytery meetings by electronic means in *Manual of Administrative Operations* chapter 16, paragraph XI. A.3, per chapter 16, paragraph X.B. Note: this will require a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of those members of the Presbytery and commissioners signed into the Zoom meeting.
2. **The Nominating Committee** recommends, and **PRESBYTERY VOTED:**
  - The Moderator of San Diego Presbytery- The Rev. Dr. Mike Wallman
  - The Vice-Moderator of San Diego Presbytery-Ruling Elder Lyn Lloyd Smith

Sue Skala, Chair

Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 5:35 pm and were dismissed with prayer by the Moderator

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Frances Lin, Stated Clerk

## **Attachment A**

### **Strategic Planning Special Committee of San Diego Presbytery**

Since December, the Strategic Planning Special Committee has met three times and is meeting every other week over Zoom. We have been looking at the three points of our strategic plan which were approved in 2016. These are to: plant new worshipping communities, help to vitalize existing congregations and formulate policies and procedures that allow us to achieve our goals.

We have had conversations with Cyclical (Mike McClenahan and Noel Musicha) and in February will be talking with Chris Lenocker, who is Chair of COM, and Greg Bostrom who is working with BPF on property oversight.

We are discovering that the rotating model of our Presbyterian leadership system makes it difficult to keep the Presbytery's vision in front of people. We change moderators of the Presbytery every year, we have new Elders from congregations who know little, if anything, about the vision of the Presbytery. Our committee chairs rotate every two or three years. Consistency is hard to maintain and yet consistency is a must if we are going to follow through on the goals we have for our Presbytery.

We appreciate your prayers and plan to have more to share with you at our May meeting.

Paul Cunningham, Teaching Elder, La Jolla, Chair  
Sam Codington, Teaching Elder, Faith  
Erica Johnson, Ruling Elder, Palisades  
Delores McNeely, Ruling Elder, Christ United  
Karla Shaw, Teaching Elder, Point Loma



## **Attachment B**

Two blessings to report from the Evangelism and Mission Committee:

A huge thank you to all the churches who responded to our call to help the South Sudanese Fellowship raising funeral funds. As you recall, this fellowship is an official mission of our Presbytery and they were struggling to help cover the expense of two member's funerals due to gang violence and Covid-19. Your generosity raised \$1,900! And brought comfort and compassion to our mission community during a hurting time.

Secondly, in E&M's December meeting we were able to disperse the proceeds from the special Peace and Global Witness offering. Again, due to the amazing generosity of your congregations, the special offering brought in \$4,400. Praise God! The funds were distributed to five wonderful organizations on the front lines of bringing God's peace and witness to the World. Here's how the money was distributed:

\$1,000 to Ebenezer Church – Witnessing God's care and bringing Peace to unsheltered people of Linda Vista, helping to provide housing to a person literally sleeping on the steps of the church.

\$1,000 to Interfaith Shelter – Interfaith's costs during Covid have gone from \$2.50 per guest per night, to \$90 per guest per night. The challenges to help bring people out of homelessness have been tremendous during this time. They spread peace and witness God's love with a hand up for those who are down.

\$1,000 to Safe Harbors – Providing safe shelter for refugees, Safe Harbors provides a global witness that every person is made in the image of God, and deeply loved by Him.

\$1,000 to Alliance for African Assistance – Helps bring peace to refugees who have resettled in America. They witness to the global community of people who are oppressed and in danger in their homes.

\$400 to Global Immersion – Global Immersion actively trains peacemakers in global conflict zones.

Please pass our gratitude to your Congregations for their generosity with the special offering. God is multiplying their efforts to bring peace and global witness to our world.

**Jim Sedgwick,**

**Chair of E&M**