

Presbytery of Santa Barbara

Report of the Stated Clerk and Consent Agenda September 21, 2019

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 18, 2019 Minutes of the 461st meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
- Recommends **approval by Presbytery of the following locations** for Presbytery Meetings, February 8 and May 16, 2020. Locations for September 19 and November 19 to be determined:
 - Sat. February 8, 9:30AM – Coastal Community Church, Grover Beach
 - Sat. May 16, 9:30AM – Oxnard Presbyterian Church
 - Sat. September 19, 9:30AM – Central location
 - Tues. November 10, 2:00PM – Central location
- Presbytery Council recommends that Presbytery **approve** Teaching Elder David Anderson (Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry) as an Ordination Exam Reader for 2019.

Property Finance Committee:

- Recommends **approval** of motion to set aside Standing Rule 3.24A1 through the November 12, 2019 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." 2020 budget to be presented at the November 12, 2019, Presbytery meeting to be held at Monte Vista Presbyterian Church.
- **Approval** of electing the following ruling elders as members of the Property and Finance Committee for terms listed.

○ RE Penny Carlson	Santa Paula (2019, 3yrs)	2022
○ RE Tad Miller	San Luis Obispo (2019, 3yrs)	2022

Stated Clerk Report

- Reports that at this meeting (September 21, 2019), Presbytery will elect 1 Teaching Elder Commissioner and 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 224th General Assembly (2020), June 20-27, 2020 in Baltimore, MD.
 - The Presbytery is still seeking nominations for 1 Ruling Elder GA Commissioner, to be elected at the November 12, 2019 Presbytery Meeting (Monte Vista). The Nomination form for RE GA Commissioner is included in the packet for this meeting (September 21, 2019) and posted on the Presbytery website. The deadline to submit nomination forms to the Stated Clerk is November 1, 2019.

- Ministerial Changes:
 - Rev. Paul Dugan received into the membership of the Santa Barbara Presbytery, 5/19/18, officially Received from Another Denomination (ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) on 6/10/2019, effective May 19, 2018.
 - Rev. Charles J.T. Svendsen received from Los Ranchos Presbytery, as of 7/1/2019.

- 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. [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) through Insurance Board and its Workers' Compensation Insurance through GuideOne Insurance.]

- 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. Suzanne Malloy	St. Andrew's	2020
Rev. Jill Martinez	Ret.	2020
Rev. Megan Babayco	Ojai	2022
Rev. Bob Crouch	Pismo Beach	2022
Rev. Steve Jacobsen	At Large	2022
CRE Diane Kirkpatrick	FP Santa Barbara	2024

- 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

- 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 June 1, 2019, letters have been received from all dismissed churches confirming compliance and membership in the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.*
- Synod Approval of Presbytery Minutes (2018): The Stated Clerk attended the Synod meeting of Stated Clerks on August 29, 2019 for Review of Presbytery Minutes. The 2018 Presbytery of Santa Barbara Minutes were approved, without exception.
- 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 meets the first Wednesday each month, 10:00AM at Goleta Presbyterian Church (except for July). The meetings are open, and Presbytery members are encouraged to attend for all or part of the meetings. Meetings usually run 4 hours. If you have concerns or recommendations, please contact the Moderator, Chair of Council, or Stated Clerk or attend a Council meeting.

June 5, 2019 Meeting:

- Presbytery Council approved sending a letter to churches from the Property & Finance Committee requesting that congregations of the Presbytery report the amount of their intended, total annual Ministry Share payment to Presbytery of Santa Barbara for 2019.
- Designated the members of the Presbytery Response Team for the Lompoc church request for dismissal to another denomination (ECO): Rev. Jim Seeber, RE Susan Freer, CRE Mickey Fenn. Chairperson to be determined.

- Council approved a motion from the Church in the World Committee to consent to a request from PCUSA through PMA Mission Engagement Advisor, Rene Myers, to send a letter with a Matthew 25 brochure to the pastors in the Presbytery inviting them and their churches to join the Matthew 25 movement.
- Approved a motion that the Stated Clerk inform the Presbytery minister members, pastors, CRE and Clerks of Session of the available Sexual Harassment Prevention Courses, which are provided free by the Insurance Board through Praesidium online, for compliance with the new requirements of California law SB1343.

August 7, 2019 Meeting:

- Presbytery Council received a report from the Property & Finance Committee on the information received to date in response to the Ministry Share inquiry letter to churches.
- Council approved a motion requiring the Pastors and CRE's serving in churches and validated ministries in the Presbytery to complete the Harassment Prevention and Misconduct Training by December 31, 2019.
- Approved at motion that the Mission Study requirement applies to congregations in transition seeking a Designation Pastor.
- Council approved \$600 to go to the Mission Conference for the purchase of one copy per church in the Presbytery (20 churches) of both (1) "Sticky Faith for the Family" book (by Kara Powell, speaker at the Mission Conference) and (2) "Barking to the Choir" (by Greg Boyle).

September 4, 2019 Meeting:

- Presbytery Council received a report from the Treasurer of receipt of check for \$65,000 to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara from El Montecito Presbyterian Church for the 2019 dismissal payment under the terms of the Dismissal Agreement with the church.
- Council received a report from the Property & Finance Committee on the status of the Audit and plans for the final draft of the 2017 and 2018 Audits to go to Presbytery at the November 12 Presbytery meeting. The proposed 2020 Budget to go to Presbytery for approval at the November 12 Presbytery meeting.
- Council approved electing Rev. David Anderson as an Ordination Exam Reader for 2019, and approval to bring to Presbytery (Consent Agenda) for the September 21 Presbytery Meeting.
- Lompoc Presbytery Response Team: Council designated Rev. Dennis Falasco, Chair of the PRT.
- Council approved Dennis Falasco as Chair of the Personnel Committee and heard a report on plans for Stated Clerk review, status of the search for candidates for the open Bookkeeper position, and review of recommendations from the Planning Team regarding staffing.
- Welcomed Rev. Dan Stevens and RE Ashley Chelonis, members of the Planning & Implementation Team, who gave a report on current efforts by the team to review and make recommendations to improve committee functioning.