

## **MINUTES**

Presbytery of San Gabriel  
Stated Meeting September 16, 2017

### **ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

The Presbytery of San Gabriel convened on Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 9:02 am at Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church of La Puente. A quorum was present as reflected in the roll. Moderator, Elder Fried Wilson opened the meeting with prayer; Teaching Elder Diane Frasher served as clerk. Elder Cindy Rodrigues welcomed the presbytery.

Moderator, Elder Fried Wilson moderated the meeting.

**WORSHIP** – The presbytery entered into a time of worship led by TE Margarita Reyes, who gave an inspiring sermon. An offering taken during worship will go to TE David Cortés-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo, missionary coworkers in Cuba.

### **ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK**

#### **REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

**The Presbytery moved, seconded, and voted to adopt the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 8).**

1. That enrollment of minister and elder commissioners be by enrollment list, excuses properly filed with the stated clerk be honored, and all honorably retired ministers and out of state ministers be excused unless enrolled as present. (See appendix A&B)
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of June 17, 2017 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved as amended – the Administrative and Finance Committee report was moved to 10:40 to accommodate the committee moderator.
4. To receive the July 2017 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee. (See appendix C)
5. That the dates for the 2018 Presbytery Meetings be set as follows:
  - a. January 20, 2018 @ the Presbytery Center, 9723 Garibaldi Avenue, Temple City/Winterfest
  - b. April 21, 2018
  - c. June 2, 2018 – Including Workday @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte
  - d. September 15, 2018
  - e. November 10, 2018
6. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
7. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers of Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church, for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery and its outreach to ministries of the presbytery today.
8. To dismiss Investigative Committee "B" which was formed by the Presbytery Executive Commission who reported that formation to presbytery at the September 10, 2016 Presbytery Meeting. Members were Susan Sabo, Sophie Eurich-Rascoe and Steve Salyards. They completed their work when the Ruling Elder, Robert Thomas, accused within this investigation chose to renounce the Jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on March 27, 2017 as the Investigative Committee was preparing to file charges of sexual misconduct after a failure to come to an Alternative Resolution. At that point in time no further work was required on their

part. We thank the committee members for their dedication and work for this presbytery as we dismiss them.

#### REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. The Permanent Judicial Commission met on January 16, 2017 to review an Alternative Resolution that was brought to them by Investigative Committee "B". The committee rejected the Alternative Resolution and gave direction for an acceptable resolution at that time. The accused Ruling Elder, Robert Thomas, renounced Jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on March 27, 2017 before charges of sexual misconduct could be filed. No further action was required by the PJC at that time.
2. The Presbytery of San Gabriel continues to carry Property and Liability Insurance through Church Mutual for the 2017 year.
3. The Administrative Commission for Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles met in July and voted to put the property on the market and seek a safer and more suitable location.
4. Report of Communion served:
  - a. Communion was served at Westminster Gardens on August 6, 2017 by Rev. Dick Hettish with the assistance of Aleta Matthews, Fred Stock and Cliff & Betty Barker. Forty one people were served.
  - b. The Lord's Supper was served at the Eucharistic Circle at Pilgrim Place on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. The Rev. Charles Rassieur presided.

#### INFORMATION:

1. Presbytery Meetings for 2017:
  - a. The last Presbytery Meeting for the 2017 year is scheduled for: November 4, 2017 – Saturday @ Monte Vista Groves
2. The **next Review of Records** will be held at **Northminster Presbyterian Church of Diamond Bar on September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM**. If you have not attended a review this year, please mark your calendars! This is the last planned Record Review of the year. We are trying to hold it down to two reviews this year. The third one last year only had two (2) congregations in attendance.
3. Information for your reference:
  - a. **Presbytery Minimums for 2017:**

i. Full-Time Salary & Housing	\$	52,435
ii. Travel/Professional Expenses		2,485
iii. Study Leave		925
4. Just a reminder – If you make a motion on the floor that changes the printed handouts substantially or is a new motion, please write out your motion and turn it in to the stated clerk. It is always helpful to present action items in writing in advance.

#### CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

TE Diane Frasher, member of Riverside Presbytery; Synod Stated Clerk/Executive, TE Mark Hong, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery and TE Huw Christopher, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery were seated as corresponding members for this meeting.

## COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

TE Cyndie Crowell reported for the commission.

The Commission on Ministry met on July 10, 2017, with a quorum present, and on August 28, 2017, without a quorum present. The following report reflects recommendations from the July meeting, plus recommendations approved by all but two members, voting via email.

### It was M/S/V the following:

1. That TE Dean Thompson be received into membership upon his dismissal from the Presbytery of West Virginia.
2. That the Presbytery approve the call of Amberleigh Kirk "Ally" Lee to serve as Temporary Associate Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018, pending approval for ordination. Ms. Lee's terms of call are as follows:

Salary	\$27,073
Housing	\$26,500
Board of Pension Benefits*	\$6,429
Travel/Professional Expense	\$2,485
Study Leave Expense	\$925
Four weeks vacation	
Two weeks study leave	

NOTE: This call will require examination and approval for ordination, which will be conducted by CPM. \* Medical benefits are covered by pastor's spouse; Board of Pensions benefits accounts for 12% of salary and housing, for pension and death and disability.

3. Upon approval for ordination, that Candidate Amberleigh Kirk Lee be ordained on October 15, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church. The ordination commission will be:  
TE Jennifer Ackerman  
TE Paul Boles  
TE Mary Ellen Azada  
RE Bong Bringas, San Marino  
RE Maria Cacarnakis, Pasadena  
RE Tom McGuinness, Knox  
RE Fried Wilson, Moderator
4. That the Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Dongwoo Lee to serve as Associate Pastor for Korean Language Ministry of Pasadena Presbyterian Church beginning September 1, 2017, at the following terms of call:  
Salary and Housing \$61,000  
Board of Pensions \$22,265  
Travel/Professional Expense \$2,485  
Study Leave Expense \$925  
Four weeks vacation  
Two weeks study leave (three weeks in 2017)  
One-time legal and processing fees for a Religious Workers visa, estimated at \$4,520.

5. That TE Dongwoo Lee be installed as Associate Pastor for Korean Language Ministry of Pasadena Presbyterian Church, effective September 1, 2017. The installation service will be held

at 3:30 pm on October 8, 2017, and will be moderated by RE Fried Wilson, Moderator of the Presbytery. That Presbytery approve the following Installation Commission to install him

TE Osvaldo Garcia, HR  
TE Joseph Kang HR  
TE Ann Oglesby-Edwards, Pasadena, Pasadena  
TE Wendy Tajima, Presbytery Executive  
RE Eui HYOUNG Yu, Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church  
RE Elaine Walker, Claremont, Claremont

6. That TE Michael Dawson be granted the status of Honorably Retired.

7. To approve the following minimums for 2018:

Total effective salary:\$53,745

Professional expenses:\$2,550

Study expenses: \$950.

Thanks to RE Steve Salyards, who calculated the minimums based on the 2.5% increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the LA-Metro area for this year.

## **FOR INFORMATION**

1. Filipino Community United Presbyterian Church, Azusa, and Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church will participate in New Beginnings as they review and revitalize their ministries, starting this fall.
2. Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Hacienda Heights, is seeking temporary supply pastoral leadership. Though they prefer one full-time pastor who can pastor proficiently in both Taiwanese and English, they have since drafted separate job descriptions for two part-time temporary pastors, one for each language ministry.
3. Claremont Presbyterian Church has elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. They are open to calling a non-ordained Director of Ministry if that fits the best candidate who may arise.
4. Taiwanese Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Monterey Park, has elected a Pastor Nominating Committee and will begin the process to call a new installed pastor.
5. The administrative commission for Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church met on July 20; Revs. Dongwoo Lee and Ohgueon Kwon are co-moderators. The most critical issue is the property, which will be put on the market. The AC will help the church with a streamlined mission study and continued leadership development.

## **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

TE Lisa Lamb reported for the commission.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Community, San Marino; a quorum was present.

- The commission recommends that Certified Ready Candidate, Ally Lee be examined for ordination. After a period of examination appropriate for ordination, it was moved,

seconded and voted to close the examination. It was moved, seconded and voted to sustain the examination of Certified Ready Candidate Amberleigh Kirk Lee. Ally will be ordained on October 15, 2017 at Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena as reported in the COM report.

- It was M/S/V that Jason Yim be enrolled as an Inquirer. Jason is a member of New Hope, Pasadena.
- It was M/S/V that David Avramovich be removed from the process. David is a member of Community, San Marino.

## **VISION AND STRATEGY**

TE Karen Sapio reported for the committee.

TE Saprio reported that the committee continues to work with our existing new worshipping communities as well as individuals and groups who would like to participate in the New Worshipping Communities program. A meeting with Kathryn Threadgill the new Associate for the Office of Vital Congregations, will be held on September 28th at 12:00 at the Presbytery Center in Temple City.

## **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE**

TE Dave Tomlinson reported for the committee. He encouraged those present to look around at the new La Puente sanctuary and facility. He affirmed that the presbytery had walked beside this congregation to move to a place with a lot of opportunity for Hispanic ministry. The closing of churches is certainly very sad, but the funds received from the sale of those properties are allowing for changes of this nature to occur.

Property Matters:

- Good news! The sale of the Irwindale property (former site of Divine Saviour Presbyterian Church and most recently used by the Mideast Evangelical Church) has been completed! The final sale price was \$835,000, a reduction of \$127,000 due to the need for earthquake retrofitting that will cost \$150,000-350,000. From those sale proceeds the Presbytery was able to:
  - Repay the Synod for some past property taxes that they had underwritten,
  - Give MEC \$50,000 for the time, effort and costs that they had expended on the Irwindale property,
  - Repay the Presbytery, itself, the \$600,00 down payment on the Temple City/Presbytery Center property.
- Continuing matters:
  - The former South Hills church property in Pomona is under contract to a developer for \$2.3 million dollars. The presbytery is in a 75-day escrow period with that developer, allowing the prospective purchaser to do their "due diligence." That escrow period runs only until mid-October. Our realtor is keeping in close touch with the developer/ purchaser, and we are assured that things continue to progress in a positive manner. Hopefully we will be able to report a final sale at the November meeting at Presbytery with an explanation of how those sale funds will be utilized.
  - The Dalton street property (former Presbytery Office) in Azusa continues to be marketed for lease. There have been several very interested parties, but to date no signed lease has been obtained.

- Upgrades and improvements continue to be made on the Temple City/Presbytery Center. All of the improvements will make this property more energy efficient and more aesthetically and accessibly useful for MEC, Grace Taiwanese and the Presbytery office.

### **Presbytery Financial Reports**

- The last financial report reviewed and received by the A and F committee (given the regular meeting schedules).....and in the Presbytery meeting packet is for July 2017.
  - A review of expenditures show most all to be at or under budget.
  - While a number of congregations have not pledged.....they continue to contribute to the Presbytery Shared Ministry fund. The actual receipts are ahead of the same period in 2016.
- The Presbytery 2018 Budget Task Force will be meeting later in September to formulate the 2018 operating budget. That group with representatives from a broad spectrum of Presbytery life will look carefully at the continuing deficit, which causes a dependence on the use of unrestricted reserve funds, along with the creative use of resources occasioned by property sales. The 2018 budget will be presented at the November meeting of the presbytery.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMISSION**

CRE Bong Bringas reported for the commission.

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on August 8, 2017, with a quorum present, and gives the following report.

1. It was M/S/V to form an administrative commission on the request of the session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Temple City. The AC will support the session and fulfill requirements as needed, including clerk of session responsibilities, selecting new pastoral leadership, and other responsibilities as identified. The AC will be comprised of the following:
  - TE Mariko Yanagihara, Moderator
  - TE Huw Christopher (Los Ranchos)
  - RE Nick Banks (Westminster, Temple City)
  - RE Pat Collins (Westminster, Temple City)
  
2. It was M/S/V to form an administrative commission on the request of the session of Community Presbyterian Church, West Covina. The AC will work with and support the session as they explore options for their future ministry. The AC will be comprised of the following:
  - TE Jennifer Ackerman, Moderator
  - TE James Lee
  - RE Chris Muiga (Community, West Covina)
  - RE Corliss Roenicke (Community, West Covina)
  
3. It was M/S/V to form an administrative commission on the request of the session of Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The AC will support the session as they review and revise the following areas for the congregation: governance and leadership structure, staffing requirements and personnel policies, and financial management systems. The AC will be comprised of the following:
  - TE Dave Tomlinson, Moderator
  - TE Roberto Colón
  - TE Ann Oglesby-Edwards

RE Rubi Benítez (PPC)  
RE Daniel Chang (PPC)  
RE Delores Kelley (Claremont)  
RE Fried Wilson (PPC)

4. TE Mark Carlson was invited to report for the Administration Commission of Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Rowland Heights. Rev. Carlson thanked the members of the commission. It was M/S/V that the presbytery receive the following written report from the AC and that the Administrative Commission be dissolved. TE John Moon lead the Presbytery in prayer in gratitude for the work of the commission.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC)  
FOR KOREAN GOOD SHEPHERD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (KGSPC)  
THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL  
FINAL RECOMMENDATION(S) REGARDING THE FUTURE OF KOREAN GOOD SHEPHERD  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**

**CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC):**

TE Lauren Evans, Moderator of AC  
TE David Won (Pacific Presbytery), Moderator of Session  
TE Mickie Choi (Riverside), Treasurer  
TE Mark Carlson  
RE Won Joon Shim (KGSPC)  
RE Eui Young Yu (KGSPC)

**PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC):**

RE Derik Jeon  
RE Paul Kim (Los Ranchos Presbytery)  
RE James McCune  
TE Mickie Choi (Riverside Presbytery)  
TE Adam Donner  
TE Dongwoo Lee  
TE Heidi Park  
TE Foster Shannon  
RE Wendy Menefee-Libey  
TE Steve Yamaguchi--[steveyamaguchi@fuller.edu](mailto:steveyamaguchi@fuller.edu)  
TE David Chai

On behalf of the current AC for KGSPC, we would like to thank the former members of the Administrative Commission for their dedication and service in helping to shepherd KGSPC on this long and difficult road.

The AC assumed original jurisdiction and met for the first time on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

**BACKGROUND:** *(Taken in part from KGSPC's stated history)*

Forty years ago, in 1975, the beginnings of Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (KGSPC) started off in Monterey Park. A retired pastor from Korea, Rev. Byung Kwan Yu, was

the founding pastor. The church grew and became a part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), which was then the United States Presbyterian Church (USA), in 1982. The congregation's leaders shared a vision of church that was not only for Korean immigrants who spoke Korean, but also for English-speaking Koreans in the community.

In the early 1990s, the KGSPC congregation decided to make a move under the leadership of Rev. Hyung Sug Rim to the present site in Rowland Heights, where a large Korean community was emerging. The church members, then numbering about 150, offered \$650,000 for a building fund. The PC(USA) and San Gabriel Presbytery provided additional grant and loan money in 1995. The General Assembly awarded a check of \$50,000 in 2001 for support of securing a new pastoral staff for the progress made by the church. The church grew rapidly and its congregation increased to approximately 1,300 by the time Rev. Dr. Tae-Hyung Ko was installed as senior pastor in 2004.

## **THE CONFLICT:**

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Rev. Dr. Tae-Hyung Ko submitted a letter of renunciation of the jurisdiction of the PC(USA) to the Stated Clerk of San Gabriel Presbytery in response to ongoing conflict within the congregation regarding leaving the PC(USA) and moving to ECO. The presbytery authorized the Administrative Commission for KGSPC on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. On April 13, 2015 the AC met with Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church Session and Rev. Ko. The AC met with the Stay Group on April 30, 2015.

After seeking an alternate resolution, the AC accepted Rev. Ko's renunciation of the jurisdiction of the PC(USA) effective May 11, 2015, and the Presbytery appointed Rev. Dongwoo Lee as Moderator of Session. The AC reluctantly assumed "original jurisdiction" of KGSPC on May 18, 2015 after the then KGSPC Session refused to accept Rev. Dongwoo Lee as Moderator of Session. ECO voted to receive "Good Shepherd Church" on May 21, 2015, leaving about 75 members in the Stay Group with the PC(USA).

## **THE WORK OF RECOVERY/RENEWAL:**

At this point, the AC began to offer worship services for the remaining members of the Stay Group on Wednesday nights (beginning in June of 2015). The AC filed charges in civil court on behalf of the Presbytery on July 9, 2015, seeking to restore control of funds, property, and records. The ECO group (the "Leave Group") made an offer to settle the lawsuit on September 2, 2015, which acknowledged the Presbytery's rights to the property and assets, but required continued negotiation.

The ECO group vacated the building on October 3<sup>rd</sup> with less than a week's notice. The ECO group took a great deal of KGSPC's personal property with them, including most of the vehicles, a grand piano, most of the working sound and production equipment, the choir robes and music, library books, meeting room and classroom furniture, equipment and supplies, hard drives from all the computers, and all of the books and records of the church. The locks were changed shortly thereafter.

A preliminary injunction was filed on October 29<sup>th</sup> to recover diverted or missing assets and property, estimated as at least \$750,000 diverted from the KGSPC Hanmi Bank accounts, among other assets. The preliminary injunction was denied by the judge after KGSPC



regained access to the building, but it was made clear to all parties that the AC has the sole decision-making power over the assets of KGSPC, including property and bank accounts in the church's name.

The congregation formed a Steering Committee of 13 congregational leaders. This group attended polity classes conducted by Rev. Mickie Choi and organized and carried out the day-to-day tasks of the church, working in close association and coordination with the AC. Rev. Dongwoo Lee served as Session Moderator and as the primary pulpit supply preacher for KGSPC. The AC moved forward on a search for a Temporary Supply Pastor.

Rev. David Hoonjin Chai was called as interim pastor in December of 2015 and began serving KGSPC on January 3, 2016 in a 3/4<sup>th</sup> time capacity. A team headed by Treasurer Mickie Choi began work on developing a budget for KGSPC, and Bruce Gray, CPA, was hired as the accountant for the congregation. With the calling of Rev. Chai, KGSPC began to settle more fully into their worshipping and community life together, and a midweek evening worship service began after Ash Wednesday. A revival weekend was held to introduce and celebrate the arrival of Rev. Chai on January 29-31, 2016, and included as part of the weekend an official commitment of membership from the members of KGSPC and new church attendees.

66 returning members, two baptized members, and nine new members were received into membership during the revival weekend. As it proved necessary to begin filling out vacancies in the staff of the congregation, part-time salaries were approved for the pianist and for a parish associate. Rev. Seung Nam Kim was invited as parish associate. Special service programs were developed for the Lenten season, which included a special culture-specific musical worship and prayer service, as well as Holy Week services.

During the period of January-March of 2016, property and documents were returned by the ECO church to KGSPC, with finances being returned shortly thereafter. JC Lee was hired as Director of Christian Education. A new set of church bylaws were approved and the process began to reorganize the session and board of deacons. A vision and mission study began on April 1<sup>st</sup> and was concluded at the end of July.

The court case effectively ended for KGSPC in May of 2016, which was of great relief to all, and put a settling point on much of the grief and sense of displacement that remained after the church split, allowing KGSPC to continue to move forward in faith and community as God was leading them.

The Church Officer's Nominating Committee was elected at a congregational meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and a selection of candidates for session, the board of deacons, and Kwon Sa was presented to the AC shortly thereafter. The candidates were presented to the congregation and elected at the congregational meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary Sunday of the church's first service, which was held on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The newly elected session was provisional, and invited to sit on AC meetings until the AC was disbanded. As became clear over time, the particular wounding around leadership that KGSPC received during the split made for a rougher and longer transition time than expected, and a solution was devised to meet the needs of all parties involved. This led to having the meetings of the AC and provisional session to occur together, so that a sense of transparency of power could be maintained. This also helped the session train themselves to work in a cohesive manner with one another and alongside the AC.

Rev. John Moon was called as KGSPC's installed pastor and began to serve during the second week of July 2017.

## **THE CHURCH AS IT STANDS TODAY:**

The AC for KGSPC met for the last time on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. In contrast with the reluctance with which they assumed jurisdiction of KGSPC in 2015, the AC joyfully voted to transfer original jurisdiction to the Session of Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church.

Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church has been through a rough and winding journey, but has been open and willing to follow God's lead throughout the whole of it. They are a dedicated and faithful congregation whose core remains firmly settled in their trust in Jesus Christ, and it is the belief of the AC that God continues to guide them through this transition to a settled life with an installed pastor. The AC wishes to thank the congregation of KGSPC, the members who stepped up in hard times to lead, the clergy who served, the previous members of the Administrative Commission and the Presbytery for all their myriad forms of support of this congregation. There is joy in being able to set aside and close a hard chapter in the life of this congregation and step forward in trust for what God has in store ahead. The AC looks with excitement and anticipation towards this future and all it may hold.

**Therefore, it is with joy that the Administrative Commission of Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church recommends that the Presbytery of San Gabriel dissolve the AC at the September 16, 2017 Presbytery meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Lauren Evans

Moderator of the Administrative Commission for Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

## **FOR INFORMATION**

1. The Executive Commission formed a task force to draft an operating budget for 2018 with the following persons:
  - Dave Tomlinson, Chair, A&F
  - Fried Wilson, PEC at-large member
  - Cyndie Crowell, COM
  - Ben Furuta, Personnel
  - Bryce Little, A&F

## **REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

TE Rob Crowell reported for the committee.

Rev. Crowell reminded the Presbytery that nominations for General Assembly Commissioners must be submitted no later than October 15, 2015.

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was Moved, Seconded and Voted to elect the following:

Administration and Finance Committee

## **JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND MISSION**

TE Matt Colwell reported for the committee.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) International Peacemaker Paola Schellenbaum will be in town later in September, and on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. to noon, she will be speaking at Immanuel Presbyterian Church's Chichester Chapel in downtown Los Angeles on best practices for refugee support. Paola Schellenbaum is from Italy, and knows a great deal about southern Europe's Mediterranean-area refugee crisis. Paola will also be speaking at Claremont Presbyterian Church September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

On Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a climate crisis conference held at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. It will be an opportunity to join in a discussion of the scientific, religious, military, and economic aspects of our climate crisis and discover how you can make a difference. Rebecca Barnes, coordinator of the PCUSA hunger program will be there, Marshal Saunders, founder of the Citizens Climate Lobby, Tom English, Certain Care Educator, and others. It will take place 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

This is the season to highlight the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.'s) Peace and Global Witness Offering, formerly the Peacemaking Offering. This is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly. The offering goes to local, regional, and national efforts to live out Christ's call to be "peacemakers" in the world. Many churches collect it on World Communion Sunday, which is October 1<sup>st</sup> this year.

Food Week of Action and World Food Day is coming up October 15-22. We are called to work for a world where everyone has sufficient, healthy, and culturally appropriate food! And where those who produce and prepare the food are fairly compensated, respected and celebrated! The Global Food Week of Action includes World Food Day (October 16<sup>th</sup>), International Day for Rural Women (October 15<sup>th</sup>), and International Day for Eradication of Poverty (October 17<sup>th</sup>).

Talk to Wendy Gist or myself if you want to find out more about these events, or check out the San Gabriel and San Fernando Presbytery Websites.

Wendy Gist introduced one of the youth from the Youth Mission Trip to Peru that occurred in July of this year. Henrik gave his thanks to those who helped fundraise for the trip. He spoke of his adventures and working with the boys they encountered at the Boy's Home where they spent some of their time and what a valuable experience it was. Wendy further added that this was a rare trip where all things fell into place.

## **EDUCATION**

TE Jennifer Ackerman reported for the committee.

For Information:

**Tapestry Retreat, November 10-12:** Youth from San Gabriel and Riverside Presbyteries are invited to attend. More information and online registration will be available soon. Watch for more details in the Monday Morning Update.

**Choir for Next Presbytery Meeting, November 4:** Calling all singers to participate in a joint choir to help lead our hymn sing worship at Monte Vista Groves for the November 4 Presbytery Meeting. This will be a celebration of the Reformation and there will be one rehearsal sometime before the presbytery meeting. Whole choirs or individuals welcome. Contact Jennifer Ackerman at [jenniferackerman@fuller.edu](mailto:jenniferackerman@fuller.edu) or 626-396-6058.

**Save-the-Date for Winterfest, January 20:** This year's theme is *Growing Young – strategies to help your church grow spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically by engaging 15 to 29 yr olds.* Featured speaker is Jake Mulder, co-author of *Growing Young* and Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute. A basic assessment tool will be available for free. Other workshops to include:

- Youth Ministry Engagement – led by Tapestry youth and leadership
- Community Engagement Toolkit – led by the PICO Network
- How to Facilitate Courageous Conversation around Tough Issues – led by Jennifer Ackerman
- Storytelling (for lay people and preachers) – led by Lisa Lamb
- Tips for Handling Administrative/Legal/HR Issues
- Officer and Clerk Training
- En Español: Vitalización de la congregación

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am with prayer by moderator Fried Wilson.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk

**TEACHING ELDER PRESBYTERY ROLL  
DATE SEPTEMBER 16, 2017**

**APPENDIX A**

E ABHARI, MEHDI  
 ✓ ACKERMAN, JENNIFER  
 E ANDERSON, BARBARA  
 E ANDERSON, BARBARA P  
 ✓ AZADA, MARY ELLEN  
 @ BATEMAN, BECCA  
 E BEANLAND, GAYLE  
 E BENZEL, CLIFF  
 E BERNS, KAREN  
 E BIBAWI-SOLIMAN, VEN.  
 E BOLES, LARRY  
 @ BOLES, PAUL  
 @ BRIGHT, ZACHARY  
 E BROWN, RAYMOND K.  
 @ BUCHANAN, MARK  
 @ BURNETT, JOHEE  
 E CALHOUN, BRAD  
 ✓ CAMPBELL, MARTHA  
 ✓ CAMPBELL, TWINING  
 E CARLSON, CATHARINE GRIER  
 ✓ CARLSON, MARK  
 E CASTELLANO, PAT  
 ✓ CASTLES, CHARLES  
 @ CHAI, DAVID  
 E CHATFIELD, DONALD F.  
 E CHEN, SHUI-TENG  
 @ CHEN, THOMAS  
 E COATES, JESSIE  
 E COLLINS, STERRETT  
 E COLON, ROBERTO  
 ✓ COLWELL, MATTHEW  
 @ CONNER, JIM  
 E COOK, JANICE  
 ✓ CONTRERAS, WALTER  
 @ CORMODE, SCOTT  
 E CORTES FUENTES, D.  
 ✓ CROWELL, CYNTHIA  
 ✓ CROWELL, ROBERT  
 @ DAILEY, ERIK  
 @ DAILEY, MILLASON  
 @ D'ELIA, JOHN  
 @ DAVIDSON, JACK  
 @ DAVIS, STEVEE  
 E DE MELO, JAIRTON  
 E DEMAREST, GARY  
 E DONNER, ADAM  
 E DUGGAN THOMAS  
 E DUONG, JOHN  
 @ DYRNESS, BILL  
 @ EDWARDS, DOUG  
 @ ELGAWLY, RAAFAT  
 E ERICKSON, TOM  
 E EURICH-RASCOE, SOPHIE  
 @ EVANS, LAUREN  
 E FOWLER, MARSHA

E GARCIA, OSVALDO  
 @ GIRGIS, MAGDY  
 @ GITHUMBI, STEVEN  
 E GLENN, CASPER  
 E GOODERICH, CHARLES  
 E GRANT, KEN  
 E HAGNER, DON  
 E HAMBURGER, RALPH  
 E HAWTHORNE, DON  
 E HENDRICKS, DEAN  
 @ HERTIG, YOUNG LEE  
 E HETTISH, RICHARD  
 E HILL, TOM  
 @ HSIEH, FRANK  
 @ HUANG, BOB  
 E HUANG, DAVID  
 @ HUGHES, JONATHAN  
 E JACOBY, ROBERT  
 E JARVIS, ANDREW  
 E JOHNSON, HARRIET  
 E JOHNSON, ROBERT  
 @ KAMEL, HISHAM  
 E KANG, JOSEPH  
 @ KIM, CHARLES  
 ✓ KIM, JAKE  
 @ KIM, SAMUEL  
 E KIM, SANGWHA  
 E KIM, SUENG-NAM  
 @ KIM, YOHAN  
 E KING, PAMELA  
 @ KINSLER, ROSS  
 E KISER, KAREN  
 E KLIEWER, MARK  
 ✓ KWON, PAUL  
 E LAI, PETER  
 @ LAI, PING TUNG  
 ✓ LAMB, LISA  
 E LEE, DAVID  
 ✓ LEE, DONGWOO  
 @ LEE, JAMES SEUNG  
 E LIM, JUNG  
 @ LIN, DAVY  
 ✓ LITTLE, BRYCE  
 @ LORENZ, AL  
 @ LUTZ, DAVID  
 E LUTZ, STEPHEN  
 @ LY, KEN  
 E MACK, BURTON  
 ✓ MADDOX, DON  
 E MADRIGAL, LUIS  
 @ MAKAR, MAHER  
 E MANNING, MARILYN  
 E MCCURRY, DON  
 E MCDANIEL, REX  
 @ MCHUGH, ADAM

@ MESSINGER, THOMAS  
 @ METCALF, STEVE  
 E MEZA, JOSEPH  
 E MILLS, ANN  
 @ MOLDEN, RICHARD  
 E MOLLER, GARTH  
 E MOON, CYRIS  
 ✓ MOON, JOHN  
 ✓ MOORE, NANCY  
 @ MORA, HUGO  
 E MORGAN, DALE  
 E MUSCH, RON  
 E NAJARIAN, JOHN  
 E NELSON, TARRY  
 E NEWSTEAD, JANE  
 ✓ OGLESBY-EDWARDS, ANN  
 ✓ O'GRADY, JEFF  
 E OLIVER, JIM  
 E OSIRIPAIBUL, THANIT  
 E OVERHOLSER, DENISE  
 @ PAK, DAVID  
 E PARK, HEIDI  
 @ PARKER, GREG  
 @ PEACE, DWIGHT  
 @ PENG, JAMES  
 E POPE, GEORGE  
 E POTTER, RALPH  
 E RAMOS, SANTOS  
 ✓ RAMIREZ, ROBERTO  
 E RANDALL, VIKKI  
 @ RASMUSSEN, SARAH  
 ✓ REYES, MARGARITA  
 E RIDE, BEARE  
 E ROBINSON, JEAMES  
 E RODRIGUEZ, TEONY  
 E RUPPART, RANDEALL  
 @ RYU, JUN  
 @ SANDERS, JAMES  
 E SANTANA-GRACE E.  
 ✓ SAPIO, KAREN  
 E SHANNON, FOSTER  
 @ SHERVINGTON, ROGER  
 E SHUSTER, MARG  
 E SIEMON, JEFFREY  
 E SIMMEN, LOUIS  
 E SOGA, KEIJI  
 E SPAHN, DAVE  
 E STACKHOUSE, WIL.  
 E STOCK, JOAN  
 E STOECKLY, EUGENE  
 E STOUT, BARBARA  
 @ STRICKLAND, JEN  
 @ SU, SEN YUAN  
 E SYMONS, JAMES  
 ✓ TAJIMA, WENDY

@ TAN-GATUE, PETER  
 E TAYLOR, TOM  
 ✓ TOMLINSON, DAVE  
 ✓ TRACY, KEN  
 ✓ VAN LOAN, WILLIAM  
 E VAN NESS, WILLIAM  
 @ WANG, CHUNG-HSIN  
 @ WASHBURN, BRAD  
 @ WATTS-AFYRIE, N.  
 ✓ WENDEL, ROBERT  
 E WENTZ, TOM  
 E WILLIAMS, HEATHER  
 ✓ WILLIAMS, PATRICIA  
 E WONG, HOOVER  
 E WOO, DAVID  
 E WOO, FRANKLIN  
 E WOODBERRY, DUDLEY  
 @ WUERTZ, KRISTA  
 ✓ YAMAGUCHI, STEVE  
 ✓ YANAGIHARA, MARIKO  
 E YEE, ED  
 @ YEH, KAOFANG

@ DE ROSAS, ANGEL

✓ =PRESENT

E =EXCUSED

@ =ABSENT

26 RULING ELDERS

31 TEACHING ELDERS

**APPENDIX B**  
**ELDER COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 16, 2017**  
(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

**ALHAMBRA TRUE LIGHT(3)**  
ABSENT: 2

**ALTADENA FIRST (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**ARCADIA, ARABIC (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**ARCADIA PRESBYTERIAN (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**ARCADIA CAPSTONE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**ARCADIA VILLAGE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**AZUSA FILIPINO (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**BALDWIN PARK (3)**  
MELINDA FORBES  
SONNIE SWENSTON  
ABSENT: 1

**CLAREMONT, CLRMT. (5)**  
ABSENT: 5

**CLAREMONT EM HISP. (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**COVINA, FAITH GRACE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**COVINA FIRST THAI (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**DIAMOND BAR NORTHM. (3)**  
PHIL WILLIAMS  
ABSENT: 2

**EL MONTE COMMUNITY (3)**  
BENNETT LEE  
STEPHENE MOSELEY  
ABSENT: 1

**EL MONTE, DIVINE LT. (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**HAC. HGTS. SOTV (3)**  
FREYA SCHMUS  
JANICE TEKEDA  
SUE LI

**LA PUENTE, ST ANDREWS (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**LA PUENTE, PUENTE DE  
ESPERANZA (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**LA VERNE HTS (3)**  
TANYA EVELETH  
STEPHANIE BOLES  
ABSENT: 1

**L.A. EAGLE ROCK (3)**  
CAROLYN HARRIS  
ABSENT: 2

**L.A. GLENDALE KOREN (3)**  
KIM YOUNG  
ABSENT: 2

**L.A. GRACE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**L.A. IGLESIA DE LA  
COMUNIDAD (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**L.A. OCCIDENTAL (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**MONT. PK. TAIWANESE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**PAS. FIRST TAIWANESE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**PASADENA KNOX (3)**  
MIKE VEERMAN  
ABSENT: 2

**PASADENA NEW HOPE (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**PASADENA. PRES. (7)**  
MARIA CARCARNAKS  
REBECCA NEWMAN  
SUNG SOO HAN  
ABSENT: 4

**PASADENA TRINITY (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**PAS. WESTMINSTER (3)**  
DEBORAH OWENS  
ABSENT: 1

**POMONA FIRST (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**ROWLAND HTS. KOREAN (3)**  
JANG LEE  
ABSENT: 2

**SAN MARINO COM. (7)**  
ABSENT: 7

**SO. PAS. CALVARY (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**SO. PAS. MIDEAST EVANG. (3)**  
ABSENT: 3

**TEMPLE CITY, GRACE (3)**  
ANNIE LIM  
ABSENT: 2

**TEMPLE CITY WESTMIN (3)**  
PAT COLLINS  
ABSENT: 2

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**ELDER COMMISSIONERS**  
**September 16, 2017**  
(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

**WEST COVINA COM. (3)**

CHRIS MUIGA  
CORLISS ROENICKE

**COUNCIL ELDERS (4)**

ARNOLFO BRINGAS  
FRIED WILSON  
ABSENT: 2

**COMMISSIONED RULING  
ELDER (1)**

WALTER CONTRERAS  
ABSENT: 1

**CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN  
EDUCATOR**

ABSENT: 1