

Presbytery of San Jose: Notice of Stated Meeting

Saturday, April 14, 2018 9:00 a.m.

Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley 890 Meridian Way, San Jose 95126
(enter from Fruitvale)

Directions: <http://www.cornerstonechurch.net/directions/>

Please contact admin@cornerstone.net for childcare no later than April 10

9:00 **Opening Prayer** Moderator, The Rev. Anne McAnelly

Welcome by Host Congregation The Rev. Joe Sohn

9:05 **Presbytery Worship**

9:50 **Transition to agenda** The Rev. Anne McAnelly

10:00 **Stated Clerk** The Rev. Erica Rader
Change in the Docket; Quorum call; Corresponding Members; First time attendees

New Business (must be referred)

Consent Docket:

- 1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2018 meeting** of the Presbytery of San Jose. (pp. 4-13)
- 2. From Committee on Preparation for Ministry:** A motion that the Presbytery of San Jose would receive Sharon LeClaire from Redwoods Presbytery as a Candidate, certified ready and pending a call.

Background: Sharon was examined and approved for candidacy previously by the Presbytery of San Jose on June 5, 2010, under care of West Valley Church. She moved and transferred to Redwoods Presbytery on September 22, 2012. She has recently moved back home to Saratoga and has become a member of Stone Church.

- 3. From Financial Affairs Committee:** A motion that the Presbytery of San Jose approves a 10 year extension of a current lease between Trinity Presbyterian Church (San Jose) and Verizon for their existing cell tower on church grounds.
- 4. From Financial Affairs Committee:** A motion that the Presbytery of San Jose approves a one year lease between Westminster Presbyterian Church and International Full Gospel Fellowship for facility use including the chapel.

Consent Docket items may be removed to an appropriate committee report.

10:05 **Announcements** (open mic.)

See Report of Council (pp. 14-15)

See Report from Synod Commissioners (p. 16)

See Report of Committee on Personnel (p. 17)

10:10 **Committee on Ministry**

Elder Frank Bernstein

COM Report **(p. 19)**

Examination of Candidate Molly Logan **(pp. 20-23)**

10:30 **Report of Treasurer (pp. 25-29)**

The Rev. Edd Breeden

10:40 **Financial Affairs Committee (p. 18)**

Elder Sharon Rowser

10:45 **Safe Church**

Elder Jane Odell

10:50 **Break**

11:00 **Church Health and Growth**

The Rev. David Watermulder

11:05 **Presbyterian Women**

Elder Rosaleen Zisch

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| 11:10 Polity and Government Sub-Committee
Overture (Concurrence) from Westhope
(pp. 30-31) | Elder Carol Holsinger
The Rev. Erik Swanson |
| 11:20 Peace and Justice Task Force
Sanctuary lunch event flyer (p. 32) | The Rev. Nan Swanson |
| 11:30 Report from Executive Presbyter | The Rev. Joey Lee |
| 11:40 Joys and Concerns (open mic) | |
| 11:45 Stated Clerk | The Rev. Erica Rader |
| 12:00 Adjournment and Prayer | The Rev. Anne McAnelly |

Next Stated Meetings of Presbytery:

June 2, 2018 at Watsonville United
September 22, 2018 at Covenant (Palo Alto)
November 17, 2018 at St. Andrew (Aptos)

**Presbytery of San Jose
Minutes of Stated Meeting
Saturday January 27, 2018
Presbyterian Church of Sunnyvale**

OPENING AND WORSHIP

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of San Jose was opened at 9:03 with welcome and prayer by the Rev. Karen Hejmanowski, Associate Pastor of the host church, followed by worship in the style of the Taizé community in France. Worship included chants and periods of silence, with the sermon, taken from Jeremiah, given by the Rev. Hardy Kim, Pastor of the host church. The Rev. Kim described Jeremiah as lacking understanding of the conventional role of prophecy as hope, or power. Jeremiah, he said, is not a comforter, promising a quick end to exile. Instead he tells the Israelites to settle in where they are, to seek the welfare of the city to which they've been sent. The Rev. Kim used the experience of Asian Americans within the U. S. culture, as well as that of the traditional church within today's culture.

WORDS FROM MODERATOR AND HOST CONGREGATION

The business portion of the meeting was opened by Moderator the Rev. Anne McAnelly, and the Rev. Kim gave a welcome, and necessary information.

The Moderator described her attendance at the national gathering for moderators. She then asked that motions, if not already printed in the packet, be made in writing for clarity, on cards provided for that purpose. She also requested that when the Presbytery welcomed new pastors they sing the Doxology instead of clapping.

Moderator McAnelly recommended that Presbyters read *Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, by Debby Irving, a racial justice educator and writer who works with other white people to transform confusion into curiosity and anxiety into action.

Committee Chairs/Council Members Present

Evelyn Wong, Personnel Chair	Carol Holsinger, Council at large
Chris Hasegawa, Past Moderator	Rosaleen Zisch, Presbyterian Women
Marcia Ludwig, Council Moderator	Lynn Viale, Past Moderator
Julia Cline, Council at large	Claudia Hamm, Nominating
Ruth Fong, Synod Commissioner	Frank Bernstein, Committee on Ministry
Bruce Raby, Council at large	James Lee, Council at-large
Barbara Rogers, Council at large	Sharon Rowser, Financial Affairs

Teaching Elders, Present

Althaus, Ryan	Gibson, Diana	Norman, Steve
Bales, Jennifer	Granado, Sim	Olson, Robby
Barclay, Annanda	Hahn, Tae Jinn	Peterson-Iyer, Karen
Bennett, James	Hejmanowski, Karin	Rader, Erica
Boatwright, Libby	Kim, Hardy	Sohn, Joseph
Boles, Margaret	Kress, Karla	Swanson, Erik
Browning, Geoff	Lee, Irene Pak	Tsai, Andrew
Choi, Don	Lee, Joey	Van Laar, Trevor
Coop, Tom	Macway, Evie	Watermulder, David
Day, Katie	McAnelly, Anne	Wong, Andy
Eschen-Pipes, Kathleen	Martin, Rob	Wong, Lindsay Woods
Evans, Samantha	Matusiewicz, Stella	Woodsmall, Dennis
Franzen, Bryan	Minerva, George	

Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Present

Bowles, Bob	Kelso, Paula	Swanson, Nan
Erickson, George	Lewis, Charles	Vilardo, Larry
Joy, Judy	McCreath, David	Yeaney, Darrell
Knowles, Steve		

Teaching Elders Not Present

Allen Stephanie Lutz	Garner, Mike	Rausch, Andy
Arishvara, Vincent	Hansen, Chris	Roberts, Craig
Baker, Debra	Hanson, Duncan	Schmidt, Lyle
Barraca, Jason	Hare, Sharon	Su, Ralph
Boyer, Tim	Hoffman, Dan	Tirone, Jim
Burke, John	Lai, Hsien-Chang	Watermulder, David
Crocker, Douglas	Peake, Mark	
Day, Kevin	Pearson, Marjorie	
Drescher, Kent	Person, Brian	
Esaki, Ted	Purkey, Lee	

Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Not Present

Ahn, Dong Sung	Gardner, Thomas	Kwon, Young Bai
Bartow, Jay	Hansen, David	Kwon, Young K
Bender, Jim	Harrington, Nancy	Longley, Jack
Bland, Byron	Harvey, Bill	Lyke, Brian
Bracey, Dale	Hsieh, Stephen	Menser, Bruce
Breeden, Edd	Ignacio, Lemuel	Momrow, Ed
Bristol, John	Kim, David Kwang	Nelson, Jim
Choi, Samuel	Kim, Kyung Jae	Newcomer, Ben
Dosker, Richard	Kim, Young Han	Palmer, Bill
Doyal, George	Koopman, Peter	Palmer, Marge

Rawlings, Chuck
Rowlison, Bruce
Schell, Nancy
Smith, Kent

Solis, Dick
Spencer, Dick
Takarabe, Hei
Tan, Tiat Han

Tyler, Lee
Venecia, Fred
Wilson, George
Zuverink, Dave

Ruling Elder Commissioners Present

Aptos, St. Andrew

Mihm, Eileen
Finchum, Carol

Gilroy

None

Gonzales

Rutledge, Kay

Los Altos, Cornerstone

None

Los Gatos

Rosen, Carolyn
Meadows, Bill
Hattman, Colleen
Schlotzhauer, Ruth
Smith, Carol
Costanzo, Brenda

Monterey, El Estero

None

Monterey, First

Wortham, Tom
Barrett, Jeff
Prowell, Walt

Mountain View, First

None

Palo Alto, Covenant

Jara, Frank
Marshburn, Jane
Tanojo, Hanafi
Reynolds, Lizanne

Palo Alto, First

Leith, David
Jones, Paul
Hughes, Evan
Sleery, Jay
Kinney, Pat

Salinas, Lincoln Ave.

None

Salinas, Northminster

Gash, Jackie
Loder, Lisa

Cudr, Aimee

Salinas, St. Philips

None

San Jose, Cornerstone

Shin, Jung

San Jose, Evergreen

None

San Jose, First

None

San Jose, Foothill

Moore, Woody
Ristrim, Darlene

San Jose, Santa Teresa

Hills

None

San Jose, Stone

Thorn, Alice
Thorn, Rod
McCreath, Ruth
Nelson, Steve
Raby, Ida
Chandler, Maureen

San Jose, Taiwanese

American

Wu, Steve
An, Rei

San Jose, Trinity

Briggs, Gail
Steel, Janice

San Jose, Westminster

Burgess, David
Esato, Heather

San Martin

None

Santa Clara, First

Fitch, Robert

Santa Cruz, Bonny Doon

None

Santa Cruz, Trinity

Cobery, Chuck

Saratoga, Westhope

McIntyre, Patricia

Sunnyvale

Britton, Jennifer
Duke, Patsy
VanSickle, Michelle
Weiranch, Valerie
Emery, Frank
Graff-Hill, Sharon
Bentley, David
Amboy, Elsa

Sunnyvale, Daesung

Min, Eric
Huy, Kile?

Watsonville, United

Clark, Rachel

Watsonville, Westview

None

Visitors

Gonzales: Knowles

Palo Alto, First: Mellissa Kirren

San Jose, Comunidad Latinoamericano: Mike Matusiewicz

San Jose, Stone: Mel Goertz, Ginny Barret, Neale Barret, Pauline Moore, Julia Roberts, Kathy Stark, Judi Kaiser

San Jose, Trinity: Lorraine Vilardo

Sunnyvale: Kathleen Newby, Barry Vickery, Adriana Hartley

Sunnyvale, DaeSung: Young Pak, James K. Lee, Tae Pak

Stated Clerk

In her first Presbytery meeting as Stated Clerk, the Rev. Erica Rader

1. asked that changes in the Docket be added to the consent agenda,
2. announced that a quorum was present,
3. noted there were no Corresponding Members,
4. had first time attendees introduced,
5. introduced a motion to revive the corporation of Calvin Presbyterian Church, a closed congregation which was located at 890 Meridian Avenue, San Jose. (The reason for the motion is that the corporation was never properly closed, and it has to be revived to be closed. The Calvin Bylaws provide for the Corporation to be subject to the Presbytery of San Jose, so an action of Presbytery can elect these officers.) The motion read, "The Presbytery of San Jose elects the following individuals for the Board of Directors and Officers for the corporation of Calvin Presbyterian Church: President (CEO) and Director, Joseph Lee; Secretary/Agent (for purposes of process) and Director, Erica Rader; Chief Financial Officer and Director, Edd Breeden."

The motion was added to the Consent Docket.

Consent Docket: Approved as presented.

1. **Approval of the Minutes of the November 18, 2017 meeting** of the Presbytery of San Jose.
2. **Motion from Council:** Set aside Presbytery Standing Rule 2.10 and schedule the April Presbytery meeting for April 14 so the Presbytery meeting can be held two weeks after Easter instead of one week after.
3. **Motion from Council:** Elect the following nominees for the Presbytery Nomination Committee :
 - The Rev. Marge Palmer** (teaching elder, HR, 2018 – finishing a term)
 - The Rev. Lindsay Woods-Wong** (teaching elder, Foothill, 2020)
 - Elder Carlo Panighetti** (ruling elder, Los Gatos, 2020)

Note: These three will join the other three members who are currently serving: Elder Claudia Hamm (San Jose Stone 2019), the Rev. Robert Bowles (HR 2018), Elder Jane Odell (Aptos 2019)

4. **Motion from COM:** Approve the contract between the Rev. Mike Garner and San Martin Presbyterian Church for the calendar year 2018.
5. **Motion from COM:** Approve the contract between the Rev. Ted. Esaki and El Estero Presbyterian Church for calendar year 2018.
6. **Motion regarding Calvin Presbyterian Church corporation** (see Clerk's report no. 5, above).

Announcements

Presbyters were directed to the Report of Council for information; there were announcements from PWP moderator Elder Rosaleen Zisch (flyer available), Hunger Advocate the Rev. Ryan Althouse, the Rev. Annanda Barclay, the Rev. Bryan Franzen and the Rev. David Watermulder.

Polity and Government Sub-Committee

Elder Carol Holsinger, chair of the committee, noted that the 2017 Statistical Report Instruction Manual is available online, with a deadline for turning in the report of February 15, 2018. She also noted that training for new Clerks of Session (with a welcome to experienced Clerks as well) is to be held on February 10, 2018 at the Presbytery office. Finally, Session Records Reviews for the calendar year 2017 will be held March 3 at Aptos, St. Andrew and March 10 at the Presbytery office.

Elder Holsinger introduced an Overture from First Presbyterian, Palo Alto to GA on Peace Church. The Rev. Karen Peterson-Iyer and Elder Melissa Kirven-Brooks spoke in support of the proposed Overture; both have sons involved in issues of war and peace. Two other churches, Montclair in Oakland and New Hope in North Carolina concur and are sending the overture to their Presbyteries.

The Presbytery voted Approval of the Overture On Support of Peace Churches in the PC(USA)

“The Presbytery of San Jose overtures the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) to do the following:

1. Celebrate with gratitude the completion of the “Peace Discernment” effort of the 219th General Assembly (2010) to “seek clarity as to God’s call to the church to embrace nonviolence as its fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war” and to “identify, explore, and nurture new approaches to active peacemaking and nonviolence” (Minutes, 2010, Part I, pp. 68, 967).
2. Acknowledge the wonderful materials and curriculum that the Peace Discernment Steering Team made available to the churches for their discernment work and the inspiration it gave to many.
3. Acknowledge that the Five Affirmations were one of the fruits of this church-wide discernment and commend them to all church sessions for reading and study.
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/five-peacemaking-affirmations/>

4. Acknowledge that many churches have continued their own process of discernment and some have declared themselves “Peace Churches,” while others continue to study, pray, reflect and explore this subject in their own church community.
5. Recognize and commend those churches who have declared themselves “Peace Churches” and encourage all churches interested in peace to continue their own discernment and further encourage the Peacemaking Program to maintain a list of churches who declare themselves “Peace Churches” on the Peacemaking Program website when they are notified by said churches.
6. Encourage the Peacemaking Program to republish the discernment materials developed in the “Peace Discernment” process for use by churches and others who wish to continue their own educational and discernment process.
7. Encourage the Peacemaking Program to identify or develop curriculum to help young adults discern their position on war and violence before registering with the Selective Service System for possible military conscription as required by federal law.
8. Reaffirm the PCUSA policy on conscientious objection and encourage those who are conscientious objectors to register their decision with the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly as established by previous General Assemblies and described in “Presbyterians and Military Service,”
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wpcontent/uploads/conscientiousobj1.pdf>

Rationale: During the Peace Discernment process from 2010 to 2016, the church committed many resources and many talented people contributed their expertise to create a significant body of biblical, theological and historical information. The quality of these contributions is exceptional and because of these materials, many churches have declared or are in the process exploring whether to declare themselves “Peace Churches.” A few examples include First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto (Presbytery of San Jose), the Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill, NC (New Hope Presbytery) and Montclair Presbyterian Church in Oakland, CA (San Francisco Presbytery).

The ongoing violence (of which the Las Vegas massacre is only the latest event) that has become a daily occurrence within our communities, our country and the world demands that we continue to understand how to engage as peacemakers with the growing violence and terror. As Rabbi Abraham Heschel said, “we are not all guilty, but we are all responsible.” The completion of the “Peace Discernment” process should not be the end but should be the beginning of an ongoing pursuit of justice and peace for all God’s people.

For those churches who are continuing this difficult work by declaring themselves a “Peace Church,” the PCUSA should be able to acknowledge their commitment as consistent with the spirit of the “Peace Discernment” process.

During the “Peace Discernment” process, there was a wonderful curriculum that was created to help congregations engage in conversation as well as share a spectrum of experiences and opinions in the spirit of inquiry. This curriculum should not be lost but should be republished for the benefit of the entire church.

Our congregational baptismal vows commit us to the ongoing guidance and nurture of all the young people in our churches by word and deed with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ. Therefore, we should be assisting our young people to complete an “inventory of conscience” to help them to discern their beliefs about war and violence. The materials from the “Peace Discernment” process should be part of such a curriculum. Other helpful resources are available from the Center On Conscience & War and the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

Recognizing the importance of registering conscientious objectors with the Office of the Stated Clerk as prescribed in OGA document, <http://oga.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/pdf/conscientiousobj.pdf> ,let us reaffirm this policy and confirm that the processes for registering conscientious objectors are straight forward and manageable for all concerned.”

Peace and Justice Task Force

The Rev. Nan Swanson, Chair, introduced the Rev. Eric Swanson, who reported on a project of getting together a coalition to say “enough is enough” on gun violence. The coalition is looking for sensible firearm regulation.

The Rev. Nan Swanson then introduced the Rev. Geoff Browning and the Rev. Diana Gibson who spoke in support of an overture to Presbytery on a Resolution on Immigration and Sanctuary. (This was the second reading of this proposed action.)

The Presbytery voted Approval of the Resolution on Immigration & Sanctuary.

“WHEREAS solidarity with others is called for throughout scripture: “When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. ³⁴ The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.” (Lev 19:33); “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Mt 25:35c); and

WHEREAS historically, we as a church and nation are composed largely of immigrants, yet immigration has become a divisive issue; and

WHEREAS the Presbytery of San Jose has one of the highest populations of recent immigrants within its boundaries of any presbytery in our nation and the Presbyterian Church has been speaking up for immigrants and refugees since WWII, with some Presbyterians risking prison for the sake of protecting displaced and vulnerable persons; and

WHEREAS in our cities, towns and agricultural areas, our congregations serve multicultural neighborhoods where the influx of immigrants is often vital to the economy; and

WHEREAS the ancient, biblically - rooted idea of sanctuary was to provide places of refuge and, in the 1980s, this tradition was revived as congregations — including some in our presbytery – became sanctuary congregations, providing safe havens for Central Americans fleeing civil conflicts and seeking protection from deportation; and

WHEREAS the threat to undocumented immigrants has increased so that they live in fear of deportation, separation from families, loss of jobs and education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Presbytery of San Jose declares itself to be a Sanctuary Presbytery and commits to supporting and encouraging the congregations and members of this presbytery to support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) as well as meaningful reform of immigration law and policy as recommended by the 220th General Assembly (2012); (for example, see [http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/images/summary_of_presbyterian_policy_around_daca_and_dapa_\(002\).pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/images/summary_of_presbyterian_policy_around_daca_and_dapa_(002).pdf)) and be it further

RESOLVED that the Presbytery of San Jose reaffirms the ethical responsibility of congregations and mid-councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to defend the unity and integrity of families when an immigrant mother or father is threatened with deportation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Presbytery of San Jose recognizes that sanctuary is one way in which Presbyterians are living out the Gospel call to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Presbytery of San Jose, through its Peace and Justice Task Force, stands ready to assist its congregations in discerning their own calls to become “Sanctuary Churches” and in equipping congregations to serve as places of welcome, refuge, and healing for those targeted due to their immigration status or other differences, while taking into consideration local contexts, capacity and the results of congregational discernment.”

Financial Affairs Committee

Elder Sharon Rowser reported the following actions taken by the committee since November 2017.

- Synod 5 year loan renewal for Westhope, Saratoga approved
- One year lease between Trinity, San Jose and Indonesian Christian Church approved
- One year lease between St. Andrew, Aptos and Iglesias de Dios approved
- Month-to-month lease for one year between Westminster, San Jose and Academic Antics approved
- One year lease between Westminster, San Jose and 12 Step Program approved

Elder Rowser announced Treasurer’s training to be held March 10 at the Presbytery office from 9:30 to noon.

Nominating Committee

Elder Claudia Hamm, Chair, passed out forms for recruiting nominees, noting that the committee needs this help in searching out leadership for the Presbytery.

Mission & Outreach

The Rev. Margaret Boles, Chair, gave information that Presbytery grants are available and invited interested persons to contact her.

A mission group is planning to go to Puerto Rico for a work trip. Contact the Rev. Boles for information. The Rev. Joe Sohn is organizing a mission adventure month in October to consist of two large community service projects. Contact the Rev. Sohn with information on possible projects.

Immanuel House

Elder Carolyn Rosen reported on current activities in this house used by refugees. The Board is working on strengthening partnerships with churches.

Church Health and Growth

The Rev. David Watermulder reported that this committee is working on fostering connections of congregations with the community, and with each other.

Committee on Ministry

Elder Frank Bernstein, chair, presented the following recommendations to Presbytery as approved by the committee. Presbytery voted Approval in the consent docket.

- 1) Approve the contract (1/4 time) between the Rev. Mike Garner and San Martin Presbyterian Church for the calendar year 2018. Financial terms are as follows:

Salary:	\$30,000
Study leave allowance:	\$ 1,000
Total:	\$31,000

- 2) Approve the contract between the Rev. Ted Esaki and El Estero Presbyterian Church, Monterey for calendar year 2018. Financial terms are as follows:

Salary:	\$ 59,600
Housing Allowance:	\$ 36,040
HRA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement):	\$ 3,000
MEAP (Ministry Expense Allowance Plan):	\$ 3,200
Study Leave Allowance:	\$ 1,000
Total:	\$102,840

Elder Bernstein presented the following information:

- 1) At its regular meeting on November 13, 2017, COM examined the Rev. Samantha Evans, after which COM unanimously and enthusiastically approved the Rev. Evans's joining the Presbytery, pending a call from Stone Church of Willow Glen, San Jose. The congregation of Stone voted on December 3, 2017 to call the Rev. Evans with the following terms.

Effective salary	\$97,500
Pension and medical	36,075
Professional expenses	2,000
Auto Allowance	1,000
Cont. Ed. Expenses	2,000

One month vacation plus one additional Sunday per quarter.

Two weeks study leave

The Rev. Evans formally accepted the call, and begins at Stone on Feb. 1.

- 2) The COM Transitions subcommittee met with the Rev. Larry Vilaro, HR, who seeks membership in the Presbytery. COM approved Rev. Vilaro's application, and welcomes him to the Presbytery.
- 3) COM approved the sabbatical plan of the Rev. Anne McAnelly, pastor of St. Andrew Aptos, and wishes her well during her time away. As part of that approval, COM approved Jane Odell, ruling elder at St. Andrew, moderating the June session while the Rev. McAnelly is on her sabbatical.

COM chair Elder Frank Bernstein invited the Rev. Samantha Evans and the Rev. Larry Vilaro to come before the body for introductions. He presented a bag of useful gifts to each, and they were welcomed with prayer and the singing of the Doxology.

Joys and Concerns

The Rev. Irene Pak Lee, newly returned from maternity leave, introduced a very young Ezra, who yawned when he was introduced.

Stated Clerk

The Rev. Erica Rader commented that there were many folks who do know things and can help a new clerk. She also brought attention to the 10th anniversary of Joey Lee as Executive presbyter.

Next steps, Adjournment and Prayer

The Rev. Anne McAnelly
Time was allowed for comments on what is going well in the Presbytery, what can be improved.

The meeting was formally adjourned and closed with prayer by the moderator.

April Report from Presbytery Council

Council met on March 16, 2018 at the Presbytery Office

COM- Frank Bernstein

Motion passed to approve Rev. Sammie Evans' Installation Commission for the service to be held at Stone Church on April 15th

James K. Lee (RE) - Daesung
Frank Bernstein (RE) - Covenant
Linda Bell (RE) - St. Andrew (formerly Stone)
Julia Roberts (RE) - Stone
Annanda Barclay (TE) - First Pres Palo Alto
Anne McAnelly (TE) - St. Andrew (moderator)
Joey Lee (TE) - Presbytery exec

Polity and Government

Carol Holsinger submitted a written report to Council as follows:

1. Clerk Training was held on February 10 with 11 attendees. The Clerk Handbook was updated and is available on the Presbytery Website (on the Forms page).
2. All churches have filed their Statistical Reports (a first in my experience), though there are some gaps in the information for the Stated Clerk to follow up.
3. There were two meetings in March for churches to have their records read. The committee is following up with the 6 churches which were not present. We will make a more complete report at the next Council meeting.
4. Our next committee meeting will be April 25. We hope to meet with the Financial Affairs Committee to review the Gracious Dismissal Policy as requested.

Report of Executive Presbyter- Joey Lee

Joey shared about the opportunity being explored by our Presbytery's pastors and sessions to participate in a pilot Revitalization Initiative with the Vital Congregations office within the PC(USA) Mission Agency. The initial assessment about participation will be made by individual congregations through discernment of pastors and sessions. This is not intended to be a program, rolled out through Council and Presbytery and it is not required that churches

participate. If churches decide to proceed, it will be a two year process and will involve assessment, pastor cohorts and strategic planning. Joey reported that there will be follow up meetings to determine which churches wish to participate.

There are 7 Marks of Congregational Vitality to be considered and assessed through this process:

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation (Philippians 3:9)
2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism (2 Corinthians 4:7)
3. Outward Incarnational Focus (Matthew 7:14)
4. Empower Servant Leadership (Matthew 9:37-38)
5. Spirit Inspired Worship (Isaiah 29:13)
6. Caring Relationships (John 13:35)
7. Ecclesial Health (1 Corinthians 12:14,24-25)

Joey Lee and Margaret Boles are the coordinators and facilitators of our Presbytery's engagement with this initiative.

Review and discussion of Presbytery feedback

Council reviewed a compilation of feedback from the brief listening session at the January meeting. Marcia invited everyone to take three post-its and to select and write those items needing improvement that seemed to them to be high priorities or frequent themes.

In combining the council members selections, there were multiple items around issues of communications as well as a broader discussion about the clarity of our vision and mission as a presbytery. The council did not have a clear determination on how to proceed with the information, and determined to return to the topic at a later time.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC
ANNUAL REPORT TO
SAN JOSE PRESBYTERY
APRIL 3, 2018

The Synod of the Pacific has two meetings each year. The October meeting is usually held at Mercy Center in Burlingame and the May meeting is in various areas in the Synod, which is comprised of portions of five states: Northern/Central California, Eastern Oregon, Southern Idaho, tiny corner of southwestern Washington, and the state of Nevada.

There are four representatives from the San Jose Presbytery: Katie Day, David McCreath, William Ribble and myself. Each serves a term of three years and can serve an additional term.

Our Synod is well-run and has its main office in Petaluma. We have a savings and loan service and have very competitive rates. Many of the churches use these services. Most Synods are not as financially stable as we. This past year we have begun a Bookkeeping and Financial Service that is offered to any of the churches. More information can be found at www.SynodPacific.org.

Katherine Runyon became the Transitional Synod Stated Clerk to replace John Kelso. In October 2017 Synod elected a person to the position of Synod Executive, but faulted negotiations caused the candidate to withdraw. Jane Odell has consented to continue serving as the Transitional Executive as the Search Committee continues its job.

To explore how the Synod can provide leadership and resources to our presbyteries and congregations on racism, a task force "Racism and White Privilege" has been formed.

Ruth Fong,

Moderator of the Synod of the Pacific 2017-2018

Personnel Committee
Report to the Presbytery of San Jose
April 1, 2018

Information

Welcomed new committee members: Bill Ribble, Jim Bennett and Jim Bender joining Judy Joy and Jim Meyers

Reviewed and discussed Staffing Task Force conclusions

Conducted evaluation reviews with Executive Presbyter and Treasurer

Met with Stated Clerk candidate and reviewed terms of employment

Presbytery staff members are placed under the Synod of the Pacific personnel policies

Payroll processing also being done by the Synod

Met with Diane Case and Natasha Jackson to share their perceptions of their positions and how we as a committee can encourage and help in any way.

Thanked Lela Noble for her dedicated work on Personnel Committee these past years

Need for new online tool for staff evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Wong

Chair

Report from Financial Affairs Committee March 2018

Items for consent docket:

- Trinity lease with Verizon for 15 years with option to extend for an additional 10 years
- Westminster 1 year lease with International Full Gospel Fellowship for use of the Chapel

Items for information:

- Presbytery 15 month lease with Cornerstone was approved
- Covenant PC 6 month lease renewal with iChurch was approved
- First Presbyterian San Jose 1 year lease with Town Park Towers was approved
- Northminster 1 year lease with Paradigm Adult Services was approved
- Westhope application to the Synod for a green loan was approved
- The Committee continued its review and discussed issues pertaining to our upcoming recommendation on divesting of all fossil fuel investments. Committee agreed to make a final determination in August and present to Presbytery in September.

Report of the Committee on Ministry

April 14, 2018

COM has no consent docket items, three information items, and two action items.

Information Items:

- 1) The Rev. W. Robert Martin, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto, has resigned. His last day in the pulpit was February 27, which is when the congregation voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship. Rob has accepted a call at Laurinburg Presbyterian Church in Laurinburg, North Carolina. approve the contract with Bear Ride as temporary supply
- 2) The Rev. Evie Macway, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Santa Cruz, has resigned. Her last day in the pulpit will be April 29.
- 3) The COM Transitions subcommittee met with Rev. Insik Kim, HR, who seeks membership in the Presbytery. COM approved Rev. Kim's application, and welcomes him to the Presbytery. **(p.24)**

Action Items:

- 1) COM recommends that the Presbytery validate the ministry of the Rev. Diana Gibson, an at large member of the Presbytery, who currently is a Lecturer in the Religious Studies Department at Santa Clara University.
- 2) COM recommends: that the Presbytery validate the ministry of Molly Logan, who is taking a position in the Stanford University Office for Religious Life (ORL); that the Presbytery examine Ms. Logan for ordination into that validated ministry; and that the Presbytery request that the Presbytery of the Pacific ordain Ms. Logan on our behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Bernstein

Chair, Committee on Ministry

1 I believe in God—
2 God the Father and Mother of us all,
3 God the Son made flesh in Jesus Christ,
4 God the Holy Spirit,
5 Three in one—inseparable in justice, mercy, and love.
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7 I believe God created the heavens, the earth, and humankind and blessed humankind with
8 the responsibility to be stewards of this creation.

9 I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the eternal Word of God made flesh, fully
10 divine and fully human. I believe that Jesus came and taught in this world, was crucified, died,
11 and was resurrected. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, my sins and the sins of the
12 world are forgiven in a gift of grace. It is a two-fold gift received through faith alone—a grace
13 of both justification and sanctification. Through justification, Christ’s righteousness is once and
14 for all shared with humankind. Through sanctification, by no merit of our own but through God
15 moving within us through prayer, service, study, the sacraments, and worship we are able to be
16 renewed and continually be made more holy.

17 The two sacraments of the Church are means by which the Holy Spirit reaffirms and
18 makes fresh this grace within the community. In the Lord’s Supper we are physically fed by the
19 elements of bread and wine as we are spiritually fed by the Word of God in the words of
20 institution—as we are spiritually saved, sustained, and fed by the Word of God made flesh in
21 Jesus Christ. In Baptism, we are cleansed from sin and sealed by God’s Spirit as part of the body
22 of Christ. In our vows of Baptism as the covenant community of the Church, we are called to
23 nurture individuals in the radical embrace of God’s love, in instilling the gospel of Jesus Christ
24 within, in rejecting the world of sin, and in seeking repentance and returning to God. These
25 sacraments help me to experience and appreciate God’s abundant grace more fully.

26 I believe the Church is the body of Christ and is charged to express gratitude for the grace
27 of God through worship, praise and prayer, to teach and promote the living Word of God
28 proclaiming an open gift of a gospel of grace, and to continue the work of the Holy Spirit
29 comforting the sick, strengthening the needy, and advocating against injustice. In this both
30 multi-faith and increasingly secular world, I believe it is the responsibility of clergy to engage
31 their congregations in ecumenical dialogue and cooperative service, not homogenizing the
32 world’s religious traditions but humbling ourselves to being truly God’s servants of the Gospel
33 and allowing God to work in both individuals’ hearts and in the world in God’s own unique
34 ways. I believe we are called to pray for the world and to hope and to pray for the forgiveness of
35 sins and for the salvation of all peoples.
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37 My faith itself is a gift from God, and I am a sinner like any other, equally unworthy of
38 these gifts of faith and grace but grateful beyond expression—

39 for the communion of saints,
40 the forgiveness of sins,
41 the resurrection of the body,
42 And life everlasting in God’s embrace

Faith History

I spent the early years of my faith watching dolphins most Sunday mornings in worship. When I was a young child, my family worshipped at a UCC church, and the sanctuary was an old mansion on the cliffs, converted to a church at some point in the 1940s. Each week, I would sit at the end of a pew in front of doors opening to the Pacific. While gazing out at the sea and hearing scripture read and a pastor preaching in the background, in retrospect I realize I was blessed by those early years of open doors in worship to feel the innate connection between Word and world, to see the Church as something far beyond four walls and a steeple, and to sense the Gospel continually moving us to go out and share God's gift of grace.

My family later transitioned to a PC(USA) church so that my sister and I could be part of their vibrant youth ministries. During my youth at St. Peter's by the Sea, I enjoyed being part of this church family, growing an organic faith and relationship with God, partnering with local agencies and an orphanage in Mexico to help rebuild communities, and laughing and playing with other young people in fellowship. I also enjoyed later serving the church as a summer youth intern, children's ministry intern, preschool teacher, and interim "tween" ministry director.

I was blessed to spend my undergraduate years at Stanford studying History and Italian and growing friendships with people from all kinds of histories. It was a wonderful gift of an education, and I worshipped right on campus at Stanford's Memorial Church. While rocking out to the breathtaking organ worship music each week at University Public Worship, my time at Memorial Church helped me understand Christianity in a multi-faith world. Likewise passing the sanctuary on the way home from class each day helped me keep my faith central to my living, especially when serving as a Resident Assistant for two years. In that unique environment highlighted by both secularism and multi-faith expressions of the Holy, I counseled and walked alongside of young people so hungry for grace, and as best as I could, I tried to serve them, living more than speaking the Gospel. Complemented by two summers interning in youth ministry at St. Peter's, from these experiences I started to piece together a call to ministry.

My studies at Stanford took an extra quarter—I was a co-terminal student earning a BA and MA. My graduate work centered on piety, politics, plague, and planetary motion in Galileo's Florence. Delighting in the archival wealth of Stanford's Special Collections, I traced the narrative of Galileo's condemnation by the Inquisition in light of ecclesial and civic efforts to contain plague outbreaks in 1630s Florence. How we balance the dances of science and faith and politics and piety are tangible themes that interest me in today's world as well. After graduating that December, I worked as an administrative assistant for the residential education office, wanting to "take a break from ministry" while applying to seminary. Shortly after I

started, a faculty member who served one of the dorms as its mentor died suddenly. I felt graced to have been present with that community of students, his wife, their student staff, past residents, and past staff members in their mourning and healing that spring. At that point, I realized God was really calling me to seminary studies and a call to ministry of Word and Sacrament.

My years at Princeton Theological Seminary were an incredible experience of refining and growing my own faith and sense of call through studies, fellowship, mourning, celebrating, and field education work. My discernment was particularly highlighted by working at an urban church in Germantown, Philadelphia for the year, a summer in Yosemite National Park, and working as a CPE chaplain at a trauma center in New Jersey. While working in these diverse communities, I was humbled to be alongside of people in their encounter with the Holy.

Since seminary I have been blessed and challenged to grow and serve while seeking a call to parish ministry, particularly enjoying guest preaching, helping to lead adult education opportunities, writing for d365.org an online devotional, volunteering at a local food pantry, mentoring at risk high school students through the college application process, teaching pre-school, mentoring middle schoolers in a church's after school program, and helping to frame and start a "tween" ministry. In addition, I was grateful at times for simply having work in a downturned economy while serving as an office temporary assistant and grocery store bagger and checker amidst seeking and waiting for a call.

With the reality of the economy a few years ago and the variable extended timeline and challenges of the search and call process within PC(USA), I began to re-imagine my vocation as a full time parish pastor in order to support myself responsibly and attempt to use my gifts more faithfully. Always fascinated by the growing and sharing of food and increasingly intrigued by the opportunity faith communities have to create a more sustainable food system and responsible stewardship of the environment, I was grateful for the opportunity to complete a certificate in ecological horticulture through UC Santa Cruz while apprenticing and living in a tent cabin on their organic farm in 2012. Upon graduation acutely realizing that unfortunately non-profit work in community farming and food justice was also a very impacted field in those downturned years of our economy, I re-imagined again and realized that teaching was a common and joyful thread through each of those prior expressions of my sense of vocation to pastoral ministry.

For the past few years, I have enjoyed serving as a public middle school teacher in East Palo Alto. It is a privilege to encourage and challenge my students. Each day it is an adventure in helping them to discover their gifts, discover their voices as writers, claim their identities as advocates, discover new worlds through learning and broader worldviews through history studies, learn conflict resolution skills and seek healing, and imagine new realities for themselves where they might use their gifts to create a more grace filled and just world.

When I began seminary studies, I certainly did not imagine this narrative for a call search process. Throughout that narrative I tried to remain hopeful and imaginative for how my experiences, past challenges, and learning might be put to use by God in service to the Church, radically welcoming others to God's justice, mercy, and love. I find myself particularly intrigued and incredibly joyful that God has called me to explore this Pastoral Affiliate call!

March 1, 2018

Born in *Kaepung* County which is now a part of North Korea, I fled to South Korea at the time of the Korean War. I became a Christian while in high school, and later graduated from Soongsil University in Seoul, and studied at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul for three semesters.

After journeying to the United States to continue my education in 1967, I graduated from Erskine Theological Seminary in South Carolina with Bachelor of Divinity degree. I did further graduate studies at Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, New York (Th.M) and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee (D.Min).

Having served as an Interim Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Livonia, New York, and after my graduate studies at Vanderbilt University, I was called to serve by the Division of International Mission of the General Assembly Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. as Associate for Asia and the Pacific. After the merger of the two Presbyterian families, PCUS and UPCUSA, in 1983, I was invited to serve as Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific of the Presbyterian World Mission of the General Assembly Council, PC(U.S.A.) in Louisville, Kentucky.

I traveled extensively throughout Asia and the Pacific as part of my responsibilities as Area Coordinator. I provided support for mission personnel and coordinated programs where the denomination was involved in the region. I also managed partner relations with national churches and ecumenical bodies, evaluated existing programs and personnel, and identified new opportunities for mission witness and service.

Hwaja Kim and I have been married for 51 years this coming June. We have two children – Rev. Sue Kim-Ahn and her husband Joe Ahn; Peter H Kim and his wife Barbara Kim – and five teenage grandchildren.

I was ordained as minister of the Word and Sacrament by the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and am currently a member of the Midwest Hanmee Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

After serving for 35 years as Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific, Presbyterian World Mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), I honorably retired on October 31, 2008.

Presbytery of San Jose
2017 Year End Statement of Financial Position (1)

	Mission Program (2)	Ecclesia. Program (3)	Total Program (1)
ASSETS (4)			
Cash Accounts (6)			
Bank Accounts (7)	37,794.00	121,288.00	159,082.00
Synod Cash Accts (8)	163,484.00	179,737.00	343,221.00
Total Cash Accounts	201,278.00	301,025.00	502,303.00
Investment Accounts (9)			
Synod (MDC) Accts (10)	400,734.00	1,381,763.00	1,782,497.00
Presbyterian Foundation (11)	1,194,472.00	1,480,201.00	2,674,673.00
Brokerage Account (12)	00.00	5,297,720.00	5,297,720.00
Credit Lines Out (13)	00.00	260,542.00	260,542.00
Total Investment Accts	1,595,206.00	8,420,226.00	10,015,432.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,796,484.00	8,721,251.00	10,517,735.00
LIABILITIES (5)			
Restricted Funds (14)			
Special Funds (15)	161,404.00	117,450.00	278,854.00
Scholarship Funds (16)	720,000.00	00.00	720,000.00
Evergreen (Prop Fund) (17)	613,960.00	00.00	613,960.00
Cypress Ave (Prop Fund) (18)	00.00	1,800,000.00	1,800,000.00
Dismissal Receipts to date (19)	00.00	2,050,714.00	2,050,714.00
Reserve Fund (20)	00.00	4,191,000.00	4,191,000.00
Total Restricted Funds	1,495,364.00	8,159,164.00	9,654,528.00
Unrestricted Funds (21)	301,120.00	562,087.00	863,197.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,796,484.00	8,721,251.00	10,517,735.00

Notes:

- 1. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**, the Balance Sheet, does not indicate anything related to income and expenses but summarizes the assets and liabilities (obligations) of the organization. This statement does not include the Real Estate holdings of the Presbytery, i.e. Immanuel House and the Meridian property.
- 2. MISSION/PROGRAM Budget**, the revenues come from the Basic Mission Giving of our congregations with some assistance from Presbytery investment income and supports the general mission programs of the Presbytery.

3. **ECCLESIASTICAL Budget**, the revenues come from the Per Capita of our congregations with some assistance from Presbytery investment income and supports the operations of the business of the Presbytery.
4. **ASSETS**, the assets are defined as any real asset, like a bank account, the value of investments, the value of real property and the like.
5. **LIABILITIES**, the liabilities show how much of the assets are allocated to specific projects. For example, your home bank account might have 5,000 in it. But some of that money is specifically earmarked for the upcoming insurance payment and future property taxes so you cannot spend all of the money in the checking account. The Presbytery has obligations as well.
6. **Cash Accounts**, these monies are in bank and savings accounts and in “demand” accounts at the Synod. They are to help meet the short term obligations of the Presbytery.
7. **Bank & Savings Accts**, are the balances of various bank and savings accounts.
8. **Synod Cash Accts**, are the balances of various deposits with the Synod of the Pacific in Custodial Funds that receive interest and is available on demand just like a savings account. These accounts are available to local churches in the Synod but not to individuals.
9. **Investment Accounts**, these accounts include mutual funds, ETFs, Bonds, and some investment related cash.
10. **Synod (MDC) Accts**, are similar to CDs which pay a higher rate of return depending on the length of time the money is invested. This is a product of the Synod of the Pacific which are available to local churches in the Synod but not to individuals
11. **Presbyterian Foundation (NCF) Accts**, are mutual funds invested by the NCF in stocks of the S&P 500 companies with the Socially Responsible guidelines of the General Assembly and in income related vehicles, including government bonds and similar fixed income opportunities. You can see information about these investments on their website, New Covenant Funds.
12. **Brokerage Acct**, until recently these investments were split between the S&P 500 (using an Exchange Traded Fund with the symbol SPY) and a portfolio of corporate bonds available on the open market. We have recently moved some investments into a test portfolio to examine various fossil fuel, clean energy, and ESG (Environmental, Societal, and Governance) related investments.
13. **Credit Lines Outstanding**, in certain extraordinary circumstances the Presbytery has loaned monies at interest for specific projects that seemed beneficial. Most loans are normally funded through Synod Loan Program.
14. **Restricted Funds**, have been set aside for specific projects, with the expectation that they will be used in the future for those purposes.
15. **Special Funds**, set aside to pay for programs in the future, like the Youth Triennium, Camperships, Christian Education projects, Cong Development, Representation, Justice & Mission, and COM projects.
16. **Scholarship Funds**, the proceeds of these funds, primarily coming from the sale of the Corralitos Camp property and set aside at the time by a vote of Presbytery, are used for scholarships for people within the Presbytery to attend camps and conferences.
17. **Evergreen (Property)**, money from the sale of the church property produces income to help the Evergreen church with some of its ongoing expenses.

18. **Cypress Ave. Funds**, came from the sale of the Cypress Ave Property and were set aside at the time for Korean American ministries.
19. **Dismissal Receipts to date**, these funds have come from the proceeds of the dismissal of churches in our Presbytery. The proceeds of these investments will fund per capita, community mission, and congregational renewal through grants to churches in our Presbytery.
20. **Reserve Fund**, with an ongoing combined Mission Program and Ecclesiastical Program Budget of 750,000, the reserve monies are designed to produce enough Return on Investment (ROI) to cover approximately 1/4 of the annual budget if so needed.
21. **UnRestricted Funds**, these funds are monies that have not been earmarked for a particular purpose or project.

Presbytery of San Jose
2017 Year End Statement of Financial Activity (1)

	<u>Mission Program (2)</u>	<u>Ecclesia. Program (3)</u>	<u>Total Program</u>
REVENUE (4)			
Per Capita (5)	00.00	169,511.00	169,511.00
Congregational Mission (6)	258,084.00	00.00	258,084.00
Pooled Investment (7)	140,205.00	61,270.00	201,475.00
Synod and GA Funding (8)	48,778.00	00.00	48,778.00
Immanuel House (9)	13,398.00	00.00	13,398.00
Other Income (10)	00.00	108.00	108.00
TOTAL REVENUE	460,465.00	230,889.00	691,354.00
DISBURSEMENTS (11)			
Connections (12)			
Per Capita GA (13)	00.00	37,170.00	37,170.00
Per Capita Synod (14)	00.00	25,870.00	25,870.00
Justice and Mission (15)	31,039.00	00.00	31,039.00
Resources (16)			
Scholarships (17)	8,047.00	00.00	8,047.00
Vision Grants/Church Growth (18)	51,202.00	00.00	51,202.00
Other Projects (19)	32,666.00	1,102.00	33,768.00
Ministries (20)			
Staff and Benefits (21)	229,536.00	162,328.00	391,864.00
Office and Facilities (22)	107,985.00	8,919.00	116,904.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	460,465.00	236,889.00	697,354.00

Notes:

- 22. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**, the Profit and Loss, lists the revenue (income) and the disbursements (expenses) of the organization for the period of time.
- 23. MISSION/PROGRAM Budget**, the revenues come from the Basic Mission Giving of our congregations with some assistance from Presbytery investment income and supports the general mission programs of the Presbytery.
- 24. ECCLESIASTICAL Budget**, the revenues come from the Per Capita of our congregations with some assistance from Presbytery investment income and supports the operations of the business of the Presbytery.

25. **REVENUE**, the income of the Presbytery is divided into broad categories for better understanding.
26. **PER CAPITA**, this is the Presbytery's portion of the amount paid by the individual congregations based upon the number of members on their roles at the time of the previous year report.
27. **CONGREGATIONAL MISSION**, this the Presbytery portion of the Basic Mission Giving from the churches of the Presbytery.
28. **POOLED INVESTMENT**, some of the returns from Presbytery's investment pool are used to help fund the budget of the Mission and Ecclesiastical Program.
29. **SYNOD AND GA FUNDING**, Synod of the Pacific has extra income from their Savings and Loan program and they share some of their excess with each of the Presbyteries in the Synod. There are a few endowments set up and the Synod (Anne Penke) and the GA (Walker) that send income to the Presbytery and some of our expenses are part of the GA funding programs (i.e. Hunger, Peace).
30. **IMMANUEL HOUSE**, this is a pass through account, the money that comes in for IH is given to them.
31. **OTHER INCOME**, this represents the sale of books and other items.
32. **DISBURSEMENTS**, the expenses of the Presbytery are divided into three areas based upon our vision statement. We are seeking to build connections between churches and the community, we are seeking to provide needed resources to congregations, and we are seeking to help individual ministries as well
33. **CONNECTIONS**, Connecting congregations, both Presbyterian and others, to the needs of the people in our neighborhoods
34. **PER CAPITA GA**, this is our annual assessment from General Assembly.
35. **PER CAPITA SYNOD**, this is our annual assessment from Synod.
36. **JUSTICE AND MISSION**, the expenditures of the Mission task force and the Peace & Justice task force. Be sure to check out the Community Mission Grants available from the Presbytery.
37. **RESOURCES**, Resourcing congregations for greater effectiveness.
38. **SCHOLARSHIPS**, scholarships are available for adults and youth from the churches of the Presbytery for camps, conferences and further religious education.
39. **VISION GRANTS/CHURCH GROWTH**, a variety of grants are available for projects at your church including the new Congregational Renewal Grants.
40. **OTHER PROJECTS**, including the resources of Hunger and Safe Church Advocates, representation and empowerment, Stewardship Training, the Media Center support, COM and CPM committees, Emergency Assistance and the like.
41. **MINISTRIES**, mobilize (Assist) relationships between Teaching and Ruling Elders within our bounds so they can work together for the greater good of the Kingdom of God
42. **STAFF AND BENEFITS**, providing the Exec Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Admin, Accountant, and Treasurer to help the ongoing work of the Presbytery.
43. **OFFICE AND FACILITIES**, carrying on the work of the Presbytery including rent, maintenance, supplies, equipment, payroll services, auditing, insurance, utilities, etc.

Motion from Westhope Presbyterian Church that Presbytery of San Jose concurs with Item 11-14 sponsored by New Castle Presbytery as follows:

On Praying for a Movement of the Spirit to Engage Presbyterian Congregations in Nation-Wide Action to Prevent Gun Violence The Presbytery of San Jose overtures the 223rd General Assembly to:

1. Confess that, in spite of 50 years of Presbyterian advocacy to reduce gun violence, we have been paralyzed by fear of the gun and ammunition lobby and our church has not adequately applied the power of God's love to the issue of gun violence, with over 1,600,000 Americans dying from guns since 1968 and many millions more wounded, orphaned and devastated by gun violence.

2. Commend --All prior General Assemblies which have created church social witness policy for steps such as universal background checks, greater gun safety and a ban on assault weapons. --Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for their creation of the films "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" and "Tapestry: Reweaving the Fabric of Community after Public Violence" and the book Recovering from Un-Natural Disasters, as well as for their faithful presence, on behalf of the PCUSA, with communities impacted by mass shootings; --The Office of Public Witness, Office of the Stated Clerk, the Office of the General Assembly, the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy, the Peacemaking Program, Self-Development of People, Presbyterian News Service, the Presbyterian Collegiate Ministry Network and other agencies of the church for their witness during 50 years of Presbyterian policy for sensible steps to reduce gun violence; --Those congregations, colleges, camps and office facilities in the Presbyterian family which have voted to post signs on their buildings similar to the "No Guns in God's House" signage called for by the 221st (2014) General Assembly as a witness against the proliferation of guns in our society, and all other congregations that have studied, prayed and acted on this issue in other ways; --All pastors who include the mission of reducing gun violence in creating liturgies and in their preaching, and all Christian educators who offer gun violence prevention resources for study groups and libraries. --The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship for its creation of the Gun Violence Prevention Congregational Toolkit and other resources for local Presbyterian congregations on this issue;

3. Call upon God to wake us up from seeing gun violence as normal and to grant divine courage to our more than 10,000 churches that we might foster a nation-wide conversation on gun violence in every community; specifically, to stand in prayer during the 223rd General Assembly, to share this overture, rationale and prayer with the presbyteries and synods, to share it in any other way possible and to encourage every General Assembly commissioner and observer to continue to pray when they go home for a movement of the Spirit to engage our churches in study and action to prevent gun violence. May every congregation know that the whole church has prayed for them and for God's intervention through them in the face of a gun violence epidemic. In love, may our churches help our country enact sensible steps to prevent gun violence from murders, suicides, accidents, family disputes and mass shootings.

4. Suggested Prayer: Gracious God, whose mercy never ends, whose Spirit brings the Kairos moment for change: We confess our past willingness to abide the deaths of over one million, six hundred thousand souls lost to gun violence since 1968 -- the children, the parents, the distraught, as well as millions more injured, ruined, orphaned, widowed. Help us to comprehend this carnage and not become numb. We commend and give thanks for the long witness of the General Assembly and all Presbyterians who are already engaged in preventing gun violence. We call upon you, Lord; we have nowhere else to turn. Galvanize all of us, every congregation in the Presbyterian Church. Wake us up in our pews and our lives; do not let Christ find us asleep on this watch. Rather, Lord, grant to our church members, both those of us who own guns and those of us who do not, a unity of purpose to change the national debate on gun violence. Show us the way to study, prayer and action at the local community level. At all the places where you are proclaimed, give us courage to stand against principalities and powers. Grant us the joy of using the gifts that you provide -- energy, intelligence, imagination and love-- to help our communities and our nation heal from this sorrow and tragedy. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)



**What does it mean to be
~ a Sanctuary Presbytery?
~ a Sanctuary Church?**

Find out at the April 14 Presbytery meeting!

Cornerstone Presbyterian Church, 890 Meridian Way, San Jose

Earlier this year, San Jose Presbytery declared itself a Sanctuary Presbytery. But what does that mean for us all? During the upcoming Presbytery meeting, Akemi Flynn, Executive Director of PACT, will offer a brief glimpse at what’s happening to undocumented immigrants in our neighborhoods.

Stay for lunch, 12 – 1pm, to learn how your church can respond

Over lunch, we’ll explore with Akemi some of the ways we can respond to the Presbytery’s call—as individuals, in small groups and through our church congregations. Learn more about Accompaniment Training, Rapid Response Teams, and Sanctuary. Gather resources you can take back to educate your church community. Lunch will be served; you are welcome to bring your plate into our gathering.



Akemi Flynn

Executive Director of PACT: People Acting in Community Together,

PACT is a multi-faith, multi-racial organization leading grassroots community organizing for racial and economic justice. PACT is the PICO federation in San Jose and Santa Clara County.

Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Task Force. For more information, contact Holly Brady, hbrady67@gmail.com or 650-465-1328.