

## Presbytery of San Jose: Notice of Stated Meeting

Saturday September 24, 2016, 9:00 AM

Westhope Presbyterian Church

12850 Saratoga Avenue Saratoga, CA 95070

Directions:

<http://westhopepres.org/contact/>

Please call the church (408)255-0955 by September 20 to arrange child care.

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| 9:00  | <b>Opening Prayer</b>   | Moderator, Elder Judi Johnson |
|       | <b>Welcome by Host Congregation</b>   |                               |
| 9:05  | <b>Presbytery Worship</b>   |                               |
| 9:50  | <i>Transition</i>   |                               |
| 9:55  | <b>Stated Clerk:</b>  | The Rev. John Kelso           |
|       | Quorum call; Corresponding Members; First time attendees; Approval of the minutes of the June 4 stated meeting.     |                               |
|       | New Business (must be referred)   |                               |
|       | <b>Consent Docket:</b>  |                               |
|       | <i>(Any Consent Docket item may be removed to an appropriate committee report by the request of a commissioner)</i> |                               |
| 10:00 | <b>Announcements</b> (open mic.)  |                               |
| 10:10 | <b>Financial Affairs</b>  | The Rev. Anne McAnelly        |
| 10:20 | <b>Safe Church</b>  | Elder Jane Odell              |
| 10:30 | <b>Committee on Ministry</b>  | The Rev. Paula Kelso          |
| 10:40 | <b>Break</b>  |                               |
| 10:50 | <b>Mission &amp; Outreach</b>   | The Rev. Margaret Bowles      |
| 11:05 | <b>Personnel Committee &amp; Staffing TF</b>  | Elder Lela Noble              |
| 11:20 | <b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b>  | The Rev. Tom Coop             |
| 11:30 | <b>Nominating Committee</b>   | The Rev. David McCreath       |
| 11:35 | <b>Presbytery Council</b>   | The Rev. Evie Macway          |
| 11:40 | <b>General Assembly Reports</b>   | Commissioners                 |
| 12:00 | <b>Joys and Concerns</b> (open mic.)  |                               |
| 12:05 | <b>Stated Clerk</b>   | The Rev. John Kelso           |
| 12:10 | <b>Adjournment with Prayer</b>  | Moderator Johnson             |

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE**  
**Minutes of Stated Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 4, 2016**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church, San Jose, CA**

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of San Jose was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Judi Johnson. The opening prayer was offered by the Moderator.

**WELCOME FROM HOST CONGREGATION**

Pastor Bryan Franzen welcomed presbyters to Westminster Presbyterian Church of San Jose which was an outreach from First Presbyterian Church of San Jose 125 years ago. As they celebrate their anniversary year, they are excited about doing God's work in new ways.

The location of restrooms was noted and that lunch will be provided as a picnic on the front lawn to take advantage of the breezes on this hot day.

**WORSHIP**

The members of the Presbytery of San Jose celebrated worship together. Members of the worship team from Revive! one of the PCUSA's 1001 Worshipping Communities which meets at Westminster on Wednesday nights, led the presbytery in music, and the Reverend Bryan Franzen preached on loving your neighbor/loving one another. People were commissioned to attend General Assembly, Youth Triennium, and the presbytery mission trip to Indonesia.

**STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk, the Reverend John Kelso, welcomed attendees and confirmed the presence of a quorum.

Presbytery VOTED to seat the Reverend Mark Frey of Cascades Presbytery and the Rev. Jim Bender of Milwaukee Presbytery as Corresponding Members.

First time attendees were introduced.

The Presbytery APPROVED the minutes of the April 2, 2016, Stated Meeting.

The clerk noted that Saratoga Federated Church left the PCUSA for ECO a year ago and is considering a merger with Menlo Church. The Stated Clerk and the Executive Presbyter are monitoring the portion of the dismissal contract requiring the retention of the property for a reformed worshipping community for 10 years.

**Committee Chairs/Council Present**

Ruth Fong, Synod Commissioner	Charlotte Powers, At Large
Claudia Hamm, Past Moderator	Bruce Raby, At Large
Judi Johnson, Moderator	Lynn Viale, CPM
Marcia Ludwig, At Large	Rosaleen Zisch, Presbyterian Women
Jane Odell, Safe Church	

**Teaching Elders Present**

Arishvara, Vincent	Henry, Ken	McAnelly, Anne
Boatwright, Libby	Kelso, John	Olson, Robby
Browning, Geoff	Kelso, Paula	Peake, Mark
Choi, Don	Lee, Irene Pak	Sohn, Joseph
Coop, Tom	Lee, Joey	Woodsmall, Dennis
Franzen, Bryan	Macway, Evie	
Hahn, Tae Jinn	Martin, Rob	

**Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Present**

Bowles, Bob	Kim, Kyung Jae	McCreath, David
Bracey, Dale	Kwon, Young Bai	Rawlings, Chuck
Breeden, Edd	Kwon, Young K	Schell, Nancy
Joy, Judy	Longley, Jack	

**Teaching Elders Not Present**

Allen, Stephanie Lutz	Garner, Mike	Norton, Karla
Baker, Debra	Gibson, Diana	Pearson, Marjorie
Bales, Jennifer	Granado, Sim	Person, Brian
Barraca, Jason	Hansen, Chris	Peterson-Iyer, Karen
Bennett, James	Hanson, Duncan	Purkey, Lee
Boles, Margaret	Harbert, Laura	Rader, Erica
Boyer, Tim	Harbert, Michael	Rausch, Andy
Brekke, Laura	Hare, Sharon	Roberts, Craig
Burke, John	Harrington, Nancy	Schmidt, Lyle
Crocker, Douglas	Hejmanowski, Karen	Su, Ralph
Day, Katie	Hoffman, Dan	Swanson, Erik
Day, Kevin	Kim, Young Rhyon	Tirone, Jim
Doyal, George	Ladra, Mike	Watermulder, David
Drescher, Kent	Lai, Hsien-Chang	Whaley, Debra
Edwards, James	Matusiewicz, Stella	Williams, Chris
Esaki, Ted	Minerva, George	
Eschen-Pipes, Kathleen	Norman, Steve	

**Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Not Present**

Ah, Dong Sung	Choi, Samuel	Harvey, Bill
Bartow, Jay	Dosker, Richard	Hsieh, Stephen
Bland, Byron	Erickson, George	Hyatt, Travis
Bristol, John	Gardener, Thomas	Ignacio, Lemuel
Carr, Tom	Hansen, David	Jenks, Steve

Kim, David Kwang  
Kim, Young Han  
Koopman, Peter  
Lewis, Charles  
Lyke, Brian  
Menser, Bruce  
Momrow, Ed  
Nelson, Jim

Newcomer, Ben  
Palmer, Bill  
Palmer, Marge  
Rowlison, Bruce  
Smith, Kent  
Solis, Dick  
Spencer, Dick  
Swanson, Nan

Takarabe, Hei  
Tan, Tiat-Han  
Tyler, Lee  
Venecia, Fred  
Wilson, George  
Yeane, Darrell  
Zuverink, Dave

**Aptos, St. Andrew**  
Mihm, Eileen

**Gilroy**

Johnson, John  
Marrazzo, Char  
Sakahara, Gene  
Stuart, Sherri

**Gonzales, Community**

Gerbrandt, Gary

**Los Altos, Cornerstone**

Song, Andrew

**Los Gatos**

Khoobyarian, Erik  
Loomis, Karen  
Moore, Mike  
Schroeder, Eric  
Wills, Martha

**Monterey, El Estero**

None

**Monterey, First**

Fisher, Josie  
Laney, Francyne  
Shewchuk, Bill

**Mountain View, First**

None

**Palo Alto, Covenant**

Bernstein, Frank  
Cromarty, Andrew

**Palo Alto, First**

**Elder Commissioners Present**

Brenneman, Scott  
Leith, David  
Scott, Standlay

Sleizer, Joy

**Salinas, Lincoln Avenue**

None

**Salinas, Northminster**

West, Susan

**Salinas, St. Phillips**

None

**San Jose, Evergreen**

None

**San Jose, First**

Plant, Pat

**San Jose, Foothill**

McManus, Carol  
Ristrim, Darlene

**San Jose, Onnuri**

Ko, Andrew

**San Jose, Santa Teresa  
Hills**

None

**San Jose, Stone**

Goertz, Mel  
Nelson, Steve  
Stock, Stephen  
Thorn, Alice

**San Jose, Taiwanese  
American**

Yeh, Huey-  
Shiow (Gloria)

**San Jose, Trinity**

Briggs, Gail

**San Jose, Westminster**

Akem, Cathy  
Barrows, Ross  
Slater, Betty

**San Martin**

None

**Santa Clara, First**

Fitch, Robert

**Santa Cruz, Bonny Doon**

None

**Santa Cruz, Trinity**

Scott, Bob

**Saratoga, Westhope**

None

**Sunnyvale**

Coll, Kay  
Emery, Frank  
Pogue, Judi

**Sunnyvale, Daesung**

None

**Watsonville, United**

Bilstad Jolly  
Morrison, Midge

**Watsonville, Westview**

None

## Visitors

**Covenant, Palo Alto:** Carol Holsinger

**First, San Jose:** Greg Plant

**Immanuel House:** Ismail Rahrai

**Mission Co-Worker:** Rita Johns

**Stone, San Jose:** Chris Nilson, Elle Nilson, Grant Nilson

**Westminster, San Jose:** David Burgess, Lorraine Christian, Pat Dewhitt, Rob Heiser, Nan Notor,

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **Committee on Ministry**

- (1) The presbytery APPROVED the transfer of the Reverend Michael Harbert to the Presbytery of San Gabriel.

### **Polity and Government**

- (1) The presbytery RECEIVED the report on the Reading of Session Records which were read in 2016.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN MIC**

Ruling Elder Lynn Viale invited announcements.

- (a) The Reverend Bryan Franzen and Chris McKee invited presbyters to the many events at Westminster: Revive worship services on Wednesdays; Music School summer camp; Green Vacation Bible School; Free concert series on Thursdays 12-2 in front of the church; participation in 4th of July Parade which goes through San Jose; etc.
- (b) The Reverend Anne McAnelly invited presbyters to Presbytery Plant, Pedal, and Pray Day, an opportunity to join Sweaty Sheep ministry at the Santa Cruz based Homeless Garden Project, gardening, eating, and yoga-ing. After an optional bike ride to St. Andrew for dinner and worship, folks are also invited to begin a bicycle trip to General Assembly in Portland, Oregon.
- (c) Martha Wills, chair of Immanuel House Board of Directors noted that Immanuel House is expecting a 14th resident to reach capacity. The recovering economy means more jobs and scarce housing.

## **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

The Reverend Mark Frey presented information about the Board of Pensions. He gave a brief history of the benefits program and outlined recent changes, encouraging churches to consider benefits for all employees as an embodiment of church values. More information is available at [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org) or 800-773-7752.

## **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

The Reverend Anne McAnelly reported on the work of the Financial Affairs Committee.

The Presbytery APPROVED the lease between Santa Teresa Hills Presbyterian Church and 3D Preschool. This is a five year lease renewal of an existing lease and was approved by Financial Affairs prior to taking effect.

## Information Items

- (a) Westhope and Saratoga French Cultural Preschool renewed a 1 year lease.
- (b) The committee is developing a new form for minor changes in renewal of leases.
- (c) Required county forms are going to be available on the presbytery website listed by county:
  - 571L Business Property Statement
  - Church or Religious Exemption
  - Welfare Exemption

## **SAFE CHURCH**

Ruling Elder Jane Odell reported on the work of the Safe Church Task Force.

General Assembly in 2014 mandated that every church must have a Child Protection Policy. This policy must be recorded in session minutes. Take a copy when reading session records and send a copy to Safe Church Task Force when it is adopted.

The Safe Church Task Force now has its own website at [www.safechurch.info](http://www.safechurch.info).

Handouts were given to each presbyter:

- The Safe Church Task Force will host a Disaster Preparedness Event at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas on Saturday, September 10, from 9:30-3. See the website for fliers: "When Noah's Ark is Not Enough" – "Earthquake, Fire and a Shooter in Church." Workshops will include Active Shooter Response, Fire Safety Awareness, Safe Church Practices, How to become a Red Cross Resource Center or Shelter, Support for Vulnerable People in a Disaster, Anticipating a Disaster: Insurance Needs, Pandemic Flu and Other Epidemics, Earthquake Preparedness.
- Santa Clara County Public Health Department has a fact sheet in English and Spanish about the Zika virus.

## **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

Ruling Elder Rosaleen Zisch reported on the work of Presbyterian Women.

The 2016-2017 Horizons Bible Study "Who Is Jesus?" is available in English, Spanish, and Korean languages.

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Pacific will meet at Mercy Center in Burlingame from September 23-25, 2016. The theme is "Out of the darkness . . . Into the light" (John 1:5) and will share the program with the Presbyterian Women USA Mission Experience. Workshops will include the subjects of human trafficking, domestic violence, immigration, and the Horizons Bible Study.

2016 is the 60th anniversary of the ordination of the PCUSA's first female minister, Margaret Towner, and 2015 was the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first female minister in the PCUS, Rachel Henderlite.

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

The Reverend Paula Kelso reported on the work of the Committee on Ministry.

The Committee on Ministry proposed the following policy for action after presenting it for a first reading on April 2, 2016:

“The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of San Jose commission the Committee on Ministry to examine and receive teaching elders and candidates seeking membership in the presbytery.”

The presbytery APPROVED an amendment to remove "and candidates."

The presbytery APPROVED the amended motion.

## **MISSION AND OUTREACH**

The Reverend Joey Lee introduced International Mission Co-Workers.

Rita Johns, a mission co-worker in Central Asia, shared her work and encouraged members of this presbytery to consider local and worldwide mission work.

The Reverend Don Choi has been working for 1 1/2 years in Indonesia. He shared the work that he and his wife, Sook, have been doing, noting the connections that can be made with people around the world, while also considering how to establish personal relationships.

(There are 150 PCUSA International Mission Co-Workers hoping for our support and prayers.)

## **POLITY AND GOVERNMENT**

Ruling Elder Marcia Ludwig reported on the work of the Polity and Government Committee.

The Polity and Government Committee read session records through 2015 and honored the 13 clerks of session whose records had no exceptions.

Carol Holsinger and Alice Thorn were also honored for their work as members of the Polity and Government Committee and as Recording Secretaries for the Presbytery of San Jose.

## **SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC**

The Reverend David McCreath reported on the most recent meeting of the Synod of the Pacific. There are four commissioners from the Presbytery of San Jose to the Synod.

Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, was a featured speaker.

Other Synod business included:

- Volunteers are needed to work at General Assembly in Portland in June.
- The Synod Executive position was declared open, a first step to finding a permanent executive.

- The Synod of the Pacific joined with seventeen other synods in concurring with an overture to this General Assembly requesting that a mandate to combine synods be rescinded.
- Several items were proposed for the synod's Manual of Operations, including policies on sexual misconduct, harassment, and smoking.
- The synod approved a \$10,000 grant to Sweaty Sheep Homeless Garden, a ministry in Santa Cruz
- At the celebration of the Eucharist, an offering of \$591 was received for Immanuel House in San Jose.

### **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

The Reverend Tom Coop reported on the work of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The presbytery APPROVED moving Chris McKee from inquirer to candidate. The Reverend Tom Coop invited members of Westminster to come forward and the Reverend Bryan Franzen offered a prayer for Chris McKee.

Information Items:

- (1) The Committee on Preparation for Ministry approved enrolling Tae Eun Kim, a member of Onnuri Church of San Jose, as an inquirer.
- (2) The Committee on Preparation for Ministry elected West Region readers for the 2016-2017 Ordination exams: Teaching Elder Dennis Woodsmall, Ruling Elder Frank Bernstein, and alternate reader Teaching Elder Katie Day.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS/OPEN MIC**

Members of the presbytery shared joys and concerns and prayed for God's will and work to be done in the world.

### **STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk, the Reverend John Kelso, completed his final report to the meeting: Thanks to the pastor, session and members of Westminster church, and we pray blessings on them in this, their 125th anniversary year as a daughter of FPC San Jose. May God provide growth in their ministries, including the New Worshipping Community, Wednesday Revive.

We congratulate those commissioned today to the Youth Triennium, Indonesian Mission Trip and the General Assembly, and add our own prayer of Via con dios for them.

Thanks to the Rev Mark Frey for offering his time to help us understand the changes in the Board of Pensions plan.

We continue to be grateful for the fact that our presbytery employs a Safe-Church coordinator whose work serves to help us help ourselves to protect the children and



adults of our church communities from the dangers of the world we live in. We are fortunate for her ministry.

The Committee on Ministry believes the commission given to them today will be another step toward building this presbytery into a more loving and caring community: and that Foothill Presbyterian Church thanks you that the first exercise of this commission will facilitate the examination of their new pastors this summer. We all will be given a docketed opportunity to meet them at the September.

We are especially grateful to hear from the mission co-workers who take our love and faith into the world.

The Presbyterian Church might do well to ponder the Indonesian motto of: unity in diversity.

It would not be possible for me to keep my eyes and ears on the business of presbytery meetings without Alice and Carol to do the real time minutes. Thank you both.

I take some pride in rounding out my time with the work I do for the Synod of the Pacific, which is the only synod in the denomination whose operations return more money to its presbyteries than it receives from those presbyteries.

Congratulations to Chris McKee as he takes another step on the path to professional ministry, now in the Presbyterian Church.

We pray for the work of the General Assembly convening in Portland later this month, and for the ministries of this body as it manifests in the communities of our particular churches and in the world.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 with prayer by Moderator Judy Johnson.

## **Financial Affairs report to Presbytery**

**September 24, 2016**

### **Action Items:**

Background:

Saratoga Church was dismissed from the PCUSA to ECO in 2014. Menlo Park Church and Saratoga Church are merging, both are part of ECO. The Church will be called Menlo Church and be part of the Satellite Strategy being used by Menlo Church. So far there are satellite churches in San Jose, Redwood City, and Mountain View.

**Financial Affairs recommends to the Presbytery that we approve the plan of Saratoga Church merging with Menlo Church while guaranteeing our ten-year reversionary interest in the property.**

## **Presbytery Council Report Meeting, August 25, 2016**

### **Attendance**

The Rev. Paula Kelso, Bruce Raby, The Rev. Jason Barraca, The Rev. Brian Franzen, The Rev. Tom Coop, The Rev. Edd Breedon, The Rev. Anne McAnelly, Judy Johnson, The Rev. David McCreath, Barbara Rogers, Charlotte Powers, The Rev. Tim Boyer, Lela Noble

The Rev. Evie Macway, Chair of Presbytery Council

Staff:

The Rev. Joey Lee, Presbytery Executive

The Rev. John Kelso, Stated Clerk

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- The Council convened with a devotional on 1 Corinthians 13, and prayer by The Rev. Tom Coop.
  - The Council approved the minutes of the May 5 meeting.
  - The Rev. Chuck Rawlings spoke to the Council about the thoughts of the Peace and Justice Task Force for the expansion of the Peace and Justice ministry and use of presbytery funds. The recommendations include: Funding a "crash" education and discernment program for our churches, partnering with scholars and other knowledgeable persons; the employment of a half-time coordinator for congregations to work on addressing peace and justice issues; increased presbytery support for ecumenical and secular regional programs supporting peace and justice issues; a mechanism to "counter-push" against the culture of war and money; the hiring of an innovation consultant to facilitate opportunities for innovation in peace and justice ministries; and the earmarking of 1 million dollars to fund unforeseen opportunities and expenses as this ministry focus of the presbytery develops, and between \$15-20k should be spent on the consultant for the coordinator for churches. This proposal was received without any action taken.
  - A written "Proposal for Support for Higher Education Ministry" was submitted to the council by Nan Swanson on behalf of the board of directors for UCCM at Stanford. Discussion ensued. It was MSP to send a three-person delegation (Tom Coop, Bryan Franzen, Tim Boyer) on a fact-finding mission, speaking with Nan Swanson and Geoff Browning in order to assess possibilities for a presbytery response to Stanford Campus ministry crisis.
  - MSP to authorize Communion at the September Presbytery meeting.
  - Brief Committee reports and docket time requests:
  - Charlotte Powers reported that the Mission and Outreach TF facilitated a mission trip to Indonesia recently.

- It was MSP to approve the ordination of Karen Hastings Flegal on behalf of San Francisco Presbytery, September 3, at Covenant Church, Palo Alto.
- It was MSP to approve the Ordination Commission for Karen Hastings Flegal's ordination:
- Moderator Judi Johnson (ruling elder); Vincent Arishvara (teaching elder, Trinity San Jose); Jay Bartow (teaching elder, honorably retired); Charlotte Dickson (ruling elder, Stone); Diana Gibson (teaching elder, professor, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University); Kathryn Kerns (ruling elder, Covenant); John Kelso, Teaching Elder, Presbytery staff.
- The Council discussed the visioning work that has been done over this year in Council.
- Much work was given over to trying to give substance to the three (or four) main categories of the Vision for the Presbytery developed at council meetings.
- It was MSP that the Vision document developed as of August 25 with the addition of setting out the text of the scripture passages is approved as Council's working document for continuing to develop and implement the future vision of the presbytery. This document will be presented at the September Presbytery meeting.
- It was MSP that Financial Affairs develop a proposal for a general outline of how dismissal funds will be allocated to the three categories Council determined in 2015 as uses for dismissal funds.
- The Council was dismissed with prayer by The Rev. Evie Macway at 9:00 PM

Presbytery of San José  
Committee on Ministry  
Report to the Presbytery, September 24, 2016

**Information**

1. At a called meeting of the COM on June 10, 2016, the Rev. Lindsay Woods and the Rev. Andy Wong met with COM members for the purpose of examination to be received as members of the Presbytery of San José, to serve as Co-Pastors at Foothill Presbyterian Church. The candidates were examined separately, but by the same process, as follows: After a period of questions and answers, a motion was made, seconded and carried to arrest the examination; each candidate was excused; a motion to sustain the examination and vote to receive first the Rev. Andy Wong and then the Rev. Lindsay Woods into membership (pending approval of the Foothill congregation) was seconded and unanimously approved.  
The terms of call were reviewed and approved as follows: Salary-\$58,000; Housing-\$37,000; Travel-\$1,500; Study Leave-\$1,500 (Total \$98,000); Board of Pension dues as calculated for 2016-\$10,450; Discretionary Fund-\$1,300; Study Leave-two weeks; Vacation-one month.
2. The guidelines adopted by COM for the TE candidate interview process are attached below.\*
3. A request for transfer of membership by the Rev. Jim Bender, HR, to San José Presbytery from the Presbytery of Milwaukee was approved. He will be received at the September Presbytery meeting.
4. The contract with Rev. Andrew Tsai as Interim/Transitional Pastor for the Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church was approved for a 12-month period September 1, 2016. Terms are: Salary-\$36,000; Housing-\$23,000; Full Participation in Board of Pensions retirement, medical and disability plan, plus possibility of other coverage available through the Plan; Social Security offset-\$5020; Auto and Travel-\$3,600; Moving expenses-up to \$1,000; Continuing Education-\$2,000; Vacation-One week per quarter.
5. The contract with Rev. Jason Barraca as full-time Stated Supply Pastor for Lincoln Avenue PC, Salinas, beginning October 1, was approved with the following ; terms: Salary-\$50,000; full participation in Board of Pensions medical and pension plan; Vacation-42 days (standard one month plus one week as offset to Presbytery minimum salary requirement); Continuing Education-two weeks.
6. Following the vote of the congregation of the Stone Church of Willow Glen to approve the dissolution of the pastor relationship with the Rev. Ken Henry, effective 7/22/16 to take a job in Charlottesville, Virginia, the motion to appoint the Rev. Irene Pak as moderator of the session effective the same date was approved. COM members conducted an exit interview with the Rev. Henry; an interview with the session will follow.
7. A motion to recommend to Council that the San José Presbytery ordain Karen Hastings-Flegel on behalf and at the request of San Francisco Presbytery and approve the Ordination Commission was seconded and approved. The service was held on August 27 at Covenant

Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto. The Commission members were: Moderator Judi Johnson (RE); Vincent Arishvara (TE, Trinity SJ); Jay Bartow (TE, HR); Charlotte Dickson (RE, Stone); Diana Gibson (TE, professor, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University); Kathryn Kerns (RE, Covenant).

Paula Kelso, Chair

\* Presbytery of San José Committee on Ministry  
Examination of Candidates for Membership in the Presbytery of San José

The Committee on Ministry has been commissioned to examine and approve the valid ministries of teaching elders seeking membership in the Presbytery. Ideally, this process will be conducted at the monthly meeting of the COM by the full committee. However, in some cases, time restraints will require a special meeting to be called, and those present will enact the process on behalf of the full COM. The following is a protocol for each meeting, stated or called, including content for each step.

Prior to the meeting, all COM members will receive biographical information and statement for the candidates; these documents will be the starting place for examination questions, just as had been the case when the examination took place at a meeting of the Presbytery. COM members will familiarize themselves with the candidates' information in preparation for the examination, which is to cover the following areas for discussion.

Questions and areas of discussion may include, but are not limited to:

**Individual**

1. Statement of Faith
  - a. Trinity
  - b. Christology
  - c. Eschatology
  - d. Sacraments
  - e. Scripture (NT/OT)
  - f. Ecclesiology
2. Sense of call  
past and/or current

**Ministry in Practice**

1. strong points, growing edges, challenges
2. context, community

**Service to the PC(USA)**

[COM members may briefly provide commentary on their impressions and experiences with San José Presbytery, including some history and acknowledgment of its strong points, growing edges, and challenges.]

1. Collegial expectations and intentions
2. Areas of interest, skills, gifts to offer

# PWP FALL GATHERING



## “Keeping the Light”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22,

2:00 - 4:00 PM

SANTA TERESA HILLS

5370 SNELL AVE., SAN JOSE

Associate Professor **CATHERINE MURPHY, PH.D.**

DEPARTMENT OF Religious Studies, SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY

## HISTORIC VIEWS: DIGGING UP JESUS

### VIA THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

Don't miss Dr. Murphy's insight into the 2016-17 Horizons Bible study: "Who is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes"

She received a B.A. in History from Santa Clara University, a M.A. in Catechetics from Santa Clara University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. in New Testament and Early Christianity from the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. Her research explores the interplay between religious ideologies and economic practices in Judaism and Christianity at the turn of the era (100 BCE–200 CE). In her teaching and research, she uses insights from postcolonial studies, communication theory and gender studies to imagine the ancient contexts and contemporary receptions of biblical texts.

Courses She has taught: Texting God, Religions of the Book, Gender in Early Christianity, Digging Up Jesus

Publications include: The Historical Jesus for Dummies & Introduction: The Dead Sea Scrolls in the Popular Imagination, with Maxine L. Grossman.

## PLUS SWEATY SHEEP MINISTRY VISIT

DOOR PRIZES & REFRESHMENTS

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