

**Minutes of the Presbytery Of San Joaquin**  
**Stated Meeting – February 2, 2008**  
At Break the Barriers, Fresno, CA

Attendance:

*Pastors:*

Ren Adams, Terry Barnhill, Lorna Bosavauh, John Bosavauh, Sandy Brown, Charles Castles, Arcesio Cruz, Noel Daniels, Jamie Evans, Chris Gil, Bob Hewes, Rick Irish, Paul Irwin, Adam Knudson, Rick Lemberg, Kent Meads, Tom Parsons, Harry Phillips, Lana Roberts, Jim Rogers, Rob Rose, Kathy Schwan, Chuck Shillito, Sharon Stanley, Jung Kil Suh, Arlin Talley, Jerry Voss, Tony Winterowd, Gus Wright

*Elders:*

Sue Benson, William Byounglak Bach, Jim Clark, Nancy Collins, Vince Correll, Richard Crain, John Davis, Verna Den Hartog, Billie Dibble, Sandra Eaton, Ronna Hendrickson, Terry Holland, Beryl Linenback, Steven Musson, Dan Piper, Richard Ribarich, Ruth Smith, Lillian Turmon, Brian Vaccaro, Judi Vaccaro, Tina White, Joe Wilson

*General Council:*

Stuart Conrad, Beth Downie, Carol Harrison

*Visitors:*

Betty Braddy, Richard Braddy, Larry Fritz, Andy Garcia, Betty Strain, Johnett Watt

The presbytery meeting was opened with prayer at 9:10 am by Moderator Stu Conrad, who turned it over to Congregational Development Team. They introduced the Break the Barriers program, focusing on ministry with people of varied abilities, presented by Joni and Friends. Following the presentation, the meeting adjourned for lunch, served by Trinity Presbyterian Church, Clovis.

The meeting was called back to order at 12:50 pm by the Moderator. A quorum was present. The docket and the minutes of the December 1, 2007, Presbytery meeting were **approved** as distributed.

*Acting Interim Stated Clerk/Evangelist Presbyter's report -Rick Irish*

- Rick encouraged participation in the Pastors and Spouses Retreat, February 25-27, with Roberta Hestenes.
- The Presbytery is hosting Board of Pensions Seminars: *Clergy and Taxes and Terms of Call*, November 5, 2008, in Fresno, and *Pre-Retirement*, November 6-7, at Calvin Crest.
- Congregations need to pledge *undesignated* mission funds to underwrite necessary Presbytery operating expenses.
- Our Presbytery has the opportunity to volunteer at General Assembly in San Jose, June 21-28, 2008. For information, visit <http://www.pcusa-ga08.org/index.html>

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve application for a Walton Grant to be applied to facilities for Nuevo Amanecer NCD in Bakersfield.

The consent agenda was approved as follows:

*Actions of COM for information purposes only:*

1. Voted to allow Kent Meads (Santa Barbara Presbytery) to labor within the bounds as Interim Pastor at Dinuba Presbyterian and to moderate Session after the administrative commission has completed its work.
2. Voted to allow Gus Wright to be pulpit supply at the United Methodist Church in Kerman in February and March with the approval of the Methodist pastor.
3. Approved the honorable retirement of Art Kalafut effective August 1, 2008.
4. Approved dual membership for Adam Knudson in the PCUSA and ELCA.

*Action of Finance and Property Commission for information purposes only:*

1. Approved a loan for up to \$100,000 for Calvin Crest Conferences from the Congregation Development Funds, due by December 31, 2009.

*Action of General Council for information purposes only:*

1. Approved changing the name of First Presbyterian Church of Corcoran to “Centro Cristiano Agua Viva of Corcoran”.
2. Voted to send the tithe from the sale of the Calvary Presbyterian as follows: \$18,000 to Dusty and Sherry Ellington towards the purchase of a car; \$15,000 to Jeff and Cristy Boyd; \$15,000 to Greg and Chris Callison; \$10,000 to Witnessing Ministries (Rev. Phil Prasad, Rural Presbyterian Church of India); \$20,000 undesignated to the 2007 General Assembly Mission Challenge; and \$5000 as seed money and scholarships for a Presbytery-wide Mission Trip in summer of 2008.

*General Council Report - Sandy Brown*

A motion to concur with Stockton Presbytery’s overture to General Assembly regarding a change in the Book of Order D-7.0402c was **approved**:

*“The questions presented for decision shall be fully debated and voted upon while all participating commission members are present. A written outline of a decision shall be prepared while in session. The final decision with dissents shall be reviewed by all members of the panel, which may take place by conference call within 10 days of the meeting, and when a copy of the written decision is signed by the moderator and clerk of the permanent judicial commission. A copy of the written decision shall immediately be delivered to the parties to the case by personal service or by certified delivery.”*

A motion “to overture the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008) to call upon each congregation and Presbytery of the PCUSA to gather in Solemn Assemblies within the next two years, to seek God for spiritual renewal of the Church of Jesus Christ, following the command of God through the prophet Joel” was **approved**.

A motion for Presbytery of San Joaquin to hold a Solemn Assembly before General Assembly was **approved**.

*Mission Support Team - Tom Parsons*

Tom discussed Council’s decision to allocate the tithe proceeds of the sale of Calvary. A reminder was given of the Alpha Training Seminar in Visalia, March 7-8.

*Committee on Ministry - Terry Holland*

Terry encouraged congregations and Presbytery to include “this salary schedule will continue until the new schedule is approved.” on salary package approvals.

Carl Knoch was granted Honorary Retirement within the Presbytery of San Joaquin and will be kept on our rolls, although he is a member of a corresponding denomination.

*Committee on Preparation for Ministry - Beth Downie*

Thirteen students are under care, 8 inquirers and 5 candidates, with three advancing to candidacy soon, possibly examined in April and/or June. Beth described the challenge of changing the fingerprinting processing to Livescan. CPM approved designating Cindi Rogers as the recipient of results from the Dept of Justice.

Many of the practical components of the CPM process were deleted from Chapter 14 of the Book of Order in 2006, so CPM has been decided to continue to use the relevant portions of the old Chapter 14 as our policy until new ones have been adopted.

CPM is working to develop ways to enlist new candidates for ministry.

Easterby’s Women’s Association is giving \$1000 per year to help students attend MBBS.

*Calvin Crest* - Tony Biasell

The Board has adopted the following Vision statement: “*We Are Called to Serve As A Witness To The Love of Jesus Christ Through Sustainable Camp and Conference Ministry, So That Lives Can Be Changed.*” Calvin Crest is beginning work with Living Waters for the World and will receive training in the installation of solar energy systems as means to serve under-developed populations as a witness to the love of Jesus Christ.

They are striving to be better stewards of the CC property and to be more financially accessible to more people. This will involve a capital development campaign in the near future, with one of the goals being to pay off the million+ dollar debt on Cedar Lodge. Presbyterian Camps and Conferences Association is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> year of service. In recent years numbers of camps have closed, but Calvin Crest is committed to continuing to serve significantly, building upon its current service to 12-15,000 children and adults per year.

*Nominating Committee* - Gus Wright

The following nominations were **approved**:

Committee on Preparation:

Elder Gordon Graves, UPC, 2010-1.

Mission Support Team:

Elder Anne Myers, First, Bakersfield.

Ministry Development Team:

Rev. Ron Owens, Easton

Rev. Chris Gill, Visalia Korean

Alternate YAD to 2008 GA:

Jonathan Philips, Lemon Cove.

*One Minute Messages* were given.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Jim Rogers at 2:25 pm.