

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda May 18, 2019

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.

Report of the Stated Clerk – Consent Agenda

- Recommends the **approval** by Presbytery of the February 9, 2019 Minutes of the 460th meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Recommends **approval** by Presbytery of the following dates for Presbytery Meetings in 2020, locations to be determined:
 - Sat. February 8, 9:30AM
 - Sat. May 16, 9:30AM
 - Sat. September 19, 9:30AM
 - Tues. November 10, 2:00PM
- Recommends that Presbytery **approve** the *Recommendation on Plan for Parity between Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders at Presbytery Meetings*, For Presbytery Approval – May 18, 2019, Effective as of the September 21, 2019 Presbytery Meeting.
- Elect the following members of the Property and Finance Committee to serve as Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:
 - Elder Scott Eschbach, St. Andrew's, Class of 2022
 - Elder Steve Ogg, Ojai, Class of 2021
 - Rev. James Baird, Highlands, Class of 2021
 - CRE Bonnie Boe, Treasurer, Moorpark, Class of 2020
 - CRE Mickey Fenn, The Way Station, Class of 2021
- The Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara reports it has elected the following officers:
 - Elder Steve Ogg, President
 - Elder Scott Eschbach, Secretary of the Corporation
 - CRE Bonnie Boe, Treasurer
- Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.63 – Property and Finance until the November 12, 2019 Presbytery Meeting, to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with seven members.
- Consent Agenda Items from the Committee on Ministry:
 - Recommends the **approval** of the 2019 Salary Survey, distributed at this Presbytery Meeting.

- Recommends the dismissal of minister member Rev. Charles Campbell to the San Gabriel Presbytery upon their request.
- Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.51- Committee on Ministry until the November 12, 2019 Presbytery Meeting, to allow time to bring the committee membership in compliance with one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
- Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.52 - Committee for Preparation for Ministry until the November 12, 2019, Presbytery Meeting to bring committee membership into compliance of a minimum of 4 members and one-half Teaching Elders and one-half Ruling Elders.
- Move to set aside Standing Rule 6.61 – Personnel Committee until the November 12, 2019, Presbytery Meeting 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) until the November 12, 2019, Presbytery Meeting 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 6.54 – Permanent Judicial Commission until the November 12, 2019, Presbytery Meeting to bring commission membership into compliance by adding one more ruling elder.
- Recommends that the Presbytery **approve** the request for certificate of transfer of membership of Marjorie York from PC(USA) membership held in the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, to First Presbyterian Church of Livermore. Marjorie York is a former member of Morro Bay Presbyterian Church and her membership is being held by the Presbytery, upon dismissal of Morro Bay Presbyterian Church on May 17, 2014.
- Recommends that the following former members of Community Presbyterian Church of Cambria be **received into membership** of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara effective as of November 10, 2015, the date of Presbytery approval of the dismissal of Community Presbyterian Church of Cambria to ECO: A Covenant Order of Presbyterians. These members chose to retain membership in the PC(USA) at the Presbytery of Santa Barbara with notification to the Presbytery from the Morro Bay Clerk of Session by letter dated January 6, 2016. This transfer has not previously been recorded in the record of Presbytery Meeting Minutes: George Balfe, Linda Balfe, Tom Cochrun, Lana Cochrun, Dixon Kirby, Esther Kirby, Allan MacKinnon, Theresa MacKinnon, Gary Reddish, Charlotte Reddish, Monty Rice, Julia Rice, Donovan Ropp, Patti Ropp, Jeanette Wolff.

The Stated Clerk:

- Reports notification from the Office of General Assembly on the outcome of the votes by presbyteries on the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order, recommended to the presbyteries by the 223rd General Assembly (2018). Amendment 18-C was defeated and all other amendments were approved.

- **Reports that the Presbytery is seeking Nominations for Commissioners to the 224th General Assembly (2020), June 20-27, 2020** in Baltimore, MD. 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, 2019 Presbytery Meeting (Summerland). Nominations Forms are included in the packet for this meeting (May 18, 2019) and posted on the Presbytery website.
- Reports that, as directed by Presbytery Council, the Stated Clerk on March 28, 2019 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 7, 2019, letters have been received by the following churches all confirming compliance and membership in the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians: Community Presbyterian Ventura, Morro Bay Pres. Church, Orchard Pres. Church, Malibu Pres. Church, First Pres. Templeton, Orcutt Pres. Church, Cottonwood Church (Los Alamos), Cambria Community Pres., El Montecito Pres. Church, Trinity Pres. Camarillo. Response pending from: Santa Ynez Valley Pres.
- Reports that the Stated Clerk, on March 13, 2019, emailed all Clerks of Session with the letter from the Advocacy Committee for Women’s Concerns (ACWC) the “Gender and Leadership in the PC(USA)” survey conducted by the Research Services office of our denomination, with request to share with the church Sessions
- Annual Statement of Insurance Coverage: 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 1/1/2019 – 1/1/2020
- The Agenda, Reports, Minutes and other documents for this Meeting are posted on the Presbytery Website: www.sbpres.org
- Dates and sites for the 2019 Presbytery meetings:
 - Saturday, 9/21/19 – Summerland
 - Tuesday, 11/12/19 – Newbury Park

Report of the Presbytery Council

March 6, 2019 Meeting:

- Presbytery Council Approved a motion instructing the Stated Clerk to send a letter in 2019 and subsequently on an annual basis to each of the churches dismissed to ECO since 2013, to confirm compliance with the provision in all dismissal agreements that the dismissed church must stay in ECO for 10 years after dismissal, or in another denomination within a reformed tradition.
- Heard a status report regarding a meeting by three Council members with Session members at Lompoc Presbyterian Church regarding the request for dismissal.

- Heard a report from the Personnel Committee regarding plans for position description and search for a bookkeeper.
- Reviewed letter from the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC) inviting Councils and leaders to learn about and share the results of the "Gender and Leadership in the PC(USA)" survey conducted by the Research Services office of our denomination. Council approved a motion that the Stated Clerk pass on the letter and survey report to the Clerks of Session to share with Sessions and that the gender survey Report topic be included as an Agenda item for the May 18 Presbytery meeting.

April 3, 2019 Meeting:

- Motion Regarding Designation of El Montecito Dismissal Funds: Council at its April 3 meeting reviewed the topic of designation of the use of funds from the dismissal agreement with El Montecito Presbyterian Church. Presbytery has not yet determined any designation for use of these funds. A **motion** for specific distributions of a portion of El Montecito Dismissal Funds was approved by Council to recommend approval by Presbytery at the May 18, 2019 Presbytery meeting, as follows:

That, from the original down payment amount of \$350,000, in dismissal funds from El Montecito Presbyterian Church, specific distributions shall be paid, as follows:

- *A one-time tithe (\$36,000) to be divided between the following recipients:*
 - *IMPACT - \$12,000*
 - *Mission Conference - \$12,000*
 - *Front Porch - \$12,000*
 - ***Council recommends this motion to Presbytery for approval at the May 18, 2019 Presbytery Meeting.***
- Council received a report from the Treasurer regarding designated funds. All designated funds from the first 3 months of 2019 have been paid out as designated. The auditors are preparing the 2017 and 2018 audits for UMB and for the Presbytery. The audits, when completed, will determine the status of the designated funds for prior years. The accounts payable designated funds will then be disbursed (as soon as the Balance Sheet is brought current.)
 - Council reviewed a letter from the Session of the Lompoc Presbyterian Church regarding the dismissal process and approved proceeding with a letter response.
 - Regarding the Front Porch Task Force, Council approved a motion for collaboration by the CDC, Front Porch Task Force and Front Porch Council to develop a policy that defines the relationship between Front Porch and the Presbytery, including operating practices, with CDC, COM, Property & Finance and Personnel Committees.
 - Received a report from the Planning Team of the input from the Feb. 9 Presbytery meeting lunchtime discussions, and plans to review staffing options in a joint meeting with the Personnel Committee and Property & Finance Committee.
 - Council assigned the Personnel Committee to review the current Presbytery Child Protection and Sexual Misconduct policies, to consider whether updates are needed and to make recommendations to Council.

May 1, 2019 Meeting

- Presbytery Council received and reviewed the Presbytery Profit/Loss Report through March 2019.
- Council approved forming a Presbytery Response Team for Lompoc Presbyterian Church.
- Council welcomed Rev. Dan Stevens, Chair of the Planning Team. Council members gave feedback to the Planning Team regarding staffing planning questions and related financial topics.
- Reviewed a Matthew 25 Invitation and information from the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and referred this to the Church in the World (Missions) Committee for review.
- Council approved the Recommendation from the Stated Clerk regarding parity at Presbytery meetings between Teaching Elder members and Ruling Elder commissioners at Presbytery meeting. The Recommendation will be for Presbytery approval at the May 18, 2019 Presbytery Meeting.
- Council approved recommending to Presbytery the dates for 2020 Presbytery Meetings:
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Summary of Statistics Reported by Presbytery of Santa Barbara for 2018

PC(USA) Summary Membership Report for 360-616 Presbytery of Santa Barbara 2018

<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	0	0	29	0
Carpinteria	919	Community	148	-17	131	0	1	1	0	1	2	130	-1
Goleta	4287	Goleta	171	-9	162	0	0	0	0	3	0	159	-3
Grover Beach	11147	First	145	0	145	0	0	0	0	1	0	144	-1
Lompoc	922	First	99		99							99	0
Moorpark	10959	Moorpark	383	51	434	1	0	2	2	2	53	380	-54
Newbury Park	4434	Monte Vista	207	0	207	0	0	8	2	4	10	199	-8
Nipomo	4320	Community	237	0	237	12	0	3	2	14	0	236	-1
Ojai	925	Ojai	384	-2	382	0	9	17	1	8	26	373	-9
Oxnard	927	First	160	-2	158	2	0	0	0	0	5	155	-3
Paso Robles	12169	Highlands Community	223	119	342	0	0	0	0	0	0	342	0
Pismo Beach	928	Community	76	1	77	0	0	7	0	1	0	83	6
Port	5772	Living Hope	91	0	91	1	0	6	0	1	0	97	6

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San Luis Obispo	930	First	291	0	291	10	0	3	2	10	15	277	-14
Santa Barbara	920	El Montecito	235	0	235	0	0	0	235	0	0	0	-235
Santa Barbara	931	First	345	0	345	4	5	7	0	9	2	350	5
Santa Barbara	4413	St Andrews	219	0	219	1	0	3	1	5	34	183	-36
Santa Paula	933	First	79	-1	78	1	0	11	0	1	10	79	1
Simi Valley	4450	Simi Valley	551	0	551	0	0	4	1	5	69	480	-71
Summerland	935	Summerland	61		61							61	0
Thousand Oaks	1052	Emmanuel	382	0	382	2	0	13	5	4	37	351	-31
Totals			4516	140	4656	34	15	85	251	69	263	4207	-449