

Council Approved
Minutes
Presbytery of Santa Barbara
“Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People”
469th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara
Saturday, May 15, 2021 – 9:30a.m.
Online Zoom Registration and Meeting

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 469th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (USA) was convened on May 15, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom audio/video teleconference call platform, by Moderator Rev. Tom Stephen, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Moderator Stephen introduced Elder John Losey, ruling elder from Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, acting as administrator host for the Zoom online meeting platform. RE Losey explained the functions on Zoom, including voting.

Stated Clerk, Sandy Thoits, confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Roll was taken by pre-meeting online registration and video confirmation of attendance. The roll of the Presbytery is constituted by those who registered for the meeting and whose attendance during the Zoom meeting was confirmed by the Stated Clerk.

Attendance: 53 persons

Registered Voters Roll Summary: 48

Includes 2 Honorably Retired TE

Teaching Elder Members: 18

Ruling Elder Commissioners: 23. Representing 13 Churches.

Presbytery Officers: 3*

TE Tom Stephen, Moderator

RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator-Elect (*voting attendance counted as as Ruling Elder Commissioner)

RE Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk

RE Scott Eschbach, Treasurer

Committee Chair: 3

CRE Chuck Curtis (Church in the World)

Rev. Mickey Fenn (Clergy Support, COPE)

Rev. Janet Loughry HR (CORN)

Misc. Presbytery RE Member (Cambria): 1

Non-Voting Registration: 5

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 0

Corresponding Members: 1

Visitors/Others: 4

ROLL

CHURCH/TEACHING ELDERS

- Carpinteria
- Goleta
Jim Pazan
- Grover Beach
- Lompoc (Cityview)
- Moorpark
Keenan Barber
- Newbury Park
Tom Stephen
Matt Elam
- Nipomo
Garrett Andrew
- Ojai
- Oxnard
Ted Brandt
- Paso Robles (Highlands)
- Pismo Beach
- Port Hueneme (Living Hope)
- San Luis Obispo
John D'Elia
- Santa Barbara (First Pres.)
Charles Svendsen
Erik Wiebe
- Santa Barbara (St. Andrew's)
Jennifer Fraser

RULING ELDER

COMMISSIONERS

John Bloomer
Marilyn Gross

Bonnie Boe
Brenda Kermode
Vera Rhimes

Greg Barnes
Becky Wade

Gail Lopez
Robyn Myli

Terry Holland

Beverly Frethiem
Paul Moranda

Jennifer Chow
LaToyia Wilson- Rodriguez

Christina Esola

Yvonne Bazinet
Diane Kirkpatrick
*Lee Kirkpatrick

Kirk Grier

	Dana Jo Monk
- Santa Paula	Rodney Thompson
- Simi Valley (Stonebridge)	Ashley Chelonis
- Summerland	
- Thousand Oaks (Emmanuel)	
David Anderson	Joyce Maxwell

Other Teaching Elder Members: Sean Chow, Julia Fogg, Steve Jacobsen, Bruce Lethbridge, Suzanne Malloy, Judith Muller (HR), Kate Wiebe, David Mosgofian Koeker

Committee Chairs: Chuck Curtis, CRE; Rev. Mickey Fenn, Janet Loughry (HR).

Presbytery Officers present: TE Tom Stephen, Moderator; RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator Elect; RE Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk; RE Scott Eschbach, Treasurer

Other Voting Members: RE Tom Cochrun, Safe Harbor NCD

Non-Voting Registration:

- Commissioned Ruling Elders present: None
- Corresponding Members: TE Mark Hong, Synod Exec. & Stated Clerk.
- Visitors/Others: RE Jenifer Rabenaldt, FP San Luis Obispo; RE John Losey, Monte Vista Presbyterian Church; RE Tamara Skov, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; RE Randal Working (San Fernando Presbytery, Impact)

Moderator Rev. Tom Stephen asked for the Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder

Commissioners: Rev. Matt Elam introduced first time RE Commissioners Greg Barnes and Becky Wade from Monte Vista Presbyterian Church.

Introductions and Seating of Corresponding Members: Rev. Mark Hong, Synod of So. Calif. & Hawaii Executive & Stated Clerk.

Motion to grant privilege of the floor to Corresponding Members and Committee Members. **Approved**

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as distributed. **Approved**

Report of the Stated Clerk. See written report attached as Attachment A to these Minutes. Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits highlighted some items from the Stated Clerk's Report and Consent Agenda:

- Recommendation of Plan for Parity, as proposed, sets changes in Ruling Elder Commissioners (REC), beginning at the September 18, 2021 Presbytery meeting, for three churches, the remainder of the churches unchanged. Churches with change in number of REC at Presbytery Meetings:

Nipomo, 3 to 2 REC; Simi Valley, 4 to 3 REC; Highlands Paso Robles, 3 to 4 REC.

- 2021 Salary Report. Before Presbytery for approval on the Consent Agenda and shown in the Zoom screen at the Meeting. Copies emailed to Presbytery members and commissioners from the Stated Clerk.
- 225th General Assembly (2022). June/July dates. Hybrid meeting planned, in person in Louisville, KY and online. Presbytery is seeking nominations for 1 Teaching Elder Commissioner, 1 Ruling Elder Commissioner, 1 YAAD. Nominations Forms are included in the documents for this meeting (May 15, 2021) and posted on the Presbytery website and from the Stated Clerk. Deadline to submit Nomination Forms: September 1, 2022.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda (Attachment A), as distributed.

Approved

The February 6, 2021, and March 9, 2021, Presbytery Minutes were approved with the Consent Agenda.

Presbytery Adjourned for a time of Worship, Music, Meditation and Prayer.

- *Music.* Video Hymn from First Presbyterian Church Oxnard. Virtual Chancel Choir. “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven.”
- *Meditation.* Rev. Keenan Barber, Pastor at Moorpark Pres. Church, led a time of meditation; scripture from Genesis 40 and Philippians 4:13, with a time of reflection on this pandemic year and remembering with gratitude our spiritual gifts as we move forward.
- *Breakout Rooms.* The Moderator announced that the Zoom “Breakout Rooms” option will be used as an opportunity for presbyters to be placed in Zoom small groups for sharing with each other in answer to the question: *This is a season of my life when ...* At the conclusion of the Breakout group discussion time, presbyters returned to the full meeting. Rev. Barber closed the worship time in prayer.

Report of Presbytery Council. Rev. Janet Loughry, Council Chair, reported.

- **Introduction of Council Members.** Rev. Loughry introduced the Presbytery Council Members and their committees.
- **September 18 Presbytery Meeting – Hybrid In Person & Livestream.** Rev. Loughry reported on planning for the September 18, 2021, Presbytery meeting, as a hybrid of in person and online meeting. Location: First Presbyterian Church Santa Barbara.
- **Designated General Presbyter Position.** Rev. Loughry reported that Rev. Rene Myers from the Presbyterian Mission Agency attended the April 28 Council meeting. Rev. Myers shared helpful information on presbytery leadership and staffing models from the western region and church revitalization programs and resources within the denomination. Rev. Loughry reported that Council has considered and discussed in several meetings over the last several years leadership and staffing formats and models, survey results and feedback from Presbytery. A Special Meeting on the topic occurred on March 9, 2021.
 - Rev. Loughry reported that Council approved a motion at the April 28 Council meeting: (1) That the Presbytery of Santa Barbara hire someone into a position of General Presbyter Designated under the standards of our polity for a term of 2-4 years, as a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position. (2) That an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed by Council to work, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, to develop a definitive job description for this position. (3) Council appointed the Ad Hoc Committee: Council members Rev. Matt Elam and CRE Diane

Kirkpatrick and the Personnel Committee. The process has begun on preparing a position description. Involvement in church revitalization to be included.

****Note for Minutes:** After the conclusion of Rev. Loughry's report, Rev. Ted Brandt, attending the meeting by Zoom, contacted the Stated Clerk utilizing the Zoom "Chat" feature. The following is the text from the Chat record:

- Rev. Ted Brandt (TB): Are we discussing and acting on the DGP motion from Council?
- RE Sandy Thoits (ST): Janet gave the report on the DGP position. There isn't any action item on it for this meeting.
- TB: So we'll get to discuss and vote on this position at the next meeting?
- ST: The business for the next meeting isn't planned yet.
- TB: As I interpret the actions of Presbytery, we have not removed the placeholder status on the funds for designated general presbyter and so I would think we would need to discuss and approve the position as a Presbytery before a search begins. Hopefully something will be said about status of this because otherwise it would be confusing to commissioners.

- **Treasurer's Report.** Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, Chair of the Presbytery Property & Finance Committee, shared on the Zoom screen the Presbytery Meeting Financial Statement as of May 15, 2021 and Summary of Statement of Financial Position (May 15, 2021), included in the documents packet for the meeting. Elder Eschbach explained selected items. The annual Per Capita submitted by churches are appreciated by the committee and Presbytery Council. RE Eschbach expressed appreciation for CRE Bonnie Boe for her faithful service as Presbytery Accountant, including putting in putting together the written financial reports.

- Net Operating Income through March 31, 2021: \$50,732
- Total Liabilities & Net Assets, March 31, 2021: \$6,316,933
- **Motion** to receive the Treasurer's report, was made, seconded.

Approved

CORN/Nominations – Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair, reported.

- **Election of Presbytery Moderator Elect (2021-2022).** Rev. Loughry reported that no nominations have yet been submitted for the 2021-2022 Moderator Elect position. She encouraged presbyters to submit nominations for this important role.
- **Nominations and Elections of Committee Members.** Reverend Loughry referred to the written Nominations Report with the Committee lists and members, provided with the packet of reports for this meeting. New nominations to be voted on for this meeting are indicated by the Yellow Highlights. The Report includes the listing of the Standing Rules to be set aside. Presbytery's vote on the Nominations report includes a vote to set aside the Standing Rules as listed on the report.
 - A **Motion** was made and seconded to **elect** the persons nominated as listed on the Nominations Report (Attachment B to these Minutes) and to approve setting aside the Standing Rules as listed in the Nominations Report.

Approved

Committee Reports

- **UMB Front Porch Update.** Rev. Tom Stephen reported that meetings of the Group of 6 are ongoing with good progress, including conversations on planning and reconciliation. UMB is the Presbytery related corporation for the Casa Veranda apartments and Front Porch ministry building

next to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The group has been working on communications and toward a healthier system. Rev. Stephen shared on the Zoom screen “Our Collective Commitment:

- “We acknowledge that past members of boards, councils, committees, task forces and staff have spoken words both intentionally and unintentionally that have brought hurt, pain and/or anger and that words spoken have not been received both intentionally and unintentionally in the spirit in which they were intended. There has been both mis-conception and mis-reception in the communication between the Presbytery, the UMB Board and Front Porch Ministries. We deeply regret that this has occurred and lament any word spoken that brought about misunderstanding and pain. We acknowledge the hurt, repent of any part we each held and resolve to completely let go of past resentment(s) in order to move forward, united in purpose and in the love of Christ, which is at the center of all we strive to do.”

– **Committee on Ministry.** Rev. Bruce Lethbridge, COM member, reported for the Committee.

- Examination for Presbytery Membership. Rev. Rev. Sean Chow. Rev. Lethbridge presented the Committee’s recommendation to examine Rev. Sean Chow for membership in the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, as Member at Large. Rev. Chow is currently a minister member in good standing in the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. Rev. Chow shared about his faith background and call to ministry. He then read his Statement of Faith and responded to questions from presbyters.

Motion to cease examination made, seconded and **approved.** Rev. Chow was excused to the Zoom waiting room.

It was moved and approved that Rev. Sean Chow be enrolled as an active member of the Presbytery as Minister at Large, upon his dismissal from Presbytery for Southern New Jersey.

Rev. Chow returned from the Zoom waiting room and Presbyters welcomed him and Rev. Lethbridge prayed for God’s blessing on his ministry.

- **Church Triumphant.** Rev. Lethbridge expressed blessings and appreciation for service in ministry on the passing of Rev. Art Beals (HR).
- **Minister Changes.** Rev. Lethbridge presented **motions** from the Committee on Ministry:
 - To dismiss Rev. Megan Babayco to the Presbytery of Western Colorado, upon their request.
 - To dismiss Rev. Tyson Babayco to the Presbytery of Western Colorado, upon their request.
 - To dismiss Rev. Cynthia Purvis Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, upon their request.
 - **Motions Approved**

– **Property and Finance Committee.** Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, Chair, referred Presbytery to Treasurer’s Report, reported earlier in the meeting. No further report.

– **Church in the World.** CRE Chuck Curtis, Chair, reported. The 2022 Santa Barbara Mission Conference dates are set for January 28-29, 2022. The theme is “Called to be Reconciled.” The “Rising to the Moment” program in January 2021 went well, with 80 people taking part in the program. A new “Rising to the Moment” Curriculum for small groups (teens and adults) has been developed and will be made available.

- **Clergy Support Committee.** Rev. Mickey Fenn, Chair, introduced the committee members. The committee continues to work to support pastors, including a regional presence.
- **Church Development Committee.** Rev. Matt Elam, Chair, introduced the members of the committee. Ruling Elder Vera Rhimes is coming on as the new Chair in July. Rev. Elam shared about the ministry of the committee, including supporting the Presbytery New Worshipping Communities and New Church Development. Rev. Elam highlighted some items from the written report. New committee members are welcome.
- **Personnel.** Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, committee member, reported. The committee completed positive annual reviews of Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits and Accountant Bonnie Boe.
- **Committee on Preparation of Ministry (CPM).** Rev. David Anderson, Chair, reported that the committee has enrolled two new Inquirers.

Closing Meditation. The Moderator called on Ruling Elder, Moderator Elect Lee Kirkpatrick, to lead a time of Meditation as a closing to the meeting. Elder Kirkpatrick shared an image of a painting “The Prodigal Son” by Rembrandt van Rijn and a poem reflection on the painting from the book “Drawn to the Light” by Marilyn Chandler McEntyre.

Moderator Stephen asked Elder Kirkpatrick to lead the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Next Presbytery Meeting – Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00a.m. Hybrid: In Person and Livestream at Central Location

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Thoits
Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda May 15, 2021

Consent Agenda

NOTE: All items on the Consent Agenda will be presented for approval on one motion; however, any item may be removed for discussion and separate vote. Other Consent Agenda items may be distributed at the meeting.

The Stated Clerk:

- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the February 6, 2021 Minutes of the 468th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.

- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the Minutes of the March 9, 2021 Special Called Presbytery Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery for roll taken for today's Zoom platform meeting by pre meeting online registration and video confirmation of attendance. The roll of the Zoom Presbytery meeting shall be constituted by those persons who registered for the meeting and attended the meeting. This Zoom meeting will be recorded. Attendance during the Zoom meeting shall be confirmed by the Stated Clerk. Screen shots may be taken for attendance confirmation. This motion **approves** these provisions and a motion to set aside S.R. 2.10 (paper enrollment cards).
- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the following dates for Presbytery Stated Meetings in 2022, format and locations to be determined:
 - Sat. February 5, 9:30AM
 - Sat. May 14, 9:30AM
 - Sat. September 17, 9:30AM
 - Tues. November 8, 2:00PM
- That Presbytery **elect** the following members of the Property and Finance Committee to serve as Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara (annual election):
 - RE Scott Eschbach, Chair
 - TE James Baird
 - RE Penny Carlson
 - CRE Bonnie Boe, Controller
 - CRE Mickey Fenn
 - RE Beth Hubert
 - TE Ted Brandt
- Recommends that Presbytery **approve** the **Recommendation on Plan for Parity** between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders at Presbytery Meetings, For Presbytery Approval – May 15, 2021. Effective as of the September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting, approved by Presbytery Council. **SEE ATTACHMENT 1 BELOW**, at the end of this Report.
- The Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara reports it met on April 22, 2021 and elected the following officers:
 - President – TE James Baird
 - Secretary – RE Sandy Thoits
 - Treasurer – RE Scott Eschbach
 - Controller – CRE Bonnie Boe
- Consent Agenda Items for **Approval** from the **Committee on Ministry**:
 - Recommends the **approval** of the 2021 Salary Survey Report, reported at this Presbytery Meeting. Minimum Salary for 2021 of \$54,260 for all installed pastors. *The Salary Survey Report will be displayed on the screen at the meeting.*
 - Approve a Motion to grant the request and designation of **Honorably Retired** to **Rev. Stephen Jacobsen**, effective November 30, 2020.

- Approve a Motion to **Dismiss Rev. Eugenia Gamble** to the Presbytery of South Alabama. Rev. Gamble was received by the Presbytery of South Alabama on 3/21/20.
- Approve a motion to **Dismiss Rev. Randy Working** to San Fernando Presbytery. Rev. Working was received by San Fernando Presbytery on 2/23/21.
- **Church Triumphant: Rev. Arthur Beals (H.R.).** April 8, 2021, 89 years.
- Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve** a motion to set aside until the September 18, 2021, Presbytery meeting, the Presbytery Standing Rules for these committees to be in compliance with the Standing Rules, as listed below.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 5.10 - Presbytery Council, to allow 7 Teaching Elders and 5 Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.51- Committee on Ministry to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with minimum 6 members and one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.52 - Committee for Preparation for Ministry, to bring committee membership into compliance with one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.61 – Personnel Committee to bring committee membership into compliance with 6 members and one-half Teaching Elder and one-half Ruling Elders.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.62 – Committee of Representation/Nominations (CORN) to bring committee membership into compliance with 6 members and one-third Teaching Elder and two-thirds Ruling Elders. Equal male and female representation.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.53 – Clergy Support to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with six members.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.42 – Church in the World, to allow for more than 5 members.
 - Move to set aside Standing Rule 5.30B – Committee on Presbytery Enrichment (COPE), to allow for less than 6 members.

Stated Clerk Report

- **Reports that the Presbytery is seeking Nominations for Commissioners to the 225th General Assembly (2022).** The Presbytery will elect 1 Ruling Elder Commissioner, 1 Teaching Elder Commissioner and 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD – Age 17 -23) at the September 21, 2021 Presbytery Meeting. **Nominations Forms** are included in the documents for this meeting (May 15, 2021) and posted on the Presbytery website. **Deadline** to submit Nomination Forms: September 1, 2022. **Format:** Virtual and In Person at PC(USA) headquarters, Louisville, KY. **Dates:** In Person Committee Meetings, over 4 days per Committee, between **June 18 – July 3**, in Louisville, KY (denomination headquarters). Exact dates determined by Committee Assignments. June 18: Worship and Plenary will be a hybrid of online and in-person participants. **July 5-July 9:** Plenary will take place online. **See G.A. Information Article** included with the documents for this meeting. 225th G.A. [Website](#) & [Docket](#)

- 2021 Presbytery Meetings and Locations
 - Sat. September 18, 9:30AM – Hybrid In-Person and Livestream meeting. Central Location.
 - Tues. November 9, 2:00PM – Format and location to be determined.
- Reports that the Stated Clerk's Annual Review of Session Minutes and Roll books for years 2019 and 2020 have been postponed due to COVID 19 in person meeting restrictions. The Stated Clerk will schedule review dates for later in 2021, as in person meetings are allowed and appropriate.
- Reports that the Synod's Annual Review of Presbytery Minutes for 2019 and 2020 have been postponed, due to COVID 19 in person meeting restrictions. The review will take place by Zoom meeting on August 18, 2021.
- Reports that in 2020, the Presbytery forwarded to the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and General Assembly the following Per Capita Amounts: Synod: \$7,254.38. General Assembly: \$17,757.06
- Reports that, as directed by Presbytery Council, the Stated Clerk on April 12, 2021 mailed letters to all 11 churches previously dismissed from the Presbytery to confirm compliance continued with membership and use of real property with a qualifying reformed denomination, pursuant to the dismissal agreement with each church. As of May 5, 2021, letters have been received by the following churches all confirming compliance and membership in the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians: Cottonwood Community Fellowship (Los Alamos), El Montecito Pres. Church, Malibu Pacific Church, Morro Bay Pres. Church, Templeton Presbyterian Church.
- Reports the current roster of names of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission and list of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years (Rules of Discipline D-5.0206b):

- Roster of Permanent Judicial Commission:

Name	Church	Term End
Rev. Megan Babayco	Ojai	2022
Rev. Bob Crouch	Pismo Beach	2022
Rev. Steve Jacobsen	At Large	2022
CRE Diane Kirkpatrick	FP Santa Barbara	2024
Rev. John D'Elia	FP SLO	2024
CRE Jeannie Cavender	Goleta	2026

- PJC - Terms Expired

2014

Rev Jeff Bridgeman
 Rev Michael Mudgett
 Elder Wayne Kempton

2016

Rev Peter Buehler
 Rev Dana Shaw
 Elder Sandy Thoits
 Elder Garry Grant

2017

Elder Sada Williams

2018

Rev Dan Birchfield
 Rev Tyson Babayco
 Elder Jim Stueck
 Elder Lee Kirkpatrick
 Elder Wes Shipway

2020

Rev. Suzanne Malloy
 Rev. Jill Martinez

- Annual Statement of Insurance Coverage 2021-2022: As required by the Book of Order(G-3.0122) it is noted that Presbytery of Santa Barbara, through annually renewed policies issued by the Insurance Board, has property and liability coverage to protect the Presbytery's facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers, current policy period 1/1/2021 – 1/1/2022. [Property – Boiler – Inland Marine; Commercial Crime; General & Professional Liability including Sexual Misconduct and Hired & Non-owned Automobile; Excess General & Professional Liability Coverage; CyberEdge Coverage aka Network Security; D&O Liability including Employment Practices; Umbrella Liability - \$5 million; Excess Umbrella Liability - \$25 million), Master Workers Compensation Coverage. Policies are through Insurance Board (various carriers) and its Workers' Compensation Insurance, The Hartford Insurance Company, through ADP.
- The Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org
- 2020 Statistics Reporting. The Stated Clerk completed and filed the required Presbytery Year-End Forms with the Office of General Assembly. Final statistics report - **See below for 2020 Church Statistics Report.** Presbytery total membership change: - 85 members as of 12/31/20 (compared to 12/31/19).

Summary Membership Report for 360-616 2020

<u>Location</u>	<u>Pin #</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Begin Total</u>	<u>Adj. Member.</u>	<u>New Member. Total</u>	<u>Cert Gains</u>	<u>Youth Profess.</u>	<u>Profess. / Reaffirm.</u>	<u>Cert Losses</u>	<u>Death Losses</u>	<u>Deleted Losses</u>	<u>End Total</u>	<u>Diff</u>
Camarillo	11448	Tai Amer Pres Of Ventura	29	0	29	0	0	0	0	3	0	26	-3
Carpinteria	919	Community	127	0	127	0	0	0	0	3	0	124	-3

Goleta	4287	Goleta	131	0	131	0	0	0	0	2	0	129	-2
Grover Beach	11147	First	164	0	164	0	0	0	0	2	10	152	-12
Lompoc	922	First	99	-47	52	0	0	3	0	0	0	55	3
Moorpark	10959	Moorpark	259	0	259	2				3	10	248	-11
Newbury Park	4434	Monte Vista	194	0	194	0	0	3	0	7	1	189	-5
Nipomo	4320	Community	147	0	147	0	0	0	2	7	43	95	-52
Ojai	925	Ojai	366	0	366			1		6		361	-5
Oxnard	927	First	147	0	147	0	0	0	0	5	7	135	-12
Paso Robles	12169	Highlands Community	342	0	342			93				435	93
Pismo Beach	928	Community	83	0	83	2		4	0	2		87	4
Port Hueneme	5772	Living Hope	70	0	70	0	0	1	0	4	2	65	-5
San Luis Obispo	930	First	268	0	268		1	6	0	15	28	232	-36
Santa Barbara	931	First	344	0	344			7	3	15		333	-11
Santa Barbara	4413	St Andrews	185	0	185	3	0	0	1	4	4	179	-6
Santa Paula	933	First	74	0	74	0	0	0	0	5	3	66	-8
Simi Valley	4450	Simi Valley	403	0	403	0	0	0	0	7	16	380	-23
Summerland	935	Summerland	61	0	61	0	0	7	0	0	0	68	7
Thousand Oaks	1052	Emmanuel	289	0	289	4		2		2	2	291	2
Totals			3782	-47	3735	11	1	127	6	92	126	3650	-85

Report of the Presbytery Council

Presbytery Council usually meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM, by Zoom. The meetings are open, and Presbytery members are encouraged to attend for all or part of the meetings. If you would like to attend a Council meeting, please contact Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk, stated-clerk@sbpres.org, for the dates and times for the upcoming Council meetings. If you have concerns or recommendations, please contact the Moderator (Tom Stephen), Chair of Council (Janet Loughry), or Stated Clerk (Sandy Thoits).

February 3, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed and received the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer, including the January – December 2020 Statement of Operations – General Operations (Unaudited) and Statement of Financial Position
- Presbytery Council confirmed to hold the May 15, 2021 Presbytery Meeting by Zoom.
- Heard a report on plans for the February 6, 2021 Presbytery Meeting.
- Reviewed and discussed planning the March 9, 2021 Special Called Presbytery Meeting.

- Heard a report from the Presbytery Disaster Response Task Force regarding status of designated funds.
- Heard highlights from the “Rising to the Moment” program and the Mission Conference.
- Heard a report from the CDC Chair that a “Resources” tab has been added to the Presbytery website. Items added are the Mission Study document and the Grant Opportunities list.
- Approved Rev. Mickey Fenn to serve as Chair of COPE.

March 3, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council discussed planning and approved the Tentative Agenda for the March 9 Special Called Presbytery Meeting.
- Council reviewed the Financial Survey and results. 222 people received the Survey, with 84 responses. Council discussed the history of the last several years of progress and the 2021 Budget item for a Designated GP position.
- Heard a report from the UMB Property Management Task Force on UMB history, formation, background and corporate status.
- Heard a report from the Disaster Response Task Force and approved changing the name of the “Area of Greatest Need Fund” to the “General Disaster Relief Fund.”
- Heard a report from the Church in the World Committee on an upcoming Lenten virtual program, “Faith and...” The 2022 Mission Conference is titled: “Healing the Divide. Pursing the Reconciliation of God,” January 28-29, 2022.
- Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits reported that the Annual Church Statistics reporting has been completed.

April 7, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council approved the 2/6/21 Presbytery Meeting Minutes and the 3/9/21 Special Called Presbytery Meeting Minutes.
- Reviewed and received the financial reports from the Treasurer.
- Heard a report from the Treasurer and approved a Motion from the Property & Finance Committee to disburse \$4,652 to IMPACT, in settlement of negotiations of amounts past due arising from assumptions that formed the basis for the audits of 2017-2018.
- Determined to hold the May 15, 2021 Presbytery Meeting by Zoom. Discussed plans for holding the September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting by Hybrid In-Person and Livestream meeting. Central Location. First choice: First Pres. Santa Barbara. Back-up: St. Andrew’s.
- Approved the dates for **2022 Presbytery Meetings**:
 - Sat. February 5, 9:30AM
 - Sat. May 14, 9:30AM
 - Sat. September 17, 9:30AM
 - Tues. November 8, 2:00PM
- Approved the proposed Recommendation from the Stated Clerk on Plan for Parity for Presbytery Meetings for Presbytery consideration and approval at the May 15, 2021 Presbytery Meeting. Based on end of year 2020 Membership Statistics. Effective at the September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting.
- Heard a report from the Stated Clerk from the Zoom gathering with the Presbytery Clerks of Session, on March 4, 2021, and 11 Clerks attended. The Stated Clerk also reported that the Synod will be providing a PJC Training program, by Zoom, in May.

- Received a report regarding the status of the Cityview, Lompoc, Request for Dismissal, recent receipt by the PRT of some financial reports for the past 3 years and current church membership list.
- Council welcomed Rev. Rene Myers from the Presbyterian Agency. Rev. Myers shared information on staffing and structure models in other Presbyteries within her PMA geographic region, provided information and perspectives on topics of church revitalization, community engagement, Presbytery leadership models.

April 28, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council heard a report from the Treasurer that the Presbytery's SBA PPP loan has been forgiven. The income to the Presbytery from the forgiveness will be allocated: \$10,107.00 for unrestricted operations and \$28,000.00 into the Front Porch equity reserve account.
- Heard a report from the Stated Clerk that the annual Church Salary Report for Installed Pastors is completed and will be reported for approval on the Consent Agenda at the May 15 Presbytery meeting.
- Heard a report from the Stated Clerk that Presbytery will elect the 2022 G.A. Teaching and Ruling Elder Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate at the Saturday, September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting. Nomination Forms to be distributed with the materials for the May 15, 2021 Presbytery Meeting.
- Heard a report from the Property & Finance Committee regarding a request from Safe Harbor NCD for information on the remaining funds from the dismissal of the Cambria church.
- Reviewed and discussed the information and feedback from the March 9 Special Called Presbytery Meeting and the April 7 Council Meeting, on the topic of a presbytery leader staff position, including type of position, title, part-time/full-time, financials.
- **Council approved a motion:** (1) That the Presbytery of Santa Barbara hire someone into a position of General Presbyter Designated under the standards of our polity for a term of 2-4 years, as a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position. (2) That an Ad Hoc Committee be appointed by Council to work, in conjunction with the Personnel Committee, to develop a definitive job description for this position. (3) Council appointed the Ad Hoc Committee: Council members Rev. Matt Elam and CRE Diane Kirkpatrick and the Personnel Committee.
- Heard a report from the Clergy Support Committee about upcoming events and forming regional groups for pastors.
- Heard a report from the Church in the World Committee on a new "Rising to the Moment" Curriculum and program.

ATTACHMENT 1 to Consent Agenda

Recommendation on Plan for Parity

Recommendation on Plan for Parity between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders at Presbytery Meetings
For Presbytery Approval – May 15, 2021
 Effective as of the September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

Note – Plan for Parity between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders at Presbytery Meetings was last approved by Presbytery on May 18, 2019.

General Provisions:

G-3.0301 of the Book of Order: THE PRESBYTERY - Composition and Responsibilities.

The presbytery is the council serving as a corporate expression of the church within a certain district and is composed of all the congregations and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within that district. *The presbytery shall adopt and communicate to the sessions a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to presbytery, with a goal of numerical parity of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders. This plan shall require each session to elect at least one commissioner and shall take into consideration the size of congregations as well as a method to fulfill the principles of participation and representation found in F-1.0403 and G-3.0103.* Ruling elders elected as officers of the presbytery shall be enrolled as members during the period of their service. A presbytery may enroll, or may provide by its own rule for the enrollment of, ruling elders during terms of elected service to the presbytery or its congregations. (Emphasis added).

Presbytery of Santa Barbara Standing Rules 2.10 MEMBERS:

The members of the Presbytery consist of all teaching elders duly enrolled, ruling elders elected as officers of the Presbytery during their period of service and, at least two ruling elder commissioner elected by church session in accordance with G-3.0202a, and enrolled at a Presbytery meeting, with the following additional provisions:

ENROLLED: At a Presbytery meeting, Ruling Elders elected by session as commissioners shall be enrolled as voting member commissioners of the Presbytery upon the filing an enrollment card with the Stated Clerk whereon the person certifies their election. Said card shall comprise the roll of the meeting. Chairs of each standing committee, as well as honorably retired members also have voting rights. Corresponding members may have the privilege to deliberate and advice, but will have no vote. Honorably retired teaching elders who have not attended a meeting of Presbytery in the past year will not be included in establishing a plan for parity between teaching and ruling elders at a meeting of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk recommends that Presbytery approve the following method of correcting any imbalance of Ruling Elder Commissioners to Teaching Elders of the Presbytery at Presbytery Meetings, based on Section 2.10 of the Presbytery Standing Rules and G-3.0301 of the Book of Order:

The members of the Presbytery shall be:

- A. All teaching elders and commissioned ruling elders duly enrolled and when Presbytery meets, including honorably retired members;
- B. Ruling elders elected as officers of the Presbytery during their period of service;
- C. Chairs of each Standing Committee;
- D. Each church, regardless of the size of the congregation, shall be represented by two ruling elders commissioned by the Session and duly enrolled at the Presbytery Meeting, with the following additional provisions:
 - 1) For churches with membership under 200, no additional ruling elder commissioners
 - 2) For churches with membership of 200-400, one additional ruling elder commissioner
 - 3) For churches with membership of 400-600, two additional ruling elder commissioners
 - 4) For churches with membership over 600, three additional ruling elder commissioners

Annually, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery shall ascertain the number of resident Teaching Elders who are members of Presbytery and the number of Ruling Elders which the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to Presbytery Meetings pursuant to this recommendation. The Stated Clerk shall bring any imbalance to the attention of the Presbytery at its May Stated Meeting.

Application of this Recommendation for Presbytery as of the May 15, 2021 to take effect as of the September 18, 2021 Meeting:

As of May 15, 2021, there are 89 Teaching Elder members of Presbytery, 45 of these are honorably retired. Of these honorably retired members, 7 have actually attended a Presbytery meeting in the past year. In accordance with the Standing Rules, honorably retired teaching elders who have not attended a meeting of Presbytery in the past year will not be included in establishing a plan for parity between teaching and ruling elders at a meeting of the Presbytery: $45 - 7 = 38$. This leaves a potential attendance of Teaching Elders: **51** ($89 - 38 = 51$) Teaching Elders.

RATIONALE for Assignment of Ruling Elder representation to Presbytery. In order to serve compliance with the Book of Order requirement that the size of congregations be considered in determining how many Ruling Elders each Session should elect as commissioners to Presbytery, a method of proportional representation based on membership is recommended in this proposal, as shown in the Chart below. The potential attendance of Teaching Elders per the formula in 2.10 of the Standing Rules (**51**) compares to the maximum possible Ruling Elder attendance (**60**).

Objectives: (1) Create an opportunity for parity in numbers of Ruling Elder and Teaching Elder representatives at Presbytery, (2) Follow the Book of Order and Presbytery of Santa Barbara Standing Rules minimum guidelines, (3) Allow each church to have at least two ruling elder representatives as required by the Presbytery Standing Rules, while not disenfranchising members in larger churches.

SEE CHART ON NEXT BELOW

NOTE: Churches with a change in RE Commissioners compared to 2019 Parity:

- Nipomo: From 3 to 2 RE Commissioners
- Paso Robles: From 3 to 4 RE Commissioners
- Simi Valley: From 4 to 3 RE Commissioners

ALLOCATION OF RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS FOR 2021, ADJUSTED FOR 9/18/21 PRESBYTERY

A Number of commissioners based on church membership role 12/31/20

B Additional commissioners per recommendation

C Total per church

D Column D shows the ratio of members to commissioners (e.g., 1 commissioner for every 94 members for Newbury Park)

Church	Membership 12/31/20	A 2 RE Per Church (2.10)	B Additional based on Membership	C Total	D Ratio
Camarillo TAPCVC	26	2	0	2	13
Lompoc	55	2	0	2	27
Living Hope - Port Hueneme	65	2	0	2	32
Santa Paula	66	2	0	2	33
Summerland	68	2	0	2	34
Pismo Beach	87	2	0	2	43
Nipomo	95	2	0	2	47

Carpinteria	124	2	0	2	62
Goleta	129	2	0	2	64
Oxnard First	135	2	0	2	67
Grover Beach	152	2	0	2	76
SB St. Andrew's	179	2	0	2	89
Newbury Park	189	2	1	3	94
San Luis Obispo	232	2	1	3	77
Moorpark	248	2	1	3	82
Thousand Oaks	291	2	1	3	97
SB First	333	2	1	3	111
Ojai	361	2	1	3	120
Simi Valley	380	2	1	3	126
Paso Robles	435	2	2	4	108
Subtotals	3650	40	9	49	
RE Elected Officers of Presbytery*				3	
Commissioned Ruling Elders (Unless Counted as Officer or Chair of Standing Committee)**				8	
Elders Chairs of Standing Comm.***				0	
TOTALS	3650	40	9	60	

*RE Elected Officers of Presbytery as of May 15, 2021 – 3. Moderator, RE Lee Kirkpatrick; Stated Clerk, RE Sandy Thoits; Treasurer, RE Scott Eschbach

***RE Chairs of Standing Committee – 0

**ATTACHMENT B to
May 15, 2021 Presbytery Minutes
CORN Nominations Report**

**PRESBYTERY of SANTA BARBARA OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
For May 15, 2021 Presbytery Meeting**

New Nominations shown in Yellow Highlight

****3 year terms/6 year aggregate limit (SR 4.20B)**

Open positions shown in Blue Highlight

Set Aside Standing Rules shown in Red Text

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator (July 1, 2021, 1-year term)

TE _____ -Moderator Elect (July 1, 2021, 1-year term)

Elder Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk (Term, Sept. 19, 2020 – Sept. 18, 2021, 1-year term)

Elder Scott Eschbach, Treasurer (Term May 16, 2020 – May 15, 2023, 3-year term)

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

(not more than 1/2 or less than 1/3 shall be clergy) 12 total (May 2021) 7 Clergy, 5 RE

Rev. Tom Stephen	Chair 2021-22
RE. Lee Kirkpatrick	Moderator 2021-22
NEEDED/ OPEN	Moderator Elect 2021-22
Rev. Janet Loughry	CORN/ Nominations
Rev. Matt Elam	Church in the World
CRE Diane Kirkpatrick	Presbyterian
Women	
RE. Scott Eschbach	Treasurer
Rev. Jeff Holland	COM
Rev. Andy Rock	Personnel
RE. Sandy Thoits	Stated Clerk/Sec.
Rev. David Anderson	Preparation for
Ministry	
RE. Vera P. Rhimes	Church Development
Rev. Mickey Fenn	COPE, Clergy Support
RE. Scott Eschbach	Property and Finance
NEEDED/OPEN	Member-at Large ('22)
NEEDED/ OPEN	Member-at-Large ('23)
NEEDED/ OPEN	Member-at-Large ('24)

Set aside Standing Rules for Clergy/Elder ratio, 5.10

Council Designated Special Committees:

Planning Team: CRE Bonnie Boe, RE Ashley Chelonis, Rev. Mickey Fenn, Rev. Janet Loughry, Rev. Andy Rock, CRE Tim Smith, Rev. Tom Stephen, Rev. Dan Stevens (Chair), RE Sandy Thoits

Disaster Response Task Force: Rev. Suzanne Malloy (Chair), Rev. Ted Brandt, Rev. Chuck Curtis, Rev. Jarrett Johnson, Rev. Kate Wiebe, Rev. Dave Worth.

Presbytery Response Team (Lompoc Dismissal Request): Rev. Erik Wiebe (Chair), Rev. Jim Seeber, RE Susan Freer.

COMMITTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY 3 year terms/6 year aggregate limit (SR 4.20B)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Class of</u>
Church Development Committee CDC (5-7 members) Minimum 1TE and 2 RE		
RE Vera P. Rhimes, Chair	Moorpark (2020, 3yrs)	2023
RE Susan Updegrove	First, SLO (2020, 1-yr)(2021, 1 yr)	2022
Rev. Tyson Babayco	Ojai (Nov. 2020, 3 yrs)	2023
RE Lee Kirkpatrick	First, SB (2019, 3yrs) (2021, 3 yrs)	2024
Rev. Ron Urzua	First, SP (2018, 3yrs) (2021, 3 yrs)	2024
Rev. Mickey Fenn	Way Station (2018, 3yrs)(2021,3yrs)	2024

Church in the World (Missions) (3-5) 1 TE, 2RE

Rev. Matt Elam, Chair	Monte Vista (2021 4 yrs)	2024
RE Marcia Risher	Emmanuel (2020 2 yrs)	2022
RE Joyce Maxwell	Emmanuel (2020 3 yrs)	2023
CRE Chuck Curtis	First, SB SB First (2017 3yr)(2020 1 yr)	
	(2021, 2 yr)	2023
Rev. Paul Dugan	Coastal Com. (2018 3yr) (2021,3 yr)	2024
Rev. Ted Brandt	Oxnard (2018 3yr)(2021, 3yr)	2024

Set aside standing rule for: More than 5 members

Committee on Ministry (6-14 Members) half TE and half RE

Rev. Jeff Holland, Chair	Ojai (2016 3yr) (2019 3yr)	2022
Rev. Jarrett Johnson	Carpinteria (2017 3yrs) 2020 3yrs	2023
Rev. Bruce Lethbridge	Orcutt (2017 3 yrs) 2020 3yrs	2023
Rev. Kate Wiebe	First, SB (2017 3 yrs) 2020 3yrs	2023
CRE Bonnie Boe	Moorpark (2018 3 yrs)(2021, 3yrs)	2024
RE NEEDED/OPEN		2024

Set aside Standing Rules for: Need 6 members, half Ruling Elders.

Clergy Support (6 members)

Rev. Mickey Fenn, Chair	Way Station (2020, 3yrs)	2023
Rev. Keenan Barber	Moorpark (2020, 3yrs)	2023
Rev. Jim Seeber	Ret. (2018 3 yrs) (2021, 3yrs)	2024
Rev. Jennifer Fraser	St. Andrews (2021, 3yrs)	2024

NEEDED/ OPEN	2022
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Set aside Standing Rules for : Need 6 members.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (4-8 members) half TE and half RE

Rev. David Anderson, Chair Emmanuel (2017 3 yrs, 2020 3 yrs)	2023
Rev. Ron Urzua Santa Paula/Liv. Hope (2020, 2yrs)	2022
CRE Kristy Clark Nipomo (2020, 3yrs)	2023
Rev. Garrett Andrew Nipomo (2021, 3yrs)	2024
RE NEEDED/ OPEN	2024

Set aside Standing Rules for: Need half Ruling Elders or set aside standing rules

Personnel Committee (6 members) half TE and half RE

Rev. Andy Rock, Chair Coastal Community (2020, 3yrs)	2023
Rev. David Mosgofian Koeker Summerland (2020, 2yrs)	2022
RE Karen Washburn Monte Vista (2020, 2yrs)	2022
NEEDED/ OPEN	2023

Set aside Standing Rules for: Need 6 members, half Ruling Elders & half teaching Elders

Property and Finance (7 members) at least 1 TE

RE Scott Eschbach, Chair, Treasurer St. Andrew's(2017,2 yrs)(2019, 3yrs)	2022
Rev. James Baird Highlands (2018, 3yrs)(2021, 3yrs)	2024
Rev. Mickey Fenn Way Station(2017, 1yr)(2018, 3yrs) (2021, 2 yrs)	2023
RE Penny Carlson Santa Paula (2019, 3yrs)	2022
CRE Bonnie Boe Controller (2017, 3 yrs) (2020)	2023
RE Beth Huebert Stonebridge, Simi Valley(2020,3yrs)	2023
Rev. Ted Brandt Oxnard (Nov. 2020, 3 yrs)	2023

Committee on Representations and Nominations/CORN (6 members) 1/3 TE, 2/3 RE. Equal male and female representation. Nominations are made by Presbytery Council

Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair (2020 3 yrs)	2023
RE Rachel Tobler St. Andrew's 2020	2023
NEEDED/OPEN	2021
NEEDED/ OPEN	2022
NEEDED/ OPEN	2022

Set aside Standing Rules: Need 6 members, 1/3 TE and 2/3 RE members.

Permanent Judicial Commission (7 members – 3 TE and 4 RE, even numbered terms) limit of 6 years on PJC. After term completed, members cannot serve on PJC again for 4 Years. D-5.0105

Rev. Megan Babayco Ojai	2022
Rev. Bob Crouch Pismo Beach	2022
Rev. Steve Jacobsen At Large	2022

CRE Diane Kirkpatrick	FP Santa Barbara	2024
CRE Jeannie Cavender (elected 9/19/20)	Goleta (2020, 6yrs)	2026
Rev. John D'Elia (elected 11/10/20)	FP SLO (2024 term)	2024
RE Tom Cochrun	Safe Harbor NCD	2026

Committee on Presbytery Enrichment/COPE (6 members)

(Moderator, Moderator Elect, Chair of Council, minimum of 3 At Large. Chair is At Large members. Stated Clerk (ex officio). **Vacancies filled by Chair of Council.**

Rev. Tom Stephen	Moderator (2020-21)	
Rev. Janet Loughry	Chair of Council (2020-21)	
RE Lee Kirkpatrick	Moderator Elect (2020-21)	
RE Sandy Thoits	Stated Clerk (ex officio)	
Rev. Mickey Fenn	At Large, Chair	2023
Rev. Suzanne Malloy	At-Large	2023
At-Large NEEDED	At-Large	2024

Set aside Standing Rules: Need 1 more At-Large member