

Presbytery of San Jose: Notice of Stated Meeting

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Please call the church (Vickie) by 03/28 to arrange child care.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please read the proposed amendments to the Presbytery Standing Rules, presented for discussion and voting. The Presbytery may edit or amend the proposals submitted. However, proposals for amendments to any other parts of the Standing Rules will be referred to the Polity and Government Sub-Committee for its consideration after April 1.

9:00 **Opening Prayer** Moderator, Elder Chris Hasegawa

Welcome by Host Congregation

9:05 **Presbytery Worship**

9:50 *Transition*

9:55 **Stated Clerk:** The Rev. John Kelso

Quorum call; Corresponding Members; First time attendees; Approval of the minutes of the February 4, stated meeting.

New Business (must be referred)

Consent Docket: 1.

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

10:00 **Announcements** (open mic.)

10:10 **Board of Pensions** The Rev. Mark Frey

10:20 **Presbyterian Women** Elder Rosaleen Zisch

10:25 **Mission & Outreach** The Rev. Margaret Boles

Mr. Asefa Wakjira, intern, Covenant Palo Alto

10:40 **Safe Church** Elder Jane Odell

10:45 **Nominating Committee** The Rev. David McCreath

10:50 **Break**

11:00 **Immanuel House update** Elder Martha Wills

11:10 **Presbytery Council** The Rev. Marcia Ludwig

11:20 **Committee on Ministry** The Rev. Paula Kelso

11:30 **Polity & Government** Elder Carol Holsinger

12:05 **Financial Affairs** The Rev. Anne McAnelly

Treasurer The Rev. Edd Breeden

12:15 **Joys and Concerns** (open mic)

12:20 **Presbytery Executive** The Rev. Joey Lee

12:25 **Stated Clerk** The Rev. John Kelso

12:27 **Adjournment with Prayer** Moderator Hasegawa

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE
Minutes of Stated Meeting
Saturday, February 4, 2017
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz, CA

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of San Jose was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by the Moderator, Elder Chris Hasegawa. The opening prayer was offered by the Reverend Mark Peake.

WELCOME FROM HOST CONGREGATION

The Rev. Evie Macway welcomed presbyters to Trinity Presbyterian Church, inviting us to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Fireside Room and lunch in the Fellowship Hall, noting location of restrooms, and suggesting that if we have any need we speak to people wearing name tags indicating Trinity SC as their home church.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery of San Jose entered into a time of worship. The Reverend Evie Macway preached on John 1: 29-42 and the message "Come and See . . . and Be."

STATED CLERK

- 1) The Stated Clerk, the Reverend John Kelso, welcomed attendees and confirmed the presence of a quorum.
- 2) Presbytery VOTED to grant the privilege of the floor to Candidate Ryan Althous.
- 3) First time attendees were introduced with a special welcome to the Confirmation Class from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Aptos.
- 4) The Presbytery APPROVED the minutes of the November 19, 2016, Stated Meeting.

Committee Chairs/Council Present

Julia Cline, At Large	Marcia Ludwig, At Large
Ruth Fong, Synod Commissioner	Lela Noble, Personnel
Claudia Hamm, Former Moderator	Jane Odell, Safe Church
Chris Hasegawa, Vice-moderator	Barbara Rogers, At Large
Carol Holsinger, At Large	Lynn Viale, Former Moderator
Judi Johnson, Former Moderator	Rosaleen Zisch, Presbyterian Women

Teaching Elders Present

Baker, Debra	Hahn, Tae Jinn	McAnelly, Anne
Bales, Jennifer	Hoffman, Dan	Olson, Robby
Barraca, Jason	Kelso, John	Peake, Mark
Bowles, Margaret	Kelso, Paula	Erica Rader
Browning, Geoff	Kim, Young Rhyon	Rausch, Andy
Burke, John	Lee, Irene Pak	Sohn, Joseph
Choi, Don	Lee, Joey	Tsai, Andrew
Coop, Tom	Macway, Evie	Williams, Chris
Eschen-Pipes, Kathleen	Martin, Rob	Wong, Andy
Franzen, Bryan	Matusiewicz, Stella	Woods - Wong, Lindsay

Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Present

Bartow, Jay	Knowles, Steve	Swanson, Nan
Bowles, Bob	Kwon, Young Bai	Yeane, Darrell
Bracey, Dale	Lewis, Charles	
Breeden, Edd	Rawlings, Chuck	

Teaching Elders Not Present

Allen, Stephanie Lutz	Gibson, Diana	Person, Brian
Arishvara, Vincent	Granado, Sim	Peterson-Iyer, Karen
Bennett, James	Hansen, Chris	Purkey, Lee
Boatwright, Libby	Hanson, Duncan	Roberts, Craig
Boyer, Tim	Hare, Sharon	Schmidt, Lyle
Brekke, Laura	Harrington, Nancy	Su, Ralph
Crocker, Douglas	Hejmanowski, Karen	Swanson, Erik
Day, Katie	Lai, Hsien-Chang	Tirone, Jim
Day, Kevin	Minerva, George	Van Laar, Trevor
Drescher, Kent	Norman, Steve	Watermulder, David
Esaki, Ted	Norton, Karla	Whaley, Debra
Garner, Mike	Pearson, Marjorie	Woodsmall, Dennis

Teaching Elders, Honorably Retired, Not Present

Ah, Dong Sung	Joy, Judy	Palmer, Marge
Bender, Jim	Kim, David Kwang	Rowlison, Bruce
Bland, Byron	Kim, Kyung Jae	Schell, Nancy
Bristol, John	Kim, Young Han	Smith, Kent
Butziger, Bob	Koopman, Peter	Solis, Dick
Carr, Tom	Kwon, Young K	Spencer, Dick
Choi, Samuel	Longley, Jack	Takarabe, Hei
Dosker, Richard	Lyke, Brian	Tan, Tiat-Han
Erickson, George	McCreath, David	Tyler, Lee
Gardener, Thomas	Menser, Bruce	Venecia, Fred
Hansen, David	Momrow, Ed	Wilson, George
Harvey, Bill	Nelson, Jim	Zuverink, Dave
Hsieh, Stephen	Newcomer, Ben	
Ignacio, Lemuel	Palmer, Bill	

Elder Commissioners Present

Aptos, St. Andrew	Los Gatos	Leatham, Jane
Burk, Gene	Asher, Essie	Yamanichi, Alice
Mihm, Eileen	Costanzo, Brenda	Mountain View, First
Gilroy	Heacock, David	(none)
Johnson, John	Rosen, Carolyn	Palo Alto, Covenant
Gonzales, Community	Schlotzhauer, Ruth	Bernstein, Frank
Rutledge, Kay	Monterey, El Estero	Cromarty, Andrew
	(none)	Jones, Diane
Los Altos, Cornerstone	Monterey, First	
(none)	Larson, Sandy	

Palo Alto, First

Hughes, Evan
Leith, David
Wong, Evelyn

Salinas, Lincoln Avenue

(none)

Salinas, Northminster

McKey, Tom
Vivit, Apolinario

Salinas, St. Phillips

(none)

San Jose, Evergreen

(none)

San Jose, First

Lococo, Judy

San Jose, Foothill

Moore, Woody
Rowser, Sharon

San Jose, Onnuri

(none)

San Jose, Santa Teresa Hills

(none)

San Jose, Stone

Lakatos, Bill
Lakatos, Rhonda
McCreath, Ruth
Nelson, Steve
Sharp, Alice

San Jose, Taiwanese

American

Sern, Pei

San Jose, Trinity

(none)

San Jose, Westminster

Barrons, Ross
Dewhitt, Pat
Notor, John
Slater, Betty

San Martin

(none)

Santa Clara, First

Fitch, Robert

Santa Cruz, Bonny Doon

(none)

Santa Cruz, Trinity

Duffus, Emily
Stock, Juanita

Saratoga, Westhope

McIntyre, Patricia

Sunnyvale

Morley, David
Weirauch, Val

Sunnyvale, Daesung

Jung, Tae Hyung
Lee, James
Min, Eric

Watsonville, United

Bilstad, Jolly
Morrison, Midge

Watsonville, Westview

(none)

VISITORS

Aptos, St. Andrew: Jacob Meschi, Confirmation Class

Palo Alto, Covenant: Lizanne Reynolds, Asefa Wakjera

Palo Alto, First: Annanda Barclay, Ryan Larkin, Kathy Merkle-Raymond

Santa Cruz, Trinity: Dave Macway, Charles May, Paul Seever

Sunnyvale, Daesung: Sook Im Choi

CONSENT AGENDA

The presbytery APPROVED the following three consent items from the Committee on Ministry:

- (1) Dismissal of the Reverend Laura Harbert to the Presbytery of San Fernando.
- (2) Removal of the Reverend Mike Ladra from the membership roll of the Presbytery of San Jose.
- (3) Dismissal of the Reverend James Edwards to the Presbytery of San Diego.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPEN MIC

Announcements were made, including several concert series and musical interfaith opportunities, forums, film festivals, good news for homeless people, and invitations to share in mission.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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

The presbytery APPROVED the recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee to appoint a Task Force to determine the disposition of the Meridian Way Property. The Task Force is to discern the best use of the property, once vacant, which is also in the best interest of the Presbytery. The Task Force will include one member from the Committee on Ministry, one member from Church Health and Growth Committee, and one member from Financial Affairs Committee. The Treasurer of the Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter, and the Presbytery Stated clerk will sit ex-officio on the Task Force.

The Reverend McAnelly informed the Presbytery that

- 1) The lease between Westhope and Facebook for additional parking spaces has been renewed for one year.
- 2) There are three local county exemptions a church should file; i.e.: Church Exemption, a Welfare Exemption, and a Religious Exemption. Please see the Presbytery website for details.
- 3) Church Treasurers' Training is scheduled on March 11, 2017, from 9:30 to noon at Gilroy Presbyterian Church. (Reading of Minutes for Clerks of Session will happen at the same time and place.)

SAFE CHURCH

The Reverend Paula Kelso reported on the work of the Safe Church Task Force in 2016. The Task Force is sponsoring a day of workshops related to Disaster Preparedness on March 18, 2017, from 9:30-2:05, at Gilroy Presbyterian Church. Topics which will be covered include fire emergencies, earthquake, pandemic flu

outbreak, active shooter on campus, and Safe Church. A catered lunch will be provided.

PEACE & JUSTICE

The Reverend Geoff Browning reported on the work of the Peace and Justice Task Force in 2016, referring to their printed annual report.

The Reverend Chuck Rawlings, chair of the Peace and Justice Task Force, distributed a packed of information, "Responding to a World in Crisis: An Update from the Peace and Justice Task Force" which contained additional information on past, upcoming, and potential future events relating to the current condition of the world.

The Reverend Rawlings made a motion to suspend Standing Rules 2.16 and 2.19 in order to introduce new business for immediate discussion. The motion failed.

New business from the Peace and Justice Task Force: A motion that the Presbytery make an Emergency Grant to the Peace and Justice Task Force of \$25,000 in support of its Urgent Response Programs of education, theological reflection and strategic development. The Presbytery VOTED to refer the new business (specifics follow) to the Financial Affairs Committee for report to the April 1, 2017 Stated Meeting.

Proposed Expenditures Categories

Experts and legal consultation on immigration and sanctuary	\$5,000
Seminary and University Faculty for forums and seminars for local congregations on racism, global and domestic inequality, mass incarceration, violence, and war	8,000
"Peace Church" education and consultation	2,000
Interfaith Relations	7,000
Production Costs for 3 performances of Mary/Maryam	
Total cost each: $\$4750 \times 3 = \$14,250$	
Less 50% local contribution = $\$7,125$	
Bay Area-wide Chatauqua-style Faith and World Institute planning process	3,000
TOTAL	\$25,000

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Elder Rosaleen Zisch reported on the work of Presbyterian Women. Presbyters were invited to join Presbyterian Women at a forum on Literacy, following up on the 2015 PCUSA resolution to "educate a child, transform the world." The event will be held at Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church on March 25, 2017, from 9:30-2:00.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The Reverend Paula Kelso reported on the work of the Committee on Ministry. She welcomed the Reverend Steve Knowles (and the Reverend Jim Bender, in absentia) to the presbytery by providing each of them with a small, filled, welcome bag.

Elder Lizanne Reynolds, chair of the Presbytery Engagement Team (PET), provided background information for the motion regarding Onnuri Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery VOTED that Onnuri Presbyterian Church of San Jose be dismissed to the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians according to the provisions of the document titled AGREEMENT FOR DISMISSAL OF ONNURI CHURCH OF SAN JOSE AND MUTUAL RELEASE OF CLAIMS; and that the Stated Clerk, the Rev. John Kelso, be empowered to execute on behalf of the Presbytery all instruments necessary to complete the transaction.

The Presbytery VOTED that Sweaty Sheep Ministries of Santa Cruz, CA, be recognized as a validated ministry of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery examined Ryan Althous, VOTED to arrest the examination, then VOTED that Mr. Althous, a candidate under care of this presbytery, having been certified ready to receive a call, be received as a member of the Presbytery of San Jose pending his ordination to the office of Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament, specifically to the position of the director of Sweaty Sheep Ministry of Santa Cruz, which will be conducted at a time and place to be chosen by Mr. Althous in consultation with the Presbytery staff. Note: The Committee on Ministry will approve the details of Ryan's ordination service including the composition of the Presbytery Ordination Commission.

The Reverend Paul Kelso offered a prayer for the Sweaty Sheep Ministries of Santa Cruz and for Ryan Althous, director.

The Reverend Paula Kelso informed the Presbytery that:

- 1) The Committee on Ministry will sponsor a retreat for ministers of the Presbytery in San Juan Bautista on March 27 and 28, 2017.
- 2) The mission study of stone Church of Willow Glen was approved, along with authorization to proceed with the pastoral search.
- 3) The ordination and installation commission for Trevor Van Laar as Pastor of Gilroy Presbyterian Church on January 29 was approved. The commission consisted of Ruling Elders Chris Hasegawa (Moderator), FPC Monterey; Lynn Viale, Gilroy PC; Lynne Bonino, San Martin PC; and teaching Elders Robbie Olson, Watsonville PC; Mark Peake, FPC Monterey; Tom Coop, Santa Teresa Hills PC; Stephanie Lutz-Allen (member at large), Sunnyvale PC.
- 4) The Committee on Ministry, following examination on Saturday, January 7, 2017, approved the call to the Reverend Stephen Knowles (HR), Presbytery of the Cascades, as Designated Pastor of Gonzales Community Presbyterian Church, pending approval of the congregation at its meeting on January 29. February 1 is the expected start date. Terms of call are as follows: Cash salary and use of manse - \$47,246; Board of Pensions - \$5,610. Reimbursable expenses for auto - \$400; Study Leave - \$1000; Professional - \$200; Utilities - \$4,500; Relocation - \$750. Total

compensation is \$59,706; call is extended for a three-year period at 3/4 time. Included (with pay) are 30 days of vacation and two weeks of study leave per year.

The Presbytery VOTED to add 30 minutes to the docket.

POLITY AND GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Elder Carol Holsinger reported on the work of the Polity and Government Committee.

The Presbytery APPROVED the following Proposed Amendments to the Constitution:

- 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy—On Amending G-3.0106
- 16-B. Parity in Committees—On Amending G-3.0109
- 16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles
 - 16-C.1.—On Amending F-3.0202
 - 16-C.2.—On Amending G-2.0102
 - 16-C.3.—On Amending G-2.0301
 - 16-C.4.—On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501
 - 16-C.5.—On Amending G-2.0701
 - 16-C.6.—On Amending G-3.0307
 - 16-C.7.—On Amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline
 - 16-C.8.—On Amending W-4.4001a.
- 16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church
 - 16-D.1.—On Amending G-2.0509
 - 16-D.2.—On Amending D-10.0401
- 16-E. Certified Service Requirements—On Amending G-2.1101
- 16-F. The Ministry of Members—On Amending G-1.0304
- 16-G. Access to the Lord's Table—On Amending W-2.4011a. and b.
- 16-H. Revised Directory for Worship—On Replacing the Directory for Worship

Ms. Holsinger shared the following information:

- 1) Statistical Reports are due February 15, 2017, and session records will be reviewed on March 4, 2017, at Palo Alto Covenant, and on March 11, 2017, at Gilroy.
- 2) A number of changes to the Presbytery Standing Rules were distributed with the docket for this meeting as a First Read with a vote to be taken at the next meeting of the Presbytery in April. Any additional changes will be referred back to the Polity and Government Committee.
- 3) The current Standing Rules require us to "publicize the impending election of the Stated Clerk and Treasurer nine months previous to the election. The election will take place at the November meeting of the Presbytery so this is the first public announcement.

HUNGER ACTION ADVOCATE

Ryan Althous reported on the work of Hunger Action in the Presbytery, describing the work he is doing with the Sweaty Sheep Ministries of Santa Cruz and homeless veterans, encouraging exploration of hydroponic gardens in our churches, and encouraging us to walk with homeless people and be in mission with them. He urged churches to receive the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering and to host

special days at church to learn about homelessness. Contact Ryan for available speakers.

CHURCH HEALTH AND GROWTH

The Church Health and Growth Task Force submitted a written annual report.

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, thanked the Reverend Evie Macway and Trinity Presbyterian Church, Santa Cruz, for hosting us.

We appreciate the welcome and hospitality that Trinity Santa Cruz has given us and we are also the worship service.

While we grieve over the loss of Onnuri Church, we now have an opportunity to find God's will for the use of the Meridian way property they are vacating. May we truly seek that holy will.

Our commitment to Safe Church continues to grow.

The Peace and Justice Task Force has called us to rethink and reeducate ourselves about the church's place in a troubled world, and we receive that call with humility.

We welcome the Rev Steven Knowles to membership in the presbytery s pastor of Gonzales Community Church and we are excited about the ministry of Sweaty Sheep led by the soon-to-be Rev. Ryan Althouse and Candidate Ryan Althouse upon his ordination.

When we struggle with the overtures coming down from the General Assembly, we make it clear among ourselves that we care about language, about words. Our prayer is that our care about words may become care about The Word that was and is and always will be.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. with prayer by Moderator Chris Hasegawa.