

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of San Joaquin  
November, 14, 2009**

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, CA

**Attendance:**

*Pastors:*

Noel Anderson, Ron Adams, Ken Crabtree, Steven Carter, Arcesio Cruz, Thomas, Elson, Chris Erdman, William Ekhardt, Rick Irish, Carl W. Knoch, Rick Lemberg, Tedd Lyons, Ron Owens, Lou Paradise, Tom Parsons, Alan Reutter, David Bruce Rose, Mary Raine, Jim Rogers, Karl Schafer, Jung Kil Suh, Sharon Stanley, Randy Scheer, Dan Schwan, Kathy Schwan, Arlin Talley, Kurt Teng, David Votaw, Gus Wright

*Elders:*

Jim Clark, Shirley Castles, Richard Crain, Verna Den Hartog, Richard Eckerman, Iwan Ganawan, John Gutierrez, Justin Hebert, Jaesin Han, Wilma Holden, Mark Mitchell, Ann Myers, Robbyanto Notomihardjo, Daniel Piper, Nancy Singer, Ruth Smith, Lilace Turmon, Ruth Wade

*General Council:*

Betty Braddy, Scott Henderson, Terry Holland, Florence Ulrich

*Corresponding Members:*

Greg and Chris Callison

*Visitors:*

Richard Braddy, Norm Ferreira, Steve Raine, Johnett Watt

The presbytery meeting was opened with prayer at 9:10am by Moderator Noel Anderson and welcomed by host MBBS President Lynn Jost, who made a presentation to Moderator-elect, Ruth Smith.

Meeting was recessed at 9:27am for lack of a quorum. Time was spent in small group sharing and prayer until enough members arrived to constitute a quorum at 9:55am, at which time the meeting was called back to order.

The Docket was **approved** and the minutes of the September 17, 2009, Presbytery meeting were **approved**. The Revs. Greg and Chris Callison were seated as corresponding members.

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

General Council has asked that a per capita report be provided at Presbytery meetings detailing which congregations still owe it. Full payment of per capita is essential for the Presbytery to function. If a congregation has chosen to withhold the GA portion per capita, the session must decide and write a letter each year, stating its decision to do so along with an explanation of reasons. Without this letter, the Presbytery is required to pay in the congregation's stead.

Rulings issued by the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission last week concerning ordination standards hinged on technicalities and failed to provide full clarity. However, the rulings did assert that adherence to the constitutional standards is required.

Rev. Pat Sheahan is the newest member of the Discernment/ Transition Team, which met recently to continue its work with First Presbyterian, Bakersfield, in response to its Session's request to be dismissed from the PCUSA. The Discernment Team will also work with Easton Pres, Easterby Pres, and First Armenian, Fresno, as they consider alternatives for their future. Thanks to Rev. Chris Erdman and Rev. Lou Paradise for their service as they leave the team.

Reflecting recently on all the changes going on around us, these words of comfort come to mind: *"The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him!"*

**Committee on Ministry (COM)** - Terry Holland

Members of presbytery expressed appreciation for the ministry of Randy Scheer as he honorably retired from the ministry of Word and sacrament on November 1, 2009

**Calvin Crest** - Scott Henderson

Scott reported that 60% of the campers are Presbyterian and 40% are from other denominations. The first Clean Water U training was a huge success, and the Lake View construction is going well, hopefully to be completed next Spring.. The land exchange with the Forestry department is still in process with no completion date yet.

The meeting adjourned for **Worship** at 11 am, followed by lunch at noon. The meeting was called back to order at 1:15pm.

**Moderator's Moments and General Council report** - Noel Anderson

Noel expressed grief at the loss of three churches and talked of the connection still making us all one, in and out of PC(USA). He also thanked all the volunteers that have worked and given their time to the Presbytery Committees for the year 2009, with special thanks to those who are ending their terms of service.

**Nominating Committee** – Gus Wright

The following were presented and **approved**:

*Commission on Ministry*

Sharon Liggett (2012-1)  
Rev. Steven Carter (2012-1)  
Anne Myers (2012-2)  
Rev. Arlin Talley (2012-2)  
Rev. Kurt Teng (2012-2)  
John Gutierrez (2010-1)

*Commission on Preparation for Ministry*

Rev. Charles Castles (2012-2)  
Rev. Alan Reutter (2012-2)  
Rev. Karl Schafer (2012-2)

*Moderator Elect*

Rev. Tedd Lyons

*Congregational Development Team*

Lily Nichols  
Rev. Jim Rogers  
Rev. Pat Sheahan  
Johnette Watt

*Finance And Property Commission*

Dick Brennan (2012-2)  
Rev. Ken Crabtree (2012-2)  
Richard Crain (2012-2)

*Futures Task Force (appointed by Council)*

Rev. Sandy Brown      Rev. Mary Raine  
Steve Raine              Rev. Jim Rogers  
Lily Nichols              Rev. Pat Sheahan

**Committee on Ministry (COM)** - Terry Holland

Presbytery minimum salary packages to remain the same for 2010 as in 2009:

\$37,821 in Presbytery less than 5 years.

\$39,711 - more than 5 years (salary and housing)

full Board of Pensions dues (31.50%), \$4,000 professional expenses, \$700 study leave - cumulative up to 3 years, 2 weeks study leave annually (cumulative up to 3 years), 4 weeks vacation, non accumulative

COM **approved** Rev. Ren Adams to serve as Stated Supply until December 31, 2009, at Easterby Presbyterian, Fresno. and **approved** Rev. Lou Paradise to serve as  $\frac{3}{4}$  time Interim Pastor at Lemoore Presbyterian, beginning November 1, 2009, to be reviewed in six months. Rev. Gus Wright was **approved** to transfer to Stockton Presbytery as of January 1, 2010. Jonelle Kazarian was **restored** to the active status of member-at-large.

COM made a motion to restore Steven Wing to the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament. Following discussion, it was **moved, seconded and passed** to postpone consideration of this motion until the February presbytery meeting.

**Finance and Property - Richard Braddy**

The 2010 budget: was **approved**:

2010 Budget

**INCOME:**

Mission Pledges	164,666
Designated CD mission pledges	
Underpayment of churches' pledges	
(- 3% held as 13th check)	-7,140
Interest Income	4,300
Dividend Income	8,550
Per Capita	133,021
Partnership Grant for salaries	75,362
Portion of 2009 Opportunity Fund	0

**TOTAL INCOME:**

378,759

**EXPENSE:**

**Calvin Crest:**

Calvin Crest (from designated & general giving)	35,000
Solar Purification (from designated only)	
Total	35,000

**Committee on Ministry (COM):**

Mileage	
Counseling	
Postage and mailing	
Other Presbytery expense	
Total	2,500

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM):**

Mileage	
CPM Retreat / Visitation	
Counseling	
Postage and mailing	
Other	
Total	2,500

**Congregation Development Team:**

Mileage	
Resource Center (Joint Project)	
Parish Papers & Other Resources	
Total	3,700

**Finance and Property:**

Mileage	
Audit	
Property liabilities (taxes, discing, etc)	
Insurance - Property & Liability	
Legal services	
Misc Presbytery Expense	
Total	11,744

**General Council:**

Mileage	
Presbytery meetings:	
Commissioner expense	
Office supplies	
Moderator's expense	
Retreat	

Transition Team	
Total	1,225

**Hispanic:**

Mileage	
Pastors' Conference	
Family Camp	
Joint Services	
Total	5,370

**Ministry Development Team:**

Mileage	50
Restricted monies from designated giving only:	
<i>Hope Now for Youth (from designated only)</i>	
<i>Intervarsity - Mike Karim (from designated only)</i>	
<i>Medical Benevolence Fund (from designated only)</i>	
<i>Witnessing Ministries- India (from designated only)</i>	
<i>FIRM (from designated only)</i>	
<i>Corcoran Support (from designated only)</i>	
Total	40,050

**Nominating:**

Mileage	50
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**Permanent Judicial Commission:**

Mileage	50
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**Personnel:**

Mileage	
Stated Clerk & Staff salaries	18,000
Worker's compensation	226
FICA	919
Payroll fees	
Other	230
Total	19,375

**Presbytery Staff (Exec & Ofc pd by Synod):**

Compensation expenses	205,707
Travel expenses	12,000
	217,707

**Presbytery Office:**

Utilities	
Telephone/Internet	
Postage/mailing	
Office supplies	
Cleaning & Maintenance	
Subscriptions/Literature	
Insurance - Workers Comp	
Accounting service	
Equipment lease	
Equipment maintenance	
Equipment purchase	
Bank charges	
Interest expense	
Other office expenses	
Total	30,000

**Stated Clerk:**

GA Per Capita	20,000
Synod Per Capita	37,488
Total	57,488

Tfr from designated

-48,000

**TOTAL EXPENSE**

378,759

**TOTAL INCOME**

378,759

**CREDIT / DEFICIT**

0

**Possible CPIC Portion of Loss**

25,000

**CONGREGATION DEVELOPMENT FUNDS:**

**INCOME:**

<i>Nuevo Amanecer NCD - GA Grant</i>	6,000
<i>Nuevo Amanecer NCD - Salary commitment</i>	1,200
<i>Nuevo Amanecer NCD - presbytery support</i>	14,000
<i>Lifespring NCD GA Grant</i>	
<i>Lifespring NCD Presbytery support</i>	
<i>Lifespring NCD commitment</i>	
<i>La Fe/Lindsay - presbytery commitment</i>	6,000
<i>La Fe/Lindsay - Salary commitment</i>	12,000

Total 39,200

Tfrd from designated within Synod allocation

48,000

**EXPENSE:**

<i>Church Development Grants</i>	5,000
<i>Ebenezer Grant</i>	0
<i>Foothill Grant</i>	0
<i>FIRM Grant</i>	0
<i>Locan School Grant</i>	0
<i>Calvin Crest Grant</i>	0
<i>Nuevo Amanecer Building Grant</i>	0
<i>Nuevo Amanecer Building loan</i>	0
<i>CLP Training</i>	0
<i>NCD Leadership Development</i>	0

Subtotal 5,000

*Lifespring / Clovis/Sanger NCD:*

<i>Salary</i>	
<i>Housing</i>	
<i>Workers Comp</i>	
<i>Medical/Disability</i>	
<i>Pensions</i>	
<i>Travel &amp; Professional</i>	
<i>Study Leave</i>	
<i>Payroll Fees</i>	
<i>Church Expenses</i>	

Subtotal 0

Minus income above

*Nuevo Amanecer / Bakersfield NCD:*

<i>Salary</i>	27,328
<i>Housing</i>	16,800
<i>Workers Comp</i>	437
<i>Medical/Disability</i>	9,046
<i>Pensions</i>	4,854
<i>Travel &amp; Professional</i>	4,400
<i>Study Leave</i>	700
<i>Payroll Fees</i>	240

Subtotal 63,805

Minus income above

*La Fe / Lindsay:*

<i>Salary &amp; auto</i>	23,080
<i>Housing</i>	12,000
<i>FICA</i>	1,766
<i>Workers Comp</i>	350
<i>Study Leave</i>	700
<i>Medical/Disability</i>	7,191
<i>Pensions</i>	3,859
<i>Payroll Fees</i>	240
Subtotal	49,186
Minus income from above	
Total Congregation Development Expense	117,991
Total Congregation Development Income	87,200
	(30,791)

Richard suggested that when Sessions approve Pastors' housing allowances that they include the phrase "or until modified" in the minutes to cover future designations in order to satisfy the IRS requirement.

#### **Installation of the Moderator and Moderator-Elect**

Ruth Smith was installed as the New Moderator, and Tedd Lyons was installed as the Moderator-Elect.

#### **Annual Meeting of the Corporation – Noel Anderson**

The presbytery took a break at 2:42 pm from the Presbytery's meeting to convene the annual meeting of the Corporation. Per our Policies and Procedures, the Moderator, Ruth Smith, was **elected President**, the Stated Clerk, Rick Irish, was **elected Secretary**, and the Chair of Finance, David Nash, was **elected Treasurer**. The meeting of the corporation was adjourned.

The Presbytery of San Joaquin reconvened at 2:43 pm. After One Minute Messages, the meeting was closed in prayer at 2:45 pm by Ruth Smith.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be on Saturday, February, 6, 2010, from 9 am to 3 pm at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church in Fresno.