

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

A Special Called Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 9:35 am at Moorpark Presbyterian Church, by Rev. Ted Brandt, Moderator who opened with prayer.

A welcome to the church was extended by Rev. Dave Wilkinson, host pastor.

Purpose: The purpose of this Called Meeting is (1) Hear the report of the Presbytery Response Team for Malibu Presbyterian Church, and to vote on that church's request to be dismissed from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); (2) To vote on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry's recommendation to move Inquirer Michael Morgan to Candidate under Care; (3) To elect members to the presbytery Nominations Committee as nominated by Presbytery Council; (4) To elect commissioner to Synod; (5) To approve several Consent Agenda items. The meeting was properly called according to G-3.0304 of the Book of Order; and notice was sent not less than 10 days in advance of the meeting to each minister member and to the session of each member church. Notice correctly stated the purpose of the meeting. A quorum was present.

A motion to adopt the agenda was seconded and carried.

ROLL was taken by card, 46 persons indicated attendance with 41 registered voters: 22 ruling elders representing 11 churches, 16 teaching elders, and 3 Presbytery Council members. (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

Malibu

Greg Hughes (101)

Moorpark

David A. Wilkinson (101)
Janet Loughry (108)

Newbury Park, Monte Vista

Tom Stephen (101)

Ojai

Megan Babayco (108)
Tyson Babayco (108)

Oxnard, First

Ted Brandt (101)

Port Hueneme, Westminster

Santa Barbara, El Montecito

Jeff Bridgeman (101)
Jay Shirley (103)
Robert Ohman* (299)

Santa Barbara, First

Peter Buehler (101)

Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's

Santa Paula, First

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

(3) Debbie Becker, Brad Livingstone, David Stowell

(4) Jack DeBiasio, Robert Eubank
Brenda Kermode, Jennifer Shade

(2) Bill Aby

(4) Ruric Nye

(2) Beverly Frethiem, Debbie Oberlander

(2) Mary Curtis

(3)

(4) Doug DuCharme, Lee Kirkpatrick, Joan A. Pratt
Tamara Skov

(3) Sandy Thoits, Rachel Tobler, Mona Wise

(1) Penny Carlson

Simi Valley, StoneBridge (6) Wes Shipway
Jeff Cheadle (101)
Jonathan Lusche (103)
Cynthia Purvis (103)

Summerland (1) Robert Davies

OTHER TEACHING ELDERS
Jan Armstrong (302)

SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL/CANDIDATE CHANGES (this meeting):

Inquirers moved to Candidate under Care: Michael Morgan

SUMMARY OF CHURCH CHANGES (this meeting):

Churches dismissed: Malibu Presbyterian Church (PIN 623) to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

PENDING MINISTERIAL/CHURCH CHANGES:

Rev. Rick Murray (105 to 505) pending completion of dismissal terms, Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church

Santa Ynez Valley Presbyterian Church (PIN 934) pending completion of dismissal terms to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

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

ALL OTHERS PRESENT: Tina Hamous (Moorpark), Michael Hanken (Malibu), Roy Smith (Moorpark), Jim Stueck (Moorpark)

PRESBYTERY STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Jan Armstrong, Executive Presbyter; Rev. Dave Wilkinson, Stated Clerk; Ruling Elder Larry Lindsay, Parliamentarian and Minutes Clerk; Ruling Elder Michelle Holmes, Administrative Manager; Ruling Elder Mary Curtis, Registrar

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.

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

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK (Consent Agenda)

The Stated Clerk

1. Reports that **Rev. Matthew Hoyt** was dismissed to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians effective adjournment of the February 8, 2014 presbytery meeting.
2. Requests presbytery approve the request by the Session at Community Presbyterian Church of Cambria to grant the congregation an exception as permitted in the Book of Order to G-2.0404 (General Provisions for Ruling Elders and Deacons – Terms of Service) to allow Ruling Elder Lynn Azevedo to serve another year on Session. Elder Azevedo has completed her second three-year term; due to a resignation from Session, the church requests Elder Azevedo fill that vacancy.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

1. Committee on Ministry granted **Rev. Kent Meads** permission to continue to serve at Community Presbyterian Church, Ventura (an ECO church) in a temporary ministerial capacity, outside the ecclesiastical bounds of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), effective 11/12/13.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Bob Ohman introduced **Michael Morgan** who met with CPM on Nov 21 last year to consider his advancement to Candidate under Care. Michael is a member of Malibu Presbyterian Church and is in the process of transferring his membership to Monte Vista Presbyterian Church in Newbury Park. Michael was enrolled as an Inquirer in the Presbytery of the Pacific and subsequently transferred to our presbytery.

Michael spoke of his Christian experience and his service in the church. He responded to questions from the floor with respect to his Christian service, his motives for seeking ordained ministry in the PC(USA) and forms of Christian Service in the church. He and any family members present were excused from the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to enroll Michael Morgan as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Candidate Morgan returned to the room. The Moderator asked Mr. Morgan to respond affirmatively to questions regarding his sense of call and desire to be received as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Rev. Ohman gave a brief charge and invited members of Malibu Presbyterian Church, Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, and any family members present to gather around Michael for prayer led by Rev. Ohman.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL AND THE PRESBYTERY RESPONSE TEAMS FOR MALIBU PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH:

Malibu Presbyterian Church At its April 30, 2013 meeting, the Session at Malibu Presbyterian Church requested the dismissal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A Presbytery Response Team (PRT) was formed and began the process as shown in the presbytery's *Guidelines for a Process for Reconciliation or Gracious Separation of a Congregation from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. The report of the PRT was presented by Rev. Tom Stephan, chair of the PRT. He referred to the written report from the PRT to the presbytery which included a summary of the process, the minutes of each congregational gathering, the attendance and counted vote. (Attachment 1)

Moderator Brandt read from the presbytery's *Guidelines for a Process for Reconciliation or Gracious Separation of a Congregation from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* as approved at the May 4, 2013 presbytery meeting, lines 246-259 concerning the presbytery's responsibility in response to the congregation's action. Moderator Brandt then read the question before the presbytery:

Shall the membership of Malibu Presbyterian Church be dismissed as a body from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and from the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, if the way be clear and in accordance with the terms, including the financial terms, as approved by the congregation on February 23, 2014?

There was opportunity for questions to the Response Team and there were none. There was an opportunity for discussion on the question and there was none. The moderator asked if the body wished to vote by paper ballot, and there was no request for a paper ballot. **The question was answered in the affirmative by a voice vote**, and Malibu Presbyterian Church was dismissed from the PC(USA) effective upon adjournment of this meeting. Executive Presbytery Jan Armstrong noted that he had abstained on the vote.

It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize the officers of the corporate Presbytery of Santa Barbara to execute the necessary property transfer deeds.

WORSHIP was held with Rev. Janet Loughry preaching. Worship included the following Liturgy of Dismissal:

LITURGY OF DISMISSAL

Let us pray for the saving presence of our living Lord in this presbytery and the whole church, **Be present, Lord**

For wounds not healed, **Lord, have mercy**

For relationships that have, at times, been strained, **Lord, have mercy**

Let us give thanks for our journey together in this presbytery: for friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for times of nurture and growth, **thanks be to God**

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept, **thanks be to God**

For our fellowship in Christ, for the love of God which has sustained us, **thanks be to God**

Do you, members of Santa Barbara Presbytery release from membership in our presbytery Malibu Presbyterian Church? **We do with thanks to God for their ministry among us.**

Do you, representing Malibu Presbyterian church, accept the completion of your membership in the Presbytery of Santa Barbara? **We do, with thanks to God for our ministry together.**

Rev. Greg Hughes (Malibu) spoke about the relationship of the church to the Presbytery.

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL Council chair Rev. Jeff Bridgeman presented names for election to the Nominations Committee:

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Sada Andrews (Highlands) and Jim Stueck (Moorpark) to the Presbytery Nominating Committee. and to elected. Rev Andy Rock as chair of the committee.

ELECTION OF SYNOD COMMISSIONERS The Moderator presented names for election to serve as Commissioners to the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Elders Mickey Stueck and Larry Lindsay as commissioners to Synod, and were elected. Elder Michelle Holmes was nominated to serve as an alternate commissioner, and was elected.

It was moved, seconded and carried to allow Presbytery Council to appoint two Teaching Elders as commissioners to Synod.

A concern was raised by nominating committee member **Rachael Tobler** about the Council nominating persons for Synod Commissioner apart from the Presbytery Nominating Committee. Council will take note on procedures for nominations and respond.

ADJOURNMENT With completion of the business of the day and with prayer by the Moderator, the presbytery adjourned at 11:10 am. A special meeting of the presbytery has been called for Tuesday April 8, 2014, location to be announced; the meeting will start at 2:00pm The next stated meeting is Saturday, May 17, 2014 (9:30am) at Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, Newbury Park.

ATTEST:

Rev. David Wilkinson
Stated Clerk

Attachment 1 (Response Team Report – Malibu Presbyterian Church) is available at presbytery office and on the presbytery's website