



STATED MEETING

of the Presbytery of San Diego
November 14, 2017- 4:00 pm

Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church
6551 Soledad Mountain Road
La Jolla 92037

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-5 going north, exit Grand/Garnet.
Go north on Mission Bay Drive to Garnet and turn left (west) onto Garnet,
turn right onto Soledad Mountain Road.
Continue uphill to church at corner of La Jolla Scenic Drive & Soledad Mountain Road

Coming south on I-5, exit Balboa/Garnet; turn right (west) onto Garnet
(Balboa becomes Garnet here), turn right at light onto Soledad Mountain Road.
Continue uphill to church at corner of La Jolla Scenic Drive and Soledad Mountain Road.

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 @ \$14.00 per meal and reservations are required. They can be made with the Mount Soledad Office @ mountsoledadoffice@gmail.com or by calling 858-459-3865. The deadline for reservations is Thursday, November 9th, 5 pm.

Upcoming Stated Presbytery Meetings 2018

February 20, 2018 – 4 pm – Point Loma Community

May 15, 2018 – 4 pm – Location TBD

September 18, 2018 – 4 pm – Location TBD

October 16, 2018 – 4 pm – Location TBD

PROPOSED DOCKET - STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO

Tuesday – November 14th – Mount Soledad Presbyterian Church – 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 John Moser

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

4:10 p.m. **Worship with Sarah Carter & Pastor Paul Cunningham leading Acts 11 Verses 19-30** - An offering will be taken for *Urban Life*

5:10 p.m. **Executive Committee Report Part I** – Elder Jack Shelver, Chair
- Ratification of Interim Stated Clerk Rev. Bob Davis

5:15 p.m. **Nominating Committee Report** – Pastor Alan Deuel
- Motion to suspend Standing Rules in order to elect a Vice-Moderator for 2018
- Motion to nominate Rev. Dr. Kevin Womack as Presbytery Vice-Moderator 2018
- Motion to elect Moderator and Vice-Moderator 2018
- Election of commissioners, YAAD & YAAD alternate to General Assembly

5:40 p.m. **Presbytery Moderator's Report** – Rev. Elizabeth Wilson Manahan
- Building Relational Communities

ENGAGE IN FELLOWSHIP & DINNER

6:00 p.m. **Recess with grace for dinner**

CONTINUE IN GOD'S WORK & WORSHIP

6:45 p.m. **Executive Presbyter's Report** – Pastor Michael Mudgett

7:00 p.m. **Special Recognition** – Pastor Elizabeth Wilson Manahan

7:20 p.m. **Presentation of Gracious Dismissal Policy Draft** – Elder Sue Skala

7:25 p.m. **Update on Cyclical** – Pastor Daniel So

7:35 p.m. **Budget Property & Finance Report** – Pastor Paul Cunningham
- Presentation & Vote on 2018 budget

7:55 p.m. **Committee on Ministry Report** – Elder Michael Williams
- Recognition of Rev. Jim Rauch for 21 years of service to Westminster Escondido
- Presentation of a candidate for a call – see page 11 - (motions pending)

8:25 p.m. **Bi-National Day Announcement**– Elder Pedro Jernantes

8:30 p.m. **Unfinished business, announcements & adjournment**

Report of the Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports the following:

1. The resignation of the Rev. Bob Davis from being a candidate for Presbytery Vice-Moderator in 2018, contingent on his election as the Acting Stated Clerk for 2018.
2. The death of Jack Weber, former Presbytery Treasurer and a member of Lakeside Presbyterian Church at the age of 99 years. Services will be held on November 11, 2017, at the Lakeside Church.
3. The offering taken at the September presbytery meeting was \$736.00 and was dedicated to the Hispanic Ministry program of Solana Beach Presbyterian Church.
4. The resignation of Pastor Paul Cunningham from the Budget Property & Finance Committee, Class of 2018, effective December 31, 2017.
5. That the Presbytery continues to maintain property and liability insurance with Church Mutual.
6. That the Presbytery Committee on Ministry continues to maintain a sexual misconduct policy. It is also reported that a new policy is being written and should be adopted in early 2018.
7. That the 2016 Presbytery minutes are in the process of being submitted to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii for review. The results of this review will be reported when the process is completed.
8. That the 2018 per capita assessment will be as follows contingent on the affirmative vote of the Presbytery budget on November 14, 2017, and confirmation by the Synod Assembly on December 2, 2017:

\$24.36 – Presbytery
7.73 – General Assembly
2.85 – Synod
\$34.94 – 2018 Total

9. That pursuant to the Presbytery Manual of Operations, Part I, the following will be the corporate officers of the Presbytery in 2018 contingent on their election by Presbytery on November 14 2017:

President – Executive Committee Moderator – Pastor Elizabeth Wilson Manahan
Vice-President – Executive Committee Vice-Moderator – (to be named by the president in 2018)
Secretary – Stated Clerk of the Presbytery – Pastor Bob Davis
Treasurer – Chair of the Budget Property & Finance Committee – Pastor Greg Bostrom
10. That the 2018 per capita assessment will be as follows contingent on an affirmative vote of the Presbytery budget on November 14, 2017, and confirmation by the Synod Assembly on December 2, 2017.
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 September 26, 2017 and reports the following actions:

1. The committee VOTED to grant permission to the Rev. Dr. Neal Nybo to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of San Diego and within the bounds of Los Ranchos Presbytery retroactive to August 4 2017.
2. The committee VOTED to concur in the request of the Rev. Virginia Brown that she be given permission to labor inside the bounds of San Diego Presbytery in order to do pulpit supply. Rev. Brown is a member of Genesee Valley Presbytery but resides in San Diego.
3. The committee VOTED to grant the request of the Rev. Jim Rauch and the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Escondido that their pastoral relationship be dissolved effective August 31, 2017. All financial obligations to the parties have been met.
4. The committee VOTED to concur in the request of the Rev. Gregory Horn, PhD, and the session of Northminster Presbyterian Church that the interim contract between the parties be extended to no later than November 30, 2017, on a month to month basis from August 1, 2017.
5. The committee VOTED to concur in the request of the Rev. Dr. Clark Cowden that he be granted permission to labor outside the bounds of the San Diego Presbytery in order that he might serve two Methodist churches in Terre Haute, Indiana.
6. The committee VOTED approval of the request of the Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker and the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church Session that the Rev. Dr. Chris Lenocker be authorized to be a Parish Associate at the church.
7. The committee appointed the Rev. Ed Piper to serve as the temporary moderator of the Westmorland Presbyterian Church Session.

The Committee/Commission on Ministry met on October 24, 2017, and reports the following actions:

1. The COM VOTED to approve the request of the Rev. Dr. Douglas Nason that he be transferred to the San Fernando Presbytery as an Honorably Retired member, contingent on their action to receive him. Dr. Nason will serve as the Stated Supply Pastor at Chatsworth Presbyterian Church.
2. That the COM received a request from the Presbytery of the Northeast of ECO to transfer the Rev. Jim Marian to them retroactive to February 12, 2017. This transfer had previously been completed and reported to the Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
3. The COM VOTED to transfer the Rev. Dr. Timothy Beal to the Presbytery of the Pacific, retroactive to September 20, 2017. Dr. Beal is serving as the Interim Pastor at Santa Monica Presbyterian Church.
4. The COM VOTEED to request that Los Ranchos Presbytery transfer the Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory to San Diego Presbytery retroactive to September 7, 2017.

Ruling Elder Michael Williams, Chair

Report of the Committee/Commission on Preparation for Ministry

1. The Committee on Ministry reports the enrollment of Tyler Allred as an Inquirer in the preparation for ministry process effective September 12, 2017.

- The following is the annual summary report of the activity of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in 2017:

Inquirers Enrolled	Jamie Nelson, Solana Beach Tyler Allred, Solana Beach Caden Vanderbyl, Rancho Bernardo
Final Assessments Removed	Andrew Hanson, Fletcher Hills Ryan Ross, Rancho Bernardo Marco Metaira, Rancho Bernardo

Pastor Jeya So, Chair

Report of the Presbytery Nominating Committee/Committee on Representation

The following is the Committee on Representation (COR) Report, a sub-committee of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, for 2017:

The Presbytery Nominating Committee as part of their responsibility pursuant to the Presbytery *Manual of Operations, Part I*, is to serve as the Presbytery Committee on Representation as required by the *Book of Order, G-3.0103*.

The following is their report for the year 2017. There were 86 positions on Standing Committees or Permanent Commissions of the Presbytery with eighty people serving them. Of this number 52% were men and 48% were women. The racial makeup of this number is 93% Caucasian and 7% other ethnic groups including Asian, African American and Hispanic.

The Nominating Committee works to achieve diversity and representation and will continue to do so in the future.

Pastor Alan Deuel, Chair

Report of the Executive Committee – Part II

The Executive Committee met on October 17, 2017 and reports the following:

- The Committee approved the following dates for Presbytery meetings in 2018 with all beginning at 4 pm:
 - Tuesday – February 20 @ Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church
 - Tuesday – May 15 – Location TBD – 4 pm
 - Tuesday – September 18 – Location TBD – 4 pm
 - Tuesday – November 13 – Location TBD – 4 pm
- The Committee approved the following dates for Executive Committee meetings in 2018 with all beginning at 4 pm except one which will be an all-day retreat:
 - Tuesday – January 23 – Location TBD
 - Tuesday – April 17 – Location TBD
 - Tuesday – August 21 – Location TBD
 - Tuesday – October 16 – Location TBD
- The Committee accepted the invitation of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church to host the February 20, 2018 meeting of Presbytery.
- The Committee voted that the executive presbyter for the Presbytery of San Diego is authorized to make a motion to the commission of Assembly for the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii, retroactive to

September 30, 2017, as follows: That the designation of funds from the proceeds of sale of the Ramona property, in the possession of the Presbytery of San Diego, include payment of reasonable expenses related to leadership development and the nurture of pastors, staff, presbytery members and ruling elders, and related individuals.

5. The Committee voted to concur in the recommendation of the Budget Property and Finance Committee that their proposed budget be recommended to Presbytery.
6. The Committee voted to forward the latest Gracious Dismissal Policy proposal to the presbytery for distribution at the presbytery meeting on November 14, 2017. This will be followed by feedback to be received at the February 20, 2018 meeting of Presbytery and a vote on the policy at the May 15, 2018 meeting of Presbytery.
7. The Committee voted to send \$15,000 of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance monies, on deposit with the Presbytery of San Diego, (from 2007 fires) for relief work to the Puerto Rico Synod to transfer equally to the three Presbyteries of the Synod.

Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

Consent Agenda

The Stated Clerk recommended and the Presbytery voted the following:

1. That the proposed minutes of the Presbytery Stated meeting on September 19, 2016, be approved.
2. That the Presbytery concur in the joint recommendation between the 2017 Stated Clerk and the 2018 Stated Clerk that Elder Carole Ostrander be continued as the Presbytery Minute Clerk in 2018. (This action is contingent on the Interim Stated Clerk's affirmation)

Elder Linda Therien, Stated Clerk

The Executive Committee recommends the following:

1. That Rev. Parrish Bridges be elected to serve as the Presbytery Nominating Committee Chair in 2018.
2. That Rev. Dr. Alan Deuel be elected to serve as a member of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, Class of 2020.

The Committee on Ministry recommends

1. That the Presbytery concur in their recommendation that the call to the Rev. Scott Mitchell to the La Jolla Presbyterian Church as their Associate Pastor of Congregational Care effective November 14, 2017, be approved, with the following terms:

Salary	\$29,103
Housing	50,000
Reimbursable Expenses	3,000 (includes \$1,000 for study leave)
Full Board of Pensions Benefits	
Vacation – 4 weeks and Study Leave – 2 weeks	

The principles of the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan as adopted by the Presbytery of San Diego were followed.

2. Approval of the request of Rev Tom Straeter and the Mission Presbytery of the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) that he be transferred to them retroactive to August 28, 2017.

The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommends:

That the following be elected to serve committees and commissions of presbytery as detailed below:

Budget Property & Finance	Pastor Jim Rauch, Class of 2018 (At-large) Elder Jan Magot, Class of 2020 (La Jolla) Elder Bill Tayler, Class of 2020 (Village)
Ecclesiastical	Elder Ruth Sweet, Class of 2019 (Palisades) Elder Maurice Caskey, Class of 2020 (San Diego First)
Evangelism & Missions	Pastor Eileen Moran, Class of 2020 (La Costa) Elder Elizabeth Lou, Class of 2020 (La Jolla)
Human Resources	Elder Em Cummins, Class of 2019 (Pt Loma) Elder Paula Taylor, Class of 2020 (Solana Beach)
Committee on Ministry	Pastor Gary Ziccardi, Class of 2020 (Faith) Elder Mary Elva Smith, Class of 2019 (Faith) Elder Steve Ritz, Class of 2020 (Pacific Beach) Elder Laura Metzger, Class of 2020 (Village) Pastor Mike Wallman, Class of 2020 (Vista) Elder Barry Billingsley, Class of 2020 (Solana Beach) Pastor Jeff McCrory, Class of 2020 (Westminster Escondido)
Committee on Preparation	Pastor Mofid Wasef, Class of 2018 (Rancho Bernardo) Pastor Markus Watson, Class of 2020 (At-large) Pastor Fairlight Lower, Class of 2020 (At-large) Pastor Neal Presa, Class of 2020 (At-large)
Permanent Judicial Commission	Pastor Karla Shaw, Class of 2023 (Point Loma) Elder Lola Jordeth, Class of 2023 (Solana Beach)
As Chairs of the committee	Pastor Greg Bostrom, Budget Property & Finance Elder Maurice Caskey, Ecclesiastical Pastor Michael Sedgwick, Committee on Ministry Pastor Jeya So, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
At-large members of Exec Comm	Pastor Jack Baca, Village Elder Holly Nolan, Westminster Escondido

Pastor Alan Deuel, Chair

Business to be presented and/or VOTED on the floor

The Executive Committee of Presbytery recommends:

1. That the Presbytery ratify their action to appoint Rev. Bob Davis as Acting Stated Clerk for one year beginning January 1, 2018, pursuant to the Presbytery Manual of Administrative Operations Chapter Two, Paragraph III.B.

Additional information: This paragraph says in part “The Executive Committee is authorized to appoint an acting Stated Clerk in the event that office should be vacated between meetings of Presbytery or with one (1) year or less months remaining in a 3-year term; such appointment is subject to ratification by Presbytery.”

Elder Jack Shelver, Chair

The Presbytery Nominating Committee recommends:

1. That the Standing Rule found in Chapter Two Paragraph II.4.a-c of the Manual of Administrative Operations regarding the election of the Presbytery Vice-Moderator be waived in order to allow the nomination and election of a Vice-Moderator for 2018 to be completed at this meeting.

Additional information: Rev. Bob Davis is expected to be ratified/has been ratified as the Acting Stated Clerk for 2018 and has resigned from being nominated as the Presbytery Vice-Moderator in 2018 as these two roles would be a conflict of interest. In order to place in nomination a replacement for Rev. Davis, this rule will need to be suspended and voted by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting.

An exact excerpt from the Manual is as follows:

“Nominations for Moderator and Vice-moderator may be made from the floor at the September stated meeting, with the consent of the individual to be nominated, prior to adjournment of that meeting, at which time nominations shall be closed.”

2. Contingent on a positive vote for #1 immediately preceding this motion, the Nominating Committee recommends the following name be placed in nomination to serve as the Vice-Moderator of Presbytery in 2018:

The Rev. Dr. Kevin Womack, Pastor of Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church

Kevin's brief bio:

Rev. Dr. Kevin Womack serves the Fletcher Hills Presbyterian Church (FHPC) as their Lead Pastor. He and his wife, Mandy, have two beautiful daughters: Megan and Zoe. Prior to serving FHPC, Kevin was Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in downtown San Diego. He also served in several other locations directing student ministries. Kevin received his undergraduate degree in Communication from San Diego State University, his Masters of Divinity from Bethel Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Talbot School of Theology. In his free time Kevin loves spending time with his family and riding his bike all over San Diego.

(Nominations can be made from the floor at this time)

3. That Elder Sue Skala of Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church be elected as Moderator of Presbytery in 2018. (Sue's bio can be found on pages 8 & 9 of this document)
4. That the Standing Rule to limit persons to serve only two years as Chair of a Standing Committee be waived and further that Elder Lyn Lloyd Smith of the Village Church and Pastor John Moser of Mount Soledad be elected to serve as the Chairs of the Evangelism & Mission Committee and Presbytery Human Resources respectively. (This will result in each serving three years as the Chair)
5. That the following persons be elected to serve as commissioners and our YAAD to the 223rd General Assembly to be held from June 16, 2018 through June 23, 2018 in St. Louis, Missouri. Brief bios of each nominee can be found at the end of this agenda.

As elder commissioners:	Bridget Meckley, Fletcher Hills Sue Skala, Point Loma Community
As minister commissioners:	Parrish Bridget, Mira Mesa Michael Mudgett, Executive Presbyter
As YAAD	Rebecca Matsch, Point Loma Community
As alternate YAAD	Antonios Daskalakis, Pacific Beach

Pastor Alan Deuel, Chair

The Budget Property & Finance Committee recommends:

The committee with concurrence from the Executive Committee recommends that the following proposed budget for 2018 be approved:

	2017	2018
	Budget	Budget
100 PRES. INCOME		
101 Per Capita	244,846	244,409
102 Other Income		
102.2 Mortgage Interest	6,136	5,809
102.3 Invest Income	79,638	88,852
102 Other Income - Other	11,000	1,493
Total 102 Other Income	96,774	96,154
103 Shared Mission	30,000	30,000
104 Transfer Existing Funds	99,700	12,000
100 PRES. INCOME - Other	0	0
Total 100 PRES. INCOME	471,320	382,563
200 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES		
105 Admin Commissions	-1,000	-1,000
110 BP&F	-1,000	-1,000
115 C.O.M.	-6,000	-6,000
120 Committee Prep Ministry	-1,000	-3,500
130 Executive Committee	-1,200	-1,200
134 Payroll Expenses	-129,040	-105,931
135 Admin & Office	-53,000	-54,661
136 Professional Services	-27,700	-23,510
140 Executive Presbyter	-145,030	-151,225
145 Investigate/Prosecute Comm	-500	-500
146 Perm Judicial Commission	-500	-500
155 Stated Clerk Admin	-3,500	-10,200
235 Human Resources	-2,500	-1,500
240 Missions/Evangelism	-100	-2,100
340 SSAPF Budget Shortfall	0	-12,937
241 EM Grants	-85,250	0
430 Leadership Development	-4,000	-4,200
Presbyter Leader Formation		-2,600
Total 200 PRESBYTERY EXPENSES	471,320	382,563
	0	0

Notes of Potential Risk:

In addition to the proposed budget the following unknowns are potential additional costs that might be incurred by The Presbytery of San Diego. Therefore, Budget, Property and Finance Committee recommends up to \$25,000 be allocated to cover the following contingency expenses at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Permanent Judicial Commissions

Investigative Committees

Administrative Commissions

Lawsuits/Legal Fees

Stated Clerk Accrued Benefits

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER & YAAD NOMINEES

Elder Bridget Meckley

Throughout my long faith journey, I have been reminded time and again that developing and sustaining my faith is both a personal and communal endeavor. Since I come from Presbyterian roots, I have gravitated to Presbyterian faith communities along my journey, serving as a youth advisor, Elder (chaining stewardship and mission committees), Deacon (including Moderator of the Board) and frequent volunteer at my home church, Fletcher Hills Presbyterian. I have been privileged to serve on 2 Presbytery committees and also worked in the Presbytery office for a short time.

These experiences have taught me that Presbyterians are, together, more than the sum of our parts. We learn from each other and when we share our struggles and insights with open hearts and minds, we grow and can change lives. This connectedness has been a blessing throughout my personal faith journey providing a wide circle of leaders and guides who have introduced me to new ideas, faith practices from a variety of traditions and helped me see how the Holy Spirit shapes us in the midst and mire of our human experience. Being part of this wider body has helped me understand and appreciate the “holiness catholic church” in its denominational and unique congregational expressions.

I am thankful for the opportunity to experience a new and unique faith-building experience in General Assembly. Though I’ve been warned the workload is significant, I’m anxious to see what God has in mind for me and for our denomination through the communal work ahead. I ask for your prayers as I begin this special journey on behalf of the Presbyterian community here in San Diego.

Elder Sue Skala

Sue gave her life to Jesus at the age of seventeen. She had been raised an Episcopalian, but realized the full joy of God’s love through her fellow camp counselor’s witness. Raised in Oakland, California, Ms. Skala has a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from Columbia University, New York. Ms. Skala is married to the best husband in the world, Whitney, and has three super children; JR (29), Teresa (27), and Kirsten (26).

Influenced by her grandfather, Ms. Skala became an architect to promote good design that changes people’s lives. In a culture where the arts are diminished by the lack of funds for public education and mediocre efforts are acceptable, Ms. Skala is passionate about increasing awareness that excellence need not cost more, nor be exclusive. Susan K. Skala has owned and operated Skala Architecture A.P.C.

since 1987. Prior to this, she was with local firms and international firms in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Ms. Skala's practice emphasizes residential design and remodeling, small commercial buildings and historic preservation analysis. She publishes *Quick Sketches*, a quarterly architectural newsletter on the firm's web site and the blog, *Great Spaces, Why?*

Ms. Skala is a board member of the American Institute of Architects. She has sat on the County Historic Sites Board; and was a past president of Save Our Heritage Organization. In addition to her professional duties, Ms. Skala has sat on a fund-raising board for the San Diego Crew Classic; Makua, an auxiliary fundraising group for Voices for Children; the Inner Circle of the San Diego Repertory Theater; and Mothers and Daughters Club Assisting Philanthropies.

She currently is a member of the Charter Hill Society of UC, Berkeley and is the chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the Presbytery of San Diego. She is a member of the Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church.

Additional information: Sue Skala is currently our Vice-Moderator and will be the Presbytery Moderator in 2018. If not elected a commissioner she will be sent to the General Assembly as an observer at the presbytery's expense.

Pastor Parrish Bridges

Rev. Dr. Parrish L. Bridges was born in Bakersfield and raised in Ventura. Following high school graduation from Ventura High School in 1982, Parrish sensed and responded to the call of God to go into pastoral ministry. He later enrolled at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tn. Even though Parrish was raised a Baptist and ordained in the Southern Baptist Convention, he eventually decided to seek ordination in the PCUSA for future ministry in the Reformed Faith in the late 1990's. He is grateful to be serving as a pastor in parish ministry. While serving in the Coastal Carolina Presbytery as pastor at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC where he received his first ordained call in 2002, Parrish served on the Educational Development Committee of the Coastal Carolina Presbytery. In 2005, Rev. Bridges received a call to serve as pastor at First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, NY where he served for 11 years before coming to Mira Mesa Presbyterian Church in Jan., 2016.

Rev. Bridges has two children. AshLeigh is 28 years of age and graduated from college a few years ago with a two-year Associates Degree from Broome Community College located in Binghamton, NY. She recently worked with Chemung ARC which provides assistance to people with disabilities. His son, Parrish, is 21 years of age and is a junior in college. He attends Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pa., where he is working on his Criminal Justice Degree. Additionally, his son recently graduated from the U.S. Army Boot Camp in Ft. Benning, Ga., in April, 2017.

Rev. Bridges married his high school friend, Pamela Darden, last year on Coronado Island. Pamela is a piano/music instructor for Musical Minds where she works with elementary age children in an after-school program at public schools in the Pt. Loma, La Jolla, and Terra Santa areas of San Diego. She has also served as a worship leader/music coordinator in various churches in the past 30 years in Alabama and Ventura, Ca.

As a member of the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery, Rev. Bridges served in various capacities: TEF (Theological Education Fund) Representative, Transformation Ministry Team, and as a trained Healthy Congregations Facilitator. In addition, Parrish served on the Synod Council and as a Commissioner to the Synod of the Northeast. His primary work involved leading as Chair of the Network Group while helping to implement the "New Way Forward" adopted by the Synod. The focus of the work involved finding new ways to encourage and support churches and presbyteries to do mission/ministry beyond geographical boundaries within the Synod.

Rev. Dr. Parrish L. Bridges is honored to be nominated and he is excited about the possibility to serve as GA Commissioner for the Presbytery of San Diego at the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Mo. next year.

Pastor Michael Mudgett

Rev. Mudgett was originally ordained by San Diego Presbytery in 2007 after a career in law where he served first in the Navy Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) for five years and then as a lawyer in civil practice in San Diego.

Rev. Mudgett served as the Executive Pastor for Malibu Presbyterian Church for almost seven years. Six months after arriving at Malibu Presbyterian the structures burned to the ground so the church needed to shift into a rebuilding mode, in which he played a significant part. He then assumed an Interim Pastor position at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church in Lomita, California, which culminated in the church calling and installing a pastor. Michael returned to San Diego and served as the interim Executive Presbyter before he was installed as the EP in May 2017.

Since his ordination, Michael has served on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Pacific. Prior to ordination he served an internship at St. Luke's Church of Scotland in Greenock, Scotland.

Rev. Mudgett is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, Georgetown Law Center, University of San Diego Law School and Arizona State University. As part of his continuing education Rev. Mudgett participated in "Walking in the Footsteps of Paul Study Tour" in Greece and Turkey in 2012, Israel Pastors' Study Tour, Jerusalem University 2009, and Mission Trips to Haiti, Uganda, Amazon River and several Mexico home building missions. He has attended the West Coast Presbyterian Pastors' Conference and the National Pastors' Conference.

Rev. Mudgett has been married to Karen for thirty-nine years, who he claims is his pillar and a woman of many talents. They are the proud parents of Sarah & John and blessed with five grandchildren.

Rebecca Matsch – YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE

Rebecca Matsch is an 18-year old freshman at Point Loma Nazarene University and is majoring in social work. She lives in Point Loma and has considered Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church her home church for six years now. It is a place where she feels she has made her faith her own and grown in many friendships. When she isn't at school she likes to catch the sunset at Sunset Cliffs with her friends or find a farmer's market to explore. Rebecca is excited at the possibility of being a representative at the General Assembly in summer 2018. General Assembly is a great opportunity to see many church leaders come and work together on planning and techniques. She has an interest in church ministry so to see it all would be a real eye-opening experience and may help her clarify her future.

Antonios "Tony" Daskalakis –ALTERNATE YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE

My name is Antonios Daskalakis, I am eighteen years old, and am currently at Mesa Community college as a first year student. The dream is to transfer to Point Loma Nazarene University where I can continue to study theology and prepare for Seminary. Persuaded by the promise of pizza and games in fifth grade, I've become a dedicated member of Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, and follower of Christ since. Being the only believer in my family, the church and youth group have been a necessary

spiritual staple in my life amidst the open hostility of my grandfather, or the apathy of my mother. While I may have aspirations to become a pastor, I still have a lot of room to learn and grow. This is why I take my church involvement very seriously – Whether it be my internship during the Sunday night service, becoming ‘Mr. Tony’ at Kingdom Kids, present the occasional Children’s message Sunday morning, or taking a back seat and running the sound board, each experience helps me to grow stronger, and closer to my faith to God. This all being said, I also acknowledge that serving God doesn’t end in the Narthex, and I do my best to do community service ranging from technical assistance at Crawford High School, or Math Tutoring at Point Loma High. Many of my interests include reading and writing and when I have time, dinner and catching up with friends.

STATEMENT OF FAITH for MINISTER X

I believe in the Triune God: Creator, Beloved and Eternal Presence.

I believe in a living God whose revelation is continual and ongoing. All loving and all good, God graciously redeems us, continually accepting and forgiving us when we inevitably fall short. God empowers us, God’s people, to care for each other and the created world. Sustaining us, God is ever present: working in us, around us, and through us; taking our human limitations into consideration.

I believe in the profound ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the exemplary, radical expression of practicing social justice, forgiveness, and hope. As the bridge-builder between God and humanity, we see anew the desires that God has for us. We are compelled to action and encouraged by his example to continually reexamine the status quo and stand in solidarity with the oppressed, marginalized, and abused. As Christians, we are urged to follow Jesus’ ministry, find faith in God’s presence, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the mysterious presence that links humanity both to God and to the world around us. The Holy Spirit is the great comforter and connector woven through individuals, communities, daily life, scripture and history. The Holy Spirit is always embracing us, both in times of security and in times of unsettledness. In all aspects of our constant human struggle to push, pull, learn, and grow in our faith, the Holy Spirit is the constant, renewing presence in our lives.

I believe in the Wisdom of Scripture. The Bible is a document of our faith that bears witness to the stories of God, our ancestors and the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. It is part of our call as Christians to seek out the Word of God from within the pages of the Bible for we must continually seek better understanding. I believe that Scripture must simultaneously make us comfortable and uncomfortable and we must stay vulnerable to both and hold both in tension.

I believe in the Church as the God-inspired community of believers. Through Baptism we are embraced by God and the community of faith. The Lord’s Supper unites all God’s people in acknowledging Jesus’ presence and in remembering God’s redeeming grace. The Church continually strives to exhibit radical vulnerability and hopefulness by interdependently living with the world through the practice of partnership and service. And this is an essential place for us, as believers, to work at understanding God’s calling for all to live in communion with one another. I uphold a balance of respecting tradition and embracing open mindedness that allows for continual growth as the Church community. When we humbly acknowledge our gifts and weaknesses as a Church community, we can more graciously live into God’s call to follow Jesus’ example and dwell within the continual presence of the Holy Spirit.