

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

The 435th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was convened on October 30, 2012 at 1:01pm at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, California by Moderator Rev. Jeff Bridgeman who opened in prayer. A quorum was present.

Rev. Clayton Cobb, Board of Pensions' regional representative held a **pre-presbytery workshop** "Making the most of your benefits for you and your family." Rev. Cobb discussed current medical and pension benefits and the Board of Pensions' Supplemental Programs. He was available during the presbytery meeting for questions.

WELCOME to the church was extended by host pastor Rev. Peter Buehler who noted that the church is celebrating its 143rd anniversary.

ROLL was taken by card, 105 persons indicated attendance with 91 registered voters: 43 ruling elders, 44 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 notes)	(1)
Camarillo, Trinity Jerome Cooper (101) Jeff Kempton (103)	(3) Bill Cashdollar, Joe Yaeger
Cambria, Community Tracy Vining (101) A Chris Milbrath, CRE (107)	(3) Valerie Hopkins
Carpinteria Community Jarrett Johnson (101)	(1) Twila Goodrick
Goleta A Deborah Kehle (101) Jeannie Cavender, CRE (107)	(2) Jean Blois
Grover Beach, First A Andrew Rock (101)	(1) Milt Jantzen
Lompoc, First Randy Working (105)	(2) Linda Hurd
Los Alamos Warren Einolander (101)	(1)
Malibu Greg Hughes (101) Michael Mudgett (103)	(3) Kevin Bennett, John Kingsbury
Moorpark David A. Wilkinson (101) Janet Loughry (108) A Daryl Fisher-Ogden* (797) A Emil Blattner, CRE (107)	(4) Calvin Beeker, Robert Eubank, Wayne Tingley, Tom Worthington
Morro Bay Dale Paulsen (101)	(2)

Newbury Park, Monte Vista

- A Tom Stephen (101)
- A Carol Benson, CRE (107)

Nipomo, Community

- Eugenia Gamble (101)

Ojai

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

Orcutt

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

Oxnard, First

- A Ted Brandt (101)

Oxnard, Word of Life

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

Paso Robles, Highlands NCD

- A Lyle Schmidt (see notes)

Pismo Beach, Community

- Robert Crouch (101)

Port Hueneme, Westminster

- A Dan Birchfield (101)

San Luis Obispo, First

Santa Barbara, El Montecito

- Jeff Bridgeman (105)
- Jay Shirley (193)

Santa Barbara, First

- Peter Buehler (101)
- Judith Muller (103)
- Erik Wiebe (103)
- Anne Shelton (108)
- A Gordon Hess* (299)

Santa Barbara, St. Andrew's

- Brett Becker (101)
- Edwin Aspinwall (299)
- A Harold Englund (299)

Santa Paula, First

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

Santa Ynez Valley

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

Simi Valley

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

Summerland

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

- (2) Cindy Vodraska
- (2) Kristy Clark, Nancy Schimmelmann
- (3) Ruric Nye
- (3) Joe Hughes, Linda Redman, John Richards
- (3)
- (1)
- (1)
- (2) Michele Southerland
- (4) Harry Sharp, Tim Smith
- (3) Mary Slater
- (3) Diane Kirkpatrick, Lee Kirkpatrick, Tamara Skov
- (3) Karen Noffz, Sandy Thoits, Rachel Tobler
- (1)
- (3) Doug Beverly
- (6) Wes Shipway
- (1)

- Templeton, First** (1) Cynthia Gaw
Charlie Little (101)
- Thousand Oaks, Emmanuel** (4) Mike Cooke, Harriet Scherer
Stuart Bond (101)
Dana P. Shaw (103)
- Ventura, Community** (5) Richard J. Armstrong, Bryon Cressy,
A Mark Patterson (101) Larry Hartley, Rocky Ludes, Laura Smith
A E. Wayne Kempton (108)
Kent Meads (108, 299)
A Marsha Martin* (797)
- Ventura, Orchard** (3) Lyle Barnett, Robert Farrow, Gabriel Gonzales
Matthew Hoyt (191)
A Aahmes Overton* (299)

OTHER TEACHING ELDERS

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

Notes:

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.

Rev Lyle Schmidt is a member of the Presbytery of San Jose and is laboring within our bounds (without vote at presbytery) as temporary interim pastor at Highlands Church, Paso Robles on a monthly basis.

SUMMARY OF MINISTERIAL/CANDIDATE CHANGES (this meeting):

Ministers ordained since last meeting: Rev. Karl Hauser and dismissed to Presbytery of Stockton, effective 9/23/12

Ministers granted Honorable Retirement: Rev. Jill Martinez (12/31/12)

Ministers dismissed to other denominations: Rev. Graham Baird to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, effective 9/30/12

Commissioned Ruling Elders approved (formerly Commissioned Lay Pastors): Charles Curtis (SB First)

RULING ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL PRESENT: Bev Ford, 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. Clayton Cobb, Presbytery of the Pacific (Board of Pensions); Ruling Elder Doska Ross, Executive and Stated Clerk, Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.

ALL OTHERS PRESENT: Chuck Curtis (SB First); Eric Garner (San Luis Obispo); Ed Holt (Thousand Oaks); Diane Keosheyhan (Nipomo); Jim McClurkin (Community Ventura); Jackie Parker (SB St. Andrew's); Mickey and Jim Stueck (Moorpark); Mona Wise (SB St. Andrew's); Margaret Wielenga (Orcutt); Norma Zuber (Community Ventura)

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 agenda, as revised, was adopted by the presbytery.

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

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK (Consent Agenda)

1. Recommends the approval of the minutes of the 434th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara held on September 22, 2012.
2. Reports that the Committee on Ministry approved the following administrative commission to ordain Candidate under Care **Cynthia Purvis** as a Teaching Elder on November 4, 2012 at Moorpark Presbyterian Church: Commission Rev. Jeff Cheadle, Rev. Jonathan Lusche, Rev. Dave Berge, Rev. Janet Loughry, Elder Scott Hunter (Simi Valley), and Rev. Jan Armstrong).
3. Reports the reception of **Rev. Cecil Hoffman**, an Honorably Retired minister member of our presbytery, by the Presbytery of the Pacific July 28, 2012.
4. Reports the reception of **Rev. Beau Smith**, Campus Pastor at Cal Poly, by the Presbytery of Western Colorado, August 1, 2012.
5. Reports that **Rev. Jim Blades**, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo, was received by the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, October 1, 2012.
6. Reports that **Rev. Karl Hauser** was ordained as a Teaching Elder on September 23, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara and the administrative commission to ordain is discharged.
7. Reports the reception of **Rev. Karl Hauser** by the Presbytery of Stockton, September 23, 2012.
8. Reports the dismissal of **Rev. Graham Baird** to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians, effective 9/30/12.
9. On behalf of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, reports the enrollment of **Inquirer Michael Morgan**, September 27, 2012. Michael is a member of Malibu Presbyterian Church and previously was under the supervision of the Presbytery of the Pacific.
10. Reports that the minutes of the presbytery council and the various committees of the presbytery were reviewed by the Stated Clerk for the calendar year to October 1, 2012 and were found to be in order.

11. Reports that the presbytery's **Lay Leader Training Institute** (English language track) is currently in its 7th cycle, with graduation scheduled for May 2014. Bonnie Boe is the program's registrar. Scheduled classes include courses on the Missional Church, Reformed Theology, nFOG, New Testament, Hermeneutics, Missional Preaching, Worship & Sacraments, Theology of Ministry, Pastoral Care & Counseling, Evangelism for Today's Leaders; Old Testament God in a New Testament World, and Christian Education.

12. Reports the current roster of names of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired within the past six years (Rules of Discipline D-5.0206b):

2011-2012	Elder Ken Knipe Rev Janet Loughry Elder Mike Wesner	2007-2008	Rev. Harold Englund Elder Steve Frank Rev. Szu-Hsing Mao
2010-2011	None	2006-2007	None
2009-2010	Rev. Peter Buehler Elder Art Hicks Elder Wes Shipway		
2008-2009	None		

13. Reports that the presbytery renewed its Property and Liability, Hired and Non-Owned Auto, Liability coverage including Directors and Officers through Insurance Board and its Workers' Compensation Insurance through GuideOne Insurance, for the period 10/1/2012 to 10/1/2013.

14. Recommends that the Minute Books and Registers of the following churches be approved: Trinity, Camarillo (2010, 2011); Ojai (2010, 2011); First, San Luis Obispo (2010, 2011); First, Santa Barbara (2010 and 2011). Any comments and/or exceptions noted during the review are reported directly to the church; the presbytery office is working with all church sessions to correct any delinquencies.

15. Recommends that the requirement for review of the Minute Books and Registers of the following churches be waived: Monte Vista Presbyterian Church for the years 2003-2010; Community Presbyterian Church, Pismo Beach for the years 2008 and 2009

16. Reports that the presbytery's 2011 Minute Book, Register and Manual of Operations were presented for review on May 17, 2012 to the Governing Body Relations Committee of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. The Governing Body Relations Committee will recommend to Synod Assembly when it meets November 3, 2012 that the presbytery's minutes be approved without exception.

17. Reports the following summary of church statistics as of 12/31/11 (not all churches reporting)

Membership:		Prior Active Members 1/1/11	7,777		
Gains	Profession 17 & Under	51	Losses	Certificate	40
	Profession 18 & Over	176		Death	129
	Certificate	64		Other	375
	Other	54		Total Losses	544
	Total Gains	345			

Total Active Membership 12/31/11 7,578

Total Female Members	4,623	Baptisms	Children	64
Average Church Attendance	4,609		Adult	26

Officers

Male Elders	133	Male Deacons	76
Female Elders	129	Female Deacons	233

People with Disabilities

Hearing	334	Sight	129
Mobility	272	Other	83

Racial Ethnic Breakdown

	Membership	Elders	Deacons
Asian	77	1	2
Black	22	0	0
Hispanic	153	11	2
Native American	5	0	0
White	4,900	201	234
Other	31	3	2
Totals	5,188	216	240

Financial

Receipts

Regular Contribution	\$9,517,031
Capital Building Fund	328,961
Investment Income	310,454
Bequests	386,480
Other Income	1,190,690
Budgeted Income	\$11,218,165
Budget Expense	\$11,469,928
Potential Giving Units	3,158

Expenditures

Local Program	\$10,223,660
Local Mission	431,906
Capital Expenditure	344,334
Investment Expense	90,127
Per Capita Apportionment	123,401
Validated Mission	835,638
Theological Fund	2,560
Other Mission	205,193

18. On behalf of Presbytery Council, submitted the following **Report on Representation** to the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii:

Committee/Group	Total	Vacant	Clergy		Lay		Black		Anglo		Asian		Hispanic	
			M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Presbytery Council	15	4	4	1	5	1	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0
Church Development	9	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0
Church in the World	9	5	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0
Clergy Support	6	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Committee on Ministry	14	0	7	1	3	3	0	0	10	4	0	0	0	0
Nominations	6	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Permanent Judicial	9	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0
Personnel Committee	6	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
Preparation for Ministry	8	1	3	1	2	1	0	0	5	2	0	0	0	0
Property and Finance	9	2	1	0	6	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
Representation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Synod Commissioners	4	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
GA Commissioners	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2		0	0	0	0
GA Youth Delegate	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Staff	7	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	105	26	32	4	23	20	0	0	53	25	0	0	2	0

Total racial-ethnic serving presbytery 2012-2013	2 (2.5% of total)
Percentage of congregation membership which is racial-ethnic	5.6%
Total females serving presbytery	24 (30.4% of total)
Percentage of our congregations which are female	61% (approx)
Total lay serving presbytery	43 (54.4% of total)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Consent Agenda):

	Actual YTD	2012 Budget	% of Budget
REVENUE			
1 Ministry Share Pledges (at \$70/church member)	308,951	437,000	71%
2 Synod Grant	0	0	
3 Other income	0	500	0%
4 Interest Income	338	500	68%
5 Hearts and Hands pledges	22,072	72,500	30%
6 Front Porch Campus Ministry support raised by the Board	51,533	49,500	104%
7 IMPACT support raised by the Board	51,949	35,500	146%
8 Total Revenue	<u>\$434,842</u>	<u>\$595,500</u>	<u>73%</u>
EXPENSE - OPERATIONS			
9 Presbytery Operations			
10 Office Expense	27,229	33,250	82%
11 Meeting expense	1,845	1,630	113%
12 Debt Service	14,338	25,000	57%
13 Legal Services	7,625	0	
14 GA Commissioners	2,253	6,500	35%
15-21 Staff Expense	228,337	266,813	86%
22 Ministry Committees (mandated)			
23 Committee Preparation for Ministry	366	1,000	37%
24 Committee on Ministry	0	500	0%
25 Subtotal Operations	<u>281,993</u>	<u>334,693</u>	<u>84%</u>
EXPENSE - THE VISION OF THE CHURCH IN MISSION			
26 Mandated Church Loans/Debt Service/Property Tax			
27 Grover Beach GA Loan	23,476	31,302	75%
28 Paso Robles GA Loan	30,446	40,505	75%
29 Property Taxes/License/Fees	1,352	0	
30 Church Mission/Ministry Grants (Hearts and Hands)	22,072		
31 Templeton Ministry Grant	375	4,500	8%
32 Word of Life Ministry Grant	0	14,500	0%
33 Paso Robles Ministry Grant (SESLOC loan)	35,124	48,000	73%
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	65,033	69,500	94%
40 IMPACT Youth Ministry	51,949	38,500	135%
41 Missions Conference	0	2,000	0%
42 Subtotal Church in Mission	<u>232,637</u>	<u>260,807</u>	<u>89%</u>
43 TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$514,630</u>	<u>\$595,500</u>	<u>86%</u>
44 Deficit or Surplus	-79,787	0	

PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE READINGS Moderator Jeff Bridgeman led the presbytery in an extended reflection on the “Commitment to Biblical Conflict Resolution – Called to respond differently” from *Peacemaking Principles*, Peacemaking Ministries. This included scripture readings and prayer:

Matthew 5:9 Luke 6:27-31 Luke 6:32-36

Conflict provides opportunities to glorify God, serve others and grow in Christ

1 Corinthians 10:31 – 11:1 James 1:2-4 Romans 8:28,29

Committed to Glorify God

Psalms 37:1-6 Romans 12:17-21 Philippians 4:2-9

Committed to get the Log out of your own eye

Proverbs 28:13 Matthew 7:3-5

Committed to Gently Restore

Proverbs 19:11 Matthew 18:15-20 Galatians 6:1-2 Ephesians 4:29,30

Committed to Go and be Reconciled

Matthew 5:23,24 Philippians 2:1-4 Ephesians 4:1-4 John 13:34, 35

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION Mark Bailey, Praise Team Leader at Moorpark Presbyterian Church, accompanied by John Colvin and Steve Watrack, led the presbytery in worship. Communion was led by host pastors Rev. Judith Muller and Rev. Erik Wiebe, and during worship Rev. Peter Buehler led in a time of remembrance for those elders who died during the last 12 months:

Sarah Beth Tennison ~ Amy Reineman
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Camarillo

David Giltner ~ Robert Wade ~ Eleanor Kryder
Edgar Pierce Ernie Moreno
Community Presbyterian Church, Cambria

Debi Ryono
Moorpark Presbyterian Church

Donald Roy Cone
Morro Bay Presbyterian Church

Helen Monroe
Monte Vista Presbyterian Church, Newbury Park

Jean Burnham
Community Presbyterian Church, Nipomo

John Wilson ~ Ed Paulson
Blair LaRue ~ Norma Jean Griffith
Ojai Presbyterian Church

Frank Matthews
Orcutt Presbyterian Church

Willie Mae (Bee) Martinez
Community Presbyterian Church, Pismo Beach

Mariellen Murphy
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Port Hueneme

Andy Anderson ~ Barron Wiley
First Presbyterian Church, San Luis Obispo

Richard Eiler
El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara

Tim Kelley ~ Dave Techentin
First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara

Richard F. Lee
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara

Fred Register
Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Thousand Oaks

Sheryl Haystead
Orchard Community Church, Ventura

Richard Puls ~ Tony Robinson.
Community Presbyterian Church, Ventura

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER Rev. Jan Armstrong introduced Rev. Clayton Cobb. Regional Representative from the Board of Pensions, who reminded the presbytery of the 2013 dues increase to 33% of effective salary. He emphasized the Board's Preventative Health coverage, optional dental and long-term care plans and encouraged churches to support the Christmas Joy Offering to help retired ministers and surviving spouses. Chuck Curtis then spoke about the January 25-26, 2013 Mission Conference and encouraged pastors to take advantage of the \$200 scholarship opportunity.

Rev. Jeff Holland spoke about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program and efforts underway following Hurricane Sandy. PDA is involved in long-term recovery, helping to put communities back together after the Red Cross and other relief organizations have departed. Donations to PDA can be made instantly by cell phone (text PDA to 20222 to make a \$10 donation). PDA has over 130 PDA-trained individuals, including Rev. Suzanne Malloy from our presbytery.

Rev. Armstrong asked for prayers for Rev. Andrew Rock's family, following Jonah's surgery; prayers for Highlands Church in Paso Robles and First Presbyterian in San Luis Obispo as both churches search for their next pastors, and for Front Porch as the board looks for the next campus pastor.

Rev. Armstrong also asked those at the meeting to be sure to talk with Carmen Siegel from the Insurance Board: she has materials available for managing liability and for loss prevention. He also highlighted the IB's FREE on-line abuse prevention training at www.insuranceboard.org (go to SafetySolutions, then SafeConduct Workbench), and emphasized the responsibility of all elders and pastors to bring these resources to the church. The Committee on Ministry will be following up with each church in 2013. Moderator Bridgeman underscored the responsibility of each church to follow through on this. Ms. Siegel was available throughout the meeting.

REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE Committee chair Garry Grant asked the presbytery to suggest names of those willing and qualified to serve on the various presbytery committees; forms have been e-mailed to pastors and clerks of session, and will be on the presbytery's website. Mr. Grant presented a nomination from the committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Rev. Alan Stones as chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

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

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Rev. Peter Buehler to the Nominations Committee, Class of 2015 (voice vote).

REPORT OF THE SANTA MARIA ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION Chair Mickey Stueck presented the report from the Santa Maria Administrative Commission.

Background:

At its November 1, 2011 meeting, the Presbytery of Santa Barbara approved the following:

1. That the Presbytery of Santa Barbara concur with the request of the Session and congregation to dissolve Santa Maria Presbyterian Church, which was formed by the merger of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Maria and New Covenant Presbyterian Church on January 1, 2007.

2. That the Presbytery of Santa Barbara elect an Administrative Commission in this matter consisting of the following, with a quorum to be a majority of the members:

Elder Mickey Stueck, Chair (Moorpark)	Rev. Eugenia Gamble
Elder Mike Aguillon (Santa Maria)	Elder Diane Keoyshean (Santa Maria)
Rev. Warren Einolander	Elder Margaret Wielenga (Santa Maria)

Serving ex-officio: Rev. Israel Gonzales and Rev. Bruce Lethbridge

Serving in an advisory capacity: Dr. Jan Armstrong, Executive Presbyter

3. That the Presbytery of Santa Barbara give this Administrative Commission the following authority, in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 2011-2013, Part II (hereinafter "Book of Order"):

- a. to assume complete jurisdiction over Santa Maria Presbyterian Church (i.e., to assume the responsibilities of the Session, the Board of Trustees and the congregation);
- b. to have the full authority of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara in order to take any and all necessary actions for the meaningful and orderly closure of the church, including the transfer of all members who so wish to Orcutt Presbyterian Church;
- c. to have the full authority of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara as follows
 - 1) to conclude any outstanding property, financial or legal matters of the Santa Maria Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Maria and/or New Covenant Presbyterian Church (hereinafter "Santa Maria churches") including but not limited to taking possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, transfer of title to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara of all accounts and real property, per section G-4.02 of the Book of Order, known to be in the possession of the Santa Maria churches;
 - 2) to approve of the disposition of property or to arrange for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara;
 - 3) and to assert claim of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara to any property of the Santa Maria churches not known at this time or property which may come to any of the Santa Maria churches as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.
- d. to make a recommendation to the February 11, 2012 meeting of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara regarding a plan for the distribution of proceeds of the sale of the Santa Maria property.

Effective date of dissolution to be determined by the Administrative Commission.

The Administrative Commission is to report back to the Presbytery Council no later than December 1, 2011 and as often thereafter as directed by the Presbytery Council.

The Administrative Commission met three times in November 2011 and submitted a written report to Presbytery Council on December 1, 2011 concerning their progress. The commission met an additional nine times through August 19, 2012 for a total of approximately 285 hours with extensive work by individual members between meetings, including pastoral care of the congregation, overseeing the inventory and removal of church property from the building, planning Christmas Eve and closing worship services, and overseeing the final administration of the church.

The Commission's work was not completed until August 2012, and the Commission was scheduled to bring their recommendation to the presbytery on September 22, 2012; there was not time on the agenda and the report was postponed until the October 30, 2012 meeting.

Ms. Stueck reported that the Commission's number one priority had been to make sure congregants found a new church home and noted that approximately one-half of the former Santa Maria congregation were now attending Orcutt Presbyterian Church and approximately one-half attending Community Presbyterian Church in Nipomo. She introduced members of the Administrative Commission and the presbytery expressed its appreciation and gratitude for their faithful work.

Recommendation: Chair Mickey Stueck presented the Administrative Commission's recommendation concerning disbursement of the \$1,007,625.51 from of the sale of the Santa Maria Presbyterian Church to the Salvation Army (see 430/10). Following discussion,

A motion to refer the recommendation to the Church Development and Property & Finance Committees failed (voice vote).

It was moved, seconded and carried that the \$1,007,625.51 be allocated as follows: \$407,625.51 be granted immediately to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara for use in its ministries and that the remaining \$600,000.00 be placed in trust to provide resources for future ministry in the City of Santa Maria up to and including a New Church Development, as guided by the presbytery's Church Development Committee. If not used for this purpose within a maximum of ten years these funds shall then become available for other uses by the Presbytery of Santa Barbara (voice vote).

Moderator Bridgeman asked for a motion to dismiss the Administrative Commission.

It was moved, seconded and carried to dismiss the Santa Maria Administrative Commission with gratitude.

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair Mike Wesner reported.

It was moved, seconded and carried to direct the Santa Maria Board of Trustees to close all bank accounts, and forward remaining funds to the presbytery.

It was moved, seconded and carried to direct the Santa Maria Board of Trustees to dissolve the corporation, with the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara assuming all responsibilities of the corporation.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Consent Agenda)

The Committee on Ministry met on October 11, 2012 and

1. Voted to recommend to the presbytery's churches a cost-of-living adjustment of 3% for 2013 salaries, and set the presbytery's minimum salary/housing at \$52,981 for all installed pastors and associate pastors.
2. Approved the continuation of Rev. Wayne Kempton's Stated Supply Agreement (Community Ventura) for the period 7/1/12 to 6/30/13.
3. Approved the continuation of Rev. Kent Meads' Stated Supply Agreement (Community Ventura) for the period 8/1/12 to 7/31/13.
4. Approved the renewal of Commissioned Ruling Elder Jeannie Cavender (Goleta) until 4/1/15.
5. Approved the renewal of Commissioned Ruling Elder Bob Ramos (Santa Paula) until 9/26/15.
6. Dismissed Rev. Jim Blades to the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, effective August 30, 2012.

7. Granted Rev. Charles Arnold permission to labor outside the ecclesiastical bounds of the Presbytery while he serves as pastor at Valley of the Flowers United Church of Christ in Vandenberg Village, Lompoc.

Chair Jeff Holland reported that the Committee on Ministry approved Elder Charles Curtis to serve as a “ruling elder commissioned to limited pastoral service” (formerly Commissioned Lay Pastor) at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara. Rev. Peter Buehler introduced Mr. Curtis and spoke about his ministry at FPCSB and emphasized his leadership of the annual Mission Conference. Chuck read his Statement of Faith and responded to questions from the presbytery in the areas of his personal faith, educational background and his motives for seeking this commission. He was excused from the room.

It was moved, seconded and carried to commission **Elder Charles Curtis** to limited pastoral service at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Barbara 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 First Presbyterian Church, Santa Barbara, 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. Curtis returned to the room, and responded affirmatively to the questions in W-4.4003 of the Book of Order. Members of the Santa Barbara church and the Committee on Ministry gathered around him and Rev. Peter Buehler offered prayer. Chuck will be under the supervision of the presbytery with Rev. Peter Buehler assigned as mentor and supervisor.

Mr. Holland reported that Rev. Jill Martinez has requested Honorable Retirement.

It was moved, seconded and carried to grant the designation of Honorably Retired to **Rev. Jill Martinez**, effective December 31, 2012.

ELECTION OF STATED CLERK PRO TEM

It was moved, seconded and carried to elect Elder Larry Lindsay as Stated Clerk *pro tempore* for the next item of business.

The Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk were excused from the room.

REPORT OF PERSONNEL COMMITTEE Committee member Rev. Jay Shirley presented the committee’s recommendation for presbytery staff salaries for 2013. He reported that for over 20 years, the Presbytery of Santa Barbara has followed a formula by which salaries are calculated for key employees. The Executive Presbyter’s compensation is the average of the five highest paid pastors in our presbytery for the preceding year. For the year 2012, that average was \$111,598 – this average is used for the Executive Presbyter’s 2013 compensation. Salary for the Administrative Manager/Stated Clerk is 80% of that amount. Board of Pensions, Continuing Education and Expense Reimbursements are in addition to compensation.

It was moved, seconded and carried to continue to follow this formula for calculating staff salaries for our Executive Presbyter and our Administrative Manager/Stated Clerk for the year 2013 and that the 2013 staff salaries be approved as follows:

(staff salaries are not published on the website)

REPORT OF PRESBYTERY COUNCIL Chair of Council Rev. Janet Loughry presented the 2013 Ministry Budget. She reported that Presbytery Council had reviewed the budget on October 8, 2012 and voted to recommend a Ministry Share of \$70.00 to fund that budget.

It was moved, seconded and carried to approve a Ministry Share of \$70.00 per active church member as of 12/31/11 and adopt the 2013 Ministry Budget of \$628,450.00.

PROJECTED REVENUE

1	Ministry Share Pledges (at \$70/church member)	\$413,000
2	Synod Grant	0
3	Other income	0
4	Interest Income	450
5	Hearts and Hands pledges	30,000
6	Hearts and Hands reserves	100,000
7	Front Porch Campus Ministry support raised by Board	49,500
8	IMPACT support raised by the Board	35,500
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9	TOTAL REVENUE	\$628,450

EXPENSE - OPERATIONS

10	Presbytery Operations	
11	Office Expense	\$ 35,000
12	Meeting expense	2,400
13	Debt Service/License/Fees	3,000
14	Legal Services	15,000
15	GA Commissioners	0
16-21	Staff Expense	308,943
22	Ministry Committees (mandated)	
23	Committee on Representation	200
24	Committee Preparation for Ministry	1,000
25	Committee on Ministry	500
26	Subtotal Operations	<hr/> \$366,043

EXPENSE - THE VISION OF THE CHURCH IN MISSION

27	Mandated Church Loans/Debt Service/Property Tax	
28	Grover Beach GA Loan	31,302
29	Paso Robles GA Loan	40,505
30	Property Taxes	0
31	Church Mission/Ministry Grants (Hearts and Hands)	22,000
32	Templeton Ministry Grant	4,500
33	Word of Life Ministry Grant	0
34	Paso Robles Ministry Grant (SESLOC loan)	48,000
35	Nipomo Ministry Grant	4,500
36	Lay Leader Training	600
37	Ministry Committees	
38	Clergy Support	1,000
39	Church in the World Committee	
40	Front Porch Campus Ministry	69,500
41	IMPACT Youth Ministry	38,500
42	Missions Conference	2,000
43	Subtotal Church in Mission	<hr/> \$262,407

44	TOTAL EXPENSE	\$628,450
45	Deficit or Surplus	0

Rev. Loughry announced that the presbytery's **Gracious Dismissal Policy** has been distributed to the presbytery for a FIRST READING. It was e-mailed to all minister members, clerks of session, and committee members on October 25 and copies were also available on the registration table. Presbytery Council We would like written suggestions and comments no later than January 1, 2013. This gives church sessions two full months to discuss this policy and give some feedback. A vote on this policy is anticipated at the February 9, 2013 presbytery meeting.

ADJOURNMENT With completion of the business of the day and with prayer by the Moderator, the presbytery adjourned at 4:18pm. The next stated meeting is Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 9:30am (central location).

ATTEST:

Michelle Holmes, Stated Clerk

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