

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

The 436th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on February 9, 2013 at 9:36 am at Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church, Solvang, California by Moderator Rev. Jeff Bridgeman who opened in prayer. A quorum was present.

WELCOME to the church was extended by host pastor Rev. Rick Murray.

ROLL was taken by card, 118 persons indicated attendance with 100 registered voters: 58 ruling elders, 38 teaching elders, 3 Presbytery Council members and the Stated Clerk). (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, formerly Commissioned Lay Pastors.)

CHURCHES/TEACHING ELDERS

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Camarillo, Taiwanese-American
(see note pg 3)

(1) Wesley Chen

Camarillo, Trinity
Jerome Cooper (101)
Jeff Kempton (103)

(3) Bill Cashdollar
Paige Wolf
Charles Yaeger

Cambria, Community
Tracy Vining (101)
A Chris Milbrath, CRE (107)

(3) Kathie Decker
Julia Rice

Carpinteria Community
Jarrett Johnson (101)

(1) Alice Chaffee

Goleta
Deborah Kehle (101)
A Jeannie Cavender, CRE (107)

(2) Jean Blois
Jim Friestad

Grover Beach, First
A Andrew Rock (101)

(1)

Lompoc, First
Randy Working (191)

(2) Diane Aldridge
Lew Aldridge

Los Alamos, Cottonwood
Warren Einolander (101)

(1) Jim Gravitt

Malibu
Greg Hughes (101)
Michael Mudgett (103)

(3) Phil Dunn
Bob Kaufman
Dave Stowell

Moorpark
David A. Wilkinson (101)
Janet Loughry (108)
A Daryl Fisher-Ogden* (797)
Emil Blattner, CRE (107)

(4) Brenda Kermod
James Stueck
Mickey Stueck

Morro Bay
Dale Paulsen (101)

(2) Ron Mullisen
Hank Wollman

Newbury Park, Monte Vista
Tom Stephen (101)
A Carol Benson, CRE (107)

(2) Ken Coscarlli
Howard Johnson

Nipomo, Community
A Eugenia Gamble (101)

(2) Kristy Clark
Peter Stonehewer

Ojai

- Jeff Holland (101)
- A David Berge (103)
- A Scott Beck* (797)
- Art Beals* (299)
- A Tamara Holland* (797)

(3) Ruric Nye

Orcutt

- A Bruce Lethbridge (101)
- A Israel Gonzales (193)
- Garry Grant, CRE (107)

(3) Mike Aguillon
Sue Jahnke
Mark McGilvray

Oxnard, First

- A Ted Brandt (101)

(3) Tok-Sun Herron-Simpson

Oxnard, Word of Life

- A Ron Urzua (191)
- A Jesse Rodriguez, CRE (107)

(1)

Paso Robles, Highlands NCD

(vacant)

Pismo Beach, Community

- A Robert Crouch (101)

(1)

Port Hueneme, Westminster

Dan Birchfield (101)

(2) Kim Foster
Michele Southerland

San Luis Obispo, First

- A Dale E. Ridenour (105, 299)

(4) Mary Blythe
Bob Gordon

Santa Barbara, El Montecito

Jeff Bridgeman (105)
Jay Shirley (193)

(3) Carl Perry
Bob Phinney
Jim Watson

Santa Barbara, First

- Peter Buehler (101)
- A Judith Muller (103)
- A Erik Wiebe (103)
- A Anne Shelton (108)
- A Gordon Hess* (299)
- A Charles Curtis, CRE (107)

(3) Doug DuCharme
Jim Kregger
Tamara Skov

Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's

Brett Becker (101)

- A Edwin Aspinwall (299)
- A Harold Englund (299)

(3) Jackie Parker
Sandy Thoits
Mona Wise

Santa Paula, First

- A Ron Urzua (191)
- A Bob Ramos, CRE (107)

(1) Penny Carlson

Simi Valley, StoneBridge

- A Jeff Cheadle (101)
- A Jonathan Lusche (103)

(6) Wes Shipway

Solvang, Santa Ynez Valley

Rick Murray (105)
Glenn Beede, CRE (107)

(3) Joe Gonzalez
Frank Mueller
Amy Tagles

Summerland

- A Barton Tarman (108)
- A Peter Bie, CRE (107)

(1) Bob Davies

Templeton, First

Charlie Little (101)

(1) John Doughty

Thousand Oaks, Emmanuel

Stuart Bond (101)
Dana P. Shaw (103)

(4) Jeff Ferrara

Ventura, Community

Mark Patterson (101)
E. Wayne Kempton (108)
Kent Meads (108, 299)
A Marsha Martin* (797)

(5) Richard Armstrong
Sandi Hartley
Curtis Hopkins
Jim McClurkin
Laura Smith

Ventura, Orchard

Matthew Hoyt (191)
A Aahmes Overton* (299)

(3) Lyle Barnett
Bob Beamer
Tom Spears

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 Robert Coppock (299)
A Jeff Cotter (299)
A Varre Cummins (797)
A Valerie De La Torre (797)
A Keith E. Edwards (797)
A Thomas E. Ellis (299)
A Tim Fearer (403)
A Julia Fogg (797)
A Charles C. Griffin (299)

A Luanne Griguoli (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)
A Suzanne Malloy (701)
A Szu-Hsing Mao (501)
A Ann Martel (299)
Jill Martinez (797)
A Michael McKim (797)
A Kristina McKinlay (299)
A Byung Min (797)
A Fred Morgan (299)
A Zefjan Nikolla (791)

A Jim Nielsen (299)
A Robert Ohman (299)
A Judy Rarick (299)
A Walter K. Robie (299)
Mark C. Smith (501)
A John Springer (299)
A Daniel Stevens (299)
Alan G. Stones (299)
A Warren Studer (299)
Jessica Vaughan Lower (797)
A Richard E. Wardlaw (299)
A Robert Wedaa (299)
A Robert Whitaker (299)
Jon Wilson (299)
A Jim Witty (791)
A Kenneth C. Working (299,309)
A 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):

Approved for membership: Rev. Sean Martin (Kendall Presbytery), Organizing Pastor, Highlands Church, Paso Robles, effective 3/1/13

Approved for ordination: Joel Drenckpohl (Campus Pastor and Director, Front Porch Campus Ministry); to be ordained by Presbytery of San Fernando

Commissioned Ruling Elders approved: Dave Anderson (Thousand Oaks)

RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL PRESENT: Bev Ford, Garry Grant, Larry Lindsay, Michael Wesner

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

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Mickie Choi, Presbytery of Riverside (Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program); Rev. Sean Martin, Presbytery of Kendall

ALL OTHERS PRESENT: Bill Anders (Orcutt); Dave Anderson (Thousand Oaks); Bill Bartlett (Grover Beach); Cherie Bonazzola (Solvang); Alan Cooper (Solvang); Doreen Deppler (Paso Robles); Joel pohl (Presbytery of San Fernando); Cindy Fratto (Paso Robles); Tina Hamous (Moorpark); Nita Hanson (Founder, God's Hidden Treasures); Monty Rice (Cambria); John Richards (Orcutt); Jennifer Sarmiento (Paso Robles); Berna Sutter (SB St. Andrew's); Ben Swan (Paso Robles)

NEW RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS and visitors were welcomed to the presbytery.

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

AGENDA, the 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)

1. Recommends the approval of the minutes of the 435th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara held on October 30, 2012.
2. Reports the resignation of **Ruling Elder Nan Allen** from the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2013.
3. Reports the resignation of **Ruling Elder Robert Farrow** from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2014.
4. Reports the installation of **Ruling Elder James Stueck** (Moorpark) as Moderator of the Synod of Southern California & Hawaii on November 3, 2012.
5. In the matter of *Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara, et al, Complainants, vs. The Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Respondents (Case Number 2012-3)*, reports that the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission ordered that the SPJC's decision and order to the presbytery be reported to the presbytery, and the full decision and order entered in the minutes of the meeting. Accordingly, the *RATIONALE & FINDINGS* in Case Number 2012-3 was distributed to those attending the meeting and is attached to these minutes (Attachment 1). In addition, an excerpt of these minutes showing full entry of the decision and order will be sent to the Stated Clerk of the Synod.
6. Reports that **Rev. Szu-Hsing Mao** was granted permission to labor within the bounds of Presbytery of San Gabriel from November 7, 2012 to November 7, 2013, while he serves as Pastor at Christ Lutheran Church (ECLA) in Monterey Park. (Presbytery of San Gabriel concurred on 11/13/12.) Rev. Mao is laboring outside the ecclesiastical bounds of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
7. Reports that **Rev. Tim Fearer** is temporarily residing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos.
8. On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports that **Jennifer Warren Hauser** withdrew as a Candidate 9/12/12.
9. On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports that **Bayard Taylor** withdrew as an Inquirer, effective November 2010.
10. Reports that **Cynthia Purvis** was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on November 4, 2012 at StoneBridge Community Church, Simi Valley. The ordination commission consisted of Rev. Jeff Cheadle, Rev. Dave Wilkinson, Rev. Dave Berge, Rev. Janet Loughry, Elder Scott Hunter (StoneBridge), Rev. Jan Armstrong, Commissioned Ruling Elder Em Blattner, Rev. Dana Shaw and Rev. Jonathan Lusche and is dismissed.
11. On behalf of Presbytery Council, reports that the presbytery applied for and received a grant from Presbyterian World Mission Fund 70047 to be used to provide training for the teaching and preaching of the Bible in the western synods of the PC(USA). This grant has been used to support the presbytery's 2013 Mission Conference to provide speaker fees, videography and promotional materials, and scholarship assistance to pastors attending Rodger Nishioka's workshop at the conference "Teaching the Bible for Transformation: What Does the Bible Say About Mission." Scholarship assistance included registration fees, housing, meals and travel for pastors.

12. Recommends that the Minute Books and Registers of the Orcutt Presbyterian Church (2011), St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (2011) and Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, Newbury Park (2011) be approved, with any comments or exceptions noted reported directly to the church. Any comments and exceptions noted during the review are reported directly to the church; the presbytery office is working with all church sessions to correct any delinquencies.
13. Recommends that the requirement for review of the Minute Books and Registers for the following churches be waived, upon request of the session of each church: Community Presbyterian Church, Pismo Beach (2007); Cottonwood Community Church, Los Alamos (2004-2009); First Presbyterian Church, Grover Beach for the years (2008-2012).
14. Reports that Presbytery Council and the Stated Clerk have received letters from the sessions at the following churches, indicating their intention to seek dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and requesting the process begin (date of session action is shown): Community Presbyterian Church, Ventura (11/26/12); Trinity Presbyterian Church, Camarillo (11/27/12); Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Thousand Oaks (12/4/12); Cottonwood Community Fellowship, Los Alamos (12/16/12); and Orchard Community Church, Ventura (1/14/13).
15. The Stated Clerk recommends that presbytery approve the following method of **correcting the imbalance of ruling elder commissioners to teaching elders** of the presbytery, based on Section 2.10 of the Standing Rules of the presbytery and G-3.0301 of the *Book of Order*, with a goal of numerical parity of teaching elders and ruling elders:

2.10 The members of the presbytery shall be all teaching elders duly enrolled, and when presbytery meets, each church shall be represented by a ruling elder commissioned by the session with the following additional provisions:

A. Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:

501 - 1000	2 ruling elders	1501 - 2000	4 ruling elders
1001 - 1500	3 ruling elders	2001 - +	5 ruling elders

B. Annually, the Stated Clerk of the presbytery shall ascertain the number of resident teaching elders who are members of presbytery and the number of ruling elders which the churches are entitled to send as commissioners to presbytery meetings. When the number of teaching elders is larger, the Stated Clerk shall bring the imbalance to the attention of the presbytery at its first meeting of the year. The presbytery shall redress the imbalance by either inviting sessions of particular churches to elect additional ruling elder commissioners, enrolling ruling elder members of committees or both after consideration of 2.10C, with special attention to the concerns of G-3.0103.

C. Each ruling elder elected Moderator shall be enrolled as a member of the presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session. Each ruling elder elected an officer (other than Moderator), a chairperson of a standing committee, or a member of Presbytery Council shall be enrolled as a member of the presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session.

As of December 31, 2012 there were 106 teaching elder members of presbytery, of which ninety-four (94) are resident, active or at-large. The purpose of redressing the balance is to potentially have an equal number of teaching and ruling elders in attendance.

Churches of the presbytery are entitled to thirty-two (32) ruling elder commissioners according to the membership rolls. There are five (5) ruling elder members enrolled as members of presbytery as required above (2.10C). There are twelve (12) Commissioned Ruling Elders (Lay Pastors) who are entitled to vote at meetings of the presbytery; for purposes of parity, such votes are counted as an elder commissioner.

RECOMMENDATION: That presbytery balance the representation by inviting each church session to elect additional ruling elder commissioners for 2013 as follows:

- 1) For churches with membership of 150-250, one additional elder commissioner
- 2) For churches with membership of 251-400, two additional elder commissioners
- 3) For churches with membership of 400-550, three additional elder commissioners
- 4) For churches with membership of 550 and up, four additional elder commissioners

ALLOCATION OF ELDER COMMISSIONERS FOR 2013 (effective after February 9, 2013)

- A** Number of commissioners based on church membership role 12/31/11
B Additional commissioners per recommendation
C Total per church
D Ratio of members to commissioners (e.g., 1 commissioner for every 102 members (Nipomo))

		A	B	C	D
Church	Membership 12/31/11	Based on Membership Standing Rule 2.10A	Additional based on recommendation Standing Rule 2.10B	Total	Ratio
Los Alamos	20	1	0	1	20
Summerland	27	1	0	1	27
Camarillo TAPCVC	29	1	0	1	29
Oxnard Word of Life	61	1	0	1	61
Pismo Beach	67	1	0	1	67
Santa Paula	101	1	0	1	101
Grover Beach	120	1	0	1	120
Carpinteria	143	1	0	1	143
Templeton	155	1	1	2	78
Morro Bay	159	1	1	2	80
Lompoc	169	1	1	2	85
Goleta	184	1	1	2	92
Newbury Park	184	1	1	2	92
Port Hueneme	192	1	1	2	96
Nipomo	203	1	1	2	102
Cambria	204	1	1	2	102
Oxnard First	237	1	1	2	119
Ventura Orchard	281	1	2	3	94
SB St. Andrew's	289	1	2	3	96
Orcutt	294	1	2	3	98
Malibu	300	1	2	3	100
Camarillo Trinity	302	1	2	3	101
Solvang	314	1	2	3	105
SB El Montecito	383	1	2	3	128
SB First	409	1	3	4	102
Ojai	419	1	3	4	105
Ventura Community	449	1	3	4	112
Moorpark	467	1	3	4	117
Thousand Oaks	481	1	3	4	120
San Luis Obispo	489	1	3	4	122
Simi Valley	665	2	4	6	111
Subtotals	7,797	32	45	77	
Commissioned Ruling Elders				12	
Elders on Presbytery Council Standing Rule 2.10C				5	
TOTAL				94	

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Consent Agenda)

The treasurer recommends approval of the unaudited January 1 through December 31, 2012 revenue over expense statement:

	Actual YTD	2012 Budget	% of Budget
REVENUE			
1 Ministry Share Pledges (at \$70/church member)	435,954	437,000	99.8%
2 Synod Grant	0	0	
3 Other income	0	500	0%
4 Interest Income	769	500	154%
5 Hearts and Hands pledges	29,126	72,500	40%
6 Front Porch Campus Ministry support raised by the Board	72,584	49,500	147%
7 IMPACT support raised by the Board	67,405	35,500	190%
8 Total Revenue	\$605,838	\$595,500	102%
EXPENSE - OPERATIONS			
9 Presbytery Operations			
10 Office Expense	34,548	33,250	104%
11 Meeting expense	2,587	1,630	159%
12 Debt Service	14,942	25,000	60%
13 Legal Services - Remedial Complaint	16,375	0	
14 GA Commissioners	2,343	6,500	36%
15 Staff Expense			
16 Executive Presbyter	162,752	145,160	112%
17 Admin Manager/Stated Clerk	112,154	108,723	103%
18 Clerical Assistance	2,230	2,000	112%
19 Financial Associate	12,486	0	
20 Presbytery Registrar	674	430	157%
21 Payroll Taxes/Workers' Comp	12,944	10,500	123%
22 Ministry Committees (mandated)			
23 Committee Preparation for Ministry	966	1,000	97%
24 Committee on Ministry	0	500	0%
25 Subtotal Operations	375,001	334,693	112%
EXPENSE - THE VISION OF THE CHURCH IN MISSION			
26 Mandated Church Loans/Debt Service/Property Tax			
27 Grover Beach GA Loan	31,301	31,302	100%
28 Paso Robles GA Loan	40,573	40,505	100%
29 Property Taxes/License/Fees	1,352	0	
30 Church Mission/Ministry Grants (Hearts and Hands)	29,126		
31 Templeton Ministry Grant	1,125	4,500	25%
32 Word of Life Ministry Grant	0	14,500	0%
33 Paso Robles Ministry Grant (SESLOC loan)	24,000	48,000	50%
34 Nipomo Ministry Grant	3,375	4,500	75%
35 Lay Leader Training	0	6,000	0%
36 Ministry Committees			
37 Pastors' Retreat	-565	1,500	-38%
38 Church in the World Committee			
39 Front Porch Campus Ministry	90,584	69,500	130%
40 IMPACT Youth Ministry	67,405	38,500	175%
41 Missions Conference	2,000	2,000	100%
42 Subtotal Church in Mission	290,276	260,807	111%
43 TOTAL EXPENSE	\$665,278	\$595,500	112%
44 Deficit or Surplus	-59,439.13	0	

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Consent Agenda)

The Property and Finance Committee recommends the presbytery approve a modification of the loan terms of the second mortgage permanent loan commitment to the Moorpark Presbyterian Church, and approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that: The Presbytery of Santa Barbara (a “Corporation”) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) having received and reviewed the adjustment of the loan terms for Moorpark Presbyterian Church located at 13950 Peach Hill Road, Moorpark, CA, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approves the modification of loan documents and guarantees the repayment of principal and interest on the loan to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), A Corporation, in the original amount of \$350,000.00 with a current principal balance of \$152,700.87 (as of 1/28/13). The officers of the Presbytery Corporation are authorized to sign a Modification to the Guaranty Agreement, Modification to the Promissory Note and/or Modification to Deed of Trust with Assignment of Rents as additional Security for this loan as agents of the Presbytery Corporation.

Background

At the July 13, 2004 presbytery meeting, the presbytery approved a \$1.4 million loan from PILP to the Moorpark Church for construction of their new sanctuary, and agreed to act as guarantor of this loan. Additionally, PILP refinanced two of the church’s existing loans, and again the presbytery agreed to act as guarantor. The three loans were consolidated, for a total loan from PILP to the Moorpark church of \$2,798,409. Subsequent to presbytery’s action in 2004 and during the refinance process, the “consolidated loan” was reduced by PILP to \$2,221,514. Due to increased construction costs, at the September 25, 2007 presbytery meeting, a \$500,000 increase in the construction portion of the loan was approved. At that time, the principal amount was not to exceed \$2,700,000. The balance on this consolidated loan as of 11/28/12 is \$2,431,387.96.

At that time, there was a \$350,000 loan to the Moorpark church from the denomination’s Church Loan Program, subordinate to the PILP consolidated loan. This loan now holds a second mortgage position to the consolidated loan and it is this loan that is now modified to extend the term.

Total amount due \$152,700.87 (as of 1/28/13)

Interest rate: 5.0%

Modification: to extend the loan maturity date from July 25, 2019 to July 25, 2024

Monthly payments of \$1,457.22 will be adjusted at the time the modification documents are filed with the county clerk’s office

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER Executive Presbyter, Rev. Jan Armstrong, welcomed all to the first presbytery meeting of the year, and recapped the events of last year. He spoke of the presbytery’s vote on June 2, 2012 to approve a Plan of Union and the subsequent ruling by the Synod’s Permanent Judicial Commission on November 10, 2012 voiding that action. The challenge now is to move forward to re-build trust and affection for each other in order to do ministry together.

The presbytery’s **Lay Leader Training Institute** continues with monthly classes, Bonnie Boe is Dean of the program. Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, Doska Ross, taught on the Book of Order recently. Rev. Armstrong encouraged ruling elders to look at the upcoming class schedule; all classes are broadcast on WebEx so distance learning is available.

In April **IMPACT** is sending a team back to Haiti to support the work of our long-term intern; still needed is an Emergency Medical Technician to accompany several doctors and nurses going to Haiti. Other trips this year are to the Dominican Republic (June) and Brazil (August). In July, trips are planned to Turkey, Uganda, Honduras, Romania and the Ukraine.

This year, promises to be very exciting for **Front Porch Campus Ministry at Cal Poly**. The Casa Veranda project faced serious challenges as construction was completed. With the hard work of Jim Stueck, Mike Wesner, our Property and Finance Committee, and the folks in San Luis Obispo we managed to hang on, and it appears the housing project will start to generate funds for campus ministry. Today, the presbytery will meet the new campus pastor, Joel Drenckpohl and have an opportunity to examine him for ordination.

The presbytery's outreach in Moorpark, **Grow Community**, is working to establish a new missional community in the Moorpark College area, which has a population of approximately 6,000. With support from the denomination, Emil Blattner is working to build community and bring people to faith.

The presbytery's new church development in Paso Robles, **Highlands Church**, will be incorporating soon and today the presbytery will meet the new pastor, Rev. Sean Martin.

Finally, Rev. Armstrong encouraged all pastors to attend the February 13 meeting of the **Company of Pastors** at Community Ventura. Rev. Ted Brandt will be teaching on the Resurrection. Coffee is at 9:30am with worship at 10:00am; the program begins at 11:00am followed by lunch.

WORSHIP and COMMUNION Worship was led by Alan Satchwell, Worship Director at Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Rick Murray preaching. The presbytery celebrated the Lord's Supper together.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Committee chair Garry Grant presented a nomination from the committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Emil Blattner to the Church Development Committee, Class of 2015 (voice vote).

Mr. Grant then presented the Presbytery Council's nomination of Rev. Dave Wilkinson to serve on the Nominations Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Rev. Dave Wilkinson to the Nominations Committee, Class of 2014 (voice vote).

PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT AND LOAN PROGRAM Development Specialist Rev. Mickie Choi brought greetings from the program and distributed rebate checks totaling over \$23,000 to six of our churches. She reported that a total of over \$341,000 in rebates was distributed to Presbyterian churches in 2012, and since its inception, PILP has returned over \$2.5 million to participating congregations. Churches receiving rebate checks:

Receiving a 1.0% rebate: First Presbyterian Church, Grover Beach; St. Andrew's, Santa Barbara; and Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, Newbury Park

Receiving a 0.25% rebate: El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara; Moorpark Presbyterian Church; and Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church, Solvang

REPORT FROM SB MISSION CONFERENCE Rev. Jay Shirley, a member of the Mission Conference Planning Team, reported on the successful Mission Conference, held on January 25-26 at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. Over 350 people attended the two-day event. Conference Director Chuck Curtis did a marvelous job, and Rev. Tom Stephen oversaw the mission video contest. Rev. Shirley challenged the presbytery to mark January 24-25, 2014 for next year's conference: Mark Labberton and Shane Claiborne are featured speakers.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

The Committee on Ministry met on December 13, 2012 and January 10, 2013, and

1. Met with members of the Front Porch Ministry Board, Cal Poly and approved their recommendation for Campus Pastor, **Joel Drenckpohl**.
2. Approved **Rev. Dale Ridenour** as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo, effective 12/1/12.
3. Met with members of the Pastor Nominating Committee from Highlands Church, Paso Robles their approved their nomination of **Rev. Sean Martin** as Organizing Pastor.
4. Approved the renewal of **Commissioned Ruling Elder Garry Grant** (Orcutt) until 1/30/16.
5. Discussed the **Gracious Dismissal Policy** draft and Presbytery Council's pending recommendation to presbytery.
6. Voted to recommend the presbytery reinstate the **Parish Associate Guidelines**, previously approved by the presbytery January 29, 1994 (Attachment 2). [The designation Parish Associate no longer exists in the *Book of Order*; Committee on Ministry felt the nomination, approval and review process for this position is good and should be continued.]

Rev. Holland reported that Highlands New Church Development in Paso Robles, working with our Church Development Committee, has called a new pastor. **Rev. Sean M. Martin**, a member of the Presbytery of Kendall where he has been serving as Associate Pastor at Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum, Idaho, met with the Committee on Ministry on January 10, satisfactorily answered the ordination questions in writing, and presented his Statement of Faith to the committee. Jennifer Sarmiento, chair of the search team, spoke about their selection process and choice of Sean to serve as pastor at Highlands Church. Rev. Martin then read his Statement of Faith and responded to questions from the presbytery. He was excused from the room. Following discussion

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve the Call of **Rev. Sean Martin** as Organizing Pastor of Highlands Church, beginning March 1, 2013 at the following terms of Call, and that he be enrolled as an active member of the presbytery upon his dismissal from the Presbytery of Kendall:

Annual Salary	\$20,000
Annual Housing Allowance	60,000
Professional Reimbursable Expenses:	
Travel expenses	3,500
Professional expenses	4,200
Moving expenses up to	5,000
Full participation in the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan	
Vacation – 31 calendar days per year	
Continuing Education Leave – 14 calendar days per year	

Rev. Martin returned to the room and reaffirmed his ordination vows. Members of Highlands Church and the Committee on Ministry gathered around Sean and Executive Presbyter Jan Armstrong offered prayer for his ministry in Paso Robles.

Chair Jeff Holland reported that **Joel Drenckpohl**, a Candidate under Care of the Presbytery of San Fernando, has been certified ready to receive a call by that presbytery. Joel has been chosen by the search committee to serve as Campus Pastor and Director of Front Porch Campus Ministry. The Committee on Ministry met with Joel on December 13, 2012, he satisfactorily answered the ordination questions in writing, and presented his Statement of Faith to the committee. Rev. Charlie Little, a member of the search committee, spoke about their selection process and choice of Joel to serve as Campus Pastor. Mr. Drenckpohl spoke about his background in the church, read his Statement of Faith, and responded to questions from the presbytery in the area of his Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the

Sacraments and the government of this church. He was excused from the room. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried that the examination for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament of Candidate **Joel Drenckpohl** be sustained, and that upon ordination by the Presbytery of San Fernando, he be enrolled as an active member of the presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve **Joel Drenckpohl** as Director of Front Porch Campus Ministries at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo at the following terms:

Annual Salary	\$33,000
Annual Housing Allowance (following ordination)	24,000
Medical/Dental allowance	1,800
Professional Reimbursable Expenses:	
Continuing Education	1,500
Travel expenses	2,000
Professional expenses	1,500
Moving expenses up to	3,500
Full participation in the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan	
Vacation – 31 calendar days per year	
Continuing Education Leave – 14 calendar days per year	

Mr. Drenckpohl returned to the room. Members of the Campus Ministry Board, the San Luis Obispo church, and the Committee on Ministry gathered around and Rev. Charlie Little offered prayer for Joel's ministry.

Committee on Ministry member Ruric Nye then reported that Elder David Anderson has been approved by the committee to serve as a "ruling elder, commissioned to limited pastoral service" at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Thousand Oaks. The committee met with Mr. Anderson on December 10, 2012, and reviewed his Statement of Faith. Rev. Stuart Bond spoke about David's ministry at the church and Mr. Anderson read his Statement of Faith. The presbytery had an opportunity to question him in the areas of his personal faith, his motives for seeking this commission, and his educational background. He was excused from the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to commission **David Anderson** to limited pastoral service at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Thousand Oaks for a period of three years, and that he be authorized to perform the functions in G-2.1001 of the Book of Order: to moderate the session at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Thousand Oaks, to administer the Sacraments, and to officiate at marriages where permitted by state law; and that he be given voice and vote in meetings of the presbytery.

Mr. Anderson returned to the room, and responded to the questions in W-4.4003 of the Book of Order. Members of the Thousand Oaks church and the Committee on Ministry came forward and Rev. Bond offered prayer for David's ministry. David will be under the supervision of the presbytery with Rev. Stuart Bond assigned as mentor and supervisor.

UPDATE ON CAMPANILE COURT STUDENT HOUSING (BERKELEY) Property and Finance Chair Mike Wesner updated the presbytery on the Campanile Student Housing in Berkeley. On December 18, 2013 the Board of Supervisors of the Alameda County approved the issuance of bonds by the California Municipal Finance Authority in order to enable financing of the project. The developer is working with a new bank and it is anticipated escrow will close on or around March 31.

LUNCH With prayer , the presbytery adjourned for lunch at 12:03pm, to reconvene at 1:06pm. During the meal, Nita Hanson, founder of **God's Hidden Treasures** (one of the presbytery's Validated Ministries) spoke about her ministry in the Ukraine. Founded in 1997, God's Hidden Treasures is serving the needs of the disabled and orphaned in the country of Ukraine. Since that time the ministry has expanded in both scope and areas served, in response to people's needs. God's Hidden Treasures has a full time Ukrainian staff who are supported by volunteers from both Ukraine and the United States. The staff consists of: a doctor, nurse, interpreter, office staff and the wheelchair center mechanics. The program's website www.godshiddentreasures.org has more information about God's Hidden Treasures' wheelchair ministry, orphan ministry, stroke rehabilitation, Bible studies, and Mentoring and Leadership Development in this former Soviet Union country.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL Chair of Council Rev. Janet Loughry presented the Council's recommendation to adopt the document "*Policy for a Process of Reconciliation or Gracious Separation of a Congregation from the PCUSA*" as guidelines. She spoke about the presbytery's responsibility and power to dismiss congregations, in consultation with their members and spoke of the 2008 General Assembly's resolution

...indicating the will of the assembly that presbyteries and synods develop and make available to lower governing bodies and local congregations a process that exercises the responsibility and power 'to divide, dismiss, or dissolve churches in consultation with their members' with consistency, pastoral responsibility, accountability, gracious witness, openness, and transparency. *GA (2008, 49, 51, 284, Item 04-28)*

Rev. Loughry spoke of the reality facing our presbytery today, as five churches have indicated their desire to leave the denomination, and that the dismissal document gives us a preliminary structure to start working with those churches. The document has been distributed to the presbytery several times since October of 2012, with a request to our churches for comments, questions and recommendations. Comments from two churches were recently posted on the presbytery's website, as requested by the sessions at those churches. Changes were made to the document in December and again in January, with the most recent changes distributed to the presbytery for this meeting. Other comments and questions have been referred to the group that originally wrote the document. Rev. Loughry advised the presbytery that the writing group will be meeting again in a week or so to look closely at those comments and make a recommendation back to Presbytery Council. Presbytery Council now recommends the presbytery have a time of informal discussion and questions.

Moderator Bridgeman asked the writing group to come forward to answer questions of clarification. Joining the moderator were the following members of the writing group

Rev. Stuart Bond	Elder Joe Yaeger
Elder Ruric Nye	Rev. Mark Patterson
Rev. Brett Becker	Rev. Kent Meads
Elder Sandy Thoits	

Rev. Daryl Fisher Ogden was not able to be present

The moderator reminded the presbytery that this is not a time for debate, there is no two-minute limit on comments, and that goal is to hear as many voices as possible. He recommended the presbytery spend about 30 minutes on informal conversation and another 15 minutes to debate the Council's recommendation to adopt this document as guidelines.

Rev. Bridgeman reminded the presbytery that "to whom we dismiss" is not before the body today, as that conversation will take place at a later presbytery meeting. He also requested the discussion focus on three areas: the process for dismissal, finances and property. The presbytery informally discussed the document from 1:15pm to 1:45pm.

IT WAS VOTED to respond in the affirmative to the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism, by voice vote.

It is noted that, prior to the vote, the presbytery was advised that this vote included a correction to page 31: immediately before question 88 the heading “LORD’S DAY 33” is to be inserted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met on January 24, 2013 and

1. Certified Candidate under Care **James Baird** as ready to receive a Call. James was examined for ordination by the Presbytery of San Gabriel on January 29 and will be ordained on March 17 as Associate Pastor for Family and Outreach Ministries at San Marino Community Church.
2. Met with **Bill Bartlett** (First Presbyterian Church, Grover Beach) and voted to enroll him as an Inquirer.

Committee chair Rev. Alan Stones reported that at the February 5, 2011 presbytery meeting, Inquirer Tina Hamous appeared before the presbytery and was approved to move to Candidate under Care. Prior to that meeting, the committee had approved a waiver of the requirement for a Bachelor's degree: Tina had been accepted to a Master's program and she subsequently had her units from the Kings College and Seminary accepted towards an MDiv at Fuller and she is now nearing completion of her degree at Fuller. In 2011, the committee neglected to ask presbytery to approve an exception to the education requirements in G-2.0607b for a transcript showing graduation from a college or university. Accordingly, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry is requested presbytery grant that waiver.

It was moved, seconded and carried to waive the education requirement in G-2.0607b for **Tina Hamous**, and that the minutes of the February 5, 2011 presbytery meeting reflect this waiver.

ADJOURNMENT With completion of the business of the day and with prayer by the Moderator, the presbytery adjourned at 3:35pm. The next stated meeting is Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9:30am (location to be announced).

ATTEST:

Michelle Holmes, Stated Clerk

Attachments 1,3 and 4 are posted separately on the website

Attachment 1 – SPJC Rationale & Findings, Case Number 2012-3

Attachment 3 – Gracious Dismissal as amended

Attachment 4 – Draft financial guidelines

Attachments 2 and 5 follow

Attachment 2

**PRESBYTERY OF SANTA BARBARA
PARISH ASSOCIATE GUIDELINES**

1. The designation of parish associate shall be made under the supervision of the committee on ministry (“COM”) at the request of the session of a particular church, the consent of the parish associate, and the approval of the presbytery.
 - A. The nomination for parish associate shall be submitted by the pastor to and approved by the session.

The nominee is a continuing member of presbytery who:

 - Serves in some validated ministry other than the local parish; or
 - Is a member-at-large; or
 - Is retired; and
 - Wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular church or churches in keeping with ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament

The parish associate shall be responsible to the pastor, as head of staff, on an “as needed, as available” basis with or without remuneration.

Ordinarily no more than one parish associate will be related to a particular church.
 - B. The Session shall submit a written request to the COM accompanied by a Position Description for the parish associate. This position description will be in the format adopted by the presbytery for installed pastors.

Any change in the Position Description or relationship must be approved by the COM and reported to the presbytery.
 - C. No formal call shall be involved. No Terms of Call, therefore, are required.
 - D. After at least three years absence from the congregation served, a former pastor may be invited to become a Parish Associate. Both the new pastor and former pastor must consult with the Committee on Ministry prior to seeking Session approval for such arrangement – and is contingent upon Presbytery approval. (Tools of Transition, pg 37)
2. On behalf of the presbytery, the COM will review the Position Description, interview the nominee, and grant approvals. The actions of the COM will be reported to the presbytery at the next meeting of the presbytery.
3. The COM shall review the designation once each year to insure:
 - A. That the time and energy required as a parish associate will not interfere unduly with the work of the person in his or her principal function;
 - B. That installed leadership of the particular church be protected in its effective functioning;
 - C. That the parish associate continue to meet the criteria for continuing membership in the presbytery based on other than this relationship to a particular church.

To accommodate this review, the session shall submit to the COM each June a written report reflecting the session’s findings on the aforementioned terms.
4. The agreement between the session and the parish associate shall, whenever a pulpit becomes vacant, be terminated upon due notice by the session or the parish associate with the approval of the COM on behalf of the presbytery. The actions of the COM will be reported to the presbytery at the next meeting of the presbytery.

Attachment 5

Guidelines for Considering and Voting on the
Proposed Amendments to the Constitution (PC)USA
Approved by the 220th General Assembly (2012)
and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote

Preliminary information:

- We will vote on the proposed amendments beginning with the February 9, 2013 presbytery meeting.
- Robert's Rules of Order shall be operative for the presbytery meetings.
- The presbytery is urged to remember that this process is a part of the privilege we have as Presbyterians to look at and change our constitution.
- We have allowed a specific amount of time on the agenda for the proposed amendments. If we exhaust that amount of time, the moderator will entertain a motion to extend that time period, or to continue at the May 4, 2013 presbytery meeting. We must vote on all proposed amendments no later than our May 4, 2013 presbytery meeting.
- To be included in the packet of information for presbytery commissioners: a copy of the front page of "*Seeking to be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement.*"
- We will follow these **guidelines** for the debate and vote:
 - (a) It will require a majority of affirmative votes for a proposed amendment to pass. A majority will be more than half of the votes cast.
 - (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 amendment.
 - (e) It is inappropriate to applaud.
 - (f) We will follow our regular procedure for Corresponding Members. The *Book of Order* states that ministers or 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, may be invited to sit as corresponding members, with voice but no vote." Since this is our normal practice, individuals the presbytery designates as Corresponding Members will be seated and will be allowed to speak to all matters coming before the presbytery at the meetings.
 - (g) Committee members are routinely granted privilege of the floor and therefore may speak at the meetings. They may not vote.
 - (h) Meeting attendance shall be totaled prior to voting.
 - (i) For a ballot vote, we will use blank paper for ballots.

**Seeking To Be Faithful Together: Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement
Adopted by the 204th General Assembly (1992) of the PC(USA)**

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will:

1. Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ:
 - we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange;
 - we will not ask questions or make statements in a way that will intimidate or judge others.

2. Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.
3. State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.
4. Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.
5. Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence, or integrity; we will not engage in name-calling or labeling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.
6. Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.
7. Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.
8. Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension; we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.
9. Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:
 - urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;
 - seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
 - be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;
 - abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways that are consistent with these guidelines.
10. Include our disagreements in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.