

Minutes
Presbytery Of Santa Barbara
“Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People”
459th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery Of Santa Barbara
2:00pm Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Goleta Presbyterian Church

The Mission of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:

We, the PCUSA churches and ministries of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, join together to foster vibrant worshipping communities who proclaim and live out the love of Jesus Christ for one another and our neighbors.

The 459th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (USA) was convened on November 13, 2018, at 2:06 p.m. at Goleta Presbyterian Church, Goleta, California, by Moderator Ruling Elder Tamara Skov who opened the meeting with prayer.

Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits confirmed a quorum was present.

Roll was taken by cards. 44 persons indicated attendance with 39 registered voters: 19 Teaching Elders, 20 Ruling Elders & Commissioned Ruling Elders (representing 10 churches). Presbytery Council members: 3. Visitor cards: 3

CHURCH/TEACHING ELDERS

**RULING ELDER
COMMISSIONERS**

- Carpinteria

Jarrett Johnson

- Goleta

Charlie Campbell

CRE Jeannie Cavender

Jim Friestad

- Grover Beach (Coastal Community)

Andy Rock

- Lompoc (Cityview)

Randal Working

- Moorpark

- Newbury Park

CRE Mickey Fenn, The Way Station)

- Nipomo

Gail Lopez

- Ojai

Megan Babayco

Jeff Holland

Terry Holland

- Oxnard

Ted Brandt

Lyndon Shaftoe

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| - Paso Robles (Highlands)
CRE Katy Griffin | Ivorlyn Green |
| - Pismo Beach
Bob Crouch | Susan Freer |
| - Port Hueneme (Living Hope) | |
| - San Luis Obispo
Dennis Falasco | Jane Maxwell
Gary Poe
Tim Smith |
| - Santa Barbara (First Pres.)
Erik Wiebe
CRE Chuck Curtis | Fred Marsh
Diane Dodds |
| - Santa Barbara (St. Andrew's)
Suzanne Malloy
Judith Muller | Susan Berg Arnold
Dana Monk
Mona Wise |
| - Santa Paula | |
| - Simi Valley (Stonebridge)
Jonathan Lusche
Cynthia Purvis | |
| - Summerland | |
| - Thousand Oaks (Emmanuel) | Joyce Maxwell
Patti Yomantas |

Other Teaching Elder Members: Steve Jacobsen, Bruce Lethbridge, Dan Stevens, Alan G, Stones

Ruling Elder Members of Presbytery Council present: Diane Kirkpatrick, Tamara Skov, Sandy Thoits,

Others Visitors present:

Scott Eschbach (RE, St. Andrew's), Marvel Hitson (Candidate for Ordination), Chung Cam, CPA (Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner & Morrisset)

Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners: Jane Maxwell, Gary Poe (FPSLO); Susan Arnold (St. Andrew's). Rev. Ted Brandt from Oxnard offered thanks to God for elder Lyndon Shaftoe for his long time dedicated service to the church; Lyndon is moving soon to Texas.

Motion to grant privilege of floor to Corresponding Members and Committee Members.

Approved

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as distributed.

Approved

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda (attached)

Approved

Rev. Charlie Campbell, Interim Pastor, Goleta Presbyterian Church, Goleta, welcomed the Presbytery. Moderator Tamara Skov expressed gratitude to the Goleta Church for hosting the meeting.

Report of Stated Clerk.

- Ministerial Changes: Reports that Rev. Paul T. Davidson was dismissed to the Heartland Presbytery on 9/27/2018
- From the Presbytery Personnel Committee: Reports that the 2019 Terms of Call for Rev. Joel Drenkpohl, Director of Front Porch Campus Ministry, will remain unchanged from the 2018 Terms of Call.
- Reports that during worship today we will remember those Ministers and Ruling Elders who have died since November 2017.
- Reports that the Dismissal Agreement and Release for the dismissal of El Montecito Presbyterian Church to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO) was completed and executed on August 28, 2018. The Dismissal Date set pursuant to the Dismissal Agreement is September 14, 2018. The initial payment of \$350,000 under the Dismissal Agreement has been received by the Presbytery.
- Reports that the Stated Clerk attended the New Stated Clerk Training, October 28-31 at the PC(USA) headquarters in Louisville, KY.
- Dates and sites have been set for the 2019 Presbytery meetings:
 - Saturday, 2/9/19 – Moorpark
 - Saturday, 5/18/19 – Pismo Beach
 - Saturday, 9/21/19 – TBD
 - Tuesday, 11/12/19 – TBD
- Reports that at the February 9, 2019 meeting, the Presbytery will vote on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order, recommended to the presbyteries by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The Proposed Amendments are available online now at:
 - <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>

Treasurer's Report. 2019 Budget. Moderator Tamara Skov introduced Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, member of the Property & Finance Committee to present the Treasurer's report. January 1 – November 7 Financial and Profit and Loss Statements, as distributed. Elder Scott Eschbach presented a **Motion** from the Property & Finance Committee, with recommendation by Presbytery Council, to approve the proposed 2019 Budget, as distributed. Elder Eschbach explained the proposed budget and answered questions brought forth. Discussion.

Approved

Audit Report. Chung Cam, Auditor Manager from Damitz, Brooks, Nightingale, Turner

& Morrisset reviewed and answered questions on the written Presbytery of Santa Barbara 2015 and 2016 Audit report, as distributed. A **motion** to receive the 2015 and 2016 Presbytery of Santa Barbara Audit report, was made and seconded.

Approved

Presbytery Adjourned to Celebration of Worship, with message given by CRE Katy Griffin. During worship the names the ministers and ruling elders who have died since November 2017 were read and remembered in Celebration of the Church Triumphant.

Presbytery reconvened.

Planning Team Update. Rev. Dan Stevens, Planning Team Chair, shared that Visiting Teams from the Planning Team are in the process of visiting church Sessions in the Presbytery, with a goal to listen to what churches would you like the Presbytery to know about them and ways to can learn and support each other. This includes sharing about “bright spots” of positive experiences in ministry and community.

Committee Reports.

Property and Finance. Elder Terry Holland referred to the Treasurer’s Report and Audit Report already given.

Church Development Committee. Ruling Elder Lee Kirpatrick, CDC Committee member reported.

- **Mission Study Guide for Congregations** (distributed). Elder Kirkpatrick gave a brief summary of the new revised Mission Study Process adopted by the Church Development Committee for churches in transition between pastors (interim period).

- **The Way Station, Camarillo.**

Motion: To receive The Way Station as a New Worshipping Community of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.

Approved

Prayers were given for The Way Station and leadership, including CRE Mickey Fenn.

- **Update on Resurrection Church.** New Worshipping Community. Rev. Andy Rock, Pastor of Coastal Community Church, Grover Beach, shared about the progress of the NWC with 35 people worshipping mid-week and six new small groups; goal is to to eventually be a chartered Presbyterian Church.

Committee on Ministry. Rev. Jeff Holland

- **Motion** for Dismissal of Rev. Brett Becker to Presbytery of North Central Iowa. He has been received there.

Approved

- **Marvel Hitson** was called forward to read her Statement of Faith and be examined for ordination and reception into the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. She has been certified to receive a call by the Denver Presbytery. Upon approval and ordination, she would be received as a Member at Large in the Presbytery to a Validated Ministry of the Presbytery. The intended position is a Disaster Trauma Chaplaincy for the Institute for Collective Trauma and Growth (ICTG). Terms of call do not need to be approved, as this is a chaplaincy, not a parish ministry position.
 - **First Motion:** To Validate the Ministry of ICTG as a partner ministry of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. **Approved**
 - **Second Motion:** To approve Marvel Hitson for ordination into the Presbytery of Santa Barbara as a Member at Large in the Presbytery to a Validated Ministry of the Presbytery, ICTG. COM to approve her ordination commission. **Approved**

- **Ruling Elder Diane Kirkpatrick** was called forward to read her Statement of Faith and be examined to be ordained as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) for a particular purpose. COM has received a formal request from the Session of First Presbyterian Church Santa Barbara (FPSB). **Motion** to ordain Diane Kirkpatrick as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) for a particular purpose at FPSB. **Approved**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry. CRE Katy Griffin. No Report.

CORN. Committee on Representation and Nominations. Rev. Dennis Falasco, Council Chair, reported for Rev. Tom Stephen, Chair of CORN. Regarding the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC), a motion is requested to establish terms and elect the members. **Motion** made from the floor, seconded as follows: To elect these Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as members of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara Permanent Judicial Commission. All of these people have agreed to serve and to serve for these terms: Teaching Elder Suzanne Malloy (Class of 2020), Teaching Elder Jill Martinez (Class of 2020), Teaching Elder Megan Babayco (Class of 2022), Teaching Elder Bob Crouch (Class of 2022), Teaching Elder Steve Jacobsen (Class of 2022), Ruling Elder Diane Kirkpatrick (Class of 2024). **Approved**

Mission Committee (Church in the World). CRE Chuck Curtis shared about plans for the of 2019 Mission Conference program, February 1 – 2, 2019.

Report of Presbytery Council. Rev. Dennis Falasco, Council Chair, reported on the status of the Dismissal Request process for Lompoc Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery Discernment Team held a discernment phase gathering of the congregation on Sunday, November 11. The next step will be consideration by Council of appointing a Presbytery Response Team.

Report from November 3rd Synod Assembly Meeting. Rev. Suzanne Malloy reported highlights of the meeting. The Synod is seeking nomination suggestions from Santa

Barbara for Synod Vice Moderator, Polity & Records Committee and Synod PJC. Please contact Rev. Malloy if interested in serving.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with prayer at 5:25 p.m.

The 460th Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara will be held on Saturday, February 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Moorpark Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Thoits
Stated Clerk

Consent Agenda
November 13, 2018
Presbytery Meeting

Approve the September 22, 2018, Minutes of the 458th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara as distributed.

Approve the Disaster Response Fund (July 2018) Financial Guidelines.
Recommended by Presbytery Council.

Approve receiving The Way Station as a New Worshipping Community.
Recommended by Presbytery Council.

Proposed Amendment to Presbytery Standing Rules. Presented for 1st reading at the November 13, 2018, Presbytery Meeting and 2nd reading and vote at the February 9, 2019 Presbytery Meeting:

- Presbytery Council recommends that the Presbytery approve the adoption of the following Amendment to the Presbytery Standing Rules, to provide a rule for appointment of an investigating committee, in compliance with D – 10.0201b of the Book of Order:
 - *The following provision shall be added as Paragraph 6.55 to the Standing Rules of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:*
 - *6.55 Investigating Committee (D – 10.0201b): The Stated Clerk, in consultation with the Presbytery Moderator and Chair of Presbytery Council, is authorized to appoint an Investigating Committee in accordance with Book of Order D-10.0200.*

Attachments

Agenda

Consent Agenda

Docket

Moderator's Letter, November 7, 2018

September 22, 2018, 458th Presbytery Meeting Minutes

Presbytery Council Report

2018 Presbytery Profit & Loss, January 1 – November 7, 2018

2019 Proposed Budget (Recommended by Presbytery Council)

Disaster Response Fund (July 2018) – Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Church Development Committee Minutes, October 24, 2018

Mission Study Guide for Congregations

Personal Statement of Faith – Marvel Hitson

Personal Statement of Faith – Diane Kirkpatrick