

**PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**

The 432nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on February 11, 2012 at 9:30am at El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, California by Moderator-elect Rev. Jeff Bridgeman who opened in prayer. A quorum was present. The meeting began with worship.

WORSHIP Host pastor Rev. Jeff Bridgeman led the presbytery in a service of worship and prayer. Rev. Tom Stephen preached on “An Appropriate Response” (1 Thessalonians 5:12-18). Rev. Jay Shirley and the church’s choir assisted with prayers and music.

WELCOME to the church was extended by host associate pastor Rev. Jay Shirley.

ROLL was taken by card, 109 persons indicated attendance. (A-Absent; number after *teaching elder* name is authorized ecclesiastical occupational designation; an * indicates Parish Associate; number before *ruling elder* commissioners indicate number of commissioners each church is entitled to for this meeting; CRE indicates Commissioned Ruling Elder.)

CHURCHES/TEACHING ELDERS	RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS
Camarillo, Taiwanese-American (see note)	(1)
Camarillo, Trinity Jerome Cooper (101) Jeff Kempton (103)	(3) Joe Yaeger
Cambria, Community Tracy Vining (101) A Chris Milbrath, CRE (107)	(3)
Carpinteria Community A Jarrett Johnson (101)	(1) Becky Paulsen
Goleta Deborah Kehle (101) A Jeannie Cavender, CRE (107)	(2) Jean Blois, Don Eggebraaten
Grover Beach, First Andrew Rock (101)	(1)
Lompoc, First (vacant)	(2)
Los Alamos A Warren Einolander (101)	(1)
Moorpark David A. Wilkinson (101) A Janet Loughry (108) Daryl Fisher-Ogden* (797)	(4) Joan Johnson, Roy Smith, Mickey Stueck Mike Wesner
Morro Bay Dale Paulsen (101)	(2) Ronald Mullisen; Daniel W. Reynolds
Newbury Park, Monte Vista Tom Stephen (101) Carol Benson, CRE (107)	(2) Don Schwaiger, Richard Vickers
Nipomo, Community A Eugenia Gamble (101)	(2)

- Ojai** (3) Sylvia Narula
 Jeff Holland (101)
 A David Berge (103)
 A Scott Beck* (797)
 A Art Beals* (299)
 A Tamara Holland* (797)
- Orcutt** (3) Scott Astrosky, Joe Hughes, Linda Redman
 Bruce Lethbridge (101)
 Garry Grant, CRE (107)
- Oxnard, First** (3) Ivorlyn Green, Deborah Oberlander
 Ted Brandt (101)
- Oxnard, Word of Life** (1)
 Ron Urzua (191)
 Jesse Rodriguez, CRE (107)
- Paso Robles, Highlands NCD**
 A Graham Baird (301)
- Pismo Beach, Community** (1)
 Robert Crouch (101)
- Port Hueneme, Westminster** (2) Michele Southerland
 Dan Birchfield (101)
- San Luis Obispo, First** (4) Mary Blythe, Bob Evans, Adam Loverage,
 A James R. Blades (101)
- Santa Barbara, El Montecito** (3) Kirk Gilbert, Carl Perry, Dorothy Schuele
 Jeff Bridgeman (105)
 Jay Shirley (193)
- Santa Barbara, First** (3) Doug DuCharme, Fred Marsh, Loyda Marquez
 Peter Buehler (101)
 Judith Muller (103)
 Erik Wiebe (103)
 A Anne Shelton (108)
 A Gordon Hess* (299)
- Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's** (3) Chris Hoeckley, Linda Sorensen, Sandy Thoits
 Brett Becker (101)
 A Edwin Aspinwall (299)
 Harold Englund (299)
- Santa Paula, First** (1) Penny Carlson
 A Ron Urzua (191)
 A Bob Ramos, CRE (107)
- Santa Ynez Valley** (3) Doug Beverly, Allen Cooper, Meg Linhardt
 Rick Murray (105)
- Simi Valley** (6) Wes Shipway
 Jeff Cheadle (101)
 A Jonathan Lusche (103)
 A Robert Coppock (103)
- Summerland** (1)
 A Barton Tarman (108)
 A Peter Bie, CRE (107)
- Templeton, First** (1)
 A Charlie Little (101)

Thousand Oaks, Emmanuel

(4)

Stuart Bond (101)

A Dana P. Shaw (103)

Ventura, Community

(5)

Mark Patterson (101)

E. Wayne Kempton (108)

A Kent Meads (108, 299)

A Marsha Martin* (797)

Bryon Cressy, David Fleisch, Rick Kline,
Laura Smith, Kim Weber**Ventura, Eastminster**

(3)

A Matthew Hoyt (191)

A Aahmes Overton* (299)

Gabriel Gonzales, Robert Farrow

OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

Jan Armstrong (302)

A Charles Arnold (299)

A James Bain (299)

A David Beamer (299)

A Dona Behmer (299)

A Eric Bond (299)

A R. Thomas Bousman (299)

A James Bultema (791)

A Harold Bussell (299)

A Ramón Cisneros (795)

A Jeff Cotter (299)

A Varre Cummins (797)

Valerie De La Torre (797)

A Thomas E. Ellis (299)

A Tim Fearer (403)

A Julia Fogg (797)

A Charles C. Griffin (299)

A Luanne Griguoli (299)

A Cecil Hoffman (299)

A Diana Hopkins (299)

A James Huang (501)

A Altin Hysi (791)

A Curtis Illingworth (299)

Steve Jacobsen (797)

A Kathryn Johnson (299)

A James Kenney (299)

A Shona Kiilsgaard (299)

Jessica Vaughn Lower (797)

Suzanne Malloy (701)

Szu-Hsing Mao (501)

A Ann Martel (299)

Jill Martinez (797)

A John McEntyre (797)

A Michael McKim (797)

A Kristina McKinlay (299)

A Byung Min (797)

A Fred Morgan (299)

A Daniel Newhall (299)

A Zefjan Nikolla (791)

A Jim Nielsen (299)

Robert Ohman (299)

A Judy Rarick (299)

A Dale Ridenour (797)

A Walter K. Robie (299)

Beau T. Smith (641)

Mark C. Smith (501)

A John Springer (299)

A Daniel Stevens (299)

Alan G. Stones (299)

A Warren Studer (299)

A Richard E. Wardlaw (299)

A Robert Wedaa (299)

A Robert Whitaker (299)

A Jim Witty (791)

Kenneth C. Working (299,309)

Marjorie Working (299)

Note: The Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County has received assistance from the Asian Coordinating Council, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii in securing pulpit supply.

SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL/CANDIDATE CHANGES (this meeting):

Teaching Elders approved for membership: Rev. Randy Working (191/Lompoc)

Pastoral relationship dissolved: Rev. Israel Gonzales (191/Santa Maria)

Pastoral relationship established: Rev. Israel Gonzales (193/Orcutt)

Teaching Elders removed from rolls: Rev. Ramon Cisneros-Ruelas (G-2.0507 at his own request, effective 11/10/11)

SUMMARY OF CHURCH CHANGES:

Santa Maria Presbyterian Church

Final worship service January 29, 2012

Effective date of dissolution January 31, 2012

RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL PRESENT: Bev Ford, Frank Matthews, Jim Stueck

ALL OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Aguillon (Santa Maria); Richard Armstrong (Ventura Community); Paul Davidson (Lompoc); Phyllis Grey (Ventura Community); Tina Hamous (Moorpark); Sandi Hartley (Ventura Community); Betty Johnson (Santa Ynez); Diane Kirkpatrick (SB First); Lee Kirkpatrick (SB First); Rosalie Matthews (Orcutt); Jim McClurkin (Ventura Community); Lindy Moore (SB St. Andrew's); Noni Patchell (SB First); Margaret Wielenga (Santa Maria); Jeff Working (SB El Montecito); Norma Zuber (Community Ventura)

PRESBYTERY STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Jan Armstrong, Executive Presbyter; Ruling Elder Michelle Holmes, Stated Clerk; Ruling Elder Mary Curtis, Registrar; Marina Kookootsedes, Financial Associate

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Clayton Cobb (Presbytery of the Pacific); Rev. Greg Hughes (Presbytery of the Pacific); Rev. Jon Wilson (Presbytery of San Fernando)

NEW RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS and visitors were welcomed to the presbytery. First-time ruling elder commissioners were hosted in the Newcomers' Lounge prior to the meeting by Executive Presbyter Rev. Jan Armstrong.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR was granted to all Corresponding Members, members of presbytery committees, all presenters, and to Inquirers and Candidates under Care.

AGENDA, the revised agenda was adopted by the presbytery.

CONSENT AGENDA **It was moved, seconded and carried** to adopt the Consent Agenda.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK (Consent Agenda) The Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk

1. Recommends approval of the minutes of the 431st stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara held on November 1, 2011.
2. Recommends the presbytery adopt the **GUIDELINES CONSIDERING AND VOTING ON THE PROPOSED OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** to be followed during discussion and debate on proposed overtures to the General Assembly (see page 7 of these minutes).
3. Reports that the presbytery's Administrative Commission to dissolve the **Santa Maria Presbyterian Church** approved an effective date of January 31, 2012. A final worship service was held January 29, 2012.
4. Reports the reception of **Rev. Dan Newhall** by the Presbytery of the Pacific effective November 8, 2011.
5. Reports the dismissal of **Rev. John McEntyre** and his reception by Presbytery of San Francisco effective November 9, 2011. John is serving as pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in San Francisco.
6. Reports that **Rev. Szu-Hsing Mao** was granted permission to labor within the bounds of Presbytery of San Gabriel from November 8, 2011 to November 7, 2012, while he serves as Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church (ECLA) in Monterey Park. Rev. Mao is laboring outside the ecclesiastical bounds of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
7. Reports the reception of **Rev. Kristy LaBarge Kliever** and **Rev. Jonathan LaBarge Kliever** by the Presbytery of San Fernando, effective October 15, 2011. They are serving as co-pastors at Canoga Park Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of San Fernando.
8. Reports that Candidate under Care **Chris Thomas** (El Montecito), began work at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Michigan as Associate Pastor beginning 11/1/11 and was ordained by the Presbytery of Detroit on January 29, 2012.
9. Reports the resignation of **Erinn Copeland** (class of 2014) from the Church in the World Committee, effective 11/7/11.
10. Reports that the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii met on November 4-5, 2011 and voted to concur with the request to transfer Malibu Presbyterian Church from the

Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. The synod has sent an overture to the Mid-Council (MGB) Administrative Commission of the General Assembly and it will be considered at their meeting in February.

11. The Stated Clerk recommends the Presbytery of Santa Barbara concur with the overture from the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii with regard to the transfer of the Malibu Presbyterian Church from the Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara.
12. Recommends the addition of item #12 to the presbytery's *Policy for the use of employee-owned vehicles or rental vehicles for business*:
 12. It is illegal to write, send or read text-based communications on an electronic wireless communications device such as a cell phone or to use a handheld wireless telephone while driving a motor vehicle. Electronic wireless communications devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, pagers, PDAs and laptop, notebook or tablet computers. Employees who use hands-free phones must keep business conversations brief while driving and must stop the vehicle and park in a proper parking area if the conversation becomes involved, traffic is heavy or road conditions are poor. Employees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara must obey this and all provisions of the California Vehicle Code.
13. The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery assign those responsibilities shown in G-3.0307 to the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as they apply:

G-3.0307 Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Teaching Elders and Congregations

Presbyteries shall be open at all times to communication regarding the life and ministry of their congregations.

Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor and counselor to teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient.

Each presbytery shall develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to guide, nurture and oversee the process of preparing to become a teaching elder.

To facilitate the presbytery's oversight of inquirers and candidates, reception and oversight of teaching elder members, approval of calls for pastoral services and invitations for temporary pastoral services, oversight of congregations without pastors, dissolution of relationships, dismissal of members, and its close relationship with both member congregations and teaching elders, it may delegate its authority to designated entities within the presbytery. Such entities shall be composed of ruling elders and teaching elders in approximately equal numbers, bearing in mind the principles of unity in diversity in F-1.0403. All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the presbytery at its next regular meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Consent Agenda)

1. The Treasurer recommends presbytery approve the **Independent Auditor's Report of 2010 Financial Records**, prepared by Sterling Ellsworth, CPA on November 28, 2011 (Attachment 1).

Page 1 *Independent Auditor's Report* is the standard three paragraphs: this is a clean audit report with an unqualified opinion by our auditor. If there were any significant findings, there would be a fourth paragraph.

- Page 2 *Statement of Financial Position* is the 12/31/10 snapshot of our balance sheet. Since land is shown at cost, total assets of almost \$9.9 million is significantly understated. *Mortgages Payable* is our actual debt as of 12/31/10. (Almost \$4.5 million of that is the Wells Fargo loan on our student housing in San Luis Obispo which is now held by the University Ministry Board (the new corporation); this loan and corresponding asset and equity accounts were removed from the presbytery's balance sheet at the end of 2011.) Our equity position (net assets) shows a positive net worth. This *Statement* is merely our 12/31/10 balance sheet in a condensed form.
- Page 3 *Statement of Activities* is our Revenue and Expense comparison; principal payments on loans are not expensed so the bottom line differs slightly from our internal statements.
- Page 4 *Statement of Cash Flows* reconciles the beginning and the end of the year, and shows the flows of cash in and out; this statement is not as useful as the previous page. *Proceeds from mortgages and credit lines* shows new money that the presbytery borrowed, primarily for completion of the student housing.
- Pages 5-6 These notes summarize the presbytery's financial involvement and the terms of our mortgages payable.

2. The Treasurer recommends presbytery receive the unaudited draft Revenue Over Expense Statement for the period ending 12/31/11, and approve the allocation of net income over revenue to presbytery's Undesignated Reserve account #3800:

Budgeted presbytery income

Item Description	Budgeted	Actual YTD	% YTD
2010 Ministry Share	401,500	407,847	101.6%
Synod Stimulus Grant	50,000	39,997	80.0%
Other Income	2,000	12,394	619.7%
Interest Income	500	565	112.9%
Total income	\$454,000	\$460,803	101.5%

Budgeted presbytery expense

Item Description	Budgeted	Actual YTD	% YTD
Presbytery Operations	32,450	38,063	117.3%
Staff Expense	276,050	284,475	103.1%
Ministry Committees (mandated)	2,250	701	31.1%
Church Loans/Debt Service	76,807	75,934	98.9%
Church Mission/Ministry Grants	63,444	51,000	80.4%
Ministry Committees	1,500	1,502	100.1%
Total expense	\$452,500	\$451,675	99.8%

NET INCOME OVER EXPENSE \$ 1,501 \$ 9,128

PROPOSED MOTION REGARDING APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TASK FORCE A motion was presented to replace the presbytery's current Appropriate Response Task Force with a **Creative Response Task Force** to study and discuss the Mid-Councils Commission's recommendations concerning non-geographic presbyteries, the current overtures from the session of Ventura Community Church, and other related issues concerning the health of the church. The motion was defeated (counted vote 26 YES, 55 NO).

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER Rev. Armstrong reported that the Wells Fargo loan had closed for permanent financing for our Campus Ministry project at Cal Poly (Casa Veranda). He also reported on IMPACT's expanded mission trips this year to Albania, Brazil, China, Honduras, Romania, Turkey, Uganda and the Ukraine, and on IMPACT's interns currently in Haiti. He then introduced **Marina Kookootsedes** who will be serving the presbytery in three areas: as Financial Associate in the presbytery office, Impact and at Casa Veranda.

He then introduced **Rev. Clayton Cobb**, our regional representative from the Board of Pensions. Rev. Cobb served the last 17 years at St. Peter's By the Sea in Rancho Palos Verdes and is serving the Board of Pensions following Rev. Art Mills who has retired. Rev. Cobb will serve in the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii and the Synod of the Southwest. He reminded the presbytery of the tremendous preventative health care opportunities available through the Board of Pensions, and that all members have access to information about their retirement benefits through Benefits Connect on the Board of Pensions' website.

Rev. Cobb also announced a **luncheon for retired teaching elders** in our presbytery: Thursday April 26 (11:45am-1:45pm) at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. Invitations will go out mid-March.

REPORT FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRESBYTERIANS ORLANDO MEETING AND PRESENTATION ON UNION PRESBYTERY

Executive Presbyter Armstrong, briefed the presbytery on the January 19 meeting in Orlando and the presbytery heard a presentation on how the Fellowship of Presbyterians relates to the PCUSA, and how the boundaries of a Union Presbytery would include both the PC(USA) and the new denomination, the Evangelical Covenantal Order (ECO).

He reviewed the current state of our presbytery, with four congregations examining their relationship with the PC(USA), two of which have indicated they want to leave. Six congregations (including those four) are willing to look at creative options for the future, in order to stay with the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. The question is: how to live united and allow for real differentiated diversity?

We are a small presbytery, but our mission and our connection with one another are very strong. Our Mission Conference, IMPACT, Lay Leader Training all have a significant impact on our life together. Rev. Armstrong outlined several choices: one consideration is to become a Union Presbytery (G-5.05); another possibility is to affiliate with the Fellowship of Presbyterians within the PC(USA) – presbyteries and congregations can do this now. Presbytery Council will meet on March 12 to discuss possible plans for the future.

His hope is that we can find a way to stay together, but it will take work. As presbyteries lose churches and presbyteries themselves face the possibility of closing, there may be a way Santa Barbara can welcome those churches that no longer have a geographical presbytery.

Regarding becoming a Union Presbytery, with the new Book of Order G-5.05 the door is open for presbyteries to relate to bodies outside the denomination. If we were to become a Union Presbytery, the churches within our bounds who are seriously considering leaving may be happy to stay. We will soon have a document to share with the churches, for formal consideration by the presbytery at a special called meeting, most likely in June.

OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In the Consent Agenda, the presbytery adopted the following **GUIDELINES FOR CONSIDERING AND VOTING ON THE PROPOSED OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**:

Preliminary information:

- Robert's Rules of Order shall be operative for the presbytery meetings.
- As in previous years, we will have worship prior to voting on the proposed overtures.
- The presbytery will be urged to remember that this process is a part of the privilege we have as Presbyterians to look at and change our constitution.
- We will allow a specific amount of time for each of these six proposed overtures (15 minutes each). If we exhaust that amount of time on any one overture, the moderator will entertain a motion to extend

or end debate. All six of these overtures propose changes to the Book of Order, therefore we must act on them at this presbytery meeting in order to meet the 120-day deadline of March 2, 2012.

- Included in the packet of information for presbytery commissioners is a copy of the front page of *“Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement.”*
- There is no longer a provision in the Book of Order for *Corresponding Members* (“teaching or ruling elders in good standing in other governing bodies of this church or in any other Christian church, who are present at any meeting of the presbytery”). We have, however, always welcomed these people to our presbytery meetings, and given them voice but no vote. Since this has been our normal practice, individuals the presbytery designates as Corresponding Members will be allowed to speak to all matters coming before the presbytery at the meetings.
- We will follow these **guidelines** for the debate and vote:
 - (a) We will alternate speakers, pro and con.
 - (b) Persons who speak shall identify themselves by giving their name and church or relationship to the presbytery.
 - (c) No one person may speak for more than two (2) minutes; speakers will alternate pro and con; no one may speak twice until all have had an opportunity to speak once.
 - (d) During the debate, speakers will address the moderator and speak to the proposed overture.
 - (e) It is inappropriate to applaud.
 - (f) Committee members are routinely granted privilege of the floor and therefore may speak at the meetings. They may not vote.
 - (g) Meeting attendance shall be totaled prior to voting.
 - (h) For a ballot vote, we will use blank paper for ballots.
 - (i) At the end of our debate, the moderator will call for a voice vote on the proposed overture unless a paper ballot is requested (anyone may request a paper ballot). It will require a majority of affirmative votes for the overture to pass: a majority is more than half the votes cast

Moderator Bridgeman presented six overtures from Community Presbyterian Church in Ventura. The overtures had been previously distributed to church sessions on January 18 (upon receipt from the church) and were included in the packet for this meeting. The Moderator also advised the presbytery that there was a correction to the text of Overture G-2.0804 and additional rationale for Overture G-4.0203 – both were included in the materials distributed during registration. Moderator Bridgeman also summarized the guidelines adopted in the Consent Agenda. Following discussion,

The following overtures to the 220th General Assembly (2012) were approved by the presbytery, and will be forwarded to the Office of the General Assembly:

- Overture amending G-2.01 (passed, by voice vote)
- Overture amending G-2.0804 (passed, by voice vote)
- Overture amending G-3.0301d (passed, by voice vote)
- Overture amending G-4.0203 (passed as amended, by voice vote)
- Overture amending G-5.0401 (passed, by voice vote)
- Overture amending G-5.05a (passed by voice vote)

(Overtures approved by the presbytery and submitted to the Office of the General Assembly are shown in Attachment 2.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator reminded the presbytery of the upcoming **Clergy Retreat** at La Casa de Maria February 26 – February 28, 2012. (Subsequent note: the retreat was cancelled due to insufficient registrations.)

Rev. Mark Patterson announced a **regional Alpha leadership event on March 17** at Community Presbyterian Church, Ventura. A flyer was available for the upcoming Alpha Course at the church.

Rev. Andrew Rock spoke about the proposed **ConneXions Training** for the presbytery in the Fall, equipping pastors to effectively disciple their staff, ruling elders and deacons. Rev. Tim Fearer and Rev. Jarrett Johnson will be involved. More information will be available at the May presbytery meeting.

Kirk Gilbert reported on the successful **Mission Conference** held at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara on January 20-21. Mr. Gilbert highlighted this year's focus on youth with Friday night worship (with over 200 in attendance) featuring the Theater 3 praise team from Highlands Church. Hunter Farrell, PC(USA) World Mission was quoted as saying "A remarkable Missions Conference, phenomenal results!" He suggested the conference be featured in the denomination's publication *Presbyterian World Mission*. Ten workshops were offered and over 300 people attended the conference. The 11th annual conference will be held January 25-26, 2013 and the planning team welcomes input from our churches.

Noni Patchell and Mary Marsh invited the presbytery to attend the **Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering**, Saturday March 24 at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. The gathering is 9:30am to 2:30pm and lunch will be served (cost \$10 includes lunch). Child care is available. Contact information was provided. The day will include a program by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance "Bearers of Hope," guest speakers Rev. Suzanne Malloy and Kate Wiebe. Rev. Anne Shelton will lead worship. The day will also include workshops and fellowship. All are invited (men too) and child care will be provided.

Dana and Brandi Bates of New Horizons Foundation were not able to be present, and Rev. Erik Wiebe reported on their behalf on their ministry in Romania: **VIATA Youth Camps/Ropes Courses and Impact/New Horizons Clubs in Romania**. This program works with youth to help them become problem solvers:

Dana and his wife, Brandi, have been serving in Romania since 1999. VIATA serves over 500 youth each summer, and the Impact clubs reinforce the VIATA experience after the summer. Youth are taught to act out the principle of loving ones' neighbors by becoming community problem solvers. Youth see Christian service as authentic and are drawn to deeper faith in Christ as a result of participating in projects that improve their communities. Dana and Brandi have developed a three-year curriculum to help leaders guide Impact clubs. Each club meeting includes team building, Bible study, and service project planning. Learning how to manage projects is not taught in Romanian schools. The initial curriculum is written in Romanian, but translation into English and Spanish has begun with a group from Gordon College. Today there are 150 Impact Clubs in Romania. The clubs are not self-sustainable and a major contributor dropped out after the clubs were established. Dana and Brandi did not think the clubs should be disbanded so they incurred a deficit of \$100,000 to keep them going. An individual in Santa Ynez has offered to match up to \$50,000 in contributions from others. The Church in The World Committee voted unanimously to urge individuals and churches in the Santa Barbara Presbytery to help meet the \$50,000 challenge.

Rev. Jeff Holland introduced **Tony Biasell**, Director of **Calvin Crest** who spoke about the programs and facilities at the camp and invited our churches into partnership with Calvin

Crest. The camp emphasizes helping youth develop a deep, long-lasting relationship with Jesus Christ, with particular outreach to youth from low-income communities.

Ruling Elder Mickey Stueck assumed the chair as Moderator.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO THE 221st GENERAL ASSEMBLY (June 14-21, 2014)

Moderator Stueck reported that two nominations had been received for **Teaching Elder Commissioner to the 2014 General Assembly**: Rev Suzanne Malloy and Rev. Jeff Bridgeman. Both answered the questions specified in the presbytery's Standing Rule 11.20E and those responses were included in the materials for the meeting. There were no further nominations and no questions for the candidates. Voting was by written ballot.

The presbytery voted to elect **Rev. Jeff Bridgeman** as Teaching Elder Commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly.

Moderator Stueck reported that Ruling Elder Joan Johnson (Moorpark) was nominated for **Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 2014 General Assembly**. There were no further nominations.

It was moved, seconded and carried to set aside Standing Rule 11.30C pertaining to "election by secret ballot" and to proceed to elect by voice vote.

The presbytery voted to elect **Ruling Elder Joan Johnson** as Elder Commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly.

As there were no nominations for Youth Advisory Delegate to the 2012 General Assembly,

The presbytery voted to authorize Presbytery Council to approve the selection of a Youth Advisory Delegate to the 2012 General Assembly.

The presbytery voted to elect **Ruling Elder Joan Johnson** as Ruling Elder Commissioners to the 2014 General Assembly.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

The Committee on Ministry met on January 12, 2012 and

1. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between **Rev. Israel Gonzales** and Santa Maria Presbyterian Church, effective January 31, 2012.
2. Approved the job description and terms of call for **Rev. Israel Gonzales** to serve as Designated Associate Pastor at Orcutt Presbyterian Church, effective February 1, 2012.
3. Reports that **Rev. Ramon Cisneros-Ruelas** has been removed from the presbytery's rolls at his own request, per G-2.0507, effective 11/10/11.
4. Recommends the presbytery approve the **Classification of Clergy for 2012**, including the validation of at-large teaching elders members (Attachment 3).

Chair Rev. Jeff Holland reported that on November 1, 2011 the presbytery granted Rev. Randy Working to labor within our bounds as Designated Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Lompoc. Rev. Working had previously served in our presbytery from 2005-08 at the Santa Paula church and is currently a member in good standing in the Presbytery of Western Reserve, the Committee on Ministry met with him on February 9, 2012 and approved him for membership in our presbytery. Rev. Working spoke briefly about his background in ministry and read his Statement of Faith; he responded to questions from the floor and was excused from the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll **Rev. Randy Working** as an active member of presbytery pending his dismissal from the Presbytery of Western Reserve.

The following **terms of call** for Rev. Working were approved by the Committee on Ministry: Salary \$35,000; Housing \$20,000; Professional Expenses \$3,000 and full participation in the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan, PC(USA).

Rev. Working returned to the room and reaffirmed his ordination vows. Members of the Lompoc church came forward and Rev. Holland offered prayer for Rev. Working and the church.

ADJOURNMENT With completion of the business of the day and with prayer by the Moderator, the presbytery adjourned at 3:00pm. The next stated meeting is Saturday, May 5, 2012 (9:30am) at First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo.

ATTEST:

Michelle Holmes, Stated Clerk

Attachment 1 – Independent Auditor’s Report of 2010 Financial Records

Attachment 2 – Overtures to the 220th General Assembly (2012) approved by the presbytery

Attachment 3 – Classification of Clergy for 2012