

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

The 444th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on March 7, 2015 at 9:40 am at First Presbyterian Church, Lompoc, California by Moderator Mickey Stueck who opened in prayer. A quorum was present. Mickey invited Ron Urzua to tell the presbytery about the potential merger of Word of Life and Westminster. Mickey invited Andy Rock to tell the presbytery about the Grover Beach Church reaching out to the disabled community.

**WELCOME** to the church was extended by host pastor, Rev. Randy Working.

**ROLL** was taken by card and sign in sheet, 74 persons indicated attendance with 66 registered voters: 28 ruling elders, 32 teaching elders, 3 Presbytery Council members, and 2 Commissioned Ruling Elders. 1 Corresponding Member (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)

**Cambria, Community**  
Rolfe Granath (105)

(2) Dave Wierenga

**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**  
Andrew Rock (101)

(1)

**Lompoc, First**  
Randy Working (191)

(2) Mark Riatt  
Diane Aldridge

**Moorpark**  
Mark McIlraith (101)  
Janet Loughry (108)  
A Daryl Fisher-Ogden\* (797)

(4) Joan Johnson  
Brenda Kermode  
Mike Jankowski  
KathyPaul

**Newbury Park, Monte Vista**  
Tom Stephen (101)  
Matt Elam (101)  
Carol Benson, CRE (107)

(2)

**Nipomo, Community**  
Eugenia Gamble (101)

(2) Bob Von Schimelmann

**Ojai**  
A Jeff Holland (101)  
A Megan Babayco (103)  
A Tyson Babayco (103)  
A Scott Beck\* (797)  
A Art Beals\* (299)  
A Tamara Holland\* (797)

(4)

**Oxnard, First**  
Ted Brandt (101)

(2) Lyndon Shaftoe

<b>Oxnard, Word of Life</b>	(1)	
Ron Urzua (191)		
A    Jesse Rodriguez, CRE (107)		
<b>Paso Robles, Highlands NCD</b>		
Sean Martin (301)		
Katy Griffin (107)		
<b>Pismo Beach, Community</b>	(1)	
Robert Crouch (101)		
<b>Port Hueneme, Westminster</b>	(2)	Jody Stultzman
A    Dan Birchfield (101)		
<b>San Luis Obispo, First</b>	(4)	Harry Sharp Ben Parker Pam Rodewald
Dennis Falasco (101)		
<b>Santa Barbara, El Montecito</b>	(3)	Carl Perry Ron Gouger William K. Vandever
Jeff Bridgeman (101)		
Jay Shirley (103)		
Robert Ohman* (299)		
<b>Santa Barbara, First</b>	(4)	Doug DuCharme Jim Kreyger
Peter Buehler (101)		
A    Erik Wiebe (103)		
A    Anne Shelton (108)		
A    Gordon Hess* (299)		
A    Charles Curtis, CRE (107)		
<b>Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's</b>	(3)	Sandy Thoits Rachel Tobler Mona Wise
Brett Becker (101)		
A    Harold Englund (299)		
<b>Santa Paula, First</b>	(1)	Rodney Thompson
Ron Urzua (191)Already counted		
A    Bob Ramos, CRE (107)		
<b>Simi Valley, StoneBridge</b>	(6)	Wes Shipway Ashley Chalonis
A    Jeff Cheadle (101)		
Jonathan Lusche (103)		
Cynthia Purvis (103)		
<b>Summerland</b>	(1)	
A    Barton Tarman (108)		
A    Peter Bie, CRE (107)		
<b>Thousand Oaks, Emmanuel</b>	(4)	Mike Byrne
A    Dan Stevens (105, 299)		
A    Dana P. Shaw (103)		
A    Dave Anderson, CRE (107)		

**OTHER TEACHING ELDERS**

Jan Armstrong (302)	Tina Hamous (644)	A Rick Murray (105)
A Charles Arnold (299)	A Diana Hopkins (299)	A Zefjan Nikolla (791)
A Ed Aspinwall (299)	A James Huang (501)	A Jim Nielsen (299)
A James Bain (299)	A Altin Hysi (791)	A Aahmes Overton (299)
Graham Baird (301)	A Curtis Illingworth (299)	A Dale Paulsen (501)
A David Beamer (299)	A Steve Jacobsen (797)	A Judy Rarick (299)
A Dona Behmer (299)	A Kathryn Johnson (299)	A Dale Ridenour (299)
A David Berge (797)	A Shona Kiilsgaard (299)	A John Springer** (299, 109)
A Eric Bond (299)	Chelsea Leitcher (703)	A Alan G. Stones (299)
A James Bultema (791)	Bruce Lethbridge (501)	A Warren Studer (299)
Harold Bussell (299)	Suzanne Malloy (701)	A Tracy Vining (299)
A Jerome Cooper (501)	A Szu-Hsing Mao (501)	A Richard E. Wardlaw (299)
A Robert Coppock (299)	A Ann Martel (299)	A Mark Watson (701)
A Jeff Cotter (299)	A Jill Martinez (797)	A Robert Wedaa** (299, 109)
A Varre Cummins (299)	A Marsha Martin (797)	A Robert Whitaker (299)
A Valerie De La Torre (797)	A Michael McKim (797)	A Kate Wiebe (791)
A Joel Drenckpohl (641)	A Kristina McKinlay (299)	David Wilkinson(299)
Keith E. Edwards (797)	A Kent Meads (503, 299)	A Jon Wilson (299)
A Thomas E. Ellis (299)	A Chris Milbrath (501)	A Kenneth Working** (299,309)
A Julia Fogg (797)	A Byung Min (797)	A Marjorie Working (299)
A Charles C. Griffin (299)	A Fred Morgan (299)	** Emeritus
A Luanne Griguoli (299)	A Judith Muller (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):

None.

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH CHANGES** (this meeting):

None.

**COMPLETION OF DISMISSAL TERMS**

None.

**RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mickey Stueck, Larry Lindsay, Michael Wesner,

**PRESBYTERY STAFF PRESENT:** Rev. Jan Armstrong, Executive Presbyter; Ruling Elder Larry Lindsay, Parliamentarian, Ruling Elder, Carol Bridgeman, Administrative/Financial Manager, Rev. David Wilkinson, Stated Clerk.

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rev. Doska Ross, Synod Executive, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, Mid Kentucky Presbytery.

**ALL OTHERS PRESENT** Audrey Kent, Linda Sorensen, Robert Phillips, Bob Davies, Carol Davies, Paul Davidson, Jim Stueck.

**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.

It was moved and seconded to reorder the Agenda, to place the budget discussion before the discussion on amendments.

There was a substitute motion to place a time limit on the amendments vote.  
This was ruled out of order.

Discussion on the motion to reorder the agenda ensued. **MSC** to end discussion.

The motion to reorder the agenda was defeated by a standing vote **Yes- 23, No - 29**

**The Agenda was adopted by the presbytery.**

It was moved and seconded to limit the time on the amendments vote to 15 minutes.  
Motion defeated.

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

Report of: Stated Clerk

The Stated Clerk reports the following as attached:

1. A recommendation for ensuing parity between Ruling Elder and Teaching Elders at Presbytery Meetings.
2. The Presbytery of Santa Barbara Comparative Statistics 2014.

Report of: Committee on Ministry

1. Recommends approval of the 2014 Clergy Classification List.
2. Recommends approval of monthly communion at Mission Street Church.  
Feb 22, Mar 22, April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct NONE, Nov 22, Dec 20, 2015
3. Approved change in Terms of Call for Jan Armstrong in line with Presbytery's actions of December 13, 2014.

Report of: Property & Finance Committee

At its December 13, 2104 meeting the following business was enacted:

1. **It was voted** to add Deborah Kehle and Sandra Thoits as signers on Rabobank and Union Bank accounts.
2. Meeting as **University Ministry Board** **it was voted** to add Deborah Kehle and Sandra Thoits as signers on the Wells Fargo Bank Accounts.

At its February 6, 2015 meeting the following business was enacted.

1. **It was MSC** to propose a reduction of 2015 budget for personnel expenses, only, by a minimum of \$118,000.

Report of: Committee on Preparation for Ministry

1. **It was MSC** to enroll **David Anderson, CRE** (Emmanuel, Thousand Oaks) as an inquirer.

Report of: Presbytery Council
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Since the last meeting of Presbytery the Council has taken the following actions:

Received the resignation of Bonnie Boe as director of the Lay Leader Training program.

Began considering proposed changes to the Presbytery Standing Rule which will be brought to Presbytery at the May 16 meeting for a first reading.

Considered the budget for the remainder of 2015. Property and Finance presented a recommendation for a budget for the remainder of 2015 reflecting a cut of at least \$118,000 from the personnel budget with the decisions to be made by Personnel. This is based on a projection of \$245,000 from ministry share, no spending of reserves, and no reduction in the mission budget. The Council decided to come to the Presbytery with two options -- the Property and Finance proposal; the other is a "soft landing" using PRT money.

Approved both Highlands and Mission Street to begin the process of chartering.

Received a letter from the Session of El Montecito Presbyterian Church requesting the beginning of the discernment process and named a Presbytery Response Team as indicated in our Gracious Dismissal guidelines.

The next Presbytery Council meeting is scheduled for 4/29/15 at 10:00am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

December 13, 2014 Presbytery Minutes were approved with the consent agenda.

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

Rev. Jan Armstrong spoke about Front Porch and Mission Street Church. He reported that the Presbytery has been named in a law suit along with Carpinteria Community Church and that all questions should be directed to Mike Wesner or Sean Cowdry. He reported that Paso Robles and Mission Street Church have plans to charter this year. IMPACT has partnered with San Fernando Presbytery. And he invited the pastor's to attend the February 2016 pastor's retreat with Los Ranchos Presbytery in Malibu. The presbytery will begin a mission study and Jan encouraged those interested in being involved to contact the presbytery office.

**REPORT OF STATED CLERK**

David Wilkinson reported about the possible merger of Word of Life Presbyterian Church and Westminster Presbyterian Church.

**It was MSC to form an Administrative Commission to pursue merger.**

The stated clerk announced the task force, who have been working with the two congregations will form the Administrative Commission. They are Tom Stephen, Chair, Mickey Stueck, Dan Stevens and Jonathan LaBarge ex-officio (San Fernando Presbytery).

### **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION PC(USA)**

The Proposed Amendments approved by the 221st General Assembly (2014) were distributed by e-mail to all minister members and clerks of session in January 2015.

In addition, the Proposed Amendments were posted on the presbytery's website.

**It was moved, seconded and carried** to adopt the "Guidelines for Debate and Vote" including the General Assembly document "Seeking to be Faithful Together" which were included in the materials for this meeting. (Attachment 5)

Following discussion on the Proposed Amendments,

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the negative to Amendment 14-1, by counted vote 19 YES, 35 NO.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-A, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-B1, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-B2, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-C, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-D, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the affirmative to Amendment 14-E, by voice vote.

**IT WAS VOTED** to respond in the negative to Amendment 14-B1, by counted vote 19 YES, 38 NO.

**WORSHIP began at 11:20 am** with Eugenia Gamble preaching.

### **2015 Budget**

Ted Brandt lead discussion about the proposed 2015 budget referring to the Letter to Presbytery from Council March 2015 (Attachment 6) and PSB Budget March 2015 Option numbers (Attachment 7)

**It was moved and seconded** to adopt the 2015 budget as recommended by Council (Column F).

**It was moved and seconded** to substitute a motion to adopt the 2015 budget column G.

**It was MSC** to table both motions for 20 minutes to allow discussion.

After discussion, **it was MSC** to extend the agenda discussion 15 minutes.

**It was moved** to amend the main motion to adopt the 2015 budget as recommended by Council (Column F) to begin April 1, 2015, with the Adopted 3 month budget to be used through March 31, 2015, and to spend the remaining 2015 Presbytery meetings on defining the direction of the Presbytery and role of the EP. Motion dies for lack of a second.

**It was MSC** to extend the agenda discussion 60 minutes by standing vote 25 YES, 15 No.

**It was MSC** to end debate on perfecting the main motion.

The main motion was deemed perfect by voice vote.

Discussion then ensued on perfecting the substitute motion.

**It was MSC** to end debate on perfecting the substitute motion.

The substitute motion was deemed perfect by voice vote.

Debate began on the two motions.

The perfected substitute motion did not become the main motion by a counted ballot vote 17 YES, 26 NO.

**The perfected main motion** was adopted by a counted ballot vote 27 Yes, 14 No.

**ADJOURNMENT** With prayer by the moderator at 3:37. The next stated meeting is on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at Emmanuel, Thousand Oaks.

ATTEST:

Rev. David Wilkinson  
Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENTS are available at presbytery office:

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| Attachment 1 | Parity 2015   |
| Attachment 2 | Presbytery of Santa Barbara Statistics 2014                         |
| Attachment 3 | 2014 Clergy Classification List                                     |
| Attachment 4 | Jan Armstrong terms of call.  |
| Attachment 5 | Guidelines for Debate and Vote and Seeking to be Faithful Together. |
| Attachment 6 | Letter to Presbytery from Council March 2015 and                    |
| Attachment 7 | PSB Budget March 2015 Option numbers (Attached on pages 8 & 9)      |