

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

The 433rd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on May 5, 2012 at 9:23am at First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo, California by Moderator Rev. Janet Loughry who opened in prayer. A quorum was present.

ROLL was taken by card, 140 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) A Jeff Kempton (103)	(3) Bill Cashdollar
Cambria, Community Tracy Vining (101) Chris Milbrath, CRE (107)	(3) Tom Cochrun Erwin Ohawnesian
Carpinteria Community Jarrett Johnson (101)	(1) Becky Paulsen
Goleta Deborah Kehle (101) Jeannie Cavender, CRE (107)	(2) Don Eggebraaten, Janet Votaw
Grover Beach, First Andrew Rock (101)	(1) Gayle Davis
Lompoc, First Randy Working (105)	(2) Myron Heavin Linda Hurd
Los Alamos Warren Einolander (101)	(1) Jim Gravitt
Malibu A Greg Hughes (101) A Michael Mudgett (103)	(3)
Moorpark David A. Wilkinson (101) Janet Loughry (108) A Daryl Fisher-Ogden* (797)	(4) Christopher Bryan, Joan Johnson, Mickey Stueck, Wayne Tingley
Morro Bay Dale Paulsen (101)	(2) Elaine DuFosee, Henry Wollman
Newbury Park, Monte Vista A Tom Stephen (101) Carol Benson, CRE (107)	(2) Karl Smith
Nipomo, Community A Eugenia Gamble (101)	(2) Kristy Clark

Ojai	(3)	Sylvia Narula
A Jeff Holland (101)		
A David Berge (103)		
A Scott Beck* (797)		
A Art Beals* (299)		
A Tamara Holland* (797)		
Orcutt	(3)	Bill Anders, Linda Redman
Bruce Lethbridge (101)		
Israel Gonzales (193)		
Garry Grant, CRE (107)		
Oxnard, First	(3)	Betsy Harry, Rilla Harvey
A Ted Brandt (101)		
Oxnard, Word of Life	(1)	
A Ron Urzua (191)		
A Jesse Rodriguez, CRE (107)		
Paso Robles, Highlands NCD		
A Graham Baird (301)		
Pismo Beach, Community	(1)	Susan Freer
Robert Crouch (101)		
Port Hueneme, Westminster	(2)	Cassie Sorenson, Michele Southerland
A Dan Birchfield (101)		
San Luis Obispo, First	(4)	Mary Blythe, Robert Gordon, Harry Sharp, Bob Whipps
James R. Blades (101)		
Santa Barbara, El Montecito	(3)	Carl Perry
Jeff Bridgeman (105)		
Jay Shirley (193)		
Santa Barbara, First	(3)	Doug DuCharme, Lee Kirkpatrick
Peter Buehler (101)		
Judith Muller (103)		
Erik Wiebe (103)		
A Anne Shelton (108)		
A Gordon Hess* (299)		
Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's	(3)	Lindy Moore, Sandy Thoits
Brett Becker (101)		
A Edwin Aspinwall (299)		
A Harold Englund (299)		
Santa Paula, First	(1)	Penny Carlson
A Ron Urzua (191)		
A Bob Ramos, CRE (107)		
Santa Ynez Valley	(3)	Allen Cooper, Joe Gonzalez, Steve Orosz
Rick Murray (105)		
A Glenn Beede, CRE (107)		
Simi Valley	(6)	Wes Shipway
A 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) Evan Mason
A Charlie Little (101)
- Thousand Oaks, Emmanuel** (4) David Rodewald, Mike Savin
A Stuart Bond (101)
A Dana P. Shaw (103)
- Ventura, Community** (5) Richard Armstrong, Bryon Cressy, David Fleisch,
Mark Patterson (101) Jim McClurkin, Norma Zuber
E. Wayne Kempton (108)
Kent Meads (108, 299)
- A Marsha Martin* (797)
- Ventura, Eastminster** (3) Mary Doll, Gabriel Gonzales, Barbara Morris
Matthew Hoyt (191)
A Aahmes Overton* (299)

OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

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| A Jan Armstrong (302) | A James Huang (501) | A Jim Nielsen (299) |
| A Charles Arnold (299) | A Altin Hysi (791) | A Robert Ohman (299) |
| A James Bain (299) | A Curtis Illingworth (299) | A Judy Rarick (299) |
| A David Beamer (299) | A Steve Jacobsen (797) | A Dale Ridenour (797) |
| A Dona Behmer (299) | A Kathryn Johnson (299) | A Walter K. Robie (299) |
| A Eric Bond (299) | A James Kenney (299) | Beau T. Smith (641) |
| A R. Thomas Bousman (299) | A Shona Kiilsgaard (299) | A Mark C. Smith (501) |
| A James Bultema (791) | A Jessica Vaughn Lower (797) | John Springer (299) |
| A Harold Bussell (299) | Suzanne Malloy (701) | A Daniel Stevens (299) |
| A Jeff Cotter (299) | A Szu-Hsing Mao (501) | Alan G. Stones (299) |
| Varre Cummins (797) | Ann Martel (299) | A Warren Studer (299) |
| Valerie De La Torre (797) | A Jill Martinez (797) | A Richard E. Wardlaw (299) |
| A Thomas E. Ellis (299) | A John McEntyre (797) | A Robert Wedaa (299) |
| A Tim Fearer (403) | A Michael McKim (797) | A Robert Whitaker (299) |
| A Julia Fogg (797) | A Kristina McKinlay (299) | A Jim Witty (791) |
| A Charles C. Griffin (299) | A Byung Min (797) | A Kenneth C. Working (299,309) |
| Luanne Griguoli (299) | A Fred Morgan (299) | A Marjorie Working (299) |
| A Cecil Hoffman (299) | A Daniel Newhall (299) | |
| A Diana Hopkins (299) | A Zefjan Nikolla (791) | |

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. Keith E. Edwards (797) from Presbytery of San Gabriel; Rev. Jon Wilson (299) from Presbytery of San Fernando

Teaching Elders honorably retired: Rev. Bob Coppock; Rev. Dale Ridenour

Commissioned Ruling Elders approved: Emil Blattner (Moorpark)

Inquirers moved to Candidate under Care: James Macrae Baird (Cambria); Dianna Perero (Community Ventura); Diane White (Ventura Eastminster)

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

ALL OTHERS PRESENT: Diane and Lew Aldridge (Lompoc); Jamie Baird (Cambria); Lyle Barnett (Ventura Eastminster); Emil Blattner (Moorpark); Jim and Julie Colegrove (Orcutt); Matt Elam (Newbury Park); Shirley and Larry Erickson (San Luis Obispo); Sharyl Heavin (Lompoc); Marta Helmet (Ventura Community); Marlene and Don Jeung (Pismo Beach); Jeanne Johnson (Carpinteria); Barbara Karamitsos (Orcutt); Audrey and Wally Kent (Lompoc); Marjorie Malonay (Pismo Beach); Rosalie Matthews (Orcutt); Joyce Maxwell (Thousand Oaks); Ruth McKee (Orcutt); Dianna Perero (Community Ventura); Debra and John Richards (Orcutt); Betty

Robinson (Pismo Beach); Judy Sirianni (Carpinteria); Karen Sperling (Pismo Beach); Gene Starkey (San Luis Obispo); Berna Sutter (SB St. Andrew's); Dolores B. Taylor (Ventura Eastminster); Susan Updegrove (San Luis Obispo); Stephanie Wells (Orcutt); Mike Wesner (Moorpark); Clara White (Pismo Beach); Diane White (Ventura Eastminster); Margaret Wielenga (Orcutt); Joe Yaeger (Camarillo Trinity)

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

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Keith E. Edwards (Presbytery of San Gabriel); Rev. Jon Wilson (Presbytery of San Fernando)

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, 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

1. Recommends approval of the minutes of the 432nd stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara held on February 11, 2012.
2. Reports that the **transfer of Malibu Presbyterian Church** from the Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara **was approved February 13, 2012** by the Mid-Council (MGB) Administrative Commission of the General Assembly. This approval is final and the transfer will be reported to the General Assembly meeting in Pittsburgh, June 30-July 7, 2012.
3. Reports the dismissal of **Rev. Greg Hughes** from the Presbytery of the Pacific effective 2/13/12.
4. Reports the dismissal of **Rev. Michael Mudgett** from the Presbytery of the Pacific effective 2/13/12.
5. Reports the dismissal of **Rev. Randy Working** from the Presbytery of Western Reserve effective 3/7/12.
6. Reports that Candidate under Care **Christopher Thomas** was called to serve as Associate Pastor for Family Development at First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, Michigan and started work on November 1, 2011. Chris was ordained by the Presbytery of Detroit on January 29, 2012.
7. Reports that the six overtures approved at the February 11, 2012 presbytery meeting were submitted that same day to the Office of the General Assembly and confirmation received on February 16. Five of the overtures have been numbered and titled as follows:
 - Ovt 041 On Adding **G-3.0301d** to Clarify the Right of Freedom of Conscience for Individual Congregations – from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara
 - Ovt 042 On Adding New Section **G-4.0203b** Regarding Ownership of Property – from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara
 - Ovt 043 On Amending **G-5.05a**, Joint Congregational Witness – from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara

- Ovt 044 On Amending **G-5.0401**, Conflicting Mandatory Provisions between Constitutional Standards of Union Presbyteries – from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara
- Ovt 045 On Adding **G-2.0106**, Freedom of Conscience for Councils – from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara

The above numbers are temporary designations. When the overtures are assigned an Item Number we will be notified, and thereafter the overtures will only be referred to by their Item Numbers.

The overture from our presbytery regarding amendment to **G-2.0804** is similar to Overture 036 from the Presbytery of Stockton and the Office of the General Assembly has listed the Presbytery of Santa Barbara as concurring with Overture 036.

8. Recommends the presbytery adopt the **GUIDELINES CONSIDERING AND VOTING ON THE PROPOSED OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** to be used during discussion and debate on proposed overtures to the General Assembly:
- Robert's Rules of Order shall be operative for the presbytery meetings.
 - As in previous years, we will have worship prior to voting on any 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 have allowed 15 minutes for the one overture on our agenda. If we exhaust that amount of time, the moderator will entertain a motion to extend or end debate.
 - 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.
9. Regarding **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 at presbytery meetings:

Each year, the presbytery invites church sessions to elect a certain number of ruling elder commissioners so that potentially we have an equal number of teaching elder commissioners and ruling elder commissioners at each presbytery meeting. We established that “balance” at the end of 2011 for our 2012 presbytery meetings: 90 resident, active or at-large teaching elders and 90 ruling elders potentially attending each presbytery meeting; this took effect at the February 11, 2012 presbytery meeting. (“Ruling Elders” include Commissioned Ruling Elders.) With the addition of Malibu Presbyterian Church and new teaching elder members in our presbytery, the Stated Clerk reports that she has once again reviewed this “balance.” We currently have 92 teaching elders in the presbytery, with two more to be examined at the May 5, 2012 presbytery meeting, for a total of 94 teaching elders. With the addition of Malibu Presbyterian Church’s 3 ruling elder commissioners (based on membership and our current formula), and the addition of one more Commissioned Ruling Elder, we potentially have 95 ruling elder commissioners so we remain (close enough) in balance **and no further adjustment is necessary**. The number of ruling elder commissioners per church is shown under **ROLL**, page 1 of these minutes.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Consent Agenda) The Treasurer recommends presbytery receives the unaudited draft Revenue Over Expense Statement for the period ending 4/30/12 (Attachment 1).

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON UNION PRESBYTERY PROPOSAL The meeting started with a presentation by Ruling Elder Ruric Nye, Chair of Presbytery Council. Executive Presbyter Rev. Jan Armstrong explained a diagram of the proposed Union presbytery. There was approximately 45 minutes for small group discussion, with each group reporting back on the following questions:

What elements unite us as a presbytery?

What obstacles divide us?

Is the Presbytery worth saving and, if so, how can it be saved?

A summary of those responses is included in Attachment 2. The number of small groups reporting precluded a time for open discussion as the presbytery went into the sanctuary for worship.

WORSHIP Rev. Beau Smith preached on Ephesians 4:1-13. Participating in the service were Rev. Jim Blades, Dr. Katya Gotsdiner McMahan (Organist), Graham Blyth (Organ Accompanist), Lindy Brady (Pianist), Rev. Luanne Griguoli, Rev. James Nielsen, Dr. Greg Magie (Chancel Choir Director), and Dr. Dale Wolff (Praise Choir Director). The presbytery’s IMPACT summer mission teams were commissioned during the service, by Bree Bouma, program director.

IMPACT SUMMER TEAMS

Brazil (August 4-13) (partnering with a team from Malibu Pres)

Erika Coolman, Ventura Eastminster

Donna Kacerek, Ventura Eastminster

Karen Morro, Grover Beach

Erika Tramonti, Newbury Park

Jenny Zinke, SB El Montecito

IMPACT SUMMER TEAMS (continued)

Ukraine (June 30-July 15)

Bill Crout, Templeton
Justina Del Duca, Newbury Park
Shannon Laverty, Reality SB
Marisa Macri, Newbury Park
Daniel Nelsen, Newbury Park
Melani Renz, Grace Lutheran
Andrew Tingley, Camarillo Trinity
Katie Wright, Newbury Park

China (July 24-August 11)

Gabriel Gonzales, Ventura Eastminster
Naomi Lu, Bible Fellowship
Brooke McFadden, Moorpark
Lori Sanchez (Windsor Locks, CT)
Paul Stermer, Camarillo Trinity
Julia Stermer, Camarillo Trinity
Emerson Vasquez, Simi Valley

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS Rev. Brett Becker introduced an item of new business per Standing Rule 2.28. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried to divide the motion into its three parts.

Motion #1

On April 19, 2012, the Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church mailed to the Presbytery Council and delivered to the Presbytery office a letter regarding the Council's Recommendation to form a Union Presbytery with the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. A copy of St. Andrew's Session's letter dated April 19, 2012 letter is attached to this Motion as Attachment A. St. Andrew's letter outlines numerous concerns, questions and requests for information;

St. Andrew's letter was sent in response to Council's March 20, 2012 letter requesting feedback on a proposed Plan of Union;

Nine Minister Members of the Santa Barbara Presbytery also signed St. Andrew's letter stating their agreement and support of the letter and the concerns and requests expressed. St. Andrew's has subsequently been requested by these Minister Members to be added as signors and supporters: Rev. Eric Bond, Rev. Diana Hopkins;

St. Andrew's letter was cc'd and emailed on April 19th to the Presbytery Minister Members, Commissioned Lay Pastors and Clerks of Session;

St. Andrew's Session formally requested in its letter that the letter be included in the records and the minutes of the May 5, 2012 presbytery meeting;

Since April 19, 2012, St. Andrew's has received several letters, copies of letters to Council and email correspondence expressing agreement and support of the April 19th letter. Copies of these letters and email correspondence are attached here as Attachment B;

As requested in St. Andrew's April 19th letter and in light of the receipt of additional correspondence regarding the letter concerning issues before the Presbytery today;

I move that all letters and correspondence documents in Attachment A and Attachment B to this motion be included in the records and minutes of this meeting.

Following discussion and amendment to the motion,

It was moved, seconded and carried to include all letters and all correspondence documents received in regard to the Union Presbytery proposal in the minutes of this meeting. (Attachment 3)

Motion #2

In light of the numerous concerns, questions and constitutional issues present in forming a Union Presbytery with the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians;

given that the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians does not yet exist and that essential information about the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians, its characteristics, geographic boundaries, congregations, pastors, programs and ministries are unknown;

that key issues impacting a Plan of Union, including non-geographic presbyteries, ordination standards, property issues and the Overtures sent from this Presbytery will be voted on at the 2012 General Assembly this summer (June 30 – July 7)

that forming a union presbytery will permanently change the nature of the Santa Barbara Presbytery, impact each and every congregation and teaching elder in the presbytery and should not be done in haste, but with deliberate and prayerful discernment, and open and inclusive dialogue;

I move that any vote on forming a union presbytery be postponed until the September 22, 2012 stated presbytery meeting, at the earliest.

The motion to postpone the vote on the Union proposal until the September 22, 2012 presbytery meeting failed (32 YES, 61 NO).

Motion #3

In light of the recommendation of the Mid-Councils Commission to the 2012 General Assembly to change the Book of Order to permit non-geographic, “provisional presbyteries” as part of a “designated season of reflective experimentation”;

valuing this initiative as a means of furthering the peace, unity, and purity of the church;

seeing this time in our common life as an important opportunity to come together in a creative and non-adversarial way, with the goal of preserving not only our unity but also our respect for conscience as well as the diversity of convictions held in the Presbytery;

affirming the spirit of the newly revised Book of Order whereby members of councils work together to find ways to solve problems other than amending the Constitution of the P.C. (U.S.A.);

believing that the quality of our relationships as commissioners and congregations is vital to our health as a Presbytery—and that being a truly connectional church is worth our best effort—

I move that the Moderator appoint a Task Force to study and discuss the Mid-Councils Commission’s recommendations, the overtures from the session of Ventura Community Church, and other related issues concerning the health of the church;

that this Creative Response Task Force replace the Appropriate Response Task Force;

that the task force be representative of the theological and cultural diversity of the Presbytery;

that the task force be comprised of twelve members, namely six ruling elders, half of which shall come from relatively "progressive" congregations and half of which shall come from relatively "conservative" congregations, and six teaching elders similarly representative, with an equal number of women and men, and that three of the members be of a non-Caucasian ethnic background.

that the task force regularly share its reflections, efforts, and recommendations with the Presbytery.

The motion to have the Moderator appoint a Task Force to replace the Appropriate Response Task Force and to study and discuss the Mid Councils Commission’s recommendations, the overtures from the Session at Community Presbyterian Church, Ventura and other related issues concerning the health of the church failed (25 YES, 61 NO).

LUNCH The presbytery recessed at 12:30pm for lunch prepared by the host church, and reconvened at 1:31pm. The presbytery enjoyed a musical presentation during the lunch break.

PROTEST A protest was filed by Rev. Luanne Griguoli. That protest and the Presbytery Council’s response are included as Attachment 4.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER Rev. Jan Armstrong reported that Grace Korean Presbyterian Church has relocated and is now sharing facilities with First Presbyterian Church of San Luis Obispo. Rev. Byung Min, pastor, is a member of our presbytery.

Rev. Armstrong also reported that the IMPACT team going to Brazil this summer is partnering with our newest church, Malibu Presbyterian Church, and will work with the Manaus Presbyterian Church (Igreja Presbiteriana Manaus) as they provide medical and dental services to the people of villages throughout the Amazon. The week in Brazil will mostly be spent on

boat cruising to three or four villages and supporting the Brazilian missionaries, doctors and dentists onboard. Medically-qualified team members will assist in exams and treatment while others will assist in home visits, spiritual support, house-painting and VBS activities. While IMPACT goes to support and learn, the team may also be a great source of encouragement for the full-time missionaries onboard. The Brazilian Presbyterian Church plants approximately 150 new churches each year in that country. The expectation is that after someone joins a church, after three years they will leave and plant another church.

Rev. Armstrong also reported that some of our churches are starting new initiatives, reaching “younger Presbyterians” and emerging communities. “We need to figure out how to set up our churches for the next generation.” Rev. Armstrong encouraged each of our churches to start one new initiative that will reach a group of people in their community not currently being reached.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Committee member Garry Grant presented the report. There was an opportunity for nominations from the floor.

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect those names shown in ***bold italics*** on the Nominations Committee’s report (election is effective July 1, 2012; terms end June 30 of the year shown) (Attachment 5)

[Subsequent note: At the June 2, 2012 presbytery meeting, Rev. Jeff Holland was elected to the Committee on Ministry, Class of 2015 and to serve as chair of the committee.]

OVERTURES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rev. Matt Hoyt presented an overture from the Session at Eastminster Presbyterian Church reaffirming marriage. Following discussion,

The overture to the 220th General Assembly (2012) reaffirming marriage was approved by the presbytery (voice vote), and will be forwarded to the Office of the General Assembly. (Attachment 6)

(Subsequent note: the Office of the General Assembly determined the overture to be a request for Authoritative Interpretation rather than an overture, and we missed that deadline. The overture was returned to the presbytery and will not be considered by the 220th General Assembly. It is noted that Overture 13-07 from the Presbytery of Mississippi requests an Authoritative Interpretation of W-4.9001.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry met on March 22, 2012 and voted to approve the transfer of **Inquirer Michael Morgan** from the Presbytery of the Pacific to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara. Michael is a member of Malibu Presbyterian Church and this transfer is in conjunction with the transfer of Malibu Presbyterian Church to our presbytery.
2. The committee reports it scheduled consultations in 2011 with the following candidates and inquirers (this is a reporting requirement that should have been in our 2011 presbytery minutes, this list will be included in the minutes of the November 1, 2011 presbytery meeting):

March 24, 2011	Ron Urzua Christopher Thomas	Final Assessment Final Assessment
May 5, 2011	Karl Hauser Bill Thompson	Final Assessment Annual consultation
May 26, 2011	Glen Beede Chris Milbrath	Annual consultation Annual consultation

June 23, 2011	Tyson Babayco Alan Armstrong Bayard Taylor	Advance to Candidacy Annual Consultation Annual Consultation
September 1, 2011	Matt Elam Diane White Paul Davidson	Advance to Candidacy Advance to Candidacy Annual consultation
October 27, 2011	Dianna Perero Jennifer Hauser	Advance to Candidacy Final Assessment
November 24	Jonathon LeBarge-Kliewer Kristy LeBarge-Kliewer	Annual consultation Annual consultation

Committee chair Rev. Tracy Vining presented the committee's recommendation to advance Inquirer James Macrae Baird to Candidate under Care, waiving the time requirement in G-2.0602. Jamie has been working actively in ministry since 2005, including positions at both Highlands Church in our presbytery and Fremont Presbyterian Church in the Sacramento Presbytery. He was enrolled as an Inquirer on November 1, 2011 and will graduate from Fuller Theological Seminary in December of this year. G-2.0602 requires at least two years for the inquiry and candidacy phases in preparation for ministry and at least one year as a candidate. Other than the two-year time requirement in the Book of Order, Jamie will be ready for ordination. It is this requirement that the presbytery is asked to waive.

Inquirer Baird came forward and spoke of his Christian experience and service in the church, and responded to questions with respect to his Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and his motives for seeking the ministry. He was excused from the room. The presbytery was advised a three-quarters vote was necessary to waive the time requirement. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous voice vote to waive the time requirement of G-2.0602 in the Book of Order for James Macrae Baird.

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll **James Macrae Baird** as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

James Baird returned to the room and responded affirmatively to questions asked by the Moderator regarding his sense of call and desire to be received as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Vining gave a brief charge and offered prayer as members of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry gathered around Mr. Baird.

Committee chair Rev. Vining presented Inquirer Dianna Perero to be advanced to Candidate under Care. Ms. Perero is a member of Community Presbyterian Church in Ventura and was enrolled as an Inquirer in October 2010. Ms. Perero came forward and spoke about her Christian experience and service in the church. She responded to questions with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and her motives for seeking the ministry. She was excused from the room. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll **Dianna Perero** as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Ms. Perero returned to the room and responded affirmatively to questions asked by the Moderator regarding her sense of call and desire to be received as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Vining gave a brief charge and offered prayer as members of Community Presbyterian Church and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry gathered around Ms. Perero.

Committee chair Rev. Vining presented Inquirer Diane White to be advanced to Candidate under Care. Ms. White is a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Ventura and was enrolled as an Inquirer in November 2008; she will graduate next summer from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ms. White came forward and spoke about her Christian experience and

service in the church. She responded to questions with respect to her Christian faith, forms of Christian service undertaken, and her motives for seeking the ministry. She was excused from the room. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll **Diane White** as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Ms. White returned to the room and responded affirmatively to questions asked by the Moderator regarding her sense of call and desire to be received as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Vining gave a brief charge and offered prayer as members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry gathered around Ms. White.

Chair Vining reported that the presbytery has the opportunity to elect two readers to the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee on Examinations for Candidates. The Western Region will read exams in Los Angeles October 1-3, 2012. As we have no nominations at this point, and names must be submitted before the next presbytery meeting,

It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize Presbytery Council to approve names of those readers.

[Subsequent note: Rev. Kent Meads and Rev. David Wilkinson were approved by Presbytery Council and submitted to the Presbyteries' Cooperative Committee.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

The Committee on Ministry

1. Recommends approval of the 2012 Salary Report (Attachment 7).
2. Reports that it has approved **Rev. Fred Morgan** to serve as a volunteer chaplain with the California Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

Rev. Jeff Holland, Chair, presented the committee's recommendation to enroll Rev. Jon Wilson as a member of presbytery. Rev. Wilson is an Honorably Retired member in good standing in the Presbytery of San Fernando and has been recommended for membership by the session and pastor at El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara. The Committee on Ministry met with Rev. Wilson and approved him for membership. Rev. Wilson came forward, read his Statement of Faith, and responded to questions from the presbytery. Rev. Wilson and his wife were excused from the room. Following discussion,

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll **Rev. Jon Wilson** as an Honorably Retired member of the presbytery, pending his dismissal from the Presbytery of San Fernando.

Rev. Wilson returned to the room, and reaffirmed his ordination vows. Members of El Montecito Presbyterian Church, and friends of Jon and his wife Patty gathered around, and Rev. Jeff Holland gave thanks for Jon and Patty's faithful service, and asked for God's blessing on their ministry.

Rev. Holland then presented the committee's recommendation to enroll Rev. Keith Edwards as a member of presbytery. Rev. Edwards is an at-large member in good standing in the Presbytery of San Gabriel and has been recommended for membership by the session and pastor at Orcutt Presbyterian Church. The Committee on Ministry met with Rev. Edwards and approved him for membership. Rev. Edwards came forward, 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 enroll **Rev. Keith Edwards** as an at-large member of the presbytery, pending his dismissal from the Presbytery of San Gabriel.

Rev. Edwards returned to the room, and reaffirmed his ordination vows. Rev. Holland offered prayer for Keith, blessings on his journey and as he cares for his father

Rev. Holland reported that the committee had approved Ruling Elder Emil Blattner to serve as a “ruling elder commissioned to particular pastor service” (CRE) at Moorpark Presbyterian Church. The committee had reviewed transcripts from courses Mr. Blattner took at Fuller Theological Seminary and Bible School, and felt he had the appropriate training to move forward. Bonnie Boe, Dean of the LLTI, also reviewed Mr. Blattner’s credentials and was satisfied that his work at Fuller met our LLTI requirements, except that he needed some work in Polity. Rev. David Wilkinson spoke about the possibility of Mr. Blattner serving as a CRE and heading an outreach to young adults, possibly an NCD, and partnering with StoneBridge Community Church in Simi Valley. He introduced Mr. Blattner who spoke about his current work at the church and his faith journey; he read his Statement of Faith. The presbytery had an opportunity to question Mr. Blattner in the areas of his personal faith and his motives for seeking this commission. He also answered questions about his preparation for ministry as he did not take the Lay Leader Training courses. Emil was excused from the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve **Ruling Elder Emil Blattner** as a Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service for a period of three years at Moorpark Presbyterian Church beginning May 5, 2012 and to authorize him to perform the functions outlined in the Book of Order G-2.001: to moderate the session at Moorpark Presbyterian Church, 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. Blattner returned to the room, and responded in the affirmative to the questions from the Book of Order for those to be ordained, installed or commissioned (W-4.4003). Members of the Moorpark church and the Committee on Ministry came forward and Rev. Wilkinson offered prayer.

Rev. Holland then reported that Rev. Robert Coppock requested the presbytery approve a change in status from Active to Honorably Retired. Rev. Coppock was ordained in 1972 and served churches in Portland OR, Oakland CA, Woodland WA and Duluth MN. He has been serving as Associate Pastor at StoneBridge Community Church in Simi Valley for 12 years. Rev. Coppock was unable to be present.

It was moved, seconded and carried to grant **Rev. Robert Coppock** the designation of Honorably Retired effective June 1, 2012.

Ruling Elder Wes Shipway spoke in acknowledgement of Rev. Coppock’s ministry at StoneBridge.

Rev. Holland then reported that Rev. Dale Ridenour requested the presbytery approve a change in status from at-large to Honorably Retired. Rev. Ridenour is currently serving as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Durango, Colorado. He served as Interim Pastor at Goleta, St. Andrew’s and Emmanuel Presbyterian Churches in our presbytery. Prior to serving in our presbytery, Rev. Ridenour has been a member of Redwoods, Sacramento, San Fernando and San Joaquin presbyteries. Rev. Ridenour was unable to be present.

It was moved, seconded and carried to grant **Rev. Dale Ridenour** the designation of Honorably Retired effective July 15, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT With completion of the business of the day and with prayer by the Moderator, the presbytery adjourned at 4:06pm. The next stated meeting is Saturday, September 22, 2012 (9:30am) in the southern part of the presbytery.

ATTEST:
Michelle Holmes, Stated Clerk