



STATED MEETING

of the Presbytery of San Diego
September 19th - 4:00 pm

Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church
17010 Pomerado Road
San Diego 92128

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Rev. Elizabeth Wilson-Manahan, Moderator
Ruling Elder Sue Skala, Vice-Moderator
Ruling Elder Linda Therien - Stated Clerk
Ruling Elder Carole Ostrander – Minute Clerk

PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE STAFF

Rev. Michael Mudgett, Executive Presbyter

DIRECTIONS

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

Please bring docket materials.

1. Commissioners requiring an excuse from the meeting should apply to the Stated Clerk via the presbytery web site at www.presbyterysd.org
2. Any committee chair desiring to meet with her/his committee must make arrangements with the host facility.
3. This meeting will include a dinner meal @ \$15.00 per meal and reservations are required. They can be made with the Presbytery office @ officemgr@presbyterysd.org or by calling 619-224-2490 x 100. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, September 14th, 5 pm.

Upcoming Stated Presbytery Meetings 2017

Tuesday – November 14 – 4 pm – Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church

PROPOSED DOCKET - STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO
Tuesday – September 19th – Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian – 4 pm

3:30 p.m. Registration begins

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

4:00 p.m. **Call to Order & Prayer** – Pastor Elizabeth Wilson Manahan
Declaration of a Quorum; Approval of docket & Consent docket
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.
Welcome by Host Pastor – Pastor Bryan Stamper

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

4:10 p.m. **Worship with Rev. Juan-Daniel Espitia preaching –**
“Challenges in Leadership” – Acts 20:17-37
An offering will be taken for the Hispanic Fellowship at Solana Beach Presbyterian

5:00 p.m. **Presbytery Nominating Committee Part I** – Pastor Alan Deuel
- Nominations of Moderator & Vice-Moderator 2018 with nominations from the floor

5:05 p.m. **South Sudanese-American Presbyterian Task Force** – Elder Bruce Huebner
- The final report with recommendations

5:25 p.m. **Budget Property & Finance Committee** – Pastor Paul Cunningham
- An update on the 2017 budget and upcoming vote on 2018 budget in November

5:30 p.m. **Executive Presbyter's Report** – Pastor Michael Mudgett
- Update on Cyclical development & introduction of the Director

ENGAGE IN FELLOWSHIP & DINNER

5:45 p.m. **Recess with grace for dinner**

CONTINUE IN GOD'S WORK & WORSHIP

6:45 p.m. **Presbytery Moderator's Report** – Pastor Elizabeth Wilson-Manahan
- Building Relational Communities

7:05 p.m. **Hispanic Ministry Council** – Pastor Juan Daniel Espitia

7:10 p.m. **Presbyterian Foundation** – Steven Wirth Ministry Relations Officer

7:15 p.m. **PUM Task Force** – Elder Bill Tayler Chair
- The final report with recommendations

7:30p.m. **Committee on Ministry** – Elder Michael Williams
- Rev. Karla Shaw - approval as Pastor of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Jeff McCrory to be examined for transfer to San Diego

7:55 p.m. **Presbytery Nominating Committee** – Pastor Alan Deuel
- Nominations of Moderator and Vice-Moderator in 2018 & closure of nominations
- Nominations of Commissioners for 2018 General Assembly

8:00 p.m. **Unfinished business, announcements & adjournment**

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports the following:

1. The death of the Rev. Herbert Noble Christ on July 7, 2017, at the age of 89, just three days after moving to the Mount Miguel Covenant Village with his wife of sixty-four years, Ruthe Anne Christ. Rev. Christ was born in Wilton, North Dakota in 1928 but the family moved to Santa Ana, California in 1935 after the death of their father, Fred, a Presbyterian minister. Rev. Christ earned a B.A. in Political Science from Long Beach Stated in 1956 and a MDiv from Union Theological Seminary in 1960. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Los Angeles in 1960 by the United Presbyterian Church. He served pastorates in New York, Arizona and California the last being as the Pastor of College Park Presbyterian Church which later merged with East San Diego Presbyterian Church but is now known as Faith Presbyterian Church. Herb served as the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Phoenix and Grand Canyon and the Presbytery of San Diego from January 1989 through December 2003. Herb and Ruthe Anne were blessed with seven children, fourteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren. A celebration of his life was held on August 26, 2017, at the Faith Presbyterian Church where he and his wife found their church home.
2. Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Rev. Thomas N. Waddell, Interim Pastor of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church in Pacifica, California, expressing their condolences and sympathy on the death of Rev. Herbert N. Christ. Although Rev. Christ was not known by this congregation his son, Jonathon, is their Clerk of Session. A copy of the letter was forwarded to Ruthe Anne Christ.
3. That the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Eileen Moran at Christ La Costa Presbyterian Church has completed their work and been dismissed with appreciation and thanks.
4. The resignation of Elder Ray Markey from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2019. This vacancy has been referred to the Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement.
5. The resignation of Elder Sue Skala from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry Class of 2018, effective December 31, 2017. This vacancy has been referred to the Nominating Committee to nominate a replacement.
6. That the offering received at the May meeting of Presbytery was \$901.36 and was given to the South Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship.
7. The death of the Rev. Donald R. Biddy, PhD, on December 23, 2016 at the age of 84. Dr. Biddy served in the United States Navy from 1949 through 1953 and the San Diego Police Department from 1961 through 1982 when he retired. He was an ordained Presbyterian pastor and served churches in Fontana, Benica and Desert Hills, California over the course of his career. A celebration of his life was held at El Cajon Presbyterian Church.
8. The death of the Rev. Robert Rhinehart on February 7, 2017, at the age of 91 years. He was born in 1925 in Eureka, California and died in Bozeman, Montana. He served in the U.S Army during World War II, as a medical corpsman on hospital ships that made multiple trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific voyages. He graduated from Whitworth University, attended San Anselmo Theological Seminary and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary. He met his future wife, Florence Fritzen, at the Hollywood Presbyterian Church young adult group and they married in 1955. He is survived by two children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services have been held.
9. The death of Rev. Lloyd Henderson on July 1, 2013 in Greenbrae, California at the age of 83. Rev. Henderson attended Whitworth College, United States International University and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He served churches in Merrill, Oregon; Eureka, California and Rawlins, Wyoming.

10. The transfer of the Rev. James Giddens, PhD to the Presbytery of the Pines has been completed.
11. 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, Stated Clerk

Report of the Committee/Commission on Ministry

The Committee/Commission on Ministry met on June 27, 2017 and reports the following actions:

1. That the Rev. Dr. Leon Bracey, minister member of the Presbytery of Mississippi, was given permission to labor inside the bounds of the Presbytery of San Diego on July 30, 2017, in order that he might preach in morning worship at the Southeast Community Presbyterian Church.

The Committee/Commission on Ministry met on July 25, 2017, and reports the following actions:

1. As a committee VOTED that the Rev. Barry Moller be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of San Diego Presbytery in order to serve as a Transitional Administrative Pastor for the El Montecito Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara Presbytery effective June 5, 2017, to continue until the next permanent Pastor is called and installed.
2. As a commission VOTED that the Rev. Dr. Neal Nybo's pastoral relationship with the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective June 30, 2017, with salary continuation through December 31, 2017, to include his salary, housing and Board of Pensions benefits. This was voted by the congregation on July 2, 2017. All financial obligations to the parties will have been met by 12/31/17.
3. As a committee VOTED to authorize Ruling Elder Frances Lin to moderate the session of Grace Vista during the month of August 2017 if Rev. Scott Mitchell is unavailable.
4. As a commission VOTED that the Rev. Tom Straeter's pastoral relationship with Grace Vista be dissolved effective July 31, 2017, with the terms as follows:

Two weeks of vacation pay from 2016

Three weeks of vacation pay from 2017

Nine weeks of unused sabbatical time with pay (7/31/17 through 9/30/17)

The congregation VOTED on this business on July 9, 2017. All financial obligations to the parties will have been met by September 30, 2017.

5. As a commission VOTED to extend the Designated Pastor relationship between the congregation of the Grace Vista Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Eliecer Barrantes for one year from September 16, 2017.

Ruling Elder Michael Williams, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee

1. In an Email vote taken by the Executive Committee on June 1, 2017, the following Administrative Commission as recommended by the Committee on Ministry was approved to install Rev. Eileen Moran as the Associate Pastor of Christ Carlsbad on June 4, 2017 at 9 AM:

Elder Sue Skala, Moderator, Point Loma Community
Elder Michael Williams, Village
Elder Cheryl Wright, La Costa
Rev. Dr. Greg Bostrom
Rev. Duane Walker

As corresponding: Rev Dave Rohde, Los Ranchos Presbytery

Ruling Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

Consent Agenda

The Stated Clerk recommends

1. That the proposed minutes of the Stated Presbytery meeting on May 16, 2017, be approved.

Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

The Committee on Ministry recommends

The Committee met on May 23, 2017, and recommends the following:

1. That contingent on the vote of the Presbytery on September 19, 2017, to approve the Rev. Karla Shaw as the Pastor of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, that the following be the terms of call as voted by the congregation:

Salary \$54,000

Housing \$45,000

Reimbursable Expenses (per year):

Board of Pensions \$36,100

SECA \$7,600

Optional Insurance \$1,850

Automobile \$1,250

Study Leave \$1,500

Medical Reimbursement \$2,500

Mobile Phone \$1,200

Professional Expenses \$2,000

Transition Allowance - (one-time at commencement of Call)

Amount \$30,000

Additional Information: The transition allowance shall be in lieu of any housing subsidy or moving expense reimbursement.

The Committee on Ministry met by Email on May 31, 2017, and voted the following:

1. That the following Administrative Commission be recommended for approval in order to install the Rev. Eileen Moran as the Associate Pastor for Christ Carlsbad on June 4, 2017, at 9 AM, at the church.

Elder Sue Skala, Moderator, Point Loma Community
Elder Michael Williams, Village
Elder Cheryl Wright, La Costa
Rev. Dr. Greg Bostrom
Rev. Duane Walker

As corresponding: Rev. Dave Rohde, Los Ranchos Presbytery

The Committee on Ministry met on June 27, 2017, and recommends the following:

1. That Rev. Dr. Douglas Nason be granted the status of Honorably Retired effective July 1, 2017.
2. That at the request of the Rev. Deborah Mitchell and the Point Loma Westminster Presbyterian Church that her interim relationship with Westminster be extended from August 1, 2017 through July 30, 2018, with the provision that either party can terminate the relationship with a thirty-day notice. The following are the terms:

Salary & Housing	\$55,166
Board of Pensions	20,579
Reimbursable Professional Expenses:	
Study Leave/Continuing Ed	1,000
Other Professional Expenses	1,500
Total	\$78,245

3. That the following "terms of agreement" between the Rev. Ray Sparling and the session of Southeast Presbytery Church be approved retroactive to July 1, 2017. The base compensation for salary/housing as their part-time Temporary Stated Supply Pastor/Head of Staff be set at \$25,000.
4. That Sarah Carter, Commissioned Ruling Elder at Presbyterian Urban Life be granted a three-year term or until February 21, 2020.

The Committee on Ministry met on July 25, 2017, and recommends the following:

1. That contingent on the vote of the Presbytery on September 19, 2017, that the following Administrative Commission be approved to install the Rev. Karla Shaw as the Pastor of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church on October 1, 2017:

Elder Sue Skala, Vice-Moderator of Presbytery and Moderator of this AC
Elder Barbett Wood, Point Loma Community
Elder Delores McNeely, Christ United
Elder John Brand, Point Loma Community
Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker, Honorably Retired
Rev. Deb Mitchell, Westminster Point Loma
Rev. Michael Mudgett, Executive Presbyter

Elder Michael Williams, Chair

The Executive Committee of the Presbytery recommends:

1. That Rev Chris Kohlbry be elected to serve the Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2018.

Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommends:

1. That Rev. Neal Presa of Rancho Santa Fe Village Presbyterian Church be elected to serve the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2017.

Pastor Alan Deuel, Chair

Business to be presented and/or VOTED on the floor

The Committee on Ministry recommends:

1. That the Rev. Karla Shaw, a minister member of the Presbytery of San Diego, be approved to be the Pastor/Head of Staff of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2017.

Additional information: Rev. Shaw has served as the Associate Pastor at Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church since September 2010 and was initially not part of the search process to replace their Pastor. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) worked diligently with their search for many months with Committee on Ministry representatives Elders Delores McNeely and Linda Therien. At some point the PNC decided to consider Rev. Shaw as a possible candidate but still did not abandon their wider search. After many months of prayer and discernment the PNC voted unanimously to recommend Rev. Shaw as their candidate. The congregation VOTED on May 28, 2017 by ballot and the count in favor of Rev. Shaw was 186/10/2.

Book of Order G-2.0504.c states “A presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits a minister of the Word and Sacrament currently called as an Associate Pastor to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor or co-pastor, or a minister of the Word and Sacrament employed in a temporary pastor relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor. Presbyteries that permit this eligibility shall establish such relationships only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting.”

2. That the Rev. Jeffrey McCrory, PhD be received into the membership of the Presbytery of San Diego in order that he may receive and accept the invitation of the Escondido Westminster Presbyterian Church to be their interim pastor effective September 4, 2017. His *Statement of Faith* is at the end of this agenda.

Ruling Elder Michael Williams, Chair

Statement of Faith
Dr. Jeff H. McCrory Jr.

I believe in one **God**, who exists as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, neither male nor female. To Moses and Israel, this God was revealed as Yahweh, who initiated a new relationship with Abraham and his family. To the disciples, this same God appeared in the flesh as Jesus the Messiah. And as the Holy Spirit, this God both worked and works in the world bearing witness to the mission of Kingdom of God in Jesus Christ.

Through the word God made all that is, declaring creation to be good. Furthermore, God upholds and guides creation so that both good and evil are woven into his purposes. As the final act of creation, God made the humans for fellowship and obedience, able to fulfill God's will. Our first parents by their disobedience broke the relationship with God. We too continue this disobedience, turning from God and as a result, are in conflict with ourselves, others, and the creation. As sinners, we are subject to God's anger, inclined to evil, and stand under the penalty of death.

I believe in **Jesus Christ** who was born a first century Jew, and through his life of obedience and suffering, culminating in his death and bodily resurrection, was revealed as fully God and fully human. In love God came to us in Jesus both to satisfy justice, to restore broken relationships, and to restore the creation. As savior and risen lord of the world, Jesus continues to be the only reconciler among God, the humans, and the creation.

I believe in the **Holy Spirit**, as the presence of God in creation, guiding the people of Israel, inspiring the prophets, and giving witness to Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is God enabling our profession of Jesus as Lord and Savior, granting the gifts of faith, and restoring both the humans and the world to God's intention. It is the Holy Spirit's task to comfort and convict, and to make proclamation of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments effective. As we accept the reconciling love of Jesus, the Holy Spirit dwells in and among us nurturing obedience and knowledge of God such that we become more united to Jesus and his mission in the world.

As the unique, authoritative, and inspired word of God, I recognize both the **Old and New Testaments** of the Protestant canon to be the written revelation of God's dealings with humans and their world. Scripture is our only infallible rule of faith and practice, interpreted in its historical, literary, and canonical context, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, whose inward testimony gives authority to its witness.

I believe in one holy universal **church** created by God with Jesus Christ as its head for mission. The church consists of sinners from all ages, called by God and united by the Holy Spirit. The life and work of the church is to preach and teach the gospel, administer the sacraments, worship God, make disciples from all nations, and strive for justice and righteousness in individual, social, and cosmic arenas. Thus, we as the church are to go into the world with the reality of God's kingdom of justice and righteousness expressing the love of Jesus Christ.

Within the church there are two **sacraments** instituted by Jesus, baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism is both the seal of God's grace including us in the redeemed community and the sign of our entrance into the church and its mission. The Lord's Supper is the means by which we feed spiritually on Jesus Christ, share his death, and join in the fellowship of the Trinity in mission.