

PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO SPECIAL CALLED MEETING –JULY 13,2021

The special called meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego was convened by Teaching Elder Mike Wallman, the Moderator, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. He led the Presbytery in prayer. The Stated Clerk, Frances Lin, declared the quorum.

ROLL: The notice of the meeting was made according to the Manual of Administrative Operations, Chapter 1, Section V.D. The roll would be taken by the zoom report, and that those registering during the meeting, together with corresponding members, and those requesting leaves of absence (when granted) constitute the roll.

Notice of the place, date, hour, and purpose of this meeting was distributed to all members of the Presbytery on Friday, July 2, 2021, and was posted on the website on that same day.

The purpose of the meeting was for two pieces of businesses:

The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery approves the call of the Rev. Bill Sperry as the Pastor of Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church and the transfer of membership of the Rev. Dr. Geoff Kohler to serve as the Transitional Pastor of Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

	<u>CONGREGATION</u>	<u>TEACHING ELDERS</u>	<u>ECCLESIASTICAL DESIGNATION</u>	<u>RULING ELDERS</u>
1-1	Brawley, First	M Galbraith		Carl Stills
2-1	Carlsbad, Christ Church of La Costa	G. Bostrom E. VanGieson	101 103	Marcia Griffith
3-1	Chula Vista, Chula Vista	E. McColl	105	Joan Stroh Cora Gregory (A)
4-1	Coronado, Graham Memorial	D. McElrath J. Joseph	101 103	Lalo Reyes
5-1	El Cajon, First	K. Dawsey-Richardson	101	Nancy Williams Cindy Graham (A)
6-1	El Cajon, Fletcher Hills	K. Womack	101	Daniel Decker Jim Reisweber (A)
7-1	Escondido, Westminster	M. Sedgwick	101	Nancy Scholder Carole Ostrander (A)
8-5	La Jolla, La Jolla	P. Cunningham S. Mitchell	101 103	Mary Kinyon Lynn Lansing Deanne Rohde Pam Taunton Christy Zatkan Jen Marchesini (A)

				Steve Vincent (A)
9-1	La Jolla, Mt. Soledad	J. Moser	101	William Green Cindy Green (A)
10-1	Lakeside, Community	T. Avazian	101	Gerie Morrin Linda Sunkel (A)
11-2	Oceanside, First	M. Killeen E. Wilson-Manahan	101 103	David McNulla Steven McConnell John Dowling (A)
12-4	Rancho Santa Fe, Village Community	J. Baca J. K. Farley N. Presa D. R. Caughey	101 103 103 109	Michael Dyer Patrick Singer Michael Williams
13-1	San Diego, Christ United	N. Byrd	101	Delores McNeely
14-1	San Diego, Faith	S. Codington	101	Nancy Harber Joe Huffaker (A)
15-2	San Diego, First	J. Andrews J. Myers	101 103	Maurice Caskey Rudy Kosits 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	R. Roth	108	Stephen Awe
19-1	San Diego, Mira Mesa	D. McColl	105	Gary Huber
20-1	San Diego, Northminster	J. Shirley N. Landis	101 301	Rom Sarno
21-1	San Diego, Orange Ave			
22-1	San Diego, Pacific Beach	S. Locke	105	Steve Ritz
23-2	San Diego, Palisades	G. Ziccardi R. Ziccardi	105 105	Ruth Sweet Barbara Van Meter
24-4	San Diego, Point Loma Community	K. Shaw (e) A. Wirth	101 103	Gresham Bayne Em Cummins Art Michalek Barbett Wood (e)

25-4	San Diego, Rancho Bernardo Community	M. Wasef	101 103	Corey Buckner Mady Cheng Richard Fowler Craig Riddle Jim Dunny (A) Le' Kubow(A)
26-1	San Diego, Southeast	R. Sparling	106	D Lund Phil Bazier (A)
27-1	San Diego, Taiwanese	Shang Nan Tsai	101	Winnie Davis Nick Tsai (A)
28-1	San Diego, Westminster	M. Cochran	101	William Hodgkiss
29-4	Solana Beach, Solana Beach	M. McClenahan J. D. Espitia J. Nelson	101 103 103	Ericka Southcombe Cathy Tyre Sue Burgess Mark Halling
30-1	Spring Valley, Trinity	B. Barclay	101	R. Eichelberger
31-1	Vista, Grace	M. Wallman	105	Patrick Ryan
32-1	Westmorland, Community	M. Watson	105	Cari Agusta Anne Mallory (A)

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

OTHER MINISTERS:

R. K. Adams	299	R. Humphries	299	J. Rauch	299
R. E. Anderson	299	K Johnson	761	B. Reed	299
R.C. Betters	299	T. F. Johnson	299	E. Reynolds	645
J.H. Boller, Jr.	299	J. Kerkhoff	797	L. Rice	701

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W. Bynagte	299	J. Kim	797	J. Robertson	299
J. Chambers	299	C. Kohlbr	171	D. Satre	791
F. Collins Lower	797	T. C. Lai	299	T. Simpson	797
C. Cowden	797	C. S. Lee	503	M. W. Smith	761
S.W. DeLong	299	C. M. Lenocker	299	D. So	171
A.F. Desterhaft	299	L. S. León	501	J. So	171
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D.F. Edic	299	A. Y. Lin	791	G. Spearman	299
V. Ford	299	T. Loney	761	G. L. Stewart	299
B. Franco	701	P. Lual	299	T. Theriault	299
R. Garton	299	R. Mentze	299	H. S. Vigeveno	299
E. Girod	299	J. Messervè	797	M. Walls	299
J. Hagelganz	299	B. Moller	299	P. Weiler	299
C. Hammond	299	M. Mudgett	299	M. F. Willard, Jr.	299
W.W. Hoffman	299	K. Pazan	797	T. Wolfe	299
C.M. Hong	299	D. Pierson	797	R Yenter	299
G Horn	797	E. Piper	797		

Commissioned Ruling Elders:

Sudanese American
Solana Beach
Southeast

William Tut*
Jpetul J'ernantes*
Steve Peters*

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

Corresponding

Guests Present:

Rev. Bill Sperry
Rev. Dr. Geoff Kohler
Lisa Schnabel– Pacific Beach
Patsy Battenfield
MaryElva Smith
Mac McEuen
Betsy Martin – Pacific Beach

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Luke Cowell
Karl Schmid
Marian Reed
Cheryl Kosits – HR
Larry Cox – Pacific Beach

Attendance:

Teaching Elders	36
Ruling Elders	33
Corresponding	0
Inquirers/Candidates	0
Visitors/Others	13
Total	82

Committee on Ministry

Teaching Elder Chris Lenocker, Chair of CoM presented the candidate, the Rev. Bill Sperry. The Rev. Bill Sperry 's Statement of Faith and the Terms of his Call was attached to the docket (Attachment A and B) and published on the Presbytery website; therefore, reading of his Statement of Faith was waived. Chris also asked the first question to begin the examination process. Several questions were asked.

The Presbytery voted unanimously for the call of the Rev. Bill Sperry as the Pastor of Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church.

The Chair of CoM, Chris Lenocker, also presented the Rev. Dr. Geoff Kohler. Geoff was transferring his membership for the purpose of serving as the Transitional Pastor for Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church. Geoff's Statement of Faith(Attachment C) was also attached to the docket and published on the Presbytery website; therefore, reading of his Statement of Faith was waived. Chris also asked the first question to begin the examination process. Several questions were asked.

The Presbytery voted unanimously for the transfer of the membership of the Rev. Dr. Geoff Kohler.

Presbytery VOTED to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. and were dismissed with prayer by the Moderator.

Frances Lin, Stated Clerk

Attachment A

Pastor Bill Sperry's Personal Statement of Faith

I believe in God, the great Composer and Conductor of our universal symphony. God is One and is the only eternal being, existing in the three persons of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the great Composer, in an act of divine love and creativity, God created all life and all matter and set into motion events that will demonstrate love to God's creation, show the Lord's nature as sovereign ruler of all things, fulfill God's covenant promises, and express God's glory and praiseworthiness. This Composer created and maintains a masterpiece of will for the performance of the universal symphony. Each mood, line, measure, note, and accidental is known to its Composer; and by the Conductor's divine and graceful hand, the symphony will one day be played to perfection.

As Conductor, God has graciously chosen to allow humanity to participate as players in the great orchestra. Yet, in our idolatrous desire to steal the spotlight, we have strayed from the music God has written and have improvised in a way that is dissonant with the Composer's perfect score. Rather than casting us all from the orchestral pit, God sent Jesus, God's only begotten Son, to sit among us as First Chair. In his perfection, Jesus taught us how to keep our instruments in tune; how to listen to and appreciate our fellow musicians; how to interpret and follow the score; and above all else, how to enjoy, love, and obey the Conductor. Sadly, we misunderstood Jesus and failed to see that he was, in fact, the Conductor and Composer among us, both fully God and fully human. So, we rejected him and killed him. But, even death could not hold him; and after three days, he was resurrected to life to sit again at the right hand of the heavenly Conductor. His presence was a foretaste of the glory of the final performance, and he promised to return for an unparalleled encore. In great mercy, the Father accepted Jesus' death as an atoning sacrifice for our rebellion, providing eternal salvation for all those who repent and believe.

After Jesus' earthly departure, the Conductor sent another virtuoso, the Holy Spirit, to counsel, empower, and move among us. The Spirit maintains order and gives common grace to the pit. Though an advocate for all, the Spirit handpicks certain musicians to enjoy a personal relationship with God, a relationship that provides spiritual freedom and revelation in this life, as well as promising eternal participation in God's endless, heavenly symphony. Mysteriously, the Conductor does not choose musicians for salvation on the basis of exceptional talent or accomplishment. The Conductor's choices can only be understood as grace notes within His sovereign will and love.

Within the greater orchestra, those the Conductor chooses as believers are set apart to be the church, the Body of Christ, to serve as section leaders, representatives, and advocates of the Composer's original score. The church reflects the missional nature of the Conductor, so it must regularly seek opportunities to foster justice, model repentance, demonstrate mercy, and share the good news of God with unbelieving musicians. In practice, the church regularly recognizes and demonstrates God's covenant promises through the holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the signs and seals of those covenant promises. In Baptism, we recognize our own transition from spiritual death in sin to life in Christ, and we experience the cleansing from sin that is found only through Christ. Around the Lord's Table, we experience in covenant community the spiritual presence of Christ through the bread and cup, his body and blood given for the forgiveness of sin.

Finally, with each day that passes and each note I play (whether proper or errant), I enjoy a greater appreciation of the trustworthiness of the Composer and the perfection of the Composer's written score, God's word revealed through Scripture, the score inspired by God and without fallacy. On the basis of the promises provided by that divine score, I humbly labor in

response to God's goodness and await the eternal performance of the Composer's blessed masterpiece.

Attachment B

Rev. William D. Sperry and the
Pacific Beach Presbyterian
Church

	Terms of Call		
Salary	\$30,000		
Housing	\$60,000		
Pension / Health BOP	\$33,300	37%	BoP Self and family
Dental BOP	\$1,161		\$1,161
Prof/Book exp	\$3,500		
Continuing Ed	\$1,500		
Mileage (57.5 cent/ml)	\$1,150		
Total	\$130,611		
Moving Exp	5,000		

4 weeks vac
2 weeks study
2 weeks active duty

Attachment C

Personal Statement of Faith Geoffrey Stuart Kohler

I believe in the Trinity experienced as Creator, Sustainer and Constant Companion.

I believe in God the creator who made the universe and all that it is in it. I believe that God is not encumbered by our choices, nor strictly designs the future, but utilizes all experiences and circumstances to reach God's desired end. I believe that God teaches us wisdom without demanding obedience or purity. The consequence of our behavior, when it is self-focused or against God's wisdom, produces death within our souls and infects the souls of others with deadly results. This death is the sin of which the Bible speaks, and it separates us from the communication and presence of God. As we seek our own survival in the world, we remove ourselves further and further from God.

I believe in Jesus, the sustainer, who made the universe and all that is in it. I believe that Jesus sought us out within the death we create to bring us back into relationship with God and other people, that he created the means by which to bring us back into life. Jesus did this by living a life that included all the rules by which we must live but that was never, not ever, disconnected from God's presence and power. This distinction was the foundational difference between Jesus and the rest of humanity. It was through this humble, truthful, completely engaged existence that Jesus was able to become the one who could receive all the death created by humanity toward and in the world, and remove it from blocking our communication and relationship with God. He became death so that we might become alive. Then he was resurrected from death because it is too weak to hold him, the one who provides and is Life. Jesus came, not only to save us from death, but to teach us how to live in the wisdom of God with each other. In this, he provides the living way into truth that produces life in our souls and in the souls around us.

I believe in the Spirit, our constant companion, who made the universe and all that is in it. As we are awakened from death, I believe the Spirit indwells us and recreates our character from within so that it can communicate with God fully. Producing the fruit within us that is the basis of relationship and wisdom, the Spirit challenges our choices, reduces our inhibitions and seals our souls. Through this work, we are restored, healed and can become the blessing we were designed by God to be in the lives of others.

I believe in the Church, the world-wide community of those who have been awakened out of death, who celebrate the truth of God, and who join together to sustain each other and to pour life back into the world. I believe in the sacraments of Baptism, as the sign of our entrance into new life in Christ, and Communion, as the sign of our uniting with God and with the community of faith.

I believe in the Bible, the word of God that communicates the truth of the presence, wisdom and strength of God to the world. I believe it is true from beginning to end and leads us, as we study and receive it, into deeper and more fruitful communication and relationship with God and the rest of humanity. It challenges us to act as we believe. I believe that I am called to grow in Christlikeness through the work of God in my soul.