

Council Approved
Minutes
Presbytery of Santa Barbara
“Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People”
470th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara
Saturday, September 18, 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 470th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (USA) was convened on September 18, 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, and announced that the Zoom meeting was set up to include video recording.

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: 57 persons

Registered Voters Roll Summary: 50

Includes 2 Honorably Retired TE

Teaching Elder Members: 17

Ruling Elder Commissioners: 25. Representing 13 Churches.

Presbytery Officers: 4

TE Tom Stephen, Moderator

RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator-Elect

RE Sandy Thoits, Stated Clerk

RE Scott Eschbach, Treasurer

Committee Chair: 3

Rev. David Anderson (CPM)

Rev. Mickey Fenn (Clergy Support, COPE)

Rev. Janet Loughry HR (CORN)

Misc. Presbytery RE Member (RE Tom Cochrun, Cambria): 1

Non-Voting Registration: 7

Commissioned Ruling Elders: 1

Corresponding Members: 4

Visitors/Others: 2

ROLL

CHURCH/TEACHING ELDERS

- Carpinteria
Jarrett Johnson

- Goleta

- Grover Beach

- Lompoc (Cityview)

- Moorpark

- Newbury Park
Tom Stephen

- Nipomo
Garrett Andrew

- Ojai

- Oxnard
Ted Brandt

- Paso Robles (Highlands)

- Pismo Beach

- Port Hueneme (Living Hope)
Ron Urzua (and Santa Paula)

- San Luis Obispo
John D'Elia

- Santa Barbara (First Pres.)

RULING ELDER

COMMISSIONERS

Jeannie Cavender
Jim Friestad

Bonnie Boe
Jan Jue
Vera Rhimes

Karen Washburn

Kristy Clark
Gail Lopez

Terry Holland

Beverly Frethiem
Paul Moranda

Mary Curtis

Donna Loper
Pamela Rodewald
Tim Smith

Yvonne Bazinet
Diane Dodds
Meryle Gaston

- Santa Barbara (St. Andrew's)
Jennifer Fraser

Tamara Skov
Dana Jo Monk

- Santa Paula
Ron Urzua (and Living Hope)

Robert Schleef
Rodney Thompson

- Simi Valley (Stonebridge)
Jonathan Saur
Jonathan Lusche

Ashley Chelonis
Danielle Davis

- Summerland

- Thousand Oaks (Emmanuel)
David Anderson

Joyce Maxwell

Other Teaching Elder Members: Peter Buehler (HR), Sean Chow, Julia Fogg, Bruce Lethbridge, Suzanne Malloy, David Mosgofian Koeker, Mark Watson

Committee Chairs: David Anderson, 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: CRE Chuck Curtis
- Corresponding Members: TE Mark Hong, Synod Exec. & Stated Clerk; TE Kristy LaBarge, San Fernando Presbytery, Impact Ministries; TE Kristin Leucht, Board of Pensions; Rene Myers, Presbyterian Mission Agency
- Visitors/Others: RE Jenifer Rabenaldt, FP San Luis Obispo; RE John Losey, Monte Vista Presbyterian Church.

Installation of Moderator, Ruling Elder Lee Kirkpatrick. Moderator Rev. Tom Stephen introduced Ruling Elder Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator- Elect, to be installed as Presbytery Moderator for the coming year. Rev. Stephen asked the Installation Questions of Elder Lee Kirkpatrick. Elder Kirkpatrick answered the questions in the affirmative. Rev. Stephen presented the ceremonial cross and Moderator's gavel virtually over Zoom to Elder Kirkpatrick. Presbytery members prayed for and affirmed their support of Elder Kirkpatrick in this office and ministry.

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Moderator. Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair of the Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN) expressed appreciation and gratitude for Rev. Tom Stephen for his service of two 1-year terms as Presbytery Moderator. Rev. Loughry presented a plaque virtually over Zoom to Rev. Stephen.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda as distributed.

Approved

Report of the Stated Clerk. See written Stated Clerk Report attached as Attachment 1 to these Minutes. One correction was noted, Property & Finance – Budget. The **2022** proposed budget will be presented at the November 9, 2021, Presbytery Meeting.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda (Attachment 1), as distributed.

Approved

Moderator RE Lee Kirkpatrick asked for the Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners: RE Jan Jue, from Moorpark Presbyterian Church.

Introductions and Seating of Corresponding Members: Rev. Mark Hong, Synod of So. Calif. & Hawaii Executive & Stated Clerk. Rev. Rene Myers, from the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Rev. Kristin Leucht, from the Board of Pensions. Rev. Kristy LaBarge, San Fernando Presbytery.

Motion to grant privilege of the floor to Corresponding Members, Committee Members, Candidates Under Care and Inquirers. **Approved**

The May 15, 2021 Presbytery Minutes were approved with the Consent Agenda.

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

- *Music.* Video Hymn from Coastal Community Church, Grover Beach: “You Make All Things Work Together.”
- *Meditation.* Rev. Garrett Andrew, Pastor at Nipomo Community Pres. Church, led a time of meditation. Rev. Andrew read from Isaiah 40: 27-31, with a time of reflection on the presence of God’s strength, presence, newness and grace in challenging times.
- *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 questions: What does it feel like God isn’t seeing? What does it mean to wait for God? When did you fly before? How are you flying now?
- At the conclusion of the Breakout group discussion time, presbyters returned to the full meeting. CRE Jeannie Cavender closed the worship time in prayer.

UMB Front Porch Update. Rev. David Anderson and Rev. Mickey Fenn reported. The meetings of the Group of 6 have been ongoing for 1 ½ years with good progress including conversations on planning and reconciliation. A slide was displayed on the Zoom screen: “Collective Commitment.” UMB is the Presbytery-related corporation for the Casa Veranda apartments and Front Porch ministry buildings, next to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The UMB Board of Directors met on August 14, 2021. The Minutes of the UMB Board Meeting are included with the documents for this meeting. The UMB Bylaws were reviewed and the UMB Board of Directors authorized the number of directors for the UMB Board of Directors be increased to nine (9). The UMB Bylaws specify that Presbytery is the body which elects the UMB Directors. All Board Members must be members of the PC(USA).

Rev. Anderson presented the following persons for **Election by the Presbytery to the University Ministry Board of Directors**, to terms as indicated:

- Class of 2025. Three (3) year term: Al Da Costa, Wes Zimmerman, John D’Elia
- Class of 2024. Two (2) year term: Susan Updegrove, Andy Rock
- Class of 2023. One (1) year term: Mickey Fenn-President (current), Bonnie Boe-Treasurer (current), Scott Eschbach-Secretary (current)

- Joel Drenckpohl- Ex Officio member

Presbyters were instructed to vote on Zoom by checking the green check mark for “yes” and the red X mark for “no.” The Moderator declared that the **Election carried** by unanimous “yes” votes, and the UMB Board Members are elected to the term years as listed. Rev. Anderson expressed gratitude for everyone involved in these efforts and progress.

CORN – Committee on Representation and Nominations – Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair

- **Election of 225th General Assembly TE and RE Commissioners and YAAD (2022).** Hybrid GA Meetings - Committee sessions in Louisville, KY, Plenary sessions online. Rev. Loughry reviewed the process this year for receiving nominations for the Presbytery’s Teaching Elder (1), Ruling Elder (1) Commissioners, and (1) Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YADD) to the 225th General Assembly. The deadline to submit nominations for RE and TE Commissioners has passed. One nomination was received for TE Commissioner: Rev. David Anderson, Designated Pastor at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. One Nomination received for RE Commissioner: RE Jenifer Gordon Rabenaldt. No YAAD nominations were submitted; the deadline to submit YADD Nominations has been extended to October 15, 2021.

Written Nominees’ Answers to questions were provided to Presbyters. Nominees Anderson and Rabenaldt confirmed that they will be available to report to the Presbytery at the next meeting following the General Assembly and will keep in contact to answer questions from churches and Presbytery committees in the future.

- **Motion** to elect Rev. David Anderson as Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 225th PC(USA) General Assembly (2022), unanimously **Approved**
- **Motion** to elect Ruling Elder Jenifer Gordon Rabenaldt as Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 225th PC(USA) General Assembly (2022), unanimously **Approved**

- **Nomination/Election of Committee Members.** Rev. Janet Loughry referred to the written Nominations Report showing 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. Rev. Loughry reported on the resignation of the Personnel Committee Chair, with the new Chair to be elected as indicated on the report, RE Karen Washburn. 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 2 to these Minutes) and to approve setting aside the Standing Rules as listed in the Nominations Report. **Approved**

Report from Rev. Kristin Leucht. Board of Pensions. Rev. Leucht reported that churches are exempt from the new CA State law, CalSavers, requiring certain employers to offer information for retirement plans for employees. The Board of Pensions has a Retirement Savings Plan, available to churches for employees. Rev. Leucht showed a slide outlining the new benefits package for ministers and offered to answer questions during and after the meeting.

Report from Rev. Kristy LaBarge. Impact Ministries. Rev. LaBarge reported that Impact trips have been slowed by COVID restrictions. Impact has conducted webinars and virtual mission trips. A new Connect program is scheduled for October 2. The hope is to send small groups on mission trips in summer

2022.

Report of Presbytery Council. Rev. Tom Stephen, Council Chair, reported.

- **Treasurer’s Report.** Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, Treasurer, referred to the January – August 2021 Financial Reports included in the documents packet for the meeting. RE Eschbach expressed appreciation for the work of CRE Bonnie Boe, Presbytery Accountant, in preparing the regular reports. RE Eschbach shared a summary report on the Zoom screen and reviewed selected items, including restricted net assets. The annual Per Capita from churches is running behind for this year. The Presbytery Per Capita is assessed on the congregation as a whole. Congregations are to include this an item in the annual church budget. Per capita from the churches is appreciated by the Finance Committee and Presbytery Council. RE Eschbach explained that the 2021 Budget includes a line item for the Designated General Presbyter position. The budget was approved and subsequently Presbytery voted a place holder on that line in the budget pending further discussions and review. Presbytery currently is in a comfortable, stable financial position.

- Net Income through August 2021: \$98,326.27
- Total Liabilities & Equity as of August 31, 2021: \$6,267,556.62
- **Motion** to receive the Treasurer’s report, was made, seconded.

Approved

- **History of Designated GP Position and Revitalization.** Rev. Tom Stephen, Council Chair reported a summary of the process over the last several years of studies, visioning, meetings, surveys, discussions on revitalization and staffing and a Special Called Meeting this year on March 9. These steps have resulted in a recommendation from Presbytery Council for moving forward with a leadership position, presented at this meeting. There will also be a motion to pause the process for further discussion.

– **Recommended Designated General Presbyter Position & Motions**

- **Presentation of the Proposed Position Description.** RE Karen Washburn, Personnel Committee Chair, referred to the written Designated General Presbytery (DGP) Position Description, include with the documents distributed for this meeting. RE Washburn read the Position Description. The Position Description has been approved by Presbytery Council and is recommended to Presbytery for approval at this meeting.

- **Motions:** The Moderator reported that Presbytery will be hearing about and voting on Motions from Presbytery Council and a motion submitted in writing by two Presbyters/Commissioners.

- *Submitted Motion from two Commissioners to pause moving forward on DGP for more discussion on other leadership options.*

Moderator RE Kirkpatrick reported that Rev. Ted Brandt submitted a Motion prior to the meeting for consideration by Presbytery. The Moderator called on Rev. Brandt to present the motion, as follows:

- Motion from Ted Brandt and Andy Rock, Submitted by Email 8/26/21 to the Stated Clerk.
- **Motion:** That Presbytery pause any hiring of a General Presbyter in order to spend at least one Presbytery meeting to discuss alternative hiring options.
 - Rationale: The Presbytery voted to include a line item in the budget for a General Presbyter. Council approved the hiring of a ¾ time

position. We hold that Presbytery should make the decision to hire, not just the council. The Presbytery as a whole has yet to hear other alternatives than hiring a single employee to fill this leadership role.

- Rev. Brandt spoke in support of the motion and encouraged support and approval of this motion by Presbytery.
 - A **Motion** was made to Close Discussion on this Motion. Seconded. Motion to close discussion, voting indicated on Zoom screen **Approved**
 - Vote on main Motion to pause hiring of General Presbytery (as set forth above). **Motion not approved.**
- *Change Status of Placeholder on 2021 Budget to Fully Approved for Disbursement.* The Moderator called on RE Scott Eschbach, Presbytery Treasurer, to report on this item. RE Eschbach reported that Presbytery Council submits to Presbytery for approval the following motion:
- **Motion** to Change Status of Placeholder of the Designated General Presbyter position on the 2021 Budget to Fully Approved for Disbursement. Discussion and questions answered.
 - A **Motion** was made to Close Discussion on this Motion. Seconded. Motion to close discussion, voting indicated on Zoom screen. **Approved**
 - Vote on the main **Motion** to Change Status of Placeholder of the Designated General Presbyter position on the 2021 Budget to Fully Approved for Disbursement. Voting indicated on Zoom screen. **Approved**
- *Position Description.* The Moderator indicated the next item of business. Presbytery Council brings the Designated General Presbyter Position Description (as distributed) to Presbytery for consideration for approval.
- A **Motion** was made by a Commissioner from the floor: **Motion** to approve the Designated General Presbytery Position Description as submitted. Seconded. Discussion.
 - A **Motion** was made to close discussion on this Motion. Seconded. Motion to close discussion, voting indicated on Zoom screen **Approved**
 - Vote on the main **Motion** to approve the Designated General Presbyter Position Description as submitted. **Approved**
- *Search Committee & Nominations. Rev. Janet Loughry (CORN).* Rev. Loughry reported on the process and background for the proposed nominations for the members of the Designated General Presbyter Search Committee, including members from the three Presbytery regions/counties, gender, Teaching and Ruling Elders, various ages. Rev. Loughry presented the list of proposed GDP Search Committee members for Presbytery election:
- Karen Washburn: Ruling Elder, Monte Vista, Newbury Park; Presbytery Personnel Committee
 - Tamara Skov: Ruling Elder, St. Andrew's, Santa Barbara
 - Sean Chow: Teaching Elder, Director, 1001 Worshipping Communities
 - Garrett Andrew: Teaching Elder, Nipomo

- Ron Urzua: Teaching Elder, Living Hope in Port Hueneme and Santa Paula Pres.
- Jon Saur: Teaching Elder, Stonebridge, Simi Valley
- Jennifer Fraser: Teaching Elder, St. Andrew's, Santa Barbara

- Alternates:
- Bob Crouch: Teaching Elder, Pismo Beach
- Kristy Clark: Ruling Elder, Commissioned Lay Pastor, Nipomo

- Synod Representative:
- Mark Hong: Executive/Stated Clerk, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii

The Moderator then asked for nominations for the floor.

A **Motion (#1)** was made from the floor, and seconded, as follows: (1) **Motion** to expand the DGP Search Committee by one (1) more person. Motion Seconded. Discussion.

A **Motion (#2)** was then made from the floor, as follows: **Motion** to nominate Rev. Ted Brandt as a member of the DGP Search Committee. Motion Seconded. Discussion.

The Moderator then called for a vote on Motion (#1), Motion to expand the DGP Search Committee by one (1) more person. Voting indicated on Zoom screen. Motion **Approved**.

The Moderator then called for a vote on Motion (#2), Motion to nominate Rev. Ted Brandt as a member of the DGP Search Committee. Voting indicated on Zoom screen. Motion **Approved**.

A **Motion** was then made to accept the Designated General Presbyter Search Committee members as presented with the approved motions. Motion **Approved**.

- **Submitted Motion from Presbytery Council to develop a Presbytery Revitalization Program:** The Moderator called on Rev. Tom Stephen, Chair of Presbytery Council, who explained the background and recommendation from Presbytery Council to develop a Presbytery Revitalization program. Rev. Stephen presented a Motion from Presbytery Council for approval by Presbytery, as follows:
 - **Motion** to set aside funds in the amount of \$50,000 for future revitalization program(s) in our Presbytery and the Church Development Committee will oversee the creation of program(s) with Presbytery approval. Discussion. Treasurer Scott Eschbach reported that the funds would be set aside in a designated fund; any changes in the designation of the funds to be approved by Presbytery. **Motion Approved.**

Committee Reports

- **Committee on Preparation of Ministry (CPM).** Rev. David Anderson, Chair, reported that the

Committee has two Inquirers under care. Both are currently studying at university. Rev. Anderson presented a **Motion** from the Committee to approve the PC(USA) 2021 Ordination Exam Readers from Santa Barbara Presbytery: RE Bill Tennant and Rev. David Anderson. **Approved.**

- **Personnel.** Election of Stated Clerk. (1-year term 9/19/21 – 9/18/22). Ruling Elder Karen Washburn reported on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee and Council to nominate current Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Sandy Thoits, to be elected to another one-year term as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, through September 18, 2022.

A **Motion** from the Committee was made to elect Ruling Elder Sandy Thoits as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara for a one-year term, through September 18, 2022. **Approved**

- **Property and Finance Committee.** Ruling Elder Scott Eschbach, Chair, referred to the Treasurer’s Report, reported earlier in the meeting. No further report.
- **Committee on Ministry.** Rev. Jeff Holland expressed blessings and appreciation for service in ministry on the passing of Rev. Alan Stones (HR). Memorial Service information is available from the Stated Clerk.
- **Clergy Support Committee.** Rev. Mickey Fenn, Chair, reported on upcoming programs, including a conflict resolution program. A clergy retreat is being planned. There will be a 25th year celebration of ministry for Rev. Ron Urzua, at Living Hope Church.
- **Church Development Committee.** Ruling Elder Vera Rhimes reported on the status and expanding programs of several of the New Worshipping Communities in the Presbytery.
- **Church in the World.** CRE Chuck Curtis (reported for Chair Matt Elam). Brown Church is a new program which will be starting in January 2022, four Sundays in January and one Sunday in February. The 2022 Santa Barbara Mission Conference theme is “Called to Reconcile.”

There being no further business, Moderator Lee Kirkpatrick gave the closing prayer. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Next Presbytery Meeting – Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m. Format to be determined.

2022 Presbytery Meeting Dates: (meeting format to be determined)

- Sat. February 5, 9:30AM
- Sat. May 14, 9:30AM
- Sat. September 17, 9:30AM
- Tues. November 8, 2:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Thoits
Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda September 18, 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 May 15, 2021 Minutes of the 469th 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).
- From the Property & Finance Committee: **Motion for approval** to set aside Standing Rule 3.24A1 through the November 9, 2021 Presbytery Meeting: "Submission of an annual budget, as approved by Property and Finance Committee, for ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery to the Presbytery Council; recommendation to the Presbytery at the stated September meeting the per capita amount to meet the ecclesiastical expenses of the Presbytery office for the coming year; and authorize the notification to churches of that approved figure and of the apportionments due." The 2022 proposed budget will be presented at the November 9, 2021, Presbytery Meeting.
- Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve** a motion to set aside until the November 9, 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 6 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 6.62 – 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.
- Committees/Commissions Consent Agenda Items.
- **Motion** that Presbytery **RECEIVE** the resignations of:
 - Rev. Tyson Babayco resignation from CDC effective June 27, 2021 (transfer to Presbytery of Western Colorado). Written resignation by email to Stated Clerk.
 - Rev. Megan Babayco resignation from PJC effective June 1, 2021 (transfer to Presbytery of Western Colorado). Written resignation by email to Stated Clerk.
 - Rev. Andy Rock written resignation from member and Chair of the Personnel Committee, effective June 15, 2021. Written resignation by email to Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair of Presbytery Council.
- Consent Agenda Items for **Approval** from the **Committee on Ministry**:
- Approve a Motion to **Dismiss Rev. Szu-Hsing Mao** to the Presbytery of San Francisco, as of August 10, 2021.
 - Approve a Motion to **Dismiss Rev. Craig Williams** to Los Ranchos Presbytery, as of September 16, 2021.
 - Approve a Motion to for **Rev. Neal Nybo to labor outside of the Presbytery bounds** and within the bounds of the Inland Northwest Presbytery (Coeure d’Alene, Idaho).
- That Presbytery ENTER upon the permanent record, at the close of the meeting, those information items provided to Presbytery but not otherwise acted upon.
- That Presbytery RECOGNIZE that the action items approved at this meeting, taken together with all votes responding to requests by sub bodies of the Presbytery, as fulfilling the Presbytery’s responsibility to review the work of the continuing committees, and special organizations, in accordance with the principles of Administrative Review of G-3.0108a of the Book of Order.

Stated Clerk Report

- Reports that at this meeting, Presbytery will elect 1 Ruling Elder Commissioner and 1 Teaching Elder Commissioner to the **225th General Assembly (2022)**. Nominations closed on September 1, 2021. **Nominations received:** Teaching Elder – David Anderson (Emmanuel Pres.). Ruling Elder – Jenifer Rabenaldt (First Pres. San Luis Obispo). No nominations were received for the Presbytery’s 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate. The General Assembly will take place on dates in June and July, 2022. Format: Virtual Online meetings, with some plenary and committee meetings in person at the PC(USA) headquarters, Louisville, KY. For more information on the 225th General Assembly, see the [GA Website](#).

- From Presbytery Council for this Meeting. Proposed Presbytery Revitalization Program: Motion to set aside funds in the amount of \$50,000 for future revitalization program(s) in our Presbytery and the Church Development Committee will oversee the creation of program(s) with Presbytery approval.
- Request for item for 9/18/21 Presbytery Meeting from Rev. Ted Brandt and Rev. Andy Rock, Submitted by Email 8/26/21 to the Stated Clerk. Motion: That Presbytery pause any hiring of a General Presbyter in order to spend at least one Presbytery meeting to discuss alternative hiring options.
- 6.11 provides: “Each standing committee shall designate, from within its membership, a vice-chair and shall notify the Stated Clerk of the person so named. the names of Committee Vice Chairs elected by the committees, per SR 6.11. In the event of the resignation of a chair, the vice-chair shall serve as the temporary convener of the committee and as the representative to the Presbytery Council. Committees and Vice Chairs reported to the Stated Clerk as of this date:
 - Committee on Ministry: Rev. Jarrett Johnson
 - CORN (Representation and Nominations): RE Rachel Tobler
 - Personnel: Rev. David Mosgofian Koeker.
- Reports Synod Approval of Presbytery Minutes (2019 and 2020): The Stated Clerk attended by Zoom the Synod meeting of Stated Clerks on August 18, 2021, for Review of Presbytery Minutes for the years 2019 and 2020). [Synod Review did not take place in 2020 due to COVID 19 meeting restrictions.] The 2019 and 2020 Presbytery of Santa Barbara Minutes were approved, with minor errors or omissions.
- 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 Standing Rules of the Presbytery specify a 5-year term for the Stated Clerk. Due to the transitional period of the Presbytery, this position is currently set as a one-year (renewable) position. Presbytery has already approved to set aside the Standing Rule.
- Reports that Stated Clerk Sandy Thoits attended the Synod Boundary Training Program, presented by LeaderWise (online Zoom), on August 3 and 4. Five Hours.
- Reports that First Presbyterian Church of San Luis Obispo has signed on to become a [Matthew 25 Church](#), a program of the PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission Agency.
- Ministerial Changes:
 - Reports that **Rev. Cynthia Purvis** was dismissed to Coastal Carolina Presbytery, effective June 1, 2021.
 - Reports that **Rev. Megan Babayco** was dismissed to Presbytery of Western Colorado effective July 28, 2021.

- Reports that **Rev. Tyson Babayco** was dismissed to Presbytery of Western Colorado effective July 28, 2021.
- Church Triumphant: **Rev. Alan Stones** (H.R.). August 12, 2021, 82 years.
- On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the following Installation Plans, and reports on the completion of the **Installations**, as follows:
 - Rev. Garrett Andrew Installation. 9/27/20. On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the installation plans for Rev. Garrett Andrew, Nipomo Community Presbyterian Church. The Installation Service was held on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. The installation commission consisted of Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator (Monte Vista), Rev. Bob Crouch (Pismo Beach), Rev. John D'Elia (FPSLO), Rev. Bruce Lethbridge (Orcutt), CRE Bonnie Boe (Moorpark), RE Susan Updegrove (FPSLO), RE Kirk Grier (St. Andrew's). The Commission completed its work on Sunday, September 27, 2020, and is discharged.
 - Rev. Mickey Fenn Ordination. 10/4/20. On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the ordination plans for Rev. Mickey Fenn, at First Presbyterian Church Oxnard. The Installation Service was held on Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The installation commission consisted of Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator, (Monte Vista), Rev. Ron Urzua (Santa Paula, Living Hope), Rev. Janet Loughry (HR), Rev. Matt Elam (Monte Vista), Rev. David Anderson (Emmanuel), CRE Bonnie Boe (Moorpark), CRE Jeannie Cavender Goleta), RE Jennifer Chow (Living Hope). The Commission completed its work on Sunday, October 4, 2020, and is discharged.
 - Rev. Jonathan Saur Installation. 11/22/20: On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the installation plans for Rev. Jonathan Saur, StoneBridge Community Presbyterian Church. The Installation Service was held on November 22 at 2:00 p.m. (with Zoom online platform). The installation commission consisted of Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator (Monte Vista), Rev. Jeff McCrory (FP Knoxville, TN), Rev. Jonathan Lusche (StoneBridge), Rev. Kate Wiebe (At Large, FP Santa Barbara), Rev. David Anderson (Emmanuel), RE Andy Thompson (Stone Bridge), RE Bonnie Boe (Moorpark), RE Cindy Vodraska (Monte Vista). The Commission completed its work on Sunday, November 11, 2020, and is discharged.
 - Rev. Jennifer Fraser Installation (8/1/21): On behalf of the Committee on Ministry, reports that the committee approved the installation plans for Rev. Jennifer, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The Installation Service was held on Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The installation commission consisted of RE Lee Kirkpatrick, Moderator (FP Santa Barbara), Rev. Tom Stephen (Monte Vista), Rev. Suzanne Malloy (St. Andrew's), Rev. Mickey Fenn (The Way Station), RE Diane Kirkpatrick (FP Santa Barbara), RE LuAnn Miller (Goleta), RE Kirk Grier (St. Andrew's). The Commission completed its work on Sunday, August 1, 2021, and is discharged.
- 2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates.
 - Sat. September 18, 9:30AM – Online Electronic Meeting (Zoom).
 - Tues. November 9, 2:00PM – Format to be determined.

- 2022 Presbytery Meetings Dates. 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

- The Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org

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 (Lee Kirkpatrick), Chair of Council (Tom Stephen), or Stated Clerk (Sandy Thoits).

June 2, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed and received the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer, including the January – April, 2021 Statement of Operations – General Operations, Statement of Financial Position and Balance Sheet.
- Heard a report from the Stated Clerk that the Synod will be providing 2021 Boundary Training, through LeaderWise. On Zoom. Dates: August 3 and 4, total of 5 hours.
- Changed of date of next Council meeting from July 7 to June 30 at 10:00AM, due to vacation dates for Council member.
- Approved a motion and request from the Personnel Committee to change the title of the staff position, “Transitional Accountant” to “Accountant.” Bonnie Boe is the employee in this position.
- Heard a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, that CPM met with and approved enrolling two inquirers:
 - Paul Gillis-Smith, who has been sponsored by the Session of Moorpark Presbyterian Church. CPM liaison: Rev. Garrett Andrews. Session liaison: Michael Hughes
 - Emily Harris, who has been sponsored by the Session of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. CPM liaison: Kristy Clark. Session liaison: Pippa Philips.
- Heard a report from the Clergy Support Committee about planning for a series of workshops and informational events, titled “Uplift – Onward, Outward, Upward.” Presenters to include Rev. James Baird, Rev. Sean Chow, Rev. Jen Fraser, Rev. Keenan Barber. Council approved the Clergy Support Committee to utilize an email address and email platform to contact minister members and publicize programs and events.
- Heard a report from Presbyterian Women about an upcoming Synod PW online program/event.

June 30, 2021 Meeting (meeting dated moved from July 7)

- Council welcomed RE RE Vera Rimes (new CDC Chair), Rev. David Mosgofian Koeker and RE Karen Washburn (Personnel Committee members), and Rev. Mark Hong (Synod Executive & Stated Clerk)

- Council received and accepted Rev. Andy Rock's written resignation as member and as Chair of the Personnel Committee.
- Presbytery Council reviewed and received the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer. Statement of Financial Position as of May 31, 2021. The Treasurer explained some of the items.
- Report from the Stated Clerk: Each Standing Committee is requested to elect a vice chair at its next meeting, per the Standing Rules 6.11.
- Council reviewed and considered a video recording sent to Council from a Presbytery minister member. A Council member to follow up and meet with the minister member.
- Report from the Personnel Committee – Designated General Presbytery Position Description, with motion for approval. Council approved a Motion:
 - That Council approve the DGP Position Description for a term of 2-4 years, with the appropriate language for 2-4 years to be added to the Description by the Personnel Committee/Ad Hoc group that prepared the description; and that with this amendment, the Position Description go to Presbytery for approval at the September 18, 2021 Presbytery Meeting.
 - Consensus: CORN to work with the Personnel Committee to recommend a Search Committee of 7 or 9 members, for Presbytery approval.
- Lompoc Presbyterian Church Dismissal Process: The Stated Clerk reported that the Presbytery Response Team (PRT), met by Zoom with the Session dismissal team. The check list was reviewed and updated, and documents are being provided by the church.
- Received a report from the Committee on Representation & Nominations (CORN) with the names of Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders who have agree to serve on committees. The report with nominations to go to Presbytery for approval on September 18.
- Church Development Committee Report: CDC approved a grant of \$500 for Resurrection Church NWC at Coastal Community Church (Grover Beach) for Learning Pod support for school supplies. The \$500 is from the CDC budget line. RE Lee Kirkpatrick will serve as the liaison to First Pres. SLO for their Mission Study.
- Council discussed planning for the September 18th Presbytery meeting, including initial plans for a “blended” meeting, online and in person, at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara.

August 11, 2021 Meeting

- Presbytery Council reviewed and received the Presbytery Financial Reports from the Treasurer, including the January – July, 2021 Statement of Operations – General Operations, Statement of Financial Position, Balance Sheet. The P&F Committee plans to review the Restricted Funds to determine what funds might be available to put to good use.
- Council discussed the topic of planning for in person committee and Council meetings; due to COVID activity and county restrictions, no resumption yet for in person committee meetings. Meeting to continue by Zoom.
- Council heard a report from the Stated Clerk, Sandy Thoits, about a Zoom meeting she had with the church Clerks of Session. For the Annual Review of Session Minutes, the Clerks requested to postpone the review for 2019 and 2020 Minutes until the restrictions are lifted and the meeting can take place in person (not by Zoom).
- The Stated Clerk reported on changes to Robert's Rules of Order (2020) with suggested Bylaws/Standing Rules provisions regarding Zoom and other electronic meetings. Council approved establishing a “Committee of Three” to review this topic and to propose the specific provisions to amend the Presbytery Standing Rules for Electronic Presbytery Meetings, and

to bring recommendations to Council. Committee members: Tom Stephen, Janet Loughry, Sandy Thoits.

- Heard a report from the Group of Six and University Ministry Board Task Force regarding plans for bringing nominations and election of UMB Board Members to Presbytery.
- Regarding the Search Committee for the Designated General Presbyter position, Council approved including 2 alternates for the Committee.
- Council discussed planning for the 2022 Budget, with committees/chairs to complete a Mission & Vision Worksheet, for Council discussion review. The intent is to bring the 2022 Budget to Presbytery at the November 9 Presbytery meeting.
- Planning for September 18 Presbytery Meeting: Council determined to change the meeting format from hybrid/blended to a full Zoom meeting, due to new COVID restrictions and mask mandate in Santa Barbara County.
- Council heard a report from the Church Development Committee about Church in the Park NWC, Santa Paula and Council approved submitting a Growth Grant Application to PC(USA) 1001 New Worshipping Communities.
- Council heard a report from the Clergy Support Committee about upcoming programs and events: September: Conflict Management Workshop; October: Spiritual Growth; November: Clergy Retreat; December: Grief Workshop
- Heard a report about a Presbyterian Women Gathering to take place on May 21, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church Santa Barbara.

September 1, 2021 Meeting

- Reviewed information on Per Capita received from congregations this year.
- Heard a report regarding the Lompoc PRT process and receipt of appraisal report.
- Reviewed and discussed planning for the September 18 Presbytery Meeting. Council approved the Tentative Agenda for the 9/18 Presbytery Meeting.
- Reviewed nominations of University Ministry Board members, for election at the 9/18 Presbytery Meeting
- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee regarding the annual review of the Stated Clerk. Personnel Committee to bring forth recommendation at the September 18 Presbytery Meeting to elect RE Sandy Thoits as Stated Clerk for a 1-year term. RE Thoits has agreed to serve.
- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee confirming the Designate General Presbyter (DGP) Position Description, including that the position is a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position designated for 2-4 years. Position Description to go for Presbytery review and action item at the September 18 Presbytery Meeting. Council determined motions for Presbytery approval regarding the DGP Position for the September 18th Presbytery Meeting.
- Heard a report from CORN regarding nominations for election at the September.
- CPM reported that this year's Ordination Exam Readers will be for Presbytery approval at the 9/18 Presbytery Meeting.
- Heard a report from Rev. Joel Drenckpohl about Front Porch Campus Ministries, including welcoming students back to campus for the Fall term. October 10th is the Front Porch fundraising event.
- Post meeting follow up:
 - Council members reviewed, discussed and approved a Motion by email vote for a revised Tentative Agenda for the 9/18/21 Presbytery Meeting. Agenda includes a

motion requested by 2 Commissioners to pause any hiring of a General Presbyter in order to spend at least one Presbytery meeting to discuss alternative hiring options.

- Proposed Presbytery Revitalization Program: Council also approved (by email) a proposal to Presbytery to develop a Presbytery Revitalization Program: Motion to set aside funds in the amount of \$50,000 for future revitalization program(s) in our Presbytery and the Church Development Committee will oversee the creation of program(s) with Presbytery approval.

